



# 10-pin alley AI Harrison Event welcomes league bowlers

**T**HE ANNUAL Bowling Charities Tournament is underway in bowling centers all over the state, and all league bowlers are eligible to enter.

The \$1 entry fee is donated to one of several worthy charities within Michigan. Entrants who qualify for the area roll-offs may advance to the finals and win some cash prizes.

• Even the Michigan state lottery has gone bowling. It is now possible to buy the "bowling scratch-off" tickets at lottery agents everywhere.

• I am not suggesting anyone buy these tickets — the chance of losing money is greater than your chance of winning — but it is an interesting play on the game with three chances to beat your imaginary opponent's score.

• Nick Witkowski, president of the Wayne-Westland Men's Bowling Association, has been an avid bowler for 35 years. Wednesday, Witkowski rolled his first 300 game while bowling in the Tri-City Men's Invitational League at Westland Bowl.

Imagine how Aaron Staples must have felt with a 399 in the same league and not winning the jackpot.

• You may have heard or read of a report last week that said Americans spend more of their leisure time knitting than any other activity. The survey was taken by Leisure Trends Inc., a Connecticut-based research firm that works with the Gallup organization to find out what Americans like to do in their free time.

Americans spend \$600 billion on leisure-related activities every year. Michigan leads the nation when it comes to knitting, sewing and bowling.

• While others around the nation are golfing, shopping or walking, Michigan is bowling. The survey says:

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Magie Chavez passes the ball to the Harrison seater Monday. The Hawks will host for the city tournament tonight.

## North winless in WLAA

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**NORTH FARMINGTON** slumped to an uncharacteristic 0-3 in the WLAA Monday after losing to Northville (10-15, 15-8, 7-15, 10-15).

The Raiders were ahead 10-8 in the first game but let the advantage slip away. North coach Sandy Lubienicki said:

"It's a discouraging start, but the girls are not giving up on themselves. They can do a lot of good things. When you have kids who are positive and working, they can come out of a slump."

"I've coached a number of years — through the good and the bad — and I know the kids will bounce back."

Jenny Rieff served 10 points, Sarah Langren made eight kills and Yui Nakamura was the lone defensive standout on an otherwise bad night for North with 10 digs, Lubienicki said.

"The Raiders are not going well, you try and press too hard, and I think that's what we did (Monday)."

The Raiders (8-8) have won the city tournament nine of the last 11 years, but they shouldn't be considered the favorite this year, "because Harrison and Farmington are playing well," Lubienicki said. "Since exams we haven't played well. I think the kids realize now they really have to play tough."

## RU to host boys relays

By Steve Kowalski  
staff writer

The Overland Boys Track Relays are returning to Redford Union. RU athletic director Jim Gibbons announced Friday that RU will host the 22nd annual event, scheduled for Saturday, May 2. RU was the original site of the Overland Relays, but in the early '80s it was decided the aging cinder track was no longer resilient enough to host a major event.

Livonia Churchill has hosted the event the past several years, but Chargers athletic director Don Albertson agreed this year to move to RU, which last fall installed a new all-weather track.

The fact Churchill is still searching for a head coach and an assistant coach also played a role in moving the Overland Relays to RU, Albertson said. Gibbons said he would like to rotate the Overland Relays each year between Churchill and RU.

"It's coming home and we're happy to take it," Gibbons said. "We threw out the idea of hosting the Relays to let people know we were interested. I think Churchill has done a nice job with it. It's a lot of work, but the people here have a lot of pride."

"When I came here 18 years ago the people here took pride in handling it. I remember that night all the teachers volunteered, and I look for the same type of response this year."

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## Falcons shooting for Observer title

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"It's not one of our better years, but the kids have wrestled well. Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "We'll show up and do the best we can. I don't know if we have the depth we've had in the past to take on a (13-team) tournament and be up among the top four at the end."

**SALEM'S TOURNAMENT** hopes rest on the shoulders of tri-captains Dan Bonnett (125), who sports a 23-1 record; Jeff Shumate (145), 20-4 overall; and Scott Main (119), 20-6.

Doug Wind, an 180-pounder, and Phil Haynes, a 189-pounder, also have come on strong.

Farmington, meanwhile, has one of the area's most improved teams under coach Al Beyar.

"We hope to place as many in the championship round and the ones who don't we hope to put them in the consolation round," said the Farmington coach. "The (tournament) might be better than Oakland County (meet). We're going to see teams we don't normally see at all."

The Falcons are led by Oakland County champion Mike Palla, a 160-pounder with a 16-2 record. Palla will face tough tests against CC's Krueger and North Farmington's Jared Lawrence.

Farmington has several others with outstanding records including 171-pounder Ryan Adams (16-2), 125-pounder Jon Dugg (17-4), 189-pounder (Rob Cavagnoli (14-4), and heavyweight Matt Siskoski (16-6). Other point producers could be Rob Sutton (119), Matt Smith (130) and Dave Monge (152).

"IT'S THE BEST all-around, dual-meet team I've had," Beyar said. "And they've been good in tournaments, too. They've been able to score points with depth. We've been able to do that in 11 of 13 weight classes. We had nine place at the West Bloomfield Invitational (won by Farmington)."

A darkhorse could be John Glenn, which finished one place ahead of Catholic Central in the CC Invitational.

"Glenn has some kids who can score points," CC coach Freeman said.

The Rockets are led by the area's lone unbeaten wrestler — 152-pounder Mike Reeves.

Dan O'Meara and Steve Kowalski also contributed to this report.

## Mercy skiers place 5th

Farmington Hills skiers endured an individual's disqualification and suffered a fifth-place finish Tuesday in a girls slalom ski race on an icy slope at Mount Brighton.

Freshman Nicole Gable, who had won five straight ski meets for the Marlinas, was disqualified for missing the last gate. The result was a fifth place team finish, instead of a possible second.

Birmingham's Sothum was the team champion with 21 points, followed in second place by Brighton, with 40.

Hartland took third with 57 points, followed by East Lansing in fourth, 61, and Farmington in fifth place, 62. Despite Gable's bad luck, Nicole Sinclair kept Mercy's hopes alive with a time of 40.01 seconds to take second place individually. Jennifer Russar was 13th in 48.09, while Allison Vigi took 16th in 50.70 and Marcell Milta was 28th (63.17).

Mercy is in fourth place in the season team standings with 29 points. Brighton is the team leader with 38 points, followed by Sothum in second with 34 and Hartland in third with 30.

## CC cruises to victory

Redford Catholic Central won nine swimming events Monday and defeated St. John's 52-20 in the Farmington Hills Mercy pool.

Handy Treeters won the 200-yard freestyle (1:19.9) and 500 freestyle (4:55.83) and helped the Shamrocks win the 400 freestyle relay. Treeters, Brian Sosnowski, Paul Maguelick and Kevin Markell combined for a 3:36.72 time.

CC's other individual winners were Chris Teeters in the individual medley (2:14.31), John Brogan, 50 freestyle (23.91), Chris Meek, butterfly (1:04.5), Devon Fekete, 100 freestyle, 52.46.

Steve Reinke, Fekete, Meek and Brogan won the medley relay (1:46.04), and the winning 200 freestyle relay team consisted of John Zarrow, Jerry Radtke, Matt Olaford and Brian Sosnowski (1:42.23).

The Shamrocks are 4-2 in dual meets.

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