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Good books

Youngsters in Wayne-Westland's elementary schools have a new book to read, thanks to a donation from state Sen. Glenn Anderson, (D-Westland).

Anderson was at Monday night's school board meeting to present copies of *Moose on the Loose* to school officials in recognition of March Is Reading Month.

Written by Kathy-jo Wargin, illustrated by John Bendall-Brunello and published by



Michigan-based Sleeping Bear Press, the book highlights the hilarity that ensues when wildlife wanders indoors. By story's end, young

readers will know exactly what to do when a moose goes on the loose

"I also will do book reading in two schools in each of the six school districts in my district," Anderson said.

He also used his visit to thank school officials for all they are doing with the current budget challenges.

"I'm watching what's going with K-12 funding and I'm going to make sure we can hang for another year," he said. "I want to do what I can to ensure that our children get a quality education all the way through school."

Curtain times

Inspire Theatre, Westland's only live theater, will present *Once Upon a Trunk*, a musical-comedy revue, March 18-20 and 26-27 at The Theatre.

Included in the show are vintage commercials, songs and sketches from radio, Broadway, TV and Vaudeville, the comedy of Abbott and Costello, George Burns and Gracie Allen and movie scenes from *Casablanca*, *The Notebook* and even a surprise appearance from Elvis.

The show promises to be an evening of delightful event for the entire family.

"When our fall show, *KORK-TV*, went into encore performances, we scraped plans for our Valentine's Day show, pushed the dates back a month and looked for a new idea," said Inspire Theatre's artistic director Len Fisher. "We had purchased this old travel trunk, and I thought it might be fun to do a show of the bygone days of stage entertainment. And so the star of our show is a trunk."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20, and Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Tickets are \$12 each and group rates are available. The Theatre is inside the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.

'We try to take special care with the shelter ...'



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano hands out coats to Jason Johnson and his mom, Patrica, during a visit to the Wayne County Family Shelter. The coats were donated to the county for youngsters staying at the shelter.

County puts coats on Family Center kids

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Youngsters at the Wayne County Family Center will have new coats thanks to a donation of 22 coats by Wayne County employees.

"We try to take special care with the shelter," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who presented the coats to the Westland-based shelter. "They are kids' coats for youngsters whose parents are in the shelter. We do the best we can in tough

economic times. The more donations the better. The employees of Wayne County are always very generous."

Opened nearly 20 years ago in a building that once housed the Eloise commissary, the Wayne County Family Center provides transitional housing for a maximum of 24 homeless families — only families with minor children or pregnant females are accepted. It's operated through a partnership

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Two W-W unions agree to concessions

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has gotten help from two employee groups and its top administrators in its effort cutting millions of dollars out of its budget.

Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association and the Wayne-Westland Central Office

Administrators Association have both agreed to forego a 1.5 percent pay increase and step increases for 2010-11. The changes affect the third year of four-year agreements. The unions also agreed to a \$480 per year co-pay for health care which is equal to what teachers now pay.

Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy

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Crime reports drop in 2009

BY LEANNE ROGERS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The overall number of crimes reported in Westland during 2009 was down 2.9 percent over the previous year.

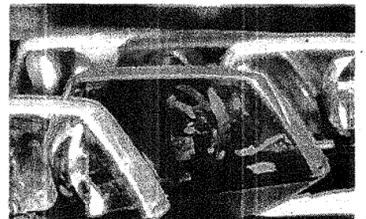
"I'm not necessarily surprised that rate is down. It's a rather modest decline, relatively speaking with the actual numbers," said Westland police Lt. Scott Fetner. "There were no alarming or unusual increases or decreases."

There were two murders reported in 2009, the same as in 2008. Also unchanged were the number of kidnapping/abductions - nine incidents, which Fetner said are generally custody disputes.

Assaults were down 7.2 percent while burglary/home invasions dropped 6.9 percent. The number of vehicle thefts was down 23.4 percent. The nine arsons reported in 2009 was the same number reported in 2008.

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WESTLAND CRIME STATS



Crime	2008	2009	% Change
Murder/Manslaughter	2	2	0.0%
Forcible sex offenses	99	88	-11.1%
Robbery	101	99	-2.0%
Assault	1,619	1,502	-7.2%
Burglary/home invasion	648	603	-6.9%
Larceny	1,639	1,610	-1.8%
Stolen vehicles	428	328	-23.4%
Forgery/counterfeiting	48	58	+20.8%
Drugs/narcotics	598	698	+16.7%
Embezzlement/bribery	47	56	+19.1%

Source: Westland Police Dept.

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Federal funds buy SMART boards for W-W schools

BY SUE MASON
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will purchase 510 SMART boards and a like number of Dell projectors for use in 510 classrooms around the district.

The school board approved the \$1.1 million purchase at its meeting this week.

The purchase will be paid for by federal Title I and Title IID grants that the district receives.

According to Paul Salah, senior executive director for instruction, the district is taking advantage of carryover money from the grants that are for at-risk students and professional development. Districts are allowed to carry over 15 percent each year and the third year carry over more than 15 percent.

"This is one of those (more than

15 percent) years," he said.

The purchases include the interactive whiteboards and multimedia projectors with wall mounts. According to Kenneth Galbraith, executive director of technology, the district has selected projectors with a bulb life of 5,000 hours. They use only 1 watt of energy in standby mode and 240 watts when in use. The whiteboards require only a USB connection to operate.

"The arms tie into existing wiring, we will be able to monitor their use and remotely shut down a unit that's been left on after school," he said.

The SMART boards and projectors will be used to facilitate classroom application of Thinking Maps, a visual language program, in core curriculum areas.

Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman stressed that the district has been very aggressive in apply-

ing for every grant it can.

"In the years I've been associated with this board, you have sent a clear message to get every grant dollar available and squeeze out every federal dollar we can," she said. "We're pleased to get the money, but it can have limitations. If you don't follow the rules or if you give the money back, you may not get it again."

School board President Skip Monit stressed that the money isn't coming from the district's general fund.

"With all the terrible challenges we are facing, we have some federal dollars coming in that can benefit the students and the staff and are great learning tools."

"If I get this right, because we qualify for federal funds, we get to bring new technology into the classroom and it's paid for by federal money," added Trustee William Gabriel.

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Post St. Paddy's Party

The Westland Community Foundation is holding a Post St. Paddy's Day Party, starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Marvaso's Italian Grill and Electric Stick, 6569 Wayne Road, Westland.

The get-together starts with charity poker at 4 p.m. with optional separate buy-in, hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine at 7 p.m. and entertainment and dining at 8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person.

For information, call (734) 595-7727.

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, March 26. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

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

Craft Show

Wayne AMVETS Post 171 will present a "Think Spring Craft Show" from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the

AMVETS Memorial Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. The hall is south of Cherry Hill, north of Palmer.

Vendor tables are \$20. Contact John at (734) 729-8930. There will be holiday-themed crafts, homemade collectibles and a bake sale. Hot dogs and Polish sausage will be served.

Need your tax refund check now? Don't have the time to do your taxes? Families earning under \$50,000 a year can save some money this tax season and qualify to receive free tax preparation services.

Gymnastics

Kids can learn to tumble, somersault and cartwheel at the next session of gymnastic classes at the Bailey Recreation Center beginning next week. Kids will learn progressive skills that will encourage self-confidence and coordination. These classes provide fun in a friendly environment where children can learn to do gymnastic stunts safely.

The weekly classes range from toddlers with no experience who need a parent to accompany them to intermediate level youngsters. The cut-off age for the classes is 12.

For the cost and full schedule of the classes, call (734) 722-7620.

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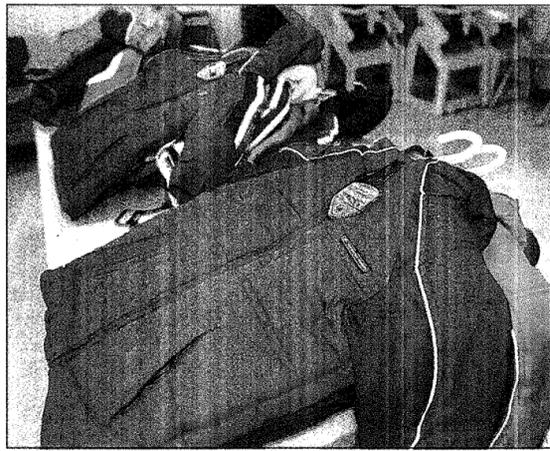
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of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and the county.

"We're always at capacity, we have so many requests but we're landlocked here. But we don't have to deal with zoning or neighbors and we're far enough from Michigan Avenue to have some privacy," said Carol Eddy, shelter director. "The county executive is very attentive to the shelter. We have a lot of interaction with them."

During the first 90 days of stay, Eddy said the shelter serves as emergency housing. Following that initial stay, the shelter provides transitional housing that allows a family to stay for up to two years.

"You've got to be seriously working on it — going to school or gaining a skill — working on becoming self-sufficient," said Eddy. "I've been here nearly seven years and one year was about the longest stay. She (the client) was completing an associate's



The Wayne County Family Shelter, which provides emergency and transitional housing for families with young children and pregnant women, received a donation of coats presented by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

degree in culinary arts. Most people want out of the shelter as quick as possible."

And to be served by the shelter, Eddy said people have to be truly without housing options, not just unhappy with their current accommodations. "It's not that you and your

father aren't getting along, you really do have to be homeless," said Eddy.

The Wayne County Family Center, unlike most shelters, provides each family with their own room and allows families to stay together. Families are often housed

separately by gender.

While working with the families to get them back on their feet, the shelter provides services such as a certified preschool program on site.

Lutheran Services and Wayne County split funding for the shelter which Eddy said is always in need of donations.

"We need the things we go through all the time — diapers, diapers, diapers. We need baby wipes, personal hygiene supplies, sheets, towels and snacks," said Eddy. "We are very fortunate that a number of churches of all denominations help us."

The shelter has a lot of good supporters, she said, but singled out North Bros. Ford as the biggest donor.

"They do as lot for us, they were active here when I started. Tom and Doug (North) both are great guys and always thinking of others," said Eddy. "All of the people who work there are very giving and support charities. We'd be lost without them."

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CONCESSIONS

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Superintendents Charlotte Sherman and Gary Martin also have agreed to pay freezes for 2010-11 and the same health care co-pay. This is the second year that the trio have taken pay freezes.

"I think these members for their efforts to help in this time of economic crisis," said board President Skip Monit. "I want to express our thanks for your stepping up and helping out."

The unions are the first employee groups to agree to concessions that represent \$315,000 in savings. School officials are in negotiations

with its remaining employee groups, most of which are represented by the Michigan Education Association.

According to Martin, talks with those groups are in the preliminary stages. However, if the teachers were to agree to freeze their wages and step increases next year, the district could save \$3.5 million.

"The administrators went out on a limb by doing it first," said Martin. "They're leading by example."

Wayne-Westland officials want to cut costs by \$19 million in hopes of surviving the next two years with a minimal fund balance. It has a three-pronged plan which includes the closing of six elementary schools, which will save some

\$5 million, and seeking \$4.5 million in concessions from employees.

The remaining \$10 million will come from "board actions," such as layoffs, a cut in supplies and selling property, Martin said.

"We're trying to stay out of deficit for two years, we're trying to spread what little wealth we have around to keep programs until the economy turns around," he said. "Something has to happen in Lansing to have them fund the schools and cities the way they should be."

Board Trustee William Gabriel noted that the agreements "are a great start," but the two unions only represent 100 of the district's 1,800 employees.

"I hope union leaders take this back to their members," he said. "This district has a lot of challenges. If we can get this done, I'll probably do a dance in the aisle."

Board Vice President Cindy Schofield thanked the administrators who "took a step forward and took cost containment to the next level."

"I'd like to encourage all employees to step forward and help us out," she said. "Our job is to preserve as many programs as we can for the students. Pay freezes, restructuring benefits ... I don't care as long as we make progress. I don't want to see the programs gutted."

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CRIME

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Two crime categories that saw increases in 2009 were forgery/counterfeiting which had 58 reported incidents - up 10 from the previous year - for a 20.8-percent increase and embezzlement/bribery/extortion which had a 19.1 percent increase with 56 incidents.

"Identity theft and credit card fraud is massive - that's been one of those trends in the

last few years," said Fetner. "I don't know if you can attribute crime going up or down due to the economy. I know people like to do that. This kind of fraud is a trend across the board everywhere."

Other property crimes saw a decrease in 2009 like burglary/home invasion which had a 6.9 percent drop with 603 incidents reported. Reported vehicle thefts in 2009 were 328 which was a 23.4 percent drop from 428 reported the previous year.

The poor economy doesn't

necessarily result in a jump in crimes, said Fetner.

"If someone is inclined to do crime, they will do it. You may see a guy who is unemployed steal some steaks to feed his family," said Fetner. "Occasionally, the number of robberies might go up - that's one of the few crimes that will go up with the economy. But you or I'd be working at 7-Eleven to make ends meet."

There was a 4.5-percent increase in drunk driving arrests in 2009 - 537 arrests compared to 514 arrests in 2008.

"The number of drunk driving arrests is pretty consistent - it will go up or down modestly," said Fetner. "It's luck of the draw. We have cars working drunk driving intervention but it's the right place at the right time. We have to be working at the right time to catch drunk drivers."

Law enforcement is largely reactive these days, he said. "We'd rather be proactive but it's the nature of the beast and current staffing levels," he said.

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Marine Corps League selects name of Westland man for new chapter

A U.S. Marine who was killed in combat in Iraq in 2006 has been honored by the Marine Corps League at the Romanowski Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Westland.

Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess was a member of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment. The new chapter has chartered itself under the name, the Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess Chapter, in honor of Sgt. Burgess, killed while executing combat operations in the Al Anbar province of Iraq in 2006.

The Marine Corps League is a service organization of former active duty Marines who join together to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, often-times rendering assistance to Marines, former Marines, and their families.

It's customary for MCL detachments to be named in honor of fallen Marines, and this detachment decided to honor a Marine killed while prosecuting one of the counter-insurgencies the Marine Corps is presently fighting, rather than reaching back to the Vietnam, Korean War, or even World War II eras, as had, until recently, been the common practice.

"We chartered Detachment 1337 last August, and we searched for Marines after whom we could name it. The choice was easy, as Sgt. Bryan Burgess gave all in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and also was from Westland," said Rick Ciaramitaro, the detachment's commandant. "His mother Evie, allowed us to name the chapter after her son, and we were proud to have her at the Dedication Ceremony tonight."

"We must not bury the dead twice," said Evie Burgess during the ceremony. "Keep Bryan alive by our sides with the things that he held dear and we still cherish. Always remember



The Marine Corps League is honoring the late Sgt. Bryan Burgess by naming a Westland chapter after him.

him with your good works."

"In a way, this dedication, the naming of this Marine Corps League detachment, ensures that one of our Marine warriors, who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our way of life, will live on in a tangible and public way," said Lt. Col. Steve White, the Inspector/Instructor for the battalion. "The attitude of selfless service that he stood for is continued."

The master of ceremonies for the event was Maj. Dave Marshall from Weapons Company, 1/24, the company with which Sgt. Burgess was serving when he fell as a result of small arms fire on Nov. 9, 2006. Weapons Company is headquarters in Perrysburg, Ohio, with the Battalion Command Post aboard Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens, MI.

Other speakers were Gunnery Sgt. Eugene Coles, Sgt. Jessie Bragg and Sgt. David Payne, who all served with Sgt. Burgess during their 2006-2007 deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donation benefits two veterans homes

The State Veterans Homes Board of Managers was on the receiving end of a check for more than \$10,000 to help provide for the retired service members served at Michigan's two veterans' facilities.

"Our brave men and women have given a lot to defend our nation and our freedoms," said State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, who presented the check. "The least we can do is make sure that they are taken care of in their golden years and that they can live life to the fullest."

The donation, totaling \$10,404, will be split between the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. The funds will be used to provide services for Michigan's veterans that the state budget cannot provide for, including movies and other recreational activities.



Showing of a ceremonial check are Jack Devine, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Adjutant (from left); Brad Slagle, D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Director/Administrator; Dave Hall, Board of Managers member; Mary Wilseck, Board of Managers member; Jerry Cool, Board of Managers member; Ernie Meyers, Board of Managers member; Frank Snarski, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Director/Administrator; State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and F. Gerrit Veldman, Board of Managers member.

LeBlanc, chair of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, presented the ceremonial check to the Veterans Homes Board

of Managers on Feb. 19. The donation was collected at his annual Noodles and Neighbors event - a spaghetti dinner and silent auction held in Westland

in October.

"Our veterans' homes do an outstanding job of encouraging independence while giving our veterans the care and services they need," he said. "Unfortunately, these tough times have taken a toll on them. I am very pleased that the residents of Westland came together and that we were able to present this donation to aid our retired Michigan service members."

The first Veterans Facility of Michigan was established by the state in 1885 to provide residential and later health care programs for veterans who were unable to care for themselves.

Currently, Michigan's veterans' homes are open to all veterans who served 90 days from Dec. 7, 1941 to the present. Spouses and parents of eligible veterans may also be admitted.

Entrants on the money in Oscar contest

Congratulations to our Oscar contest winners!

This year's Oscar show produced a few surprises, but not enough to keep our readers from picking the winners.

Eighteen entrants in the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers Oscar Contest identified winners in seven categories and two tie-breakers.

The top three winners were selected in a random drawing from all correct entries.

Top winner is Kelly Kolchuck of South Lyon, who receives a 12-month movie pass for two to Emagine Theatres. Second- and third-place winners are Matt Hoey of Farmington Hills and Catherine Carlton of Redford Township. Hoey receives four movie passes and a \$25 Emagine gift card, while Carlton wins two movie passes and \$15 Emagine gift card.

The others who correctly answered all categories will receive an Emagine Theatre pass for two. They are Amanda Zopf, Mike Zopf

and Lisa Hengtgen of Canton Township; Michelle Loiselle of Garden City, Denise Burke and Joe Stuve of Livonia, Brian Sachs and Belinda Abbott of Farmington Hills, Irene Stanton of Highland, Kathryn Blackburn of Milford, Jay Hillard of Northville, Dorothy Deitch (last year's winner) of Southfield, David Kinney

of Trenton, Roy Geiger of Galesburg and Paul Jarnagin of Colorado.

All 18 correctly identified the winners for:

- Best Picture - *Hurt Locker*
- Actor in a Leading Role - Jeff Bridges
- Actress in a Leading Role - Sandra Bullock
- Animated Feature Film

- UP

- Actor in a Supporting Role - Christoph Waltz
 - Actress in a Supporting Role - Mo'Nique
 - Director - Kathryn Bigelow
- Winners in the tie breaker categories were:
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 - Documentary Feature - *The Cove*



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Landlord finds copper missing from rental

Copper stolen

The owner of a rental home in the 28000 block of Powers told police March 7 that he visited the residence, which has been vacant for two months, to find a rear window open. He said the air conditioning unit was missing, the furnace was torn about with the interior working parts and metal pieces missing.

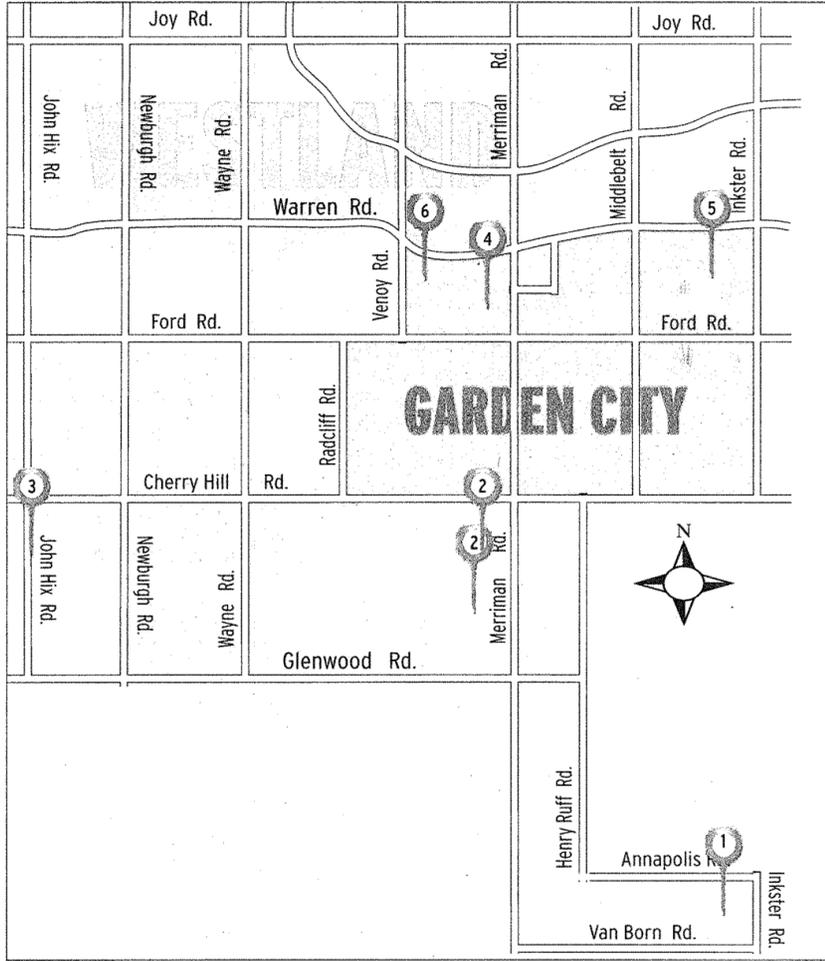
Checking further, the Detroit man said the water heater was on the floor disconnected with the copper parts missing. At some point the water had been shut off inside the home.

The owner said the toilet and ceramic sink were missing from the bathroom along with the copper plumbing to both. The missing items were valued at \$2,000. The owner had last visited the home on Feb. 24.

Strong arm robberies

A Westland woman told police March 7 that she was leaving 7-Eleven, 1826 S. Merriman, at 12:30 a.m. carrying a six-pack of Bud Light in bottles. She said a man ran up to her with a clenched fist and she fell to the ground, fearing she would be struck.

When she fell, the woman said the man grabbed the beer and ran south on Merriman. She described the man as a white male in his late 20s with short brown hair, clean-shaven with red acne-marked face and wearing a gray flannel hoodie.



Resident nabs man breaking into car

Citizen's arrest

An alert neighbor took matters into his own hands in the 32200 block of Bridge Street about 5 p.m. March 8 and held a thief until Garden City Police arrived.

The police found a 24-year-old Garden City man outside on his knees with his hands on his head.

The neighbor had looked out onto the street and allegedly saw the man trying to open car doors. He tried unsuccessfully to gain entry into a 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix, but he was able to enter a 1998 Chevy Cavalier in the Bridge/Craig area.

The resident pulled the suspect, who was rifling through the console and glove box, out of the car, and walked him to the door of a nearby home where he had the occupants call 9-1-1. He held the man in a kneeling position until police arrived.

The suspect made no attempts to resist the citizen's arrest or the police when they arrived. Police found that the man had a 2005 drunk driving conviction in Garden City and 2004 larceny conviction in Westland.

Home invasion

A person taking care of a residence in the 7000 block of North Inkster discovered several items missing Feb. 12, according to a delayed report.

The back door to the residence was open and about \$3,700 worth of appliances, including a stove, air conditioning unit and a hot water heater, were missing.

Stolen cars

During the short period of time that a man went into PKSA

Karate at 6315 Middlebelt to pick up some students about 3:30 p.m. March 8, someone stole his 1993 Jeep Wrangler, which was parked in the lot.

When the police arrived, they found indication that someone had spun the wheels of a vehicle near where the Jeep was parked. There were too many footprints in the parking lot for the police to gain evidence.

A 1999 Saturn was reported missing from Sparks Auto & Towing, 1550 Harrison, about 7 a.m. March 3. It was unknown whether the car was unlocked.

Identity theft

A 33-year-old Garden City man came to the police station at 6000 Middlebelt March 8 to report that someone fraudulently opened four new accounts and purchased four new phones with AT&T at a cost of \$443. He is not an AT & T subscriber.

He contacted his credit card companies and checked his credit report.

Drunken resident

The police arrested a 51-year-old Garden City man about 10 p.m. March 6 after neighbors complained of a loud noise coming from his apartment in the 7000 block of North Venoy.

The neighbors said that the man tends to have erratic behavior.

When the police knocked on the man's door, he yelled, "Do you want to die?" and "I'm going to kill you."

As he swung the apartment door swung open, the officers entered with guns drawn and restrained and handcuffed the man.

The man registered a .24 blood alcohol limit which is three times the legal limit.

On March 8, a clerk at CVS Pharmacy, 31411 Cherry Hill, told police that she was working just before 10 a.m. when a man jumped over the counter and grabbed a carton of Newport 100s. The clerk said she yelled at the man to give back the cigarettes and wrestled with him when he refused to return them.

The clerk told police she was knocked around while tussling with the man and injured her wrist. The man tried to jump back over the counter, she said, so she grabbed his foot, trying

to pull off his shoe. The man broke free, she said, and fled on a bicycle. The cigarettes were valued at \$100.

Break-ins

On March 3, a resident in the 2200 block of Hix told police that someone had broken into her home through the side entry door of the attached garage. The owner said the suspect went straight to her bedroom. Reported missing was a tin, containing \$200 in loose change, and assorted rings, necklaces, watches, bracelets

and jewelry boxes valued at \$4,650. Among the missing jewelry was a Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1987 ring.

A power washer and an air compressor valued at \$350 were reported stolen from a shed at a home in the 28000 block of Powers March 8. A resident told police that the items belonged to his stepfather, who had been in the hospital. Someone had apparently entered the locked shed through a window. The items were reported taken March 4-8.

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Ancient roots of beer making

Beer is one of the oldest beverages in the world having been around since ancient times. Many different cultures around the world simultaneously invented beer-like substances thousands of years ago. The first evidence of the existence of beer dates back about 7,000 years. Chemical tests have shown that beer was first brewed in present-day Iran, using ancient pottery jars.



Sumerians in Mesopotamia crudely brewed beer, stored it in pottery, and drank it through straws around 2600 B.C. The Egyptians got in on the act, brewing a fruity variety of beer, called hekt, soon after. It was the Egyptians who taught the art of brewing to the Greeks, who in turn, taught the Romans. Beer was popular among the Romans, at first, but was replaced by wine. It was thought of only being fit for barbarians, such as the Vikings.

During medieval times in Europe, beer making was primarily done in the home. By the 14th and 15th centuries, monasteries and pubs began making their own beers for mass consumption. Most beers at that time were actually what we refer to as ales today. It wasn't until the 16th century that lagers were discovered.

With the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century, there were many new innovations in brewing. Previously, beer would have an awful smoky flavor due to having been dried over a wood fire during the brewing process. Louis Pasteur discovered in 1857 how yeast can prevent the souring of beer by microorganisms during fermentation.

Before Prohibition came into effect in 1920, there were thousands of breweries in the United States. Brewers started producing non-alcoholic beer after losing their customers, but soon many went out of business completely. Bootleggers illegally watered down heavy beers to increase profits, which created the trend of lighter beers in America. Prohibition finally came to an end in 1933.

Today, beer has a major global market made up of huge multinational corporations as well as small regional microbreweries.

To learn more about the fascinating history of beer, check out "The Secret Life of Beer: Legends, Lore and Little-Known Facts" by Alan D. Eames and "The Big Book O' Beer: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Greatest Beverage on Earth" by Duane

Swierczynski.

If you're inspired to try to create your own beer, the library also has the DVD, "Brewmaster's Art: The History and Science of Beermaking." Stop by at the reference desk, call us at (734) 326-6123, or remotely search our catalog 24 hours a day at www.westland.lib.mi.us.

Highlighted Activities

Everyone's Reading: Now through April 28. Book Selection: Scott Turow's "Presumed Innocent."

Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book and find when book discussions and many other programs are scheduled. Or visit www.westlandlibrary.org or www.everyonesreadinginfo.org for more information. Enter our drawing to win tickets for the Scott Turow Author Appearance on April 14.

Extended! Friday Night Movie Extravaganza: 7 p.m. March 12. This week's selection, "Up in the Air."

Ryan Bingham, is a corporate downsizing expert whose cherished life on the road is threatened just as he is on the cusp of reaching 10 million frequent flyer miles and just after he's met the frequent-traveler woman of his dreams. No registration is required. This is an afterhours program. Library doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Job Search Strategies: 1-3 p.m. March 13.

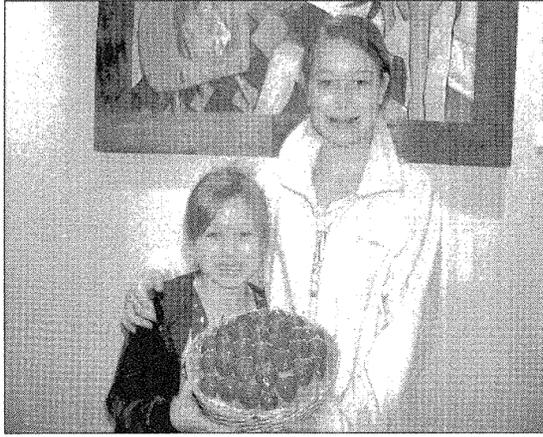
Learn new and practical strategies to keep your job search moving forward. Preston Banks, president of Resume Solutions, will guide you through the workshop to help you move ahead in your job search. Space is limited, so stop by the Reference desk or call (734) 326-6123 to sign up.

Job Seekers Lab: Every Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 5-8 p.m. and Friday 1-4 p.m.

Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an e-mail account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job related activity? Stop by the library where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help.

Drop-in Knitting Nights @ the Library: Every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., Everyone welcome. Crocheters are welcome, too.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez, reference librarian and home-bound coordinator. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.



Megan Ran plays Leisel and Hannah Ryan plays and rat and a child in the Spotlight on Youth production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

Three Westland youth perform in 'Pied Piper'

The pied piper is calling out to families to come to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for the Spotlight on Youth presentation of the children's story, *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*, March 18-21.

Bring the whole family! *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* is about doing what is right, keeping promises and the consequences of what happens when you do not.

James Broderick of Plymouth plays James Roland; Jacob Eliett of Canton plays Mayor Hackenberry; Lexi Fata of Westland and Amanda Buchalter of Canton alternately play The Piper. Also appearing in the production is Megan Ryan of Westland as Leisel and Hannah Ryan of Westland who plays both a rat and a child in the play.

"This play is based on the classic tale and is updated by Susan Berg to give us a lighter, funnier version that still contains all the elements of the original tale," director Barbara Bloom said. "You will meet concerned citizens, a pompous mayor, a visiting school master, a mysterious piper and lots of

children and rats - after all it is all about the children and rats!"

The *Pied Piper of Hamelin* will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-19, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton.

Tickets are available by calling the theater box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.cantonmi.org/village theater. They're also available at the door. The box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$15. Group sales are available at \$13 per 15 people per group.

Spotlight on Youth is part of Spotlight Players, the resident adult theater group at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players has been part of the community for 64 years.

For more information about the Spotlight Players or Spotlight on Youth productions call (734) 480-4945 or visit the Web site at www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Schoolcraft holds Collage Concert

Schoolcraft College will present its 19th Annual Collage Concert on Saturday.

The concert will feature performances by Schoolcraft College's various ensembles including the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Improvisation group, the Choral Union and the Synthesizer Ensemble. In addition, there will be several featured soloist performances as well.

Among the selections to be performed are traditional works by J.S. Bach, Georges Bizet and Stephen

Foster; jazz classics by Dizzy Gillespie and Lester Young; and modern works by Herbie Hancock and Coldplay. In addition, the Synthesizer Ensemble will perform an electronic version of a bell choir.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room on the Livonia campus. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students with identification and \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at www.schox-office.com or by calling (734) 462-4403.

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Current requests for bids and proposals are available at:
www.gardencitymi.org/bids

You can also access this information at Garden City City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours or in the Garden City Police station lobby 24 hours a day.

Publish: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13 & June 10, 2010

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to State Law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 6855 Yale, Westland, MI, March 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

#148: Brian McKelvey; #208 Robert Blalock II; #331 Scott Bowles; #402 Doris Edwards; #439 Dennis Weise; #722 Dennis Weise; #807 Mark Swain; #1101 Robert Norton III.

Units contain misc. household items-furniture.

Publish: March 11 & 18, 2010

WESTLAND ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, March 16th at 11:00 AM and will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
1996	Ford	Ranger	Green	1FTCR14X9TPA99462
1999	Ford	Mustang	Black	1FALP4042XF209401

Publish: March 11, 2010

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearings, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearings is to solicit public comments on the following:

- 10-001, Text Amendment.** To amend the CBD, Central Business Zoning District by revising permitted uses and structures, site design regulations, building design requirements, and development standards.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

David L Harvey
City Manager

Posted: March 8, 2010

Publish: March 11, 2010

CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 5 03/01/10

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves

53: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 2/16/10.
-Appr. req. of North Bros. to hold 5K Run/Walk on 5/15/10 from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., close Marquette & Carlson Rds. and have Bailey Ctr. open for use.
-Adopted Prep. Resolution to change 4 polling place locations.
-Appr. Intergovernmental Agrmnt. with Wayne County & City regarding Nuisance Abatement Program.
-Appr. 1 yr. renewal of Workers Comp. Coverage Agrmnt. w/Willis of MI; cost \$54,697.00.
-Appr. 2 admin. amendments to NSP Agrmnt. executed 3/19/09.
-Intro. Ord. 29-W-26-18 to amend water & sewer rates.
-Adopted Prep. Res. to use NSP funds to purchase 3 properties.
54: Appr. closed Study Session immediately after the meeting re: contract negotiations.
55: Set public hearing date of 4/19/10 for CDBG XXXVI, 7/1/10 thru 6/30/11.
56: Conf. re-appt of R. McKnight to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term, term to exp. 2/18/13.
57: Appr. checklist: \$3,599,009.69 & Prepaid: \$1,004,087.85.
Mtg. adj. at 8:40 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Eileen DeHart
City Clerk, CMC

Publish: March 11, 2010

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On March 16, 2010, the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2001	Yamaha	Vino/Moped	Tan	JYASA17AX1A003487
1998	Saturn	SL1/4 Dr	Gray	1G8ZK5275WZ255315
1998	Ford	Mustang/2 Dr	Green	1FALP4041WF249788
1992	Ford	Ranger/Pickup	Blue	1FTCR10A6NUD34549
1992	Honda	Accord/4 Dr	Tan	1HGCB7655NL006046
2001	Dodge	Neon/4 Dr	Red	1B3ES46C71D234561
1996	Chevy	Monte Carlo/2 Dr	White	2G1WX12X4T9165039
1997	Ford	Taurus/4 Dr	Red	1FALP52U0V0G303595
1999	Buick	Park Ave/4 Dr	Green	1G4CW52KXX4601230
1997	Ford	Escort/4 Dr	Purple	1FALP13P0VW179836
1992	Toyota	Corolla/4 Dr	Tan	1NXAE97A1N2337393

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after April 10, 2010 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time.

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
2009	Saturn	Aura/4 Dr	Black	1G8ZS57B29F199157

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OUR VIEWS

Justine Barns' legacy is our city

Westland lost one of its history makers last week with the passing of Justine Barns. Fiercely loyal to her family, friends, neighborhood and community, she fought for what she felt was right and didn't stop until her mission was accomplished.

A lot has been said about the woman who was opening doors for her "sisters" long before Gloria Steinem launched her feminist movement. Jay, as she was called by those who knew her well, didn't let things like glass ceilings get in her way. She was as capable and successful in what was then considered a man's world as she was standing at the stove in her kitchen.

Many words could be used to describe Justin Barns' legacy. The one we like is phenomenal. Her lists of accomplishments were many and most were firsts as in the first woman to serve on the City Council, the first woman to be elected to City Council, the first woman to serve as council president and as mayor, and the first woman to represent Westland in the state House of Representatives.

But what stands out most is that while she was highly successful in politics, she didn't see herself as a politician. She was a public servant. She didn't serve for her own personal greater glory, but to help her community and the people who lived in it.

Her list of accomplishments were many, including authoring the city's anti-pornography ordinance, which has kept adult bookstores out of Westland, and the ordinance for the Westland Commission on Aging. She also led negotiations for the donation of land used for the Westland Municipal Golf Course.

As a state representative, she let the folks in Lansing know what type of community Westland was by organizing opposition to prevent the state from housing 1,000 state prisoners in the old N building on the grounds of the former Wayne County General Hospital.

Westland is a better place because of all that Justine Barns did. Her passing closes yet another chapter in the city's early history. From a PTA president to a state representative, she championed her community and gave a voice to those who felt they didn't have one.

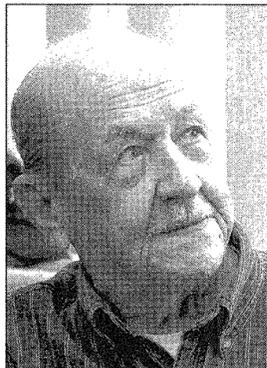
She may be a rest, but we're sure she has found a few projects to work on in heaven. God bless and goodbye, Jay. You will always be remembered as "a great lady."

Sue Nicholas
Westland



"I think it's important. You can't keep believing it's not going to cost more. So yes, I'd be willing to pay more taxes."

Ed Weiland
Garden City



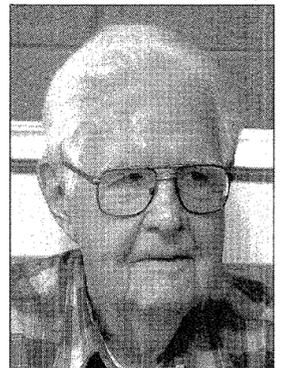
"If a case could be made for higher taxes, I'd be willing to do it, but they'd have to make the case."

Emily Jablonowski
Garden City



"We're paying really high taxes now, but I guess I would."

John Dowden
Livonia



"Yes. If you want to play, you have to pay."

COMMUNITY VOICE

Would you consider paying higher taxes to keep services as they are now?

We asked this question at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

LETTERS

Barns left a legacy

I want to commend *Westland Observer* Community Editor Sue Mason for a sensitive and comprehensive review of Justine Barns' life and legacy to the political community. I read Ms. Mason's story on the *Observer's* Web site Friday, just one day after Justine passed away.

As a former *Observer* editor, Justine (or Jay as nearly everyone called her) was one of the first political leaders I met. Shortly after one of my first City Council meetings, our paths crossed during the day in May 1966, just a few weeks after I joined the newspaper. She was in City Hall guiding a Jefferson Elementary School group of sixth-graders through a tour of the relatively new City Hall. Among the students was her youngest son, Scott.

Over the years, I learned and reported more about her and her contributions to the city's political life through her elections to the City Council, county Board of Commissioners and the state House of Representatives. Besides her public duties, she let me know her family, especially her late husband, Jonathan, and her oldest son, Duane, who I remember interviewing when he returned home from Army duty in Vietnam.

I hope the city administration and City Council will create a permanent, visible and meaningful tribute to reflect the legacy that she left.

Leonard Poger
Westland

Nearly endless first

If there is such a thing as a Founding Mother, Justine Barns was such a person.

Her lists of firsts is nearly endless. First woman on the City Council, member of the first elected City Council, first woman elected locally to the state House of Representatives, first woman president of the City Council, on and on.

She was an apron-clad housewife when she first learned how to get the attention of the township hall. Among the goals, street paving for Norway. Although she enjoyed the intrigue and repartee of politics, she wasn't in it for the gain or the glory. She always had another issue to raise or a project to accomplish.

Blessed with a patient and civic-minded husband, Jon Barns, and two sons of who she was very proud, she was successful because she was "of the people." While she was no great orator, she knew how to pin back the ears on a political opponent. She also knew how to work successfully as a legislator, standing for her principles but willing to compromise when her community stood to benefit.

As she knew her people and responded to their needs for more than 40 years, the community will respond with an outpouring of affection for Justine Barns in the coming days. She was Westland at its best.

Gail and Dick McKnight
Westland

RESA article raises questions

Regarding the RESA article in Sunday's *Observer*. This was a very interesting article; the RESA is an agency that I was not

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: www.hometownlife.com E-mail: smason@hometownlife.com Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

aware of. However, one-third of a page of text did not seem to include: 1) explanation of the acronym; RESA stands for Regional Educational Service Agency — for schools in Wayne County, and 2) that its mission is to: provide services such as group purchasing, computer service, and staff development. Its service sector covers 34 local school districts having approximately 20,000 teachers and 400,000 students. There is also a lot of detail about the effects on individual districts, but nothing on how the RESA charter permits such a tax, which I believe I would support.

Roger Glynn
Livonia

Wrong about health care

Obama stated in his speech on health care "I know it's right."

The latest poll to date (3/4/2010) comes from the Obama cheerleading channel of CNN that shows that 73 percent of the American people want this health care bill trashed and for Congress to start over.

Forcing people to buy health insurance, funding abortions, raising the cost to the taxpayers of \$500 billion and cutting seniors off at the knees with \$500 billion in Medicare cuts.

Which part sounds right to you? Forcing people to buy insurance is unconstitutional. The Dems like to compare it to auto insurance but it's not the same. You don't have to own a car; you will, however, have to pay for health insurance.

The Senate plan is to have the IRS oversee this function by granting them access to your bank accounts to see if they can collect the premiums in real time. That access will also alert them as to how much you money you make and what your spending habits are.

Obama was "schooled" by the teachings of Karl Marx and Saul Alinsky who wrote about how to destroy the U.S. by attacking the capitalist system. He sat in church every week for 20 years and listened to the Rev. Jeremiah Wright condemn American.

Saul Alinsky wrote in his book, *Rules for Radicals*, "From all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins — or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom — Lucifer."

This is the man that Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton idolize and is what drives

them to do the things they do. Barack may know he's right but I and 73 percent of the people in this country know he is wrong.

Phil Solarz
Westland

Health plan more of same

From watching the summit yesterday, as we understand the Republican position on health care reform, they prefer limits on medical malpractice, expanding health savings accounts, allowing consumers to buy insurance from out-state and provide tax breaks to small business.

This is the essence of Republican health care reform. This would be laughable if the Republicans were not so serious about putting forward their plan. Since the Republican senators are little more than subsidiaries of the insurance companies, we guess our expectations are confirmed. Each Republican senator has received more than \$1 million from the insurance companies in campaign contributions.

Let us state clearly, this does very little, if anything at all, to extend health coverage to the current 45 to 50 million American citizens who have no health care. It does nothing for the estimated 45,000 American citizens who die each year from no health coverage. This is essentially the status quo to protect the obscene profits of the insurance companies. It does nothing to once and for all remove pre-existing conditions, cancellation of benefits at insurance companies' whims as well as the arbitrary denial of coverage.

The American people want and deserve what we, the taxpayers have provided to Congress, which is the Public Option, without which there is no competition and no lower costs. We pay in excess of \$12,000 a year for the health coverage for each of our congressmen and women.

The Republican party is increasingly becoming the party of "just say no" and "screw you," I have mine.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey
Farmington Hills

No remorse for Toyota

Being a GM retiree from the Ypsilanti transmission plant, I feel no remorse for the dilemma Toyota has put itself in.

For years, they have been given concessions from our government to make them more competitive with the cars that were produced on our own soil, now they build their cars here and do use Americans to do that and that's a good thing but, doesn't anyone wonder where most of the money they get from American car buyers from their monthly car payment goes?

In Japanese banks. The profit then goes to buy buildings in American cities and hurts our economy not to mention what it does to our morale.

I know a lot of people that read this letter will disagree with me but I'd lose no sleep if that company would go under tomorrow.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

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Here's what our online readers are saying about:

• McCotter being out of touch
I just have to love bleeding heart liberals! Doesn't it make you all warm and fuzzy knowing that this writer doesn't even think twice about taking other people's money while they themselves struggle to put a pot roast on the dinner table. Under this plan, working people (you know the lucky ones that STILL have a job) will not only pay for their own insurance, they will have to pay much more for a bunch of other people to be insured, including illegal aliens and the young people that don't want to be insured. And if you choose not to be insured, the IRS is in charge of fining you! We will become like Canada with waiting lines and months before you can see a doctor.

Debi911

We will take the world's best medical system and make it into third world status. The American people are waking up to this huge lie of "health care" and next time save the propaganda! Over 70 percent of the people KNOW this is a huge snow job.

ALMac7

Obamacare will be terrible for the working man! Too bad Obama and Congress are listening to the majority!

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I-275 path gets summer facelift

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A deteriorating paved pathway along I-275 will get a \$4 million facelift this summer along a seven-mile stretch between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive — a project embraced by bicyclists like 31-year-old Canton resident Brian Rosol.

"I'm geeked. I can't wait for it to be done," said Rosol, who during warm months often rides his mountain bike 42 miles round trip to his job as an electrician for Robert Bosch Corp. in Farmington Hills.

"This trail is pretty chewed up," Rosol said. "It's a little scary in the dark when I can't see the potholes."

Using federal stimulus dollars, the Michigan Department of Transportation is spearheading work that Ron Roby, project manager for Angelo Iafra Construction Co. of Warren, said is expected to begin in April and be completed in October.

The project involves widening the path to 14 feet; installing four new bridges over Fellows Creek, Tonquish Creek and the Wiles and Smith drains; widening a fifth bridge; and ensuring the paved trail complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Although the project will hamper the path's use this summer — because the old bridges will be taken out and replaced — officials say the long-term benefits will far outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

In a separate but related project, MDOT also plans this summer to patch and repair a 10-mile stretch of the I-275 trail from Hines Drive north to Meadowbrook Road — an area officials say isn't nearly as deteriorated.

That project is expected to cost \$500,000 and be paid by separate federal and state funding.

Moreover, talks already have begun that center on far-reaching repairs — possibly in 2011 — to a 10.5-mile stretch of the I-275 path from Michigan Avenue south to Willow Metro Park.

In all, the three projects span 27.5 miles along the most heavily used portion of a larger, 40-mile I-275 path, MDOT officials said.

MDOT and construction officials provided specific details during a public meeting attended by some 35 people. Other meetings are expected in coming months.

Rosol and other path users embraced the plans. Rosol said the work will make his bike trips to work — trips that keep him in shape and reduce his carbon footprint — much more enjoyable and safer.

Brad Sharp, Canton's parks and facilities manager, said

the path improvements also could result in more use of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, a winding path that stretches several miles from the I-275 corridor west to Canton Center Road.

The latter trail already has been improved with five new wooden pedestrian bridges, and two others are expected to be installed as early as this

spring. The Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail can be accessed from a trail head on Morton Taylor Road north of Michigan Avenue, where a parking lot is available for people who want to leave behind their motorized vehicles and explore nature.

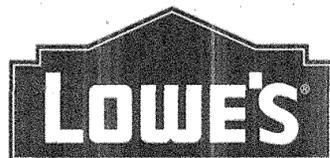
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A group of 30 to 40 trail users attended an open house in Canton this week to hear details of a planned \$4 million renovation of the I-275 paved pathway.

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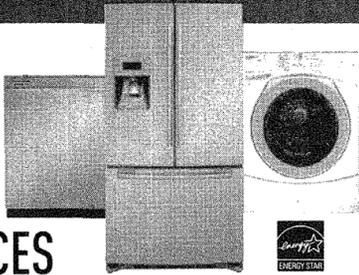
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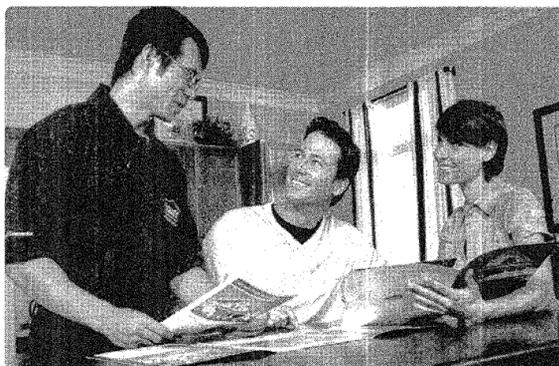
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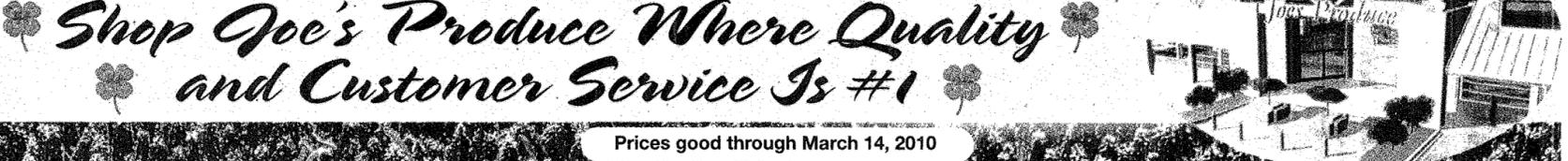
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HOMETOWN LIFE



Lady Ocelots book return trip to NJCAA tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team is back in familiar territory — the NJCAA Division II National Tournament.

The Lady Ocelots, last year's national runner-up, improved to 31-1 overall with a hard-fought 74-64 victory Sunday over host Owens Technical Community College in District H finals played in Toledo, Ohio.

Schoolcraft, which could be among the top four seeds, now has nine days off before it returns to the court for the opening round of the NJCAAs, March 17-20, in East Peoria, Ill.

"It was our best effort of the year," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said. "Our girls were not going to be denied. I really wanted these kids to go back."

Schoolcraft, which beat the Express for the third time this season, won it at the free throw line going 21-of-31 (67.7 percent).

Owens, meanwhile, shot a dismal 13-of-31 from the foul

stripe (41.9 percent).

Tournament MVP Angie Burrell scored a game-high 21 points for the Lady Ocelots, who led 30-26 at halftime.

With only 4:39 left, Owens close the gap to 61-57, but Burrell answered with a pivotal three-pointer just 15 seconds later and the Express never go closer than five the rest of the way.

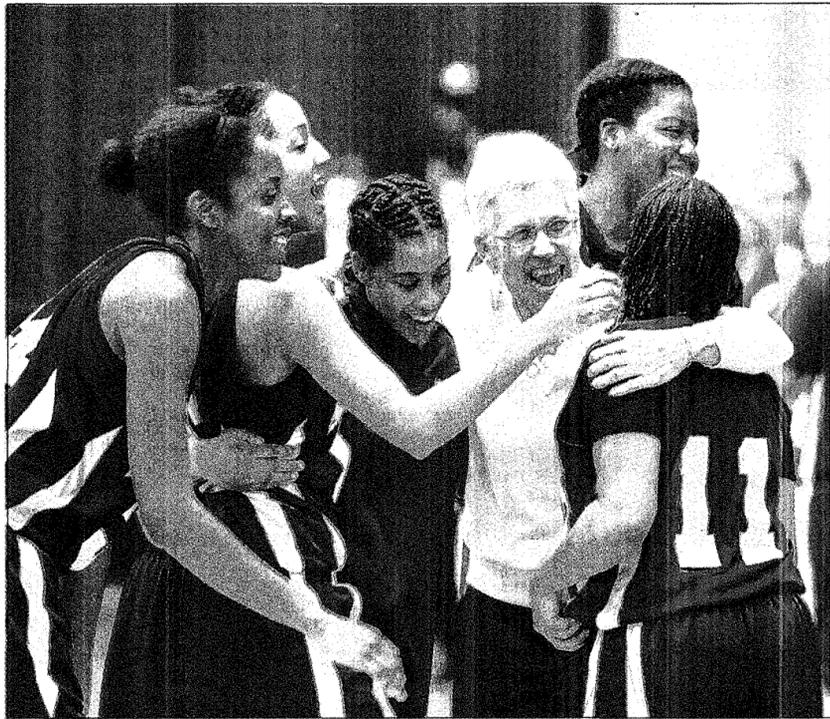
"We made big time shots and big time plays," Lafata said. "The second half we had only five turnovers and hit some big free throws. There were a lot of heroes."

Antania Shepherd added 16 points, while April Goins, who played all 40 minutes, contributed 15 for Schoolcraft.

Amber Avery, named to the All-Tournament team, chipped in with 12 points and a team-high 16 rebounds, while teammate Kimberly Bee grabbed 11 rebounds.

Schoolcraft's balanced attack offset the 19-point, 19-rebound performance by Owens' 6-foot-5 center Brittany Darling, who strug-

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RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata (center) and players celebrate their NJCAA Division II District H championship win Sunday over host Owens Tech CC in Toledo, Ohio.

SIDELINES

Trojans ousted

In the Class B district boys basketball opener Monday, Marcarious Zachary scored 25 points and Marcus Robinson added 17 as Inkster Cherry Hill School of the Performing Arts eliminated host Livonia Clarenceville, 74-52.

Clarenceville, which ended its season at 5-16 overall under first-year coach Justin Johnson, couldn't overcome a 21-6 first-quarter deficit.

"We did not come out with a good effort," Johnson said. "And they (Cherry Hill) played better than when I scouted them. They knocked down shots and we did not play good defense. They played well, give them credit. They seemed like they wanted it more."

Kassius Kelly led the Trojans with 12 points, while Dominic Patton, Damien Quarles and Lenny Smith each added eight.

The district championship is set for 7 p.m. Friday at Clarenceville.

Berger honored

Washington University in St. Louis (Mo.) junior forward Kathryn Berger (Livonia Ladywood) was named University Athletic Association Athlete of the Week in women's basketball.

Berger poured in a career-high 25 points on 9-of-13 shooting, including three 3-pointers, as the sixth-ranked Bears advanced in the NCAA Division II regional with an 80-64 win last Saturday over Thomas More (Ky.) College.

Berger averaged 17 points and 9.5 rebounds while shooting 61.1 percent (11-of-18) from the field in two regional games, which also included an 81-67 opening-round win Friday over Maryville (Tenn.).

She is averaging 8.7 points and 5.6 rebounds on the year.

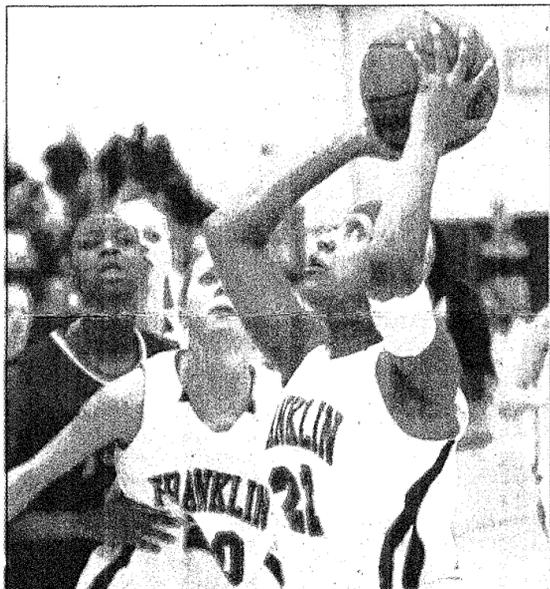
On Friday, Washington University (25-2) will host Mount Union (Ohio) in the NCAA sectional with the winner facing either defending national champion George Fox (Ore.) University or Carthage (Wis.) College.

Lineberry saluted

Madonna University third baseman Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference named baseball Player of the Week (ending March 7).

The honor, Lineberry's first of his career, comes after the freshman hit .556 in six games with two doubles, a triple, three RBI and eight runs scored.

Lineberry went 10-for-18 at the plate in addition to drawing three walks and stealing a base as the No. 21-ranked Crusaders improved to 10-2 overall.



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Franklin senior center Senneca Scott (21) goes up for two of her 10 points in Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal win over Detroit Cody. Teammate Chelsea Williams (20) scored a game-high 19 points.

Moving forward

Franklin girls cagers reach regional final

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took three quarters for Livonia Franklin to get in sync, but the Patriots were able to survive and advance in the state Class A girls basketball tournament.

Franklin, last year's state runner-up, pulled away in the final quarter with an 18-8 run Tuesday to subdue Detroit Cody, 51-39, in the regional semifinal at Livonia Ladywood.

The Patriots, 18-5 overall, had no scouting report on the Comets and got to the Ladywood gym prematurely thinking they'd be playing

the first game of a double-header. Instead, it was Detroit Pershing edging Detroit King in the opener, 43-42.

"We came into this blind," Franklin coach Dave McCall said. "We didn't know anything about them. We couldn't get any information. We had nothing."

"The schedule got screwed up. We got here at 5 o'clock expecting to play at 6 o'clock. It kind threw everybody's tempo and everything off. We had to go to a place to get a smoothie. We tried to waste the time. Everything was a little upset as far as getting their families coordinated and it kind of threw us off our game

mentally. I think it took us three quarters to get focused on what we were doing and where we were at."

Once the Patriots found their groove, they were able to solve Cody's zone defense.

Senior center Senneca Scott, who came into the game with a pair of impressive double-doubles (points, rebounds) in the district, came alive in the fourth quarter scoring eight of her 10 points.

"Senneca struggled," McCall said. "She got beat up a little bit inside and she decided that she was standing around a little bit, instead of moving in and out. She started moving

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Glenn's Pavlich wins coveted state crown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like any high school wrestler when the season ends, Anthony Pavlich was waiting for that "big meal."

"It was the first time I didn't have to worry about cutting weight," said newly crowned 130-pound MHSAA Division I state wrestling champ from Westland John Glenn. "My dad (Andy) and I went back to the hotel and ate. I don't remember what we ate, but it was a big meal."

The senior devoured 60-of-63 opponents this season and

ended his illustrious career with school-record 179 wins and 108 pins.

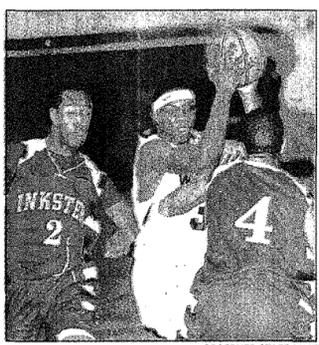
But no decision was bigger than his 4-2 overtime victory over Hartland's Jeff Lopez before cheering teammates, coaches, family and friends Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Pavlich earned a two-point takedown with only 18 seconds

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Pavlich



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Caught in a vise

Wayne Memorial guard James Jackson (center) is double-teamed by Inkster defenders Rufus Baynham (left) and Deonte Williams during Monday's Class A district boys basketball opener. The host Zebras were ousted, 69-43. See story on page B3.

Shamrock icers slip by Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson followed its game plan to the letter in Saturday's Division I regional boys hockey final against defending state champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

But the Spartans came up empty on six power-play attempts as the No. 1-ranked Shamrocks improved to 25-1-1 overall with a 2-0 victory before a standing room only crowd at Novi Ice Arena.

"To come into a game and tell us we'd hold CC to 25 shots and we'd get 25 of our own ... I can't say enough good things about the efforts of our guys

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Quint propels Blue gymnasts to win

Livonia Blue, last year's state runner-up, rode another signature performance from senior Emily Quint to earn its fourth consecutive trip to the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Team Finals

set for Friday at Rockford High School. Quint, a Franklin High student, was the Division 1 all-around champion last Saturday at the Canton regional with a score of 37.70. She placed first in three events including vault (9.425), balance beam (9.75) and floor exercise (9.575), along with adding a fifth on the uneven parallel bars (8.95). Canton captured the team title with a total of 144.725 points followed by Northville and Livonia Blue with 140.825 and 140.000, respectively. Livonia Red, meanwhile, placed sixth with 136.300.



Quint

Quint's teammate, Alex Kitz, tied for second at the regional in the Division 2 all-around with a score of 34.975. She placed second on the uneven bars (8.9) and added sixth on vault (8.75).

Livonia Blue's other Division 2 state qualifier (top eight) was Cassie Morford, who tied for fifth on the balance beam (9.05).

Livonia Red freshman Katie Kretzchmer, eighth in the Division 1 regional all-around (35.675), is also headed to Rockford in four different events after placing third on vault (9.2) and floor exercise (9.175); seventh on the uneven bars (8.6); and eighth on beam (8.7).

In Division 2, Red's Katina St. Pierre qualified for Saturday's individual finals by tying for fourth on the uneven bars (8.6) and tying for sixth on floor (9.025).

The Division 2 individual finals start at noon followed by Division 1 at 3:30 p.m., both Saturday at Rockford.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

MHSAA REGIONAL GIRLS GYMNASTICS MEET
March 6 at Plymouth H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals): 1. Canton, 144.725; 2. Northville, 140.825; 3. Livonia Blue, 140.000; 4. Saline, 139.775; 5. Grosse Pointe United, 137.525; 6. Livonia Red, 136.300; 7. Salem, 133.875; 8. Plymouth, 132.825; 9. Adrian, 130.500; 10. Tecumseh, 122.300; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 116.700.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS (top 8 qualify for state finals)
DIVISION 1
Vault: 1. Emily Quint (Blue), 9.425; 2. Robyn Piowar (Canton), 9.35; 3. Katie Kretzchmer (Red), 9.2; 4. Nicole Fischhoff (Adrian), 9.1; 5. Katie Karher (Saline), 8.95; 6. Cassidy Winter (N'ville), 8.9; 7. Allison Kemp (N'ville), 8.8; 8. Alex Fideler (Canton), 8.55.
Uneven bars: 1. Fideler (Canton), 9.45; 2. Kemp (N'ville) and Winter (N'ville), 9.2 each; 4. Karher (Saline), 9.1 each; 5. Quint (Blue), 8.95; 6. Fischhoff (Adrian), 8.75; 7. Kretzchmer (Red), 8.6; 8. Marissa Messing (Edsel), 8.5.
Balance beam: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.75; 2. Kemp (N'ville), 9.4; 3. Piowar (Canton), 9.35; 4. Karher (Saline), 9.325; 5. Fideler (Canton), 9.0; 6. Fischhoff (Adrian), 8.975; 7. Winter (N'ville), 8.875; 8. Kretzchmer (Red), 8.7.
Floor exercise: 1. Quint (Blue), 9.575; 2. Piowar (Canton), 9.575; 3. Kretzchmer (Red), 9.175; 4. Kemp (N'ville), 9.15; 5. Fischhoff (Adrian), 9.1; 7. (tie) Karher (Saline) and Fideler (Canton), 8.975 each.
All-around: 1. Quint (Blue), 37.70; 2. Piowar (Canton), 36.675; 3. Kemp (N'ville), 36.55; 4.

Karher (Saline), 36.35; 5. Winter (N'ville), 36.10; 6. Fideler (Canton), 35.975; 8. Kretzchmer (Red), 35.675.

DIVISION 2
Vault: 1. Ayana Lewis (Canton), 8.9; 2. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 8.875; 3. (tie) Chelsea Katerina (Tecumseh) and Mallory Hudak (Canton), 8.8 each; 5. Amy O'Brien (N'ville), 8.755; 6. Alex Kitz (Blue), 8.75; 7. (tie) Brea Tomford (Tecumseh) and Reagan Engstrom (Ply), 8.7 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (Canton), 9.3; 2. Kitz (Blue), 8.9; 3. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.85; 4. Emma Abessonio (Grosse Pte.) and Katina St. Pierre (Red), 8.6 each; 6. (tie) Kristy Richart (Saline), Heather Kroskey (Grosse Pte.) and Madi Kaiser (Grosse Pte.), 8.4 each.

Balance beam: 1. Hudak (Canton), 9.25; 2. Chelsea Katerina (Tecumseh), 9.2; 3. Lauren Krieger (Grosse Pte.), 9.175; 4. Sammy Richart (Saline), 9.1; 5. Brooke Granowicz (Canton), 9.05; 7. K. Richart (Saline), 8.85; 8. (tie) Lewis (Canton) and Kaiser (Grosse Pte.), 8.825 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Catterina (Tecumseh), 9.5; 2. Hudak (Canton), 9.35; 3. Jacobs (Salem), 9.3; 4. Abessonio (Grosse Pte.), 9.075; 5. Kati Pierce (Canton), 9.05; 6. (tie) O'Brien (N'ville) and St. Pierre (Red), 9.025 each; 8. (tie) S. Richart (Saline) and Aubryn Samaroo (Grosse Pte.), 8.975 each.

All-around: 1. Lewis (Canton), 35.675; 2. (tie) S. Richart (Saline) and Kitz (Blue), 34.975 each; 4. Catterina (Tecumseh), 34.95; 5. Jacobs (Salem), 34.85; 6. Hudak (Canton), 34.775; 7. Jepperson (Salem), 34.75; 8. Krieger (Grosse Pte.), 34.60.

FRANKLIN

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and we started finding openings, and then we started hitting her with some passes."

Junior point-guard Chelsea Williams answered the bell early, scoring 13 of her game-high 19 points in the first half as the Patriots led 26-21.

Cody, however, stayed close behind the play of sophomore Erica Coville, who scored eight straight points in the third quarter to slice the Franklin lead to 33-30.

But Franklin went on a 12-3 run during the first five minutes of the fourth quarter to put the game away capped by Brittany Milican's basket with 3:09 remaining to make it 45-33.

Nicole Emery and Milican chipped in with seven and six points, respectively, while Amanda Borio had five.

"We made some adjustments on our defense — on our weak side," McCall said. "Once again the key to that defense is weakside support. We got a little bit lazy on it. We talked about fixing that. Instead of standing down low, we had

to move Senneca back up and then back in."

Coville finished 15 points to pace the Comets, who shot only 26 percent from the field (13-of-50 and committed 20 turnovers).

Crona Posey and Jasmine Korezak added 11 and nine, respectively.

"We've been dealing with a whole lot of stuff," said Cody coach Charles Knott, whose team finished 16-5 overall. "Our best rebounder is at home (Amara Dixon) with a 102-degree fever. I just got the OK from her mom, number 10 (Posey), right before the horn went off that she could play. So we've been going back-and-forth all day. The chemistry wasn't there when we left the school."

Franklin now faces Pershing (19-2), the Public School League runner-up. Game time is 7 p.m. Thursday at Ladywood.

When asked about the impending regional championship matchup, McCall simply said: "We better play hard."

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CROWN

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left in the first minute of OT for the victory

"I knew the next (OT) period I could ride him (Lopez)," Pavlich said. "Before the first overtime I just cleared my head, went out there, and fought for a takedown."

In the 2009 Division 1 Team State quarterfinals, Lopez won an 11-1 major decision over Pavlich at 125 pounds.

"He worked me over pretty good, he was a lot stronger back then," Pavlich said.

But after a rigorous off-season of workouts, Pavlich came back more determined to improve upon his eighth-place finish in the individual state tourney of a year ago. (He placed fifth at 103 as a sophomore.)

"I just got a lot more experience, I went to various tournaments, a couple of camps," said Pavlich, who would like to continue his mat career in college. "I trained really hard to where I got. I was fighting all along for this."

Pavlich becomes the school's third individual state cham-

pion and the first for 10th-year coach Bill Polk, who has had seven finalists in the past eight years.

Polk said he was getting encouraging words from his fellow coaching fraternity prior to Pavlich's final match.

It was funny," the Glenn coach said. "I was getting text messages from Dave Chiola, Dan Vaughan, Greg Woohuck, Rich Donahee, and a few others that are all area coaches saying, 'Break the curse.' It makes me happy to know they were all pulling for us."

The Glenn coach said he tried to take a calm, yet business-like approach with his senior grappler.

"I did the best I could to keep Anthony focused on the match and nothing else like that so he didn't have the extra pressure," Polk said. "He was very loose and relaxed because he knew he prepared for this match his entire career. We were all laughing together as he warmed up telling jokes so he would realize it was just another match in the spotlight, and he has had tons of them in his career.

"I could tell he was ready for

the match when he walked out on the mat — win or lose he would leave it all out there and that's all we can ask."

More Glenn placers

Glenn senior heavyweight Dustin Gajowiak improved upon his fifth place finish of a year ago in the 285-pound class with a fourth this time and finished the year 58-9 overall.

"Dustin is the best 'Big Man' that John Glenn has ever sent out on the mat," Polk said. "He's a two-time medal winner and outstanding three-sport athlete (including football and track and field)."

Meanwhile, the Rockets' Josh Austin added a fifth at 119 and ended up 52-11 as a senior.

"Josh has appeared in the individual state finals twice both as a junior and senior," Polk said. "We are all very proud of Josh for becoming an Academic All-State and All-State medal winner."

Patriots' Tuyo 6th

Livonia Franklin junior Steve Tuyo (112) captured his first two matches of the

tournament and wound up sixth overall to earn All-State honors.

"Steve really turned it on at the end of the year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "He wrestled pretty high in the lineup all year to make the team better. Towards the end of the year he got down (in weight), and wrestling the bigger guys all year really paid off. I saw very few people pick him to get to the semifinals at the state tournament."

Tuyo finished 54-14 overall.

"He's been very focused and dedicated all year, but really turned it on the last month of the season," Chiola said.

Warriors' Francis 3rd

Lutheran High Westland senior Laith Francis bounced back from a second-round loss to earn a third-place finish at 125 pounds in Division 4.

Francis went 5-1 over the three-day span and finished the season 52-7 overall.

He defeated Dan Efting of Bangor in the consolation finals, 7-5.

PREP WRESTLING

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT AREA RESULTS
March 4-6 at Palace of Auburn Hills

DIVISION 1
Anthony Pavlich, Sr., 130 pounds, Westland John Glenn (1st place): won by technical fall over Gary Cicotte (L'Anse Creuse North), 15-0; decisioned Jake Fillingham (Lowell), 10-3; dec. Jeremy Stoian (Troy Athens), 5-3; dec. Jeff Lopez (Hartland), 4-2 (overtime). Final record: 60-3.

Dustin Gajowiak, Sr., 285, John Glenn (4th): dec. Mikhail Prince (Royal Oak), 9-2; dec. by Quinton Moore (Saginaw), 5-3 (OT); dec. Dylan Wells (Farmington), 5-1; pinned Chris Biggs (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 3:53; dec. Adam Bennett (Romeo), 10-7; dec. by Buster

Wilson (Southgate), 4-2. Final record: 58-9.
Josh Austin, Sr., 119, John Glenn (5th): dec. Kyle Hill (Oxford), 10-7; dec. Kirk Wawrzyniak (Roseville), 5-3 (OT); dec. by Brandon Stuart (Davison), 5-4; pinned by Brendan Papin (Belleville), 4:04; won by injury default over Camryn Jackson (Lansing Eastern). Final record: 52-11 overall.

Steve Tuyo, Jr., 112, Livonia Franklin (6th): dec. Andrew Napieraj (Birmingham Brother Rice), 6-4; won by major dec. over Ross Kantola (Hartland), 9-1; pinned by Freddie Rodriguez (Holt), 1:33; pinned by Alex Calandrino (Howell), 2:46; lost by injury default to Evan Guffey (Wyandotte). Final record: 54-14.

Jack Meadows, Jr., 112, Livonia Churchill: lost by tech. fall to Kaelan

Richards (Rochester), 16-0; pinned by Markus Gonzales (Bay City Central), 1:59. Final record: 5-6.

Travis Mann, Fr., 140, John Glenn: dec. by John Julien (Hartland), 8-4; lost by major dec. to Blake Bradley (L'Anse Creuse North), 12-4. Final record: 24-6.

Mike Johnson, Sr., 145, John Glenn: lost by major dec. to George Abro (Troy Athens), 13-5; lost by tech. fall to Doug Baughman (Hartland), 15-0. Final record: 35-26.

Matt Roos, Jr., 152, Franklin: lost by major dec. to Deshawn Nelson (East Kentwood), 18-4; lost by major dec. to Erik Winnega (L'Anse Creuse), 8-0. Final record: 47-14.

Curtis Castleberry, Sr., 171, Churchill: dec. Alex Doetsch (Grosse Pointe North),

11-6; pinned by Mike Andring (Holt), 3:22; lost by major dec. to Hunter Motko (Bay City Western), 8-0. Final record: 45-8.

DIVISION 4
Laith Francis, Sr., 125, Lutheran Westland (3rd): dec. Evan Lamb (Rogers City), 7-1; dec. by Justin Krupp (New Lothrop), 9-4; won by major dec. over Gavin Knight (Leroy-Pine River), 9-0; dec. Camden McCaskey (Hudson), 2-1; dec. Zachary Holmes (Burton-Bendle), 8-5; dec. Dan Efting (Bangor), 7-5. Final record: 52-7.

Justin Palka, Sr., 130, Lutheran Westland: dec. by Tim Streit (Lawrence), 5-4; dec. Wade Erhardt (New Lothrop), 11-7; dec. by Cameron Barnes (Hudson), 11-7. Final record: 48-9.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the 2010 Livonia Hurricanes, a 17-and-under AAU girls basketball team, will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday March 14 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, located at 15100 Hubbard (at Five Mile Road).

The Try out fee is \$14. For more information, call Jim Milican at (734) 709-2412.

LBSA registration

Registration for the 2010 Livonia Baseball and Softball Association (LBSA) will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 10, at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Divisions offered include High School (ages 15-16) and High School/Collegiate (ages 17-19). Within each division two levels of competitive play will be formed.

Rosters and teams are limited. Managers and coaches are needed for both divisions. Registration forms will be available at sign up or online at www.livoniabsa.com (under forms section).

For more information, call George Coram at (248) 478-5071 or Curt Kreutzfeld at (734) 522-5413.

Spartan softball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson softball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 4-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Defensive skills - 9-11 a.m.

(cost is \$25 if postmarked by March 5; or \$35 at the door); and offensive skills - noon to 2 p.m. (cost is \$25 if post-marked by March 5; or \$35 at the door). Group rates are available.

For more information, e-mail Stevenson girls softball coach Rob Witherspoon at rwitthers@livoniapublicschools.org. (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

Spartan baseball clinics

The Livonia Stevenson baseball program will offer a pair of baseball clinics (grades 3-8) on Saturday, March 20 at the high school fieldhouse including:

Pitching - 10 a.m. to noon (cost \$33); and hitting and fielding - 1-3 p.m. (cost \$33).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com (Checks can be made payable to Stevenson High School.)

Girls pompon clinic

Livonia Pom will stage a clinic for girls in grades 3-8 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$20 (includes a clinic T-shirt).

For more information, or to download the registration form, go to www.livoniapom.com.

SHAMROCK

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tonight, and about them all tonight," said Stevenson coach David Mitchell, whose team finished 21-4-2 overall. "I'm extremely proud of every single one of our guys in the room."

CC's first goal came at 3:27 of the opening period when Austin Hervey popped home a rebound with Sean Gaffney and Dave Middleton assisting.

The Shamrocks then got a re-direct tip-in from Middleton off a shot from the point by defenseman Nick Crowley at 3:31 of the second period to make it 2-0.

"That's their game and that's what they do, and we knew that," Mitchell said. "We did a good job for the most part throughout the night of clearing pucks and doing that, but we had a couple of breakdowns. (Goalie) Danny Sager stood tall and that kid has been a rock all year. It was a heck of an effort by all our guys."

Stevenson had a couple of five-on-three man advantages, but couldn't slip the puck past CC netminder Connor Pankow.

"In my 15 years at CC he's been our only senior captain goalie," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "He's absolutely a fantastic team leader on-and-off the ice. He's great at playing the puck, which I thought was a huge factor tonight. He's a calming influence."

Stevenson was outshot 11-7 in the opening period, but held an 11-9 and 7-5 edge in the second and third periods, respectively.

"We knew it would be a very

tough game," Johnson said. "Stevenson's got a great team, a great record. They played us tough. They watched us play a lot this year. They know what we're all about. They took a conservative strategy trying to keep it a low-scoring game. They executed their plan great. It was a good, hard-fought playoff game."

Despite taking an uncharacteristic seven penalties, Johnson was pleased with the way his special teams unit held tough.

"I thought we (penalty) killed fantastic, both one man down and two men down," he said. "Stevenson has some highly skilled players. I thought we did a really good job limiting their good opportunities and slowing them down a little bit. Probably it was the difference in the game, our penalty killing."

Stevenson, meanwhile, took a slightly different approach after losing 6-2 to the Shamrocks back in December.

"We knew we had to do our best to limit them," Mitchell said. "They so strong, they're so powerful and they're so well coached that we knew we had to limit their chances. We definitely didn't want run and gun as much because we knew we couldn't get into a run-and-gun match with them. We put a system in the last couple days of practice. We implemented that system and I couldn't be prouder or happier to be the coach of those young men."

CC moves on to the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to face Ann Arbor Huron.

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Franklin Patriots take district opener over GC

BY JIM TOTH
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That 7-13 record of Livonia Franklin's entering the postseason may have been a little deceiving.

"We're playing better, but our division is so tough," Patriots coach Jeremy Rheault said after watching his club score an impressive 63-57 victory over Garden City Monday evening in the opening round of Class A boys basketball district at Livonia Stevenson. "We were in a lot of those games right to the end. Our division helps prepare us so our record and adversity we've gone through has made us stronger. We're really putting it together now which is a good thing."

The story of the game was the second quarter in which Rheault's Patriots put 22 points on the board after settling for just 13 in the opening eight minutes of play.

"We went man and our defense picked up," said Rheault, who saw his cagers turn a 14-13 first-quarter deficit into a 35-22 advantage at halftime. "We were able to shut them down more and were able to run. We can do pretty well in transition. But I think it was effort. The first quarter was just tough to get going and the second quarter we kind of pieced it together."

Seniors Andy McCaffery and Mike Gadsby were the catalysts for the Patriots

as the duo time and time again found seams in the Cougars' defense to throw down some easy buckets.

Franklin's lead remained double digits for much of the third quarter until the Cougars showed signs of wanting to prolong their season by connecting on a couple of long treys late in the period.

When Garden City's Demetrius Brown converted two free throws with :07 remaining, the lead was just six points at 48-42 heading to the fourth quarter of play.

The Cougars continued to attack and chase fullcourt and the frantic play paid off as coach Greg Williamson's squad clawed their way back to within one point with 5:02 remaining.

But a McCaffery bucket, followed by a Jack Chinavare two-pointer, stalled GC's comeback bid and provided the necessary breathing room for the Patriots to close matters down the stretch and record their eighth victory in 21 starts this season.

McCaffery paced the winning effort with 19 points. Gadsby followed with 14 and Chinavare added 11.

For Garden City, which ended 12-9 overall, senior Matthew Mitchell led the way with 20 points, including three long bombs in the first quarter. Burton followed in the scoring column with 19 points and Moises Cruz added nine.



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Franklin's Andy McCaffery (14) scored a game-high 19 points in the Patriots' opening-round Class A district win over Garden City.

"We didn't defend very well in the second quarter and it hurt us," Williamson said. "They kept beating us off the dribble. We fought back and played with a lot of desperation and then took some questionable shots. But give Franklin credit because they played very hard."

On tap for the Patriots was a meeting Wednesday with Redford Thurston in district semifinals.

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Attack mode

High-powered Inkster eliminates Wayne, 69-43

BY BRAD EMONS
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It's arguably one of the toughest boys basketball districts in the state and host Wayne Memorial became the first victim Monday night.

The Zebras couldn't sustain an early 11-3 lead as Inkster roared back and rolled to a 69-43 first-round Class A triumph.

Wayne, which dropped its final three games, ended its season at 15-6 overall.

Inkster, meanwhile, advanced to face another formidable district foe Wednesday night in Ypsilanti. The Vikings, a state Class B semifinalist a year ago, improved to 14-4 overall.

"We prepared for everything that they did, they just did it better than what we prepared for - I guess," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "We said we had to play transition defense, we'd have to rebound, and take care of the basketball. I think overall we did an OK job taking care of the basketball. The biggest thing was offensive rebounding. We just couldn't hold them out of there. That was a huge difference. And once they got up on us, they just started running and it was a little bit more than we bargained for."

The Vikings took the lead for good with 30 seconds left in the first quarter on Donald Owens' rebound basket, 15-13.

Inkster then outscored Wayne 16-8 in the second period to take command and went on an 18-9 in the third.

"It was a slow start for us, no question, but there was no question in my mind we'd

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make up that deficit," Inkster coach Durand Shepherd said. "We just tried to come out and play natural and not overplay. We came out early and didn't run our offense. We were trying to do too much. It took some settling down. Sometimes we let our seniors try and orchestrate things without me being the captain because a lot of these guys played on the Final Four team last year. But if it takes for me to call every set, I'll do it. Usually they start a game out correctly. Tonight they didn't, but they normally do."

Milton Cribbs, a junior, paced Inkster's balanced scoring attack with 11 points.

Deon Butler added 10, while Orlando Fickling, Jerry Jones and Rufus Baynham added nine apiece.

Wayne committed 15 turnovers and made only 16-of-52 shots from the floor (30.7 percent).

"Our plan was to execute, attack the rim and run out in transition," Shepherd said. "We pressured their guards for 32 minutes and eventually we're going to wear them down. We ran for 32 minutes. Either we're going to cause turnovers or get easy transition points. Our bench is deeper than theirs, no question, and more experienced."

Senior center Daniel Hill paced Wayne and all scorers with 16 points. Brian Gray added seven of his 10 points in the first period.

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Top-ranked Romulus sinks young Rockets

BY BRAD EMONS
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Nobody had a tougher first-round Class A district boys basketball tournament draw than Westland John Glenn.

The youthful Rockets took on No. 1-ranked Romulus, fresh from an impressive victory over Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, and the outcome Monday night was predictable at Wayne Memorial.

"They're hard to guard," Glenn coach Dan Young said of the 20-1 Eagles following a 55-35 setback. "They got a lot of good players and they're very well coached. And they're very good defensively. In playing them it's hard to score."

Romulus led 19-10 after one quarter and 33-17 at halftime before stretching their lead to 46-25 after 24 minutes.

The Eagles' relentless full-court pressure took its toll on

the Rockets, who committed a total of 23 turnovers.

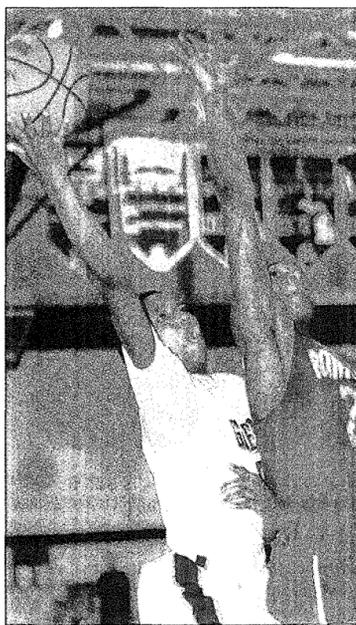
Romulus was 19-of-44 from the field (43.1 percent) and 10-of-19 from the foul stripe (52.6 percent).

Derrick Stewart and Marcus Trent each scored 11 for Romulus. Plymouth High transfer Justin Moss, a 6-foot-6 junior, added nine as the Eagles advanced to face Belleville in Wednesday's district semifinals.

Glenn, meanwhile, was 11-of-31 from the floor (35.4 percent) and also 10-of-19 from the free throw line.

Marcus Mecks scored a team-high nine for the Rockets, while Austin Omogbayi added seven.

"It's about the most fun I've ever had coaching a group of kids," said Young, whose team finished 6-15 and graduated only one senior starter (Zarik Barnes). "They worked as hard



OBSERVER STAFF PHOTO

John Glenn's Cortez Hernton (left) tries to elude the block attempt by Romulus defender Marcus Trent during Monday's Class A district boys basketball opener.

as any group I've ever coached at Glenn - anywhere I've ever coached. We're basically a pretty young group and we knew that going in. We competed with all the best teams.

That's what we were trying to do right now. We're going to try and take another step."

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Minus coach, Spartans whip Redford Union

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This time of year experience trumps talent and goes a long way in determining the outcome of a basketball game.

With five seniors on the court much of the time, Livonia Stevenson was able to flex its muscles and play mind-games with a youthful Redford Union squad Monday as the Spartans came away with a convincing 56-36 Class A district triumph on their home court.

"You love seeing your seniors step up, especially in a district like this," said Stevenson assistant coach Matt Bartnick, who took over the head coaching reins from Mike Allie (serving a one-game suspension after

being ejected in the regular-season finale). "We have one three-year starter (Jordan El-Sabeh) and we have one four-year starter (Bobby Naubert), and they played a heckuva game. To have starters like that coming into a district is a real plus. They've been here before and they knew what to do."

What both Naubert and El-Sabah did was take the game over in the second quarter when the Spartans were looking for a spark to offset the scrappiness displayed by the inexperienced Panthers.

The duo led a 25-4 run over the middle two periods, turning a 16-13 deficit into a 38-20 advantage and a renewed vision of surviving to play another day.

"We stepped up the pressure a little bit," Bartnick

said. "We wanted to get everyone going. We looked a little slow coming out, so we turned up the pressure and it got our kids going, our bench going and it ended up working out. It really set the tempo for the rest of the game."

The Panthers never recovered.

"We played about as good as we can play in the first 10 minutes," RU coach Brett Steele said. "We controlled the tempo, we executed offensively, we did exactly what we wanted to do for 32 minutes, but we were only able to do it for 10."

Naubert's 26 points paved the way for victory and earned the Spartans (16-5) a date Wednesday against Livonia Churchill in a semifinal matchup. Game time is 7

p.m. at Stevenson.

The Spartans drained nine three-point buckets on the evening, including three by Naubert.

Junior CJ Mwila came off the bench to added 12 points, while senior Kyle Bambach chipped in with six.

For the Panthers (3-18), sophomore JaVonte Davis tossed in 14 points and teammate Brandon Tinsley contributed 13. Tre Goynes, the third of four sophomores in the starting lineup, finished with six.

"Give RU a lot of credit because they played us tough," Bartnick said. "I told the kids before the game this is districts, and it's one-and-done out there. It was a fun game to coach."

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Cards deck Warriors in regional play

It's surely wasn't the start Lutheran High Westland was looking for.

Surprising many with their district championship won last Friday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, the Warriors' girls basketball team was hoping to turn a few more heads with more postseason heroics Tuesday night against Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

Instead, what the Warriors did receive was a harsh dose of reality as the high-flying Cardinals soared to a lopsided 51-20 triumph in Class D regional semifinal action at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian.

Cardinal Mooney, which advanced to Thursday's region-

GIRLS HOOPS

al final sporting a 15-8 ledger overall against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, held a two-touchdown lead (14-0) lead over the Warriors after one quarter of action.

Backed by more stellar play from the Pheut sisters - Allie and Clara - Cardinal Mooney was able to increase the advantage to 25-6 at the half and coasted home to victory.

Allie Pheut paced the victors with 13 points, while Clara Pheut and Breagh Beaton followed with nine points apiece.

Senior center Emilie Freeman topped the Warriors (6-15) with six points.

PREP BOWLING

MHSAA SINGLES BOWLING FINALS AREA BOYS RESULTS
March 6 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek)
DIVISION 1
Finals: Tyler Greene (Davison) defeated Anthony Harger (Flint Carmen-Ainsworth), 408-310 (183-225, 153, 157).
Quarterfinals: Tyler Vance (Farmington Hills Harrison) def. Jordan Hornes (Westland John Glenn), 380-372 (169-211, 181-191).
Round of 16: Hornes def. Brent Pawlicki (Utica), 416-400 (204-212, 222-178).
Qualifying block: 4. Hornes, 1,347 (269 high game); 24. Elliot Arnold (Wayne Memorial), 1,181 (248 high game).
DIVISION 3
March 6 at Airport Lanes (Jackson)
Finals: Tray Eckler (Comstock) def. Zach Brandt (Fremont), 389-365 (182-207, 182-183).
Qualifying block: 49. Cody Kassandi (Livonia Clarenceville), 1,032 (230 high game).
AREA GIRLS RESULTS
DIVISION 1
March 6 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek)
Finals: Sarah Lokker (New Baltimore Anchor Bay) def. Alexis Mollitor (Holt), 404-403 (203-201, 190-213).
Qualifying block: 20. Alysson Kassab (John Glenn), 1,086 (200 high game); 37. Natalie Brown (John Glenn), 1,034 (high game); 41. Stephani O'Harris (Wayne), 1,020 (191 high game).
DIVISION 2
March 6 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Finals: Kara Richard (Tecumseh) def. Lindsey Ploof (Flint Kearsley), 396-385 (203-193, 188-197).
Qualifying block: 39. Jessica Stamper (Livonia Ladywood), 988 (211 high game).
DIVISION 3
March 6 at Airport Lanes (Jackson)
Finals: Jessica Lubbers (Wyoming Kelloggsville) def. Britney Nadeau (Fremont), 391-386 (193-198, 195-191).
Round of 16: Lubbers def. Amber Cummins (Livonia Clarenceville), 356-341 (201-155, 162-179).
Qualifying block: 8. Cummins, 1,137 (223 high game); 21. Bridget Moricz (Clarenceville), 1,076 (214 high game).

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS A
at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Thursday, March 11: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Pershing, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16 at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford regional champion.)
BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS CLASS A
at WAYNE MEMORIAL
Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Gibraltar Carlson vs. Saline district champion.)
at LIVONIA STEVENSON
Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Detroit Cass Tech vs. Detroit Cody district champion.)
CLASS B
at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Riverview vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud district champion.)
CLASS D
at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Birmingham Roper vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MHSAA FINALS
Friday-Saturday, March 12-13
Division 1 at Holland Aquatic Center, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS MHSAA FINALS
Friday, March 12
Team Competition at Rockford, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 13
D-2 individual at Rockford, noon.
D-1 individual at Rockford, 3:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
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Friday, March 12
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Open rehearsal appeals to families

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Elizabeth and Lisa seem content to perched on the same chair as their mother Kristin Hoy while she rehearsed with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble.

At six years old, the twins aren't quite ready to sit quietly through a concert, so Family Night, held Monday, March 8, was the perfect way for Kristin and her husband Bob to introduce them to the music. Elizabeth was especially thrilled about "mom letting me come."

"I wanted to share my love of music with my children, for them to meet my friends, to see what mommy does," said Kristin Hoy of Farmington.

"At a concert they have to behave themselves but here they can roam around until 7:30 when I take them home for bedtime," said Bob Hoy.

Lisa and Elizabeth ran around excitedly until jazz band director Riccardo Selva took command of the evening's open rehearsal. Once he started to speak, the girls respected the hush that came over the room. This was the last time the ensemble would practice before performing at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus.

"Tonight we opened regular rehearsal for show and tell," said Selva, director of jazz studies at the college. "We have grandparents and parents who want their children to experience the music. We have lawyers, teachers, manufacturing workers, all affected positively by a music teacher and they're still playing."

MUSIC MINISTRY

Selva started playing saxophone at age 12. He continues to teach and perform after earning his Doctor of Music degree in saxophone performance from Northwestern University in Illinois in 2003. He has years of experience in music ministry and wrote his dissertation on the Saxophone in Sacred Music. Selva taught woodwinds and coordinated the band program at Our Lady of Humility School in Illinois before moving back to Michigan. His goal is to expand the jazz studies program and attract more credit students along with those from continuing education.

On March 24, Selva plays saxophone as part of the



Collin Richter (right) of Canton rehearses alongside his trumpet teacher Bill Steele of Plymouth. In the background is Tim Kalvaitis of Livonia.



Riccardo Selva directs the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble open rehearsal on Monday night in the Forum building on campus.



Lisa (left) and her twin sister Elizabeth Hoy look on as their mother Kristin rehearses with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble. On the right is Nino Biundo.



Nino Biundo talks with Elizabeth Hoy of Farmington at Family Night.

faculty spotlighted in the Noon Recital Series in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center.

"The jazz ensemble opens up doors. It's a great opportunity," said Selva. "In April we're going to record student arrangements at Studio A in Dearborn and have our Up Jump Spring Concert, and in July play the Michigan Jazz Festival."

BLUES COMPOSITION

Selva composes music as well and encourages students to do the same. Ron Toth,

trombone, wrote "Blues for Nate" for his grandson who was born with a heart defect. Surgeons at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital were able to correct the problem. One part of the piece mimics the heartbeat.

"Blues is because when he was born he turned blue," said Toth. A West Bloomfield resident, Toth's played with the jazz band 10 years. "Rick encouraged my composition. I love music, love jazz. As an amateur musician I enjoy the band because of the selections — Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Thad Jones."

Travis Strickland finds it refreshing not to play trumpet in a symphonic setting. The 19-year-old South Lyon musician is taking jazz

ensemble as a credit class. He's played trumpet since he was in fourth grade in Vermont.

"It's fun," said Strickland. "You get to play with certain styles."

SIDE BY SIDE

Collin Richter, 15, was sitting in on the rehearsal at the invitation of Bill Steele, his trumpet teacher and member of the jazz ensemble. Steele sat next to the Canton High School student and whispered instructions about playing the music.

"He was excited about coming," said Richter's father, Steve. "He was in marching band at East Middle School and joined the jazz band at Canton." Tim Kalvaitis espe-

cially likes the selections he's able to play on his trumpet. The electrical engineer joined the band last September. He's played trumpet since 1976 when he was in sixth grade in a Pinckney school.

"I moved back from the East Coast after 20 years looking for someplace to play," said Kalvaitis of Livonia. "I like the music, like to play. The concert band or classical is a different style of music. This is Big Band."

ON SAXOPHONE

Nino Biundo, an automotive engineer, was in a downriver community band when he heard the jazz ensemble needed a saxophone. Biundo began playing the instrument when he was in fourth grade in 1988. He travels every Monday night from Taylor just to rehearse with the band.

"Jazz is more free, artistic as far as your interpretation of the music," said Biundo who has two children, ages 4 1/2 and 3. They are still too young to come to Family Night but Biundo believes it's important to expose children to the music.

"It's good to get kids involved at an early age to get hooked," Biundo said.

Before long it was 7:30 p.m. But before the Hoy girls

left Selva asked them if they liked mom's solo. He showed them the difference between a baritone sax and the tenor their mother was playing. They giggled when Selva asked the trombone to play a long, gliding note characteristic of the instrument.

"Kristin was excited to have her daughters come," Selva said. "She e-mailed me they were fascinated with watching and listening and seeing the band in action. They were really inspired to play an instrument. Kids don't have the opportunity to sit next to a musician playing professionally, to experience real people playing real instruments and a lot of schools don't even have jazz programs."

The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble performs at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Selections include *Manteca* and *Birk's Works* by Dizzy Gillespie, *Tickletoe* by Lester Young, and *Watermelon Man* by Herbie Hancock.

Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 students with ID, \$3 children under age 12 and senior citizens.

For more information about the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, e-mail rselva@schoolcraft.edu or call Selva at (847) 721-7299.

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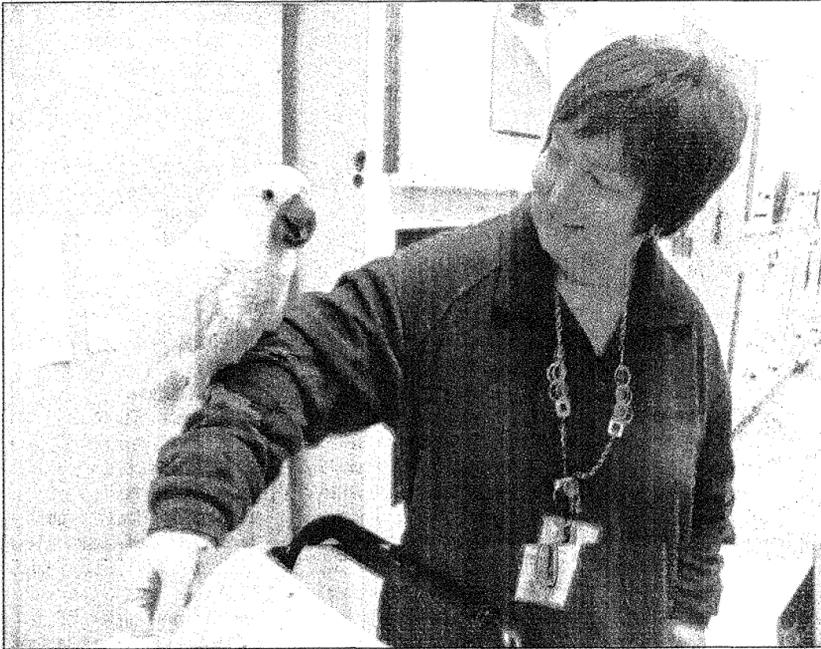
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Petland store owner Donna Kurdziel shows off a white parrot, one of several birds available at the store.

Petland pairs pets with families

The Petland store in Westland has reached a milestone - its fifth anniversary.

The Petland brand started more than 40 years ago in Chillicothe Ohio with one small pet store and has grown to more than 100 stores in the U.S. It also operates affiliates in other countries around the world, including Canada, Mexico and Japan.

The local Westland store has contributed to the community by providing jobs in tough economic times. It employs 15-20 pet enthusiasts. It also pays more than \$115,000 in property taxes to support Westland and its schools.

The store also pays more than \$115,000 in property taxes to support the community and schools. The store also raises money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital each year, support various community events and is a five-year member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the financial benefits to the community, the store helps find homes for the many small pets, that would have otherwise been turned loose and abandoned, according to store owner Donna Kurdziel.

"There are many good aspects to running a local business, but the best part of the job, besides playing

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with the pets is sharing my knowledge with customers looking for answers to everyday pet issues like, what do bunnies eat, or how do I get rid of fleas," said Kurdziel. "Often, the big box stores do not have personnel who can answer these questions, and customers don't want to search through all of the disinformation on the internet, wait for the product to show up and then find out that it is the wrong product or doesn't work."

"People are busy and quite often they just want a simple, quick answer like; buy this product, do this and your problem is solved. While we can't test everything in the store, we do welcome feedback and don't recommend items if we know that they don't work," she said.

While she confides that the business isn't "a gold mine" and has its challenges, the

best part of the job, she said is "seeing how happy people are when they take home the perfect puppy, kitten or even tropical fish."

"Regardless of what type of pet it is, everyone, even folks who really don't have time in their lives to take on the responsibility for caring for a pet, still love to have a puppy snuggle up to them or to their children," Kurdziel said.

The store encourages people to take their time when selecting a puppy or kitten.

"We want them to be sure that they really want and have the time to care for a pet, and we discourage them from taking pets, if they really aren't committed to the idea that their pet will require attention all the time, even when it's inconvenient," she said.

Kurdziel added that the store invites customers to bring the kids in to play with the pets. It helps the pets be more relaxed around people and makes them better pets when they find a home of their own.

"It also let's the kids become familiar with handling pets, and, yes, each and every puppy, kitten and bird has found a home," she said. "We have never had one that we couldn't place in a home with a customer or an employee."

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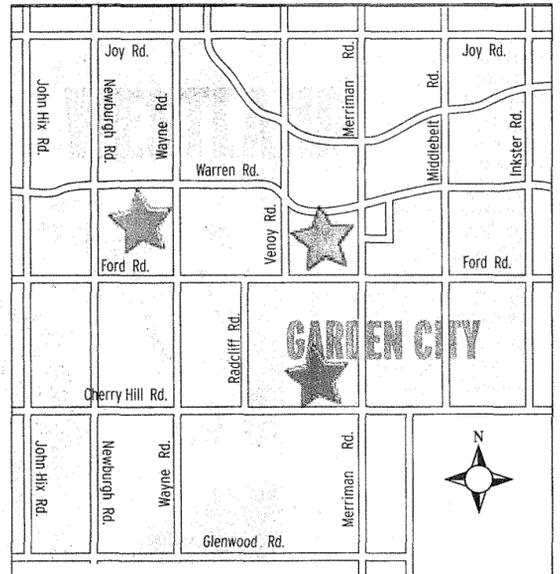
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Time/Date: 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24

Location: Marvaso's Italian Grill and Electric Stick, 6569 Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Hosted by the Westland Community Foundation the get-together starts with charity poker at 4 p.m. with optional separate buy-in, hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine at 7 p.m. and entertainment and dining at 8 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person.

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Compelling reasons to file annual tax returns

A recent press release caught my eye. In big, bold letters it said the IRS has \$40 million for Michiganians who have not filed their 2006 tax return.

My first inclination was that some company was providing a service, legitimately or illegitimately, to help people recover money.

Throughout my years in the financial world, I've seen many companies claim they can help people recover money from the government. Although there are legitimate companies that do this, many are trying to scam consumers out of their hard-earned money. However, after reading the entire release I realized it was not issued by a company but the Internal Revenue Service notifying Michigan taxpayers of unclaimed refunds.

According to the IRS, they have more than \$40 million owed to over 42,000 Michigan residents who did not file a 2006 U.S. tax return.

There are many reasons why

people do not file tax returns including that they may not have had sufficient income to require it. Many people believe if you don't have to file you shouldn't. However, many of those individuals could have had taxes withheld from their wages that they legitimately could receive back from the IRS if they had filed a 2006 tax return. In other words, even though they are not required to file, all they have to do is file their 2006 return to receive money back.

I always encourage people to file their returns even if they end up owing money - if for nothing more than it is the law.

In addition, when people don't file it weighs heavily on them. A huge burden is lifted once they file their returns.

Anyone who has not filed past tax returns - now is the time to do it. In order to be eligible for a refund the return must have been filed within three years of the due date. Therefore, if you did not file the 2006 tax return and you are eligible for a refund, the latest you can file and still receive a refund is April 15, 2010.

When completing the 2006 tax return don't forget the

earned income credit for low and moderate income taxpayers. In addition, in 2006 taxpayers were entitled to claim a one-time telephone excise tax refund.

For those who need forms and instructions download them from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or call the IRS at (800) taxform.

Unfortunately, 2006 is not the only year in which Michigan taxpayers are owed millions from the IRS. I have no doubt that there are similar numbers for 2007 and 2008.

There is no reason to let the IRS keep your money. It definitely pays to file those returns. Even if you don't get a refund and owe the IRS, I still recommend filing the return. If nothing else, the feeling of relief by being current with the IRS is worth its weight in gold. And don't forget that failing to file a tax return may disqualify you from certain government assistance programs.

Good luck!

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Christian singer creates music to glorify God

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jake Doby's country rock band is as much about ministry as it is music.

"We're doing this for God and for glorifying his name. It's about Jesus, not about me being famous or making money," said Doby, 31, a Plymouth resident. "It's about getting the word of God out and telling our stories about how God helped our lives, about the good work done for us by having faith."

Doby, who struggled with alcohol abuse for 10 years, says God helped him kick the drinking habit a year and a half ago. He also credits divine intervention in finding the other Christian musicians who form The Jake Doby Band and in the creation of the group's first CD, *Man on a Mission*.

"We hammered these songs out in a hurry," said Doby, who founded the band last fall. "It was meant to be — it all came together so fast. I believe God was working the whole time."

Doby, a Canton High School graduate, wrote the song lyrics while in treatment at Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, nearly two years ago.

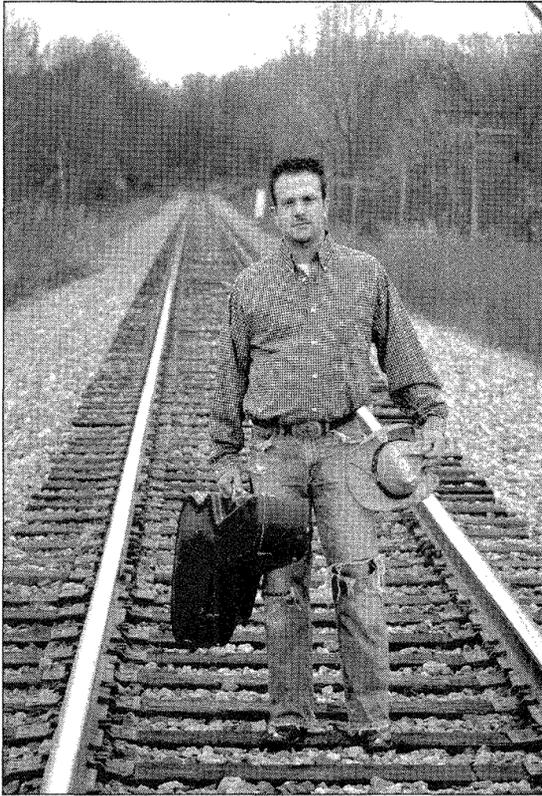
"I wrote the songs and then put them on the shelf," said Doby, who has sung all his life, in choirs and at church.

CHANCE MEETING

A cook by trade, he was applying for a job at a restaurant when he noticed an old friend he had met through Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) eating lunch there. The friend played guitar and wrote music. They talked about Doby's song lyrics and decided to get together. Now a member of the Jake Doby Band, the friend, Joe Walker of Northville, wrote music to Doby's lyrics.

"Looking back on it now it was God's plan that I wasn't going to find a job. I believe God was really working to push me to do this," Doby said. Danny Boyle of Plymouth had battled addictions for 20 years before becoming sober. He joined the group as lead guitarist, followed by Courtney Barrells of Madison Heights on bass and Mike Swiecki of Wyandotte on drums.

"It came together rather quickly. We'd rehearse the songs and they sounded really good."



JIM NAUM

Jake Doby, from cover art on the Jake Doby Band's "Man on a Mission" CD.

Some of the songs focus on recovery from addiction; all of them are about Jesus, Doby said. "They are songs about being saved and reborn."

He'd like to use his experiences with addiction, recovery and faith to help others, particularly high school students who are thinking about drinking.

STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL

Doby said he quit going to church as a teen-ager and began drinking before age 21, continuing to party while at Eastern Michigan University, where he was studying journalism. He spent several years after college in and out of AA and jail, for drunk driving offenses. It wasn't until he went to Grace Centers of Hope that he began to put his struggles behind him and started pouring his thoughts into song lyrics.

"I wish everyone could have what I do, because I know there are a lot of people out there struggling like I was," he said. "I'd love to be an example for them. I'm supposed to use

my experience and strength and wisdom from what I've done to help others and hopefully, it will."

UPCOMING GIGS

The group will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at Blessed Hope Church, 1706 Fort Street, Lincoln Park. The performance is free and open to the public.

They'll celebrate the release of their new CD with a concert on Sunday, March 14, at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth; (734) 207-9673. The event will start with food and fellowship at 5 p.m. A youth praise band, "Unashamed" from Flat Rock, will take the stage first, followed by the Jake Doby Band at about 7 p.m. Copies of *Man on a Mission* will be available for purchase. Admission is free, although free will donations will be accepted.

The CD also may be ordered via e-mail at thejakedobyband@gmail.com. It costs \$8. Visit the band's Web site at www.jakedobyband.com

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.

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH 11-17

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 17

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Beginnings of Judaism," a free weekly lecture series on DVD with Isaiah Gafni. Topics for March 17 are "Sectarianism - Pharisees and Sadducees" and "Out of the Caves - Discovery at Qumran." Topics for March 24 are "The End of Days - Messianic Eschatology" and "Other Lands, Other Jews - The Diaspora." **Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931

The Corners

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16

Location: 2075 Walnut Lake Road, west of Inkster Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Rabbi Joshua Bennett and Julie August present "Mussar and Spiritual Change." Mussar is a 10th century Jewish philosophy which advocates reaching God through correct ethical thought and action. Once only available to Jewish scholars, it has recently been translated into a modern idiom and made accessible to the public. **Contact:** RSVP to Michael Abramsky (248) 644-7398

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia **Details:** Benefit concert for "hearts, hands and voices," a worship and music camp for children, which will run Aug. 9-12 at the church. The concert includes performances by the children involved in the Monday night hearts, hands and voices fine arts program, the Festival Adult Choir, soprano Barb Myers and organist Michael Burkhardt **Contact:** (734) 427-1414

Little Lambs Christian Preschool

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 13

Location: 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, Canton **Details:** Open house with opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program, which includes hands-on Bible curriculum, "Handwriting Without Tears," and other social and academic programs for children, age 3-5. **Contact:** (734) 434-7792 or visit www.pbplymouth.org/littlelamb

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 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. Aidan

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 11

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details:** Janene Ternes, commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion LLC, will present "A Lenten Evening of Reflection - Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit: Continually Renewing Our Faith." She'll share her inspirational story and lead participants in a variety of prayer experiences using music, movement, scripture of the season, and guided meditation. Basic movements, which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation, will be taught. **Contact:** To register or for more information call (734) 425-5950

St. John Church

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m., Saturday, March 13

Location: 23225 Gill Road, near downtown Farmington **Details:** "Re-Imagining the Word of God in Drama & Storytelling" workshop for middle and high school students. Led by award-winning actor Hunter Barnes (visit markhisword.org). Cost is \$5 **Contact:** Eric Stenson at the church office at (248) 474-0584

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

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, March 15

Location: 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia **Details:** The career team at this career resource workshop works one-on-one with job-hunters to help build a network of contacts, evaluate skills and potential markets, and provide honest feedback and encouragement. There is no charge for this workshop **Contact:** (734) 422-6038

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 3003 Hannan, Wayne **Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance **Contact:** (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com

St. Thomas a Becket

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., March 14-17

Location: 555 S. Lilley, at Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Dynamic Parish Lenten Mission with Passionist priest, the Rev. Melvin Shorter; "A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem" **Contact:** (734) 981-1333

S.S. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit presents a Lenten Vespers service. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the service; refreshments served afterward **Contact:** Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net

Temple Beth El

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El holds its 22nd Annual Party Planning Showcase. Metro Detroit vendors representing invitations, photographers, videos, musicians, bakers, caterers, venues, and more will be on hand to help plan Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other parties. Free admission, free parking, raffle, samples and prizes **Contact:** (248) 865-0617 press 2

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

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering will demonstrate new holiday recipes for Passover. Recipes will be available to take home. The event, sponsored by Congregation Beth Ahm's Sisterhood, costs \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. RSVP by March 15

Coming up: Beth Ahm's Seniors will host a Continental Breakfast and Musical Program featuring singer and entertainer Robin Beck at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21; breakfast is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Burton Visotzky also will present a program, "Tidbits for Your Seder: Legends NOT in the Haggadah," 3

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STANLEY JOHN DOWN

Age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 3, 2010, surrounded by family at Select Specialty Hospital-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. His death resulted from complications caused by a fall inside his home. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, he was the dear father of Pamela Down (Charles Pfeffer), Jacqueline Mines, Deborah Belz-Rubis (Roger), and Candice Koda (Phillip), proud and loving grandfather of Andrew Belz (Sabrina), Jennifer Koda, Kimberly Koda, and adoring great-grandfather of Juliana Belz. He is also survived by sisters, Marion Dohring and Patricia McCormick, a sister-in-law, Donna Jean Nagel and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his friends who enjoyed his sense of humor and love of life. A devoted cat owner and an avid animal lover, he will be missed by his neighbors' pets who enjoyed his treats or a day of pet-sitting. In accordance with his wishes, a private observance was held. Arrangements entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington.

www.thayer-rock.com

JOHN M. THOMAS

Age 62, formerly of Farmington, passed away March 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



ROBERTA VOLINSKI

Age 86 of Plymouth, formerly of Wayne, March 8, 2010. Loving mother of Geri (Harold) Galfano, Diana O'Brien, Suzette McCord and Bridget Volinski (Alexander Petmiunas). Dear sister of Thomas (Josie) Bebeau. Proud grandma of 8, and great grandma of one. Roberta was proud of her 40 years with Ford Motor Company and U of M Hospital as a Data Entry Person. She was involved in the early years of computer technology at Ford Motor. Private cremation services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

HERBERT C. SEEGERT

Age 74, of Plymouth, March 8, 2010. Husband of Lois. Father of Scott (Margaret) and Jeff (Beth). Brother of Esther Eichstaedt. Grandfather of Brad, Shannon, Jason, Corson, Kiernan and Isabella. Son of the late Fred and Lillian. Visitation Wednesday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. In state Thursday 10:30AM until 11:00AM funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI 48170. Internment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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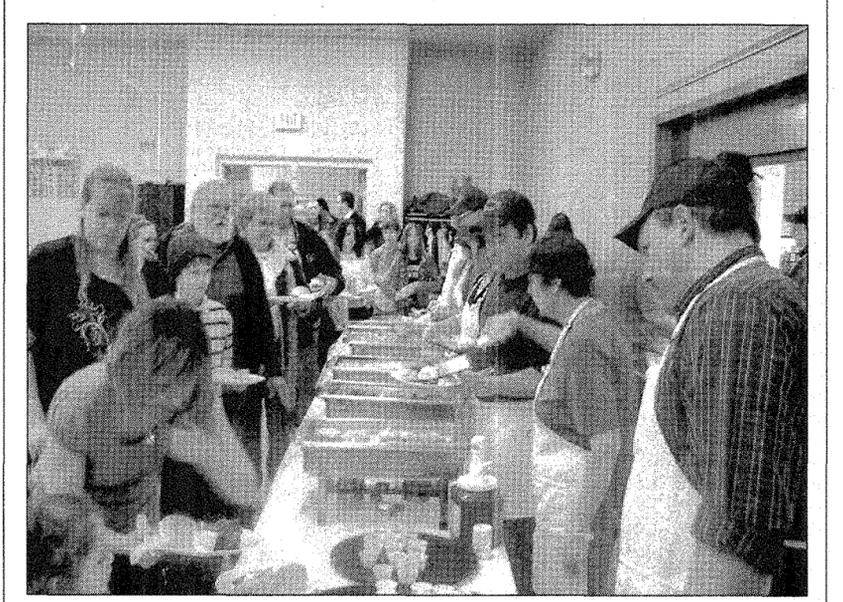
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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



Lenten fish

Bustling lines on both sides of the serving table were the order of the day at St. Michael the Archangel Parish's first All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry of the 2010 Lenten season. According to project chairman, Mark Steinhauer of Livonia, 50 volunteers served more than 631 meals in 2-1/2 hours, using 360 pounds of hand-dipped Atlantic cod, 180 pounds of macaroni and cheese, and more than 125 pounds of cole slaw. The dinners continue 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday, through March 26 in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

CALENDAR

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p.m. Sunday, March 21. In this free program, open to the public, he'll explore how post-biblical Jewish texts - Talmudic, medieval, and modern sources from the rabbinic literary genres known as midrash and aggadah - have enriched the understanding of the Passover Seder, a central ritual of the Jewish tradition

Contact: Jody Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail to jsgl2345@aol.com about the Passover recipes; call Mel Mogill at (248) 2588 about the senior breakfast and musical program

Faith Bible Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 20

Location: 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Rummage sale with household items, electronics, toys, furniture and much more. All proceeds will support the FBC Brazil Mission Team

Contact: Aaron Walters (248) 426-0096

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., March 21

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance

Contact: (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com

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

Livonia Church of Christ

Time/Date: 9-11:30 a.m.

Location: 1531 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Senior Caregiver Solutions Expo is designed for those caring for aging loved ones as well as those who are approaching the time when they may need care. The free expo will include a special presentation entitled "Planning from a legal perspective for yourself or an aging parent" from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site to answer all your questions about home care, elder law, financial planning/estate planning, construction (home modifications) and medical equipment

Contact: (734) 427-8743

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

Time/Date: Early bird admission at 8:30 a.m., regular admission 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20

Location: 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia.

Details: Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples offers more than 35 tables of infant and children's clothing at its Spring Clothing Sale, as well as large items such as furniture, strollers, car seats, and toys; bake sale and refreshments available; early admission \$2, regular hours admission, \$1

Contact: (734) 422-6038 is the church's phone number

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, the Rev. Charles White will share the story of his conversion from the Baptist faith to Catholicism.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or see the parish Web site at www.livoniastmichael.org

St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21

Location: Southeast corner of Inkster and West Chicago Roads, Redford

Details: St. Robert Bellarmine Choir presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois; free admission

Contact: (313) 937-1500

South Lyon Church of Christ

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., March 21

Location: 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will perform

Contact: (248) 437-3585 or southlyonccc@hotmail.com

MARCH 25-31

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 26

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo.; free will donation will be accepted

Contact: (734) 522-6830, Ext. 103

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 25

Location: 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Free, community-wide Jewish values play group, designed especially for preschoolers and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Kinder Kesher meets twice a month and is open to all families in the metro Detroit Jewish community. Each 90-minute session features songs and stories, structured activities, snack and a Jewish value theme. Advance registration required

Contact: Amy Newman at (248) 851-8820 or e-mail reilschool@cbahm.org

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

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 Shulenberg 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

St. James Chapel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24 and Maundy Thursday, April 1

Location: 25350 West Six Mile, Redford

Contact: (313) 534-7730

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

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

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows

Contact: (734) 261-1455

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Sat. 4 p, Sun 11a

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Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a

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Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with traditional Irish fare

BY SHARON DARGAY
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St. Patrick's Day lasts just 24 hours but Sam Khashan, co-owner of Sean O'Callaghan's pub in downtown Plymouth, has been planning for months.

"There's a lot of prep that goes on — the band, the staffing — but it's what we do," says Khashan, who co-owns the business with his brother, Kevin. "We're a true Victorian Irish pub."

"Tomorrow we're having a mural painted on the window. The staff has St. Patrick's Day T-shirts. We're getting geared up."

They have to be ready by 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 17 when the tavern opens, four hours earlier than usual.

"We do it every year and believe it or not people are standing outside the door, ready to go. By 11 a.m. and noon, a line starts to form outdoors."

The que starts even earlier at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia. "We will be open at 6 a.m. and will serve beer beginning at 7 a.m.," said George Barker, manager.

Radio station 97.1 The Ticket will kick off activities by broadcasting its morning show on site. A live band, Belfast Gin, from Kalamazoo will perform at 11 a.m.

"They're just wonderful," Barker described the band, adding that other Irish music performers are slated for Friday-Saturday, March 12-13.

Marlarkey's in Westland won't open quite as early as some other establishments, but is expanding its space to accommodate all the entertainment it will offer on St. Patrick's Day.

"Blackjack, a local rock band will be on at 9:30 p.m. We're opening the building next door for that," said Megan Dettore, Marlarkey's manager. "Then on the regular side of the bar, we'll have DJ Larry D. He'll be on at 7:30 p.m."



Afternoon entertainment includes bagpipers, Irish dancers and duelling pianos.

Dettore said the tavern tried opening one year at 7 a.m., but found a 9 a.m. start works best.

"We usually have a line outside the door, but not until around 11 a.m.," she added.

Here's more about the St. Patrick's Day celebration at a sampling of area pubs:

• Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, 821 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 459-6666: Breakfast will be available in the morning, including Scotch eggs, a variety of breakfast sandwiches and a corned beef dish. A limited menu, featuring Irish dishes, will be available in the afternoon and evening.

The Galway Celts, a band from Ireland, will perform Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, as well as on St. Patrick's Day. The first 100 customers in the door on March 17 will receive a raffle ticket for the pub's "Pot o' Gold" contest. Five prizes will be given away at 10 a.m. The first is \$500.

• The Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-8141: Breakfast will be served until 10 a.m. The tavern's Irish menu will be available after 10 a.m.

• Marlarkey's, 35750 Warren Road, Westland; (734) 421-0746: The pub will serve Irish

stew, corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches and turkey sandwiches and will feature green beer, along with Irish beers.

• John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub & Restaurant, 33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington; (248) 474-5941: The pub will open at 10 a.m. and feature music by Shawn Riley Band from noon-5 p.m. and "Free Beer: from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admittance is restricted to age 21 and above.

The special menu includes Cowley's Potato Soup, potato skins, Irish spring rolls, crispy chicken salad, chicken tenders, The Cowley Burger, chicken sandwich, hot corned beef sandwich, fish and chips and corned beef and cabbage, served from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. or while supplies last.

• Doyle's Irish Tavern, 860 Fralick, Plymouth; (734) 207-9656: The pub will open at 10 a.m., with a menu featuring bangers and mash, corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew. Bagpipers will perform.

• O'Malley's Bar & Grill, 15231 Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 427-7775: Opens at 9 a.m. and will serve Irish fare, including corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, and Irish stew. Breakfast also will be available. Bagpipers and Irish dancers will perform.

St. Patrick's Day Cooking: Save a Pint for the Kitchen

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are filled with dancing, green decorations, and Irish food and beer. This year, try something new and save a pint for the kitchen.

Traditional St. Paddy's Day favorites, like Irish stout and corned beef and cabbage, can be combined to make a delicious dish even better. Because beer pairs so well with beef, it's only natural to cook with beer.

"Beer adds great flavor to the corned beef brisket, and can be used in other slow-cooked or braised dishes also," says Dave Zino, executive chef for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Braising and stewing are excellent cooking methods when preparing beef such as pot roast, brisket and beef for stew. Typically, you'll want to start by browning the meat in a bit of oil to caramelize and bring out rich beef flavors. However, corned beef brisket does not require browning.

Braising is used with large cuts of beef that are cooked whole, like corned beef brisket. When braising, the meat is simmered slowly in 1/2 to 2 cups of liquid such as beer or water to ensure moist and fork-tender results, for about 3 to 3 1/2 hours, depending on the size of the roast.

Stewing works best with cubes of beef. When stewing, the cubed meat is simmered for about 1 1/2 hours to 2 1/2 hours in enough liquid to cover the meat and other ingredients such as vegetables, resulting in fork-tender meat and a delicious broth.

Chef Dave also notes beer can serve as a substitute in many recipes. "Beer can also be used in place of wine in recipes and is especially good in beef stews and chilis," he says.

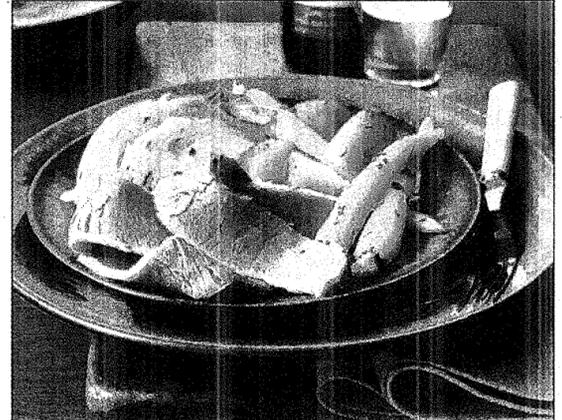
For mealtime inspiration and more beef cooking techniques, flavor pairings, storage guidelines and cooking tips, visit BeefItsWhatsforDinner.com.

CORNEBEEF WITH RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

Total recipe time: 6 to 10 hours
Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 boneless corned beef brisket with seasoning packet (2 1/2 to 3 pounds)
- 3 ribs celery, cut into 3-inch pieces
- 2 medium onions, cut into quarters
- 2 1/2 cups water, divided
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) beer
- 1 pound green cabbage, cut into thin wedges
- 1 pound red-skinned potatoes, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 6 to 8 baby carrots, trimmed, or 4 medium carrots, cut crosswise into thirds
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- Chopped fresh parsley (optional)

- Red Currant-Mustard Sauce
- 1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly
- 3 tablespoons country Dijon-style mustard



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef.

1. Place celery and onions in 4-1/2- to 5-1/2-quart slow cooker; top with corned beef brisket. Sprinkle contents of seasoning packet over brisket. Add 2 cups water and one bottle of beer. Cover; cook on high 6 to 7 hours, or on low 9 to 10 hours, or until brisket is fork-tender. No stirring is necessary during cooking.
2. Meanwhile, place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2-quart microwave-safe dish; add remaining 1/2 cup water. Cover; microwave on high 15 to 18 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring or rearranging once. Drain; remove and discard cores from cabbage wedges. Add butter; season with salt and pepper, as desired. Toss to coat; keep warm.
3. Prepare Red Currant-Mustard Sauce. Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover; microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until melted, stirring once. Whisk in mustard. Cover; microwave on high 30 seconds. Stir; keep warm.
4. Remove brisket and carve diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with vegetables and sauce. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

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