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**Helping out**

Lou Toarmina, founder of Toarmina's Pizza, home of the "24-inch Pizza," is giving away free pizzas from his stores for 12 days in honor of the Salvation Army's 2010 Red Kettle Campaign. Calls are being made to the public at random across metro Detroit.

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**Appointments**

The Westland City council has confirmed two mayoral appointments to the city's Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Financing Authority Board.

Mayor William Wild reappointed Steve Larimore for a four-year term which will expire Nov. 15, 2014. New to the board is Joshua Tait, who was also appointed for a four-year term that expires Nov. 15, 2014.

Established in 1986 and under the supervision and control of the EDC, the Tax Increment Financing Authority implements an infrastructure improvement plan within a specified district. TIFA improvements have included construction of the William P. Faust Public Library and adjacent performance pavilion, numerous road widening and utility projects, lighting and landscaping improvements.

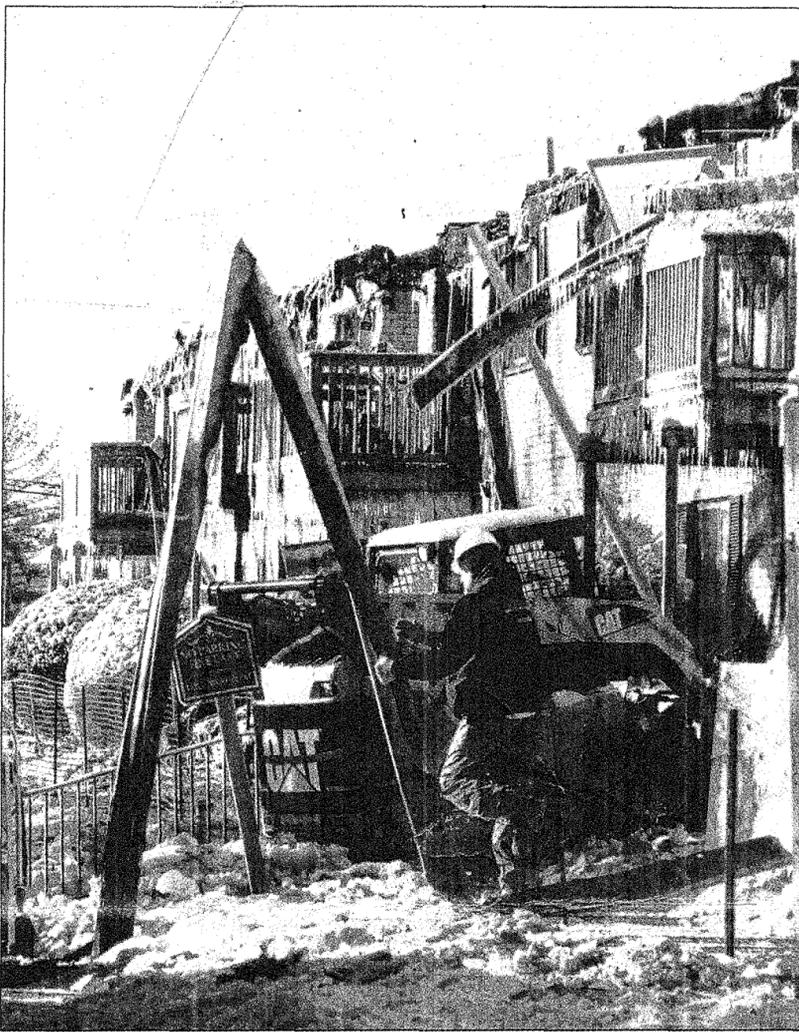
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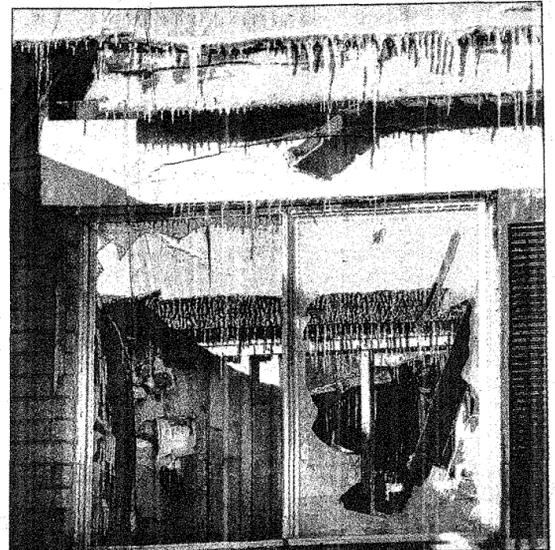
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**Fire officials seek cause of apartment blaze**



Cleanup was underway on Tuesday as Westland fire officials tried to determine the cause of a fire that damaged or destroyed 39 units at the Waynwood Apartments.



Icicles dangle from what's left of the apartment building's roof.

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Westland fire officials expected to be able to get into the basement of a Waynwoods apartment building Wednesday afternoon to look the cause of a fire that damaged or destroyed 39 units Monday evening.

The investigation was slowed by the removal of three-four feet of water that had accumulated as a result of fighting the blaze. It took firefighters almost 4 1/2 hours to put it out and they remained on the scene well into Tuesday morning extinguishing hot spots and securing the area due to icy conditions.

"This was a pretty significant fire, but the good thing is that all of the residents have been taken care of," Fire Chief Michael Reddy said. "Our No. 1 priority outside of fire attack was knowing the residents were cared for. There were no major injuries, no loss of life."

Firefighters were called to the apartment complex on Wayne Road south of Warren Road about 6 p.m. Monday and found heavy fire coming from the common basement and smoke coming from the common attic space of the double L shaped building. Reddy said it appeared the fire traveled up a wall to the

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**Two men face murder charge in teen's death**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two men charged with killing Carlee Morse were acquainted with the Westland teenager.

"She knew these guys for awhile. Their story is that she went with them voluntarily," said Westland Deputy Police Chief Dan Karrick. "We believe they are being truthful but we have only their stories. We hope to learn more once we find her."

Westland resident Justin Lee Yoshikawa, 19, and Nicholas Jay Cottrell, 22, of Taylor were both arraigned Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court on charges of first-degree murder in the death of Carlee Jade Morse, 16. Cottrell is also charged as a fourth-degree habitual



Cottrell



Yoshikawa

offender. Not guilty pleas were entered for both men, who are being held without bond.

Police are declining to comment on motive for the killing except that the two men were having a dispute with Morse, who was reported missing in the early hours of Aug. 20. Based on statements made by the defendants after they were arrested, police believe the teenager was strangled a short time later.

"We believe she was killed shortly

after she went missing, they (the defendants) had a plan," said Karrick, adding that police are continuing the investigation in an effort to locate Morse, whose body has not yet been recovered.

Morse was reported missing by her mother after she went outside their apartment at Venoy Pines Apartments in the area of Venoy and Warren Road to make a call on her cell phone just after midnight Aug. 20 and never returned. Her mother checked on her when she didn't return and called police about an hour later to report her disappearance.

A witness came forward on Dec. 9 and provided police with information that lead to the arrest of Yoshikawa and Cottrell. Police said that after being arrested, the men confessed to

killing Morse.

"A missing family member is always a horrific occurrence," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the victim's family."

Westland police investigated Morse' disappearance as a missing person case and initially received reports of sightings in Canton and Garden City. Karrick said it didn't appear that there was any orchestrated effort to make it look like the teenager was still alive. Instead, Karrick said people were likely to have seen girls who at least superficially looked like Morse.

Preliminary examinations for both defendants are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.

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**Board OKs capital needs assessment for library**

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
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A capital needs assessment will be conducted on Westland's William P. Faust Library.

The library board voted last week to use city engineers OHM to do an assessment of the 14-year-old building at a cost of \$3,000, subject to the council agreeing to a budget amendment. Having the building needs assessed was an idea that came in the aftermath of the city's attempt earlier this year to charge the library rent and back rent in excess of \$500,000.

City officials had recommended hiring OHM, the Livonia-based city engineers, but library board members hadn't moved forward

with getting the assessment done. Rebecca Kelly, library board vice president/secretary, reported contacting several other firms to get quotes for the work, not realizing three bids weren't needed for professional services.

Several months after a meeting with city officials and agreeing to concept, some library board members continued to balk at paying for the study, arguing the city should pay for it. Board members also expressed concerns that if the library pays for the study, the expenditure hadn't been budgeted during the current fiscal year although the library has an approximately \$1.5 million fund balancer.

"If the city owns the building, they are

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# Patrons respond to library's Food for Fines

Nearly three weeks in and the William P. Faust Library Food for Fines program is still going strong.

As of Dec. 10, the library has received more than 1,200 nonperishable, unexpired food items donated and has forgiven more than \$1,000 in fines.

The donations have already exceeded the original goal of 1,000 donated items. The library is well on the way to meeting a second goal of 1,500 donated by the end of the program on Thursday, Dec. 23.

Stop by the library during regular hours to get your fines reduced: one nonperishable, unexpired food item equals a \$2 reduction in fines. The Food for Fines program reductions don't apply to lost or damaged

library items.  
**No holiday change**

Employees at the Faust Library will have the day after Thanksgiving off as a paid holiday again in 2011. At a recent library board meeting, a motion to minate the day after the holy as a paid day off failed on a split vote.

Board member Duane Moody offered a motion to continue having the library closed but make it an unpaid day off for employees.

"I never understood why it's a paid holiday, maybe they are still digesting turkey," said Moody.

City offices so are closed on the day after Thanksgiving but unlike city offices, the library

is opening on Saturday and Sunday following the holiday. The employees normally scheduled for work on that Friday would be allowed to make up those hours earlier in the week.

Library board member Rebecca Kelly questioned the change, noting due to pending litigation with former employees the library board had been advised not to make changes in compensation or working conditions.

"Any substantial change could be subject to an unfair labor practice charge," said library attorney Michael McNamara. "You do it at your own peril."

The motion failed with support only from board member Antoinette Martin and Moody,

who commented that his proposal came closer this year than it ever had previously.

## Teen Advisory Board

If you're in middle school or high school and enjoy coming to the Westland Library, consider joining Teen Advisory Board. It meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 25. Teens can help the library plan programs, pick out books, and design book displays for the Teen Area.

Teens who are interested in being on the board can stop in at the library and fill out a short registration form or simply pick one up at the next meeting. The library provides dinner at each meeting.

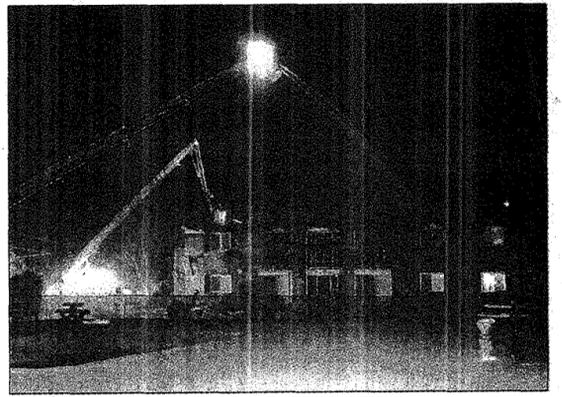


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Firefighters pour water onto the smoldering remains of a Waywood Apartments building that caught fire Monday evening.

# Fire dept. sets up donation center to help families

According to Westland Fire Capt. John Adams, it's like night and day in looking at the damage caused to apartments during a building fire at Waywoods Monday evening.

"The first floor had minimum smoke and water damage, 20 feet from the area of origin, it's as different as night and day," said Adams.

Thirty-nine families were displaced by the fire and while those living in units on the second floor lost everything, those on the first floor, with the exception of the area where the fire started, will be able to recover most of their possessions.

The fire department has been receiving donations for the displaced families. The firefighters union also has kicked in \$3,900, \$100 for each family for their basic needs. Adams also is working

on a fund-raising dinner that will be held next week to help the tenants.

"These families have been out of their homes for several days, they need the basics," said Adams, adding that "I've received 100 phone calls in the last day for donations of coats, blankets and food."

"The complex required renter's insurance but only a small number continued it," he said.

The fire department has set up a donation center, and people can drop off items at the fire department's headquarters on Ford at Carlson. Adams stressed that "all donations will go to the affected families."

"Most of the people lost everything," he said. For more information, call Adams at 734-476-3261.

By Sue Mason

## LIBRARY

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responsible," said library board member Duane Moody.

The city owns the property on which the library is located, said library attorney Michael McNamara, who added the capital needs assessment was necessary, if the library got to the point of needing to negotiate a lease with the city.

An attorney's opinion from McNamara, who was also act-

ing as city attorney at the time, was that the city could charge the library rent but needed to negotiate a lease rather than arbitrarily set an amount and demand payment retroactively.

"It's a gray area who owns the building," he said. "The grants (that paid for the library building) went through the city."

During the previous fiscal year, the library had a \$1.9 million budget with a .994 millage levy — before the Headlee rollback — generating \$1.7 million for the largest

portion of its revenue. Tax revenues for the current fiscal year 2010-11 are projected at \$1.5 million due to decreased property values.

The city had proposed charging the library just over \$50,000 annually for rent and collecting \$500,000 for 10 years back rent, in addition to \$200,000 charged each year for overhead costs.

"Things are starting to fall apart (at the library building), I feel like we just need to do it," said library board member Antoinette Martin. "Let's go ahead and do it. We need a building assessment."

Library board president Leslie Bell said that after meeting with city officials, it was agreed that the capital

needs assessment would be done.

"The mayor said the city would pay for it. I'm OK with OHM. Then, are we going back to the mayor you can pay for it or do we go into our reserves?" said Bell.

However, after there was a motion to hire OHM to prepare a 10-year capital needs assessment, Kelly said, "I don't feel comfortable approving this not knowing where the money will come from, we didn't budget it."

The board amended the motion to have OHM do the needs assessment contingent on the council approving the budget change.

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## AROUND WESTLAND

### AMVETS Party

AMVETS Post 171 in Westland is hosting a New Year Eve Extravaganza beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$50 per couple for current members, \$70 per couple for non-members and \$65 per couple for new joiners. Included is a dinner buffet featuring chicken cordon

bleu and roast beef rolls, disc jockey, party favors, balloon drop, champagne toast and pizza at midnight. There will be 50/50 drawings and raffles throughout the night. A \$10 unlimited drink band will be offered.

The public is welcome but tickets are limited. Contact Sheryl Lamarand at (734)629-4774 to get tickets.

### FIRE

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attic space and spread, with the help of strong winds that blew flames from one side to the other.

Reddy estimates that 32 firefighters fought the

fire, including mutual aid responders from the Wayne, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia Fire Departments.

Westland firefighters were able to battle the blaze and safely evacuate those tenants who were at home when the blaze started. Only one resident suffered a minor back injury due to the icy conditions. Two firefighters also were sent to the hospital, suffering from smoke inhalation. All three have been treated and released.

The fire caused severe smoke and heat damage to half of the apartments. The remainder sustained heavy water and weather damage. Many of the tenants have been moved to other apartments in the complex or placed in housing with the help of the Salvation Army and American Red Cross, Reddy said.

He added a command post was set up in the manager's office which gave firefighters an accurate count of the units involved.

There currently is no estimate on the loss, however, Reddy said the units most severely damaged in the fire will have to be torn down and rebuilt, the others will be repaired before tenants can move back in.

"We know where it started, once we're done doing salvage we'll be able to get inside and see what happened," said Reddy.

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Attn: Angela Black, Supervisor of Business/Purchasing

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A sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship existing between the bidder and any member of the school board, school superintendents, or chief executive must accompany each bid. A board shall not accept a bid that does not include this statement. This statement is on the proposal execution form.

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# Qdoba wins best food honor at Taste of Westland

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Barbecued ribs, prime rib, pasta and French pastries ... It was an epicurean feast for the 400 guests who packed the Hellenic Cultural Center for the Westland Chamber of Commerce's annual Taste of Westland.

In its 12th year, the Taste of Westland allowed guests to sample food from 15 restaurants, caterers and student chefs.

"It was a successful event in every way," said Brookellen Swope, chamber president and CEO. "It's always been a fun way to start the holiday season. It's almost holiday tradition."

For Taste goers, there were food samplings from Famous Dave's, Hellenic Cultural Center, Knox Restaurant and Catering, Longhorn Steakhouse, Maria's Italian Bakery, Marvaso's Italian Grille, McDonald's, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Red Robin, Rose Catering, Texas Roadhouse, Toarmina's Pizza, Vintage Market and the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career and Technical Center.

According to Swope, there was "good competition" for the best food award, but when the evening was over, the honor went to Qdoba. A perennial favorite, student chefs from the William D. Ford Career Technical Center walked away with the most creative table decorations.

RC DJ provided the music and the William D. Ford stu-



Robert Greenlaw samples the French pastries, prepared and served by the culinary arts students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

dents did an encore of their dancing once the eating was done.

"They usually dance and put on a good show," said Swope.

While showcasing the food of area restaurants, Taste of Westland also serves as a fundraiser for the Joseph F. Benyo Scholarship program. Proceeds from a You Pick Raffle also help give out scholarships to students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The most popular item in the raffle was massages for a year provided by Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and a year of flower arrangements by

My Lady's Florist. Also given away was Detroit Red Wings suite tickets for the team's New Year's Eve game, a Framed Steve Yzerman picture and a mountain bike.

"We should be able to provide two \$500 scholarships, sometimes it's \$1,000 depending on the funding through the year," she said.

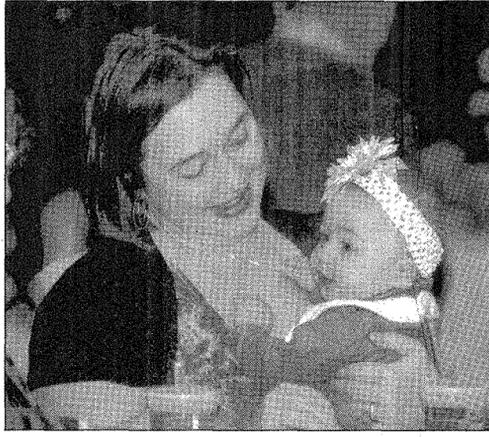
Swope also offered a thank you for those who help make the event a success

"It was a good evening, thanks to the sponsors and the community," she said.

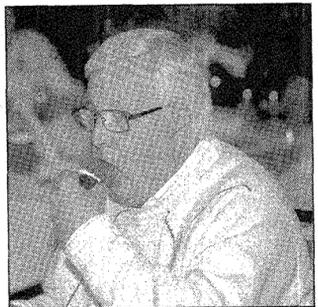
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Leslie Suzhy-Kuclo celebrates Madonna Bernard's birthday with Autumn Pepera at the annual Taste of Westland.



Mom Leslie Mason and her daughter Nora enjoy the food and the festivities at the annual Taste of Westland.



Jim Rozelle bites into pastry he picked up while visiting the 15 food stations.

## Westland man to stand trial in fatal shooting

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man continues to be held without bond after being ordered bound over for trial on charges that he fatally shot another man outside his home.

Joie Rayshaun Bell, 23, is charged with three felony counts — felony homicide which is treated a first-degree murder and carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole, weapon possession by a felon and felony firearm. He is also facing second-degree habitual offender sentencing enhancements.

A preliminary examination was held Friday before 18th

District Court Judge Mark McConnell who found there was probable cause to bind Bell over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial on the charges. Bell's circuit court arraignment is set for Dec. 23.

Anthony Michael Esse, 25, died Oct. 6 after being shot once in the chest during a confrontation with two men at his home in the 2200 block of Stieber, south of Palmer and west of Wildwood. Esse went outside and collapsed after being shot, police said. He was transported by Westland Fire Rescue to an area hospital, where he died of his injuries.

Westland police described the murder as drug-related

— that Esse and his assailants were feuding over territory for selling marijuana and possibly cocaine.

Investigators appeared to have little to go on in the case initially and appealed to the public to come forward with information. Police credited information from a witness who eventually came forward with the break that resulted in charges against Bell.

Bell had already been in custody on an unrelated charge when the warrant was obtained in the murder case. Police continue to investigate a person of interest believed to be the second man involved in the attack.

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### NEWS BRIEF

#### Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, D-Livonia, will not hold regular offices hours in the 12th District in December. When the sessions return in January, she will

not be meeting at Starbucks Coffee in Westland.

Gebhardt, who represents south Livonia, Inkster and Westland, will be at:

- The McDonald's restaurant (27125 Cherry Hill Road, Inkster, at noon the first Monday of the month.

- The William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, 6-8 p.m., both on the second Monday of the month.

- Biggy Coffee, 33328 Plymouth Road, Livonia, at 10 a.m. the fourth of the Monday of the month.

**Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program to Out-of-District Students**

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Livonia Public Schools is opening its Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2010-11 school year, second semester. This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience. Registration will open from Dec. 6, 2010 - Jan. 6, 2011 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Rd, Livonia 48150 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. All candidates MUST meet the MACAT selection testing criteria.

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# Westland nan charged with animal cruelty

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland man has been cited for discharging a weapon within the city limits and animal cruelty after police responded to a complaint about someone killing wildlife. Lawrence Joseph Raymond, 61, was ticketed and could

be facing additional charges through the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Police confiscated a .22 caliber revolver and two .22 caliber rifles, one with a scope, all loaded.

Midday on Dec. 13, officers went to a home on the 300 block of North Christine, north of Cherry Hill and west

of Wildwood, in response to the complaint. A witness told police a neighbor was using a rifle every day to shoot at animals attracted to his backyard by a bait pile he had set up.

The neighbor was concerned about the wildlife being killed and also that stray bullets could injure people, pets or cause property damage in the

residential neighborhood.

When officers arrived, Raymond wasn't home but his wife told them that her husband was a hunter and shoots animals, specifically squirrels. The officers said they saw a bait pile — corn attached to a tree stump — in the backyard.

Near the back door of the home, the officers noted a dead

squirrel which had been shot and a blood trail from the bait pile. Several bullet holes were seen in the stump, the officers said, with the two loaded rifles next to the rear garage door and several squirrel tails on a shelf.

Officers were still at the home when Raymond arrived. He was told it is illegal to fire

a gun within the city and also that he couldn't hunt or kill animals in his backyard, police said.

A DNR conservation officer also responded to the home and indicated after his investigation was completed, additional charges might result.

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## Cash, jewelry, and collectibles reportedly stolen in break-ins

### Break-ins

Three break-ins were recently reported at the Landings Apartments.

A resident of an apartment at 6939 Lakeview Blvd. told police that late on Dec. 10 she had been transported to the hospital by Westland Fire Rescue. When she and her husband returned to their apartment early on Dec. 12, she said they found items thrown around the apartment.

Reported missing was \$600 in cash, two books of checks, an Xbox game system and 10 mini baseball helmets, the latter items valued at \$400. There was no sign of forced entry and the officer noted the door may have been left unlocked.

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As he responded to the break-in, the officer questioned another resident who was in the parking lot. The officer said the neighbor has an extensive history of larcenies.

A resident of an apartment at 6822 Lakeview Blvd. told police Dec. 13 that she returned from school to find her front door was kicked in. She said her jewelry box drawers had been removed and thrown about her bed. Reported missing was a small round container, containing approximately \$70 in assorted bills.

Also on Dec. 13, a resi-

dent of an apartment at 6586 Lakeview Blvd. told police she returned to find the front door was kicked in. The apartment had been ransacked, the resident said.

Reported missing was assorted jewelry valued at \$3,000 and two steaks taken from the refrigerator.

### Break-in

A plasma television and a Wii game system with two remotes valued at \$1,164 were reported stolen from an apartment at 7322 Central on Dec. 13. The resident told police he and his girlfriend returned to find the dead bolt lock had been pried and forced open.

### Stolen vehicle

A resident in the 340000 block of Spring Valley at the Holliday Park Townhouse Cooperative told police someone had stolen her 1994 Mercury Grand Marquis from the parking lot Dec. 13. She said the vehicle was paid for and could account for all of the keys.

By LeAnne Rogers

## TVs, credit cards, BB gun taken

### Break-ins

The Garden City police are investigating two home invasions which were discovered a short time part on the 1000 block of Belton on Dec. 11.

In one incident, an elderly couple returned home from a Christmas party about 6:30 p.m. to find their side door kicked in. Their credit cards and checkbook were missing.

An airsoft pistol gun similar to one stolen from a neighbor's house was found in their bedroom.

A 60-inch TV, 12-inch laptop computer and coins were missing.

In the second case, discovered about 6:45 p.m. on the same block of Belton, the 79-year-old owner also reported that a TV, DVD player and coins were stolen.

The side door was found ajar. The owner said the lock was old and didn't close properly.

He reported a 1911 BB gun missing from the house.

### Disorderly conduct

Two Garden City men, both 23, were arrested for disorderly conduct about 11:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in the 29400 block of Marquette. The police responded to a call that

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eight people were gathered in a back yard.

When the two relatives saw police both tried to leave the area, police said. The police ordered both not to leave the area while they conducted their investigation but they resisted, police said.

A witness said there had been a fight before the police arrived, police said.

### Larceny

A resident in the 6735 block of Gilman reported that someone entered her unlocked 1998 Chevy van sometime before 6 a.m. Dec. 10 and stole a \$20 briefcase. Because the theft occurred before the snowfall, the police found no footprints.

### Fraud

A woman who lives in the 6400 block of Helen reported at 9 a.m. Dec. 10 that a man that she once had a business relationship with defrauded her of cash by using her personal information.

Both parties have personal protection orders against each other. The police advised

her to report the incident to the court which issued the PPOs.

The Garden City woman said she also wanted to file a separate incident report against the Romulus man.

### Drunken driving

A 26-year-old Taylor woman was arrested about 1:30 a.m. Dec. 10 after they stopped her for speeding on Ford Road at Henry Ruff in her 2000 Jeep Cherokee. She registered a .12 blood alcohol level, police said.

A 25-year-old Westland woman was arrested for drunken driving about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 11. She disregarded the traffic cones that police set up as a perimeter around a fire scene at north Merriman and Warren Road, police said.

She registered a .146 blood alcohol level, police said.

The woman was also cited for driving with a suspended license, police said. The police found a lot of vomit in the car which the woman attributed as from her sister-in-law, police said. She said they were coming from a house party, police said.

By Sue Buck

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law a sale will be held at: Secured Self Storage, 2460 Gullye, Dearborn Hgts, MI, January 8, 2010 @ 1:05 p.m.  
#541 Christopher L Wonders  
#742 Lashawn Davis  
#755 Danielle Franklin  
#928 Amelia Stopak  
Units contain misc. household items-furniture.  
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### WESTLAND ABANDONED VEHICLE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held on Tuesday, December 21st at 11:00 a.m. The auction will be held at 6375 N. Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN
1998	FORD	CONTOUR	1FAFP6637WK265267
1991	PONTIAC	SUNBIRD	1G2JC14K4M7635978

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Thursday, December 30, 2010, various items of the City of Westland, Special Investigations Unit will be sold at public auction. The auction will be held at Insurance Auto Action 8251 Rawsonville Road, Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. The following items will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

Stock	Year	Make	Model	VIN
7446101	1993	Ford	Explorer	1FMDU34X4PUD55749

**Vehicles are sold in "as is" condition.**  
The referenced vehicles, as well as many others, may be previewed by prospective buyers on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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

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### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 26 12/06/10

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Bryant, Hammons, Johnson, Kadi, Kehrer, Reeves  
214: Appr. costs for upgraded equipment & labor for City's emergency warning system.  
-Intro. Bud. Amend. 2011-06; Cable Fund \$785,997.00.  
-Intro. Bud. Amend. 2011-07; General Fund \$250,000.00.  
-Intro. Bud. Amend. 2011-08; General Fund \$83,874.00.  
-Appr. deadline to pay winter taxes to 2/28/11.  
-Appr. 2011 City Council Schedule of Meetings.  
-Adopted Prep. Res. for NSP Acquisition to purchase 4 properties.  
215: Appr.: minutes of regular meeting held 11/15/10.  
216: Adopted Prep. Res. to establish Permit Fee for Entertainment Licenses in conjunction with an on premises liquor license.  
217: Appr. LOA for MJR Theatres to participate in Wayne Co. TURBO Program.  
218: Conf. appt of J. Tait to EDC/TIFA for 4 yr. term to exp. 11/15/2014.  
219: Conf. re-appt of S. Larimore to EDC/TIFA for 4 yr. term to exp. 11/15/2014.  
220: Appr. checklist: \$840,685.65 & Prepaid: \$2,556,897.10.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:29 p.m.  
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout  
Council President

Eileen DeHart  
City Clerk, CMC

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 21, 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
1992	Cadillac	Eldorado 2 dr	Red	1G6EL13BXNU607946
1996	Dodge	Caravan SW	Green	2B4FP2539TR851709
2001	Dodge	Neon 4 dr	Silver	1B3ES46C61D164776
2001	Ford	Escape SW	Yellow	1FMCU031X1KE81883
1984	Cadillac	Eldorado 2 dr	Red	1G6AL5781EE656287
1997	Ford	Mustang 2 dr	Green	1FALP4045VF115643
1994	Ford	Explorer SW	Burg	1FMCU24X5RUB38977
1997	Oldsmobile	88 4 dr	Silver	1G3HN52K4V4815897
1989	Toyota	Box Trk	White	JT5VN94T7K0002472
1999	Plymouth	Voyager SW	Blue	2P4GP44G4XR234257
1996	Chevrolet	Lumina 4 dr	Blue	1G1JC5241T7269752
2007	Dodge	Nitro SW	Silver	1D8G728K07W610755

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

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### 2011 FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING DATES

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE HELD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 12, 2011 AND ENDING DECEMBER 14, 2011:

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE WESTLAND FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, 36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN, (734) 467-3190, WILL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE FOLLOWING DATES, TIMES AND PLACES DURING THE 2011 YEAR.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
01/12/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
02/09/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
03/09/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
04/13/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
05/11/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
06/08/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
07/13/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
08/10/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
09/14/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
10/12/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
11/09/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD
12/14/11	9:00 A.M.	WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD

PROPOSED MINUTES OF EACH OF THE MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AT WESTLAND CITY HALL, 36601 FORD ROAD, WESTLAND, MICHIGAN, NOT MORE THAN EIGHT BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SAID MEETING, AND APPROVED MINUTES OF EACH MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, AT THE SAME LOCATION, NOT MORE THAN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE MEETING AT WHICH THE MINUTES ARE APPROVED.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT NO. 267 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1976.

EILEEN DeHART  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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### NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD DURING THE 2011 CALENDAR YEAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Westland, Michigan will hold its regular meetings on the following dates during the calendar year of 2011, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month, except when a holiday falls on that Monday, in which case the meeting will be held on the next secular day that is not a holiday.

Scheduled Meeting	Mon. Cut-Off Date	Scheduled Meeting	Mon. Cut-Off Date
January 3, 2011	Dec. 27	July 5, 2011 (Tues)	June 27
January 18, 2011 (Tues)	Jan. 10	July 18, 2011	July 11
February 7, 2011	Jan. 31	August 1, 2011	July 25
February 22, 2011 (Tues)	Feb. 14	August 15, 2011	Aug. 8
March 7, 2011	Feb. 28	September 6, 2011 (Tues)	Aug. 29
March 21, 2011	March 14	September 19, 2011	Sept. 12
April 4, 2011	March 28	October 3, 2011	Sept. 26
April 18, 2011	April 11	October 17, 2011	Oct. 11 (Tues)
May 2, 2011	April 25	November 7, 2011	Oct. 31
May 16, 2011	May 9	November 21, 2011	Nov. 14
June 6, 2011	May 27 (Fri)	December 5, 2011	Nov. 28
June 20, 2011	June 13	December 19, 2011	Dec. 12

January 3, 2012 (Tues) Dec. 27, 2011

Proposed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting and approved minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. This notice is given in compliance with Act. 267 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

EILEEN DeHART  
WESTLAND CITY CLERK

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# Hospital employees reconnect 26 years after closing

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Esther Benjamin remembers Josephine Montgomery very well.

A clerk in triage at Wayne County General Hospital, Montgomery was the first person people met when they came through the doors of the emergency room.

"She was always calm, she never raised her voice," said Benjamin, the director of nursing. "She'd say, 'Sir, I will talk to you when you calm down. I'm not yelling at you.'"

"I'd tell them, 'If you whisper, you'll be heard,'" said Montgomery.

The two women reconnected at the 26th reunion of employees of Wayne County General Hospital, held at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's Cafe Marquette Dec. 7.

At age 94, Montgomery was among the oldest former employees in attendance at the get-together. She had worked at Herman Keiffer Hospital in Detroit and for the Friend of the Court before joining the staff at Wayne County General.

"I didn't have any hard jobs, I enjoyed what I did," said Montgomery. "When the new ladies came in, I enjoyed them, too. I enjoyed them all. They had a wonderful party when I left."

"She didn't realize how many hearts she touched," said Sheila Green of Belleville. "She was even-tempered, firm and very calm. She had charisma."

Benjamin, who left the hospital for a job at the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, keeps tabs on Montgomery at the beauty shop - Virginia Farrell on Ford Road. They meet up there every few weeks. "She was always comforting," said Benjamin.

Montgomery shared the honor of oldest employee in attendance at the party with Mary Hunter of Detroit. Also age 94, Hunter was there with her daughter Carol Carr of Southfield.

Hunter was an attendant



Former hospital employee Josephine Montgomery is remembered for her calming influence in triage. She attended the annual reunion with her longtime companion Russell Forbush.



Former Wayne County General Hospital employees talk catch up on what's happened since the hospital closed in 1984.

in Eloise's N Building before moving to the hospital where she worked as a clerk in the emergency room on the mid-night shift. The Detroit resident would get a ride to work every day and remembers that "all the people I worked with were very nice."

According to her daughter,

Hunter hasn't let age slow her down.

"She's been a chairman at Core City Neighborhood, she's been there 30 years," said Carr. "She's very active in her church and its Nurses Guild, community activities ... she's involved in so much."

Carr sat in a booth in the

student-run restaurant, watching her mother stop at one table or another to greet old friends.

In the crowd was Dennis Abraham and Pat Ibbotson who organize the annual reunion. Also there was former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard who "did everything but stand on my head" to keep the hospital open. The 511-bed medical hospital was built on Merriman north of Michigan Avenue in Westland in 1962 and was the only acute-care medical and surgical hospital between Detroit and Ypsilanti. The hospital was closed in 1984 and the building was torn down in 1999.

For Hunter, meeting old friends like Pauline Hampton brought back memories of her 17 years at the hospital.

"It was a place where people got good care," said Hunter. "People were given good care, even the indigent."

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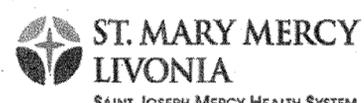


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Gail Lafferty of Livonia reads the names of children lost to their families during The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

# Candles in the snow

## Crowd braves winter to pay tribute to their children

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kathy Rambo figured her phone might not stop ringing Sunday.

The harder it snowed, the more the phone seemed to ring, with people wanting to ask the Compassionate Friends-Livonia chapter co-leader if the group's annual candlelight vigil, honoring children who died too young, was a go.

Rambo assured anyone willing to brave the snow, the cold, the ice and the wintry road conditions the show would go on, no matter what Mother Nature threw their way.

Rambo, who lost her son, Jason, in a traffic accident 10 years ago, knows by the ache in her own heart how important the annual vigil has become.

"I think people feel it's something they do for their children," Rambo, a Canton resident who lived in Plymouth for 25 years, said of the 100 or so people who braved the elements. "It's our Christmas now. Christmas will never be the same for us. We're like a family. We've all gone through the same pain. Nobody knows what it's like unless they've been through it."

Sponsored annually in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day, the vigil is held in time zones throughout the world, the idea being that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

The Plymouth ceremony included readings, music and the dedication of two Christmas trees filled with ornaments dedicated to children who've died too soon.

The most touching part of the ceremony is the reading of the names, either called in or e-mailed to The Compassionate Friends. Rambo said some 600 names were read Sunday.

Many of the people in the crowd have taken part in the ceremony before. One such woman, who'd lost a child a few years ago, recommended the ceremony to Willa Butler of Redford, who lost her daughter to complications of Lupus and diabetes in October. The friend told Butler the ceremony would help.

She was right. "It's been very hard for me to deal with, and it's part of a healing process for me," said Butler, whose daughter was just 39 when she died. "It was a beautiful ceremony. It gave me something to focus on. It's hard to deal with the loss of your child. You think, 'She's lost to the world.'

"It meant the world to me," Butler added. "I will participate in the future, because it gave meaning to my having my daughter. The most important thing is, she's not forgotten."

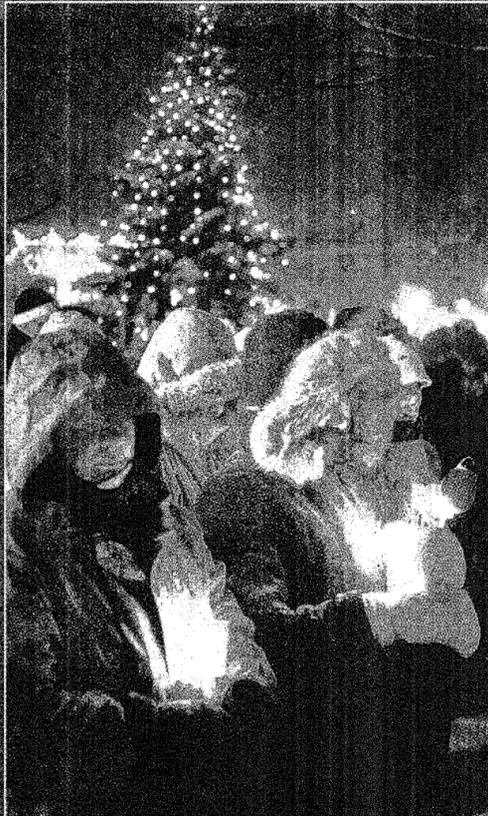
Rambo knows how she feels. When Jason died, Rambo said she used his clothing to make teddy bears for friends and family members as a way to keep Jason's spirit alive. She said it took her a few months to find out about The Compassionate Friends. And she might not have, had it not been for her mother.

"My mom came across it, because I was in no condition to think about things like this," said Rambo, now the co-leader of the group to which she turned in her grief. "It helped get me through the worst time of my life. Now, it's my turn to give back to others. (The Compassionate Friends) is my life now."

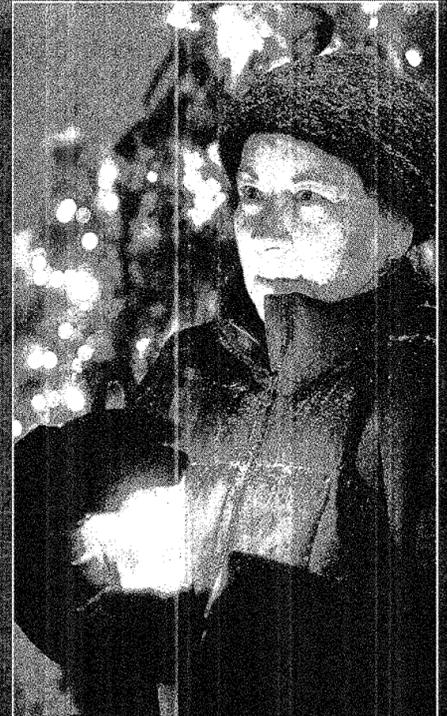
Not surprisingly, the 100 or so people who turned out turned Mother Nature's fury into a positive.

"It was smaller than usual," Rambo said of the ceremony, which usually draws some 400 people. "(But) it was beautiful, with the snow coming down and everything."

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Marion Rozum of Canton holds a candle in memory of Ryan Owen at The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday in Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Jan Jacobs of Plymouth and Kathy Wiacek of Northville were there to remember David Jacobs.



Hope Gross of Westland remembers her son, Howie.



Robert and Leslie Cisco remember their son Brad. They are from Brownstown Township.



Three-year-old Najazma Mitchell holds a candle for LaVeda Ayers. She attended the ceremony with family Tobias Mitchell, Willa Butler, Orlando Ayers, Carthell Williams and Leshon Terrance. They are residents of Redford Township.

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## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Six of 24 student team members of Cooper Upper Elementary's student credit union are pictured, from left to right: Camryn Zurawski, David Werk, Emma Polcyn, Hallee Ellefson, Angelina DiPonio (front) and Veronica Garrick.

## Co-op Credit Union opens student branch

Co-op Services Credit Union is helping nearly 700 fifth- and sixth-grade students at Cooper Upper Elementary learn to save money with the opening of a student credit union at the Westland school.

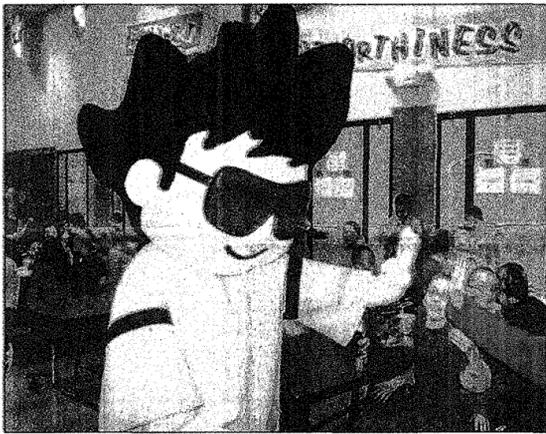
According to Principal Terry Taylor, students will be able to continue to use existing accounts they established at student credit unions in their former elementary schools, Hayes and Cleveland.

"We are really excited to finally have a credit union branch at Cooper," Taylor said. "Now all of our students can have the ability to open accounts to help get in the habit of saving for those things they need and want, and to help them learn how to manage their own accounts. It's a wonderful opportunity for our Cooper kids."

To prepare for the opening, 90 students applied, and 24 were hired and trained to help operate the student credit union, named the Cooper Coyote branch after the school's mascot. The volunteers will help fellow students open savings accounts, make deposits and track their savings. Students also advertise the credit union in school through posters and PA announcements.

"This is a very hands-on program that gives students the opportunity to learn a variety of math skills," said Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development coordinator for Co-op Services Credit Union, adding it is the eighth student credit union for Co-op Services.

During the grand opening celebration, which included a variety of activities and prizes, the credit union's Rock Star Saver mascot made a surprise appearance to greet



Rock Star Saver, Co-op Services Credit Union's mascot, gives "high fives" to students at Cooper Upper Elementary School.

## Help Co-op Services help Salvation Army

How would you like to make a friend and make a difference at the same time?

Now until Dec. 23, 2010, for each person who becomes a friend of Co-op Services' "Nextgen" Facebook page, the credit union will donate \$1 to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. The Facebook page is readily accessible from the credit union's Nextgen website, www.iamnextgen.org, which serves as a valuable resource about savings programs and services for teens between the ages of 13 and 17.

"By donating to the Salvation Army, we are making a difference in our local

community, and by educating teens about our Nextgen savings program, we are helping them learn how to be financially responsible," said Jeremy Cybulski, youth and community development coordinator for Co-op Services Credit Union. "Becoming a friend on Facebook is just another way to connect and expand our outreach in a positive way."

Credit union members and others are also invited to donate to the Salvation Army Red Kettle program at any of For more information about Co-op Services, visit the credit union website at www.cscu.org or call (800)

students and congratulate them for becoming "savers."

Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union

has eight full-service branch offices in the Detroit metro area, including an office on Ford Road in Westland.

## MILESTONES

### Holiday hours

**Location:** Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland

**Details:** The holiday shopping countdown is on and Westland Shopping Center has the time for you to finish your holiday hopping or get the best post-Christmas bargains. The mall will be open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday Dec. 20-21, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 27-30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1. The mall will be closed Christmas Day.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 421-0291 or send an e-mail to info@westlandcenter.com.

### Gift ideas

**Time/Date:** noon-3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays

**Location:** The Lathers General Store inside the Straight Farmhouse, 6221 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Looking for that last-minute unique Christmas gift for someone special? The Lathers General Store inside the Straight Farmhouse has a great selection of handmade and timely gifts for kids of all ages, at a price you won't find anywhere else! If you haven't found what you're looking for at the malls, try the cozy Lathers General Store. Proceeds

benefits the Straight Farmhouse, home of the Garden City Historical Museum.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 838-0650.

### Gamers delight

**Time/Days:** noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, noon to midnight Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday

**Location:** Pandemonium, 1858 Middlebelt, Garden City

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

**Contact:** (734)-427-2451

### Food Collection

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18

**Location:** Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Bring one non-perishable food item per person to Westland Bowl and receive one free game of bowling.

**Contact:** For information, call (734) 722-7570

### New Year's bowling

**Time/Date:** Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1

**Location:** Town N Country Lanes, 1100 S. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Families can celebrate the New Year's with a family party Saturday, Dec. 31. There will be two squad times - 12:30-2 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m. The cost is \$29.95 per lane and

includes bowling, shoe rental, one large pepperoni pizza, one pitcher of pop. A maximum of five bowlers per lane permitted. There will be a New Year's Eve celebration. Door open at 7 p.m., bowling starts at 8 p.m. The cost is \$49 per couple and includes four games of bowling, party favors, cash prizes, pizza, snacks, champagne at midnight and a 2-for-1 entry into the 9-Pin No-Tap. There also will be a New Year's Day Family Party 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 1. The cost is \$29.95 and includes Glow-N bowl, shoe rental, one large pepperoni pizza, one pitcher of pop. A maximum of five bowlers per lane permitted. **Contact:** Reservations are necessary and can be made at the bowling center or by calling (734) 722-5000.

### New Year's Eve Tournament

**Time/Date:** 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31

**Location:** Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road, Westland

**Details:** Sign up for Vision Lanes' 9-pin, No Tap Doubles Tournament, starting at 10 p.m. Dec. 31. Guaranteed \$500 prize for first place, with optional singles. Handicapped at 80 percent from 460. Cost is \$40 per team and includes tournament, shoes and pizza at midnight. Free practice 7:30-10:30 p.m. Dinner specials also will be available. The bowling center also is offering a reserve a lane New Year's special. Book a two-hour block for \$29.95, includes shoes and up to five bowlers per lane.

**Contact:** Reservations are necessary and calling 734-641-8181.

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## NEWSMAKERS

### New on staff

Garden City Hospital has added three new members to its medical staffing. Supplementing the hospital's services are:

• Dr. Spyridon Boukouris and Dr. Steven C. Adamczyk, emergency medicine. They

are working in the emergency room of the hospital at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

• Dr. Ayad E. Abrou, dermatology, with offices at 2026 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.

Now with more than 360 physicians in 47 specialties able to serve the community, Garden City Hospital has

become a leader in providing quality healthcare and service to patients, visitors and staff. For more information or to make an appointment with one of Garden City Hospital's new or existing physicians, contact the Physician Referral service at 877-717-WELL or visit [www.gchosp.org](http://www.gchosp.org).

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## OUR VIEWS

# Giving time

## Help the less fortunate this holiday season

The countdown is on: Just eight days until Christmas. Forget the sugar plums. For today's children, the visions are often expensive and numerous.

But for many children, what they receive for Christmas, what they eat for Christmas and on into the New Year is dependent on the kindness of strangers.

**If you can't find room under your Christmas tree for that present, think about giving it to the Goodfellows or the Salvation Army. Instead of dropping \$10-\$20 on a quick dinner out, drop it in a Red Kettle or send it to the Goodfellows.**

They are the poor and the hungry in our community who turn to places like the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, the St. Mary Outreach Center, Veterans Haven, Lighthouse Home Mission and the Westland Goodfellows for help.

This is the season to be merry, but for many people being merry may mean a hot meal at the local soup kitchen or a warm place to sleep on a cold winter's night. For many, it's a fine line that separates them from being a have and a have not. They are struggling to make ends meet. There is no wiggle room in their household budget for a big Christmas celebration. They must rely on the kindness of strangers.

We have more than once urged our readers to open their hearts and their wallets to help those less fortunate. It's a message worth repeating. These agencies cannot continue to help those in need without our support both financially and in donations of food and clothing.

If you can't find room under your Christmas tree for that present, think about giving it to the Goodfellows or the Salvation Army. Instead of dropping \$10-\$20 on a quick dinner out, drop it in a Red Kettle or send it to the Goodfellows. If you see a good deal at the grocery store, buy a few extra cans and donate to the John Bolde Food Depot.

Cold weather gear — hats, gloves, socks, coats, boots — also is needed, especially at the Lighthouse Home Mission's Warming Center to help care for the homeless, especially considering this week's bone-chilling temperatures. Or consider volunteering your time to work at the warming center during January, February and March. And while at it, have your children do their part. Instead of you dropping the money in the kettle let them. Have them help make the deliveries to the Goodfellows, the warming center and the food depot. It's an important lesson that they will keep for life. The gift is the generosity of spirit, a life skill that needs to be learned as a child. It is taught through example and experience.

So when you head out to the stores for some last-minute shopping, make an extra purchase for those less fortunate. It isn't shiny and bright, but generosity is a gift worth giving.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What's your favorite Christmas carol?

We asked this question at Westland Shopping Center in Westland.



**"I think mine is 'Little Drummer Boy.'"**

Karla Sladewski  
Dearborn Heights



**"The First Noel,' because we sing it in church."**

Colleen Brumo  
Dearborn Heights



**"It would probably have to be 'I Don't Want To Fight for Christmas' by The Ramones."**

Craig Wishart  
Livonia



**"You've got me. It's probably that one Bing Crosby sang in 'Holiday Inn,' 'White Christmas.'"**

Orville Roberts  
Westland

## LETTERS

### Aerotropolis: Boom or bust?

It's official. On Dec. 3, the Michigan Legislature passed the "Next Michigan Development Initiative," a major tax incentive package aimed at attracting logistics, transportation and manufacturing firms to transportation hubs. The Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation (ADC) was strongly backed by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

The six-bill package would allow up to five Next Michigan Development Corporations to receive Renaissance Zone status and abatements from many major local government taxes. Wayne County wants to use that status to attract logistics companies around Metro Airport.

Mr. Ficano has pushed this legislation for years in the hope that it would be the right tool at the right time to solve the development woes of Wayne County. He has traveled the world looking for foreign dollars without returning with much evidence that China or other countries are about to rush into the area around the airport even with the tax break option. There are only so many logistic companies out there that can be lured or captured by any development tools. Competition for these companies is intense.

Wayne County will have to compete with lower taxed counties like Macomb and Oakland. And there's no denying that Wayne County has a looming \$300 million projected deficit which also makes us less hospitable to new business and investors.

The use of abatements is inequitable and dubious at best. The fact that Mr. Ficano believes tax incentives are necessary in the first place is proof of Wayne County's stifling tax and spend climate. What

### 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.

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will naturally make this county more attractive is the perception of a lean and mean government and lower taxes for all small businesses and entrepreneurs, not a hand selected few.

I have my doubts. However, I wish Mr. Ficano well. Wayne County desperately needs a large dose of business success. Only time will tell if the aerotropolis is just another pipe dream or actually pays dividends. When we revisit the aerotropolis initiative three years from now we'll have a better idea of whether it is a boom or bust.

Edward A. Boike Jr.  
chairman  
Wayne County Commission  
District 15

### Owners' right to repair

The Automotive Oil Change Association (AOCA) strongly supports the Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act (S 3181/HR 2057) and urges Congress to pass the pro-consumer, pro-small business legislation.

Americans throughout the country rely on oil change facilities for convenient local service. In order for these small businesses to be able to serve their customers, they must have access to the safety alerts and repair information necessary to provide service and safety checks on today's modern vehicles.

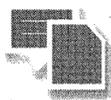
We have a growing concern that important repair information from vehicle manufacturers is being denied or not released in a timely manner to our members, including simple filter applications and fluid capacities that are fundamental to basic vehicle maintenance.

I think most motorists would agree that they should not be forced back to the dealer for any service, particularly something as simple as an oil change. Passage of the Right to Repair Act would ensure that all automotive repair facilities, including quick lubes, remain competitive so that car owners can conveniently and affordably have their vehicles serviced at the shop of their choice.

The Right to Repair Act has bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

Leanne Stump  
executive director  
Automotive Oil Change Association

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### The issue: Mayor won't respond to Rock

This article kind of brings new meaning to the saying... "DUMB AS A ROCK"  
Bravo Mayor!

.LuvsWestland

### The issue: Moving Wall returns to city

What an honor for Westland to get the moving wall once again. I was very fortunate to have been able to have been a worker and volunteer for the wall. It was so moving to see veterans and families come leave flowers, pictures, notes, etc. I was so moved by this, I am hoping Ken will again allow me to work. Funny, I said work, it is an honor to do this no work involved. It comes straight from the heart. These veterans came home to a reception they did not deserve. They now get the reception they so deserve, they are heroes. They served their country with honor, and I am looking forward to again thanking any and all of these vets when they come to the wall.

Budder

### The issue: Men confess to killing teen

I'm trying to figure out why 2 "men" would confess to a murder, but be so evasive when the police are trying to find the body of this poor girl. It's cases like, this we need the Death Penalty for.

westlandresident

I understood it was a lead that led them to the to men. Then after they were interrogated, they confessed. This is different than turning your self in. If there is no body, there is no murder I, right?

50yrsinWestland

Most likely they are holding that information in the hopes of a plea bargain. This is what our justice system has come to ... plea bargaining with murders ... Makes me sick!

amccauley65

## GUEST COLUMN

# Make it happen: Finding your passion is the key to success and joy in life

I'm not done singing yet," one of my 4-year-old twin granddaughters said as she finished her role in the preschool's holiday concert.

Her comment struck a chord with me. Leave it to a child to offer a world of truth in so few words. This little girl has a passion for singing. She may be peanut-sized, but she belts out a big vibrato voice that won't be quieted.



Joan Noricks

Perhaps it's the wear of age that makes most of us hide our voices under the drone of splashing water in the shower. But no one can hear our big voices in there. How else can we tell the world what we are passionate about?

The giving season and a New Year are typically when the world takes a moment for reflection. Indeed it is a perfect time for each of us to sing as loud as we can and make our voices heard about what moves us and stirs our passions.

Some folks passionately crusade for animals and the environment. Others

raise their voices to protect children. And still others are determined to eradicate homelessness and hunger.

Last week the Canton Community Foundation was informed that the Michigan Department of Human Services is reporting more than 3,000 Canton residents are receiving food stamps. Wayne is just behind Canton, but the numbers are even higher in Westland and Romulus.

Hunger is the most basic need. And fulfilling basic needs in the community has stirred our passions at CCF this year as Michigan's stagnant economy and continuing joblessness put many residents at risk. Without an immediate economic miracle, we can only assume that families will continue to struggle.

Plenty of charitable organizations in our local communities are available to help those in need. Passionate leaders and volunteers work daily to raise funds and develop programs that can help improve our corner of the world.

In November, CCF hosted its second annual philanthropy summit that drew local nonprofits who work with donors

fulfilling their own passions.

An example of a Canton resident who followed her passion is Mary Beth Levine, who began the Detroit Area Diaper Bank in 2009. She didn't wait for millions of dollars to come along. She started small in her home and continues to work from there. The lack of diapers — government assistance programs do not pay for them — for infants and adults can put family hygiene, health and independence at risk.

Other passionate leaders are Deb Bondie, founder of Livonia-based Seedlings, which provides Braille books for blind children, and Elaine Kennedy, founder of New Morning School in Plymouth. They are fulfilling their passions, while leaving indelible marks on the lives of so many.

Just think what we can all accomplish by following our heart-filled passions and singing our own songs.

Joan Noricks is president of the Canton Community Foundation. She may be reached at (734) 495-1200 or jnoricks@cantonfoundation.org.

# Be wary of scam artists, guard your finances

Ever since the financial crisis began, more and more financial Ponzi schemes have come to light. Ponzi schemes are a type of investment scam where



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

existing investors are paid with money from new investors. The most famous Ponzi culprit is Bernard Madoff, whose house of cards came tumbling down two years ago.

A recent article stated the U.S. Justice Department brought criminal and civil cases against more than 500 people for fraud. These cases involve more than \$10 billion in investor losses.

To keep a Ponzi scheme going new money is constantly needed to pay off existing investors. When new money can't be raised (as in the Madoff situation), the fraud blows up.

Investors seem to think that only the rich are subject to Ponzi schemes, but that is not the case. Every type of investor has suffered from these types of frauds and that is why all investors need to keep their guard up.

I wish I could reveal the one thing to look for to avoid these frauds. I can't. However, there are things that all investors need to consider.

It seems that many Ponzi schemes and frauds these days are committed by family and friends. These types of frauds have grown so much

Scam artists like Madoff know that people will let their guard down when they are dealing with someone with a shared interest. Don't let that be you.

they are now referred to as affinity frauds. Scam artists like Madoff prey on people they know or who have similar interests. Madoff, being Jewish, scammed a disproportionate amount of investors who were Jewish. We have also witnessed a scam artist

who was a pilot taking advantage of other pilots. It happens in every religion and every type of social or professional setting. The bottom line for investors: Don't let your guard down.

The key is to do your homework before getting involved. The fact that someone belongs to the same church as you or your children play on the same sporting team is meaningless. Due diligence is crucial. Check out the investment independently. If you can't, don't be afraid to walk away. Also, check out the person who wants you to invest. Do a Google search and check with state regulators. You would be surprised how a little bit of homework can save you from being involved with scam artists and crooks.

Scam artists like Madoff know that people will let their guard down when they are dealing with someone with a shared interest. Don't let that be you.

On a personal note I want to wish my dad, Mitch Bloom, a happy birthday. My dad celebrates his 90th birthday this week! It is my dad who taught me that when all is said and done, anyone who measures wealth in dollars and cents is a loser. True wealth is measured in family and friends. Happy Birthday, Dad!

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



## Benefit CD party

Tate Music Group artist Sweet Crystal will have a CD Release Party at 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland. Sweet Crystal will be performing songs from their Christian Rock album, 3. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes a free digital download card from the band. The CD Release Party also is a benefit for the Detroit Rescue Mission. To find out more about the band and their music go to [www.tatemusicgroup.com/epk/?id=10254&page=home](http://www.tatemusicgroup.com/epk/?id=10254&page=home).

## NEWS BRIEF

### Glow skate

Enjoy some glow-in-the-dark fun at Westland's Mike Modano Ice Arena 8-9:20 p.m. for Friday Glow Skate. The cost is \$3 for kids and \$4 for adults. Skate rental is \$3.

The arena also offers open skating 1:30-3:20 p.m. Saturdays. The cost is \$4 for kids, \$5 for adults and \$3 for skate rentals.

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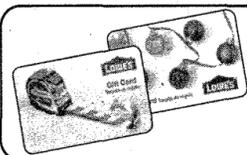
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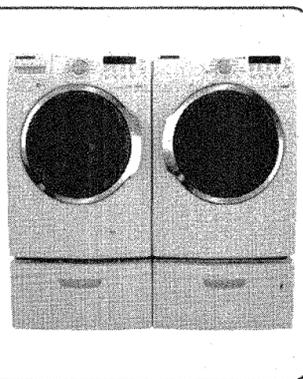
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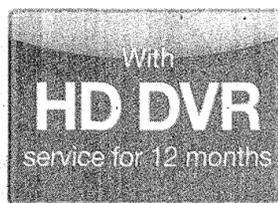
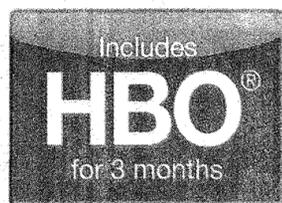
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# Prep gymnastics teams anxious for season to start

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Practice began on Nov. 1. Forty six days later, the Livonia Red girls gymnastics team is finally ready to hit the floor with its first meet Thursday night at Walled Lake Maroon-Gold.

**PREVIEW**

Meanwhile, it will be another 19 days before Livonia Blue embarks on its season when it travels to Plymouth for its opener.

What can we expect this 2010-11 campaign for the two programs? "It's a growing year," said Livonia

Blue fifth-year coach Lisa Fierk, who guided her team to a seventh-place team finish in last year's state finals. "They come out and do the best they can as the season progresses. We've been pretty healthy so far."

The most notable loss to graduation was Emily Quint, who was the regional all-around champion and 10th place finisher in Division 1. Her best event was the uneven parallel bars where she placed seventh. Also gone are Meredith Albers and



Kitz



Kretzschmar

Katie Bridges, but junior Alex Kitz will lead the way after earning a state qualifying berth in Division 2 where she finished 15th overall with an all-around score of 35.0.

Kitz earned all-state honors on the uneven bars with a score of 8.95.

She is joined by two key returnees in junior captain Sara Bridges, who excels on bars and on balance beam, along with senior captain Cassie Morford, who was a Division 2 state qualifier last year on beam.

Other returnees included juniors Haley Olson, Alexis Soave, Sarah Hogan and Andrea Irvan, along with sophomore Allison White.

Fierk, who has 13 gymnasts all from Stevenson High, is unsure who might emerge as a promising newcomer. "We're waiting to see the first meet and see how it pans out against the competition," she said.

**Kretzschmar leads Red**

Livonia Red is coming off a sixth-place finish from a year ago at the regional.

Please see **GYMNASTS, B3**

## SIDELINES

**Games postponed**

Scheduling mix-ups and school cancellations due to winter storms postponed several area girls and boys basketball games.

Among the Tuesday girls games postponed included: Livonia Ladywood at Grand Ledge (rescheduled for Jan. 5); Clawson at Livonia Clarenceville (rescheduled for Jan. 14); and Garden City at Dearborn Fordson (no date set yet).

Boys games set to be rescheduled include: Clarenceville at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (Jan. 5); and Detroit Henry Ford Academy at Lutheran High Westland (Dec. 10 to a date to be determined).

**Lakers swim fast**

Four Livonia Stevenson grads figured prominently as Grand Valley State opened its men's swimming and diving season by capturing the Calvin College Winter Invitational, Dec. 2-4, in Grand Rapids.

The Lakers scored a team-high 1,397 points followed by Kalamazoo College (661) and Olivet College (494).

Senior captain Jeff Pauza took firsts in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events in 4:35.88 and 16:00.11 (school and pool record). He also added a third in the 200 freestyle (1:42.42) to earn three NCAA Division II 'B' qualifying cuts.

Sophomore Michael Cruce placed fourth in the 200 butterfly (1:54.41), an NCAA 'B' cut; seventh in the 500 freestyle (4:47.72); and eighth in the 100 butterfly (53.52).

Another sophomore, Joey Wingett, placed sixth in the 200 breaststroke (2:12.47) and eighth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.48).

Freshman Aaren Marecki took 10th in the 50 freestyle (21.76); and 12th in the 100 freestyle (48.04) and 200 freestyle (1:46.50).

**1st Pitch banquet**

Detroit Lions broadcaster and Fox 2 Sports Director Dan Miller will be the featured speaker at the Madonna University baseball program's second annual First Pitch banquet, Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

The event begins at noon with a social hour where fans can meet and get autographs from the 2011 Crusader players. The meal and program follow at 1 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$60 (tables for 10 are \$600). Proceeds from the event will help defray costs for the MU baseball program including travel, uniforms and other needed amenities.

There will also be a silent auction where attendees can bid on sports memorabilia items, along with vacation and golf packages, sporting event tickets and more.

Last year's featured speaker, former University of Detroit baseball coach and Philadelphia Phillies Whiz Kid pitcher Bob Miller will also be in attendance. Last year MU posted a school-record 48 wins and advanced to the NAIA National Tourney for the second straight year.

For First Pitch banquet ticket information or sponsorship opportunities, call Linda Hall at the MU Advancement Office at (734) 432-5603.

**GC alumni hoops**

The Garden City boys basketball program will stage a pair of alumni games on Monday, Dec. 27 at the high school gymnasium.

Players from the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s, along with parents, will take on the Cougars' junior varsity squad at 6 p.m.

The GC varsity will take on players from the 1990s and 2000s at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Garden City varsity coach Greg Williamson at (734) 679-1548.

# Cougars stymie Churchill, 45-19

## Thurston romps past Groves

Garden City played suffocating defense Tuesday night en route to a 45-19 boys basketball win at home over Livonia Churchill.

The Cougars, who improved to 2-1 overall with the non-conference

win, led 18-15 at halftime before posting runs of 11-1 and 16-3 over the final 16 minutes.

"They (Garden City) pressured the ball well and we couldn't handle it," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team slipped to 0-3 overall.

Seniors Marlon Rodriguez and Brandon Kennedy paced Garden City's balanced scoring attack with nine and eight points, respectively.

Tyler Steele, Jordan Buck and Zach Vera-Burgos contributed seven apiece.

Churchill, shooting a dismal 7-of-32 from the floor, including 0-for-9 on three-point attempts, did not have anybody score more than three points.

Senior guard Dean Bokuniewicz had six rebounds.

Garden City was 4-for-4 from the foul stripe, while Churchill was 5-of-16.

**THURSTON 73, GROVES 49:** Senior Anthony Barley had a big night with 20 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals as Redford Thurston (1-0) opened its season with a non-league win Tuesday at Birmingham Groves (0-3).

The Eagles led by only four at halftime, 23-19, before going on runs of 25-17 and 25-13 over the final two quarters.

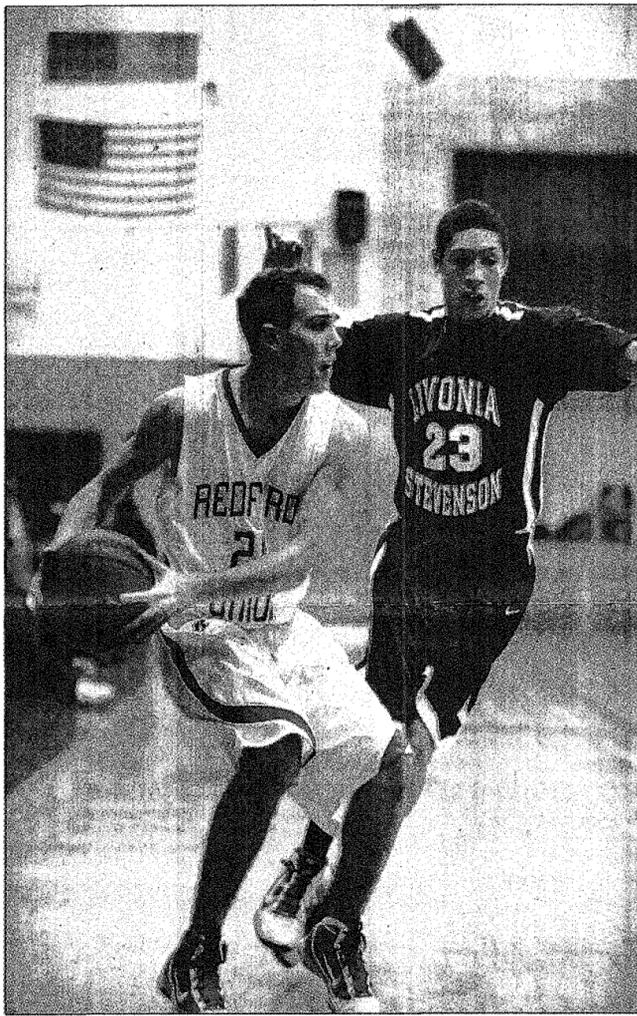
Xzaviar Bowen contributed 13 points and eight assist, while Michael Flannel added five rebounds and four steals.

J'Sean Jones finished with six rebounds.

Groves had three players score eight points apiece.

**STEVENSON 50, REDFORD UNION 25:** Senior center Jalen Reynolds had 15 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks Tuesday as Livonia Stevenson (2-0) rolled to a non-league victory at Redford Union (0-3).

The Spartans led 28-11 at halftime



THOMAS BEAUDOIN (PHOTO)

Redford Union's Anthony Stadler looks for a teammate to pass to while being defended by Livonia Stevenson's Jonathan Campbell during Tuesday's non-league encounter. Stevenson rolled to a 50-25 win over the Panthers.

and put it away with a 15-4 third-quarter run.

RU's Tre' Goynes led all scorers with 16 points.

Stevenson was 5-of-7 from the foul line, while the Panthers were 5-of-11.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 50, ANNAPOLIS 48:** On Tuesday, Micah Reum scored 15 points and Kent Krzyske added 10 as host

Lutheran High Westland (1-1) held off Dearborn Heights Crestwood (1-1) in non-conference matchup.

The Warriors led 22-21 at halftime before going on a 21-14 third-quarter run.

Kelzon Adams scored eight for the Chargers, who shot 3-of-8 from the foul stripe. Lutheran Westland was 7-of-16 from the line.

# Stevenson secures 46-44 win vs. Pats

The Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team found a way to win Tuesday night.

The visiting Spartans overcame a 26-point effort from Livonia Franklin senior guard Chelsea Williams to earn a 46-44 triumph.

Stevenson got 15 points from 5-foot-10 freshman forward Charlesann Roy, while senior Monika Rudis and junior Jordan York each added nine points.

Stevenson jumped out to a 16-5 first quarter lead.

"After that our girls figured it would be a walk in the park," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, whose team is 2-1 overall. "But it's a game of runs and I

told them Franklin's got a lot of scrappers and we can't rest on our first quarter. We don't have that killer instinct, but we were in the same situation last year and didn't get it done."

Amanda Borieo chipped in with seven points for the Patriots, who fought back to make it 37-35 after three quarters.

"We just dug ourselves a hole that first quarter and that was the game," Franklin first-year coach Bob Ostrowski said.

The Patriots, who slipped to 1-2 overall, went 14-of-21 from the foul line.

Stevenson made 11-of-22 free throws.

**LAKELAND 51, WAYNE 35:** Stephanie Lock scored a game-high 19 points to propel White Lake Lakeland (4-0) to the KLAAC crossover win Tuesday at Wayne Memorial (1-2).

Lakeland led 29-14 at halftime before putting it away with a 14-5 third-quarter run.

Freshman Ashley Brand and junior Holland Boertje scored 11 and nine, respectively, for the Zebras.

Wayne was only 5-of-13 from the foul line, while Lakeland was just 2-of-15.

**PLY. CHRISTIAN 34, LUTH. WESTLAND 15:** On Tuesday, Brianna Harris scored 12 points as Plymouth Christian Academy (4-0, 1-0) rolled to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win at Lutheran High Westland (1-3, 0-2).

Harris also had five assists and four steals as the Eagles led 28-10 at halftime and pulled away with an 11-2 fourth-quarter run.

Jenna Abraham and Jennifer Malcolm chipped in with eight and seven points, respectively, for PCA. Amanda Terranella and Aldreana Fikes scored seven and six points, respectively, for the Warriors, who committed a total of 25 turnovers.

PCA went 6-of-15 from the foul line, while Lutheran Westland was 0-for-2.

On Friday, sisters Madison and Haleigh Ristovski scored 27 and 14 points, respectively, as host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (2-1, 1-0) rolled to a 65-12 MIAC Blue win over the Warriors.

# Comeback kids

## Freshman guard lifts Crusaders past Siena Heights

After trailing by 17 points with 6:30 left in the first half, the Madonna University men's basketball team rallied past visiting Siena Heights University for an 82-69 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Saturday at the Activities Center.

The Crusaders (3-9; 2-2 WHAC) featured four players reaching double figures led by freshman Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), who notched a game-high 20 points.

Redshirt sophomore Kevin Henry added 13 points and a game-high nine rebounds, while junior Mike Clark chipped in with 12 points.

Senior center Geoff Gaylor contributed 11 points and six rebounds.

Mark Snipes led the Saints (6-7, 1-2) with 13 points, while Logan Mathews and Brent Reynolds

added 11 and 10, respectively. After digging itself a huge hole, MU was able to slice the 17-point deficit to 40-34 at halftime.

Naubert's three-pointer off a pass from freshman Derek Lennen to put MU on top for good, 51-48 with 13:04 left.

Snipes made it a two-point game with a pair of free throws and 9-27 left, but the Crusaders went on a 20-0 run, while holding the Saints scoreless for five minutes and establishing a commanding 73-53 lead with just over four minutes remaining.

The Saints would not get any closer than 12 the rest of the way as MU got back to the .500 mark (2-2) in the WHAC.

MU is idle for final exams until Friday when it hosts the annual Crusader Classic. Marygrove and

Spring Arbor meet the first game of the double-header at 6 p.m., while MU takes on East-West (Ill.) at 8 p.m.

**GRAND RAPIDS CC 88, SCHOOLCRAFT 60:** A 50-26 halftime deficit was too much to overcome Saturday as Grand Rapids Community College (5-3) downed Schoolcraft College (6-8) in the Kalamazoo Valley CC Tournament.

Jake Visser led the victorious Raiders with 15 points, including 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

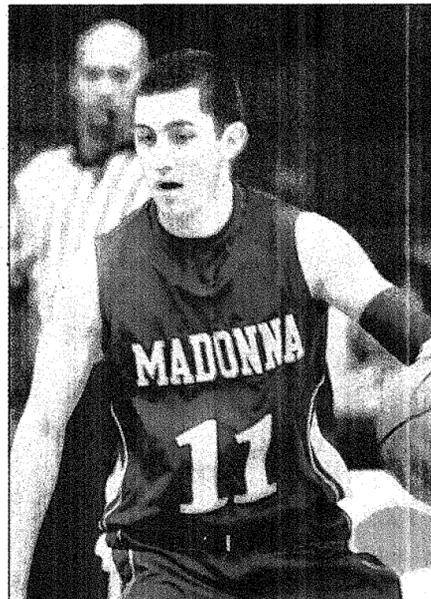
Quinntrai Lampkins chipped in with 12 as Grand Rapids made 26-of-33 free throws as a team.

Andrew Topp paced the Ocelots with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Reshardd Harris added 13 points, while Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) contributed 11 points and six boards.

Schoolcraft made 24-of-39 free throws.

The Ocelots don't return to action until Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Delta College.



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Madonna University freshman guard Bobby Naubert, from Livonia Stevenson, helped the Crusaders rally last Saturday past Siena Heights.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU/Total Baseball camp

The Madonna University baseball program will stage a holiday baseball camp (session II) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 27-29, at Total Sports in Wixom.

The camp features instruction by the MU baseball coaching staff and players.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166; or visit TotalSportsComplex.com.

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White and his staff will hold two sessions of winter camps, specializing in individual instruction, including:

**Fundamental Camp No. 1** - 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the MU Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia;

**Fundamental Camp No. 2** - noon-2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 6, 13, 22 and 27, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$150 for each camp.

For more information, call White at (734) 432-5783; or assistant coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu).

Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season will be Sundays, beginning Jan. 20, at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols.

To register, visit [www.coach-jacksonspeed.com](http://www.coach-jacksonspeed.com); or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

Fox airs fall finals

The MHSAA Fall Super Show on FOX Sports Detroit will premiere at 10 p.m. (not 11:30 a.m. as announced last week) on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The show is a recap of MHSAA fall championships in cross country and tennis in both peninsulas, and lower peninsula girls golf.

The show will also air at the following times: 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22; 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25; and noon Sunday, Jan. 2 and 30.

WSU softball camps

Wayne State University will stage a series of hitting, pitching and catching camps for girls softball players in grades 4-12 at the Matthaehi Building, 5101 John C Lodge, Detroit (corner of Warren).

The hitting camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon (Session 1) or 1-4 p.m. (Session 2) on Sunday, Jan. 9. Pre-registration cost is \$35 or \$40 at the door.

The pitching and catching camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (Session I); 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (Session II); or 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Session III) on Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30; and Feb. 6. The cost for the entire four Sundays is \$100.

For more information, call (313) 577-7513; or (586) 864-4233. You can also e-mail [ab6906@wayne.edu](mailto:ab6906@wayne.edu); or [kent-pa@comcast.net](mailto:kent-pa@comcast.net).

Application forms are available on [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com).

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

**Head coach:** Aaron Rieder, seventh year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** 4-7 (dual meets); fourth (KLAAs South Division); 10th (Kensington Conference).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Lance Kortesoja, John Yurgil, Alex Lamerand, Mark Freyberg, Zach Anderson.

**Leading returnees:** David Vincenzini, Jr. (breaststroke-100 butterfly); Derik Atzinger, Jr. (distance freestyle); Brian Sharp, Sr. (sprint freestyle); Christopher Sharp, Sr. (backstroke-butterfly); Bradley Johns, Jr. (diving); Kenny Densteadt, Jr. (utility); Thomas Nawrocki, Jr. (freestyle); Brandon Saltzman, Sr. (freestyle-backstroke); Erik Vingsness, Sr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Michael Sessamen, Jr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke).

**Promising newcomers:** Franklin Oiu, Soph. (breaststroke-sprint freestyle); Patrick Dahlin, Fr. (distance freestyle); Ian Clemens, Jr. (breaststroke); Jackson Norwood, Fr. (sprint freestyle-breaststroke); Jared Quirk, Fr. (freestyle-backstroke); Daniel Saltzman, Fr. (backstroke-breaststroke); Mark Densteadt, Fr. (freestyle).

**Rieder's 2010-11 outlook:** "We're carrying 29 right now. It's the largest team I've had in a couple of years. We have some possibilities as state qualifiers. (David) Vincenzini could qualify in the breaststroke, butterfly and IM. Franklin Oiu is a transfer who is not eligible until second semester. He's a possible state cut in the sprint freestyle and breaststroke as well. We had our first meet against Walled Lake Western (101-82 defeat). We have some good returners, but a lot of young, inexperienced swimmers with potential to have tremendous year. We hope the veterans pull along the young swimmers. If they do that we'll have a great year."

LIVONIA-WESTLAND BOYS SWIM PREVIEWS



Kellen Schoff



Jake McNamara



John Ferrara

**Last year's finish:** 8-3 (dual meets); second (KLAAs Central Division) and (Kensington Conference); sixth (Division 1 state meet).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Aaren Marecki (first-team All-Area); Mohamed Ghotem (second-team All-Area); Danny Schoff, Sr. (second-team All-Area); Adam Dabkowski (first-team All-Area); John Loria, Adam LaPorte.

**Leading returnees:** Kellen Schoff, Sr. captain (IM-freestyle-butterfly; first-team All-Area, 100 backstroke); Jake McNamara, Jr. (IM-sprint freestyle; first-team All-Area, 100 breaststroke); John Ferrara, Soph. (distance freestyle; second-team All-Area 100 backstroke); Brandon Bielicki, Jr. (sprint freestyle; second-team All-Area 200 freestyle relay); Jesse Damesworth, Soph. (diving); Eric Rathgeber, Jr. (diving); Sean Reppenhausen, Soph. (diving).

**Promising newcomers:** Grant McNamara, Fr. (breaststroke); Bradley Bielicki, Fr. (butterfly).

**Shoemaker's 2010-11 outlook:** "Both Aaren Marecki and Danny Schoff were big losses. We have a lot of numbers (48), but a lot of inexperience. It will be tough to duplicate last season, but our goal is to be in the top ten at the state meet again. Northville will be the favorite in our conference. Salem will also be tough along with South Lyon and Novi. We'll be fighting for third."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

**Head coach:** Bob Harding, fifth year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** 5-3 (dual meets); third (KLAAs South Division); eighth (Kensington Conference).  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Cody

Roe (second-team All-Area), Levi Cavender, Aaron Sabal.

**Leading returnees:** Paul Gutu, Sr. (freestyle-butterfly; state qualifier, 50 freestyle); Joey Wakeford, Jr. (backstroke-freestyle; state qualifier, 100 backstroke); Jack Ferguson, Jr. (distance freestyle); Dave Vader, Jr. (freestyle); Nick Stevens, Jr. (breaststroke); Connor Monroe, Sr. (diving).

**Promising newcomers:** John Kukulka, Fr. (IM-butterfly-backstroke); Cody Hodges, Fr. (freestyle).

**Harding's 2010-11 outlook:** "This is the deepest team I have had at John Glenn. We have 42 swimmers on the team at this time. We are looking to improve on our dual meet record and qualify more individuals to the state meet and score at the meet this season."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

**Head coach:** Mike Greuber, 14th year.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).  
**Last year's finish:** 0-10 (dual meets); sixth (KLAAs South Division); 11th (Kensington Conference).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Adam Karson, Josh Higgs, Josh Lowe.

**Leading returnees:** Corey Robbins, Sr. (IM-breaststroke); Zach Williamson, Jr. (backstroke); Shane Schooley, Sr. (distance freestyle); Nick Williams, Jr. (IM-butterfly); Mason Webb, Soph. (backstroke); Bobby Prough, Jr. (freestyle-backstroke); Antonio Herberling, Soph. (IM-breaststroke).

**Promising newcomers:** Mike Stover, Fr. (freestyle-butterfly); Zach Williams, Fr. (freestyle-breaststroke); Tyler Collison, Soph. (freestyle).

**Greuber's 2010-11 outlook:** "Although our team is small in numbers, we have a lot of heart. We will show up to every meet with goals to attain and expect to meet or exceed them. A couple of these kids could make the state meet this year. Some of our younger kids show a lot of promise and we will look forward to seeing how they progress."

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

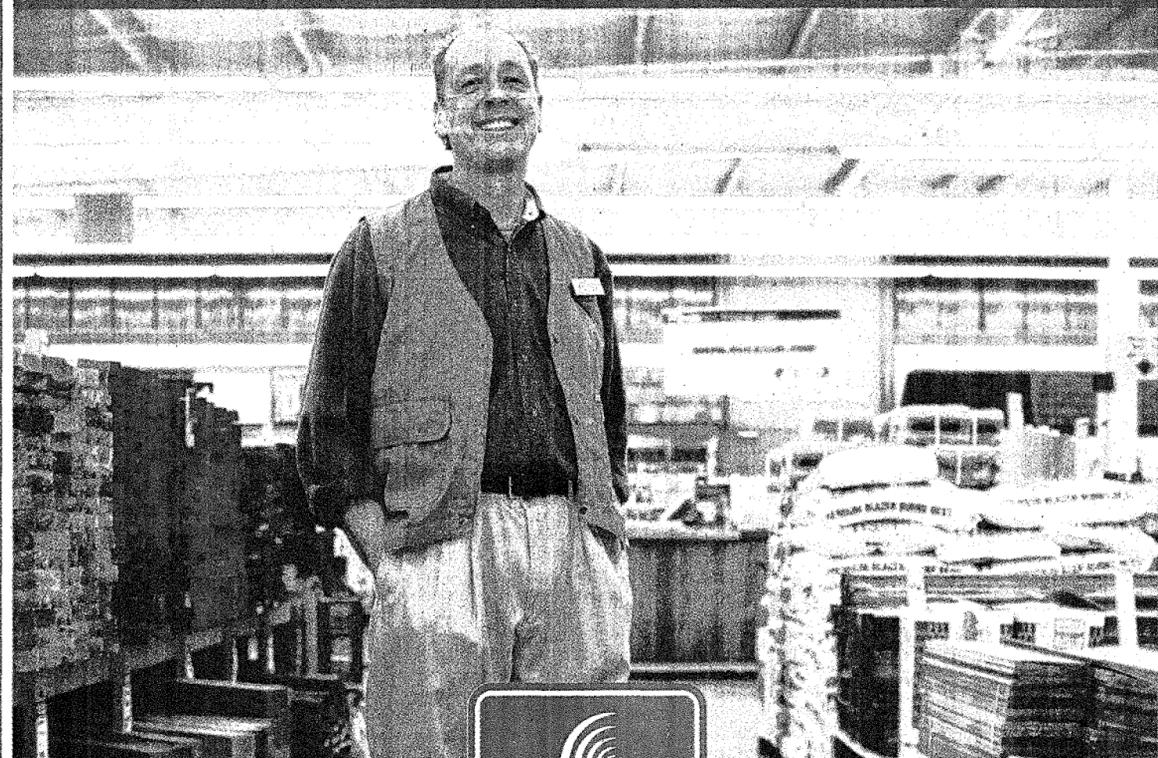
**ROCKET INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIM RELAYS**  
 Dec. 11 at Westland John Glenn  
**FINAL RELAY RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley:** John Glenn (John Kukulka, Nick Stevens, Jake Ferguson, Dave Vader), 1:55.36.  
**800 freestyle:** John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Aaron Alholinna, Tim Moran, Ryan Boes), 8:47.82 (meet record).  
**1-meter diving:** John Glenn (Ainsworth

Orr, Sean Taylor), 1:19.05 points.  
**400 individual medley:** Wayne Memorial (Zach Williamson, Mike Stover, Nick Williams, Cory Robbins), 4:32.71.  
**100 butterfly:** Redford Thurston (Luke Crompton, Dylan Crompton, Nach Mikols, Chris Seton), 53.95 (meet record).  
**200 backstroke:** John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Aaron Snyder, Jacob Burcicki, Cody Crane), 2:10.61.  
**100 breaststroke:** Redford Union (Dan

Webster, Travis Miracle, Charlie Randall, Jeff Matties), 1:05.16.  
**200 freestyle:** Thurston (D. Crompton, L. Crompton, Seton, Mikols), 1:38.25 (meet record).  
**100 medley:** RU (Matties, Webster, Miracle, Evan Thompson), 56.46 (meet record).  
**1,500 freestyle:** Wayne (Stover, Brandon Harnos, Williamson), 18:34.92 (meet record).  
**100 freestyle:** Thurston (Robert

Shelton, Julienn Williams, Adrina Croft, Alex Osterman), 50.59.  
**200 breaststroke:** Thurston (D. Crompton, L. Crompton, Williams, Mikols), 2:12.57.  
**100 backstroke:** John Glenn (Mike Cack, Crane, Ferguson, Derek Sweet), 1:06.51 (meet record).  
**400 freestyle:** John Glenn (Paul Gutu, Joey Wakeford, Ferguson, Alholinna), 3:40.37 (meet record).

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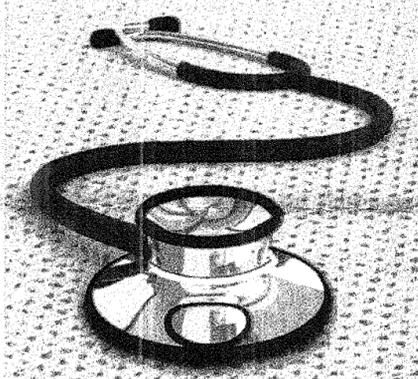
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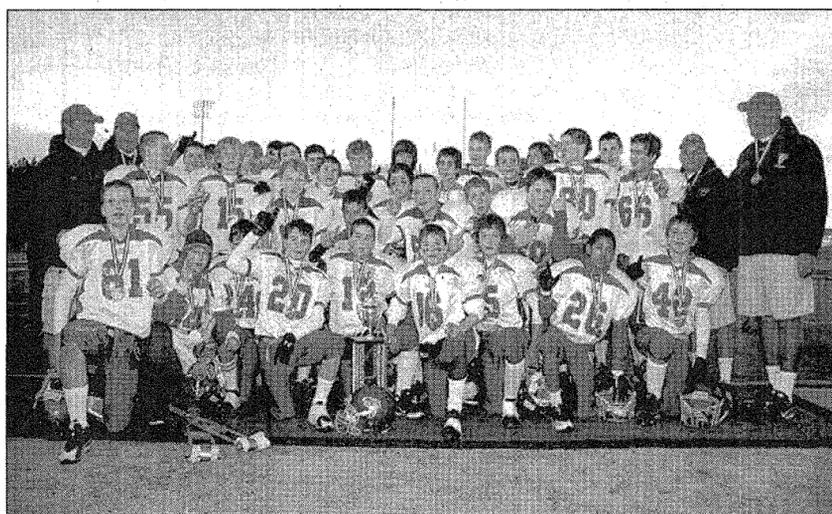
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Members of the Super Bowl champion Falcon varsity team include: Joe Alcantara, Jordan Bauer, Brandon Beaune, Ethan Bidoul, Kevin Bowersox, Frank Carlin, Kevin Collins, Jacob Davenport, Reece Emonds, Jack Ferguson, Gordon Ferguson, Mario Ferrera, Kyle Foster, Max George, Nicholas Hitchcock, Vince Jenaway, Dominick Kolpacke, Spencer Langley, Hunter Martin, Connor McQueen, David Moening, Ross Pajak, Austin Petrie, Matthew Plue, Quinn Rathgeber, Derek Rotter, Jimmy Seewald, Heath Stillwell, Connor Vaughan, Jonathan Wakefield, CJ Weiss, Adam Wright and Dylan Zupko. The Falcon varsity is coached by Fred Miller, assisted by Sonny Micallef, Tom Gorzalski and Mike Wheeler.

## Falcons sweep at Super Bowl

Nobody likes to admit they were wrong, but on Nov. 6, outgoing Livonia Junior Athletic League commissioner Mike Rotter was more than happy to announce that indeed he was.

Twelve months earlier, Rotter told anyone who would listen that the Falcon football unit's perfect season — three undefeated Western Lakes Junior Football League Super Bowl champion teams, each at 10-0 — would never happen again. History, however, did repeat

itself when the Falcons completed another hat trick and perfect season at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

The Falcon freshman team, coached by Rob Shepley, set the wheels in motion for the remarkable day with a 35-12 triumph over the Livonia Orioles, who wanted to avenge a loss in the LJAL championship game two weeks earlier.

The Falcon JV, coached by Bob Jarosz, then made it two-

for-two with a hard-fought 14-0 victory over the Novi Bobcats, the third meeting between the teams in as many years.

That set the stage for the Falcon varsity, who held up their end of the bargain by defeating the Walled Lake Braves, 27-12, in a rematch of the 2009 final.

The Falcon varsity, coached by Fred Miller, is 29-0 and a three-time Super Bowl champion.

## Spartans stave off Brighton, 3-2

Senior center J.J. Petterson scored a pair of power-play goals to lead Livonia Stevenson to its sixth consecutive victory with a 3-2 boys hockey win Saturday over host Brighton at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

After a scoreless first period, Petterson scored his second and third goals of the season during the second period to give the Spartans a 2-0 lead.

The Bulldogs narrowed the gap when Zach Morgan found the net with 1:01 remaining in the period.

Junior forward Tommy Ross gave the Spartans an insurance goal, his second of the season, when he fired in a one-time pass from senior Justin Shureb. Senior Tim Pruchnik also assisted on the goal that gave Stevenson a 3-1 lead with 5:57 left in the game.

Brighton narrowed the gap to 3-2 with 1:03 remaining in

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the game with a power lay goal by Travis Cohoon, but sophomore goalie Connor Humitz and the Spartans held on to win the game and improve their overall record to 6-1.

Humitz made 24 saves on 26 shots to earn his fifth win of the season, while Brighton goaltender Jack Gosselin stopped 17-of-20 Stevenson shots.

The loss drops Brighton to 3-3-1 overall.

**LADYWOOD 8, MERCY 2:** Hannah Periera had a hat trick and four assists to lead host Livonia Ladywood (2-4, 2-4) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory Saturday night over rival Farmington Hills Mercy (2-5, 1-4) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

The Blazers jumped out to a 3-0 advantage only to have Mercy cut the margin to 3-2 after one period on

pair of goals by Madeline McClain. Ladywood responded with five unanswered goals including four in the second period.

"We came out ready and took it to them early going, but we let them back into the game after getting back-to-back penalties," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said. "We knew we needed to come out in the second period and get the momentum back. The girls were able to move the puck well and get four straight in the period."

Other Ladywood point producers included Jenny Rohn (two goals, two assists); Rana Freij (one goal, two assists); Lane Kolpacke (one goal, one assist); Brittany Galvin (one goal); and Erin Doyle (one assist).

Lauren Hensick assisted on both Mercy goals. Lauren Debrincat also drew an assist.

Ladywood goalie Jessica Pavela made 28 saves, while Mercy's Kari Unger had 24 stops.

"The third period saw us in the penalty box for a lot of the period, but we were able to play well defensively," Peck said. "Jessica Pavela did a great job in net."

## Madonna women's cagers fall

Kaylee McGrath's game-high 22 points wasn't enough y as the Madonna University women's basketball team fell Saturday at Siena Heights, 67-56.

McGrath, a sophomore center from Livonia Stevenson, was 8-of-13 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line.

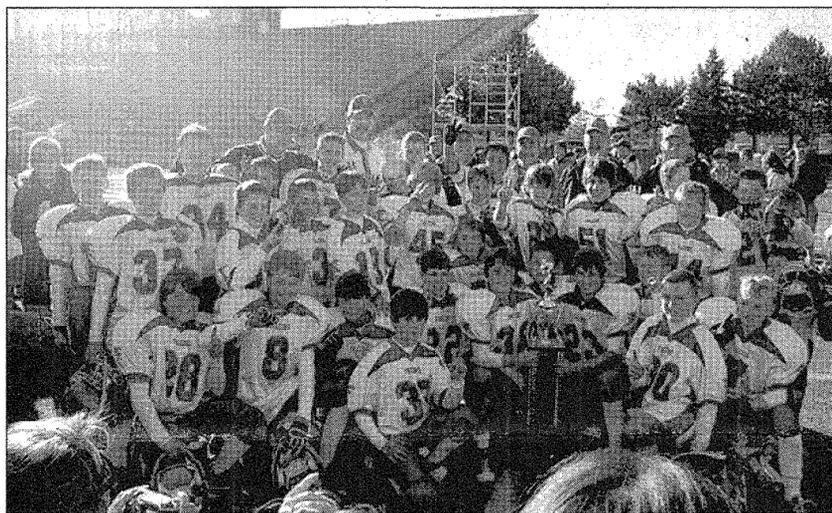
But no other Crusader reached double figures with freshman guard Rachel Melcher next best with nine points off the bench.

Shalaha Hubbard tallied a team-high 15 points for the Saints, who improved to 5-6 overall and 1-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic

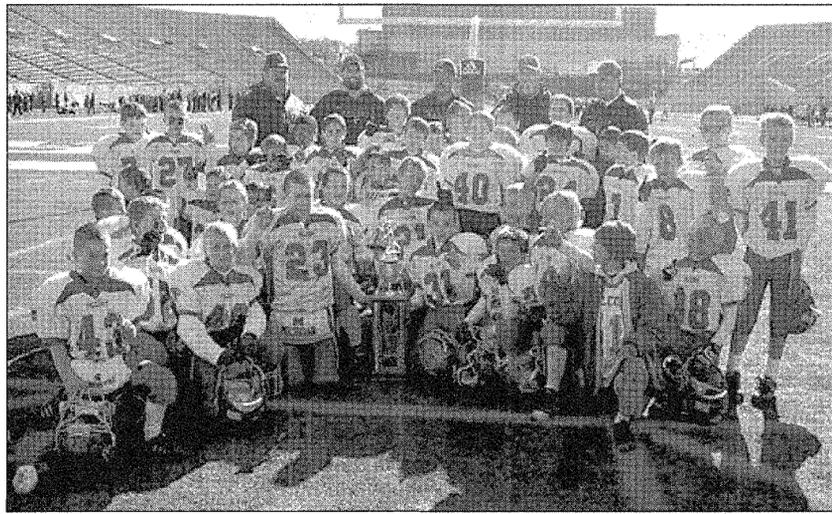
Conference.

SheMeika Nicholson added 11 points and Sierra Calhoun contributed 10 for Siena Heights, which shot a blistering 27-of-51 from the floor (52.9 percent).

Madonna (3-6, 1-3) shot only 35.1 percent from the floor (20-of-57) and was outrebounded 38-27.



Members of the Super Bowl Falcon JV squad include: Luke Battjes, Jacob Beaune, Collin Bowersox, J.R. Brobst, Ben Cadoret, Devin Dunn, Sean Eagan, George Ferguson, Taylor Garpow, Zachary Gase, Matt Harding, Aaron Hipshier, Tyler Holston, Jacob Ingram, Daniel Kroll, Joseph Kubeshesky, Nathan Micallef, Jack Mimms, Dominic Petro, Benjamin Piccard, Roman Plichota, Nick Poulos, Alex Reeves, Scott Ruslow, Jonathan Schlack, Benjamin Sill, John Suiter, Chris Tahderys, Christian Vance, Collin Warra, Spencer Weber and Dylan Zain. The Falcons JV are coached by Bob Jarosz, assisted by Jim Beyer, Clint Shepley, Ryan Phimister, Matt Cieslak and Daryl Bauer.



Members of the Super Bowl champion freshman team include: Steven Champagne, Chris Marinelli, Cody Kanclerz, Alec Bachista, Ethan Zupko, Nolan O'Dowd, Mike Reed, Jack Micallef, Joshua Page, Andrew Poulos, Jacob Spala, Sam Figures, Jacob Reyna, Carter Phimister, Chris Mars, Mike Harding, Keegan Vaughan, Evan Beck, Ted Coon, James Edney, Zachary Ziemba, Devin Poster, Mike Brooks, Ben Brobst, Aaron, Veliu, Nicholas Lutton, Nathan Walker, Nicholas Walker, William Sweetman, Connor Lutton, Matt Wagner, Nick Broome, Sean Miastkowski, Camden Gould, Brandon Bates. The Falcons are coached by Rob Shepley, who was assisted by Mike Rotter, Rich Roy, Jim Spala and John Dunn.

### PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**46th annual GARDEN CITY INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Dec. 11 at Garden City**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 280.5 points; 2. North Farmington, 156.5; 3. Riverview, 149.5; 4. Fordson, 120; 5. (tie) Allen Park and Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 115.5 each; 7. Grosse Ile, 114.5; 8. Redford Union, 110; 9. Gibraltar Carlson, 66.5; 10. Garden City, 63; 11. Livonia Churchill (B), 52; 12. Livonia Clarenceville, 49; 13. Berkeley, 45; 14. Woodhaven (B), 38; 15. Lutheran High Westland, 33; 16. Inkster, 20.

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**  
**103 pounds:** Ben Griffin (Canton) won by major decision over Mike Farkas (AP), 17-3; **3rd:** Brandon Washington (Carlson) dec. Jared Redmer (NF), 5-3; **5th:** Zach Bohn (Churchill) pinned Devin McClain (Woodhaven), 5-0.

**112:** Richard DeMarois (Canton) p. Jake Potenkiewicz (AP), 3-54; **3rd:** Aaron Par-Besemer (Berkeley) dec. Eli Cabellaro (GI), 7-2; **5th:** Zach Francis (LW) dec. Dain Runyan (Riv.), 5-2.

**119:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) dec. Brandon Hernandez (Riv.), 3-2; **3rd:** Jordan

Russell (NF) dec. Alex Karrar (GI), 6-4; **5th:** Mike Weiss (C'ville) won by major dec. over Rami Merhi (DF), 10-0.

**125:** Keshav Patel (Canton) dec. Chris Carroll (Riv.), 7-4; **3rd:** Steve Knox (RU) dec. Mike Williams (NF), 8-3; **5th:** Imad Soucar (DF) dec. Nick Doane (GC), 7-6.

**130:** Alex Eimers (Canton) won technical fall over Adel Yaffai (Churchill), 16-0; **3rd:** Danny Okun (Berkeley) dec. Britton Borde (GC), 5-4; **5th:** Joe Benjamin (NF) dec. Chucky Wright (GI), 9-3.

**135:** Keegan Cummins (DHA) p. Brad Ferguson (AP), 1-30; **3rd:** Danny Filippelli (Canton) p. Kyle Karrar (GI), 4-05; **5th:** Brian Sphar (GC) dec. R.J. Amine (Woodhaven), 6-0.

**140:** Zach Marsh (Canton) dec. Jeff Czajka (Riv.), 4-1; **3rd:** Josh Hall (RU) dec. Jake Mydloski (Carlson), 4-05; **5th:** Yeyia Taleb (DF) dec. Sean Ellison (GI), 8-2.

**145:** Adnan Berisha (DHA) p. Mathew Rossi (Riv.), 2-23; **3rd:** Vic Lindsey (DF) dec. Chris Tromley (GI), 8-4; **5th:** Julia Salata (Canton) won by major dec. over Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville), 15-6.

**152:** Mike Carnavon (Riv.) dec. William Snider (GI), 10-6; **3rd:** Aaron Bibik (C'ville)

dec. Patrick Murphy (Canton), 4-2; **5th:** Tony Dunlap (AP) p. Sheehab Natour (DF), 4-57.

**160:** Ali Harp (DF) won by major dec. John Davis (NF), 10-2; **3rd:** Nate Labonte (Carlson) won by major dec. Roderick Howard (RU), 11-1; **5th:** Mike Church (GI) p. Brendan Groves (C'ville), 4-44.

**171:** Kevin Miller (NF) won by major dec. over Collin Rankin (RU), 14-5; **3rd:** Zack Kephart (Carlson) dec. Martin Kemp (LW), 6-1; **5th:** Hunter McCoy (DHA) dec. Travawn Reaves (Berkeley), 7-0.

**189:** Anthony Abo (Canton) won by major dec. over Courtney Drew (NF), 23-9; **3rd:** Jake Martin (Riv.) p. Desmond Livingston (Ink.), 3-47; **5th:** Mo Soukar (DF) dec. Dylan Brown (DHA), 5-2.

**215:** Robby Lincoln (Canton) dec. Houston Garcia (DHA), 2-1; **3rd:** Adam Drucc (GC) p. Ali Bazzi (DF), 1-25; **5th:** Justin Shelton (NF) dec. Daven Gardiner (RU), 14-13.

**285:** Ben Poirer (Canton) pinned Christian Colon (RU), 0-12; **3rd:** Majd Mokbel (NF) p. Joe Lennis-Saunders (DHA), 3-38; **5th:** Rupert Miller (AP) p. Quintin Rudell (Woodhaven), 1-20.

## Wildcats host holiday swim event

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Doug Schade is still trying to figure out who can do what for his 2010-11 Plymouth varsity boys swimming and diving team.

But the coach will get more of an idea Friday evening at the annual Wildcat Holiday Relays. The event, hosted by the Wildcats, is set for 6:30 p.m. at Salem's natatorium.

"I think it's a good chance just to see what you have, because you really don't know until you put it (the team) in the water," Schade said. "It's definitely more exciting than practice. And really, it's just kind of a fun meet and I think kids get really excited about it."

Plymouth, Canton, Redford Union and six other schools will compete. Varsity and junior varsity swimmers will participate in up to 10 scheduled relays.

"We've been doing this for three or four years and every year we've been adding teams," said Schade, about what is

building into one of the biggest relay events in southeastern Michigan. "I'd like to get as many teams as we can get in there and make it a really big deal."

Friday will be a departure from the norm.

There will be some events that teams do not swim in during regular dual meets, such as relays for the 200 fly, 200 back, 200 breast and 400-meter IM. Add to that a 500-meter crescendo relay.

"We're definitely going to swim all our kids, as will everybody else," Schade said. "Everybody for each event will have a varsity relay that's scoring points and everybody will be allowed to have a JV to swim for fun. So you get all your kids in the meet that way."

According to Schade, most of the swims are 50 or 100 yards, so that will enable more kids to compete and be evaluated in a low-pressure environment.

"You can see how your newer swimmers swim and they don't

have to go a lot of distance," he continued.

Plus there also will be a festive theme — lightening things up on the eve of a two-week holiday hiatus.

"We have a holiday theme, we give candy canes out to the heat winners," Schade said. "The boys like that, they think that's fun."

There also will be trophies and medals, by the way.

Also anticipating the relays is Canton head coach Dave Le, because the many freshmen and sophomores on the squad will be looking to gain extra experience.

"Friday's meet is a good meet to start the season off with because we have a very young team," Le said. "It gives everyone an opportunity to compete."

In addition to the Wildcats, Chiefs and Panthers, other teams at the relays include Howell, Tecumseh, South Lyon, Woodhaven, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Monroe.

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### PREP BOWLING

**GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS**  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 24 MILFORD 6**  
 Dec. 9 at Striking Bowl  
 Wayne scorers: Tiffany Markham,

234-168-402; Stephani O'Harris, 195-196-391; Brianna Everett, 180-134-314; Chelsea Morneau, 156-144-300; Emily Everett, 133-119-252.  
 Team totals: Wayne, 898-761-1,659 (20

points); Milford, 666-715-1,381 (2 points).  
**Baker games:** Wayne, 134-211-345 (4 points); Milford, 138-133-351 (6 points).  
**Wayne's dual match record:** 2-0 overall.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
 Luth. Westland at Annapolis, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Novi, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
 Melvindale at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
 Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.  
 Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
**(Romulus Invitational)**  
 Stevenson vs. Shrader (Ohio), 5:45 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
 Luth. Westland at Old Redford, 7 p.m.  
 Edsel Ford at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 South Lyon East at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
**(Holiday Tourney at Taylor SportsPlex)**  
 Franklin vs. Lincoln Park, 6 p.m.  
 Taylor United vs. Summit Alliance, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
 Taylor SportsPlex Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.  
 Stevenson vs. Novi-Detroit CC at Edgar Arena, 7 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
 Oakland Co. Tourney at Silverdome, TBA.  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
 Patriot Invitational at Franklin, 9 a.m.  
 Woodhaven Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Michigan Center Invitational, TBA.  
 Oakland Co. Tourney at Silverdome, TBA.  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
 Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Garden City at Edsel Ford, 6:30 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Dearborn, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
 Wildcat Relays at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
 Livonia Red at W.L. Maroon-Gold, 6:30 p.m.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
 Clarenceville vs. Wayne, John Glenn vs. Novi at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Friday, Dec. 17**  
**(Madonna Univ. Crusader Classic)**  
 Spring Arbor vs. Marygrove, 6 p.m.  
 Madonna vs. East-West (Ill.), 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
 MU Crusader Classic, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
**TBA** — time to be announced.

## GYMNASTS

FROM PAGE B1

Made up of gymnasts from both Churchill and Franklin, Livonia Red lost Division 2 individual state qualifier Katina St. Pierre (uneven bars and beam) along with Sidnee Mattison to graduation.

Ninth-year coach Kelly Grodzicki's 2010-11 team will be anchored by sophomore Katie Kretzschmar, an all-around state qualifier last year in Division 1.

Kretzschmar's best finish was 14th on floor exercise

(9.15) en route to a 23rd place overall (34.95). The Franklin student was also eighth in the all-around at the regional.

"The key for Katie is staying focused," Grodzicki said. "Hopefully she'll increase her skills and continue to do that along with being able to motivate and encourage the other girls in their skills."

Leading returnees include sophomore Mallory Dorton, all-around;

junior Megan Martinez, beam and vault; sophomores Sarah Gosdzinski and Maggie McGowan, both all-around. Senior captain Megan

McDonald, who will be in the beam and vault, also returns to the lineup after year's absence.

The top newcomer, according to Grodzicki, is freshman Shannon Diaz, an all-around competitor with a competitive cheer background.

"Both the newcomers and returning girls are stepping up," Grodzicki said. "Our numbers are small, but we have some promising talent. We're hoping for a safe season and I think it will be a successful year. We'll know more on Thursday."

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quest vocalists singing classical and traditional songs. A free-will offering will be accepted and will benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities  
**Contact:** (734) 422-0010; www.saint-marylivonia.com

**Concert**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16  
**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main in Northville  
**Details:** Men of Grace from the Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac will sing original compositions as well as contemporary, spiritual and gospel and blues music. Dessert will be served after the concert. A \$5 donation is requested.  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911

**Longest night**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 21  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham  
**Details:** This worship service is a place to bring the grief, anxiety, and pain that often surfaces during the holidays. Worship is held on the longest night of the year in recognition that sometimes the holidays bring sadness in the midst of celebration because of missed loved ones, struggles with financial stress, and the thought of happier days. Child care will be available for children up to age 4  
**Contact:** Call (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3141 by Dec. 18 to reserve child care; for more information about the service call (248) 646-1200

**DEC. 23-29**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Time/Date:** Friday, Dec. 24

**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. family services; 10 p.m. traditional candlelight service  
**Contact:** (248) 626-3620  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 24  
**Location:** Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Worship service  
**Contact:** (734) 421-0749

**Christmas Eve/Day**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Worship services  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 986-3523

**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-fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 426-0096

**Classes/study**  
**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 - rid the body of toxic pathogens and 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 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

**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 for information  
**Nicole's Revival**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer  
**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

**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

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**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, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

**Moms**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run through May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. The

theme will be "Mornology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPNext  
**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS  
**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

**Pet-friendly service**  
**Time/Date:** 1 p.m., Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs  
**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

**Prayer**  
**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

**Senior citizens**  
**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food  
**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

**Singles**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Steve's Family Restaurant**  
**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.  
**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**Song Circle**  
**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat  
**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.  
**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

**Support**  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling  
**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted  
**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

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# Churches offer services for those feeling blue

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you feel sad or troubled this Christmas season, you might find relief at a church service meant to ease the pain of loss.

St. Genevieve Catholic Church will hold a "Longest Night" worship service at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at 29015 Jamison, off Middlebelt between Five Mile and Schoolcraft in Livonia. The quiet, meditative gathering is an alternative for those who don't feel comfortable celebrating the holiday in a traditional Christmas Eve or morning service.

"The mood we're shooting for is relaxing, comforting, quiet. It will be dim, with candles. We want people to be able to rest and lay their burdens down and be comforted," said Diane Montes, youth minister coordinator. "We're going to gear it down. Instead of speaking from the altar, we'll bring a lectern down to make it feel more intimate."

"We do invite the whole community. You don't have to be Catholic to be blessed by this."

Montes based the service on one she had attended four years ago at a church in Birmingham. At the time she was grieving the loss of her 22-year-old son, who had died in June that year.

## STORIES OF LOSS

She'll be among the speakers at the special service who will talk briefly about their personal experiences. She'll reflect on the loss of a loved one. Others will focus on job loss, illness and hope. A short prayer, reflection time and lighting of an advent candle will follow each speaker.

"Grief is a physical manifestation that knocks you off your feet. It's so hard to recover, especially at Christmas," she said. "That first Christmas I couldn't put up decorations. I couldn't imagine celebrating. It does get better. Every day it's a little easier."

"But there are so many other kinds of loss. There may be people who can't continue the traditions their family is used to. They aren't bringing in the same income. They see others shopping and buying and they are just trying to pay the bills. Or they aren't sure what will happen to their job the first of the year or they are ill."

## EMPATHY

She said her own loss made her more aware of the burdens that other individuals carry.

"When people are aware of what you've suffered, they feel free to share about their own suffering."

The service will wrap up with a blessing and opportunity for each individual to light a candle.

Longest Night services are held on or near the first day of winter when sunset comes early, days are short and spirits may sink in the growing darkness.



Here's a sampling of other alternative Christmas services:

• St. John's Episcopal Church, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The "Blue Christmas Service" is designed to help people who are hurting because of loss or crisis, find peace and solace. The service includes read-

ings from poetry and scripture, prayer, and a special candle lighting litany. Holy Communion is offered, and music will include not only quiet Christmas carols, but also songs from the Taizé tradition. (734) 453-0190

• First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 21, in the sanctuary, 1589 W.

Maple, Birmingham. The place "to bring the grief, anxiety and pain that often surfaces during the holidays," the Longest Night worship service will include peaceful music, personal prayer, stories of hope, communion and a candle lighting. Cookies and punch will be served in the fellowship hall after the service; (248) 646-1200.

## CALENDAR

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**Riverside Park Church of God**  
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care

Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia  
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this is a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth  
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

**Thomas a' Becket Church**  
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton  
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good

Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (313) 387-9797, www.oo.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional);

7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: (313) 534-7730

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives

Contact: (734) 637-7618

**Tree sale**  
Time/Date: Through 2010

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Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 851-5100

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: (734) 522-6830

## Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation

Contact: Roberta Malkowski, president/treasurer at (248) 231-6280

**Due Season Christian Church**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m., Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services

Contact: (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday; learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages

Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

Contact: Visit www.livoniafaith.org

**Garden City Presbyterian Church**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday

Location: Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

Contact: (734) 421-7620

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: (734) 427-3660

## Grace Lutheran Church

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

Location: 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: (734) 637-8160

**His Church Anglican**  
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna Livonia University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; (248) 442-0HCA

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

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 427-1414

**New Beginnings United Methodist Church**  
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

Contact: (313) 255-6330

**New Life Community Church**  
Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

**Plymouth Baptist Church**  
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

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

Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland

Contact: (734) 722-1735

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
Time/Date: 5 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m.,

Wednesday

Contact: (734) 464-0990

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, traditional worship at 9 a.m., Sunday, and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service on Sunday

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 474-0584

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
Time/Date: contemporary service, 11:30 a.m., fourth Sunday of the month

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 422-6038

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**ANNETTE BEGLEY**  
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www.santeifuneralhome.com

**RUTH RETKO (GOODMAN)**  
Age 84, of Farmington Hills, died December 11, 2010 at Henry Ford Hospital, W. Bloomfield. Ruth worked for Troy Schools' business department. She was a Master Gardner and member of gardening clubs. She loved mushrooming and traveling. Ruth is survived by her devoted partner of 25 years, Irwin (Ernie) Goodman; her loving son, Eric (Pia) Retko, granddaughter Belle of North Carolina; Ernie's daughter, Judy (Paul) Lipson; their children Brian (Marie-Christine, and daughter Stella), Rachel, Stacey; numerous friends and family. Ruth is the daughter of the late Marion and Milton Hager. In the final years of her Alzheimers, Ruth was lovingly cared for by Ernie and caregivers April, Laverne, Marquetta, Michelle and Florie. Ruth's body is being donated to the Wayne State University Medical School where her legacy for giving and learning continues. Donations are suggested to the Alzheimers Association of Michigan, the Brown Memory Center at the W. Bloomfield JCC, or a charity of your choice. A memorial service for Ruth will be held at a future time.

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Dave Bennett and his septet

## Local clarinetist pays tribute to Benny Goodman

Dave Bennett, a Michigan native and a leading jazz virtuoso, and his band will play many of the late Benny Goodman's best-loved swing jazz classics at 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

The "Remembering Benny" concert is a part of an on-going concert series at the church.

Bennett is a self-taught prodigy who began playing at age 10 on a clarinet given to him by his grandfather. Although now only in his mid-20s, Bennett's performing career goes back to age 12, when trumpet legend Doc Cheatham invited him to the bandstand of New York City's celebrated Sweet Basil Jazz Club. At 14, Bennett began frequenting tours on the "traditional jazz" circuit with a Saginaw-based Dixieland band. At 17, he won — over more than 600 entrants — a guest solo spot with the Count Basie Orchestra.

Bennett has created both written and "head" arrangements of many of Benny Goodman's classics, including *Moonglow*, *Stompin' at the Savoy*, *Airmail Special*, *Let's Dance*, and the signature piece from the historic Carnegie Hall concert, *Sing Sing Sing*. Along with the members of his septet, Bennett has meticulously worked out the complicated harmonies, improvised riffs, and tightly woven ensemble parts from the big band and smaller combo recordings that made Goodman the "King of Swing" in the 1930s and



Dave Bennett will play a tribute to Benny Goodman at the First Presbyterian Church, Farmington.

1940s.

Bennett has recorded with three of the Goodman band's most famous musical alumni: pianist Dick Hyman, vibraphonist Peter Appleyard, and guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. They've called "Remembering Benny" the closest thing to an actual Benny Goodman concert.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Free parking is available on-site, and the entire facility is barrier-free and handicap accessible. There is no charge for this event, but donations will be collected to fund the musicians. Suggested donation is \$10 per person and \$25 per family. For more information, visit [www.farmington-pres.org](http://www.farmington-pres.org) or call (248) 474-6170, extension 208.



## Plymouth Oratorio Society performs complex, classical master works

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bob Nelson hasn't missed a Plymouth Oratorio Society concert in 24 years.

"It took some dedication and work," said the Canton resident and one of the choral group's original members. "Last year the concert came on the last day of a show I was in with the Spotlight Players. They knew that when I had signed up. We made a deal."

At intermission Nelson took off his cowboy costume and left the Players' final show of *Oklahoma!* to take his place among the bass singers at the Plymouth Oratorio Society's only show of the season.

That kind of dedication is typical among Society members.

"This is a group that takes music seriously. We have fun, but people are not there to pass the time. People are there to sing works that you can't do anywhere else," Nelson said.

Those works have included the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Passion According to St. John*, Requiems by Mozart, Brahms and Rutter, and Stravinsky's *Symphony of Psalms*.

In celebration of its

25th anniversary, the Society will take a step back in time when it kicks off its four-month schedule of weekly rehearsals on Jan. 3, 2011. Singers, led by director Rick Ingram, will tackle major portions of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, an oratorio they sang during the group's second season.

### CHALLENGING MUSIC

"The first year we sang the Easter portion of *Messiah*. Then we sang part one of *Elijah* the second year," said Don Pratt, Society business manager and a tenor with the group. *Elijah* is a major work of choral repertoire. It's not as commonly known as the *Messiah*. People don't have as much experience with it. That makes it more of a challenge."

Membership in the Society is open to anyone interested in taking on that challenge. Singers join without auditioning, but must be able to sing complex, demanding classical works.

### PAYING TO SING

Rehearsals run from 7:30 to about 9 p.m. every Monday beginning next month and running through April at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. They culminate in one concert, generally held the first Sunday of May. Although the concert is free to the public, Society members pay a \$10 fee for a musical score and \$20 for facilities rental and insurance when they join the group in January. Donations from the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts enable the group to hire the Michigan Sinfonietta to play at the annual spring concert.

"For 30 bucks you're ready to rock and roll if you're an experienced singer and can sing the music," Pratt said. "It's pretty rare that we have to weed someone out. People know this is a group that does music of the masters and we do it with a professional orchestra. It's a self-audition because of the quality of music we do."

### CREATIVE OUTLET

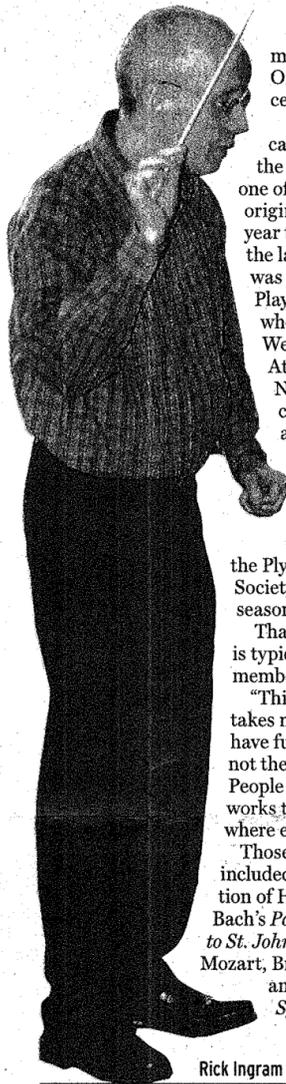
Pratt said many members have gained experience in church choirs before joining the group. He sings with the choir at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton and his father, the late Robert Pratt, was the founding conductor of the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

Nelson also sings in the choir at his church, First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. A mathematician by training and CFO of Airflow Sciences Corporation in Livonia, Nelson finds a creative outlet in the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

He likes the idea that Society concerts are free to the public, making it affordable for families to expose their children to quality classical music.

"If you look at what is happening to music in our schools, our youth has less exposure to the quality music that makes up a good bit of our heritage," Nelson said. "You don't have to pay \$35 for a ticket. If they get fidgety, you can afford to leave halfway through the concert."

No RSVP is necessary to join the group next month. Pratt said prospective singers simply need to attend the first rehearsal on Jan. 3, 2011. Those with questions can call him at (734) 455-8353.



Rick Ingram directs the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

## Motorcycle show rides into Novi

Hundreds of the latest motorcycles will pack the Rock Financial Showplace Friday-Sunday, Jan. 7-9, 2011 at the all-new Progressive International Motorcycle Shows nationwide tour.

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Free parking will be available for those who ride their motorcycles to the show. Riders will be able to check their helmets, jackets and other gear at the show's main entrance.

Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Jan. 7, 2011, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Jan. 8, 2011 and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 9, at 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Admission is \$15 adults and \$6 for children, 6-11. Children 5 and under are admitted free. On Family Day, Sunday, January 9, all children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a paying adult. (800) 331-5706 or visit [www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com).

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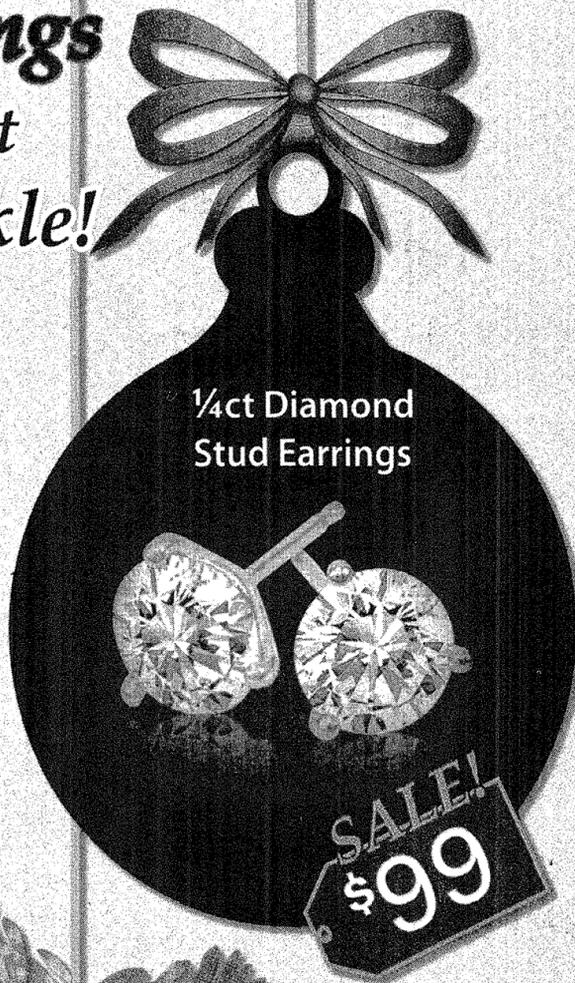
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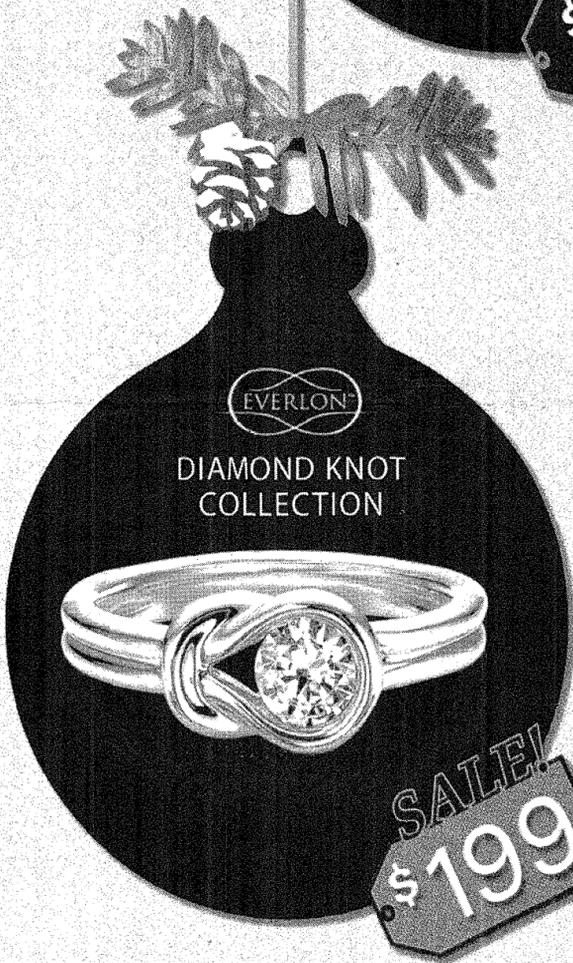
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Sweet Crystal plays numerous benefit concerts and is a mainstay at Michigan Vet Fest, held annually in Dearborn. The group will perform at a charity CD release party, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the Token Lounge, 28949 Joy, Westland; (734) 513-5030. Admission is \$10, \$3 of which will go to the Detroit Rescue Mission. CD sales also will benefit the charity. First 100 paid admissions get free digital downloads. WCSX's Doug "Doc of Roc" Podell is guest host.

**Deadline set in second annual film festival**

Get those camcorders ready and head to South Lyon. The 3 Minutes in Lyon Film Festival is accepting entries for next year's screening and awards night in June 2011.

The inaugural festival in May unveiled 16 original and locally produced videos from more than 25 producers. The festival is open to anyone regardless of residence, although films and videos must be shot in South Lyon, Lyon Township, Kensington Metropark or Island Lake recreation Area.

Students, video enthusiasts, non-profit organizations, families and anyone else with a desire to display their visual

and storytelling creativity may participate in the festival by creating their own three-minute video and submitting it on DVD. Entry deadline is Monday, June 13, 2011.

The festival will begin with Free Screening Night, an outdoor viewing of all submitted videos. Audience members will select the Audience Choice Award by voting on the best overall entry.

A new festival activity, the Producer's Roundtable, will invite all producers to discuss their projects, multimedia creation and filming ideas. The festival will end with an awards night at the Lyon theatre in South Lyon, where top

films will be recognized.

"The response to the inaugural festival was better than expected. I was impressed with the range of video concepts and the wide age range of participants. Producers submitting videos ranged in age from 11 to 55," stated founder Richard Perry. "Seeing a wide variety of images from the community and businesses on the big screen was very exciting. But even more impressive was to see the level of creativity in every submission resulting in very entertaining videos."

Festival details entry form, entry rules and instructions are available at www.lyonfilmfestival.org.

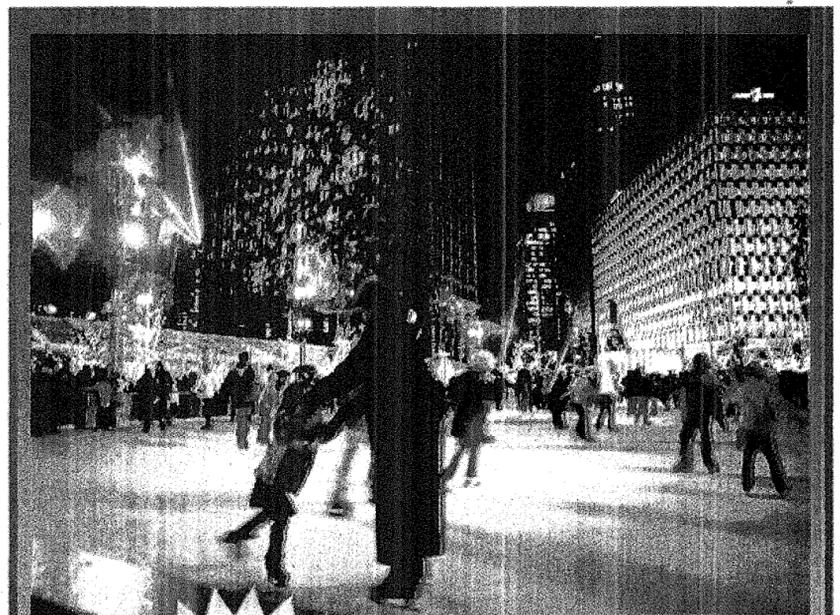
**Michigan ElvisFest 2011 planning for 12th year**

Ticket sales will get underway Jan. 1, 2011 for Michigan ElvisFest, which will take place July 8-9, 2011 at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

The family-friendly event draws Elvis Presley fans to watch tribute concerts to the "King of Rock 'n Roll." Last year's program included a car show, gospel music hour and candlelight vigil, along with such children's activities as crafts, a puppet show, face-painting and student performances.

Organizers for the 2011 event are working on the format and the entertainment. They plan to bring Elvis tribute artists, as well as other performers, together from across the country. Expect a few new events next year, too.

The Michigan ElvisFest is looking for sponsors for the 12th annual festival. Potential sponsors can e-mail to michiganelvisfest@gmail.com. Check www.mielvisfest.org for tickets next month.



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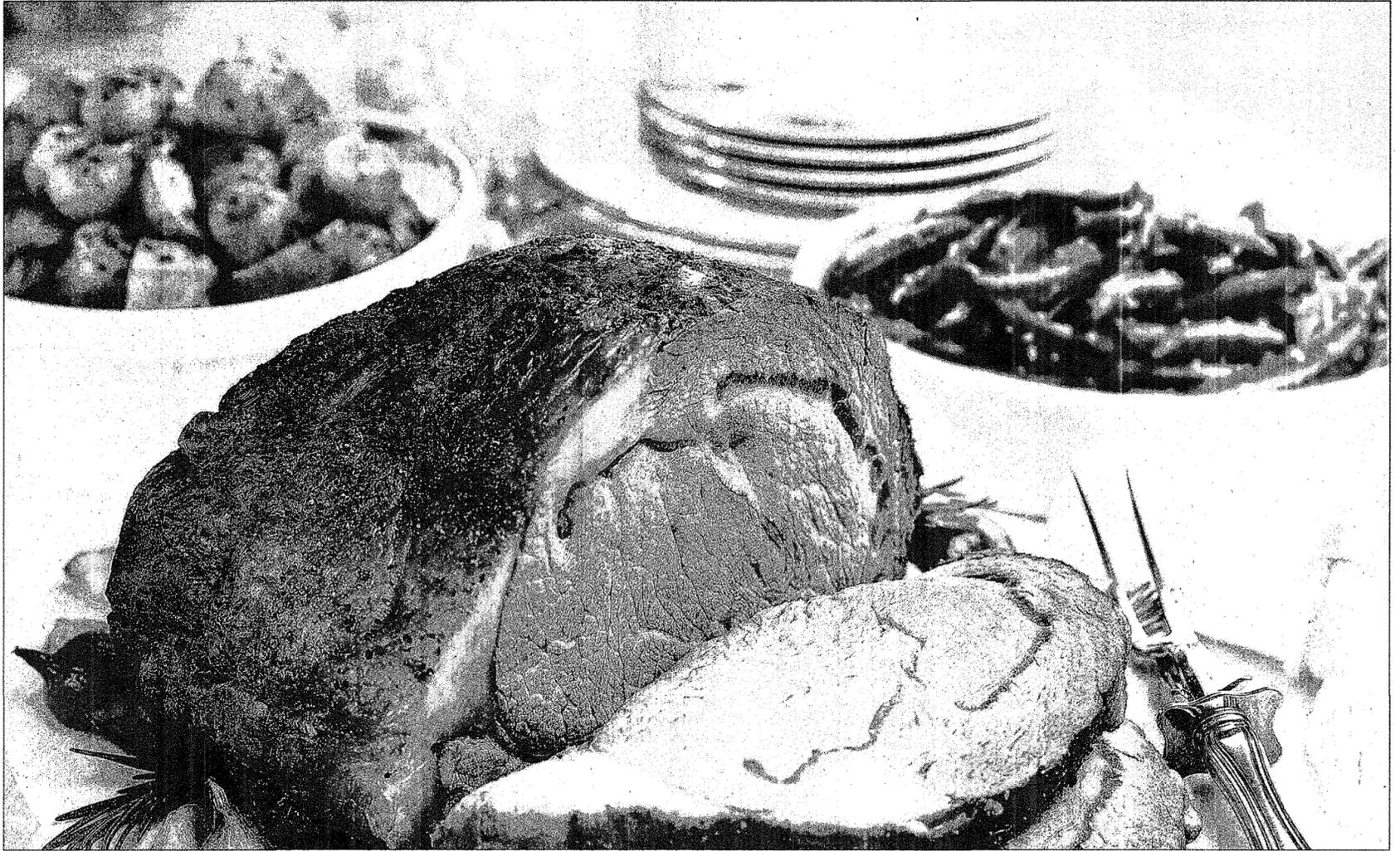
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Rib Roast

## A TOAST TO THE *Holiday Roast*

**W**hen it comes to holiday entertaining, there is nothing more elegant — or easy — than serving a beautiful roast. The elegance factor we can all understand, but easy? It's true. There is no need to be intimidated by a roast ever again.

Tender roasts are always cooked uncovered using dry heat methods, which results in producing the flavorful, deep brown crusty exterior. It's also important to allow the roast to rest before carving to ensure that the juices in the center have time to redistribute for maximum flavor and tenderness.

By following a few simple guidelines, you can easily prepare and serve a holiday roast that will receive rave reviews from all your guests.

For a free "Great Gathering Guide and Cookbook" filled with delicious recipes from Omaha Steaks, call 1-800-228-9055, or visit [www.OmahaSteaks.com](http://www.OmahaSteaks.com).

### ROAST BUYER'S GUIDE

Use this rule of thumb to determine how much meat you need to purchase per serving:

- Boneless Roast: ½ pound, uncooked
- Bone-In Roast: 1 pound, uncooked
- Standing Rib Roast, also known as a Prime Rib Roast: allow 2 servings per rib

### ROASTED BABY RED POTATOES

Serves 4 to 6

- 2 pounds baby red potatoes
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
  - 1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
  - 1 teaspoon oregano, chopped
  - ½ cup Romano cheese, grated
  - 2 teaspoons kosher salt
  - ½ teaspoon black pepper, ground
- Preheat oven to 250°F. Wash and quarter potatoes. Add potatoes to a bowl and mix with remaining ingredients. Place potatoes on a foil lined sheet pan. Bake for 45 minutes. Stir potatoes well, being sure to flip them all over. Increase oven temperature to 400°F. Bake potatoes an additional 30 minutes or until brown.

### BLUE CHEESE AND CABERNET SAUVIGNON DEMI GLACE

Serves 4 to 6

- ½ teaspoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons shallots, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
- ½ cup Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 cup Demi Glace\*
- 2 ounces Maytag Blue Cheese, crumbled

In a sauce pan heat olive oil. Sauté shallots and garlic until transparent. Add Cabernet Sauvignon to pan and reduce by half. Add Demi Glace to pan and slowly bring to a boil. Stir in blue cheese.

Serve with Beef Roast or Steak.

\*Demi Glace can be made from scratch or purchased from a specialty food store such as Omaha Steaks.

### HOLIDAY GREEN BEANS

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 pound green beans, trimmed
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 1 cup croutons, coarsely ground
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter, thinly sliced
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Blanch green beans in boiling water or steamer for 6 to 8 minutes until al dente. Cool in an ice bath and drain well.

Spread cooled green beans in a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish. Squeeze lemon juice evenly over green beans. Sprinkle top of green beans with ground croutons and bacon bits.

Place butter slices evenly throughout the dish. Sprinkle salt over the top.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

Prepare the casserole a day ahead of time and place in the refrigerator overnight. Bake as directed.

— Courtesy of Family Features

## Roast Cooking Chart

The cooking times below are for fully thawed roasts.

**Sear and Slow Roast Method** – Preheat the oven to 250°F. Lightly oil and season roast. Sear roasts in an oven proof pan, with small amount of oil, or on the grill for 2-3 minutes on each side or until well browned. Place the roast on an elevated rack in a roasting pan. Refer to approximate cooking times below. Allow 15-20 minutes resting time before slicing and serving.

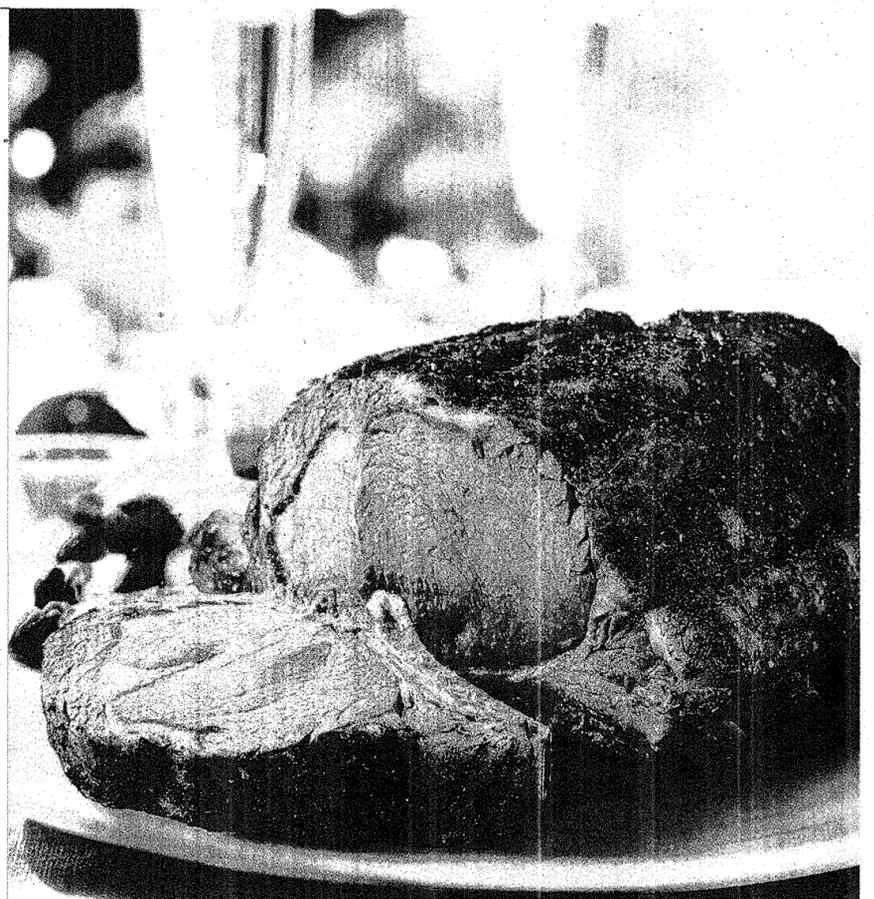
	Weight	Rare 120°-130°F	Med Rare 130°-140°F	Medium 140°-150°F	Well 160°-170°F
Tenderloin Roast	3 lb	1-1 hr 10 min	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 20 min	1 hr 20 min-1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min-1 hr 55 min
Rib Roast	4 lb	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 20 min	2 hrs 25min-2 hrs 35 min	2 hrs 45 min-3 hrs	3 hrs 30 min-4 hrs
Rib Roast, Bone In	6 lb	2 hrs 45 min-3 hrs	3 hrs 30 min-4 hrs	4 hrs-4 hrs 30 min	5 hrs-5 hrs 30 min
Sirloin Tri-Tip Roast	1.5 lb	40-50 min	55-60 min	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 15 min	1 hr 35 min-1 hr 45 min

**Quick Roast Method\*** Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly oil and season roast. Place on an elevated rack in a roasting pan. Roast uncovered, using times below. Allow 20-40 minutes resting time before slicing.

	Weight	Rare 120°-130°F	Med Rare 130°-140°F	Medium 140°-150°F	Well 160°-170°F
Tenderloin Roast	3 lb	45-50 min	55-60 min	1 hr 5 min-1 hr 10 min	1 hr 15 min-1 hr 30 min
Rib Roast	4 lb	1 hr 20 min-1 hr 30 min	1 hr 30 min-1 hr 40 min	1 hr 45 min-2 hrs	2 hrs 15 min-2 hrs 30 min
Rib Roast, Bone In	6 lb	2 hrs-2 hrs 15 min	2 hrs 15 min-2 hrs 30 min	2 hrs 30 min-2 hrs 45 min	3 hrs-3 hrs 15 min
Sirloin Tri-Tip Roast	1.5 lb	30-35 min	35-40 min	45-50 min	1 hr-1 hr 15 min

\*Verify degrees of doneness by using a kitchen thermometer. Above times are approximate.

Recommendations courtesy Omaha Steaks



Standing Rib Roast

# Party responsibly with these alcohol-free cocktails

CITY BITES

AAA Michigan is encouraging motorists to remain drug and alcohol-free when they drive during the holidays. Visitors to [TakethePledge.AAA.com](http://TakethePledge.AAA.com) can sign a pledge to support a culture of "zero tolerance" for impaired driving and spread the word to family and friends via Facebook and Take the Pledge e-cards.

Nearly 9 of 10 drivers say that motorists who drive after drinking are a very serious threat to their personal safety, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. And 98 percent say they consider it unacceptable for a driver to get behind the wheel when they think they may have had too much to drink.

Each year, more than 11,000 individuals are killed in alcohol-related crashes, representing 32 percent of all motor vehicle accidents. More than a million individuals are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol each year.

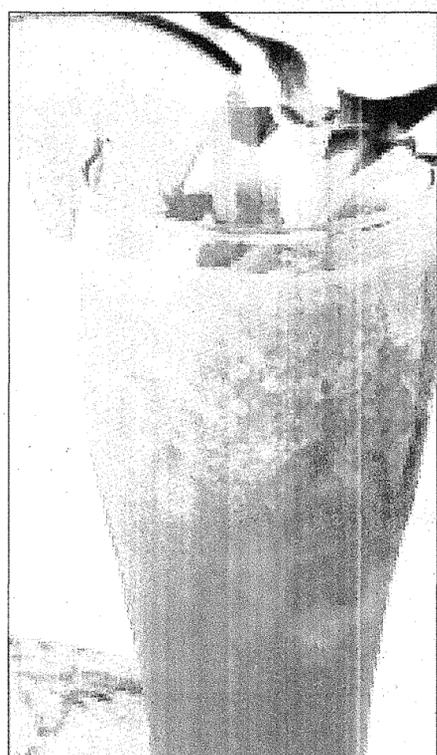
AAA Michigan offers these party tips to stay safe on the roads:

- Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins.
- Never get behind the wheel of a car when you've been drinking - even after just one drink.
- Do not hesitate to take the keys from friends or family members who may be impaired.
- Be a real friend: Call a taxi for those in need.
- Be a responsible host in reminding guests to stay safe and offer alcohol-free beverages.

Here are a few recipes for nonalcoholic cocktails from AAA Michigan's newest edition of its annual Great Pretenders Party Guide. For more recipes, visit a AAA Michigan office or go online at [www.aaa.com/Pretenders](http://www.aaa.com/Pretenders).



Homemade Kiwi Lemonade gets its fizz from a 7UP, Sprite or Sierra Mist soda.



Green tea and watermelon combine to create Creamelone.

**BORA BORA**

Submitted by Iridescence Motor City Casino & Hotel Detroit

- Ingredients:  
 3 ounces pineapple juice  
 2 ounces passion fruit juice  
 1/3 ounce lemon juice  
 1/3 ounce grenadine
- Directions:  
 Shake ingredients with ice. Pour into glass. Garnish with lemon wedge and cherry.

**HOMEMADE KIWI LEMONADE**

Submitted by Holiday Inn of Fargo Fargo, ND

- Ingredients:  
 4 ounces sweet and sour mix  
 1 ounce simple syrup  
 1 ounce Monin kiwi syrup  
 4 ounces 7UP, Sierra Mist or Sprite
- Directions:  
 Build in mixer/shaker with ice. Combine all ingredients and shake to a light froth. Strain and pour over ice. May garnish with lemon wedge and kiwi slice.

**SPARKLING PINEAPPLE SUNSET**

Submitted by The Grand Hotel Mackinac Island

- Ingredients:  
 1 cup pineapple juice  
 1 cup Perrier  
 Splash grenadine  
 Cherry for garnish
- Directions:  
 In a large glass filled halfway with ice, add equal parts pineapple juice and Perrier (or any sparkling water). Shake well. Add a splash of grenadine. Garnish with maraschino cherry.

**CREAMELON**

Submitted by Sixteen Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, Ill

- Ingredients:  
 3 cups chopped seedless watermelon  
 1 cup chilled green tea  
 1 cup chilled cream soda  
 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1 teaspoon light brown sugar  
 Ice cubes
- Directions:  
 Blend everything on a low speed and serve in a tall glass. Garnish with big watermelon slice.

**1913 ROOM INDULGENCE**

Submitted by The 1913 Room Amway Grand Plaza Hotel Grand Rapids

- Ingredients:  
 1 cup pomegranate juice  
 1 1/2 cups alcohol-free red wine  
 1/2 cup orange juice  
 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice  
 1/2 cup club soda  
 4 dashes Tabasco
- Directions:  
 In a cocktail shaker, mix all ingredients with crushed ice, shaking vigorously. Serve in martini glass and garnish with orange twist.

**NONALCOHOLIC BELLINI**

Submitted by The Saint Paul Hotel St. Paul, Minn.

- Ingredients:  
 1 ounce fresh peach nectar  
 4 ounces nonalcoholic brut champagne
- Directions:  
 Pour nectar into glass. Slowly add champagne. Stir gently. May garnish with peach slice.

**Statewide** - Need a Slurpee fix but not sure where to find a 7-Eleven store while you're on the road? If you had the convenience store chain's new iPhone and Android application you'd have the directions at your fingertips. The frozen, carbonated drink now has its own application available for iPhone and Android through iTunes and Android marketplaces. It offers information on the nearest 7-Eleven stores and gives driving directions. Slurpee lovers can log which drink flavors they find at each 7-Eleven store they visit for other fans to view through the app. Users also can enter Slurpee Nation reward codes, browse and purchase items with one touch.

If you'd prefer something stronger than a Slurpee, check out the store's new line of Cherrywood Cellars wines. They cost \$7.99-\$8.99 a bottle and are available in three varieties - chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

**South Lyon** - Erwin Orchards and Cider Mill won third place in the 14th Annual Michigan Apple Cider Contest, sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee. First place went to Engelsma's Apple Barn of Walker and second went to Westview Orchards and Cider Mill of Romeo. The contest was held earlier this month during the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO Conference in Grand Rapids.

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