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## AROUND TOWN

### I-SAVE-ings

Seven students have been recognized by the Wayne-Westland school board for their posters, essays and video promoting the district's voluntary energy conservation program, I-SAVE.

Placing first in the poster contest was Alexandra Lachine of Edison Elementary, with



Faith Collett of Taft-Galloway Elementary second and Brigit and Lily Boswell

of Schweitzer Elementary third. Blaire Saranas of Stevenson Middle School won the essay contest, with Jessica Smith of Wayne Memorial High School second. Monica Laschober, also from Stevenson Middle School, was the winner of the video contest.

I-SAVE is in its second year and has been successful in getting students and staff involved in energy conservation. The goal of I-SAVE, which stands for Individuals Save And Vie for Efficiency, is to change the habits of all building occupants to reduce utility consumption in an effort to conserve natural resources, lessen the impact on the planet and save money.

According to Deputy Superintendent Gary Martin, the district spends some \$4 million on utilities and hoped to trim those costs by 8 percent. The savings is more like 15 percent because of I-SAVE.

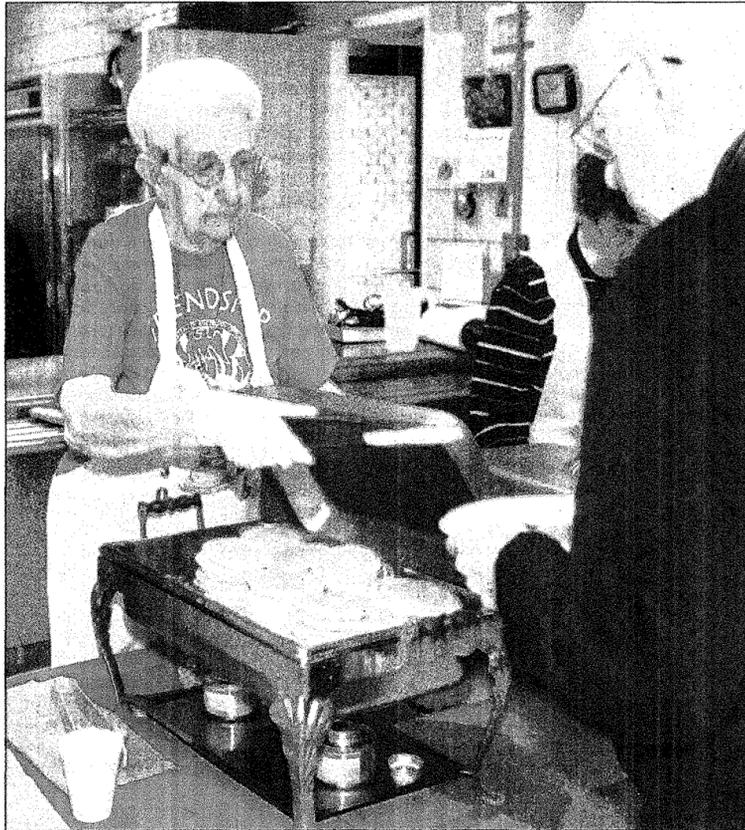
"We saved \$430,000 that we can plow back into instruction," he said. "We gotten the staff and the students involved and the byproduct of the student involvement is that they now understand the savings is part of the educational program."

"I-SAVE has saved over 1,000 tons of coal from being burned," added Nick Thornton, supervisor of Energy and Facility Services. "In August 2008 the program started and since then, more than \$100,000 has been returned to the buildings."

### Fish fry time

With Lent under way, many churches are gearing up for Friday fish fries.

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### Hot off the griddle

The seniors at the Westland Senior Friendship Center know all about pancakes. They're used to serving a heaping helping of them at their monthly pancake breakfasts. It's all you can eat and the price is right - just \$4. Taking advantage of good breakfast is Robert Sevch who waited for Josephine Mosej to fill his plate at this month's breakfast.



Among the guests stopping by for breakfast is Deputy Mayor Jade Smith who share a laugh with Senior Resource Director Barbara Schimmel Marcum.

## Four cities to explore shared services

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Faced with a 16-percent decrease in property values, ongoing cuts in state shared revenues and a projected \$3.5 million deficit, Westland isn't alone in facing financial problems.

With that in mind, Westland is meeting with officials from neighboring communities Garden City, Wayne and Inkster to explore potential cost savings through collaborative efforts.

"We want to sit down and look at it from

an operational standpoint to see what makes sense," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "Like joint dispatching. We have talked about libraries and fire departments."

The commitment to form the study committee with representatives from the four communities originated from a previous joint effort - the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, a long-time partnership handling solid waste disposal which also included Dearborn Heights.

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## Layoffs are part of city's plan to trim costs

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten Westland city employees, including seven construction and maintenance workers, will be laid off effective Tuesday.

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees representatives met last week with city officials to receive official notification of the layoffs, which had been announced earlier.



Wild

The other workers being laid off include a mechanic, a meter person and a clerk from the city's finance department. The most senior of the employees being laid off has been with the city for nine years.

"They were not willing to discuss options. We had questions about other work that the employees could perform," said Larry Roman, AFSCME Local 1602. "We asked if the city had a number (of total positions to be eliminated) and they said—no."

City administration was also asked if an early retirement program was going to be offered to help reduce staffing levels, Roman said, but was told that wouldn't affect the layoffs and that additional layoffs were expected.

"We were told it was strictly monetary. There was no conversation on alternatives or other ways to reduce spending," Roman said. "We read in the *Observer* about the layoffs first. They didn't indicate anything to the employees."

Under the AFSCME contract, expired over one year but still being followed by both parties, the laid-off workers have recall rights for a minimum of two years or as long as their years of service. Whether there will be any recalls remains to be seen.

"It's too early to say if there will be more layoffs in their bargaining unit. We have a \$3.5-\$4 million deficit," Mayor William Wild said.

The city is projecting a savings of \$250,000 from the layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. For the 2010-11 fiscal

## Residents, union critical of layoffs

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hearing complaints about Westland laying off 10 employees at Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Michael Kehrer couldn't help but notice a certain amount of irony.

"Everyone says do it (operate the city) like a family budget and that's what we're doing. There is just not enough money to go around," said Kehrer. "You don't want us to raise taxes. It's heartbreaking to see layoff notices go out. Unfortunately, I can't act emotionally when it comes to business decisions."

The 10 layoffs are being made from workers represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1602. Local president Larry Roman commented on the terrible impact the layoffs have on the employee but also their spouses and children. Roman was also critical of the city administration over the handling of the layoffs.

"These employees were led to believe by city officials that there would not

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year, which begins July 1, Wild said the savings will reach \$700,000, still a long way from resolving the projected deficit.

"We're looking at buyouts, early outs and concessions. We need to reduce our work force by 25 percent," Wild said. "We won't get enough concessions and buyouts. We won't be able to balance the budget with that. The work force needs to be reduced. It's more than we can reduce with attrition."

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## Library: Residents only for MeLCat requests

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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Visitors to Westland's William P. Faust Library are taking advantage of an electronic system for ordering materials from around the state - so much that the library has had to limit access to local residents.

Since Jan. 1, the library has changed its policy to only allow Westland residents to place and pick up materials requested through the Michigan e-Library Catalog and Resource Sharing System or MeLCat for short.

"There has been such a response that we've had to limit it Westland residents," Library Director Cheryl Napsha said. "A lot of people prefer us to their home library.

It may be more convenient or it's closer. There are a lot of reasons."

The MeLCat system allows library cardholders to request books and other materials from participating libraries across the state. Last month, Napsha said the library handled 498 MeLCat requests from Westland residents alone. Part of the problem is that MeLCat and the Westland library use different automated circulation systems.

"There is a lot more paperwork. We have to check the material in, then enter it into our system to check it out (to the patron)," Napsha said.

"We had some complaints. There has been exponential growth in inter-library loans. Our priority is Westland residents."

That issue becomes more pressing in light of reduced financing for the library. The Westland library has a dedicated millage to fund its operation, but that is affected by declining property values - a 16-percent drop is expected for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

"We're trying to serve Westland the best possible. Do we cut services to all or to outsiders? It was an easy choice," Napsha said. "Outsiders can still use the library, we're just making it less convenient."

When it comes to MeLCat, that means non-residents can order materials while visiting the Westland library, but they will have to pick the items up at their home library.

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# Feds kill plan for Ford Road improvements

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Federal officials have rejected a \$20.3 million proposal to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange and ease traffic congestion, but Canton Township officials vowed Wednesday to continue their fight for a remedy.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy confirmed he received word from Michigan Department of Transportation Director Kirk Steudle that the project had been dealt a crushing blow.

"It's extremely disappointing," LaJoy said, but he already had started pressing state officials for an alternate plan to ease traffic congestion along a stretch of Ford Road that ranks among the state's most accident-prone.

"We're not going to quit," LaJoy said. "It can't be just business as usual, because this area is just too busy, and there are too many accidents." Canton officials had lobbied

intensely for a grant proposal, submitted through MDOT, that sought \$20.3 million in federal TIGER — or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery — dollars to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

The proposal lost out amid published reports of federal funding for other projects, including \$25 million for a light rail system along Woodward Avenue to connect downtown Detroit with the New Center area.

Canton officials couldn't say with certainty whether the Detroit project may have hurt the proposal in Canton.

"But I do think that money could be better spent elsewhere," township Trustee John Anthony said. "I do believe there would be a bigger bang for the buck if we had gotten the TIGER grant. I think it could have been better used in Canton, but of course I'm prejudiced in favor of Canton." Like LaJoy, Anthony said



FILE PHOTO

Canton's plan to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange to help cut down on traffic, and therefore accidents, at Ford Road and Haggerty, has been rejected by federal officials.

Canton desperately needs a remedy for traffic congestion and accidents along the Ford Road corridor near I-275.

"We can't wait 10 years," he said. "There's too much at stake and too many issues, such as traffic accidents and economic development. We're not going to stand still and say 'that's it.' This is not the end of it."

Canton officials already had conceded competition would be fierce for \$1.5 billion in federal TIGER funds, but they had remained hopeful the grant would be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Here's how the changes would have eased traffic congestion, especially on Ford Road:

- Drivers exiting southbound I-275 could have used a new access ramp, or slip, to get onto northbound Haggerty without getting onto Ford Road.

- Similarly, motorists exiting southbound Haggerty using another ramp south of Ford Road.

- Drivers from the area of Cherry Hill Road could have accessed north I-275 by using a northbound service drive along the interstate, bypassing Ford Road and then merging onto I-275.

The project had gained widespread support from neighboring communities, the regional

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and MDOT.

LaJoy and Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas in December went to Washington, D.C., to lobby Michigan lawmakers and their staff members, in a bipartisan attempt to underscore the importance of the project and to get them to push for the grant.

Officials have said the project would have created hundreds of jobs and eased traffic woes along traffic-snarled Ford Road.

One report by SEMCOG found that the Ford-Haggerty intersection, just west of the I-275 interchange near IKEA, had 345 crashes from 2004 to 2008. According to SEMCOG, those statistics gave the intersection a No. 1 ranking in Wayne County for accidents — and made it one of the worst spots for crashes in Michigan.

The TIGER grant proposal followed a years-old, regional transportation study by the township, MDOT and

a consulting firm, Parsons-Brinckerhoff, that found a pressing need for improvements to the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

Ford Road, alone, was found to have 50,000 motorists a day, and officials said traffic congestion has only worsened amid new developments, such as Michigan's only IKEA store, which LaJoy said draws some two million customers a year, including shoppers from other states and Canada.

LaJoy, who raised the issue of I-275/Ford Road improvements as a former state legislator, has said the money would not only improve traffic for Canton, but also for neighboring communities such as Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Van Buren Township.

Moreover, officials have said the \$20.3 million plan would be far less costly — and less disruptive — than installing a completely new interchange.

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"We'll be meeting once a month, which gives us a chance to talk. We'll look at all avenues," Wild said.

Westland is the largest of the four communities; Garden City, Inkster and Wayne are of

similar sizes.

Another difference is that Westland is the only one of the four cities to have an elected top administrator. The other three cities have a city manager form of government. The Garden City Council recently adopted a resolution authorizing the monthly meetings to find ways to collaborate with the

three neighboring communities for financial savings.

"Our attorney says we didn't need to do that. We discussed it with council at our strategic planning sessions," Wild said. "I think the council is looking at that direction. The finance director and I, we definitely want to see if there is anything we can do jointly."

The administration has to

present a proposed balanced budget to council by April 1.

"The next budget (2011-12) will be even worse. We have to look at different avenues," Wild said. "We'll sit down with Wayne-Westland Schools, too. (Supt.) Greg Baracy and I have talked about it. We'll look at different areas."

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## LAYOFFS

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The mayor's office isn't immune to cuts, Wild said. Over the past two years, the mayor's pay plan for city administration has saved \$267,000 annually. Going forward, there will be a reduction of vehicle allowances, elimination of longevity pay, elimination of a 2-percent

raise scheduled for July 1, elimination of an administrative secretary from the personnel department, contracting the budget director position and requiring newly hired directors to pay 5 percent of their salary for retirement costs.

The downsizing, forced by declines in the city's major funding sources of property taxes and state shared revenues, will force many organizational changes to be made,

Wild said.

"One of the things we are doing is bringing a two-year budget to council. There will be a lot of changes recommended," Wild said.

Steps being taken to reduce spending now and in the upcoming fiscal year are aimed at getting ahead of a projected \$12 million deficit in the 2011-12 fiscal year, Wild said.

"There is no quick fix. We're looking for concessions, buy-

outs and attrition to reduce the number of layoffs," Wild said, adding he was continuing to seek concessions from police and firefighters unions, which have existing contracts with raises scheduled. "We're not ready to go public with anything."

Under the city charter, Wild must have a proposed balanced budget to council by April 1.

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## COMPLAINTS

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have been layoffs, if the union had taken a different position on early retirements," said Roman, whose local has been working without a contract for over a year. "We were told that wasn't the case."

Roman added that he did want to thank Personnel Director Cindy King for her efforts working with the departing employees.

"She had the difficult job of speaking to the employees face to face," he said.

Resident Burke Rock was critical of the layoffs and other

financial issues for which he blamed Mayor William Wild, who wasn't present at the meeting. A lack of leadership was the problem, Rock said, contrasting Westland with Oakland County where County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was able to work with employees to avoid layoffs while balancing the budget.

"He gave toxic unsupportable raises to police. He should step down, he doesn't represent the citizens. He has jeopardized jobs," said Rock. "He has decimated the fund balance. That's why we are taking the livelihood of 10 people."

The city is projecting a \$3.5 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year and \$12 million

for 2011-12. The savings from the layoffs is projected to be \$700,000 in 2010-11.

"We've got to totally realign wages and benefits in the contracts. It's a tough decision but don't blame me," said Kehrer, who noted council members aren't directly involved in contract bargaining with employee unions.

Due to reduced revenue from property taxes, Headlee millage rollbacks and state shared revenues, Council President James Godbout said it will not be easy going forward and not just in the Department of Public Works where most of the layoffs are taking place.

"We are not going to go for-

ward as we are. We have to do with less in our departments," Godbout said. "I don't think anyone up here relishes this responsibility. We can't print money. Westland is in a lot better position than a lot of communities in our ability to weather financial challenges."

The administration wasn't taking layoffs lightly, said Deputy Mayor Jade Smith.

"We recognize that this impacts families. We are following the contract," he added.

Under the charter, a proposed balanced budget is to be presented to the council by April 1. The fiscal year begins July 1.

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Kristy Montee (left) and Kelly Nichols, who grew up in Westland, have fond memories of Plymouth, which is why they made it the fictional roots for the hero of their latest thriller, "The Little Death."

## Authors give hero a local background

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fictional cop-turned-private-detective, the creation of two sisters from Westland, has roots in the very real city of Plymouth.

Louis Kincaid, introduced to mystery fans more than a decade ago in *Dark of the Moon*, is the protagonist in the 10th P.J. Parrish novel, *The Little Death*, which was released Tuesday by Pocket Books.

P.J. Parrish is the pseudonym of sisters Kristy Montee and Kelly Nichols, who were born in Detroit and spent many of their formative years in Westland, graduating from Cherry Hill High School in Inkster, which is now a charter school focused on the performing arts.

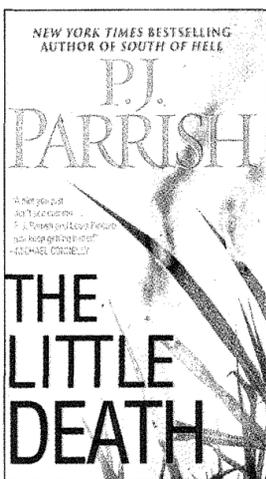
Plymouth was a favorite destination for the family when Montee and Nichols were girls in the 1960s. They saw movies at the Penn Theatre, dined out downtown and were treated to ice cream at the Cloverdale dairy.

"My dad always wanted to live in Plymouth. That was his town that he would've preferred to be in," Nichols said Tuesday from her current home in Houghton Lake. "Our memories of Michigan are very, very powerful."

"The big deal was Cloverdale," said Montee, who now lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "People came from miles away to go there. Best ice cream in the world."

The sisters' detective Kincaid, born to a black woman and a white man, is from Mississippi, where he had a traumatic early childhood, Montee said. In the novels' backstory, Louis began living in Plymouth at age 10 with white foster parents.

"He would've stood out a little bit" in the Plymouth of the



The hero of "The Little Death," out Tuesday from Pocket Books, has roots in the City of Plymouth.

1970s, Nichols said. The town, however, proves to be a "healing place" for Louis, Montee said. He went to the University of Michigan and began his career with the Ann Arbor Police Department.

"We can tell you everything about him. He's like a member of the family," Nichols said.

In the seventh P.J. Parrish novel, 2006's *An Unquiet Grave*, Kincaid, now in Florida, returns to Plymouth to help his foster father solve a mystery. Eloise, the long-closed Wayne County psychiatric hospital, also makes an appearance in the book, though it's set in another Michigan location and renamed Hidden Lake.

Montee, a former newspaper reporter (she began her career at the *Southfield Eccentric*, which last year was incorporated into what is now the *South Oakland Eccentric*), had published four romance novels under the name Kristy Daniels, she said, when her agent advised her to try a mystery.

Nichols, who worked in the casino industry — she went

from a blackjack dealer to a human resources specialist — was meanwhile writing a romance of her own.

But living in Philadelphia, Miss., where three civil rights workers were murdered in the social upheaval of that time — and inspired by the birth of a biracial granddaughter, who is now 13.

The sisters collaborated and came up with Kincaid. In their first P.J. Parrish book, *Dark of the Moon*, he returns to Mississippi to care for his dying mother and ends up embroiled in a mystery there that has personal resonance for him.

Kincaid eventually takes a girlfriend, Joe Frye, who comes to the forefront as the hero in the eighth novel, *A Thousand Bones*. All of the novels so far are set in the 1980s, Nichols said; in the latest, in 1989, Kincaid turns 30.

Montee and Nichols both said they work well together. They use the Internet teleconferencing service Skype when they need to meet over long distances. In addition to their mysteries, they write fiction on their own and, as P.J. Parrish, had a short story, *Pride*, published in the 2007 anthology *Detroit Noir*.

"When it comes to our books, we put our egos on the back shelf. It took us a while to get to that point," Nichols said.

Their individual writing styles differ, Montee said, but when they work together, a third voice emerges, one that gives their books a consistent style, even though each of them has written different chapters.

"One of the best compliments we get is from reviewers or readers who say, 'I didn't know there were two of you,'" Montee said.

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## Henry Tolk remembered as dedicated, 'true' Lion

BY SUE BUCK  
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Henry Tolk of Garden City is being remembered as a true Lion — the service organization kind.

Mr. Tolk died Feb. 14 at the age of 83. He left a legacy of volunteerism through the Garden City Lions Club.

"Now, this Lion was a true Lion doing good for mankind," said secretary Jim Kowalik. "He joined the Garden City Lions in February 1967 and spent 43 years as a dedicated Lion."

He held a variety of the local offices and in District 11-A-1, serving as district governor, Campaign SightFirst coordinator, secretary-treasurer, deputy district governor and region and zone chairman. He also served on a variety of state committees, including Constitution and Bylaws.

Among the awards Mr. Tolk received were the International President's Award, International President's Commendation Medal for District Governor, Michigan Lions Outstanding District Governor's Award and the Michigan-Australia Net Membership Increase Trophy. He also was a Melvin Jones Fellow and earned three International President's Appreciation Certificates, three District Governor's Appreciation Medals and the Len Butler District Editors Award.

He also served on the Beaumont Hospital Silent Children's Committee, Michigan Tissue Bank, Lions Visually

Handicapped Children's Camp Board (Bear Lake), International Night Chairman and the Metropolitan Council of Lions.

His outstanding accomplishment was the Multiple District international Level of the Lions Club International Fund in 1992 and the launching its Campaign SightFirst. Under his



Henry Tolk, seen here with his wife Fay, is being remembered for his commitment to the work of the Garden City Lions Club.

leadership as the district coordinator, more than \$140,000 was pledged for the campaign and was first runner-up among 10 districts. He also promoted Michigan at the International level through the Campaign SightFirst, the International Conventions and International Night.

Mr. Tolk, a life member of the club, received the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award, the highest Lions award given in the state of Michigan. According to Kowalik, Mr. Tolk never turned down a job and did his best at all times. "His life was Lionism," Kowalik said. "He really donated to mankind."

Mr. Tolk is survived by his wife, Fay; daughters Beverly (Steven) Thomas, Marjory (Richard) Antuna, Carol (Darrell) Kubacki and Valerie

(Gregory) MacDonald; a sister, Betty White; grandchildren Melissa Thomas, Lisa Antuna, Jessica Lambert, Danielle Antuna, Heather Kubacki, Jeffrey MacDonald, Michelle Hiriart and Jason MacDonald; and great-grandfather of Noah, Gloria and Lilly Lambert and Ava, Daxton and Sophie Hiriart.

He's preceded in death by his parents, John and Johanna Tolk, sister, Mary Cummings and brother Jake Tolk.

He will be state at 10 a.m. today (Feb. 18) at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, followed by a service at 11 a.m.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Resident finds mailbox destroyed

### Vandalism

On Feb. 14, a resident in the 38000 block of Florence told police Feb. 14 that someone had destroyed the mailbox overnight. A broken broom handle found nearby appeared to have caused the damage.

The resident told police that no mail was recovered

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from the damaged mail box and it was unclear if mail had been stolen. The damage was set at \$50.

### Stolen vehicle

On Feb. 14, a resident in the 8000 block of Donna told

police that someone had stolen her Dodge Stratus, valued at \$9,300, from the driveway.

The resident said that she had all of the vehicle keys, the doors had been locked with the security system activated and the payments were current.

By LeAnne Rogers

## Police seek suspects in holdup

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police are looking for information about two men wanted in connection with an armed robbery at a Westland business Monday.

It's also believed that the same two men are responsible for similar armed robberies in Redford, Detroit and Dearborn, said Westland police Sgt. David Zucchetto.

At 10:42 a.m. Monday, an armed robbery was reported at the Smokers Avenue smoke shop, 31234 Warren Road in the area of Warren Road-Merriman area of Westland.

The suspects were described as two black males in their mid 30s-40s. One suspect was described as wearing a dark knit cap, approximately five feet six inches tall with a heavy build. The second suspect was described as wearing a red cap, approximately six feet three inches with a thin build and lighter complexion.

The shorter of the suspects was armed with a long gun tucked in his coat and possibly up his coat sleeve, the clerk said. The two suspects loaded up four bags with a large amount of cigarettes, valued at approximately \$25,000, and \$300-\$400 from the cash register was reported stolen.

The clerk told police that two men entered the store, grabbed him and escorted him to the rear of the store where they forced him to lay on the ground. The shorter of the two men produced a sawed-off shotgun from under his coat, the clerk said, pointing the gun at him while the second man filled four bags with cigarettes taken from the wall shelving.

The taller man then forced the clerk to open the cash register, the clerk said, then took him to a restroom at the rear of the business. Once in the restroom, the clerk said the suspects bound his arms and legs with duct tape. Using his keys, the suspects left through the rear door to the alley and fled in a vehicle.

The clerk, a Dearborn Heights man, told police it took him approximately 10 minutes to free himself and call police.

Police released two grainy photographs taken from surveillance video at the Westland smoke shop and a photograph of what appears to be the taller suspect taken



This photo released by Westland police shows a suspect wanted in connection with an armed robbery at a smoke shop Monday morning. Police believe the suspects are also responsible for robberies in other communities including Redford.



Westland police are looking for information about this man, one of two suspects sought in the robbery of Smokers Avenue on Warren near Merriman Monday morning. The pair also believed to be responsible for robberies in Redford, Detroit and Dearborn Heights.



Westland police are looking for information on suspects wanted for robbing a smoke shop at gunpoint Monday morning. This security video photo taken of a suspect in a Jan. 13 robbery in Redford is believed to be one of the same men involved in the Westland robbery, along with robberies in Dearborn and Detroit.

during a Jan. 13 robbery in Redford.

Anyone with information about smoke shop robbery is asked to contact Zucchetto at (734) 467-3248.

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## Pills taken in break-in at pharmacy

### Stranger danger

The Garden City School District issued a "stranger danger" warning Friday after a Garden City Middle School student and his dad came to the police station on Thursday to file a suspicious person report.

The incident occurred about 3:15 p.m. Feb. 11. The student said that a strange man driving a white, four-door car followed him from school to his sitter's house located in the 33200 block of Alvin.

The student was able to provide a license plate number which the police tracked to Livonia but the description of the car color didn't match. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

### Stolen drugs

The pharmacist at Sabeen Pharmacy, 241 N. Inkster Road, on Feb. 14 told police that someone pried open the back door

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and went through cabinets, taking 1 1/2 bottles of Vicoden.

### Broken window

A homeowner in the 29100 block of Florence said that someone threw a large chunk of snow through his front window sometime before 5 a.m. Feb. 11 and it landed in his living room. The snow broke the six-foot by eight-foot window.

### Suspended licenses

The police became suspicious when they saw two vehicles driving without lights about 9:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

The men told police that they were doing so because one couldn't get his car to start and the other was trying to push it to get it started.

Upon further investigation, the police arrested both the 26-

year-old Garden City man and the 28-year-old Inkster man because both had suspended licenses and one had an outstanding warrant.

### Breaking and entering

The Garden City Police responded to a business alarm Feb. 11 at J & J Fashions, 251 N. Inkster Road.

Although the back door had been pried open, police reported that no one entered the building and nothing was taken.

### Drunken driving

When the police stopped a 24-year-old Garden City man for speeding on Ford near Venoy about 11 a.m. Feb. 13, they also found that he was drunk. They arrested him after he registered a .15 blood alcohol level.

By Sue Buck

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# Rolling in dough

## People fill up on Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe's paczkis

BY SUE BUCK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Preparations for Paczki Day at the Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe in Garden City started two days in advance for the traditional Fat Tuesday celebration.

It was the last chance that Catholics have to indulge before Lent's 40 days of self-sacrifice before Easter.

Through the years, many in the metro Detroit area have made it a tradition to seek out the tasty treat when Fat Tuesday approaches.

"Hundreds of dozens" of paczkis were baked at the shop, according to manager Louie Simovski, who opened his doors one hour early at 5 a.m. when he saw customers already lining up.

Paczkis are far more than a doughnut. Paczki lovers can buy custard, apple, blueberry, lemon prune or strawberry as well as the original raspberry paczki.

"The favorite is custard," said Simovski.

Marje Bourdeau, a Garden City resident, kept up the annual tradition of paczki purchases.

"I do a custard and a prune," Bourdeau said. "When my Mom was alive, that's what we had every year. They have that nice, chewy stuff around and they have that nice gooey texture. I have to run an extra mile today."

Co-owner Kiril Misajlovski has served the Garden City area with his wife, Zlata, for 25 years. Zlata's sister, Lubica Dimovich, also helps along



Manager Louie Simovski and Marie LaLonde of Livonia wait on customers like Bill Zurenko



Violet Djordjevic leaves the bake shop with an arm full of Paczkis.

with other members of the family.

"How are you, my friend?" asked Joe Zundel of Westland as he spotted Simovski at the door.

"If you can't get to Hamtramck, you have to

come here," Zundel said. "He has been really good to me. He has made me some special pies."

The bakery has a fryer to fry the dough which consists of flour, eggs, sugar and shortening.



Paczkis are a Fat Tuesday tradition in the Detroit metropolitan area.

"We started the day before yesterday," Simovski said. "It just goes on and on and on. It's nonstop."

It takes almost three hours to make one batch. There are mixers and an electronic filling machine.

Ray Gdowski drove from Wayne to purchase the perfect paczki.

"My mother used to make them," he said as he carried

his box out to the car.

Even Garden City Treasurer/Clerk Allyson Bettis couldn't resist picking up a dozen variety pack of paczkis to take back to her co-workers at city hall.

"We got custard, strawberry and raspberry," Bettis said. "We have been coming here a long time."

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# Symphony performs free concert

Schoolcraft College's Music Department will present a free concert by the Plymouth Symphony noon Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

The Plymouth Symphony will perform under the direction of nationally acclaimed Music Director and Conductor, Nan Washburn. She is recognized as one of the most innovative and dynamic conductors working in the United States today. Critics have hailed her work as having "perspicacity, nerve, imagination and all-round savvy" for her engaging performances and fresh approach to concert programming.

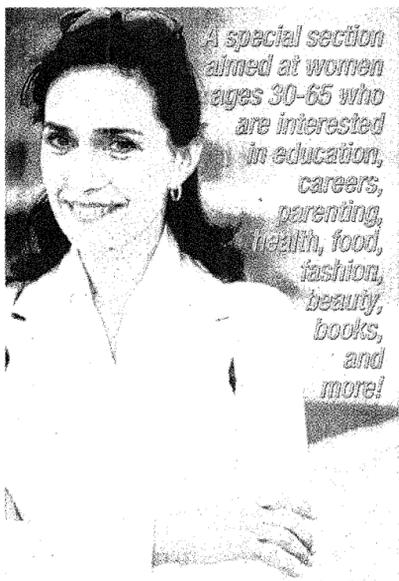
The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society has been the recipient of numerous awards including four ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) awards for Adventurous Programming. Most recently, they received grants from the Kresge Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts to support the annual Fusion Festival, a weekend-long program celebrating musical diversity.

The selections for the concert include Chinese folk songs, traditional Venezuelan Joropo music, and works by Maria Margherita Grimani, Claude Debussy, George Gershwin, Gustav Mahler and Antonin Dvorak.

The concert by the Plymouth Symphony is part of the college's Free Noon Concert Music Series. The remaining concerts in the 2009-10 series include the Schoolcraft Faculty Recital on March 24 and tenor Christopher Scholl with pianist Kevin Bylsma on April 21.

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# Film's sneak preview benefits Starfish

Western Wayne County-based Starfish Family Services will be on the receiving end of a sneak preview of Radish Creative Group, Inc.'s feature film, *Annabelle & Bear*, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20th, at Detroit's Music Hall Center for Performing Arts.

*Annabelle & Bear* is the story of a man who finds himself suddenly thrust into fatherhood, and the unexpected journey that leads him to discover the life-altering love found in the heart of his little girl. The 100 percent pure Michigan film has captured the attention of the state since it was first announced

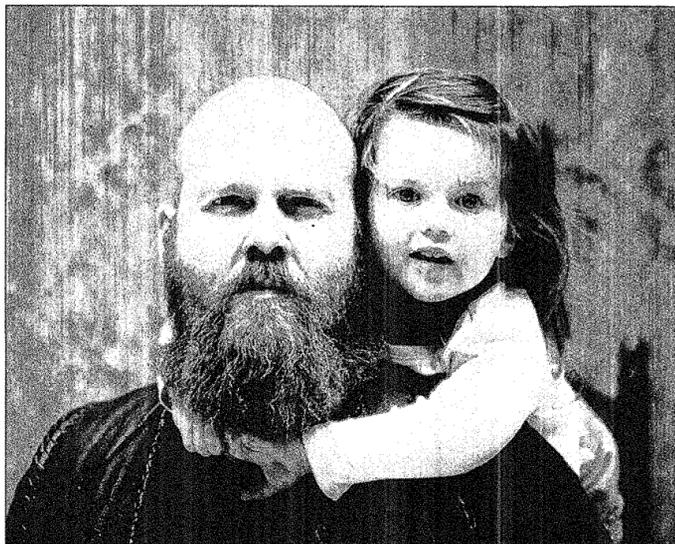
back in July because of the story behind the making of the film is as inspiring as the drama itself.

"There is so much talent here in Michigan, that it just made sense to keep all of the production here," said Director Amy Weber. "I am very proud of the fact that this film was made completely in Michigan, by Michigan talent. What a testament to what Michigan has to offer and what an opportunity we have to showcase what we can do together."

And just as the production of the film brought a community together, the film's premiere promises to do the same, hosting

a fund-raising event for Starfish Family Services, a non-profit organization that focuses on strengthening families to create brighter futures for children. The theme behind the premiere event is "because not every Annabelle has a Bear."

Tickets for the event can be purchased through TicketMaster or through the Music Hall box office in person or by calling (313) 887-8501. Tickets are \$15 and include the screening of the film and an afterglow reception to meet the cast and the director. Details can be found online at [www.annabelleandbear.com](http://www.annabelleandbear.com).



Olivia Walby and Curt Massof star as Annabelle and Bear in the Michigan made film "Annabelle & Bear" which will have a sneak preview Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Detroit Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Toastmasters

**Location:** Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club meets every Thursday at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level of the Bailey Recreation Center, located behind the Westland City Hall on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

**Details:** Toastmasters provides a supportive environments where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

**Contact:** For information, call Bill at (734) 306-3980 or Curt at (734) 525-8445.

#### Open House

**Time Date:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16,

**Location:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool, 36660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Come meet the teachers, tour the school, learn about the educational programs, and have refreshments. Programs available include Parent-Tots, young 3's, 3- and 4-Year-Olds, and enrichment for 4-year-olds.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

#### Craft shows

##### Wayne AMVETS Post 171

**Time/Date:** noon-6 p.m. Saturday, March 13

**Location:** Wayne AMVETS 171 Post Hall, 1217 Merriman, between Cherry Hill and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The show will feature holiday crafts, homemade goods and collectibles. Vendor tables are available for \$20 each.

**Contact:** For more information, contact John at (734) 729-8930.

##### St. Linus

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 13

**Location:** St. Linus activity room, 6466 Evangeline, north of Ford and east of Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

**Details:** St. Linus Spring Craft Show, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will feature homemade crafts to home base vendors, a 50/50 drawings and Tin Can raffle. There also will be a refreshment stand and raffles. Admission is \$1, children under 12 years of age are free. Ticket will be given for each paid admission to enter the Tin Can drawing.

##### Trainorama Extra 2010

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, March 21

**Location:** Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Sponsored by the Redford Model-Railroad Club. A special flea market for train buffs of all ages featuring scale model railroad equipment and supplies (new and used), toy trains (new and antique), plus a wide variety of railroad oriented antiques and collectibles (lanterns, dining car china and silverware, signs, paintings, station clocks, locomotive builder's plates, old train schedules, old railroad stock certificates, etc.) Admission \$5; children under 12 free with paid adult admission.

**Contact:** (313) 565-1027 or (734) 953-2546

##### 3 Day Kickoff

**Time/Date:** Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure Getting Started Meetings will be held 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, and 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 27.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

**Details:** Whether you are new to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure or an old pro, your journey begins here. A Get Started Meeting will provide you with the information and inspiration you are looking for. At the meeting, you can get your questions answered and meet other Komen 3-Day for the Cure walkers. Register at the meeting and you will receive your registration kit (including legacy pin and milestone tracker) on the spot. If you are already registered, this meeting is for you, too. We will talk about train-

ing and fund raising, and get you the information you need to prepare for an amazing experience.

**Contact:** (800) 996-3Day

##### Fish Dial-A-Ride

**Location:** Garden City, Livonia and Westland

**Details:** Fish Dial-A-Ride of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteer drivers. A nonprofit community service group, it provides door-to-door rides to non-emergency medical and other necessary appointments for senior and disabled residents of Garden City, Livonia and Westland who are unable to drive and have no alternative transportation. Volunteers can specify days, times, and areas they're willing to drive.

**Contact:** Call (888) 660-2007 and leave a message.

##### LifeCare

**Time/Date:** 7-9:15 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 570 S. Main St., Plymouth

**Details:** LifeCare is a care/support/recovery groups for everyone facing life's challenges.

**Contact:** Lillian Easterly-Smith at [info.lifecarecc@gmail.com](mailto:info.lifecarecc@gmail.com) or (734) 956-2109.

##### Earth Angels

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

**Contact:** [www.earthangelsontour.org](http://www.earthangelsontour.org) or by e-mail to [eangel1986@comcast.net](mailto:eangel1986@comcast.net)

##### TOPS 869 meetings

**Time/date:** Mondays, weigh-ins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Location:** Adams Senior Village, 2001 Kaley Ave., south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** The group is for people age 18 and older.

**Contact:** The group which meets on

Mondays is for people age 18 and older.

##### American Legion Post 251

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

**Location:** 1217 Merriman Road, between Avondale and Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** All veterans, male and female with a honorable discharge are welcome to join.

**Contact:** [www.post251.org](http://www.post251.org) or call (734) 326-2607

##### Higher Rock Cafe

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Fridays of the month.

**Location:** Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, south of Palmer, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Live bands perform beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free, however, a free will offering will be taken to support the bands.

**Contact:** [www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com](http://www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com) or call (734) 722-3660

### FOR YOUR HEALTH

#### Safe Place

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City.

**Details:** A SAFE PLACE is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

**Contact:** Russ Weathers at (734) 422-1995

#### Adult Day Services

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Location:** 570 S Main St., Plymouth MI

**Detail:** A structured weekday alternative for adults in need of supervision. Program provides activities and discussions to meet social, recreational and personal needs unique to dependent individuals

**Contact:** Laurie Krause at [laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com) and (734) 956-2600

#### Metro Fibromyalgia

**Time/date:** 1-3 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, just west of Ford in Garden City

**Details:** The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open

to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

**Contact:** Lucy at (734) 462-1768, [www.MetroFibroGroup.com](http://www.MetroFibroGroup.com)

#### Menopause & More

**Time/date:** 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Classroom 2 of the west addition of the Marian Women Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** A support group for women, no registration is necessary, and the group is free of charge.

**Contact:** (734) 655-1100

#### Counterpoint

**Details:** Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center offers free counseling and respite services for people ages 10-17 and their families.

**Contact:** (734) 563-5005

#### Toughlove

**Time/date:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

**Location:** Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia.

**Details:** Support group, newcomers welcome.

**Contact:** (734) 261-7880 or (248) 380-7748

### EDUCATION

#### Willow Creek

**Location:** 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland

**Details:** Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool offers a Parent/Tot, Young 3's, 3-year and 4-year programs.

**Contact:** (734) 326-0078

#### St. Damian

**Location:** 29891 Joy, Westland

**Details:** St. Damian Catholic School offers preschool for 3-4-year-olds and full day kindergarten through grade 8.

**Contact:** (734) 427-1680, [www.stdamian.com](http://www.stdamian.com).

#### YWCA Preschool

**Details:** The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children aged 2-5 years old at no cost to most families.

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1252	Gregory Marvin	dresser, chair, box
1260	James McClellan	boxes, bags, TV
1268	Aws Naser	cooler, cooler equipment
1476	John Seefelt	boxes, bags, dresser
2044	Cindy Mondy	boxes, totes, sofa
2152	Kenneth Neeley	boxes, bags, suitcase
2288	Anthony Pinon	boxes, totes, TV
3002	Anthony Pinon	boxes, bags, bike
3006	Pamela Avery	washer, dryer, bags

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3064	Andrew Jones	boxes, bags, washer
4016	Betty Blanchard	boxes, bags, totes
4022	Roberto Colvard	boxes, totes, sofa
5003	Edwin Omev	dresser, boxes, snow blower
6028	Ebony Boatman	TV, bike, grill
6068	Theresa King	boxes, bags, totes
6085	Ron Bembry	boxes, bags, totes
6131	Richard McNamee	totes, boxes, dresser
7048	Shelia Ross	boxes, bike, sofa
7062	Ingrid Olive	boxes, bags, sofa
9009	Terrance Walls	boxes, bags
9045	Bettina Young	washer, dryer, bike
9056	Janice Weycker	totes, boxes, monitors
9076	Marcus Mathis	dresser, boxes, golf clubs

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014	Willie Hopson	GMC 250 VIN 1GDEG25KOK7506943
104	Tom Finnley	1991 Ford Tempo VIN 2FAPP36U7NB104843
136	Lynn Caudill	boxes, sofa, tool box
313	Christina Koliba	bags, totes, dresser
345	Don Smith	sofa, dresser, grill
534	Melissa Hagen Segedy	boxes, totes, sofa
618	Nancy Frantz	boxes, bags, totes
820	Anthony Clickscales	boxes, sofa, TV
908	Todd Hamilton	boxes, table, dresser
1004	Guy Ellis	table, chairs

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# Madonna opens job search Web site, office

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University with the help of a grant from Ford Motor Co. has opened an office and launched a Web site to help the unemployed find jobs or training.

Representatives from Ford Motor Co. and Madonna University officially opened JobCHEER.org, an online and on-site job ClearingHouse for Education and Employment Resources, at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday at the new JobCHEER office at Madonna, 36300 Schoolcraft.

Madonna officials said the site and office can help everyone from a long-time unemployed person to a parent who has decided to return to the workforce.

Ernest Nolan, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the office can also help someone who has just lost a job. "They can find out where the hot jobs are; they can find out where they need to focus," Nolan said. "They might need to complete an interest inventory, or a job survey. Secondly they may not have put together a resume for 15 years. They may have never done an interview in their lives."

Workshops can help the unemployed with interviewing or resumes.

"They may also need certification in biomedical fields," Nolan said. "This center will give them the resources to help them get entry-level positions in a new area."

The program is designed to get people back to work, said Joan Stephens, director of continuing education and professional studies.

JobCHEER was supported by the Ford Motor Co. Fund and created by Madonna University in December 2009 to provide educational training opportunities and job-search resources to those who are seeking employment, Stephens said.

"JobCHEER is both a Web



Officials from Madonna University and Ford Motor Co. cut the ribbon to the new JobCHEER.org office last week. Present were Joan Stephens (left, front row), Madonna's director of continuing education and professional studies; Andrea Nodge, Madonna's vice president for advancement; Mike Schmidt, director, education and community development Ford Motor Co. Fund; Ernie Nolan, Madonna's provost and vice president for academic administration; and Lisa Comben, Madonna's director for corporate and foundation relations. Behind them are Kurt Wissman, JobCHEER assistant, and Connie Tingson-Gatz, Madonna's vice president for student affairs.



JobCHEER assistant Kurt Wissman of Westland assists Colleen Rutenbar of Farmington Hills with navigating on the JobCHEER Web site. Rutenbar attended a job-search strategies workshop offered through JobCHEER, and she spoke with Wissman about available jobs in health care.

site and resource center that focuses on providing new job opportunities to Michigan's unemployed workers or anyone wanting to re-enter the workforce," Stephens said. "Along with the Web site, printed materials, job boards, we also provide staff assistance in devising a plan for your job search. This includes resume writing and critiquing, job workshop strategies and job-search advising."

The most popular job-training programs offered through Madonna's continuing educa-

tion program are pharmacy technician and medical billing and coding, Stephens said.

"Our short-term job training classes in pharmacy technician and medical billing and coding have been extremely popular over the last three years because our students do find jobs after completing the courses," Stephens said. "It's a group effort getting these students back into the workforce, which involves Continuing Education staff, the medical certificate instructors and our Career Services team."

Nolan suggests that people call and make an appointment to talk to a counselor.

"We have something to contribute to the well-being of the community," Nolan said. "We want to offer these services to Livonia and Michigan residents."

"We really couldn't have done this without the grant as there's too many costs."

For more information, visit [www.jobcheer.org](http://www.jobcheer.org) or Madonna's continuing education Web site at <http://cms.madonna.edu/pages/academics/continuing-education/>

# Investors need to do their homework in all markets

The other day I was watching *American Greed* on CNBC. The show highlights a variety of con artists who take advantage of investors.

Since the Madoff scandal we have seen more stories in the media about investment scams. One issue that this show emphasizes is investment scams have been around for a while and they are not going away anytime soon.

There are common elements that run through investment scams. These include returns that are too good to be true, slick-talking salespeople and, of course, greed.

Many people assume that the greed I refer to is that of the perpetrators of these scams. Although, there is no doubt about the greed on behalf of the scam artists, the greed I'm referring to is the emotion that exists in all. This greed results in us putting our better judgment to the side and investing into something without proper due diligence. In other words, allowing enticing rates of return to blind us when it comes to making an investment decision.

A recent episode of *American Greed* was about Allen Stanford and Stanford Financial. Stanford Financial sold high paying certificates of deposits to investors. It marketed the certificates as safe, secure investments that paid sometimes as much as 1.5 times what a CD would normally go for. Unfortunately, the CDs sold were not issued by an insured U.S. bank but rather by a bank on the Island of Antigua. Of course, the CDs were fraudulent and investors

lost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Just like the Madoff scandal, it will be years before investors receive any of their money back and, at best, they will receive pennies on the dollar.

The Madoff story, however, is different because the majority of investors were very high net-worth individuals. In the Stanford situation, the majority of investors were average people who lost much of their life savings.

What is important to understand about the Stanford scandal is that unlike the Madoff situation (where Madoff made it initially difficult to invest with him), the exact opposite was true with Stanford Financial. They employed aggressive salespeople and enticed them with very high commissions to sell the product. This tactic is so prevalent in investment scams. That is why I believe that the best course of action for an investor when they deal in this situation is to walk away.

I recognize that not all aggressive salespeople are selling bogus products, however, I find that when it comes to the investment world, more often than not when you have an aggressive salesperson they are more concerned about making the sale than putting you into a proper investment.

One point I always stress to individuals is, when you are dealing with salespeople in the financial world you should always find out how he/she is compensated. In the Stanford Financial situation, the salespeople were making substantial commissions.

As an investor, you ought to know if you're dealing with an advisor or a salesperson. High commissions ought to raise your antenna. When dealing with a salesperson the issue should always be whether he/she is doing what's good for you

or what's good for the sale.

What is particularly important about the Stanford situation is we are in a very low interest rate environment and many investors, particularly seniors, are looking at getting higher rates of return.

Money market accounts and CDs in the bank are virtually paying nothing which tempts people to let down their guard to look for higher rates of return. This is a temptation to avoid. As investors, we must accept the current low interest rate environment and avoid allowing greed to dictate investment decisions.

I believe that many of the investors in Stanford Financial truly believed that the CDs they were buying were safe and secure. Unfortunately, the focus was not on the investment but the return.

Are there better alternatives than short term CDs and money market accounts to receive higher rates of return? The true answer is no. Unfortunately, there is no investment that will provide the same safety and security as bank CDs without taking higher risks.

Short term bond funds such as ones offered by Vanguard, for example, do pay higher rates of return with some additional risks. That is the trade-off that investors must make to get higher rates of return.

The bottom line is whether we are in a good market, a bad market, high interest/low interest rate environment, investors have a responsibility to do their homework.

Remember that as an investor you are your last line of defense. Good luck!

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OUR VIEWS

# Comments change isn't the way to go

A longtime *Observer* colleague would acknowledge that he wasn't changing someone's mind during a discussion by vowing "to defend your constitutional right to be wrong." That comment came to mind recently after the Westland City Council voted to pare the minutes members of the public are allowed to speak from five minutes to three minutes.

The only explanation offered by the council was that shorter times for each speaker would allow more people to be heard. That explanation rings hollow, to put it mildly. No one could cite a problem with the current five-minute limit. In fact, it was conceded that most speakers don't use the entire time allotted. It was also mentioned that the council president could allow speakers longer time, if there weren't a lot of people wishing to address the council.

We can't agree with the histrionics that the change provoked from some regulars at council meeting — the change doesn't take away their First Amendment rights, it just shortens the time for exercising it.

That being said, the council and other public bodies like the Wayne-Westland school board, which also has shortened its time limit for public comment, should always err on the side of encouraging as much public input as possible.

In the case of the City Council, we suspect the shortened speaking time has more to do with members of the public who abuse the time by not talking about city business, instead focusing on their own pet grievances and other personal issues which are repeated at each meeting. Some of the regular speakers use their time to berate the elected officials. Other times, legitimate questions or issues are raised.

That brings us back to our colleague's comment. Within reason, it doesn't matter what anyone thinks of a speaker's comments. One person's pointless remarks are another person's insightful comments. The point is that the residents have the right to speak without the value of their comments being assessed by a public official.

With so many problems facing the city, including severe financial problems, it's puzzling that council would waste time on a non-issue that only serves to rile up the citizens they are supposed to serve.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are comments posted by our online readers:

### • No excuse for not knowing

I would like to compliment the city on how fast they got the roads done, and they did a good job too!

For my neighbor who whined about not knowing about things going on in the city like snow emergencies;

First of all this was a pretty big snow - there had to be no doubt. But let's say there was a smaller snow and you were not sure.

The city now has a new service called Nixle. You can sign up on the city Web site. It will give you e-mails on everything that goes on in the city - events, emergencies, etc.

I think you can even get texted in case of emergencies, I am not sure.

If an old fogey like me can do this computer thing, it can't be that hard. Get in the 21st century and stop whining the city doesn't notify you of stuff or "I don't have cable, so I never know what is going on." Sign up for Nixle

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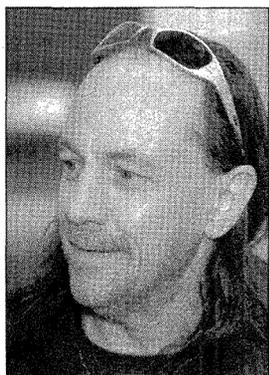
## It's February and it's Michigan. What are you doing to fight cabin fever?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.



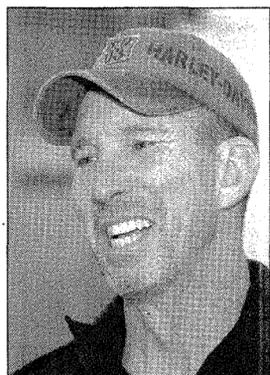
"I just keep looking at books and volunteering at the library."

Dorothy Smiley  
Westland



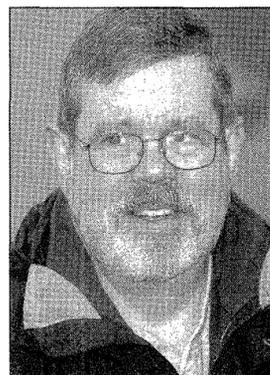
"I volunteer at the Mike Modano Ice Arena."

Michael Glunt  
Westland



"You can never beat it, you have to adapt to the situation. You can't let it get the best of you, you have to make the best of everything."

Billy Brooks  
Westland, formerly of Garden City



"We're babysitting our grandchildren three days a week. That's one of our main activities."

Charles Hagmann  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Lack of experience

I found it humorous that Obama had to delay the announcement of the grand opening of the new Global Warming Agency because of the two blizzards that hit the D.C. area this past week.

Forget the fact that the University at East Anglia data collection was fraudulent and corrupted or the fact that the other data that the IPCC relied heavily upon telling them that the glaciers were melting came from a student term paper that made no scientific reference whatsoever or the fact that Surfcastations.org reported that 90 percent of the weather stations set up across America were off by more than 2 degrees Celsius.

Obama is the most liberal president in history. He truly believes in big government, we earn, they take and decide where it should be spent or how much we get to keep as fruits of our labor.

This is just one more shining example of our tax dollars being thrown down the toilet. He continues to spend on things we don't need while people keep losing their jobs.

They have spent \$865 billion on the first a stimulus and are looking to spend another \$150 billion on another, calling it a "jobs bill" because the people are fed up with "stimulus" that doesn't

work. That would amount to \$7,355 for each and every taxpayer in this country. If they would have given this money to us directly, does anyone believe we would still be in a recession?

That could be an entire year without having income taxes deducted from our paychecks. Wouldn't that stimulate the economy and create jobs?

The only job growth in this recession has been government jobs, not only have they grown but salaries have increased dramatically. Government workers earning above \$100,000 increased by 19 percent this year.

The Obama administration is falling apart as they try to do something they have no experience in and that is governing.

Phil Solarz  
Westland

### Support Right to Repair

New data reveals that consumers save an estimated \$26 billion a year, or \$360 per family, for vehicle service and repair at neighborhood independent repair shops compared to more costly new car dealerships. This demonstrates why Congress needs to swiftly pass the Motor Vehicle

Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057).

This legislation will prevent car manufacturers from denying access to repair information, computer codes, tools and software needed by car owners and their neighborhood repair shops to repair late model vehicles.

Historically, car owners have had the ability to repair their vehicles themselves or take them to the service facility of their choice. The car companies now seek to force consumers to return to the dealership for service and repair and are lobbying heavily against the Right to Repair Act. It is appalling that some manufacturers can take federal bailout money and then turn around and oppose a bill that would protect every American motorist from a vehicle repair monopoly.

The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) currently has the support of 53 members of Congress. Every consumer who owns or operates a vehicle in the U.S. stands to suffer economically, if this bill is not passed. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting [www.righttorepair.org](http://www.righttorepair.org).

Kathleen Schmatz  
president and CEO

Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association

# The State of our State is a mess

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."  
- Henry Ford

Gov. Granholm delivered her final State of the State recently.

It is the above quote that we should hope the governor, state House, state Senate, Republicans and Democrats adopt as they begin the last



Tom Watkins

year in office for them and the majority of those in their respective parties. It is past time that our elected leaders solve Michigan's problems that have been neglected for too long. The good news is the governor and Legislature closed out 2009 with two significant legislative victories: a state-wide smoking ban and significant education reform that could be worth \$400 million from the Obama administration. There was tremendous constituent pressure building to pass the smoking ban and the thought of being held responsible for losing potentially \$400 million of federal money for schools appeared to be the tipping point for the Legislature to pass education reforms that have been lingering in Lansing for a decade.

### THE "GRAND BARGAIN"

Many Lansing observers doubt the distrust and dislike

between Gov. Granholm, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop and Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, mixed with election year politics, can or will be overcome to put the peoples' business ahead of the party or self interest.

It is not the priority of state Democratic and Republican parties to address the No. 1 issue in this state, which is to create jobs and put people back to work. Their objective is to posture in ways that will tilt the upcoming election and political reapportionment in their direction. The jockeying and rivalry is already well under way and has nothing to do with solving the state's problems.

There is a fundamental clash of interests and values that can be soothed and managed for momentary victories but have yet to be managed to address the structural problems facing our state.

Unless the interests of either political party and egos change — and that's highly unlikely — the Michigan mess will continue. Do our elected leaders see any value in doing nothing and allowing Michigan to implode? Will the innate fear of risk and change once again thwart progress?

### COME TOGETHER

If there was ever a time for Republicans and Democrats to come together to address the problems hanging over our state, this is it. The pain families are feeling is not partisan but very real.

We need the governor, Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature to act on an old Chinese proverb, "When you are in a common boat, you need to cross the river peacefully."

Yet, for the past seven years, rather than working together to cross the river peacefully, they have been rowing in circles and drilling holes in the bottom of the boat.

With the highest unemployment rate in the nation, hovering close to 15 percent, and people and job creators fleeing our state in droves, we need everyone to come together and understand we are truly in this boat together.

There are profound disagreements between the political philosophies of Democrats and Republicans and personal ambitions among the key players in Lansing.

However, it is critical for the citizens of the state and our collective future for the warring parties to come together and put in place the reforms needed to reinvent Michigan and a 21st century tax system that allows us to be competitive on the world stage.

Perhaps the needs of the 10 million Michiganders clamoring for bold leadership and problem solving, or the political desire to create a legacy of leaving the state they were elected to lead in better shape than they found, will propel our leaders to come together, settle on a shared vision and common agenda and lead change. We will know meaningful reform has been implemented when it equally

ticks off the state Chamber and organized labor. We need action that addresses both the structural reforms and creates a tax structure that invests in education and job creation.

The elective class of 2010 has less than one year to fix the problems. If they don't, the people of Michigan may.

On the November ballot the state's voters will be asked whether they want a constitutional convention to be held. If a majority says yes, delegates will be elected to rewrite the Michigan State Constitution — at which time all the special interest sacred cows will be up for review.

The Chinese have a saying that comes to mind at the prospect of a wholesale re-write of the Michigan Constitution: "When you open the window, all the flies can come in."

Our elected leaders have one final chance to come together to address the Michigan mess. As we witnessed in the Massachusetts U.S. Senate race, hell has no furry like voters scorned.

Note: For those interested in supporting a yes vote on writing a Michigan State Constitution go to <http://energizemichigan.com>.

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# Fallen Marine 'wanted to defend' country

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett's Myspace page, the 21-year-old wrote, "Bout to head out for a while, if you want to get updates, talk to the wifey. Mood: anxious."

That update was posted around 1:24 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

Two days later, Turbett, a 2007 Canton High School graduate who entered the U.S. Marines right out of high school, was dead, killed in the war in Afghanistan.

Turbett was apparently felled by a single gunshot over the weekend, according to his mother, Redford Township resident Sheila Turbett.

"He was actually looking forward to going over there," Sheila Turbett said about his tour of duty in Afghanistan, which followed tours in Bangladesh and Iraq. "Honor, courage, commitment ... what can I say, that's him."

Sheila Turbett said she talked to her son just a couple of days before he was killed. Jacob's unit was waiting to push into Marjah, but were delayed by a sand storm. Turbett and others in his unit found the delay frustrating,



PHOTO COURTESY MYSPACE

Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett, killed over the weekend in Afghanistan, wrote of wife Crystal: "She's the best thing that ever happened to me."

according to his mother.

"He said he was looking forward to it ... they were kind of put off that the sand storms weren't cooperating," said Sheila Turbett, who said Jacob called her regularly. "We got to say our 'I love yous.'"

Jacob Turbett followed in a long line of family members — one grandfather, two uncles and a cousin were Marines, his sister, Jamie, started Navy boot camp Feb. 3 — to serve their country.

Turbett himself talked about joining the military as far back

as junior high school.

But with everything going on in the world — particularly the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — Canton High School auto teacher Jim O'Connor debated the point with Turbett, whom O'Connor called "a great kid."

"I talked to him about my fear of him not coming home, but he had already made his mind up," said O'Connor, who taught Turbett in both his automotive technology and collision repair classes. "I respected him for that, and he

was good enough to listen to my opinions, but he was very adamant about serving his country."

Turbett wasn't to be swayed and ultimately enlisted in the U.S. Marines. Over the weekend, though, his former teacher's fears came true when Turbett was killed.

According to information on his Myspace page, Turbett was a combat engineer who enlisted in the Marines in 2006. He was part of a unit out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

O'Connor, a teacher at Canton High School for nine years, said Turbett couldn't wait to be a part of defending his country.

"It wasn't an ego thing for Jake," O'Connor said. "For Jake it was personal ... it was to be a soldier. He wanted to defend our country against terrorism and make the world a safer place."

Visitation will be noon to 9 p.m. Monday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road in Canton, with a funeral the following day at 1 p.m. Turbett will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on March 9.

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# Pageturners looks at Orwell's '1984'

George Orwell depicts a gray, totalitarian world in which privacy does not exist, news is manufactured according to the authorities' will, and those with unorthodox ideas are brainwashed or put to death. Offering only two crushing choices: to betray or be betrayed, *1984*, published in 1949, remains one of the most powerful and influential masterworks of the twentieth-century literature.

This classic example of literary social science fiction that introduced a whole new vernacular, including such phrases as Big Brother, newspeak and Orwellian, is this month's selected reading for Pageturners. In addition to the traditional book discussion sessions hosted by Pageturners, Dr. Mark Huston, professor of philosophy, will lead a special Panel Discussion 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center.

Regular discussions of *1984* will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the

Bradner Library on the college's main campus in Livonia and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

Pageturners is Schoolcraft College's Book Discussion Group. Discussions and events are free and open to students, faculty, staff and the community. Copies of *1984* are available at a 40 percent discount in the Student Activities Office and at the Radcliff Center.

For more information about this discussion series or other Pageturners events and activities visit <http://sites.google.com/site/scpageturners/>. In March, Pageturners will be discussing *Motown Burning* by John Jeffire, who will visit the Livonia campus on March 25.

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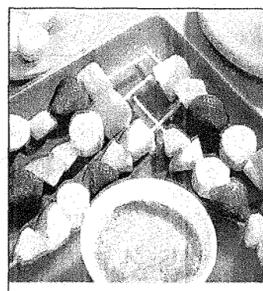
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## Franklin can't tame Lions in KLAA playoffs, 55-54

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's aspirations for a run in the KLAA girls basketball playoffs hit a troubling pothole Tuesday night.

The host Patriots, the No. 2 seed from the South Division, were nipped at the wire in a Daytona 500-style finish as South Lyon, the third seed from the Central, took the checkered flag with a 55-54 triumph.

The Lions, who improved to 11-6 overall, advance to Thursday's KLAA Kensington Conference semifinals to take

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on state-ranked Novi (16-1) in a game the Wildcats will host at 7 p.m.

Junior point-guard Chelsea Williams, who finished with a game-high 24 points, scored all 16 of the Patriots' points in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough.

South Lyon used a balanced scoring attack led by sophomore Emily Slavik, who came off the bench to score 15 points. Slavik scored six of her 15 in the third quarter as the Lions erased a 31-27 halftime deficit to take a 41-38 advan-

tage heading into the final period.

"We had another girl (Jenny Maslany) out of the game with mono — we just found out," South Lyon coach Erica Thomas said. "For a sophomore (Emily Slavik) to come in an important role, play as much as she did — and play multiple positions when she had only one day to practice playing in the post — I was really impressed."

"I also think you have to give a lot credit to Courtney Harrison for getting her the ball in good spots to score, which really helped our team." Gabrielle Williams chipped

in with 10 points, while Kristin Short added nine for the Lions. Danielle Godair and Harrison each added seven.

Franklin shot 13-of-24 from the field (54.1 percent) during the opening half as senior guard Nicole Emery tallied all eight of her points in the opening quarter.

But the Lions clamped down defensively in the third holding the Patriots to 3-of-11 shooting.

"I think the fact that we got more comfortable with the type defense that they (Franklin) played helped," Thomas said of the turnaround. "Our guards picked

it apart and were able to get layups for people underneath the basket — I thought that was huge. I also thought we did a better job defensively controlling their shooters. We could only do what could do on Chelsea Williams. Slavik also had to guard her and I thought we did a reasonable job with that."

Franklin, meanwhile, couldn't sustain its first-half momentum.

"Every year we always struggle coming out in the third quarter," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "They just don't

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### SIDELINES

#### Paauz sets mark

Grand Valley State University junior Jeff Paauz (Livonia Stevenson) finished fourth and set a Grand Valley school record in the 1,650 yard freestyle with a time of 16:01.48 at the 2010 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships held Feb. 10-13 at Wayne State University.

Paauz also placed fourth in the 500 freestyle (4:37.02) and seventh in the 1,000 freestyle (9:41.11). All three of his times were NCAA Division II B standard cuts.

Grand Valley captured men's team captured the team championship with 866 points followed by runner-up Wayne State with 710.5.

#### Crusaders fall

It was no contest Saturday as No. 13-ranked Cornerstone University had six players score in double figures in a 103-62 men's basketball rout of visiting Madonna University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

The Golden Eagles, who got off to a 23-4 lead midway through the opening half, improved to 23-5 overall and 11-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Ronald Bates came off the bench to pace Cornerstone with 14 points.

Corbin Donaldson and Calvin DeVries added 12 each, while Ryan Zwier and Caleb Simon each contributed 11. Justin Yoder had 10 as the Golden Eagles shot a blistering 53.5 percent from the field (38-of-71).

Geoff Gaylor and Leroy Allen tallied scored nine points for the Crusaders, who slipped to 5-22 overall and 2-10 in the WHAC. Josh Gay and Kevin Henry each added eight as MU shot only 34.9 percent from the floor (22-of-63) and committed 21 turnovers.

#### Ocelots routed

On Saturday, host Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge rolled past last place Schoolcraft College in an MCCA Eastern Conference men's basketball matchup, 83-39. The loss drops the Ocelots to 3-20 and 1-12.

#### WYAA baseball-softball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays (through March 29) at the WYAA Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

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## Ladywood earns shot at Calihan

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood will be a decided underdog in Sunday's Catholic League A-B Division girls basketball final.

The Blazers will be gunning for their first league playoff title since 2006 when they take on defending champion Birmingham Marian beginning at 3 p.m. at the

University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

The Mustangs, state-ranked in Class A, are 16-1 overall and have beaten the Blazers twice this season.

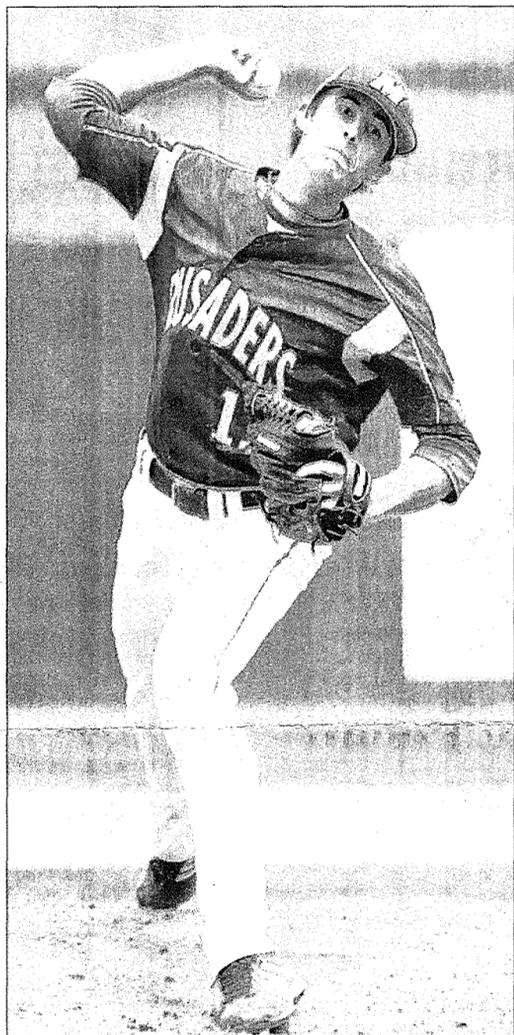
Ladywood, now 10-7 overall, advanced to the championship game with a 50-37 semifinal victory Saturday over Dearborn Divine Child in a game played at Madonna University.

Three Blazers scored in double figures led by junior forward Teresa Wojnarowski's 13 points.

Senior guard Mary Fitzgerald and sophomore guard Briana Combs chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Ladywood jumped out to a 9-0 first quarter lead and held a 24-14 halftime advantage.

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Madonna University senior right-hander Kyle Bolton, a native of Burlington, Ontario, went 7-3 with a 2.84 earned run average in 14 games last season.

## Play ball: MU eyes West Coast opener

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University baseball team has been cooped up indoors far too long.

It's time to venture outdoors as the Crusaders launch their 2010 season Thursday with a seven-game weekend set in San Diego, Calif.

The forecast appears favorable for both the weather and for MU, coming off an outstanding 39-12 season, including a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season crown and its first-ever trip to the NAIA Nationals.

MU coach Greg Haeger enters his 14th season with 36 players strong, including 16 pitchers and five catchers.

The biggest question facing the Crusaders is the infield where three All-WHAC selections — second baseman Ryan Morrow, third baseman Aaron Hacias and first baseman Kevin Zerbo — all graduated.

Last year's designated hitter, Zach Flavin, moves over to first base for his senior year after leading MU in hitting with a .444 average, including seven homers and 40 RBI.

Junior shortstop Mike Gansser, who started 40 games a year ago, hopes to improve upon his .248 batting



Little



Flavin

average.

Hoping to fill the infield void is fifth-year senior Drew Fry (.364), Livonia sophomore Billy Hardin (.283); junior college transfers Jeff Bultinick and Tim Duffy; and a pair of freshmen, Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Spencer Sarel.

"If we can pick up a ground ball and make a key play, we know we can pitch and catch," Haeger said.

The pitching staff lost first-team All-WHAC pick Jeff Sonnenberg (10-2, 2.87 ERA) to graduation, but returns senior right-hander Kyle Bolton (7-3, 2.84 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Tom Hansen (8-2, 3.52 ERA).

Also back for stints on the mound are holdovers Trent Pohl, Andy Omilian, Keegan Beaton, Jeff Mann and Westland John Glenn grads Robert Fraser and Chris Kangas.

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### Future Crusader

Madonna University men's basketball coach Noel Emenhiser (right) recently signed Livonia Stevenson's three-year starter Bobby Naubert (middle) an NAIA letter-of-intent for the 2010-11 season. The 5-foot-9 Naubert was a first-team All-Observer selection and All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association selection. Naubert has also been named Stevenson Student-Athlete of the Month three times and has earned Cum Laude academic honors the past three years. "Bobby possesses all of the qualities that we look for in an athlete," Emenhiser said. "He is an excellent student, an exceptional basketball player, has a tremendous work ethic and he has great character. Bobby has had a very successful high school career at Stevenson under coach Mike Allie (left) and we look forward to him being a big part of the future of Crusader basketball." Naubert is the second signee for Emenhiser joining Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's Matt Jenkins (Plymouth).



## Rockets land nine at D-1 mat regional

Freshman Travis Mann will help lead a strong Westland John Glenn contingent of nine into Division 1 individual wrestling regional this Saturday at Saline.

Mann, a 140-pounder who raised his overall record to 21-3, was one of four

Rockets to come away with district titles last Saturday in their own gym.

Other Glenn winners included seniors Josh Austin (119), now 47-7 overall; Anthony Pavlich (130), 51-2; and Mike Johnson (145), 33-22.

The Rockets' Steve Wakeford (112)

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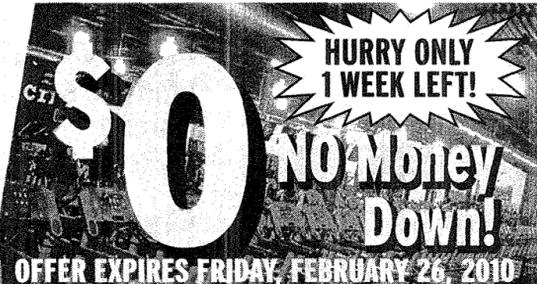
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# Chargers slip past Spartans, 52-51

Both Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson missed out on making the Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls basketball playoffs.

But that couldn't put a damper on things when the two rivals collided Tuesday night as host Churchill held off the Spartans for the third time this season, 52-51.

Sophomore center Erin Menard led the victorious Chargers with 16 points, while senior forward Darcy DeRoo added 10.

Taylor Kerr's two free throws with 30 seconds remaining in regulation put Churchill ahead by three, 52-49. (The Chargers were 14-of-25 from the line on the night.)

The Spartans had a chance

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to send the game into overtime for the second straight time with a three-pointer, but settled for a two-point field from sophomore guard Jordan York as time expired.

"We did a good job extending our defense and hedging out on the screens so they couldn't shoot a three-pointer," said Churchill coach Chad Jenkins, whose team improved to 9-8 overall.

York led Stevenson (4-13) with 17 points, while another sophomore guard, Molly Knoph, added 16. Tasi Newton chipped in with eight.

"We did not shoot well from the foul line (7-of-20)

and missed a ton of layups," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We had lots of opportunities, but we still played a great game."

**NOVI 70, JOHN GLENN 42:** Caroline Johnson poured in 21 points and Kelsey Masserant added 17 as the state-ranked Wildcats (16-1) pulled away in the second half Tuesday to gain a KLAA playoff victory over host Westland John Glenn (5-12).

Kathleen Barry and Jessica Cingel chipped in with 10 and eight points for Novi, which led 30-21 at halftime.

"The first half we competed with them and played tough, but the second half they made some great adjustments and I can see why they're one of

the top-ranked teams," Glenn coach Mark Anderson said of Novi.

Michelle Vanover, a senior forward, paced the Rockets with 17 points, while Aubrie Scott and E'Alisha Guster each added six.

**S. LYON EAST 70, WAYNE 48:** Kate Grunewald tallied 21 points and Taylor Jones contributed 13 Tuesday as South Lyon East (2-15) downed Wayne Memorial (1-15) for the second time this season.

Jane Thayer scored 14 for the Zebras, who couldn't overcome a 35-19 halftime deficit.

South Lyon East won handily despite making only 13-of-30 free throws.

Wayne was 8-of-19 from the foul stripe.

# Clarenceville drops pair; Liggett clips Warriors

Wins have been tough to come by this season for Livonia Clarenceville and first-year boys basketball coach Justin Johnson.

On Monday, the Trojans slipped to 3-13 overall with a 68-51 setback to host Taylor Truman in a non-conference game.

Chris Johnson scored a game-high 22 points to pace the victorious Cougars, who improved to 9-5 overall.

Raphael Sanders chipped in with 15 points as Truman led 41-24 at halftime.

Senior guard Dominic

Patton paced the Trojans with 21 points.

On Friday, Steven Morrow scored 17 points as host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, the Metro Conference leader, earned a 47-44 triumph over Clarenceville.

Alec Schimoq added nine points for the Cranes, who improved to 9-5 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

Cranbrook led 19-5 after one quarter, but found itself up by only two, 26-24, at halftime.

The Trojans forged ahead 34-33 after three quarters, but

were outscored 15-10 in the decisive fourth.

Patton tallied a team-high 14 points while fellow senior guard Levonte Brooks added eight.

**LIGGETT 65, LUTH. WESTLAND 63:** In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference encounter Tuesday, host Lutheran High Westland (6-8, 6-7) nearly pulled off the upset as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (11-2, 10-2) escaped with the Blue Division victory.

Austin Baglow, whose shot at the buzzer rimmed

off, topped the Warriors with a game-high 26 points. Teammate Gage Flanery chipped in with 11.

Mark Ghafari and Eddie Thomas proved to be a potent offensive duo for the Knights, pouring in 24 and 20 points, respectively.

Liggett, which scored the first eight points of the contest, held a 20-16 lead after one quarter and a tight 35-32 advantage at halftime.

The Knights held on for the victory despite being outscored 31-30 over the final 16 minutes.

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seem think that they have to show up the third quarter, and then finish the whole game. They think they can take a break and people are going to sit back and just say, 'These guys are so good' and they can't finish it. That's what happened."

The game was close throughout, but with 1:17 left in the final period, South Lyon took a 51-47 lead on pair of free throws by Gabrielle Williams.

Franklin's Chelsea Williams answered with two free throws of her own, then followed up with a steal and layup with just under a minute left to knot the count at 51-all.

The Lions made 4-of-6 foul shots during the final 33.7 seconds, while Franklin went 0-for-2 from the line and made a critical turnover with 32.5 seconds to go.

"Three girls missed free throws," McCall said. 'We work on that it every day. From

beginning of year to now we've gotten better, then we get into pressure situations we don't make them.

"We also had some mental errors right at the end of the game. We had a mental breakdown on an inbounds play."

Franklin junior forward Amanda Borioe also finished with eight points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Franklin, which slipped to 12-5 overall, drops down to the consolation bracket and will face Westland John Glenn (5-11), Thursday at home, in the third meeting between the two teams this season.

Meanwhile, Thomas was pleased with her team picking up the slack in the absence of Maslany, a starting senior forward.

"She's our best defender and she's our best true post player and she's maybe our best senior player," Thomas said. "To lose that much experience for a game of this magnitude, against such a good team ... Franklin is just an excellent team and they hit some tremendous shots throughout the game."

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"We came out with decent pressure and held them scoreless," Ladywood coach Pat Cannon said. "But once they (Divine Child) got adjusted and we got into some foul trouble, we had to match up with them in a zone (defense) the third quarter."

The Blazers led 40-29 after three periods and then put the clamps on the Falcons' top scorer, Rosanna Reynolds, who finished with a team-high 18 points.

Reynolds had 29 and 21 points in the two previous outings as the Central Division rivals split.

"She did not score in the fourth quarter and that was the key," Cannon said.

Divine Child, outscored 10-7 in the final period, falls to 12-6 overall.

**BAPTIST PARK 61, HURON VALLEY 22:** It was no contest Tuesday as host Taylor Baptist Park Christian (12-1, 8-1) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference Red Division triumph over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-10, 3-10).

Senior Jamie Janiec paced the winners with 16 points.

Junior guard Katie Nell was the Hawks' high scorer with seven.

**CABRINI 62, LUTH. WESTLAND 20:** In a nonconference game Tuesday, Allen Park Cabrini (7-11) scored early and scored often in racing past Lutheran High Westland (4-12).

The Monarchs were led by Holli Hubert's 10 points.

Amanda Obrycki and Valerie Bertani chipped in nine points apiece.

Emilie Freeman's eight points paced the Warriors.

**HURON VALLEY 39, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 11:** On Monday, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (4-9, 3-9) bounced its way back into the win column Monday night over visiting Warren Macomb Christian (0-15, 0-11).

Junior guard Katie Nell led the victorious Hawks with 17 points.

Hannah Wasil topped Macomb Christian, which trailed 32-6 at halftime, with five points.

## WRESTLING

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added a runner-up finish, while Kyle Gillies (103), Mark Thompson (135) and Dustin Gajowski (285) all contributed thirds. Kameron Jones (171) also took a fourth.

Wayne Memorial's Josh Mills added a fourth at 160.

### Patriots sending seven

Livonia Franklin, led by 130-pounder Jordan McGuire, qualified seven wrestlers from last Saturday's Division 1 district tourney at Plymouth.

McGuire, a sophomore, is now 34-14 on the year. Teammate Steve Tuyo added a runner-up finish at 112.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "Certainly there were a couple of kids that we expected to get through, but we could have qualified anywhere from three to 10.

"Tuyo was the only one that's ever gone before, so it's a new experience for everyone else. The fact that none of them are seniors is exciting for the future also."

Also earning spots in the Saline regional for Franklin were third-place finishers Matt Roos (152) and Dan Martinez (103), along with fourth-placers Gabe Martinez (112), Ryan Derry (130) and Avery Opperman (140).

"It's always a bittersweet day to see some kids end their season and careers, while others move on," Chiola said. "Hopefully we can get a few of them to the state tournament. I didn't know what to expect with this team this

Central) decisioned Josh Wright (Northville), 11-4; 3rd: Nick Tomski (Farmington) dec. Martin Bunney (Novi), 7-5.

152: Brent Winekoff (Canton) p. Jon Nelson (Northville), 5:1; 3rd: Matt Roos (Franklin) dec. Gerid Gee (CC), 5-3.

160: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Andrew Erickson (CC), 4-0; 3rd: Alex Engebretson (Novi) dec. Roy Edwards (Oak Park), 8-2.

171: Nick Mudar (Northville) won by major dec. over Curtis Castleberry (Livonia Churchill), 14-4; 3rd: Jake Burns (Stevenson) won by forfeit over Dan McCarthy (Stevenson).

189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Treatout (CC), 7-3; 3rd: Bobby Lahiff (Northville) dec. Andrew Schramm (Stevenson), 7-0.

215: Mike Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Andrew Johnson (CC), 13-1; 3rd: Alan Mencer (Novi) dec. Ben Poirier (Canton), 4-3.

285: Dylan Wells (Farmington) dec. Wally Eppler (Plymouth), 7-4; 3rd: John Shekell (Churchill) dec. Nathan Keedle (Stevenson), 4-3.

103: Ken Bade (CC) won by major dec. over T.J. Fagan (CC), 8-0; 3rd: Dan Martinez (Franklin) dec. Richard Demarais (Canton), 4-2.

112: Todd Melick (CC) p. Steve Tuyo (Franklin), 0:10; 3rd: Jake Meadows (Churchill) dec. Gabe Martinez (Franklin), 8-2.

119: Alex Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Matt Thompson (CC), 15-0; 3rd: Alex Eimers (Canton) dec. Anthony Porto (Farmington), 6-2.

125: Charlie Joseph (CC) won by major dec. over Waleed Faraj (Canton), 10-2; 3rd: Devin Stratton (Salem) p. Shabaig Sidhu (Novi), 0:48.

130: Jordan McGuire (Franklin) won by forfeit over Nick Mason (CC); 3rd: Mitch Wolski (Canton) p. Ryan Derry (Franklin), 4-47.

135: Justin Melick (CC) p. Jon Bannoura (Churchill), 1:14; 3rd: Jame Middleidich (Salem) won by forfeit over Devin Ashley (Garden City).

**DIVISION 3-DISTRICT 22**  
Feb. 13 at DUNDEE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (top 4 advance to regional)

285 pounds: Terry Vajner (Ida) p. Anthony Giordano (Livonia Clarenceville), 1:20.

103: Travis Sproles (Dundee) won by technical fall over Evan Rowell (Ida), 3:32; 3rd: Michael Weiss (Clarenceville) p. Jay Gray (Romulus Summit Academy), 2:29.

**DIVISION 4-DISTRICT 32**  
Feb. 13 at BLISSFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (top 4 advance to regional)

125 pounds: 1. Zeb Huiiyad (Hudson); 2. Laith Francis (Lutheran High Westland); 3. Camden McCaskey (Hudson), 4. Paul Rankin (Grass Lake).

130: 1. Cameron Barnes (Hudson); 2. Justin Palka (Lutheran Westland); 3. Cameron LaDouceur (Manchester); 4. Justin Hager (Grass Lake).

135: 1. Connor Koester (Clinton); 2. Luke Sparapani (Hudson); 3. Aaron Barker (Sand Creek); 4. Sean Rowe (Lutheran Westland).

year because so many of them lacked experience. They exceeded my expectations."

Livonia Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan also had to be pleased as he got five wrestlers through to the regional

led by 140-pounder Charlie Kokenakes, who was runner-up at the Plymouth district.

Jake Burns (171) added a third, while Dan McCarthy (171), Andrew Schramm (189) and Nathan Keedle (285) also advanced with four places.

Livonia Churchill, meanwhile, still has three alive led by senior Curtis Castleberry, who was runner-up at 171, and Jonny Bannoura, who also took second at 135.

John Shekell (285) also placed third for the Chargers.

The story of the Plymouth district tourney, however, was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which produced 13 regional qualifiers, including six district champions.

The Shamrocks, Observerland Invitational champions and ranked No. 2 in Division 1, finished one-two in the 103, 112 and 215 weight classes.

**Division 3 and 4**

In Saturday's Division 3 district tourney at Dundee, Livonia Clarenceville freshman Michael Weiss (103) and junior Anthony Giordano (285) both advanced to the Williamston regional with runner-up finishes.

In Division 4 at Blissfield, Lutheran High Westland has three moving on to Saturday's regional at Addison led by district runners-up Laith Francis (125) and Justin Palka (130).

Sean Rowe (135) also added a fourth for the Warriors.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 19

Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
(Kensington Conference Playoffs)  
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Wayne, 7 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 18

Det. Urban at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.  
Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at S.L. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 19

Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
(Metro Conference Playoffs)  
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 19

Churchill vs. Novi at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 20

Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.  
CHSL Final at O.L. St. Mary Rink, TBA.

### PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Feb. 20

(Individual Regionals)  
Division 1 at Saline, TBA.  
Division 3 at Williamston, TBA.  
Division 4 at Addison, TBA.

### BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Friday, Feb. 19

KLAA South Diving at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
KLAA Central Diving at S. Lyon, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 20

KLAA Central Meet at S. Lyon, noon.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Feb. 18

Livonia Blue vs. Brighton-Howell at High Flyers Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

KLAA Meet at W.L. Central, TBA.

### PREP BOWLING

Thursday, Feb. 18

Clarenceville vs. Farm-Harrison at Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19

KLAA Tournament at Town 'N Country Lanes, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

CHSL Tourney at Astro Lanes, 9 a.m.

### GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER

Saturday, Feb. 20

(Team Districts)  
Division 1 at Wayne, 10 a.m.

Division 2 at Carleton Airport, noon.  
Division 3 at Columbia Central, 4 p.m.

Division 4 at M.H. Bishop Foley, 6 p.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 20

Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 20

Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 5:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 19

Mississauga vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Sarnia vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7:05 p.m.

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## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION MEET AREA FINISHERS

Feb. 13 at EMU's Jones Natatorium  
200-yard medley relay: 1. Saline (Josh Ehrman, Mike Fisher, David Boland, Adam Whitener), 1:38.04; 7. (tie) Livonia Stevenson, 1:41.97; 51. Westland John Glenn, 1:50.48; 52. Livonia Churchill, 1:50.5.

200 freestyle: 1. Mike Wynalda (Grandville), 1:40.2; 42. Danny Schoff (Stevenson), 1:51.97.

200 individual medley: 1. David Boland (Saline), 1:56.58; 46. Jake McNamara (Stevenson), 2:09.22; 58. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:10.09; 82. David Vincenzini (Churchill), 2:12.98.

50 freestyle: 1. Matt Mandell (Grosse Pointe South), 21.64; 5. Aaren Marecki (Stevenson), 22.24; 25. Paul Gutu (John Glenn), 23.05; 27. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 23.09; 47. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 23.47; 56. Adam Dabkowski (Stevenson), 23.69.

1-meter diving: John Santeiu (University of Detroit Jesuit), 503.35 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Boland (Saline), 52.48; 34. Dabkowski (Stevenson), 56.72.

100 freestyle: 1. Wynalda (Grandville), 46.08; 7. Marecki (Stevenson), 48.54; 9. Kellen Schoff (Stevenson), 48.67; 41. Brandon Bielicki (Stevenson), 51.11; 51. Mohamed Ghotmi (Stevenson), 51.85.

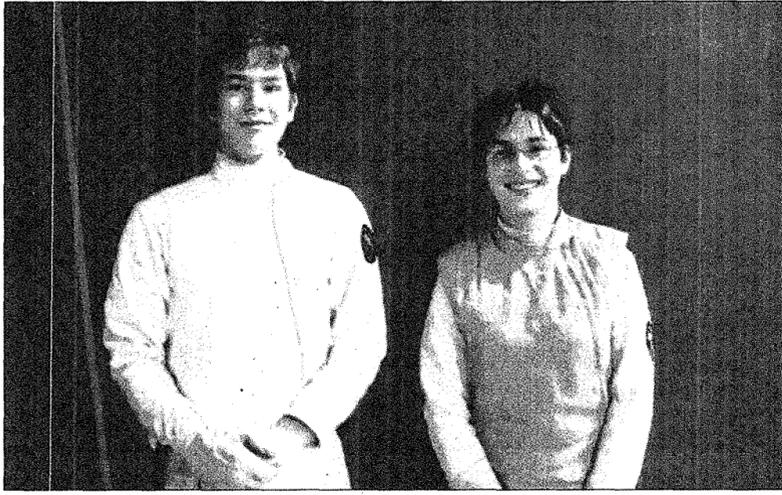
500 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 4:43.19; 9. D. Schoff (Stevenson), 4:52.95; 20. John Ferrara (Stevenson), 4:58.73; 54. Adam LaPorte (Stevenson), 5:07.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Grosse Pointe South (Craig Campbell, Cam Johnson, Joe Hessburg, Matt Mandell), 1:27.63; 7. Stevenson, 1:30.38; 54. John Glenn (Gutu, Dave Wilton, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford), 1:37.73.

100 backstroke: 1. Stephen Sobczak (Dexter), 52.66; 5. K. Schoff (Stevenson), 55.31; 14. Joey Wakeford (John Glenn), 57.15; 24. Bryan Bielicki (Stevenson), 58.11.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cam Laney (Grosse Pointe South), 59.52; 15. Jake McNamara (Stevenson), 1:03.83; 45. John Loria (Stevenson), 1:05.93; 50. Vincenzini (Churchill), 1:06.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tyler Hampton, Seiji Osawa, Kyle Gunderson, Grant Cole), 3:12.17; 8. Stevenson, 3:19.92; 37. John Glenn (Wilton, Gutu, Jake Ferguson, Joey Wakeford), 2:33.57; 49. Livonia Franklin,



**Junior Olympic fencers**

Conrad Stoerker (left) and Grace Lisius, members of the Underground Fencing Organization of Livonia, competed Feb. 12-15 in the 2010 USFA Junior Olympics held in Memphis, Tenn. A two-year member of UFO, Stoerker, 14, made his first trip to the championships as a Cadet (under-16) in epee. Lisius, 15, a three-year member of UFO, earned her second trip to the Junior Olympics in foil.

**Chargers prevail on late heroics**

Livonia Churchill pulled off some late magic Saturday to earn a 5-4 overtime boys hockey victory over Muskegon Mona Shores in the Trenton Showcase held at Kennedy Arena.

The Chargers, pulling their goaltender Aaron Crouse for the extra attacker, forced OT when Yanni Kefallinos scored the equalizer with only 59 seconds remaining in regulation on assists from Christo Papaioannou and Steve Klisz.

And just 22 seconds into the five-minute OT, Mike Kutek tallied the game-winner from Klisz as the Chargers improved to 14-7-1 overall.

"The boys responded much better to the flow of the game and we showed a lot of character to come back and win," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team was coming off a 9-8 setback to Grosse Ile in Thursday's Trenton Showcase.

It was 1-all after one period

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as David Coppock scored for the Sailors at 3:34 from Kyle Hicks and Chris Norkus.

The Chargers' answered on Jake Otto's goal from Justin Mikitaroff and Papaioannou.

It was 3-3 after two periods as Mona Shores got goals from Chris Norkus and Trevor Boyd, while Klisz (from Jim Lelelkatch) and Ben Proben (from Scott Hamill) countered for the Chargers.

At 11:24 of the final period, Nate O'Brien scored for Mona Shores to make it 4-3, but Churchill forced OT on Kefallinos' goal.

Crouse stopped 30-of-34 shots for the Chargers, while Kelton Maskell of Mona Shores had 26 saves on 31 attempts on goal.

The loss drops the Sailors to 7-11-1 overall.

**W.L. CENTRAL 11, FRANKLIN 6**

On Feb. 10, Conner Enciso scored four goals and Brett Joseph added two as host Walled Lake Central (7-12, 1-9) downed Livonia Franklin (1-19-1, 0-9) in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Franklin trailed 5-1 after one period as Andrew Pearson scored unassisted for the Patriots' lone goal.

The Vikings added to their lead in the second period, 9-2, as Robbie Ringe had the lone Franklin goal from Brian Roulier and Jacob Wirgau.

The Patriots scored four straight goals in the third period to cut the deficit to 9-6 - Wirgau (from Ringe and Connor Jelonek); Ringe (from Cyle Slinder); Roulier (from Travis Barnes and Pearson); and Adam Michaels (from Travis Satkowiak and Richie Wiecezorek).

**Pavela, Periera star for Ladywood**

Goaltender Jessica Pavela stopped 23-of-24 pucks Saturday as Livonia Ladywood turned back Plymouth-Canton-Salem, 2-1, in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game.

Hannah Periera, who tallied a pair of goals, scored the game-winner for the Blazers in the final period on an assist from Rana Freij.

Ladywood led 1-0 after one period on Periera's goal from Emann Freij and Erin Doyle.

It stayed that way until the third when Shauna Seibert

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scored from Mallor Rojo for the Penguins.

Ladywood is now 6-12-1 overall and 5-12-1 in the league.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem falls to 8-9 in the league.

**LADYWOOD 3, ANN ARBOR 3:** In a MMGSHSL game played Feb. 7 at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, host Livonia Ladywood (5-12-1, 4-12-1) nearly pulled off the upset before settling for a draw with Ann Arbor (12-3-1, 11-2-1).

Ann Arbor's Rachel Freeman notched a hat trick, including the game-tying goal in the third period.

Freeman scored twice in the opening period, while Jenny Rohn notched the Blazers' first goal to make it 2-1.

Hannah Periera's goal from Emann Freij tied it at 2-all followed by Julie Bushart's goal to put Ladywood ahead 3-2 after two periods.

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavela made 25 saves, while Ann Arbor's Sydney Supica had 21 stops.

**Wayne rallies to ground Flyers**

Wayne Memorial tuned up for Friday's KLAAs boys basketball playoffs with a 64-61 non-conference win Tuesday at home over Willow Run.

Senior forward Daniel Hill tallied a team-high 20 points for the victorious Zebras, who rallied in the fourth quarter with a 22-12 run.

Derric Horton chipped in with 11 points for Wayne, the KLAAs South Division co-champions who improved to 13-3 overall.

Wayne will take on South Lyon (6-10) in the opening round of the KLAAs playoffs 7 p.m. Friday at home.

The Flyers (9-8), who took a 49-42 lead after three quar-

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ters, were led by Maurice Jordan's 20 points.

Jamaar Bonner and Devontaye Hinton chipped in with 17 and 14, respectively.

Both teams had 21 field goals, but Wayne had one more three-pointer.

Willow Run and Wayne were an identical 13-of-22 from the free throw line.

**STEVENSON 51, HOWELL 50:** In a KLAAs crossover Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (13-3), the Central Division champion, held off a late rally to stave off the Highlanders (4-11).

Stevenson led 51-41 in the final period, but Howell stormed back with a 9-0 run and missed the game-winning shot as time expired.

CJ Mwila, a junior guard, paced the victorious Spartans with 16 points.

Jonathan Campbell and Frank Sopko added 11 and 10, respectively. Jordan El-Sabeh chipped in with seven.

Howell's Alexander Antic led all scorers with 20 points.

"I'm not happy the way we finished, but it's always nice to get a win on Senior Night considering all the distractions that go along with it," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said.

**PREP BOWLING RESULTS**

**BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 23**  
**NORTHVILLE 7**  
 Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)  
 John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 201-279-480; Kyle Hamlin, 2312-214-426; John Cleavenger, 222; Chris Harper, 215; Josh Duprie, 174; split score, 173; split score, 159-149-308. **Team totals:** 1,009-989-1,998 (17 points); **Baker games:** 221-178-399 (6 points).  
 Northville scorers: Garrett Baughman, 212-191-403; Paul Gibson, 120-133-253; Ryan Benoit, 194; Brad Currier, 190; Andrew Ukrop, 162; Jake Snow, 156; Ian Lovdahl, 147; Chris Peters, 117. **Team totals:** 794-828-1,622 (3 points); **Baker games:** 161-213-374 (4 points).  
**Dual match records:** John Glenn, 13-2 overall, 11-1 KLAAs Central Division (clinched title); Northville, 1-12 overall, 0-10-1 KLAAs Central.

**SALEM 19**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 11**  
 Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)  
**Salem scorers:** Ryan Clark, 217-212-429; Shaun Schmidt, 152-223-375; Tyler Foley, 169-200-369; David Nikkila, 190-172-362; Kevin Williams, 168; (split), 148. **Team totals:** 896-955-1,851 (9 points); **Baker games:** 166-209-375 (10 points).  
**Wayne scorers:** Tony Lave, 216-208-424; Jeremy Brown, 161-187-348; Elliot Arnold, 192; Mike Gabriel, 188; Scott Franklin, 188; Mike Grandowicz, 184; Zack Huffman, 180; Kelley Collision, 172. **Team**

**totals:** 941-935-1,876 (11 points); **Baker games:** 162-167-329 (9 points).

**CANTON 21**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 9**  
 Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl  
 Canton scorers: Ross Terrasi, 243-203-446; Andrew Klein, 191-215-406; Trevor Cummins, 227-154-381; Billy Keppen, 148-181-329; David Blythe, 177; Casey Bindas, 142. **Team totals:** 951-930-1,881 (15 points); **Baker games:** 146-194-340 (6 points).  
**Wayne scorers:** Jeremy Brown, 225-219-442; Scott Franklin, 188-176-364; Elliot Arnold, 189-154-343; Zack Huffman, 171; Tony Lave, 167; Mike Gabriel, 128; Mike Grandowicz, 115. **Team totals:** 897-835-1,732 (5 points); **Baker games:** 166-143-309 (4 points).

**GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**NORTHVILLE 25**  
**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 5**  
 Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)  
 Northville scorers: Marie Sampson, 196-268-464; Jessie Sammut, 165-143-308; Shelby Curlew, 192; Kristen Muzzillo, 186; Lindsey Funfgeld, 161; Allison Sugiyama, 131; Margaret Stewart, 120; split score, 154. **Team totals:** 893-823-1,716 (17 points); **Baker games:** 179-144-323 (8 points).  
**John Glenn scorers:** Khiry Sparks, 136-214-350; Natalie Brown, 186-146-332; Alyssa Bradke, 141-128-269; Alysson Kassab, 237; Karlyon Rhynes, 155; Julianne Ayers, 127; split score, 129-136-265. **Team totals:** 827-692-1,519 (3 points); **Baker**

**games:** 169-144-313 (2 points).  
**Dual match records:** Northville, 13-1 overall, 11-0 KLAAs Central Division (clinched title); John Glenn, 9-4 overall, 8-2 KLAAs Central (second place).  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 28**  
**CANTON 2**  
 Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl  
**Wayne scorers:** Stephani O'Harris, 234-154-388; Chelsey Pries, 166-145-311; Tiffany Markham, 148-133-281; Chelsea Morneau, 121-154-275; Deanna Boston, 117-138-255. **Team totals:** 786-724-1,510 (18 points); **Baker games:** 167-148-315 (10 points).  
**Canton scorers:** Ashley Cadie, 165-166-331; Jackie Polaski, 137-142-279; Charlotte Zimmer, 139-109-248; Kelsey Joseph, 80-152-232; Chelsie Huz, 131; Cheryl Cosby, 114. **Team totals:** 635-700-1,335 (2 points); **Baker games:** 142-169-312 (10 points).

**KLAAs CENTRAL STANDINGS**  
**BOYS:** 1. John Glenn, 11-1; 2. Salem, 9-1; 3. Canton, 6-5; 4. (tie) Plymouth and Wayne Memorial, 4-6-1 each; 6. Novi, 2-8-1; 7. Northville, 0-10-1.  
**Overall records:** John Glenn, 13-2; Salem, 11-3; Canton, 8-6; Wayne, 5-7-2; Plymouth, 5-8-1; Novi, 2-11-1; Northville, 1-12-1.  
**GIRLS:** 1. Northville, 11-0; 2. John Glenn, 8-2; 3. Wayne, 8-4; 4. Canton, 4-7-1; 5. Plymouth, 3-5-1; 6. Salem, 2-9-7; Novi, 0-11.  
**Overall records:** Northville, 13-1; John Glenn, 9-4; Wayne, 8-6; Canton, 5-9-1; Plymouth, 3-8-1; Salem, 3-10-1; Novi, 0-14.

**BASEBALL**

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Transfer John Ballarin, a senior left-hander who spent three seasons pitching at Eastern Michigan University, also provides depth on the mound as does Saginaw Valley State transfer Jeremy Gooding (Livonia).

"This pitching staff is one of the bigger ones we've had in awhile," Haeger said. "And as any coach would say, 'You're only as good as your pitching staff.'"

The catching situation also appears solid with the return of junior Tarik Khasawneh (Canton), who played in 39 games and hit .291.

Sophomore Garrett Rebain (Plymouth), freshman Dan Stoney (Canton), sophomore Drew Adamiec and freshman Donny Holland will also vie for playing time behind the

dish.

"Tarik carried so much for the load of us last year, he played 65 to 70 percent of the time and did a fantastic job," Haeger said. "This group is the strength of our team."

There are few worries in the outfield for Haeger. His only concern is keeping everybody happy.

The leading returnee is first-team All-WHAC selection Shawn Little (Canton), a junior redshirt center fielder who batted .376 a year ago.

Little will be joined Matt Kay, another junior redshirt who batted .293 with 14 homers and a team-best 57 RBI. Senior Ted Toune (.337) also returns.

Also vying for playing time is junior Dan Harder, a transfer from Heidelberg University (Ohio), along with three freshmen — Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Alex Charles (Farmington

Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) and Thomas Atkinson (Alpena).

"Outfielders — we have a bevy of them," Haeger said. "They have speed, power, arms, wonderful tools. We'd like to play more than three. We have seven outstanding outfielders and the coaches have some difficult decisions."

After their San Diego trip, the Crusaders will play a four-game set, Feb. 26-27, at Georgetown, Ky., and then embark on a 15-game tour, March 5-14, in Florida.

MU's home opener — weather permitting — is March 30 (against Indiana Wesleyan).

"We have only have seven home dates, but we've put together a wonderful schedule," Haeger said. "We have (six) great seniors who will lead this team."

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**Goins lifts Lady Ocelots; MU wins**

April Goins scored 24 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and added seven steals Saturday as the host Schoolcraft College women's basketball team bounced back from its first loss of the season to down Oakland Community College, 72-49.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 23-1 overall and 13-1 in the MCCAAs Eastern Conference, hold a one-game lead over St. Clair County CC with only two games remaining.

Antania Shepherd chipped in with 12 points for Schoolcraft, which took control in the second half with an 8-0 run over the first

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four minutes to take a 39-21 advantage and record its 46th straight home victory.

The No. 1-ranked Lady Ocelots (NJCAA Division II) had won 71 of their last 73 conference games before being upset Feb. 10 by Delta CC, 66-59.

Alyssa Swindlehurst and Andrea Almassy each tallied 11 points for the Raiders (16-5, 10-4).

**MADONNA 60, CORNERSTONE 59 (OT):** A layup from junior Tabatha Wydryck with seven ticks left in overtime gave Madonna University (10-14, 6-

6) team its first season sweep of Cornerstone University (14-13, 7-5) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Heather Goodwin's three-pointer with 17 seconds left set up Wydryck's game-winner (following a Golden Eagles turnover).

Junior Katie Mount and senior Kim Olech (Plymouth) led the Crusaders with 14 points each, while Wydryck added six points to go along with five rebounds and a like number of assists.

Melissa Veltkamp led all players with 20 points for the Golden Eagles in the loss.

**PREP GYMNASTICS**

**TRI-MEET RESULTS**  
**CANTON 144.75**  
**NORTHVILLE 139.875**  
**LIVONIA RED 136.475**  
 Feb. 15 at Churchill H.S.

**Vault:** 1. Allison Kemp (N), 9.35; 2. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.25; 3. (tie) Mallory Hudak (C) and Cassidy Winter (N), 9.15 each; 5. (tie) Katie Kretzchmer (Red) and Ayana Lewis (C), 8.9 each.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Alex Fideler (C), 9.2; 2. Kemp (N), 8.9; 3. Piwowar (C), 8.825; 4. Winter (N), 8.725; 5. (tie) Kretzchmer (Red) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.55 each.

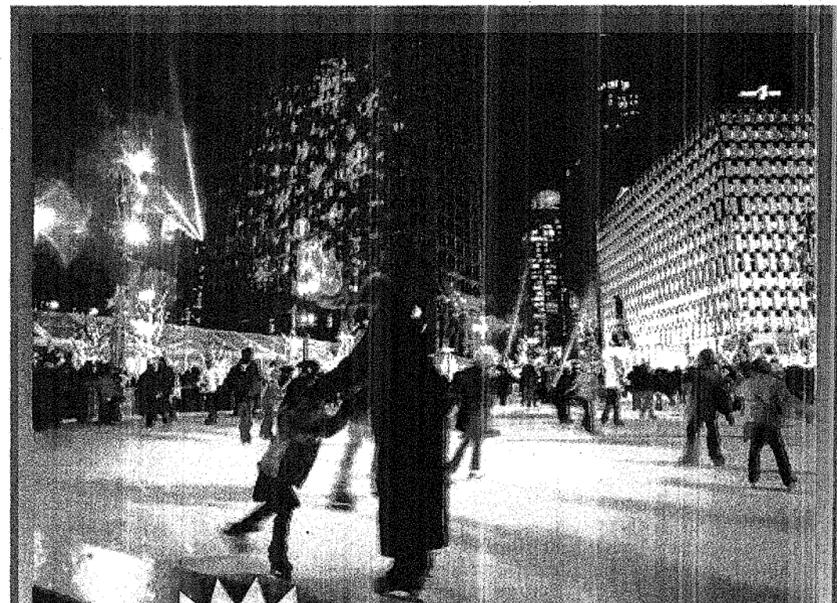
**Balance beam:** 1. (tie) Piwowar (C) and Fideler (C), 9.6 each; 3. (tie) Dayna Esper (Red), Marina Milad (C) and Kemp (N), 9.1 each.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Piwowar (C), 9.65; Kemp (N), 9.55; 3. Fideler (C), 9.2; 4. (tie) Katina St. Pierre (Red) and Nicole Lasecki (C), 9.05 each.

**All-around:** 1. Piwowar (C), 37.325; 2. Kemp (N), 36.90; 3. Fideler (C), 36.25; 4. Winter (N), 35.15; 5. Kretzchmer (Red), 34.475; 6. Lewis (C), 34.40; 7. Michelle Steslicki (N), 33.775; 8. St. Pierre (Red), 33.70; 9. Milad (C), 33.40; 10. (tie) Brooke Granowicz (C) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 33.25 each.

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## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Shawn Gagnon is owner of Carmack Appliance and Service, which has locations in Garden City and South Lyon.

## If your appliance is acting up, Carmack has answers

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

Shelly Gagnon: We have qualified trained technicians that will service most makes and models of your household appliances. We repair washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators and freezers. We sell parts for the do-it-yourselfer. We carry parts for most models such as Kenmore, Maytag, Whirlpool, GE, Tappan, Roper, Estate, Jenn-Air, Kitchen Aid, just to name a few. If we don't have the part in stock we can generally get it within a day or two.

**Observer:** How did you get started in this business?

Gagnon: Shawn worked for his father back in the late 1970s. He would get out of school and ride his bike into work. Shawn liked the mechanical side of the business and getting his hands dirty. Shawn enjoyed working in the shop behind the counter, helping customers, giving advice and selling parts. As time went on Shawn got more involved with rebuilding machines and actually working on appliances and enjoyed it. Shawn eventually went out on the road and started servicing appliances in homes.

In the fall of 1998, we had the opportunity to purchase Carmack Appliance. We thought this would be a great adventure for us and we were young and raising a family. Shawn worked with the customers and I took care of the "business" side of things. We moved out to Lyon Township and had many customers asking if we would ever open a store in the area. So with that said we decided to give it a go and in May of 2005 we opened up the second Carmack Appliance in South Lyon.

### CARMACK APPLIANCE & SERVICE

**Address:** 32431 Ford, Garden City, and 614 N. Lafayette, South Lyon  
**Your name:** Shelly and Shawn Gagnon, owners

**Hometown:** Lyon Township  
**Business opened when?:** The Garden City store has been in business since the 1950s, took over the Garden City location in 1998. The South Lyon location opened in May of 2005.

**Number of employees:** 7 1/2  
**Business Specialty:** We provide a professional and unique service to our customers. Our Service Technicians take the time to explain to the homeowner what

is being done to their appliance. We give advice over the phone to customers that are trying to save money and possibly repair their appliances themselves. We sell parts to the do-it-yourselfer. We are a honest service company that takes pride in our workmanship.

**Hours:** Garden City store is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The South Lyon store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.  
**Business phone:** Garden City is (734) 425-1790, South Lyon is (248) 486-1000

**Observer:** Briefly describe the range of products or services you offer.

Gagnon: We service most brands of appliances and sell parts for them as well.

**Observer:** How are things going lately?

Gagnon: Well, in these tough times we are trying as always to save the customer the dollar by giving them free advise on how to fix their own appliances. However, with the new products on the market it is getting tougher and tougher to do that because the appliances are more high tech and are built with more electronics. Much like years ago when you could work on your old car compared to the newer cars today. People are getting their appliances repaired more so today and not so eager to go out and buy a new appliance. We're holding our own and hope more people will recognize that Carmack Appliance is in the area.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit

or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Gagnon: One day Shawn was in a home working on an elderly woman's dishwasher. When he finished the job he sat at her kitchen table and wrote up her bill. The lady went into the other room to get her checkbook, in the meantime the lady's dog went under the table and passed gas. When the lady came back Shawn was so embarrassed he said to the lady, "Um, ma'am, your dog, um, is under the table and has passed gas."

Shawn couldn't believe it, the lady said, "Oh don't you worry about that he does that all the time."

Many of you know Shawn. He has many other stories similar to that to share with you. Thank you for supporting our business as we are trying to get by with another year in South Lyon. Feel free to call us if you have any questions or if you need service.

## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Coffee Connection

**Time/Date:** 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23  
**Location:** Biggy Coffee, 37644 Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** The Westland Chamber of Commerce is holding its Monthly Coffee Connection for some casual networking. No need to RSVP just show up!  
**Contact:** (734) 326-7222

#### Pot of Gold

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. show Saturday, March 13  
**Location:** Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, Westland

**Details:** Join Salute to the Superstars and Hawthorne Valley Country Club for a wee bit of the Irish and a pot of gold dinner and live Vegas style show.

Enjoy another one of Chef George's dinner buffets, sure to include his award winning Corned Beef and Cabbage and maybe even some green beer, this Irish show turns a little country with live tribute to the man in Black, all the way from Oklahoma City, Mr. Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, all backed by the Radio City Band under the direction of Tom Mulawka. Your master of ceremony is Larry the Cable Guy! Seating is limited so get tickets in advance here online or calling the Hawthorne Valley box office. Tickets also are on sale now and available at Salute to the Superstars.com

**Contact:** (734) 422-1970

#### Dine for \$7.99

**Time/Day:** 4-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
**Location:** Texas Roadhouse, 36750 Ford, Westland

**Details:** Texas Roadhouse is now offering 10 dinners priced at just \$7.99. This legendary offer is similar to the Texas 2fers offer but is even better by offering you more choices. Your dinner options include 6-ounce Sirloin, Road Kill, Single Pork Chop,

Pulled Pork Dinner, Grilled BBQ Chicken, Country Fried Chicken, Chicken Critters Dinner, Grilled Chicken Salad, Chicken Caesar Salad and Chicken Critter Salad. All dinners except salads come with two made-from-scratch sides of your choice and fresh baked bread.  
**Contact:** (734) 729-4570

**Irish Comedy Tour**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14  
**Location:** Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City

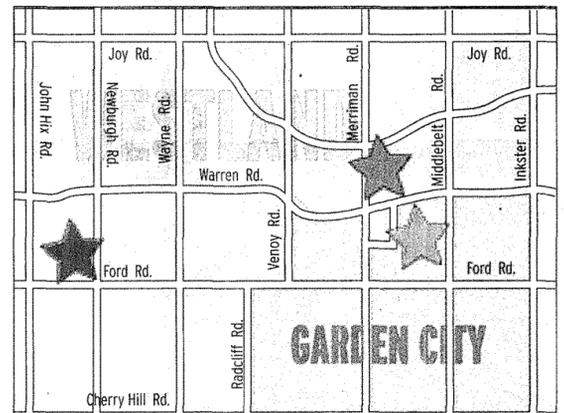
**Details:** The Irish Comedy Tour - they're Irish, they're American and they're holding nothing back - will be making a stop at Albert's as part of a fund-raiser for Relay for Life. Tickets are \$20.  
**Contact:** (734) 525-5231

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### Gamers delight

**Time/Days:** noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, noon to midnight Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday  
**Location:** Pandemonium, 1858 Middlebelt, Garden City

**Details:** A true hobby gaming store, Pandemonium specializes in collectible card games, miniature games, role-playing games, Chess/Dice, Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Strategic board games, Forge World, used miniatures and



books and much more.  
**Contact:** (734)-427-2451

**Family Fun Nights**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Sundays  
**Location:** Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Grab the kids and head to Mr. Mike's for Family Fun Night with John Duh Balloon Baffoon every Sunday evening. There's free balloon creations, free ice cream sundae station and free chocolate fondue fountain.  
**Contact:** (734) 299-MIKE (6453)

**Dollar Desserts**  
**Location:** Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe is at 8036 N. Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland.

**Details:** Do you have a sweet tooth that never seems to be satisfied without putting a dent in your wallet? At Mary Denning's, you never have to worry about that again. The shop now offers a dollar dessert menu, featuring many of its customer favorites. Cupcakes, fun-size bars, cinnamon crumb cakes, yesterday's fresh muffins, gourmet coffee, cookies (three for \$1), and a new dessert called cake butts. You to take control of your sweet tooth and your wallet.  
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The Jones Insurance Agency

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is at 32667 Ford Road in Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 427-7500.

### Coloring contest

Kids who like to color can try their hand at coloring a picture of a snowball-throwing toothbrush and a downhill-skiing tube of toothpaste - and may win a prize.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and to celebrate the Michigan Dental Association and the Michigan Dental Foundation are sponsoring their 17th annual state-wide coloring contest.

Beyond good fun, the goal is to help raise awareness of oral health and encourage children to develop good habits to prevent dental problems as they grow up.

Children in kindergarten through sixth-grade are eligible and prizes will be awarded for the top two entries in each grade. The first-place prize win-

ner in each grade will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a goody bag of smaller prizes, while the second-place winner will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a goody bag.

There is no cost to participate and no purchase necessary.

Children can use crayons, pencils, markers, paint or even beads and other materials on the special coloring sheet. For a copy of the coloring contest picture and entry form, contact your Michigan Dental Association member dentist or visit the MDA's Web site at www.smilemichigan.com.

All submissions, including the entrant's original work and a completed entry form, must be postmarked by March 5. Winners will be notified by April 1.

Winning entries will be published in the MDA Journal magazine, displayed on the MDA Web site and exhibited during the MDA's Annual Session for members, held in April in Novi.

# Savory suppers feature heart-healthy ingredients

It's not as hard as you might think to make heart healthy food choices that are still irresistibly good. Dr. Richard Collins, The Cooking Cardiologist, says that supporting one's heart may be as simple as learning which foods promote heart health and how to incorporate them into regular meals.

"A lot of people think being heart healthy requires a whole lifestyle overhaul, which may be a key deterrent, particularly for adults who are set in their ways," Collins said. "There are many easy steps you can take to help support heart health — from substituting ingredients in recipes to choosing the right beverages and making the most of the activities you already enjoy. Many heart healthy steps can be relatively quick and easy to incorporate and don't have to break your budget."

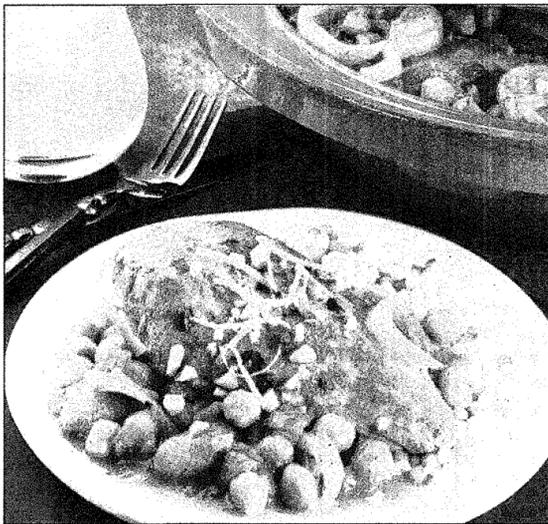
For example, 100 percent orange juice is a refrigerator staple that may help support heart health. It can even go beyond the breakfast table — one cup added to your favorite salad dressing, smoothie or marinade is an easy and delicious way to incorporate the beverage's nutrients into your meals.

"The orange juice that starts many Americans' mornings provides nutrients such as potassium, which may help maintain healthy blood pressure and promote heart health," Collins said.

The Cooking Cardiologist has easy ways to make deliciously good-for-you choices:

- Use nut oils such as sesame seed, walnut or almond in your salad dressing to enhance flavor and add heart healthy ingredients to a salad.

- When reading nutrition labels, look for foods that are rich in vitamin C. Vitamin C can support heart health by helping to neutralize free radicals that may contribute to cell and tissue damage — damage that may contribute to the development of chronic health issues like heart disease and cancer. Many fruits and vege-



Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine

tables and their juices, such as 100 percent orange juice, are excellent sources of vitamin C.

- Not all fats are bad. While you should avoid saturated fats and trans fats, omega-3 fats may help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Omega-3 fats are found in foods such as walnuts, flaxseed and fatty fish, such as salmon or tuna.

Try these savory recipes for Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles and Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine — two easy ways to serve up heart healthy meals that you're sure to enjoy.

Visit [www.FloridaJuice.com](http://www.FloridaJuice.com) for more heart healthy recipes and information on heart health.

### ORANGE TARRAGON GINGER SHRIMP WITH RICE NOODLES

Makes 4 servings  
 1 cup orange juice  
 12 jumbo raw shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails attached  
 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, finely chopped  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely chopped  
 1 shallot, finely chopped  
 1 (8-ounce) package rice noodles, prepared according to package directions

1 tablespoon sesame seed oil  
 Nonstick cooking spray  
 2 cups fresh snow peas  
 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds  
 1 tablespoon Asian hot chili sauce, optional

Combine orange juice, shrimp, tarragon, olive oil, ginger and shallot in a zipper-seal plastic bag. Seal bag securely; toss gently to combine ingredients. Marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator.

Prepare rice noodles according to package directions. Drain and combine with sesame seed oil; toss to coat evenly; reserve.

Spray wok with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Drain shrimp mixture; reserve 1/2 cup marinade and discard remaining marinade. Add shrimp and reserved 1/2 cup of marinade to wok; bring to a boil and stir fry shrimp for 1 to 2 minutes. Add snow peas; stir fry for 3 more minutes, just until snow peas are tender crisp and shrimp is cooked through. Add sesame seeds and chili sauce, if desired. Remove from heat and add reserved rice noodles; toss to combine and serve immediately.

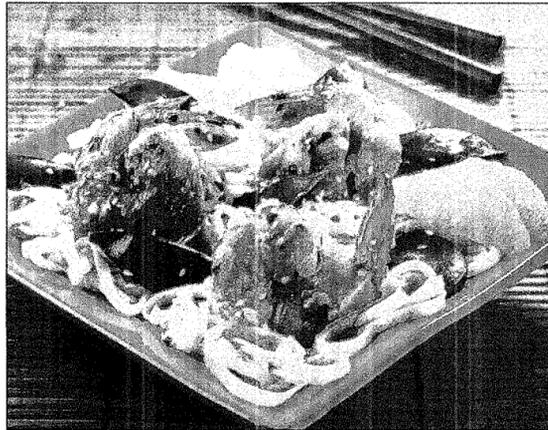
### ORANGE-APRICOT CHICKEN TAGINE

A tagine is a cooking pot commonly used in North African countries, such as Morocco and Algeria. It

consists of two pieces — a plate-like bottom and a conical-shaped lid. Tagines can be purchased online or in most stores where kitchenware is sold.

Makes 4 servings  
 1 tablespoon canola oil  
 4 small skinless chicken breasts, approximately 4 ounces each  
 1 yellow onion, sliced  
 1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic  
 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger  
 1 cup orange juice  
 1 tablespoon turmeric  
 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1 saffron thread, optional  
 1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained  
 1 cup dried apricots  
 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes  
 1/2 cup cashews, chopped and toasted  
 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat oil in tagine and brown chicken breasts for 3 to 5 minutes; remove chicken breasts



Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles

and reserve. Add onion, garlic and ginger to tagine; sauté for 3 minutes. Add orange juice, turmeric, nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron, if desired. Simmer for 3 minutes; do not boil. Add garbanzo beans, apricots and tomatoes. Bring to simmer; add reserved chicken breasts. Cover tagine and cook for 20 to 30 minutes over low heat

until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Garnish with cashews and cilantro; serve immediately.

Serving suggestion: Serve Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine with cooked couscous.

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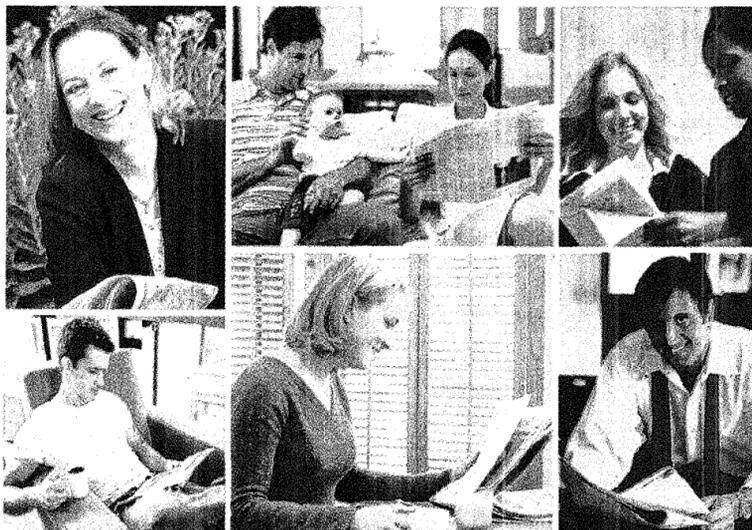
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## Plymouth scientist heads team on National Geographic Channel show

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Science is the star in a National Geographic Channel series that uses technology to test and measure the capabilities of fighters, martial arts experts, soldiers and SWAT officers.

Cynthia Bir, lead scientist on *Fight Science*, wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think it's good to put science out there in front of kids. There is enough of what I call eye candy on the show that kids can relate to. They watch that and then you put the science in front of them," said Bir, a Plymouth resident and professor of biomechanical engineering at Wayne State University.

"I've brought high school classes to my lab and talked to them about what I do and what biomechanical engineering is and that's all part of getting kids excited about science. It makes it real for them. It's an application of what they're learning."

*Fight Science's* fourth show of this season, "Human Weapon," airs at 9 p.m. today. "Super Cops," the fifth episode rounds out the series at 9 p.m., Feb. 25. Episodes from previous seasons will be replayed March 4 and 11. Check [www.channel.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.channel.nationalgeographic.com) and click on *Fight Science* for more broadcast times.

Super Cops incorporates a lot of Bir's research on evaluating body armor and less-lethal technology, such as rubber bullets, water cannons and stunt hand grenades. In the episode, SWAT officers test their techniques and equipment in simulated conflicts and sensor-equipped dummies are used to test the effects of less-lethal weapons.

In one demonstration during tonight's Human Weapon episode, self-defense experts show how to apply force to a weak point on an opponent's body to disable the attacker.

Bir uses one finger, applied to the philtrum, the area between the nose and upper lip, to stop a much stronger man. The pressure creates enough leverage to push the neck back at about

a 45 degree angle, disturbing equilibrium and pushing the man back.

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity," Bir said, describing her involvement with the show, which is produced in California. She also is lead scientist on ESPN *Sport Science*, which won an Emmy award.

"Someone asked me, would you ever do this (the show) full time? Would Wayne State lose you? I couldn't. I need Wayne State. What I learn here I apply there (to the show)."

"I love what I do. I love the research," she said. "I have an Emmy on my mantle at home. It's nice, it's fun...but it's another world. It's nothing I set out to do. It just happened."

### MATH BACKGROUND

Bir earned a nursing degree, before earning a master's degree in bioengineering from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in mechanical engineering, and a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, from Wayne State.

"I've always had a strong math background and I'm very mechanically inclined. When you put the human body into that as well, that's when it gets exciting."

She works with the orthopedic surgery department in the school of medicine as well as the Bioengineering Center in the school of engineering.

"Five years ago we had a call from an executive producer saying they were looking to do a show called *Fight Science*. They asked if we wanted to be involved. We've done a lot of work with USA Boxing and they had seen some of that work."

Bir figured it would be a "once in a lifetime thing" that she'd never repeat, but after the first season's one episode, the producers suggested a season two and "it snowballed from there."

In the meantime, she began working with *Sports Science*.

"The National Geographic Channel shows are a little more in depth in terms of the science we put into them. It's a very different feel to the show, more serious and intense. There's a lot of research



Self defense instructor Bren Foster and Wayne State University biomechanics expert Cindy Bir prep for the anatomical weaknesses test.

I've conducted in the lab and took to the set and incorporated into the show. A lot of what we do on a day to day basis is what we do in the show."

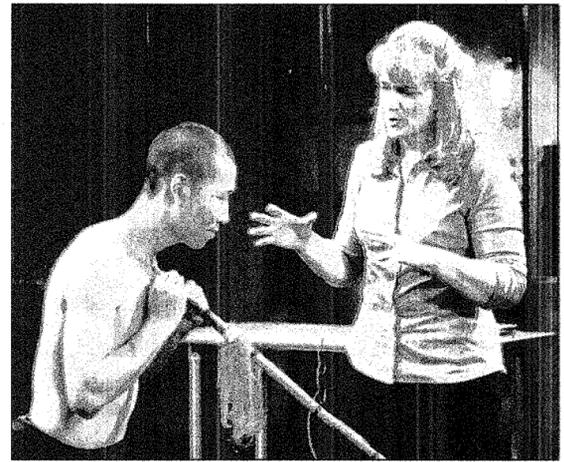
Bir juggles teaching with travel for the show, as well as scholarly conferences and research. She's also married, to a patent attorney, and together they have four children, ages 16, 14, 8 and 5.

### FROM MONKS TO PLANES

She also has worked with the History Channel on a program about individuals with "superhuman" abilities. During the show, she evaluated the punching and striking abilities of a Shaolin monk on a crash dummy.

Next month, she'll work with one of three scientific teams testing the outcome of a "survivable" plane crash in Mexico. The crash and testing will be filmed by a British production company.

"They're going to crash a full size 727 with crash test dummies on the plane," she said. "Because it's such a big cost, they want to get as much scientific information out of it as we can glean from it."



Xiao Jun Wang and Wayne State University biomechanics expert Cindy Bir prepare for a spear test on "Flight Science." Wang practices chi-gong and uses tai chi to protect his body from the spear.

"Our group is charged with the dummies. It's supposed to be a failed landing, a survivable crash, so we'll look at the types of injuries sustained."

She said two pilots would fly the plane to the targeted area and parachute out before it crashed.



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The first runner up will receive an option and purchase agreement for \$250. Suite 160 Digital Studios may produce this screenplay.

The second runner up will receive an option and purchase agreement for \$100. Suite 160 Digital Studios may produce this screenplay.

Winners will be notified by April 30. Some talented entrants may be considered for an opportunity to join the Suite 160 Digital Studios team as a staff writer.

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ART

Costick Center

**Time/Date:** Through Feb. 26  
**Location:** 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"  
**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery

**Location:** 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** Yuroz is the artist of the month  
**Contact:** (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Through Feb. 26;  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** 4th annual exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays  
**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale  
**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings  
**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield  
**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday  
**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays  
**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Steve McGew, Feb. 18-20; Ty Barnett, Feb. 25-27, Ruben Paul, March 3-6; Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March 24-27  
**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Joe Starr's combination of comic storytelling and physical humor, Feb. 18-20; Denver native Phil Palisoul, Feb. 25-27; Gary Valentine, a series regular on "The King of Queens," March 4-6; Brooklyn native Brian Sooliaro, March 11-13; Bret Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20  
**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak  
**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

**Time/Date:** Marc Cohn, Feb. 18; Terri Clark Unplugged and Alone, Feb. 19; Blackthorn, Feb. 21 - a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Action Network, Feb. 21, Catie Curtis, (folk-rock) March 3; Monte Montgomery, (acoustic guitar) March 4; Howie Day, (rock-influenced) March 5; Po' Girl, (Canadian 21st Century roots music) March 6; Richard Shindell, (folk, storytelling songs) March 7; Scythian, (Celtic) March 8; Horse Feathers, (Western) March 10; Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz) March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre) March 12; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, (rock music for kids) March 13; The Band of Heathens (country and Americana) March 13; Lehto & Wright (folk rock) March 14  
**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org



Terri Clark brings her "Unplugged & Alone" tour to The Ark in Ann Arbor Feb. 19.

Bluefish Music

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25  
**Location:** 744 Starkweather St., Plymouth  
**Details:** Bobby Pennock and guitar player Terry Birkett perform songs from the CD "10,000 Stories" as well as some new songs from two upcoming CDs. The show is free  
**Contact:** (734) 927-0675

Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Date:** Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward Ave  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Genettis Hole in the Wall

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19  
**Location:** 108 E. Main, Northville  
**Details:** Performance Benefit for Haiti Relief, an evening of local actors, musicians, dancers, poets and artists devoting their time and talent to help the people of Haiti. Suggested donation is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 767-2339

Hill Auditorium

**Time/Date:** Swedish Radio Choir, 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, \$10-\$50 tickets;  
**Location:** 825 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor  
**Details:** University Musical Society events  
**Contact:** (734) 764-2538

JWH Center for the Arts

**Time/Date:** 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m. Next performance is Saturday, Feb. 20  
**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** Matt Allen & Friends are the featured performers; host is Jeff Karoub. BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May  
**Contact:** Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

**Time/Dates:** The Mega 80's, Feb. 19 and 27; Frontiers, Feb. 20, PBM & Jamie McCarthy, Feb. 26; 40oz. To Freedom, March 2; Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, March 4; Laith Al Saadi & Back Forty, March 5  
**Location:** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale  
**Contact:** (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Max M. Fisher Music Center

**Time/Date:** 10:45 a.m., and 8 p.m., Feb. 18; 8:30 p.m., Feb. 19-20; and 3 p.m., Feb. 21  
**Details:** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ontario-based rock group, Jeans 'N Classics, play the music of the Beach Boys; tickets range from \$19 to \$123  
**Location:** 3711 Woodward Ave, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 576-5111

Music Hall Jazz Cafe

**Time/Date:** Ben's Friends, Feb. 18

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 887-8500

Trinity House Theater

**Time/Date:** Cats and the Fiddler, 8 p.m., Feb. 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Mike Mangione and His Band, 8 p.m., Feb. 26, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Blue Water Ramblers, 8 p.m., Feb. 27, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Stacey Earle and Marek Stuart, 8 p.m., March 5, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Rachele Eve with Ben Salazar, 8 p.m., March 6, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Michael McDermott with John D. Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m. March 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members; Brooks Williams and Beaucoup Blue, 8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March 27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers  
**Location:** 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia  
**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org



Mike Mangione and His Band play Feb. 26 at Trinity House Theater in Livonia.

FAMILY

The Ark

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 and 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22  
**Location:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor  
**Details:** 23rd Annual Storytelling Festival featuring Bill Lepop and Linda Gorham; tickets are \$20 Saturday and \$10 Sunday  
**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program  
**Location:** 20510 Livorno Ave., Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

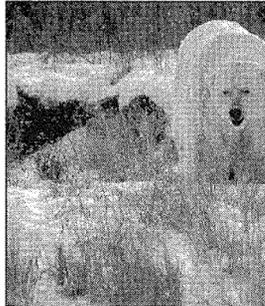
**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays  
**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission  
**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre

**Time/Dates:** 2:30 p.m. all shows; Saturday, March 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday, April 5-9; and Sunday, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2  
**Location:** 135 E. Main, Northville  
**Details:** "Peter Cottontail," tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up  
**Contact:** (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Detroit Zoo

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through March  
**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak  
**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Wild Winter Weekends offer crafts, entertainment, educational experiences March 6-7  
**Contact:** (248) 541-5717



A polar bear strolls through the snow at the Detroit Zoo.

FILM

Penn Theatre

**Time/Dates:** "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m., Feb. 21  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** \$3 admission  
**Coming up:** "The Young Victoria," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28; "Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m., Sunday, March 7  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 20  
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, Detroit  
**Details:** "Flying Down to Rio," starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers; tickets are \$4  
**Coming up:** "A Day at the Races," with The Marx Brothers and Margaret Dumont, 8 p.m., March 5-6 and 4 p.m., March 6  
**Contact:** www.redfordtheatre.com

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MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science

**Time/Date:** "Artoology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4  
**Location:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills  
**Contact:** (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Science Center

**Time/Date:** "Black Holes" in the planetarium; "Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato" through April 11  
**Location:** 5020 John R, Detroit  
**Contact:** (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village

**Time/Date:** "Good Design: stories from Herman Miller" through April 25  
**Location:** 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn  
**Details:** The touring exhibition explores the problem-solving design process employed at the world-renowned West Michigan-based furniture company Herman Miller Inc. Developed in collaboration with the Muskegon Museum of Art, the exhibition draws upon The Henry Ford's Herman Miller Design Collection, a comprehensive archive of the company's innovative processes and products, most of which have never been on public view.  
**Contact:** (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Historic Greenmead

**Time/Date:** Presidential Tea at the Blue House, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Feb. 27  
**Location:** 20501 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Sample crab bisque, nibble on tea sandwiches, scones and desserts and hear Mary Ann Wheeler speak about the Lincoln family; \$25 advance tickets only  
**Coming Up:** Lecture series presented by the 17th Michigan Civil War Re-enactors, 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., March 16, in the Alexander Blue House  
**Contact:** (248) 477-7375

Plymouth Historical Museum

**Time/Dates:** "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13  
**Location:** 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Contact:** (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

Washtenaw Community College

**Time/Dates:** The Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival, held in conjunction with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Ford Seahorses, Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Location:** 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor  
**Details:** \$15 in advance  
**Contact:** www.shipwreckfestival.org

SOMTHING DIFFERENT

Rock Financial Center

**Time/Date:** 2 - 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 25-26; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28  
**Location:** 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Roads in Novi  
**Details:** Cottage & Lakefront Living Show exhibits include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, designers, cottage furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, non-profit environmental organizations, government agencies, financing and other products and services. Ideas to increase your outdoor living space are incorporated in the landscape displays of fireplaces, cooking options, patios, decks and gardening products. Sandcastle contest and demonstration and Whisper in the Woods fine art display and sale. Admission is \$10; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free  
**Contact:** www.NoviCottageShow.com or call (800) 328-6550

THEATRE

Barefoot Productions

**Time/Date:** 8:40 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 26-27; 2 p.m., Feb. 21  
**Location:** 240 N. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** "Rope," by Patrick Hamilton, the play that inspired the classic Alfred Hitchcock film  
**Contact:** (734) 582-9688; www.justgobarefoot.com

Spotlight Players

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 26-27; and 2 p.m., Feb. 20-21 and 27-28  
**Location:** Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Details:** "Barefoot in the Park," tickets are \$18 for adults, 19-59; and \$16 for senior citizens over age 59 and students, under age 19  
**Contact:** (734) 480-4945; www.spotlightplayersmi.org

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Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

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**FEB. 18-24**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia  
**Details:** The Lutheran Choralists will

sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal  
**Contact:** (734) 522-6830  
**Garden City Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Feb. 20  
**Location:** 1841 Middlebelt  
**Details:** Aaron Lucas & Co. performs  
**Contact:** (734) 421-7620 or e-mail to gpcpevents@wowway.com  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** A cappella choral groups, "BackBeat" and "TrebleMakers" from Northville High School, will perform; admission is a free will offering  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or www.stjohnsplymouth.org  
**Living Peace Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Feb. 18 and Sundays, beginning Feb. 21  
**Location:** Small-group Bible studies meet in private homes

**Details:** The church is coming to Canton in the fall and is introducing itself to the community through Bible studies. This study will cover the final week of Jesus' life and ministry from his entry into Jerusalem through his resurrection  
**Contact:** (313) 937-1199  
**Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Feb. 21  
**Location:** Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service  
**Contact:** Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or e-mail to rmitc02@ameritech.net  
**St. Theodore Catholic Church**  
**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Feb. 21  
**Location:** St. Theodore Social Hall,

8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club.  
**Contact:** (734) 425-4421

**FEB. 25-MARCH 3**

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Feb. 28  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.  
**Contact:** Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at dannysdad@comcast.net or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48322

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Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances

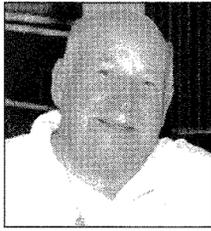
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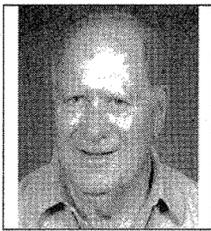
**BETTY ALMBURG**

Died February 11, 2010, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dear Mother of Scott, Tim (Darlene), Beth (Stuart) Delaney, and the late Jeff. Grandmother of Sean and Cara Delaney. Preceded in death by parents, Edward Tuttle and Ella Stomberg Tuttle. Graduate of Madonna University. Long time Livonia resident, and member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for almost 50 years. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) on Saturday, February 20th from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. In State Sunday, February 21st 2 p.m. until time of Services, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 5 Mile Road, Livonia. Memorials are suggested to the Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, or St. Paul's. Online Guestbook at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



**BURKE "BUCK" JOHNSON**

Age 77, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away February 14, 2010. He was born January 3, 1933 in Nankin, MI to Clifton and Anna Johnson. He served in the US Army. He retired from the City of Westland, MI where he had worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator and an Animal Control Officer. He moved to this area in 1991 from Westland. Buck was a member of the American Legion Post 251, the Moose Lodge 2121, the Eagles #4104 and attended Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church. He loved spending time in his garage with friends and was an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Linda Diane Johnson; children, Dianna Rose Linder; Clifton (Treasa) Johnson, Shiela (Rodney) Peace, Ann Marie Johnson; grandchildren, Jessica, Crystal, Patricia, CJ, Taylor, Sara (Nick), Sarina, Breann, Jesse, Brittney, Joey; great grandchildren, Heather, April, Jonathan, Alexis, Lorianna, Michael, De'Mya; mother-in-law, Jean Johnson; many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Pauline Hedger and a brother, Phillip Johnson. The Visitation will be from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm, Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Kays-Ponger & Useton Funeral Home, 635 E Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. The Funeral Service will follow at 5:00 pm Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations available to Linda Johnson in memory of Buck. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family condolences and to sign the online guestbook. Kays-Ponger & Useton Funeral Home, Punta Gorda chapel, is in charge of arrangements.



**GARY B. NAVARRE**

Passed away on February 12, 2010 at the age of 76. Born in Monroe, Michigan and was a veteran of the Korea Conflict. Graduated with a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University, M.S. from the University of Oregon and an Ed.D from Wayne State University. Professor emeritus from Eastern Michigan University. Also worked as a teacher, school psychologist and Director of Special Services at various southeastern Michigan school districts. Received a Green Cross Life Saving Award from Ohio for saving five lives on Lake Erie. Self-described lovable curmudgeon, survived by his wife Nancy; sons Jeffrey and Steven (Veronica) Navarre and siblings Beverly Dines, Sam Navarre and Carolyn Navarre Chiera. Services were held on Wed at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Halmhuber-Navarre Endowed Scholarship, c/o Eastern Michigan University Foundation, 1349 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or the Salvation Army. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com.

**JO SCHELLMAT (nee ROGERS)**

Age 54, of Farmington, passed away February 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

**JOAN A. VAN DYKE**

79, of Traverse City, formerly of Livonia, passed away in her home Wednesday, February 15, 2010 with the caring help of Munson Hospice. Joan is survived by her two daughters Gair Van Dyke and Lea (Gary) Wood, daughter-in-law Ann Van Dyke and three grandsons; Tim Wood, Scott Van Dyke, and Paul Van Dyke. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Robert Van Dyke, Sr., and her son Robert Van Dyke, Jr. Those wishing to honor her memory with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Cherryland Amateur Radio Club or Munson Hospice. The family is being served by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City, MI.



**HOWARD PAYTON WHITE**

Chelsea, Michigan. Age 90, died Friday, February 12, 2010 at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born March 15, 1919 in Minneapolis, MN, the son of John and Laura (Bond) White. Howard grew up in Rocksboro, PA. He lived in Livonia for the majority of his adult life and moved to Chelsea Retirement Community three years ago. Howard was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army. He worked at Burroughs as a mechanical engineer, retiring in 1982. Howard enjoyed golfing his whole life. He married Claire Van Horn in 1961 and she preceded him in death on March 27, 1991. He is survived by a son, Phil (Anita) White of Temecula, CA; two daughters, Lauriel (Enrique) Ralston-Pardo of Plymouth, Karen (Todd) Kauranen of Chelsea; two sisters, Ethel Strohm of PA, Bernice Alsop of PA; a sister in law Grace White of PA, 6 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John and George, and sister, Ruth Collie. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Feb. 20th at Towsley Village Chapel at the Chelsea Retirement Community, with Pastor Dominic Aquilino officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the UMRC Heritage Foundation (c/o CRC) or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

**VICTORIA "VICKI" OAKLEY**

Of Troy, an educator passionate about the well-being of others, who embodied the true spirit of sportsmanship and had a genuine love of the outdoors, died February 13, 2010 following an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer. She was 40. "As recently as three weeks ago, she was teaching Upper School physical education and heading our school's 'So Be Fit' program," said Sr. Bridget Bears, Head of School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. "For 15 years, Vicki impacted us in ways that were visible and invisible. She was a great friend, colleague and mentor, who pushed me and others in the challenge of maintaining a healthy lifestyle." A native of Droitwich, England, Ms. Oakley played lacrosse for Wales. At the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, she was a teacher, chair of the physical education department and varsity lacrosse coach. She coached the Sacred Heart lacrosse team to seven state championships. Ms. Oakley enjoyed spending time outdoors, and enjoyed camping, tennis and soccer. She was also an avid runner, and could often be seen in the annual Detroit Turkey Trot and mini-marathons supporting local charities. Bears said, "Vicki categorically refused to accept my position that 'I don't do sports' as she began to attempt to transform me from complete resistance to one who was willing to don a hat resembling a cooked turkey and join her in the Turkey Trot." Dino Vandenheede, Academic Technology Director at the Academy, said, "I can say that I 'ran' with the best. I know her soul lives on... a spirit such as hers can never be extinguished." Vicki started her Sacred Heart career when Meredith Keller was a freshman. Keller remembers Ms. Oakley as "her own British Invasion... As a teacher, coach, and friend, Vicki instilled in us the confidence to embrace our individual strengths, the understanding that humility is a key part of success, and above all to learn that laughing at ourselves is an essential part of the adventure." Vicki is survived by Laura Steeby; her parents, Mary and John Oakley; sister Sue (Pieter van der Schee) Oakley; brother, Richard (Kate) Oakley; and five nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, on Wednesday. Burial was private. Memorials appreciated to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122.



**MAUREEN BREEN HUTTON**

75, passed away in Venice, Florida on February 10, 2010. Her husband of 30 years, John, preceded her in 2001. Maureen was born October 31, 1934 in Detroit. She was a graduate of the University of Detroit and went on to receive her Masters degree from the University of Michigan. She taught business at Western High School for many years. Maureen and John were members of St. Fabian's parish for 30 years and both were in the choir. Their joint Irish heritage was enriched by their numerous trips to visit relatives in Ireland. Maureen was a fiercely independent woman and she did not "suffer fools gladly." She touched the lives of her many nieces and nephews in profound ways and the entire family mourns her premature passing. Maureen had a deep faith and it is a comfort to know she is now reunited with her beloved John. Maureen is survived by her beloved sister in law Beatrice (the late Jerome) Breen, many nieces, nephews, and other members of her late Husband's family. Funeral Mass Thursday, February 18, 2010, 10:30am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

**WILLIAM EVERETT MINDER JR.**

Age 53, passed away February 5, 2010 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was preceded in death by his parents Helen and William Everett. Bill was a long standing member and past president of Garden City Rotary and a brother to the Vaclavak Family, formerly of Garden City. He will be fondly remembered by Richard, Jack, Grace, Gus, Alexandra, Kristina and Gerard as 'Uncle Bill' and sorely missed by Mary, his dear friend of 35 years. A memorial service will be held at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road east of Venoy on February 20, 2010 at 2:30pm. His remains will be interred at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Details available on request. Donations can be made in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



**INGRID E. NELSON NAGY**

Age 89 of Farmington MI, quietly departed this earth for the great kitchen in the sky on February 14, Valentine's Day, 2010. Her cheerfulness, kindness, boundless optimism, fashion sense and fabulous cooking will be missed by daughters Linda Heard and Nancy Youngdahl. Predeceased by husband of 54 years Alex, she is also survived by grandsons Michael (Cheryl) and David (Tina) Heard, great-grandchildren Melinda, Allison, Lexi, Landon and Weston, sister Britta Mather and two nephews, Steven (Jean) Mather, and Robert (Margi) Nagy. Born in Detroit, she was a resident of Farmington for 55 years, but remained a loyal "Detroitter" and Wayne State Alumni her entire life. She was a devoted home economics teacher, a dedicated runner, an eager church volunteer, an enthusiastic gardener, and a faithful friend, admired by many for her kind and generous nature. Her light will always shine. Services have already been held. Donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington or Botsford Foundation Fullness of Life Program. www.thayer-rock.com

## Workshop combines prayer and wellness

BY SHARON DARGAY  
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Praying comes as naturally to Sandy Baumann as breathing. The Farmington woman talks to God about everything — from wellness and safety, to the earth and crops, to finding the right size at a shoe sale.

"You put the words and intent out there and it's up to God to do the rest. The biggest challenge is to let go of the expectation of miracles, that we may not get what we're looking for," she said. "Over the years you learn and try experiments and try praying for this and that. It's a highly neglected part of medicine, but something happens when someone prays with you."



Sandy Baumann

Baumann, a writer and speaker on wellness topics, will share her stories about prayer and its effect on health, during a class called "Prayer is Great Medicine," 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$19. Advance registration is a must. Call (734) 432-4804 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays or visit www.madonna.edu and click on continuing ed and registration.

**PRAYING FOR WELLNESS**

Baumann will talk about the many simple ways to pray for healing experiences.

She comes from a Roman Catholic tradition but the class isn't based on denominational teachings or doctrine. She has taught the session to groups of many different faiths and has prayed with both Christians and non-Christians.

"You don't have to be religious to pray," she noted. "It doesn't take saints to do it. It just takes people who pray. It doesn't matter if you make up prayer or read a selected one."

She said prayer can take many forms, including repeated scripture, rosary, well-known prose such as the "Our Father," or free-form conversation with God.

She asks participants to pair off and pray for each other in class, targeting a pain or health concern. The partner who prays places a hand on the pain and intends for the other person to feel relief.

"Many people have reported feeling relief," Baumann said. "You can pray for yourself, too. Even forgiveness is a form of prayer."

**WELLNESS BACKGROUND**

Baumann, who holds a master's degree in biochemistry, is the author of Feed Your Brain for Memory and Feed Your Brain for Learning. She was the director of the "Generations" program at Botsford Hospital for 12 years, before becoming manager of the Life Long Learning department at Henry Ford Community College. For the past 10 years she has conducted wellness seminars and taught classes on various health topics, including stress, insomnia, and aging.

She'll teach a class on "recharging memory" March 20 and 27 at Madonna, on insomnia March 23 at Farmington Community Education and on the health habits of centenarians April 26 in Farmington. Her series of classes at Washtenaw Community College also focus on health issues.

"Years ago I realized that we compartmentalize. We go to the therapist for our emotions and the doctor does the physical. Ministers do the spiritual. It doesn't matter where you start. Watch what happens when you put it all together."

**OBITUARY POLICY**

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 Friday 4:15 PM for Sunday  
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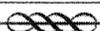
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# CALENDAR

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## Faith Community Church

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Anger resolution seminar offers help, based on scripture, to turn conflicts into blessings and anger into love; cost is \$35 and includes workbook  
**Contact:** (313) 541-0396

## Newburg United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** Orders taken for Cornish Pasties, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 1-2. Call in orders only. Any orders left on the answering machine, faxed or e-mailed will be ignored. Pick up is 1-6 p.m., March 11 and noon to 5 p.m., March 12  
**Location:** 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia  
**Details:** Cost is \$4.  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0149

## St. Timothy Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27  
**Location:** 16700 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Do all paths lead to God? Do all good people ultimately go to Heaven? Bob Dutko, WMUZ radio host will answer such questions during a special hour-long talk followed by a question & answer period. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Tickets are limited  
**Contact:** Reserve a place by calling (734) 464-8844 or visit sttimothyccusa.org

## Trinity Church

**Time/Date:** Reserve a pick-up time for the food pantry by calling from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 22-24  
**Location:** 10101 Ann Arbor Road, located on the north side of the street, Plymouth  
**Details:** Food Pantry pick up day is Saturday, Feb. 28  
**Contact:** (734) 459-9557

## MARCH 4-10

### Faith Community Church

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m., Sundays, beginning March 7  
**Location:** 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. GriefShare is a non-denominational group and features biblical teachings on grief and recovery topics. There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook/journal.  
**Contact:** (313) 682-7491

### Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 p.m., March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25  
**Location:** 9601 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and

April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.  
**Contact:** (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

### St. Robert Bellarmine

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 6  
**Location:** 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** Bethany Suburban West singles group monthly dance  
**Contact:** Kathy M. (734) 513-9479 or Tom Z. (313) 582-5963

## MARCH 11-17

### Felician Sister House Chapel

**Time/Date:** 9 p.m., Sunday, March 14  
**Location:** On the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**Details:** Bethany Suburban West singles group annual Lenten Mass  
**Contact:** Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

### St. Joseph Parish

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11  
**Location:** 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon  
**Details:** A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served  
**Contact:** Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

## MARCH 18-24

### Canton Christian Fellowship Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., March 23-25  
**Location:** 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton  
**Details:** Winter revival, "Exposed and Accountable: Preaching that Builds Lives!" with the Rev. Otis Moss, III  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480

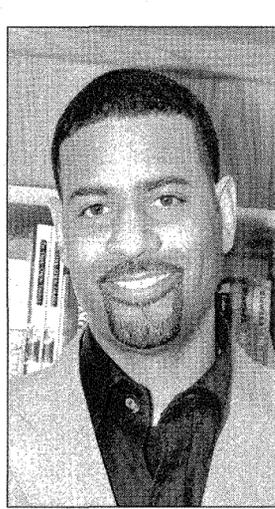
### Leon's

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m., March 20  
**Location:** 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City  
**Details:** Monthly Breakfast Meeting of Bethany Singles  
**Contact:** Kathy at (734) 513-9479

## 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



**Revival**  
 The Rev. Otis Moss III will preach at the winter revival at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, March 23-25.

**Details:** AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

### Breakfast

#### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May  
**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia  
**Details:** The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

### Classes/study

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 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.

### Livonia Unity

**Time/Date:** Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions  
**Contact:** (810) 813-4073 or 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 someone 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

### St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

**Details:** Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455

### 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

### 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

**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**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 or send e-mail to 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

### Food Bank

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton  
**Contact:** Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

### Lenten services

**Lola Park Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24  
**Location:** 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** This year's theme is "Prominent Places of The Passion" with insights from pastor Gregory Gibbons' recent trip to the Holy Land. There will be free treats after the services.  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

# Your Invitation to Worship

## CATHOLIC

**ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Tridentine Latin Mass  
 St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8  
 38100 Five Mile Road  
 Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200  
 Mass Schedule:  
 First Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
 First Sat. 11:00 a.m.  
 Sun. Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.  
 Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass  
 Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  
 Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. CE08682991

**St Genevieve Roman Catholic Church**  
 St. Genevieve School - PreK-8  
 29015 Jamison • Livonia • 734-427-5220  
 (East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Jeffries)  
 MASS: Tues. 7 p. Wed., Thurs. 9 a., Sat. 4 p. Sun 11a  
**St. Maurice Roman Catholic Church**  
 32765 Lyndon • Livonia • 734-522-1616  
 (between Merriman & Farmington Roads)  
 MASS: Mon. 8:30 a, Fri. 8:30 a, Sat. 6 p. Sun 9a CE08682992

## CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1825  
 Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
 Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.  
 Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
 Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.  
 NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER  
 (734) 455-3196 CE08682993

## LUTHERAN-ELCA

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA**  
 Farmington Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0584  
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**SATURDAY WORSHIP • 5:30 PM**  
**Sunday Worship & Sunday School**  
 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL/CHORAL SERVICE  
 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES  
 11:15 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
 NURSERY AVAILABLE  
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## UNITED METHODIST

**Redford Aldersgate** 2 blocks South of Plymouth  
 United Methodist 313-937-3170  
 10000 Beech Daly  
 9:30 - Trad. Worship & Sunday School  
 11:00 - Contemp Family Worship  
 www.redfordaldersgate.org CE08682995

**ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 30450 Farmington Road • Farmington Hills  
 www.orchardumc.org  
 248-626-3620

**Worship: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**  
**10:00 a.m. Christian Education for all ages**  
 Pastors: Carol J. Johns, Jim Braid, Margo Dexter CE08683025

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)  
 (734) 422-0494  
 Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am  
 Traditional Service 10:30 am  
 Visit www.rosedalegardens.org  
 For information about our many programs CE08682996

## GREEK ORTHODOX

**NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
 39851 West Five Mile, Plymouth Twp., MI  
 Sunday Services  
 Matins 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
 Rev. Fr. George Vapouris  
 Parish Office 734-420-0131  
 Office Hours M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 www.nativitygochurch.org CE08682997

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Fellowship Presbyterian Church**  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.  
 Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire  
 Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road  
 Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org CE08682998

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia just north of I-96  
 734-522-6830  
 Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional  
 Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am  
 Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413  
 Staffed Nursery Available  
**Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ**  
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Dean Davenport  
 Pastors: Robert F. Bayer and Anthony M. Creeden CE08682999

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**  
 25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY  
 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP.  
**Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.**  
**Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.**  
 Nursery Provided  
 The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor  
 The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor CE08682998

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
 David W. Martin, Pastor  
 46250 Ann Arbor Road - Plymouth (1/2 mile W. of Oakland)  
 (734) 453-5252  
 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am  
 Sunday School 9:30 • Adult Bible Study 9:30  
 Nursery Care Available. All are welcome. Come as you are.  
 www.risenchrist.info CE08682993

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

**ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360  
**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
 SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
 THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M.  
 website: www.stpaulsivonia.org CE08682990

## CONGREGATIONAL

**North Congregational Church**  
 36520 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills (bet. Drake & Halsted) (248) 848-1750  
 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School  
**Faith - Freedom Fellowship**  
 Ministers  
 Dr. Mark P. Jensen Rev. Mary E. Biedron CE08682992

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
 40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400  
 Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
 Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
 Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours  
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 Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560  
 The WMUZ Word Station  
 For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org CE08682993

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please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnp.com

# FOOD

## Helping kids eat more healthy snacks

It's never too early to start teaching children about cooking. Involving kids in meal preparation encourages healthy eating habits and introduces them to the value and importance of nutritious, balanced meals.

Elizabeth Pivonka, Ph.D., R.D., heads Produce for Better Health Foundation, the nonprofit entity behind the Fruits & Veggies — More Matters national public health initiative. Pivonka says the kitchen can be a great place to stir up some fun while teaching healthy eating habits.

As a working mother of two, Pivonka understands that getting kids to eat healthy fruits and vegetables can sometimes be a challenge.

"Involving children in cooking is an important step in getting kids interested in fruits and vegetables and getting them more excited about eating them," she says. "Kids can help by measuring, mixing or gathering ingredients while you cook. If kids help with the cooking, they are more inclined to eat what's on the table. At my house, we make meal planning and preparation a family activity."

Let toddlers help you "cook" by using toy food, pots, pans, bowls and spoons to copy what you're doing. Preschoolers can help by measuring ingredients and stirring. Grade school kids can make simple, no-bake recipes or use the microwave with proper supervision. Remember to use child-size tools and, if the counter is too high, use a sturdy step stool or have children sit at the kitchen table while they help.

Pivonka says taking a little extra time at the grocery store to interact with kids and single out fruits and vegetables as important is another way to persuade kids to give them another try.

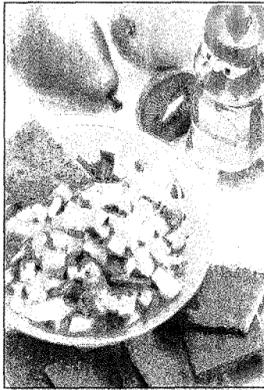
"Kids like to have fun with their food, so one way to get them to eat something is to offer it with a dip," Pivonka says. "Once children turn about two years old, they can really get into dipping and might try things they wouldn't otherwise if they're served with some kind of dip."

### DIP IDEAS

She offers some dipping suggestions like low-fat ranch dressing, mild salsa, guacamole, or hummus for dipping vegetables, or any flavor of low-fat yogurt or peanut butter for dipping fruit. Pear Ka-bobs with Strawberry Dipping Sauce and Pear Party Salsa are two fun recipes that let children dip their food.

"Make sure their snacks are just as nutritious as their meals. If you're looking for a 100-calorie snack, don't reach for a prepackaged processed item. One medium-sized fresh pear is a portable, single serving that tops out at 100 calories with no fat, sodium or cholesterol. Fresh pears, tomatoes, and other fruits and veggies are now available all year round. Their versatility and nutritional value make them very popular with people of all ages. They're budget friendly and good for your health."

Parents interested in tips for getting kids to eat fruits and vegetables, and delicious recipe ideas for dishes that children will willingly eat are encouraged to visit the Fruits & Veggies—More Matters Web site, [www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org](http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org).



Pear Party Salsa

### PEAR PARTY SALSA

Preparation Time: 10 minutes  
Serves 4

- 1 pear, cored and finely chopped
- 1 apple, cored and finely chopped
- 2 kiwi, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 orange, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Cinnamon graham crackers or sliced fresh fruit and veggies

Combine pear, apple, kiwi and orange in a medium sized bowl. Pour honey and lemon juice over fruit and gently toss. Scoop up mouthfuls of fruit salsa using cinnamon graham crackers or sliced fresh fruit and veggies.

Nutrition Information per Serving of Salsa: calories, 120; total fat, 1g; saturated fat, 1g; protein, 1g; carbohydrates, 31g; cholesterol, 0mg; dietary fiber, 4g; sodium, 1mg

### PEAR KA-BOBS WITH STRAWBERRY DIPPING SAUCE

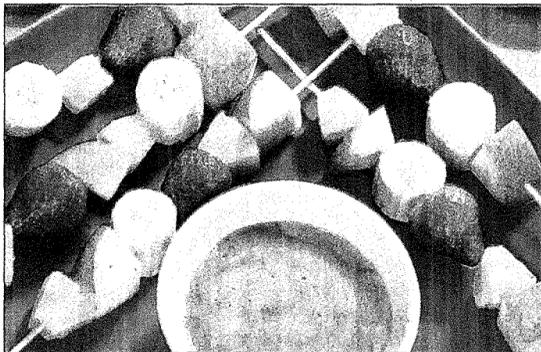
Preparation Time: 15 minutes  
Serves 6

- 1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 4 tablespoons strawberry preserves
- 2 pears, cored and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 bananas cut into 1-inch slices
- 18-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 cups strawberries, stems removed
- 6 wooden skewers

In small bowl combine yogurt and strawberry preserves. Set aside. Thread fruits by alternating pears, bananas, pineapple and strawberries onto skewers. Serve fruit skewers with a dollop of the strawberry sauce on the side.

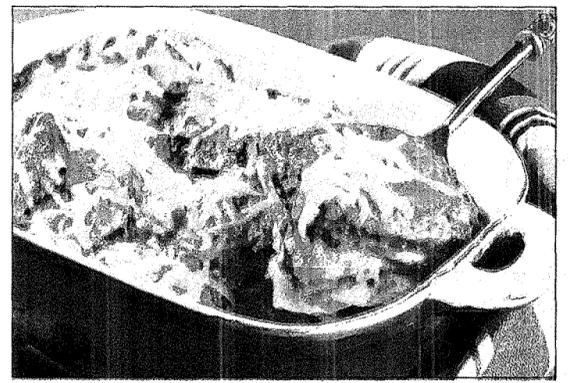
Nutrition Information per Serving: calories, 162; total fat, 1g; saturated fat, 1g; protein, 2.6g; carbohydrates, 39g; cholesterol, 2mg; dietary fiber, 4g; sodium, 24mg

Courtesy of Family Features



Pear Ka-bobs With Strawberry Dipping Sauce

## Liven up the Lenten season



Layered Eggplant Parmesan

This Lenten season, meat won't be missed at the dinner table with Layered Eggplant Parmesan Casserole. This take on the classic Italian favorite, combines breaded eggplant slices, zesty marinara sauce, melted mozzarella cheese and layers of pierogies — the perfect pairing of pasta and potatoes — all in one deep dish. This meal's great flavor is surpassed only by its convenience, requiring less than 10 ingredients and prepared in less than an hour. And if your family is craving a meatier meal, add a pound of crumbled, cooked sausage to the marinara sauce.

### LAYERED EGGPLANT PARMESAN CASSEROLE

Serves 6

- 1 medium eggplant
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup seasoned Italian bread crumbs
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 24-ounce jar tomato-basil marinara sauce
- 1 16-ounce box Mrs. T's potato and cheddar pierogies
- ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Cut eggplant into ½-inch-thick slices. Beat eggs in bowl. Place bread crumbs in separate bowl. Dip eggplant slices in eggs to coat; dip into bread crumbs to coat well on both sides.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat; add eggplant slices and cook until lightly browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining eggplant slices and olive oil.

Grease a 2½-quart baking dish. Spoon ½ of marinara sauce on bottom of dish. Arrange half of frozen pierogies on sauce. Top with half of eggplant slices, ½ cup mozzarella cheese and half of remaining sauce. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with sauce and mozzarella cheese. Bake 30 minutes or until mixture is hot and bubbly.

Optional: Add one pound crumbled, cooked sausage meat to marinara sauce.

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