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Monit faces defamation lawsuit by event organizer

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wayne City Councilman is being sued for defamation and making a false statement over comments made a year ago at a council meeting.

Resident Chris Sanders' lawsuit charges Councilman Skip Monit damaged his reputation with comments alleging two children were inappropriately touched by Sanders during the 2012 HalloWayne event. Filed in Wayne County Circuit Court on Nov. 8, the lawsuit seeks over \$25,000 in damages. For his part, Monit said he was stunned when told of the lawsuit.

"He (Monit) drove Chris to pursue it (a lawsuit). Chris wanted vindication. Chris wanted him to take responsibility for what he said," said attorney Ronald Ruark, who represents Sanders. "You can't just go shooting your mouth off."

There were no allegations or complaints of any inappropriate contact with children made regarding HalloWayne, Ruark said. The lawsuit describes Monit's comments as tantamount to falsely labeling Sanders a pedophile which caused damage to his reputation. "The lawsuit isn't so much about damages but to be careful what we say," Ruark said. "We have to make sure the words out of our mouth are true, especially this type of complaint."

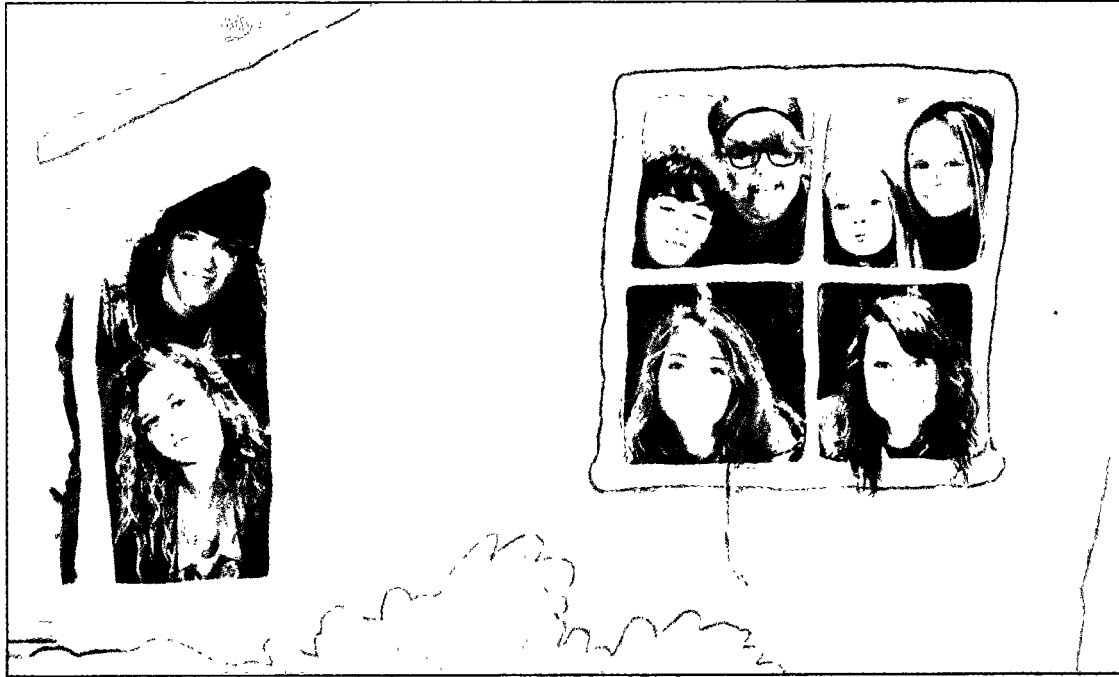
At a council meeting in December 2012, Sanders demanded a public apology from Monit over the comments but that didn't happen.

The lawsuit came as a particular surprise, Monit said, since in the past year he has had many discussions with Sanders. "We had buried the hatchet. I can't believe this," Monit said. "I spoke positively about his event (HalloWayne). I've given him advice — this comes out of nowhere. We had talked. It was a non-issue."

Sanders unsuccessfully ran for Wayne City Council in 2011. "There were a lot of wild untruths. A television story made up stuff right before the election," Ruark said.

In early 2011, Sanders had pleaded guilty in Riverview 26th District Court to a misdemeanor charge of providing alcohol to minors. He received one year of probation with a number of conditions, including no contact with youths involved in the incident and no unsupervised contact with minors.

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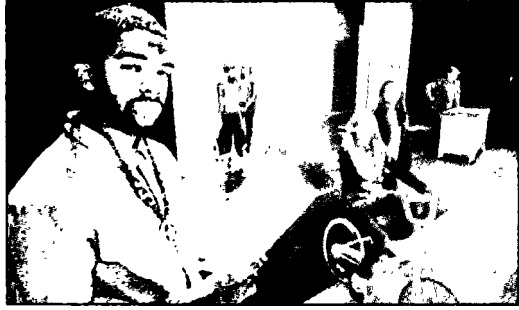
In the cast of Wayne High School's production of the "Cat in the Hat" are Nathan Barker and Alicia Highland (at left), Jordan Khalaf, Tirzah Ault, Cierra Eschenbacher, Casey Grauzer, Megan Keiper and Hailee Bolton. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wayne students put on the hat for the 'Cat'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The timeless tale of a cat in a red and white striped hat and the mischief he gets two children into will come to life on the stage of the Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School this week as students present *The Cat in the Hat* with a twist — a first act the features parts of three other Dr. Seuss stories.

"The *Cat in the Hat* is a 45-50-minute production and we wanted to extend it, so we



The offstage narrator for the production is Stephen Bowman.

created an opening act incorporating three Dr. Seuss books," director Katie Sullivan said. "It will lead into the second act, *The Cat in the Hat*."

As a result, the production includes two casts, one for Act One and one for Act Two. In

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Resident unhappy with repeated sewer backups

Flooding has occurred 14 times, he estimates

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

When raw sewage flooded the basement of his Westland home Monday night, Dan Kemp estimates it was at least the 14th time the sewer has backed up.

"This wasn't water. It was actual sewage — turds, toilet paper," said Kemp, who has lived in his home on Van Born since 1995.

The flooding occurs regardless of the weather — snow, rain or shine — Kemp said. Kemp was part of a class action lawsuit over 2010 and 2011 flooding and is awaiting the financial settlement that has been authorized by the city.

Although there have been problems with the Inkster Road-Annapolis pump station, Westland Department of Public Services Director Kevin Buford said this particular backup was due to a blocked sewer line.

"People put everything in there, we get what we call phantom blockages," he said. "There was a blockage and we jettied the line. My guys have been there every day cleaning out the trap, jetting the lines."

Longer term, Buford said the situation in Kemp's neighborhood will be improved by the replacement of the Inkster Road-Annapolis pump station, built in 1962. That estimated \$3 million project has been included, along with \$175,000

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Share your favorite Thanksgiving tradition

The *Wayne-Westland Observer* is looking for your favorite Thanksgiving traditions, and we're offering rewards for the most unusual, most creative, most heart-warming stories.

Do you always go to the America's Thanksgiving Parade in downtown? Or do you just watch it on TV? Are you among the thousands of fans who just have to be at Ford Field for the Lions' game? Is there a favorite food that just has to be on your Thanksgiving table? Does your family help feed the homeless or senior citizens? Do you get together and play a fun game of touch football in the yard? Maybe there's a certain

way you cook your turkey. Or a special entree, veggie or dessert you just have to have.

Whatever the tradition is, we'd like to hear about it. Share your special tradition with readers (send a photo, too, if you'd like; just make it a JPEG image). Your special traditions will be published in our Thanksgiving Day edition (in homes and on the street Wednesday, Nov. 27).

Our panel of editors will select five favorites and award a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre. Just email your tradition (and an accompanying photo, if you have one) to Observer editor Sue Mason at smmaison@hometownlife.com by Friday, Nov. 22.

Holiday Taste Fest serves good food, Sinatra tunes

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Frank Sinatra will be in the house when the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Westland Rotary Club present the annual installment of the city's premier holiday charity event, the 2013 Holiday Taste Fest, Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Taste Fest will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, east of

Newburgh, in Westland. Ralph and Kim Cabildo of RC DJ and Video will be the emcees for the evening which will feature fine food and beverages from restaurants, culinary programs and caterers in Westland, a live auction and the vocal stylings of Bart Ventura as Frank Sinatra.

"This event is a great way to start the holiday season," said Brookellen Swope, Westland chamber president. "This is the

15th year for this event. Every year I look forward to the new twists that we add. This year we have Bart Ventura as Frank Sinatra."

Ventura has performed at such places as the Roostertail, Detroit Yacht Club and Andiamo's. According to Swope, Ventura, who was born and raised in Detroit, is "a 100 percent Italian crooner who will have

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Knezek, LeBlanc sponsor Veterans Expo

TASTE FEST

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By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

One statistic which stuck in state Rep. David Knezek's memory served as a catalyst for a first-time Veterans Expo next week.

It was: "Michigan ranks dead last in the country — behind Guam, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. — in veterans' access to benefits." The Dearborn Heights Democrat said he was appalled. "I had to do some-

thing," he said. "While I continue to work on veterans issues in Lansing, I thought that a Veterans Expo would be a great way to bring together a variety of agencies and organizations to help our local veterans."

The free expo, open to the public, is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at VFW 7575, 33011 Ford, Garden City.

Joining Knezek, a former Marine, is planning for the event, is Wayne County Commissioner

Richard LeBlanc, their staffs and Garden City resident Cheryl Partin, the corresponding secretary of the Garden City Garden Club.

Partin and husband Kerry are volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels in Garden City. Kerry, a veteran, serves on the Garden City Commission on Aging.

Participants include: » Troy Schielein, Division director/Wayne County Veterans Services, providing Veteran

Photo ID cards and information on available veteran benefits.

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There also will be a revved up, Rotary-style style auction with a chance to bid on gift baskets, trips, services, golf, and more.

The chamber is also holding an Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest — the ugliest sweater will win a \$100 VISA® gift card, courtesy of Co-op Services Credit Union.

Partial proceeds from the event will benefit the Westland Rotary Charities, Joseph F. Benyo Scholarship Fund and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$25 and include food and entertainment. There will be a cash bar. For more information, call the chamber at 734-326-7222 or visit westlandchamber.com or westlandrotary.com.

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CAT PLAY

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the first act, two children are encouraged to read by their mother who tells them that "if they read, it makes the story come to life." Depending on the length of the three books, some or all are part of the act, according to Sullivan.

Come to life

The girls do as their mother suggests and when they read *Horton Hears a Who*, they hear the characters speak. The same happens with *Green Eggs and Ham* and

I Can Read with My Eyes Shut which transitions into the intermission and the *Cat in the Hat*.

"They challenge was that we wanted to find a way to incorporate the other Seuss books, we wanted it to match with *Cat*," Sullivan said. "We had to find a way to transition from book to book to book and to the play. The cast had input."

The play was selected at the end of last year when the students and Sullivan decided what would be stage for 2013-2014. The selections were announced at a reveal party. Once the processed started, work began on the script. Sulli-

van knew what she wanted, but the students brought it to fruition.

"We wanted to move out and work with the children's theater," she said. "The performance is for children, but it doesn't talk down to them. That's a great skill to have in their arsenal. They're working with moving set pieces and lots of props. We've really worked with the Seuss book in hand to build the sets."

The play has a bigger cast than a normal production. With so many auditioning, Sullivan said it "felt terrible to not cast more." That's why there are two separate casts for each act.

Cat and Kitten

Nathan Barker has been cast as the Cat. He's also taken on the role of assistant director. Megan Keiper, who plays Kitten 1, also is an assistant director. Justin Monit is once again serving as the technical director.

Keiper has the job of keeping in contact with

the cast and crew and checking attendance at rehearsals. She also helps get the cast ready to perform and does stretching with the actors. Having a small part has made the job easier.

"I was asked to be an assistant director by Mrs. Sullivan, she told me I showed a leadership role and that she would be honored if I did it," said Keiper, a junior.

"This is my first time as an assistant director, but I've been with Mrs. Sullivan for three years. I know how she works. I know what's expected."

Even though she's had a lot of people to track down and gotten some terrible excuses, she's loves being an assistant director and will like to do it again for the spring musical, *Shrek*.

Barker has been tasked with checking progress reports and handing out patron forms. He does have "quite a few lines" as the Cat, but has done well in memorizing then and keeping up his directo-

rial duties.

"I offer up ideas on how things should go," he said. "I like acting so much and I love the idea of being able to help the cast and lead them in the right direction."

This is his fifth show, and like Keiper, he plans to put in a bid to direct the spring musical.

"The whole cast is a fun group of people, they keep me on my toes," he said. "And we have a lot of people new to the program."

Sullivan is hopeful for a good crowd at the production. There will be two matinee performances on Thursday and Friday for senior citizens and elementary students, as well as performances at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-23.

Stockmeyer Auditorium is on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School on Glenwood east of Fourth Street in Wayne. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and children and are available at the door. "For the evening per-

formances, we hope to have a great kid crowd," Sullivan said. "It's for younger students, but it also appeals to adults."

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in related sanitary sewer rehabilitation projects along Hanover, in the water-sewer Capital Improvement Plan.

"The pump station reconstruction should take care of it. But the elevation of his (Kemp's) house won't change," Buford said. "Anytime you have a lift station you're pulling it (sewage) up. The gradient slope is going south. There was no other sewer available at the time, so the only thing they could do is

make it go north." The flooding problem at his home would have been corrected, Kemp said, if the city has installed a back flow valve as was done at some neighboring homes.

"I wouldn't drop out of the class action lawsuit, so they wouldn't install one. It could have easily been taken care of," said

Kemp, adding his basement floor has been cracked due to pressure from the flooding in addition to belongings destroyed over the years. "I can't even use the basement but I pay taxes on it," he said.

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Santa helps light up 20th annual Lightfest



Santa and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano pull the switch to light up the Wayne County Lightfest in Hines Park. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Holiday carols filled the air and fireworks lit up the sky as Wayne County Parks opened the 20th installment of its popular Wayne County Lightfest Thursday evening.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano joined Santa Claus in flipping the switch that turn on the 47 lighted displays that line Hines Drive from Merriman Hollow in Westland to Warrendale in Dearborn Heights.

"The last time I was here was when I was a kid," said Sheila Stritmatter of Troy. "My mom brought us here a long time ago when we lived in Westland."

The Stritmatters - husband Matt and children Erika 14, Seth, 9, and Owen, 6 - were among several hundred people who enjoyed a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, the antics of Detroit Lions mascot Roary and Detroit Tigers mascot Paws before lining up to drive through the 4.5 miles of holiday lights.

The Stritmatters attracted attention with their holiday finery. Other people wanted to know where they got their lighted Santa hats. "We made the hats

four-five years ago," said Matt Stritmatter. "I poked holes in the hats, stuck the lights through and hot glued them in place."

Stritmatter hid the wires on the inside of the hat and the battery packs behind in the brim.

The family had heard about the event on the radio and decided to attend. They made it in time although rush hour traffic did slow them down, Matt Stritmatter said.

It's Santa time

After being greeted with cheers, Santa worked his way through the crowd, stopping to talk to youngsters and telling them he knew they have been good boys or girls.

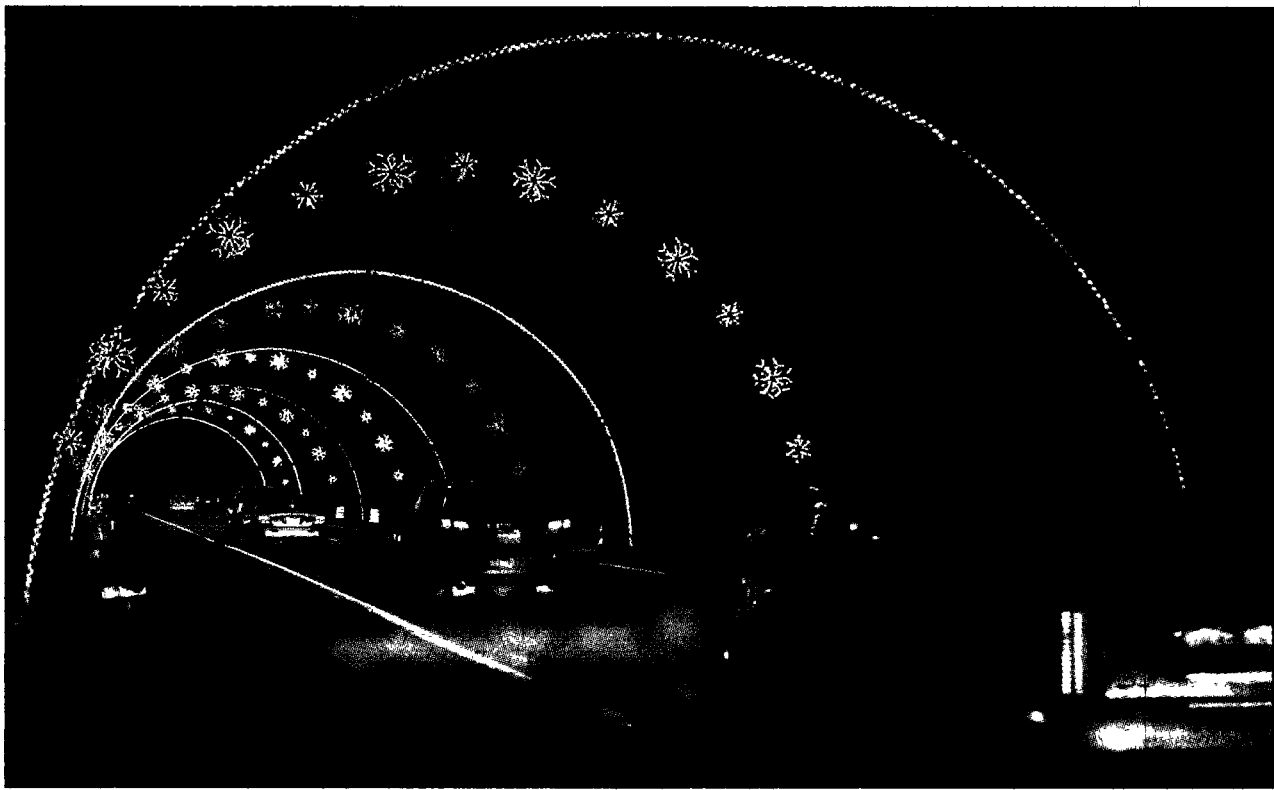
"I've been collecting wishes," he said. "I've gotten a lot of requests for toys."

Among those he spoke to were the Flourney family - David and Stephanie and their children Noah and Logan.

"We've been coming to Lightfest every year, this is our third time for the opening ceremony," said David Flourney. "It's a festive time, the community comes together to ring in the season."

His favorite display is the reindeer jumping across the bridge

"My favorite part, though, is seeing the smiles on the kids' faces



Cars drive through a tunnel of lights, several of which span Hines Drive along the Lightfest route.



Detroit Tigers mascot Paws helps direct the Franklin High School choir.

when they see them," he added.

Melanie Kowynia and her family have been coming to Lightfest since 2004. This year they brought another generation, niece and nephew Aden and Mya Burns. Also there was husband Rich, and their children Emaliyok, 12, and Ceca-

lieok, 17, "I remember in 2006 it snowed and it looked like a snow globe," said the Garden City resident. "We stood here and felt that we were part of one."

She, too, likes to see the little children and the unity of the community at Lightfest.

"I like to see the delight on their faces, you're never too old to believe," she said.

The best part

Dave Canfield of Redford had a crowd at the event. Along with his wife Jenny and children Aden, 4, and Aubrey, 1, the group included sister-

in-law Rachel Krimm and children Savannah, 7, and Collin, 4, of Whitmore Lake.

"This is our third year coming, we do it for the kids," he said, adding the best part is the lights, "all of them."

Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday through Dec. 31, although it is closed on Christmas Day. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

There is a \$5 fee per vehicle. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

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Typically, to collect latent fingerprints left at a scene, a forensic scientist or police officer dusts the impression with a powder then lifts it with a tape. But the process is not so simple when blood is introduced to the print, Zarate said.

"For blood-impression evidence, before I developed this lifting strip, there was no product to do that," Zarate said. "So objects with bloody impressions had to be physically removed and brought back to the lab to be processed using chemical enhancement techniques." That can be difficult when



Jessica Zarate, a faculty member and researcher at Madonna University, uses a fluorescent light to look at an impression of a human hand that was lifted and enhanced using a method she developed.

the print is attached to a large, bulky, or immovable object.

Zarate, a forensic science faculty member at Madonna University, pioneered and pat-

ented her technique and the Zar Pro lifting strips are now being used by law enforcement agencies in the United States and internationally.

In 2009, with funding from a Midwest Forensic Science Research Center Grant, Zarate researched and validated the lifting strip, in collaboration with the Michigan State Police Forensic Science Division, while she was a Madonna graduate student.

Zarate and Madonna University faculty members Jodi Lynn Barta and Wilson Muse recently received a \$250,000, two-year grant from the National Institute of Justice to further forensic science research in this area.

With money from the grant, the researchers from Madonna University hope to develop a spray that offers a simple, timely, cost-effective and non-toxic method to aid in the detection of bloody impression evidence while fluorogenically enhancing and preserving bloody and other proteinaceous impressions, as well as vital DNA evidence. The methods developed during this project will

enable forensic scientists to recover the fingerprint and the DNA from both the victim's blood and any skin cells that may have been left behind by the perpetrator.

"This is the first major research grant for Madonna," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, president. "I believe it is a testament to the depth of our faculty's experience in forensic science, as well as our state-of-the-art science labs. The results of this research have the potential to significantly enhance how crime scene evidence is collected, and that's exciting."

Zarate received a bachelor of education and human services degree in criminal justice with a minor in forensic science from Ferris State University and a bachelor of science in biology with a minor in chemistry from Madonna University. She earned a master's in forensic science from National University with a specialization in criminal investigations.

Garden City AFJROTC swears in 20 new cadets

The MI-861 AFJROTC Unit at Garden City High School recently held its fifth annual Cadet Oath Ceremony. Twenty first-year cadets ranging from freshmen to seniors were sworn into the program.

The Oath Ceremony is a chance to welcome the new cadets into the program. Many second year cadets showed up, including parents to support the cadets. Each member of the cadet senior staff gave a speech talking about their position, and the cadets they lead.

Following their speeches, three first year cadets were

chosen to light candles for the three core values of Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in All We Do. The core values symbolize what it means to be a cadet in AFJROTC.

Integrity First is doing the right thing when no one is looking.

Service before Self means serving others before yourself.

Excellence in All We Do means giving 100 percent all the time.

The first-year cadets took the AFJROTC oath, led by Cadet Lt. Col. Wasson, MI-861's Corps Commander.

Lt. Col. Colleen Gilmour is beginning her sixth year as the senior Aerospace Instructor of MI-861 AFJROTC unit. Working with her is Aerospace Science Instructor, SM Sgt. Ken Reinhart, who has been with the program for three years.

"I am very excited at how far our AFJROTC unit has come in the past five years," said Gilmour in a speech before the oath ceremony. "I am proud to announce MI-861 earned the Distinguished Unit Award for the fourth consecutive year."

She highlighted some of the activities our unit has been

involved in the past year. According to Gilmour, the cadets logged more than 1,500 community services hours, including the bi-annual adopt a highway, a canned food drive which benefits the Garden City Cougar Care Café and MI-861's first ever Commander's Call, an event which brings all cadets together at one time to discuss the unit's events and trimester awards.

Sworn in at the ceremony were Daniel Adams, Raymond Ainsworth, Connor Bogater, Tyler Buza, Chase Callies, Shelby Casey, Kenneth Chersack, Megan Coon, Romen

Deron, Logan Harvey, Emily Ivey, Brendan Lavrendine, Matthew Prosize, Jillian McMichael, La'Shay Mitchell, Taylor Mouro, Seth Newby, Danielle Rubbo, Destinee Schave and Zachary Witt.

In attendance was School Superintendent Michelle Cline, Garden City High School Principal Derek Fisher, Assistant Principal Rosemary Gross, school board members Linda Williams, Darlene Jablonowski and AFJROTC's Davis Aerospace MI-881 SASI Col. Walter R. Wingard and Cadet Lt. Col Steven Coleman.

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Rouge cleanup bags 82 cubic yards of trash in 2013

More than 1,700 people came out to the Rouge River cleanup and restoration activities across metro Detroit this past June, according to the Friends of the Rouge, a local non-profit organization dedicated to the river's restoration.

Volunteers removed 82 cubic yards of trash from 120 acres of public parkland and river valleys that wind through neighborhoods. The bulk of the trash removed consisted of paper, wrappers, Styrofoam, balls, bottles and cans. These everyday items are carried to the river by wind and water.

Other items volunteers pulled from the river were likely intentionally dumped and consisted of 31 tires, 27 shopping carts, four mattresses, bicycles, a Lazy Boy chair, a hot tub and household appliances.

Aristeo Construction, based in Livonia, removed a vehicle from the river this year.

"Aristeo Construction has been bringing out the big equipment to remove vehicles from the river for years" said Cyndi Ross the River Restoration Program Manager for the Friends group. "They have removed more than 29 vehicles since 2006. We are so grateful for Aristeo's involvement. The cars would still be in the river today without the help of the Aristeo Construction crew."



Mill Race Village volunteers stabilize the stream bank and plant native vegetation during 2013 Rouge Rescue activities back in June.

Volunteers also worked to control the spread of invasive plants in the region and removed more than 8,000 cubic yards of invasive plants like garlic mustard, honeysuckle and buckthorn. These non-indigenous plants have advantages over native vegetation. They often produce an abundance of seed or have the ability to alter the soil to prevent other species from thriving.

Those plants don't have predators (insects or animals that consume them) to keep their population in check. They have to be removed to preserve the health of the ecosystem and to maintain quality habitat for wildlife.

Rouge Rescue was supported, in part, by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, the Erb Foundation, and the following cor-

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

WCGH reunion

The 29th Annual Wayne County General Hospital reunion for former employees and retirees will be held in the party room at the Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet at 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The cost of the buffet is \$10.59, with a senior discount available.

Senior Travel Show

Seniors who'd like to join friends on one-day and multiple-day tours can visit Party Animal Travel at the Wayne Community Center from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, for a free travel and tour show.

Meet travelers with similar interests and see places to go. Bus tours, plane and cruise tours will be presented. There is no cost. Space is limited and raffles for trips and gifts will be at the end of the night.

For more information or free tickets, call 734-525-9777. Please no children at this event. Reser-

vations are required.

The Wayne Community Center is at Howe and Annapolis, north of Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation 2014 is holding a Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fund-raiser through Nov. 22. Pizza, Crazy Bread, cinnamon Crazy Bread Kit, boneless Caesar Wings Kit and cookie dough is available. Prices range \$16 to \$19. Pickup will be at 4:30 p.m. Dec 4 at Garden City High School near gym entrance.

Contact Heidi Witt at 734-612-5274 or hijo-witt@yahoo.com to get an order form or place an order. Order forms can also be picked up in the office at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt. Make all checks payable to GCHS Project Grad.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to Garden City School elementary and middle school students at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, in room 118 beginning 3:30-4:30

p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, contact Myrna Hathaway at Garden City High School at 734-762-8350 or email hathawm@gardencityschools.com.

Support Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and CFS support group meets 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City. There are no dues.

For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519.

Fibromyalgia Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome support group meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

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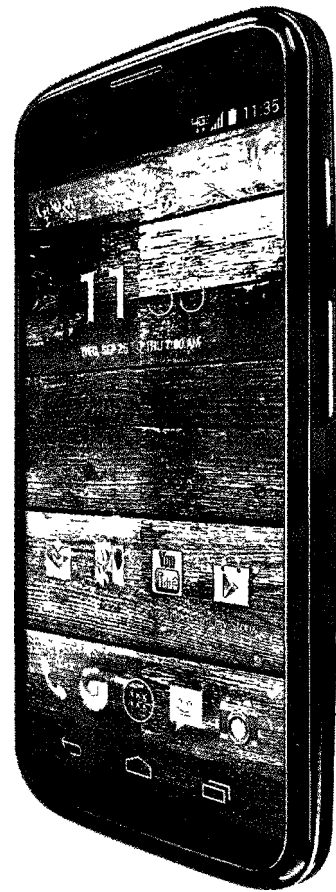
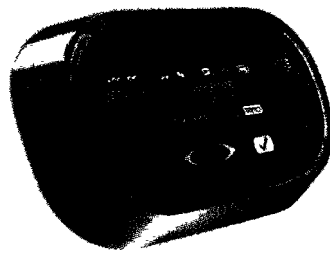
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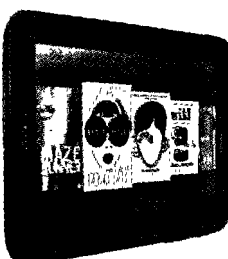
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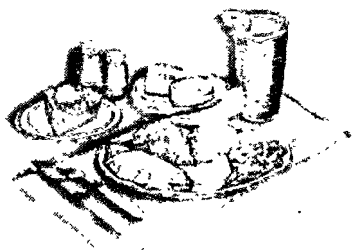
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Reader has several options for investing extra money

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I are in our mid-60s and I just retired earlier this year. My pension more than covers all expenses and after attending one of your talks we are delaying Social Security until we are 70. Most of my investments are in my IRA and I don't plan to touch those until I have to. I was just informed by my ex-employer that I am going to be receiving a check by the end of the year for vacation time that I had accumulated but I did not take. Do I have to pay tax on that money? How should I use it? Currently, the only debt we have is our mortgage which is at 4 percent and has a number of years to go. We also have grandchildren who are young and we are thinking about helping out with their education. Any other ideas?

A: Congratulations on



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

retiring and achieving the American dream. The fact that your pension covers all your living expenses allows you to enjoy your retirement.

In answering your first question, unfortunately, the unused vacation time is taxed as ordinary income. In other words, it's taxed just like any other compensation that you receive from your employer.

With regard to what to do with the money, I always think it makes sense to pay down debt. By using the money to pay down your mortgage, you're getting a guaranteed 4 percent return on your money. In today's world, 4 percent is not a bad return on your money considering that CDs are paying 1 percent.

I also like the idea of using the money for your grandchildren's college education. The cost of college continues to rise and establishing a college savings plan for your grandchildren can go a long way in helping them

with their education.

If you choose this route, I recommend a 529 Plan which allows you to invest money that would grow tax-free. The plan I recommend is the Michigan Education Savings Plan (www.misaves.com).

Another alternative to consider is to use the money to convert some of your IRA money into a Roth IRA. This would allow that money to grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred.

In addition, you are not subject to a required minimum distribution at 70½. In your situation, considering your additional income this year, I recommend that you do the Roth conversion next year.

From the information you provided, it appears that next year you'll be in a lower tax bracket.

All three alternatives are viable and make sense. You have options and all of them are good ones.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

GEEKS OF THE MONTH

Name: Dinesh and Lina Nambiar, children Nikhil and Nikita.

Geek: "We geek books!"

How does the library help you engage your geek?

"My whole family loves to come to the Westland library. The kids enjoy the book clubs and look forward to them. There are interesting programs for the adults too. My wife, Lina, and I attend with them as much as we can. We love books. I glance at the new book shelf every time I am at the library since they have such a nice selection.



Westland residents Dinesh and Lina Nambiar with their children Nikhil (front, left) and Nikita.

We have a good time at the library and the staff is very helpful and courteous and always take the extra step to answer our questions."

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Brothers acquitted in Westland home invasion

A pair of Dearborn Heights residents have been acquitted of multiple felony charges in a Westland home invasion. Jason Gregory Zielinski, 25, and his twin brother Justin Jerome Zielinski were each found not guilty of armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm and larceny of firearms and felony firearm in the Jan. 25 incident.

The verdict came following a jury trial before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John MacDonald. The brothers had been charged with forcing their way into a trailer parked behind a home on John Hix, assaulting a woman staying there and stealing items, including a number of firearms. Co-defendant Candice Marie Stajda, also a Dearborn Heights resident, has entered a guilty plea to charges related to the case. She is scheduled for sentencing on Dec. 2. The prosecution case was that Stajda has visited the trailer previously and had received a gun in payment for sexual services from a male occupant of the trailer.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Guest speaker

The Men's Club of the Congregational Church in Wayne will have Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy as the guest speaker at its monthly dinner meeting Monday, Nov. 18.

Men and women of the church and the general public are invited. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m. Reservations were needed by 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, for the dinner. Those wishing to attend the program only do not need to make reservations and should plan to arrive about 7:15 p.m. Call the church at 734-729-7550.

Baracy will be speaking about the changes taking place in local community schools.

The church is on Wayne Road in downtown Wayne between east and west Michigan Avenue.

WCGH reunion

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Tuesday, Dec. 10.

The cost of the buffet is \$10.59, with a senior discount available.

Pro Wrestling show

The Midwest Pro Wrestling Alliance will be taping four episodes of the TV pro wrestling show COLLISION at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post 6896, 28945 Joy Road, Westland. The event is free of charge and is open to all ages.

COLLISION will be filmed and edited for WMYD MY TV20 Detroit. Wrestlers include "The Righteous Maker" Rick Baker, "Primetime" Tommy Johnson, Titus, Jerome "Do It" Pruitt, Aaron T.I. and many more.

The doors open at 2 p.m. There will be concessions available for purchase including hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, pop and beer.

MPWA is a local sports entertainment group presenting a mix of high-energy, high-flying and high-jinx that's fun for all ages. MPWA: COLLISION airs at noon Sundays on MY TV20.

Visit MPWA at www.MPWAwrestling.com or www.facebook.com/MyMPWA.

Ladies Night Out

Designer Duds n Infant Treasures is holding a November Ladies Night Out Vendor Event and Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the store, 815 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Participating will be Barefoot Books, Amanda Comerford; BeautiControl, Dorine Bates; Thirty-One Gifts, Chera Hixson; Miche Bags, Gail Sombati; Pure Romance, Jennifer Shepardson Ganzberger; Origami Owl, Kathy Birchfield; Perfectly Posh, Gwen A. Sullivan Miller; Tupperware, Annette Marie Smith; 50 Sips Wine, Nicole Lebow; Fun Jewelry, Jim Lambertson; Pink Zebra, Stephanie Carron; Younique, Krystal Koldy Godlesky; It Works, Jennifer Basco; Jewelry in Candles, and more.

This free event is a pre-Black Friday Extravaganza. There will be raffles, food, fun and lots of cash and carry items for great Christmas Gifts. There also will be a wine tasting and chair massages available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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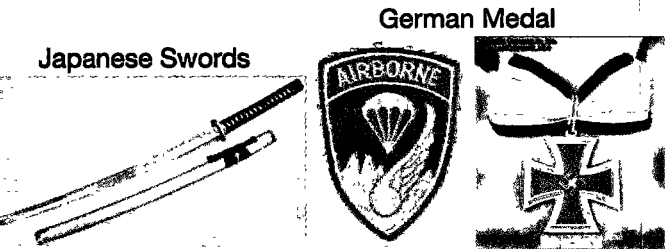
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ARTS-CRAFTS SHOW

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.
Location: Sts. Peter and Paul Church Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.
Details: Admission is \$2 and includes raffle, 50/50 drawing every hour, bake sale with cabbage rolls and other delicious Romanian foods.

Contact: Call Virginia at 734-522-9653 or Deb at 248-946-0173.

WINTER CARD PARTY

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22.

Location: Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland.
Details: There will be door and table prizes, 50/50, light meal and snacks. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door. Bring friends and play cards and games of your choice.

Contact: For more information, call 734-722-1343.

WIDOWED MEN

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Location: Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Details: The Men's Group of Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites you to meet with other widowed men for breakfast. Many topics are discussed, including those that may be pertinent to your own situation. Also, ideas are presented to help you become involved in the activities of Widowed Friends.

Contact: Call Dick at 313-534-0399.

FOR SENIORS FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Location: 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

Details: The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center offers a variety of programs for

older adults.
Contact: 734-722-7632 or www.ci.westland.mi.us.

DYER CENTER

Location: 36745 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Marquette, Westland.

Details: Offers activities Monday-Friday at the center.

Contact: 734-419-2020.

SENIOR FITNESS

Location: Maplewood Senior Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, Garden City.

Details: The Senior Fitness Room is available to those age 50 and older. There's an annual membership is \$55 per year or get a daily pass for \$1. Senior aerobic classes are held 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Drop in for \$3 per day.

Contact: 734-793-1870.

SENIOR SERVICES

Location: Senior Services Lounge, Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

Details: Wayne Seniors Services offers Sew Friendly 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Material Girls 6-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month; the Golden Hour Club at 11 a.m. Thursdays; bingo at 1 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month for adults age 50 and older and the Sometimes Travel Club for adults age 30 and older with \$5 annual dues.

Contact: For more information, call 734-721-7400.

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST STEP

Details: First Step, which has been active in the effort to end domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years, is looking for volunteers. Interested people must be at least 18, willing and able to travel to the Downriver area and complete a 55-hour training program.

Contact: 734-416-1111, Ext. 223.

VNA HOSPICE

Details: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's VNA hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir,

provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required.

Contact: 248-967-8361 or www.vna.org.

SEASONS HOSPICE

Details: Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers to provide companionship to patients dealing with life limiting illness. No special skills, other than objectivity and compassion, are needed. Training provided. Volunteers are matched with patients in their own community.

Contact: 800-370-8592.

LITERACY COUNCIL

Details: The Community Literacy Council CLC is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area.

Contact: 734-416-4906.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE

Details: Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services.

Contact: 888-973-1145.

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

Details: Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance is sponsoring a support group that provides support and guidance for families caring for an older person.

Contact: Chris Goldberg at 734-629-5004. Call to confirm meeting, if coming for the first time.

SUPPORT GROUP

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences. Learn from others as they share ideas, resources and support. Donations appreciated.

Contact: For more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or prettymonarch@comcast.net.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Thursday of the month.

Location: American House III, 35700 Hunter, Westland.

Details: A support and education group for family caregivers is available for residents of southern and western Wayne County. The group, for people caring for family members 60, and older, or who are 60 years and older themselves, is offered by Adult Well-Being Services through The Senior Alliance and funded by The Senior Alliance and United Way.

Contact: Call Helen Streett at 734-629-5004 to confirm time and date, if attending for the first time.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

SAFE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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

Details: A Safe Place is based on the Alcoholics for Christ program.

Contact: Russ Weathers at 734-422-1995.

ADULT DAY SERVICES

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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

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Contact: Laurie Krause at laurie.lifecareads@gmail.com and 734-956-2600.

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Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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

Details: The first meeting has a speaker, the second meeting is open to discuss living with our fibromyalgia.

Contact: Ruthann at 734-981-2519.

MENOPAUSE & MORE

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

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

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

Contact: 734-655-1100.

COUNTERPOINT

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

Contact: 734-563-5005.

TOUGHLOVE

Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

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

Details: Support group, newcomers welcome.

Contact: 734-261-7880 or 248-380-7748.

LIFECARE

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

Location: 570 S. Main St., Plymouth.

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

Contact: Lillian Easterly-Smith at info.lifecarecc@gmail.com or 734-956-2109.

EDUCATION

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Location: 36660 Cherry Hill in

Westland.

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

Contact: 734-326-0078.

ST. DAMIAN

Location: 29891 Joy, Westland.

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

Contact: 734-427-1680 or www.stdamian.com.

YWCA PRESCHOOL

Details: The YWCA of Western Wayne County's Education Department offers quality preschool programs to children ages 2-5 at no cost to most families. There are many locations available throughout the community. Home-based programs are also available.

Contact: 313-561-4110, Ext. 10.

ST. MARY

Location: St. Mary Catholic School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

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Contact: For more information, call the school office at 734-721-1240.

ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF ELOISE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

Location: Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill, Westland.

Contact: Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com or Jo Johnson at 734-522-3918.

WESTLAND ROTARY

Time/Date: 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.

Location: Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

Details: Community Service programs and planning. Catered lunch; visitors welcome. Check www.westlandrotary.com for more information about meetings, programs and events.

Contact: Jeff at 734-261-5010.

LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 11:45 a.m. the second Monday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month.

Location: Big Boy Restaurant at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Details: The Westland Lions Club holds lunch and dinner meetings on Mondays.

Contact: For more information, call Debbie Dayton at 734-721-4216.

TOASTMASTERS

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Location: Warriors 3 Comics & Games, 35613 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Enter from parking lot entrance.

Details: Wayne-Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment where members can overcome the fear of speaking in public. The membership is a diverse group from different walks of life.

Contact: For more information, call Curt at 734-525-8445 or Luddie at 734-414-0034 or visit westlandeasytalkers.toastmastersclubs.org.

CITIZENS FOR PEACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Location: Unity of Livonia Church on Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia.

Details: The group is dedicated to working for creation of a U.S. Department of Peace. All are welcome.

Contact: Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079.

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FROM WESTLAND WITH LOVE

Film crews use Beaver Creek to shoot commercial for Russian TV

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Steve Hazergian looked in amazement Monday afternoon around the inside of the Beaver Creek Tackle & Beer. The old photos that had been on the walls were replaced with framed hockey jerseys. Instead of tables and chairs in the main dining room, there were lights, cameras and wardrobe items.

The woodsy feel of the Westland restaurant had been transformed into a Russian sports bar as part of a national commercial being made to air in Russia during the Sochi Winter Olympics in February.

"This is pretty involved. I didn't think there would be this many people," the Plymouth Township resident said. "I had to hold off on my Christmas decorations; this put a screeching halt to that."

Some 75 people filled Beaver Creek, one of five locations in Wayne and Oakland counties used as part of the photo shoot for the commercial that features a very familiar face - Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings.

RedOrange USA of Birmingham, working with Leo Burnett Advertising, Moscow, is producing the commercial. On Sunday, the filming was done in Birmingham, where the Social Cafe was transformed into a Moscow cafe, Pierce Street was made to appear to be snow-covered and the RedOrange offices on Cole Street were turned into a Moscow coffee bar.

Production moved Monday to Westland, where still photographs of Datsyuk were taken and more filming was done.



Steve Hazergian watches the filming of the Russian commercial from behind the bar of Beaver Creek Tackle & Beer in Westland.

"We transformed Beaver Creek using Russian posters and jerseys. It was a pretty extensive set dressing project," said Barry Meier, owner, director and executive producer of RedOrange. "We have representatives in Europe and film all over the world. This is one of the first opportunities I have to shoot in the U.S. for such a large project in Russia. The star is Pavel Datsyuk; he's playing on the Russian team. They flew to Detroit because this is where he is."

International effort

The international effort included the producer, who is from Russia; the director, who lives in Barcelona; and the director of photography, who hails from Rome. RedOrange used some 95 extras and employed a crew of 45 for the production, "all local," according to Meier. The extras were a mixture of Russians and Americans, including the owner of a record store and musician from Hamtramck.

According to RedOrange business manager



Cameras and equipment fill the main dining room of Beaver Creek, where a commercial for Russian television was filmed Monday.

Lisa Meier, the Russian contingent began arriving in Detroit last week. Last Thursday was used to show possible locations, with the final decision made Friday after the information was sent back to Russia.

"The big meeting was Friday; everything had to go back to Russia and they're eight hours ahead of us," Lisa Meier said.

Beaver Creek was chosen for the scenes because of its wood interior. Also considered was Club Ticonderoga in Troy.

Editing was done Tuesday at Ringside Creative in Oak Park.

Here and there

Recently, RedOrange USA completed the new Michigan Lottery commercial and just wrapped filming in Austria and Slovenia for Toyota, as well as a series of commercials for Mercedes Benz filmed in Stuttgart, Germany.

"We love being based in Birmingham and hope to find more work with the agencies based in Michigan," Barry Meier said.

In addition to holding off on Christmas decorations, the restaurant moved its Veterans Day observance to Sunday. Lindquist let people who

asked about the change of dates know that the restaurant was closed Monday for "a private event."

The private event turned out to be a long day for Lindquist, who was at the restaurant at 8 a.m. to prepare for their

arrival. The extras began showing up at 12:30 p.m. and were seated in a rear dining room. Heaters and tents were also set up on the deck to accommodate them during the filming.

"Most production was out by 9 p.m. and we

locked up and left at 10 p.m.," she said. "It was a long day, but worth it to see. It was a once-in-a-lifetime, I'm sure, experience."

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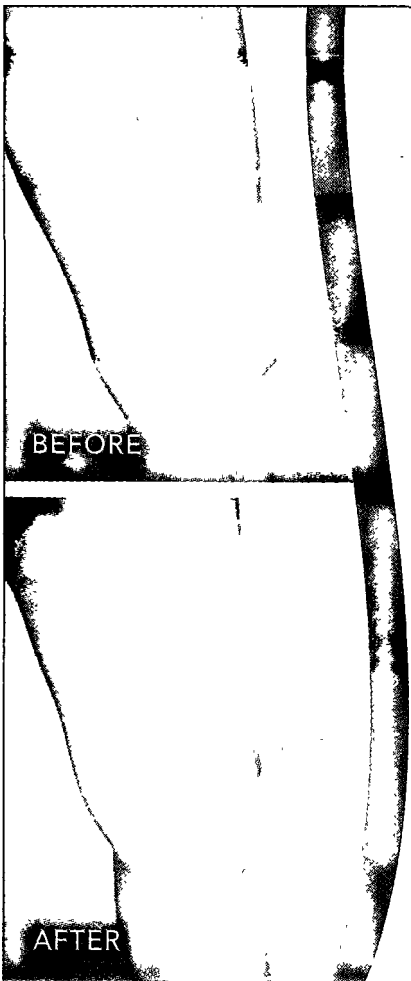
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Canton family plays role in mural unveiling

The Kresge Eye Institute recently unveiled a new mosaic art mural in its third floor pediatric waiting room.

The installation, *Rainbow Man*, is a visually striking, 13 feet wide, 7 feet tall, and made of more than 1,000 hand-sculpted clay pieces. The installation features 3-D details that provide low-vision or visually impaired children and adults an opportunity to experience art by touch.

"Kresge Eye Institute is more than just the home of excellent eye care," said Mark Juzych, director of KEI and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Our physicians and staff understand that patients are not just appointments; each is a unique individual with special needs and de-

serves our best from the moment they come in. We now have a unique space where visually impaired young people can use their sense of touch to interact with a work of art through an installation made especially for them. It's a good example of the way we at Kresge care for the whole person."

The mural was created by Royal Oak artist Laurie Eisenhardt with funding from the Sara Williams Parish Foundation. The project was completed with volunteers from Art & Soul, a mission of Birmingham First United Methodist Church in cooperation with the Networking, Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless program at Detroit's Central United Methodist Church. Art & Soul is designed to inspire pride and purpose in the home-



Canton residents Christopher and Laurie Kight (from left) and artist Laurie Eisenhardt, at Wednesday's unveiling.
MILLARD BERRY

less through self-expressive art. Many Art & Soul members are also patients at Kresge.

"The inspiring collaboration with the folks at Art & Soul on ideas for the imagery led to the development of *Rainbow Man*," Eisenhardt said. "Two main considerations in designing the mosaic were planning spaces in the piece that many people with varying skill levels could contribute to and, of course, the design challenge to create art that would be accessible for the visually impaired."

The pediatric waiting area where the mural is installed is called "Christopher's Corner" to honor a former patient, Christopher Kight, who lost sight in one eye as a

result of an injury as an infant. Christopher is now 11 years old and lives in Canton with his family.

"A few years ago, we were able to make a small donation and direct some additional funding to Kresge," said Jackie Kight, Christopher's mom. "This helped create a waiting area for the children. When Christopher was being treated, I noticed that there was not a space for the children to play quietly while they waited. Christopher's Corner was our contribution to give back to Kresge and provide a place for the kids to wait to see the wonderful doctors."

The Kresge Eye Institute is located at 4717 St. Antoine St. in Detroit.

New alliance works with runaway, street-active youth

Inkster-based Starfish Family Services is part of a new alliance providing information to runaway and street-active youth looking for safe places for food, shelter and support.

The new website, www.rhyregionalalliance.org, is sponsored by the Runaway & Homeless Youth Regional Alliance and highlights services offered by four agencies in southeast Michigan including Alternatives for Girls, Common Ground, Ruth Ellis Center and Starfish.

Nationally, between 1.6 million and 2.8 million youth run away each year. In 2012, 25 percent of children in Michigan lived below the federal poverty level. In Detroit alone, it is estimated that up to 1,000 homeless LGBTQ youth are on the streets each night.

"The RHY Regional Alliance was formed so we are better able to assist youth who feel they have nowhere else to turn. The website details where they can go for help whether in a crisis situation or not,"

said Michele Legleitner, program director, RHY Regional Alliance and executive director, Alternatives for Girls. "Our ultimate goal is to eliminate homelessness among those 18 and under."

"This new website is designed to be mobile-friendly and works on a smart phone the same way it does on a desktop, because we know mobile is the primary way youth will access it."

Launched Nov. 1 in conjunction with National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, the website details services offered by each of the four agencies along with maps and contact information. The agencies assist youth with a variety of services, including short- and long-term housing, counseling, peer groups, educational assistance, job training and more.

The Alliance is funded by United Way of Southeast Michigan. For more information, visit rhyregionalalliance.org or email info@rhyregionalalliance.org.

Clinic receives grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

As the Affordable Care Act (ACA) continues to extend insurance coverage for many uninsured Michigan residents, there are still many who will find themselves without coverage. As part of its commitment to increasing access to quality health care services and improving the health status of all Michigan residents, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is continuing its commitment to

strengthening Michigan's safety net program.

This year, BCBSM marks its ninth year of support by giving more than \$1 million in grants to support safety net clinics, including the Hope Medical Clinic's Wayne Clinic in Westland.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is proud to support clinics, health professionals and volunteers across Michigan who are dedicated to

helping every single family in their communities get the care and treatment they need to be healthy," said Kim Kratz, BCBSM senior health care analyst.

"Safety net clinics provide access to care for tens of thousands of vulnerable, uninsured Michigan residents and without these clinics, patients would delay and even forgo care at great cost to themselves, their families and the health

care system. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is honored to continue our partnership with these clinics to continue building a healthier Michigan together."

BCBSM has provided more than \$9 million in grants through its Strengthening the Safety Net program since 2005. This year's grants range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per clinic and will be allocated to assist clinics with daily operations,

while enhancing the services they offer.

This year, clinics receiving the safety net grants from BCBSM could use a portion of their funding, maximum of \$10,000, to help people apply for and enroll in affordable health insurance on the new Health Insurance Marketplace or enroll in an expanded Medicaid program that will begin coverage on April 1, 2014.

Clinics receiving

these funds will certify at least one member or volunteer at the clinic to help patients learn about and potentially apply for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program or a plan on the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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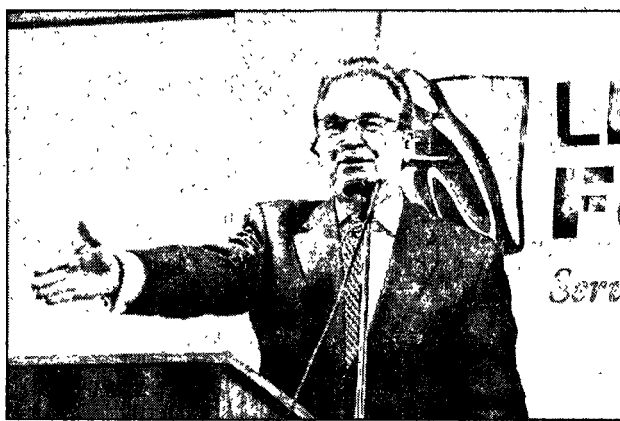
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LPS Foundation invests in kids' futures

Saving for college is on many people's "to do" list, but those who gathered Wednesday at the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation luncheon are helping to make it happen for more than 1,200 LPS students.

The fourth annual luncheon, held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, was the major fundraiser for the year, for the Foundation's Competitive Edge college savings program. Among the approximate 200 guests were corporate sponsors, LPS employees and members of the community and of Livonia's PTAs and PTSA Council — all donors to the program.

The Competitive Edge college savings program is a unique offering to families of LPS kindergarten students, in which the LPS Education Foundation sets up a 529 educational trust account and deposits \$100 on behalf of each student. This year, an additional amount was



FOX 2 News' Murray Feldman was the guest speaker at Wednesday's luncheon at St. Mary's Cultural Center. He talked about the economy, education and the "wise investment" the Foundation is making in lives through its Competitive Edge program.

deposited, noted Diane Policelli, president of the LPS Education Foundation.

"We are thrilled to be able to do that for each child's account," she said.

Major donors to the program include: Alpha Group; Bill Brown Ford; Bright House Networks; Cheryl Bowker Agency; Allstate Insurance; DFCU Financial Credit Union;

LPS employees, PTAs, PTSA Council; Michigan Educational Credit Union; Michigan Education Savings Program & TIAA-CREF; Orthodontics Office of Drs. Shaw, Jane & Ginzler; Parkside Credit Union; Ralph Thayer Automotive; Roush Industries; St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center; St. Mary Mercy Hospital; TRW Automotive; and



About 200 guests enjoyed the luncheon, which was a fundraiser for the Foundation's Competitive Edge college savings program.

Westland Mall. "These programs would not be possible without the major corporate donors that have contributed throughout the years," Superintendent Randy Liepa said.

He also commended the LPS Education Foundation's hard-working board of directors.

"They truly are the embodiment of what it means to add value to an organization," he said.

The keynote speaker was Murray Feldman, long-time Detroit news-

caster and anchor of FOX 2 News at 5:30 p.m. and host of the FOX 2 Job Shop and "Murray's Money Minute," in addition to "The Feldman Report," on WWJ News Radio 950. Friendly rival WJR Sports Director and radio veteran Steve Courtney served as emcee for the luncheon.

Feldman noted the nation's 7.2 percent unemployment rate and cited the unemployment rate for people with only a high school education is

8.5 percent. He said the unemployment rate for college educated people is at 4.5 percent.

"What you're doing here is going to pay off," he said. "You're not only changing lives, but you're boosting the economy."

He cited estimates that show the U.S. will be short approximately 500,000 engineers by the year 2020 and in the next 10 years, 80 percent of jobs in southeast Michigan will be in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Preparing students academically and financially for college can only help in the economic turnaround that's currently in progress, he noted.

The LPS Education Foundation realizes this, and has expanded its offerings to reach classrooms in Livonia schools. Policelli announced a new grant program, in which more than \$25,000 will be issued in 12 grants throughout the district.

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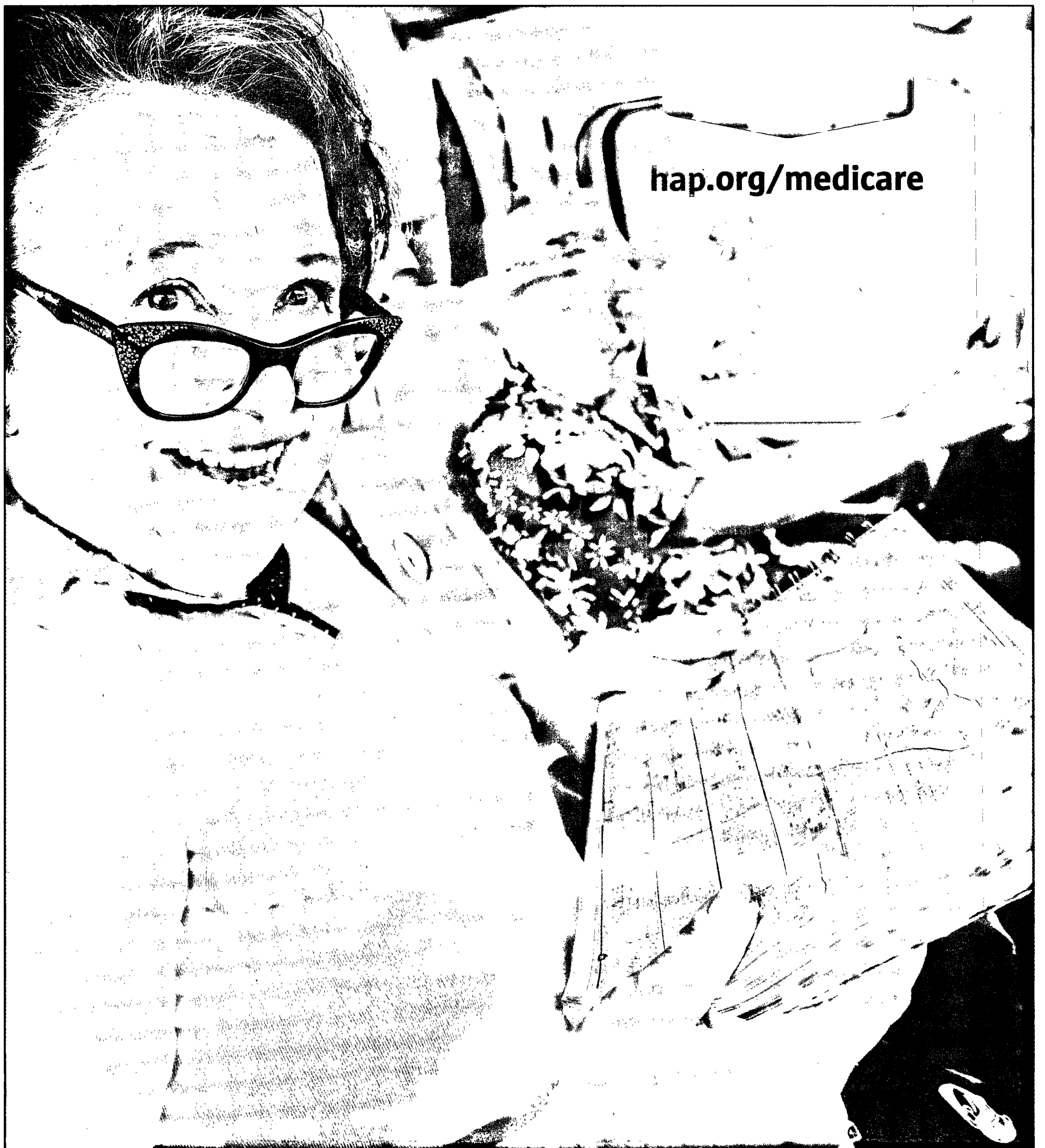
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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Coach Ken Fry is all smiles following an improbable playoff win over Monroe CC. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keeping the dream alive

Trojans pull off miracle victory with last-second hook-and-ladder in 21-20 triumph over Monroe CC

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The bedlam that ensued following Livonia Clarenceville's improbable 21-20 Division 5, Region 4 football victory Friday night could only be described as "Seventh Heaven."

That's because the Trojans had to dig deep into their bag of tricks, pulling off an old-fashioned 60-yard hook-and-ladder play on fourth-and-three from their own 40 with only five seconds left to stun Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central by a point.

Quarterback Jake Kubiak found a seam in the Falcons' defense and hit Carlton Davis near the CC 42. Davis then pitched the ball 7 yards back to Jalen Bryant, who caught the ball in

stride and raced into the end zone untouched to preserve Clarenceville's perfect 12-0 record.

The victory put the Trojans into next week's state semifinals against either Grand Rapids West Catholic (7-4) or Olivet (10-1).

David Vanderkerckhove's all-important extra point broke the 20-20 deadlock and the Trojans stopped Monroe CC on the kickoff return to send their home fans into a frenzy.

"After the first half, we knew we had to come out and keep working, keep fighting and believe," said Bryant, a senior tailback who was held to an uncharacteristic 43 yards on nine carries. "Once that last play came, we had to give it everything we've got. And that's exactly what we did. The Lord blessed us and our line did exactly what they needed to do. The quarterback got it there, Carlton got it to me. It was a lovely play and it worked out for the best."

Monroe CC (10-2), which outgained the Trojans 350-247 in total offense, snapped a 14-14 tie with only 1:07 left when Josh Czarniowski broke several

tackles and busted into the end zone.

But the Falcons left the door open when they failed to convert the all-important PAT, leading by just six, 20-14.

Clarenceville started the game-winning drive from its own 22 before Kubiak hit Davis for 11 yards and James Hill for 7 more.

But down to its last play, a miracle happened.

"Living the dream, baby, that's what that is," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "It's just a hook-and-ladder, that's it. We practice it every week."

"We knew it was 17 seconds, no timeouts and this is fourth down. We actually tried it two plays before and Carlton (Davis) got the first down on it and Jalen wasn't there, but it was still open, so that was the play to do."

Davis said the same play worked when he was a sophomore on the Clarenceville JV team.

"We practice just once a practice and it never develops," Davis said. "I said to myself, 'Catch and don't go

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CLASS A VOLLEYBALL

Stevenson rallies past Mercy into quarterfinal

Tomasic leads Spartans to region win vs. Marlins

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

With the end of their season and high school careers in sight, Katie Tomasic and her fellow seniors on the Livonia Stevenson volleyball team found the will and a way to continue on Thursday night.

The Spartans stayed alive in the Class A tournament with a thrilling, come-from-behind victory over Farmington Hills Mercy in the regional final at Farmington High School.

Down two games to one and trailing 15-9 in the fourth, Stevenson rallied to win that one, 28-26, and then won going away in the decisive fifth game, 15-7.

"We definitely needed to regroup and find our rhythm," Tomasic, who led the Spartans with 34 kills, said. "We decided that's what we were going to do, and we went out there and played our hearts out."

"The seniors didn't want this to be their last night, and we didn't let it be. We lost in the regional final to them last year, and we knew we weren't

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Stevenson's Katie Tomasic (front), who had 34 kills, makes the dig in Thursday's Class A regional final. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP HOCKEY PREVIEW

Stevenson's Production Line second to none

Defending Division 2 champs back for more

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

They could be considered high school hockey's version of Howe, Lindsay and Abel.

That's because Livonia Stevenson has a senior Production Line of its own. And the numbers and success rate certainly bear it out.

Left winger Dominic Lutz, right winger Tyler Irvine and center Devin Kelly are back for more following a run to last year's MHSAA Division 2 state championship.

The trio combined for 79 goals and 105 assists as juniors while propelling the Spartans to a 23-7-1 record and their first state title in 43 years for a Livonia Public Schools high school hockey team.

The 5-foot-11, 192-pound Lutz led the way with an astounding 43 goals and 35 assists en route to Dream Team all-state honors.

Irvine, meanwhile, added 20 goals and 32 assists, while Kelly contributed 16 goals and 38 assists as both earned second-team Division 2 all-state accolades.

"Sticking around" "Not too often does a program have a top line of juniors that decides to all come back as seniors," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "All attended junior camps over the summer and had some good success, but decided to stay together."

"The three of them just have a unique chemistry together



Stevenson's production line of (from left) Tyler Irvine, Dominic Lutz and Devin Kelly accounted for 79 goals and 105 assists for the Division 2 state champions. BRAD EMONS

and a tremendous amount of respect for one another. They have all grown as individuals, as players and as linemates in

their own personal ways, but they truly understand that by working as one unit, the benefits for the team and them-

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selves can be great and goals can be achieved."

Lutz, a strong candidate this season for Michigan's Mr. Hockey, knows that much of the credit should go Irvine and Kelly.

"They're both great guys, good hockey players and I absolutely love playing with them," said Lutz, who was the Warrior and State Champs Player of the Year. "They make it a lot easier for me to play as I should. We have a great chemistry together and I couldn't ask for two better linemates."

"Having those two coming back and seeing the team we have, especially last year, things didn't work out in other ways, so I was very glad to

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MU's Freeman WHAC Player of Year

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season women's volleyball champion Madonna University took home three of the four major awards headlined by Player of the Year Emilie Freeman, a senior from Lutheran High Westland.

A total of nine Crusaders were honored following a vote of the WHAC's 12 coaches.

Senior Evia Prieditis (Milford) took home WHAC Setter of the Year honors for the third time in her career, while Jerry Abraham was honored as Coach of the Year.

Joining Freeman and Prieditis on the All-WHAC first team was fellow senior Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower).

Juniors Samantha Geile (Fruitport) and Kayla Vogel (Hastings) were tabbed to the All-WHAC honorable mention team. Freshman Katie Breault was also to the WHAC's all-freshman team.

Abraham led MU to a perfect 11-0 WHAC slate and to the

No. 4 ranking nationally this season to earn his sixth Coach of the Year trophy (1997, 1998, 2002, 2005, 12). His 1,040 career wins are the most in NAIA history and 2013 marks the sixth time that the Crusaders have gone unbeaten in WHAC play.

Freeman, who hails from Livonia, becomes the ninth Crusader to earn WHAC Player of the Year honors joining Karen Sisung (1997), Madonna Hall of Famer Brandy Malewski (1998, 1999, 2000), Shelley Stanton (2002), Amanda Suder (2003), Natalja Tinina (2005), Caryn Inman (2006), Lubovj Tihomirova (2007, 2008) and Prieditis (2012).

Her selection marks the 12th time in the last 17 years that a MU player earned the conference's highest honor.

Freeman leads the WHAC in total kills with 445 and blocks with 133. Those two totals place her 21st and 5th respectively nationally as well. Her .392 attack percentage is sec-



Abraham



Freeman

ond in the league and ranks seventh nationally. She was named WHAC Player of the Week twice this season and was selected to the CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District team.

Prieditis is making her third straight appearance on the All-WHAC first team and takes home her third Setter of the Year trophy (2010, 2012). She currently leads the WHAC and ranks fourth nationally with 11.4 assists per set. Her 1,314 total assists is good for 11th nationally and the top spot in the WHAC as well.

Catalano, transfer from Grand Valley State, appears on the All-WHAC first team for the second straight season and

ranks second on the team with 372 kills to go along with 375 digs and 58 blocks.

Vogel burst onto the scene this season, joining the starting lineup from the outset and has racked up a career-best 214 kills this season with 69 blocks. Geile ranks third among the Crusaders with 218 kills and has 190 digs to her credit.

Breault (Amherstburg, Ontario) has been a mainstay in the MU lineup as a freshman, tallying 41 blocks and 168 kills in her first season.

Junior Cassie Castro (Saline) along with senior Nastija Seremetjeva (Riga, Latvia), Freeman and Vogel were selected to the Academic All-WHAC team.

Meanwhile, Freeman was the Crusaders' selection to the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best represents and carries out the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

Crusaders roll in playoff opener

Despite being off for eight days, the unbeaten and fourth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team showed no rust in Friday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal match against visiting Indiana Tech.

WHAC Player of the Year Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) recorded 11 kills and Kayla Vogel added 10 as the host Crusaders improved to 36-0 with a 25-12, 25-19, 25-14 victory over Indiana Tech.

Setter Evia Prieditis chipped in with 34 assist-to-kills, while Stacey Catalano contributed eight kills and 10 digs.

Amanda Obrycki paced the defense with 12 digs.

MU advanced to the WHAC semifinals against either Northwestern Ohio or Aquinas College. The tournament final was scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at MU.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Coles and Mapley power Schoolcraft win over Kellogg

Terrance Coles and Andrew Mapley each recorded double-doubles Wednesday as the host Schoolcraft College men's basketball team beat Kellogg Community College on Spirit Night, 89-72.

The 6-foot-4 Coles, who hails from Redford Thurston High, scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in 28 minutes, while the 6-5 Mapley added 15 points and 11 boards.

Devonta Riley and Nathan Kamal chipped in with 15 and 14 points, respectively. The guard tandem each dished out six assists.

Basel Ibrahim came off the bench to add 11

points for the Ocelots, who improved to 2-1 overall.

Devin Alexander led the Bears (0-5) and all scorers with 27 points, while JaJuan Sarver chipped in with 12.

Schoolcraft shot 46.4 percent from the field (39-of-84), but only 42.1 percent from the foul line (8-of-19).

Kellogg was 23-of-59 from the floor (39 percent) and 20-of-34 from the foul stripe (58.8 percent).

Lady Ocelots fall

Kayla Freeman scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Wednesday to propel Kellogg CC (4-1) to a 62-44 women's bas-


ketball victory over host Schoolcraft College (1-2).

Teonna Pope and Therese Vasser added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Lady Bears who led 33-26 at halftime before pulling away in the second half.

Chelsea Wesley and Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) paced the Lady Ocelots with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Smith also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Schoolcraft committed a total of 33 turnovers and shot only 28.3 percent from the field (15-of-53). The Lady Ocelots were 14-of-21 from the free throw line (66.7 percent).




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PREP HOCKEY CAPSULE OUTLOOK

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Jason Reynolds, second season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 11-13-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Riley Brown (third-team All-Area); Tommy Carey (fourth-team All-Area); Brad Mills (fourth-team All-Area); Matt Sinclair.
Leading returnees: Evan Giboney, Sr. Def.; Drew Puihes, Sr. Def.; Nick Misiak, Sr. F.; Andrew Sparks, Sr. F.; Dylan Smith, Jr. F.; David Turel, Sr. G.; Chris Adams, Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: C.J. Cromie, Sr. F. (transfer from Livonia Franklin); Parker Hodges, Jr. F.; Nolan Cioch, Soph. F.; Spencer Kovacs, Soph. F.; Danny Carey, Fr. F.; Joe Wozniak, Fr. Def.
Reynolds' 2013-14 outlook: "I really like the energy this young group is putting out. We've had a couple of senior-heavy teams over the last season or two, and it's finally time we've brought in some young blood. I think that energy is showing on the ice. I really like the chemistry that's being built amongst these boys. We have great leadership in the upperclassmen. The younger guys are really deter-

mined to prove themselves as part of the mix. We obviously have a lot of work to do, but we have the right attitude and certainly the right work ethic to have a lot of success this year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dennis Gagnon, second season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (South Division).
Last year's overall record: 10-15-1.
Notable losses to graduation: Mike Diaz (third-team All-Area); Adam Stadler (third-team All-Area); Richie Wiczorek, Daniel Pedersen, Andrew Golem.
Leading returnees: Greg Bo, Sr. F.; Bailey DiClemente, Jr. Def.; Josh Dudek, Sr. F.; Corey Ferrier, Sr. F.; Justin Makowski, Jr. Def.; Matt Monendo, Jr. G.; Tyler Morrison, Sr. F.; Ryan Pace, Sr. Def.; Dylan Smith, Sr. Def.; Matt Van Hulle, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Kolby Dewhurst, Fr. Def.; Brian Hubbard, Soph. G.; Trevor Lassaine, Soph. F.; Cory Linsner, Soph. F.; Daniel McMaster, Jr. Def.; Damon Murray, Jr. F.; Brendan Nutting, Soph. F.; Jonny Parkinson, Soph. Def.; Austin Russell, Soph. F.; Nick Salisbury, Soph. Def.; Hunter Sellers, Jr. F.; Quinn Shine,

Jr. Def.; Chase Wallis, Soph. F.
Gagnon's 2013-14 outlook: "We've got an outstanding group of seniors that I'm sure will provide the leadership necessary for a fun season and the basis for a successful program going forward. We had a well-attended summer off ice program that has definitely improved our overall team speed and strength. We are very excited to get going and to continue to build on last year's accomplishments."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: David Mitchell, sixth season.
League affiliation: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 23-7-1.
Titles won last year: MHSAA Division 2 state and regional champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Travis Harvey (first-team All-Area); Connor Humitz (first-team All-Area); Tim Kelly; Blake Battjes, Mike Beaudoin, Austin Stevens, Ryan Paulus, Matt Schmitz.
Leading returnees: Dominic Lutz, Sr. F. (first-team All-Observer; Dream Team All-State; 43 goals, 35 assists); Tyler Irvine, Sr. F. (second-team

All-Area; second-team All-State; 20 goals, 32 assists); Devin Kelly, Sr. F. (second-team All-Area, second-team All-State, 16 goals, 38 assists); Dante Seychel, Sr. F.; Mick Sinclair, Jr. F.; Ryan Frazer, Sr. F.; Ray Chartier, Jr. Sr. Def.; Cole Christie, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Alex DeFlorio, Jr. F.; Alec Allen, Soph. Def.; Jon McDonald, Soph. Def.; Drew Hunter, Fr. Def.
Mitchell's 2013-14 outlook: "This year's team has been working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming season. They understand what was accomplished last year, but must continue to realize how it was accomplished. We graduated some key players, but also return some key guys. The top line returns intact and will be looked upon to provide leadership both on-and-off the ice. This group understands that in order to be successful, we must focus on process, on what we do, and how we can get better every day, both as a team and as individuals. We are looking forward to getting going and the 44th year of Stevenson hockey."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Ron Predmesky, second year.
League affiliation: Michigan Metro Girls High

School Hockey League (Division 1).
Last year's overall record: 3-13.
Notable losses to graduation: Hannah Pereira (All-League, U.S. Naval Academy); Sarah Koch, Julia Fradette, Virginia Matherly.
Leading returnees: Jackie Kristofik, Jr. F.; Sabrina Alajafa, Sr. Def.; Morgaine Rendell, Soph. F.; Rachel Fradette, Sr. Def.; Abby Pelton, Sr. C.; Kylie Doyle, Jr. F.; Michaela Warner, Soph. C.
Promising newcomers: Colleen Lynch, Fr. Def.; Devion Kelly, Fr. Def.; Katie Hayward, Fr. F.; Mykela Pearson, Fr. F.; Cecilia Werner, Fr. F.
Assistant coach Ethan Graham's 2013-14 outlook: "The biggest difference is that we have more girls, more set lines and more set defensemen. We have 16 skaters and one goalie. We're counting on our freshmen for sure. We also have some other players that have to get used to high school hockey, but they're making strides. (Michaela) Warner came in a quarter of the way last season. She's gotten better and has worked on her skating. She's done well so far. We'll play well in front of her. We have two freshman defensemen to help our two senior defensemen. One of her greatest attributes is that she'll never give up on a puck."

SPARTANS

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going down without a fight this year."

The Spartans (41-13-2) will play last year's state runner-up, Temperance Bedford, in a quarterfinal match 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gibraltar Carlson High School.

The first game was extremely competitive Tuesday, but the Spartans were sharper at the end and won, 25-20, scoring five of the last six points. Tomasic set the tone with eight kills, which included the last two points.

"I was pumped up," Tomasic said. "I couldn't think in school all day; I was so focused on this game. I definitely knew this was not going to be my last night, and I was going out there to get a kill."

But the Marlins (41-16-2) made adjustments and reduced the impact Tomasic, as well as the other Stevenson hitters, had early.

The momentum shifted as Mercy took charge and won the second game, 25-22.

Mercy dominated the third game, scoring nine consecutive points for a 12-2 lead and pulling away to an easy, 25-14 win. The mistake-prone Spartans saw their game practically fall apart.

"I don't even think it's momentum any more," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel said. "It's technique; it's the changes - defensive changes and things like that (that turned it around for Mercy)."

"We're not an emotional team. We try not to get into that game. It was the little things we changed to try to get points and to put them in jeopardy."

Vogel said she has watched Tomasic play for three years and told her afterward she was glad the Stevenson stand-out will be graduating next June.

"We're not a big team and she (hits) over us," Vogel said. "When we face someone like that, we're really working to try to keep them out of system, so she'd be a little deeper when she was swinging and it helps us more defensively."

That pattern of play continued into the fourth game, and Mercy seemed headed for an almost-certain victory with a 15-9 lead.

But the Spartans showed some fight with four straight points and 10 of the next 13 to take a 19-18 lead with senior Abigail Whitehead's kill.

It was never more than a two-point difference after that as momentum shifted back to Stevenson, which broke a 26-26 tie with Whitehead's tip and senior Amanda Hawkins' block for the final two points.

"We've been playing catch-up all season long," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, who won her second regional in three years. "(The Spartans) lost their momentum in that second game and third game. You could see it on their faces. I said, 'Guys,



Stevenson coach Kelly Graham won her second Class A regional title in three years. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

c'mon!'
 "I told them: 'It only takes one play to change the momentum.' I don't know if it was a serve, a block or what, but they started battling back."

"The four seniors who've been with me the last three years have been through Games 4 and 5 and having to battle back and all that. With the leadership I had, I knew they wouldn't fold."

It was all Stevenson in the fifth game as the table had turned again. The Spartans shot out to a 5-0 lead and extended it to 11-3.

Mercy got the next three points before Stevenson surged again and finished the match with one more Tomasic kill.

"You can always tell when she's ready to play by her approach and her arm swing," Graham said, adding she changed her lineup by moving Whitehead from the right side to the left.

"I wanted a taller block with the left-handed (Mercy) girl in the middle. (Whitehead) was an outside hitter last year, so she just beat the stuffing out of the ball today. That was a huge plus, too."

Whitehead finished with 17 kills and Hawkins five. The Spartans had an effective block, too, as Hawkins made 21, Tomasic and senior Taylor McLaud eight apiece and

Whitehead six.
 Stevenson got better on defense at the end, too, taking away the back line and corner from the Mercy hitters.

Tomasic also had 17 digs, junior Arryn Dochenetz 19 and Whitehead 10. Senior setters Sarah Soave and Carmen Disler combined for 37 kill assists, and Whitehead led the team with three aces.

"They were better than we were tonight," Vogel said. "We tried everything and we didn't have enough. We threw everything at them except me over the net. How can you be upset? It was their game."

"We were digging well. They were just finding the holes. They were getting great touches off us on the block. It wasn't like we were having digging errors. People had to put the ball where someone wasn't."

"Think about the whole match. There weren't many where someone dug and the ball went (out of play). That tells you how hard both teams were really trying to play and place the ball. They swing hard, so we had to really press in."

Mercy's Jenna Lerg had 13 kills, Kayla Fisher 12, Jenna Reinhold 11, Jessica Rieckhoff 10 and Christa Greenwood nine. Rieckhoff and Fisher also had three blocks each.

Graham added the Spar-



Stevenson's Amanda Hawkins (12) cranks out a serve in Thursday's Class A regional final win over Mercy. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

tans, who set a single-season record for wins by one of her teams, are a different team than a year ago and didn't play well in the loss to Mercy in the 2012 regional final.

"We were prepared for them," she said. "We watched them play all season. We knew every player and where they hit. I wasn't as nervous, because we knew what they were going to do."

"I could see the seniors step it up (in the fourth game). When we called a timeout, I could see them starting to talk to the team: 'One point by one point.' That's how we've lived all season and we've been able to regain intensity. I could see it building and more so in the fifth game."

Stevenson and Bedford met three times during the regular season with the Kicking Mules winning the last two. The third match was close, according to Graham, with each game decided by two or three points.

"I'm excited to play them," Graham said. "The only bummer is it's more in their hood than ours. I'm hoping our awesome fans get a chance to make that 45-minute drive to get out there to support us."

Graham believes the Spartans can win Tuesday with a good performance and get to Battle Creek for the Final Four.

"I think so based on everything (the girls have) done and gone through as a team, how they've stuck their chins up and gotten over stuff," she said.

"With (defending champion Macomb) Dakota getting knocked out, who knows what can happen? Anything is possible. What would be cool is if it's us and Northville in the final."

"We need to step it up even a little bit more to go all the way, but I know our team is capable of it," Tomasic said.

HOCKEY

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come back to the team and play my last year."

Started as Knight

Lutz grew up playing travel in the Livonia Knights organization before earning a spot on the Stevenson team as a freshman. His skill has grown exponentially during his three seasons with the Spartans.

"I've gotten a lot more confidence over the years, especially getting used to high school hockey," Lutz said. "That was a big transition from travel when I was a freshman. I've become faster, a quicker player, think faster. I've gotten a lot stronger and become more athletic working out with the team. It's been a big help, too."

One thing that separates Lutz from other high school hockey players is his ability score goals in bunches.

"I've kind of enjoyed shooting pucks since an early age," he said. "I like shooting pucks. I have a set-up in my backyard. It's really easy for me shooting pucks. I really enjoy it. Over the years, I've always shot pucks and really enjoy it as much as I can."

The lure of playing juniors, however, will have to wait another year for the trio.

Staying put

"Lutz, like his linemates, went to junior camps over the summer and was courted by teams to move on," Mitchell said. "But he decided to return for his fourth year. Dom epitomizes what can happen through high school hockey. He has shown he can grow, improve and get better and ultimately lead. His work ethic is unreal both on and off the ice. We are looking for big things from him this year and are looking forward then to watching him perform on the next level."

Lutz would like to play next season either in the USHL or NAHL and eventually earn a scholarship to an NCAA Division I program. But for now the main focus is leading Stevenson to another state title.

The Spartans open their season Wednesday at Oak Park's Honeybaked Arena against perennial state power Birmingham Brother Rice.

Mitchell has his team playing an ambitious non-conference schedule this season, which includes dates with Rice, Trenton and Novi Detroit Catholic Catholic.

Stevenson also plays tournaments at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Traverse City and in the MIHL Showcase at Trenton, not to mention match-ups against fellow Kensington Lakes Activities Association foes Brighton (twice), the defending Division 1 state champ, and Hartland, the Division 2 state runner-up.

Roster shifts

Stevenson lost several key players to graduation, including first-team all-Observer goaltender Connor Humitz and first-team all-Observer defenseman Travis Harvey.

But the proverbial cupboard is far from bare.

"I think we'll be up near the skill level we had last year team-wise," Lutz said. "We picked up a few good players that will make up for the guys we graduated at Stevenson. We have a lot of young kids that just want to work hard and they always go out and work and give it everything they've got."

Lutz is confident the Spartans can pick up right where they left off last March at Compuware Arena.

"We picked up some good young 'D' that hopefully come in and once they get used to it, that maybe become big role players," the right winger said. "I think we'll be OK. We're still looking for a goalie to separate himself, but we have three great goalies that are playing for the spot right now. The competition is high between the pipes, so it puts pressure on them to perform every day."

Yes, the Spartans should be OK, as long as there's a Production Line.

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MU harriers place sixth in WHAC

The Madonna University women's cross country team placed sixth out of 10 teams in Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

Cornerstone University, led by individual winner Julie Oosterhouse, captured the team title with 38 points followed by Indiana Tech (55), Aquinas College (64), Siena Heights (113), Davenport (122) and MU (153).

Oosterhouse covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:30.78.

Junior Bianca Kubicki (Canton), back after a month layoff because of injury, was Madonna's top finisher in

24th (19:51.94).
 Rounding out MU's top five was Jaclyn Sawasky, 34th (20:14.54); Karlie Gallagher (Livonia Stevenson), 35th (20:16.91); Kim Ader, 36th (20:19.33) and Nicole Murley, 49th (20:53.45).

On the men's side, Aquinas led the 10-team field with 25 points followed by Indiana Tech, second (55); Siena Heights, third (84); Cornerstone, fourth (127); Davenport, fifth (135); and MU, sixth (186).

Louis Falland of Cornerstone was the 8K winner in 24:54.37.

Nathaniel Theobald was MU's top finisher in 22nd (27:00.83) followed by Jeff

Grzywinski, 27th (27:22.98); Ryan Carrigan, 34th (27:58.89); Nick Brubaker, 76th (32:13.12); and Erick Roth, 79th (33:28.41).

WHAC All-Academic

A total of six Crusaders were named to the Academic All-WHAC team led by two-time selections Kayla Daugherty (Brighton) and Grzywinski (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central).

A student-athlete must be a junior or senior and have a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average or better to be eligible for consideration.

Joining Daugherty on the women's side were juniors Shannon Dusute (Grosse Ile),

Brittany Hayden (Canton/Dearborn Divine Child), Kubicki and Sawasky (Ida).

Theobald (Monroe CC) was also selected on the men's all-academic team.

Dusute and Theobald were also the Crusaders' selections to the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athletes who best represent and carries out the NAIA's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

MU's Patrick Daugherty was selected by his fellow women's cross country coaches as the Coach of Character for the 2013 season.

Area's top runners set fast pace, high standard

FIRST TEAM

Zane Berlanga, Sr., Plymouth: From the first practice to the Division 1 state final, the senior was everything and more any coach could ask out of a go-to runner.

"Zane started the season and finished the season as our No. 1 runner," coach Jon Mikosz said. "He stepped up at the big meets and showed that he has what it takes to run with the top guys in the area."

Berlanga became the seventh all-state runner in the 11-year history of the team, placing 23rd at the state meet with a time of 16:01.04.

He was the driving force behind Plymouth's third-place finish at the D1 regional at Willow Metropark; his time of 16:03 was good for fourth overall as the Wildcats qualified for the state meet as a team.

Mikosz added that a wet and muddy course at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn might have cost Berlanga a chance for the fastest time in Plymouth history. "I bet he would have been around 15:45 to have a new school record."

Other highlights included placing third at the Wayne County Championships (16:15.9) and fourth at the Kensington Conference meet with his personal best of 16:00.51 — fifth fastest in Plymouth history.

Tony Floyd, Soph., Franklin: The sophomore had a breakout season, finishing 56th at the Division 1 meet (16:25.6) after posting a personal best 16:05 en route to a sixth-place finish at the regional. He was the ninth sophomore to finish overall at MIS.

Floyd's other top finishes included fourth, Livonia City meet; fifth, KLAA Invitational; seventh, Wayne County Invitational; and 14th, Kensington Conference meet.

"Tony improved so much this year — his time came down from a 17:33 in his first meet to a 16:05 at the regional," Franklin coach Walt Reaser said. "Tony did himself proud by qualifying as a 10th-grader and coming in 56th at the state finals meet."

"Tony's phenomenal improvement is a direct result of his strong work ethic and commitment to achieving lofty goals. Tony will be a force to be reckoned with next season as he continues his steady time improvement."

Devin Gibson, Jr., Wayne: The junior was the top finisher for the Zebras in every dual race this season, including five firsts and a pair of seconds.

Gibson, who carries a 3.52 grade-point average, took fourth in the Division 1 regional at Lake Erie Metropark (16:25.0) followed by 92nd at the state meet (16:40.8).

Other top finishes included first, Crestwood Charger Invitational (16:41); third, Warrior Classic; 10th, Wayne County (16:37.9) and River Rat



Z. Berlanga



T. Floyd



D. Gibson



S. Fenech



M. Pahl



K. Jones



M. Bradley



M. Jordan



J. Weekley



M. Cohan



T. Gibson

(16:40.6); 11th, Kensington Conference (16:29.5); 13th, Mustang Invitational; and 25th, Coaching Legends (16:37.7).

"Devin set personal goals for himself and the team this year, and he accomplished all of his goals," Wayne coach Tom Gibson said. "He broke Wayne's home course record, ran the fastest time at Wayne since 1996 and is third fastest junior for the 5K in Wayne's history dating back to 1980."

"His regional was by far his best race of the season. I'm looking forward to his junior year of track and his senior year of cross country to see what he can accomplish."

Stephen Fenech, Sr., Stevenson: The senior placed fifth at the regional (16:04.0) and wound up 128th in Division 1 (16:54.6).

Other top finishes included a first at the season-opening South Lyon Invitational (16:48); eighth, Wayne County (16:29.2); and 12th, Kensington Conference (16:29.9).

"Stephen had a very good senior season," Stevenson coach Chris Inch said. "He started by winning the South Lyon invite. His best performance came at regionals in a career best 16:04. Stephen ran the fourth fastest 5,000 meters in Stevenson's history. I am really proud of how Stephen ran this year. He is a hard worker and a good kid."

Matt Pahl, Jr., Plymouth: Tireless training paid huge dividends for Pahl, who improved tremendously from his sophomore season, Mikosz said.

"He put in a lot of extra miles both over the summer and during the season," Mikosz said. "He went from just making the varsity team last season to being in the top three on the team in every race this season."

Pahl shaved more than a minute off his previous PR (17:23), finishing the conference meet in 16:13.10 (13th overall).

Other top showings for the junior included 13th place at the Wayne County meet (16:41.75), 11th at the D1 regionals (16:31.39) and 97th at the state meet (16:41.9).

"He showed that if you put in the time and run over the

summer it can really pay off," Mikosz said.

Keenan Jones, Jr., Franklin: The junior was the Livonia City champion and undefeated in dual meets.

He also took 10th at the regional and 116th at the state finals (16:50).

Other top finishes for Jones included a fifth in the Kensington Conference with a personal best 16:02; sixth, Wayne County; 14th, Coaching Legends; and 16th, MSU Invitational.

"Keenan had a tremendous year capped off by his second trip to the state finals meet," Reaser said. "Keenan was the Livonia City meet champion as a junior and was the first one to cross the line in each of our five dual meets this season. Keenan worked so hard all year long and deserved all the success he attained. I look forward to his leadership and outstanding performances in his senior season next year."

Max Bradley, Sr., N. Farmington: The FPS city champion had an outstanding senior season, qualifying for the Division 1 state meet with a 10th-place time of 16:44 at Hess-Hathaway Park in Waterford. He was 10th among area runners in the state race, finishing 168th in 17:08.

At regular-season invitationals, Bradley was fourth at the Early Bird, sixth at River Rat, fifth at Linden and 10th at Spartan. He was seventh in the OAA White Division. Bradley had a best time of 16:24.

"Max had a terrific season," coach Paul Welch said. "He was extremely focused and committed to reaching his goals and I am proud of the effort and dedication he showed throughout the season."

"It has been a joy watching Max grow and develop over the past four years as an athlete, leader and respected young man. I am confident Max will continue to make an impact as he enters his next chapter of life."

Malik Jordan, Jr., Wayne: The junior was Wayne's No. 2 finisher in 13 of 15 races this season, including a seventh at the Lake Erie Metropark regional (16:45) followed by a 107th in the Division 1 state meet (16:46.7).

Other top finishes for Jor-

dan included second, Crestwood Charger Invitational (16:42); 10th, Warrior Classic; 14th, Mustang Invitational; 21st, Kensington Conference; and 29th, Wayne County.

"Malik is in his first year of cross country and only his second season of competitive running," Gibson said. "He had to learn how to run cross country and he finally began understanding the strategy of running a competitive 5K in October. His best races were in the last four meets."

"He's a mentally tough young man, balancing cross country with JROTC where he is a second lieutenant. He carries a 3.3 grade-point average. He'll be one of the keys to our team's success in 2014."

James Weekley, Soph., Harrison: Weekley is one of the top up-and-coming runners in the state. He qualified for the Division 1 state meet by finishing 13th in the regional at Hess-Hathaway Park in Waterford with a time of 16:47.

He was the fifth among area runners at the state final, placing 105th overall with a time of 16:45. Weekley was the runner-up in the FPS city meet and had a number of other top finishes at invites.

"James is a true leader in every sense of the word," coach John Reed said. "Guys look up to him and often follow his example to become better runners."

"Our entire team has improved since James started competing for us. We are very proud of James and excited to see what his future holds."

Matt Cohan, Jr., Churchill: The junior was 15th at the Division 1 regional with a personal best 16:22.9 and placed 200th at the state meet.

Other top finishes included sixth, Livonia City meet and KLAA Invitational (16:53.7); seventh, Monroe Jefferson Invitational; 15th, Wayne County (16:51.7); 18th, Kensington Conference (16:37.6); and 32nd, MSU Invitational Green race (16:49).

"Matt had a real year nice year," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "He really ran well in the bigger meets. Matt is a very dedicated runner who really wants to improve weekly. He was an important factor

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Matt Cohan, Jr., Liv. Churchill

SECOND TEAM

George Bowles, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Liam Cardenas, Sr., Plymouth
Luke Green, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Micah Orr, Sr., Westland Glenn
Erik Grisa, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Sean McKeon, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Blerim Mema, Sr., Plymouth
Max Rogowski, Sr., Plymouth
Evan Dunklee, Sr., Canton
Colin Murphy, Sr., Liv. Churchill

COACH OF YEAR

Tom Gibson, Wayne

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Patrick Dahlin, Jon Hovemale, Jon Alessandrini, Andrew Malic; Franklin: Matt Lepper, Jacob Forgacs, Nathan McCall, Gage Wheeler; Stevenson: Ryan Cole, Andrew Bambach, Andrew Stratton, Alex Mikonczyk; John Glenn: Ben Bieber, Chris Codd; Wayne: Tim Flores, Zack Williams, Uriel Figueroa, Michael Gibson; Lutheran Westland: Hunter Roedel; Canton: Billy Toth, Ammar Christ; Evan Childs, Nick Socha, Plymouth: Jonny Dalton, Mayur Patel, Matt Drottavlo; Salem: Noah Engerer, Jason Rogers, Brendan McCann, Nabil Ahmed, Donovan Drouillard, Chaz Jeffers; Plymouth Christian: Jacob Bailey, Joey Fanello, Garrett Watson, Paul Chamberlain, Torre Crowell; Harrison: Sam Finn; North Farmington: Joe Burger; Garden City: J'haira Johnson; Redford Union: Anise Grady Shelton.

in any success we had this year as a team. He is a good student who loves many sports. Matt is a bundle of energy. He seems to be constantly moving. He possesses a unique sense of humor who is really liked by his teammates."

COACH OF YEAR

Tom Gibson, Wayne: The third-year coach guided the Zebras to their first state finals berth in 29 years after third place finish at the Division 1 Lake Erie Metropark regional.

"We started the season with 14 runners, the largest team in seven years, but eight of the boys had never run cross country," said Gibson, who ran at Westland John Glenn High and the University of Detroit. "The boys were prepared for the season with six running at least 500 miles during the summer. At the first practice, the boys knew this could be an incredible year."

Wayne, which finished 5-2 in dual meets, also captured the Crestwood Charger Invitational. Other top finishes included third, Warrior Classic; fourth, River Rat Open; fifth, Wayne County; and seventh, Kensington Conference.

"I am very proud of this team," said Gibson, whose team took 23rd out of 27 in the state finals. "Every team member gave 100 percent in every practice throughout the year. Their dedication and commitment to the team made it easy to coach them. The dual meet against Plymouth, where we narrowly lost 25-31, was the turning point of the season. During that race, eight boys ran an overall personal bests and the other six ran a course P.R. They knew they could compete with the best in the area."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU Jr. Crusaders

Tryouts for the AAU Junior Crusaders will be Sunday, Nov. 17 for the following age groups at Madonna University Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia:

Girls 12s and 13s — noon to 1:30 p.m.; 14s and 15s — 1:30-3 p.m.; 16s, 17s and 18s, 3-4:30 p.m. Players born before Sept. 1 are in the older age group. (A player born on Aug. 30, 2001 would be in the 13-year-old age group.)

Practices for the 2014 season begin Tuesday, March 4, 2014. All practices Tuesdays and Thursdays. Practice times are TBA at this time.

The program cost is \$565 (five tournaments including the state AAU).

For more information, contact the MU volleyball office at (734) 432-5612; or assistant coach Brian McClain at bgmccclain1@aol.com.

MU volleyball

And open tryout for the Madonna University women's volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon Sunday, Nov. 24 at the MU Activities Center.

The tryout is open to any high school senior or college transfer interested in Madonna University and in competing for a spot on the volleyball team for the 2014 season.

For more information contact assistant volleyball coach Brian McClain at 248-495-5307; or via email at bgmccclain1@aol.com.

Golf instruction

PGA professional Tami Bealbert will stage a golf enhancement session from 6:45-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 at the Oasis Practice Center, 3950 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township.

Bring a friend to practice and share a swing station. For the first 15 minutes you will learn proper exercises followed by swing drills to improve your game. Then a short one-on-one swing tip to meet your specific needs. (Cost is \$25.)

You can receive an on-course playing lesson at the virtual golf simulator from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue., Canton. (The cost is \$30 each; limit 3-6 persons).

RSVP no later than four hours before the start time of any one class. (Class days and times subject to change each week.)

To register, visit www.TrainwithTami.com.

For more information, e-mail TrainwithTami@yahoo.com; call or text (734) 731-0238.

Rock the Clock

The first Rock the Clock 5-kilometer run-walk will be at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

Race proceeds will benefit the Gerad Meteyer Foundation, which helps support Camp Midicha for juvenile diabetes.

For more information or to register, visit rocktheclock-run.com.

TROJANS

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down. I had to pitch it to my teammate. I knew right away. He (Bryant) had my back and I have his. I just jumped in the air celebrating for my team."

The Falcons controlled the ball and the clock in the first half, running an astounding 43 plays to Clarenceville's 10. Monroe CC's time of possession was 12:56 to the Trojans' 4:50.

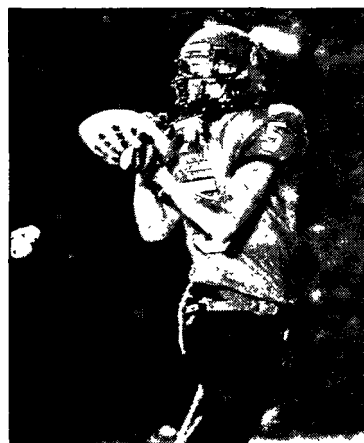
The Falcons, using a tight wing-T formation, struck first with 8:28 left in the first quarter on Bryce Windham's 33-yard TD pass to Riley Woolford, followed by Todd Jones' point-after kick to make it 7-0.

The Trojans, however, came right back with Kubiak using a double-pump fake, hitting Kimani Dooley with 5:53 to go in the same quarter on a 35-yard TD pass. Vanderkerckhove's PAT evened the score at 7-7.

The Falcons took their next drive from the 20 and marched down to the Clarenceville 11, only to be stopped on fourth-and-six when Jesse Stallings sacked Windham for a 12-yard loss.

But the Trojans went three-and-out on their next drive midway through the fourth quarter and Monroe CC responded with another time-consuming drive, going 84 yards in 15 plays as Windham scrambled out of the pocket and found Austin Corbin in the end zone with only 47 seconds remaining in the half to put the Falcons ahead, 14-7.

Bryant, who rushed for 195 yards and three TDs the previous week against Detroit University Prep, had just three



Clarenceville's Kimani Dooley caught a TD pass in the first quarter. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

first-half touches against Monroe CC for minus-2 yards.

"At halftime we told them we were still in the game," Fry said. "We were only down seven and it was the first time they had faced adversity this year. To them it was a testament to come back and we told them, 'You're in this game, you've got to continue to play.'"

Clarenceville did score on its first possession of the third quarter, when Kubiak connected with Bryant, who made a circus grab in the corner of the end zone for an 18-yard TD pass with 8:54 left to knot the game at 14-14.

The fourth quarter proved to be a nail-biter as the Trojans' defense made stand after stand, only to give up a critical 24-yard run by CC's Justin Carrabino on third-and-22. That first down set up the go-ahead score by Czarniowski, who led all rushers with 155 yards on 30 carries.

With CC's defense able to keep Bryant in check, Kubiak

hit 11-of-21 passes for 167 yards.

"I actually thought it would be a higher scoring game than what it was, I really did," Fry said. "I thought we'd both score a lot of points, but it didn't happen. Our defense played way too much."

Ironically, 42 of Clarenceville's 80 rushing yards came on Bryant's game-winning TD.

"Once a week, we run our special package," Kubiak said. "It's one of our trick plays. We just got to work on it in practice and try and perfect it. I saw him (Bryant) right there and got all emotional. I jumped on him in the end zone. It was an emotional game and we worked so hard for this and we're not done."

It was a crushing loss for the Falcons, who all but appeared to have the game under control.

"We were told what to do at the end, but they made a great play at the end," Monroe CC coach Jack Giarmo said. "Our kids didn't do what we asked them to do, but that's the way it goes."

"I've been beat before by Constantine in 2004 — last year — it's not the first time. It's frustrating, it hurts, because we worked at this stuff and just didn't execute. It's high school football."

An exhausted Bryant gave credit to his teammates afterward.

"Our line had to fight through it," he said. "They came after us at every angle. Our line had to step it up and eventually they did."

"And I've got to give it to our kicker for winning the game."

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Holiday cards benefit charitable causes

Greeting cards from nonprofit organizations offer a way to spread holiday cheer while also supporting a good cause. Here's a sampling:

» The Michigan Humane Society offers one card style this year. Each box contains 15 5- by 7-inch cards and 16 envelopes. They cost \$12.95 plus tax and feature a Pekingese named Prince and kittens Sterling and Veronica, all animals that found new homes through MHS.

The inside greeting is "Sending you warm and fuzzy holiday wishes!" The MHS logo and messaging appears on the back of each card.

Order cards online at www.ShopMichiganHumane.org or by calling 800-866-9189, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. They also are available at MHS adoption centers in Rochester Hills, Detroit and Westland. The Westland shelter is located at 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

At MHS' online store, shoppers can create their own, personalized greeting cards. Photo holiday cards are available in packs of 20 and include the MHS logo on the front. Shoppers customize their cards with a high-resolution photo and short greeting on the front, along with a custom message on the back. Cost is \$24.95 for one box, \$19.95 for two boxes and \$17.95 for three boxes.

» Forgotten Harvest Cards and envelopes are sold in packs of 20 for \$28 and include shipping and handling. A tribute card, which can be slipped into the holiday card, is available for \$5.

The collection includes two new holiday cards, designed by Matt

LeBarre Illustration in Royal Oak, and also features two of Forgotten Harvest's 2012 bestsellers, Two Turtle Doves and Snowy Farm Scene.

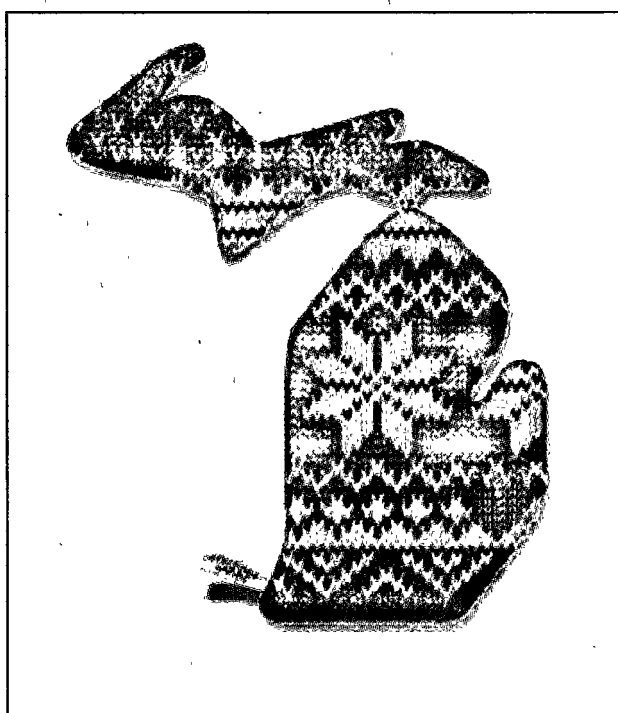
Last year, the proceeds from card sales helped Forgotten Harvest rescue 45.5 million pounds of food. The organization collects surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free of charge to feeding programs throughout southeastern Michigan.

Buy the cards online at www.forgottenharvest.org. Allow five to seven days for shipping.

For more information about Forgotten Harvest holiday cards, contact Rebecca Gade-Sawicki at rgade-sawicki@forgottenharvest.org or 248-967-1500, Ext. 151.

» Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers several different holiday cards to help support its mission of providing high-quality, low-cost children's literature in braille. But its newest card, and the only one with a braille message, is a 5- by 7-inch snowman card.

A child in the Livonia Public Schools preschool program for students with visual impairments created the artwork on the card. The greeting inside says "Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!" and includes the same message in braille. Each package contains 12 cards and 12 envelopes and is available for \$16.



Matt LeBarre Illustration in Royal Oak created this new greeting card for Forgotten Harvest's holiday collection.



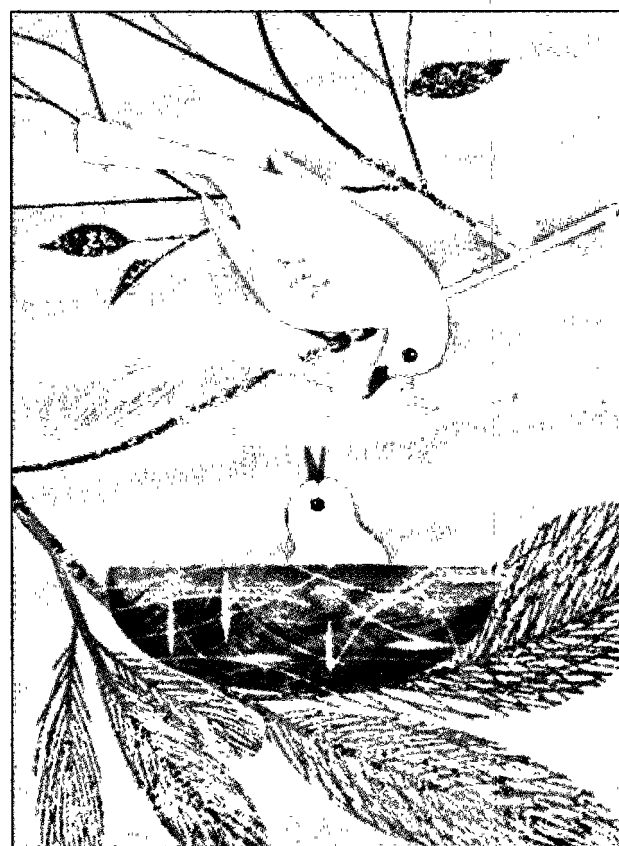
Prince, the Pekingese and kittens, Sterling and Veronica, send "warm and fuzzy holiday wishes" to recipients of the Michigan Humane Society holiday card.

Seedlings also offers two additional sizes of holiday cards, a deluxe size and a smaller size. Both versions are created by Pumpernickel Press and priced at \$18 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards. To view the full selection of Seedlings' holiday cards, visit www.seedlings.org/2013cardbrochure.pdf.

Proceeds from card sales will help support Seedlings' programs and services and enable them to place braille books into the hands of visually impaired children locally and around the world.

Buy the greeting

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Forgotten Harvest's four-card collection includes this 2012 best seller.



A child in the Livonia Public Schools preschool program for students with visual impairments designed this card for Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

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A journey to the glory days of Spain, Portugal

By Jay Young
Correspondent

A trip to Spain and Portugal today provides a vivid reminder of the days when these two countries ruled most of the known world from the 15th-17th centuries. Wealth acquired from explorations to the New World is evident today in the magnificent palaces, galleries, cathedrals and monuments throughout southern Spain and Portugal.

We started our tour at the Royal Palace in Madrid, Spain's capital. Modeled after Versailles, it has more than 2,000 rooms and is filled with luxurious tapestries, chandeliers, priceless porcelain and gold leaf.

The Prado Museum, the must-see site to view the Spanish masters, contains more than 3,000 canvases. It can be overwhelming, but if you're diligent, you'll find whole rooms filled with the works of the great Spanish painters Francisco de Goya and Diego Velazquez as well as other Italian and Flemish masters.

After three days in Madrid, we headed south with our 35 Grand Circle Travel companions to the medieval city of Toledo, picturesquely set on a hill overlooking the Tagus River, and then on to Cordoba, which provided a fascinating glimpse into the interplay of Moorish and Christian architecture.

Its most famous landmark, the Mesquita, is a former mosque with 850 stunning colored granite and marble arches. In the center is a 16th century Renaissance cathedral. It stands as a symbol of the remarkable tolerance and cooperation among the monotheistic religions that characterized Cordoba during its heyday.

Sprawling palace

From Cordoba we traveled past endless olive orchards, castles perched atop hills and windmills right out of "Don Quixote," to the last and greatest Moorish palace in Spain, the Alhambra. Sprawling over a hilltop overlooking Granada, the Alhambra is a complex of palaces designed to be a paradise on earth. The architects created ornate stuccoes, plaster stalactites, multiple colored tiles, scalloped windows overlooking the city and courtyards with crystal clear reflecting pools.

We continued our journey to the Costa del Sol and the seaside city of Malaga. The old city retains a distinctly Spanish flavor, with twisting, narrow streets and gardens with palm trees lining the modern port. A side trip to the nearby town of Salinas allowed us to meet and have lunch with several local families, a unique "learning and discovery" featured on all GCT itineraries.

We ended the Spanish leg of our journey at Seville, a city famous for its massive Gothic cathedral, the burial site of Christopher Columbus, and the riveting music and dance performances of the Flamenco.

Portuguese horses

From Seville we continued northward toward Lisbon, stopping at the Brito Paes ranch in the Alentejo region of Portugal. This 1,000 acre stud ranch has been in existence for more than 200 years, initially breeding work horses for their strength and endurance. For the past 25 years, the owners have concentrated on Lusitanian sport horses which they sell worldwide.

After a stop at the



The Explorers monument in Lisbon, headed by Henry the Navigator, was the starting point for many journeys of discovery by intrepid Portuguese explorers

coastal town of Cascais, we traveled up the forested mountainside to the town of Sintra, site of the summer residence of the Portuguese royal family, and then ended our trip with a five-day stay at Madeira, a volcanic island located about 500 miles off the coast of Morocco.

Madeira provided a beautiful and restful way for us to conclude our own voyage of discovery of the present-day reminders of the Golden Age of Spain and Portugal.

For more about Grand Circle Travel adventures, visit www.gct.com or call 800-221-2610.

Jay Young is a Canton resident and frequent traveler.



Jay and Linnea Young of Canton are pictured along the rugged, volcanic coast of the Portuguese island of Madeira, one of only two possessions remaining of the former Portuguese empire

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cards from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia and online at www.seedlings.org. Call 734-427-8552 for directions and more information.

Children's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary offers a card with artwork by Claire and Lucy Thomson of Clawson.

They created the pictures, of a snowman under a dark, starry night for the card front, and a Christmas tree with presents for the back, in honor of their sister, Natalie, who was a patient at the hospital from birth until she died from end-stage renal disease a few days before her first birthday. The inside of the card reads, "Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season."

The holiday cards are \$20 for a pack of 20 cards. Cards may be

imprinted with the sender's name for an additional cost. Gift cards are also available by making a donation to the auxiliary. For a minimum donation of \$5 per card, the donor will receive a special card acknowledging the gift.

Buy holiday cards online at childrenshospitalofmichiganauxiliary.org, at the hospital, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit; or at Good Neighbors Family Pharmacy, 1956 Venoy, Westland; 734-722-8774.

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Support group addresses needs of neurofibromatosis patients

Neurofibromatosis is an orphan disease. Orphan diseases occur so infrequently that they don't get much community and medical attention, nor research funding, compared to more commonly heard of diagnoses, such as diabetes mellitus, multiple sclerosis, and epilepsy, to name a few.

There are three kinds of neurofibromatosis, NF1, NF-2, and schwannomatosis (S-Type). NF-1 is said to occur in one of 3,000 births, worldwide, and is characterized by multiple coffee-colored spots and tumors on or under the skin. Occasionally, tumors develop on cranial nerves and the spinal cord. Deformation of bones, along with curvature of the spine also may occur.

NF-2 type, seen in approximately one out of 25,000 individuals, causes tumors to develop on nerve cells. Often, tumors on the auditory nerve are life threatening and must be removed. The unwanted side effect is permanent deafness.

S-Type affects approximately one in 40,000 individuals. Symptoms may overlap with those of NF-2. However, tumors are not found on the auditory nerve and there is no acquired deafness.

Support groups can be a tremendous help for people and families who have a devastating diagnosis of a medical or mental disorder. They can promote an increased awareness of a particular disorder and help members overcome the isolation of feeling they are the only one that has such a condition. We hear a lot about cancer support groups, stroke support groups, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc. However, support groups for many of the orphan diseases either don't exist or are hard to find.

NF-2 support group
In May — National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month — I had the distinct honor of meeting the members of the Michigan NF-2 Support Group in Farmington Hills. I was asked to



Len McCulloch
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speak to the group about the psychological and emotional components of orphan diseases. The group is organized by Dorothy Barnier and her co-facilitator, Terri Rausch. Barnier told me that there is a strong need for members of this stricken population, along with the medical teams that work with them, to know about the role of psychological therapy in dealing with NF-2.

The NF-2 Support Group is open to people in Michigan, Western Ontario, and neighboring areas. Some members have been dealing with the diagnosis for decades, and others have been diagnosed more recently. As I understand it, Michigan appears to have the only (NF-2) support group in the country, that accommodates deaf people.

Like other support groups I have worked with over years, the leadership and members

of this group are exemplary. I sensed a great deal of support and empathy among them during their meeting. Captioning is provided for members with deafness. This unique service is accomplished through partnership between the University of Michigan and the National Neurofibromatosis Network.

Psychotherapy's role

Having a disorder that affects only one out of 25,000 individuals can be very hard to swallow and digest. The task to create a meaningful life in spite of it can be huge. Anxiety and depression about the myriad decisions, treatments, and dashed hopes can be overwhelming. A good deal of psychotherapeutic work with people of trauma involves being with them in an empathetic way through difficult stages. In addition to support and encouragement, the therapy often needs to address the question "Why me?" A good sign of progress in the therapeutic work is seen when the question becomes, "What am I going to do about it?"

I recently worked with a person who had to discontinue her 20-year career as a teacher because of a devastating medical diagnosis. When asked about her plans, she said there had to be something meaningful in life for her, although she didn't know what it was. Then she said, "I'll have to find it. I will find it." Similar is the strength and courage of Barnier's NF-2 survivor son Gregory, a South Lyon resident. I asked him how he has found a life after trauma, and he said, "It's about how you keep on keeping on."

Resources

- » Dorothy Barnier e-mail: gbar-nier@mi.rr.com
- » www.advocatenf2.org
- » www.neurofibromatosisnetwork.org

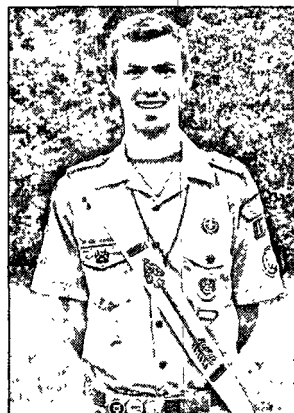
Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, substance abuse, brain injury, traumatic stress, and social work. McCulloch can be reached for consultation at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.

Boy Scout honored for achieving Eagle rank

Peter Romero of Farmington Hills recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His achievement was recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Sunday, Nov. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Romeror, the son of Lee and Suzanne Romero, began Scouting in 2001 with Pack 321 at Beechview Elementary School. In 2006, he was awarded an Arrow of Light award and joined Boy Scout Troop 179. He quickly moved through the ranks of New Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class, where he served as patrol quartermaster and assistant patrol leader. As a Star Scout, Romero served as patrol scribe, new Scout instructor, and troop guide, and was elected to the brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow, a national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. As a Life Scout, he again served as a new Scout instructor and as troop representative for the Order of the Arrow. During his seven years with Troop 179, he spent 128 nights camping, and earned 26 merit badges.

He began working on his Eagle project last



Romero

year. He led a team of individuals in building a wooden sailboat for North Star Junior Sailing, a nonprofit community sailing program. His project was completed in June 2013.

Romero graduated at the top of his class from Harrison High School in June 2013. While at Harrison, he applied the many leadership skills he honed in Scouting to his positions as field commander of the Harrison marching band, and captain of the Harrison/Farmington Phoenix varsity swim team.

He attends the University of Michigan, where he studies computer science engineering and plays trombone in the marching band.

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ALBRIGHT, PAUL JOHN

Of Eaton Rapids. Went to be with the Lord, November 14, 2013. Paul was born in Dearborn, MI, September 1, 1930, the son of Raymond and Frances (Grayheck) Albright. He served in the U.S. Army as a fire fighter at Ft. Benning, Georgia during peace time after the Korean War. Paul was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. When he was younger, he worked with his dad at their milk farm. Paul was a fire fighter, public safety director, and loss prevention inspector in Plymouth Twp. Paul was the manager of product development and advertising for Michigan Millers and also worked for the Eaton Rapids Twp. Fire Department. He enjoyed camping and was always doing for others. Next to serving the Lord, the love of his family was very special to him. He will be sorely missed by his family and the community. Paul is survived by his wife, Gwen Albright of Eaton Rapids; sons, Christopher (Patricia) Albright of Lansing, Duane Albright of Laingsburg; daughters, Karen (Don) Meyers of Portland, LeAnn Albright of Eaton Rapids, Carol (Phillip) Hicks of Ceresco; 15 grandchildren; brother, Rev. Raymond Gerard Albright of Detroit. Paul was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Kathy Albright. A Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2013 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 515 E. Knight St., Eaton Rapids, with Fr. Bennett Constantine celebrating. Interment will follow at Munger Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Shelly-Odell Funeral Home, 518 S. Main St. with a Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Peter Catholic Church or Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, MI 48813. Please visit our website to place online condolences or to sign the guest register, www.shellyodell.com. Shelly-Odell Funeral Home

ALFORD, KEITH ALAN (SKEETER)

Of Dexter, MI. Died on November 14, 2013 at age 79. Keith was born November 22, 1933 to Thora E. (Carlson) and Arthur J. Alford, in Lansing, Michigan. He grew up in the Iron Mountain and Plymouth areas. Keith graduated from U of M in 1955 and 1961 and was an educator in the Plymouth Community Schools. He served two years in the U.S. Army. Keith married Janet (Morrison) in 1962 and she survives. In addition, he is survived by his beloved sisters, Marjorie (Donald) Easley and Nancy (Gregory) Boitano; in-laws Kathy Morrison and Richard Morrison; nephews, Steven, Michael, Richard, Kent, and Patrick; nieces, Christy, Deborah, Pamela, Melissa, and Teresa; and their families. Keith was especially fond of all his dogs; especially Lucy. He was a gentle man with a dry, pithy, sense of humor who loved teasing everyone and always wore a baseball cap. In former years he enjoyed woodworking, fishing, horseshoes, country music, playing poker, and was one of the remaining Dirty Dozen that helped the beginning process of turning Newkirk Camp into the present United Methodist Church campus, in Dexter. He described those years as being the happiest of his life. A memorial service will be held Monday, November 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Dexter United Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community Heritage Foundation or the Dexter United Methodist Church. Please sign Keith's guestbook at www.borekjenning.com or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

BONANDER, JOHN VICTOR

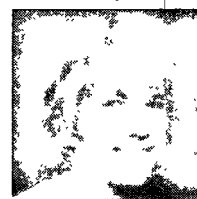
Age 78 passed away peacefully on November 8th, 2013 at the Cleveland Clinic surrounded by his family. He was born October 16th, 1935 in Chicago IL. John graduated from Miami University of Ohio where he met his wife of 54 years Joan (nee Viall). He founded the Michigan Paper Company and he retired as president from HAMCO Paper Company in Hickory NC. After retirement, John became concerned about the effects of teenage school dropouts and was moved to author the book "Drop Out... or Tough it Out?" John also was an avid sailor. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who devoted his life to God. John is survived by his wife Joan; his children, James (Pat) Bonander and Karen (Jim) Canfield; his grandchildren, John "JP", Billy and Libby; his sister Margery (David) Lundquist; and his brother David (Martha) Bonander. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a Boys and Girls Club that serves your community. A memorial service was held on Monday, November 11th at 1 PM at the Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church 34201 Eddy Rd, Willoughby Hills OH 44094

COWDEN, MAXINE M.

Age 92 of Bear Lake, died Wednesday November 13, 2013 at Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital. She was born May 12, 1921 in Benton Harbor the daughter of McDonald and Fern (Quisenberry) Council. She attended Bear Lake School and James Whitcomb Riley High School in South Bend, Indiana graduating in 1939. On June 21, 1939, Maxine married Gerald Keith Cowden at the Methodist Church in Bear Lake; he preceded her in death on October 7, 1969. She was employed as a secretary/bookkeeper in the public school system in Livonia, Michigan from 1970 until her retirement in 1986. She was a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was an excellent Bridge player, an avid reader, and the best barley-beef soup maker in Manistee County. Maxine is survived by two sons, Ronald (Phyllis) Cowden of Manistee and Richard (Silvana) Cowden of New York, New York; seven grandchildren, Veronica Fischer of Grand Rapids, Scott Cowden of Columbia, South Carolina, Craig Cowden of Tampa, Florida, Jeremy Turner of New York, NY, Jessica Turner of San Francisco, California, and Jennifer Turner of Austin, Texas, Joseph Cowden-Guido of New York, NY; eight great-grandchildren, Kelsea, Ryan, and Connor Fischer, Camrin, Carson, and Cager Cowden, and Kaylyn and Axel Dominique. She was also preceded in death by her father, McDonald Council; mother, Fern Novis; daughter, Gerilyn Turner, and sister, Charlene Eminger. Cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled at this time. A family memorial service will be held in Bear Lake in the summer of 2014. Final interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bear Lake. Memorial contributions in Maxine's name may be directed to the Interlochen Center for the Arts. Please visit her personal book of memories at www.oakgrovefh.com to share a photo or story with her family. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Ludington.

MIKOLAJCZYK, FRANK A.

November 9, 2013, age 83. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away peacefully with his wife Patricia of 62 years by his side; they were married on November 24, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio. Frank was born on March 06, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio and has been a Westland, Michigan resident for the past 49 years. Proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a warehouseman with Kroger/Foodland for 42 years; he retired in 1992. He enjoyed painting, golf, and bowling; Frank was bowler of the month in December of 1987 at Westland Bowl, when he shot a 300 game and was 132 pins over average. Survived by his wife, Patricia Margie (Leonard), and his children, Frank L., Craig, and Cheryl Mikolajczyk; grandchildren, Nicole Vandriessche, Frank A. Mikolajczyk, Brandy Burda, Mandy Mikolajczyk, Bryan Burda, and Kyle Mikolajczyk, great-grandchildren, Frank L. and Madison Mikolajczyk. Cremation has taken place.



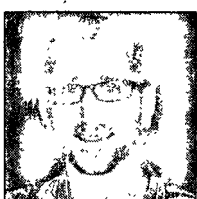
STEBBINS, NANCY JANE

Age 72, passed away on November 10, 2013; beloved mother of Diane, Robert, Cathy, Douglas and Susan; devoted daughter of Ernest and Lucinda and sister to Richard and Bruce; loving grandmother of Mia, Emma, Katrina, Samuel, Sara, Ian, Zach and Naomi. Nancy was a top student at Flint Central and UofM and passed the importance of education on to her children, who were raised in Livonia and obtained degrees from NNU, CMU, UofM, and two Ivy League schools (Penn and Columbia); she financed these educational expenses on her social worker's salary. She loved literature, theater, travel and most of all, people, as she could light up a room with her smile; her children followed her lead and developed wide-ranging interests, with three living for extended periods in Asia, one volunteering for the Peace Corps and one an academic All-America football player. Nancy was a selfless person who touched countless others, working as a social worker, helping high risk adults and volunteering her time to metro Detroit charities and her church; she lived by The Golden Rule and we miss her dearly. Nancy will be buried next to her mother and father in Mt. Pleasant and a memorial service will be held on June 28, 2014 at Mt. Hope Congregational Church in Livonia, Michigan. View her complete obituary and share memories at: www.clarkfuneralchapel.com



KATARAFAS, ROBERT A.

Age 78, November 11, 2013. Beloved husband of Marlene. Loving father of Kimberly (Floyd) Brady, Pamela (Eric) Ginter and Katherine (Paul) McKinney. Dear grandfather of Marquise, Kaitlyn, Logan, Kiera and Storm. Bob was a longtime General Motors employee. He loved golf, fly fishing and watching sports. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday at 11 a.m. Visitation Saturday 5-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-9 p.m. Please share a memory of Bob at: www.rgrharris.com/



BERGQUIST, RICK JAMES

November 12, 2013. Age 22. Beloved son of Rick A. and Cindy Bergquist. Loving brother of Tori. Cherished uncle of Ayden Bailey. Also survived by many loving grandparents, family, and friends. Services were held at the Neely-Turowski Life Story Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Memorials may be made to Growth Works or Livonia Save our Youth. To view Rick's life story, where you may sign the guest book, share a memory or upload photos, please visit: www.TurowskiLifeStory.com.

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A 40-year reunion is set for 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Nov. 29, at the Iroquois Club, 43248 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call 248-451-9653. Tickets are \$75 presale only. Get tickets from www.73fhs40reunionmanager.com. Join the reunion Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/503456823023714. Reunion contact is Sande Eastwood Rouke.

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Ten-year reunion will run 7 p.m.-midnight, Friday, Nov. 29, at One Under, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door and include open bar and snacks. Email to livoniaCHS2003@gmail.com or visit on.fb.me/18sUG9X.

WAYNE MEMORIAL CLASS OF 1964

50th class reunion is set for Friday, May 16, 2014, with a social event planned for Saturday, May 17, 2014. Email to kchorbagian@hughes for more information.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Clinical trial looks at treatment for tennis elbow

A procedure intended to help heal musculoskeletal injuries called platelet-rich plasma therapy, or PRP, has created a big buzz in sports medicine and the media in recent years. Tiger Woods reportedly received the procedure for a sore knee and Pittsburgh Steelers' Hines Ward used it for a sprained knee ligament just before playing a key role in the team's 2009 Super Bowl victory.

However, the method — which involves concentrating the platelets in a patient's blood sample and re-injecting them into the injured area to boost the body's own healing powers — is expensive and rarely covered by insurance

because it lacks scientific research to back it up.

Researchers at the University of Michigan are taking a step toward answering some questions about the therapy through a new clinical trial exploring how PRP specifically affects tennis elbow (or lateral epicondylitis). Individuals with this condition experience pain from injury and degeneration in the tendon along the outside of the elbow, especially with extending the wrist. It can be caused by overuse or sports related repetitive strain.



Jacobson

"The popularity of PRP has moved faster than the science," said principal investigator Dr. Jon Jacobson, M.D., U-M Musculoskeletal Division director and professor of radiology in the U-M Medical School. "Tennis elbow can be a debilitating condition, and the goal of the study is determine whether symptoms are improved in people who receive PRP injections compared to those who receive alternative and much cheaper types of treatment."

Other treatments for tennis elbow, such as corticosteroid injection, have shown little long-term success.

Various treatments

Researchers will compare the effects of physical therapy alone vs. physical therapy in conjunction with either needling the tendon to make it bleed and to induce healing; re-injecting the patient's venous blood; or re-injecting concentrated platelet-rich layer of a patient's own blood (PRP).

The trial is a blind study, meaning participants won't know which treatment they'll receive.

"PRP injection has emerged as a treatment alternative for many musculoskeletal conditions and recently been popularized by the media because

of its use among well-known athletes, however it costs more than other options and success stories have yet to be properly grounded in science," Jacobson said.

"If we find that platelet-rich plasma is better compared to the other treatments, it would justify the high cost and growing industry associated with the procedure."

The study originates at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and U-M is part of a multi-institution randomized controlled trial.

For more information about the study, call 734-936-4365.

Blue light technology helps identify bladder cancer

The Detroit Medical Center Sinai-Grace Hospital is the first in Michigan, and one of a select number of medical centers nationwide now offering Blue Light Cystoscopy (BLC) with Cysview. The Karl Storz Blue Light Cystoscopy system is a newly approved diagnostic imaging system to help detect bladder cancer in patients known to have or suspected to have the disease.

Cysview is a special medication that reacts with bladder cancer, causing it to become more visible with a blue light scope. A white light setting is used to illuminate the bladder during a routine cystoscopy, and a blue light setting is used to induce and view fluorescence in cancerous tissue, enabling physicians to detect lesions in the bladder. This improves both diagnosis and treatment of this disease, and may lead to improved survival.

"With Cysview, identifying bladder cancer means im-

proved visibility of the tumor, resulting in the ability to remove the entire tumor, thus preventing tumor recurrence," stated Ranko Miocinovic, M.D., DMC's director of urologic robotic surgery and leader of Sinai-Grace's urologic oncology program. "Blue light technology helps turn cancerous cells fluorescent, taking us one step further in the cure. This technology adds another dimension to our urologic robotic oncology program."

More than 70,000 people in the U.S. were diagnosed with cancer of the bladder in 2009, and an estimated 14,000 Americans died from the disease last year, according to the National Cancer Institute. Bladder cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer in men, and the eighth most common in women. Bladder cancer is also one of the most deadly urologic cancers. Early detection is critical.

NOVEMBER ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness.

Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

LUNG CANCER SUPPORT

David Sternberg, M.D., a minimally invasive thoracic surgeon and the newest member of Botsford Cancer Center's lung cancer team, leads a new informal support group for lung cancer patients, 7:30 p.m. the third Monday of the month in the Botsford Cancer Center's Suite 230, 27900 Grand River Ave. Farmington Hills. Open to anyone living with lung cancer. The meeting on Nov. 18 will feature guest speaker Denise

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Cykert, a registered dietitian, who will talk about cooking and nutrition for chemotherapy patients. For more information call 248-471-8120.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-Doc1 (3621), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

DECEMBER KIDNEY BALL

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will hold its ninth annual Kidney Ball beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The event, which features the theme "A Midwinter Night's Dream," will include a night of live music, dancing, a live auction, silent auction, food, cocktails, and even a candy "bar" to top off the evening. Tickets are \$250 per person, available at www.nkfm.org/events or by calling 800-482-1455.

ONGOING AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at

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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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CHOIR THERAPY

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Tis the Season for Excess ...which can be problematic if you have diabetes.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Sharon Goodsell, RN
Diabetes Education

The holidays are a wonderful time for enjoying family and feasting on a cornucopia of delicious foods. However, if you're one of the many with diabetes, the holidays can mean added stress to an already challenging situation. Garden City Hospital's Diabetes Education Coordinator, Sharon Goodsell, RN, BSN, CDE, provides some valuable tips for better managing diabetes.

Q: What advice can you give someone newly diagnosed with diabetes during their first holiday season?

A: The holidays bring added stress for many people. Therefore, it's important to test blood glucose levels on a regular basis. It is also ideal to plan ahead by thinking about how to handle certain issues like extra snacking and alcohol use. Talk with your doctor about how to best handle any change in meal plan or physical activity routine. One might plan on being more physically active to help burn off any extra calories from a holiday meal. It is essential to continue to take your diabetes medications on a regular basis and not to skip any medications. Lastly, be realistic about your expectations for the holidays. Plan ahead, relax, and enjoy the season.

Q: How will I know if I'm on track or in control of my diabetes after a meal?

A: When we eat any meal, particularly the feasts our families and friends offer us during the holiday season, we need to check our blood sugar levels, both before and after eating. Specifically, our levels tend to be highest about 75 minutes after the first bite of a meal.

Q: What advice would you give to help a person with diabetes balance the stress of the holiday season with their diabetes care?

A: While diabetes can be stressful to manage any time of year, it can become especially challenging during the holiday season. Whether it's resisting all those treats at holiday parties or finding time to squeeze in physical activity between trips to the local mall, diabetes and the holidays can be difficult to manage.

Q: How can I better manage my diabetes over the holidays?

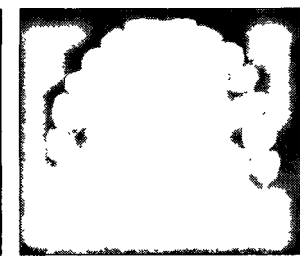
A: Here are some useful tips to keep you on track:

- Try not to over commit yourself and get plenty of rest.
- Set realistic and achievable goals for yourself and for your diabetes.
- During the busiest part of your holiday season, write out a schedule and try to accomplish one holiday task each day.
- Set aside time each day to take care of yourself.
- Schedule appointments on your calendar for regular physical activity. During the holidays, more so than other times throughout the year, it will be important to burn off extra calories. Exercise is a great way to re-energize yourself.
- If your blood glucose levels are running higher than usual, drink extra water. This may help bring the numbers down.

For more information on how to prevent diabetes or improve management of diabetes, call 734.458.4330 to schedule an appointment with a diabetes educator. Have a health or medical question for the GCH Health Experts? Visit us online at GCH.org. If you need a doctor call the GCH Physician Referral Line at 877.717.WELL.

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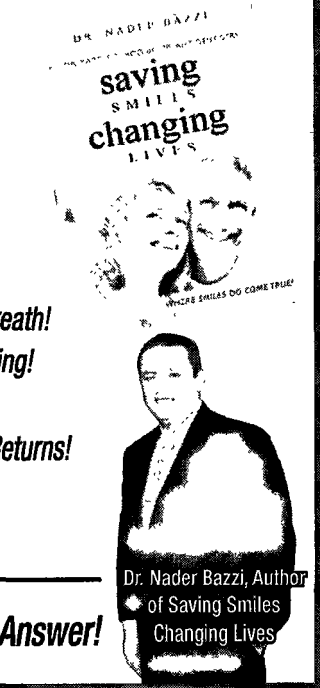
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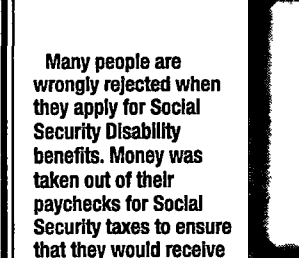
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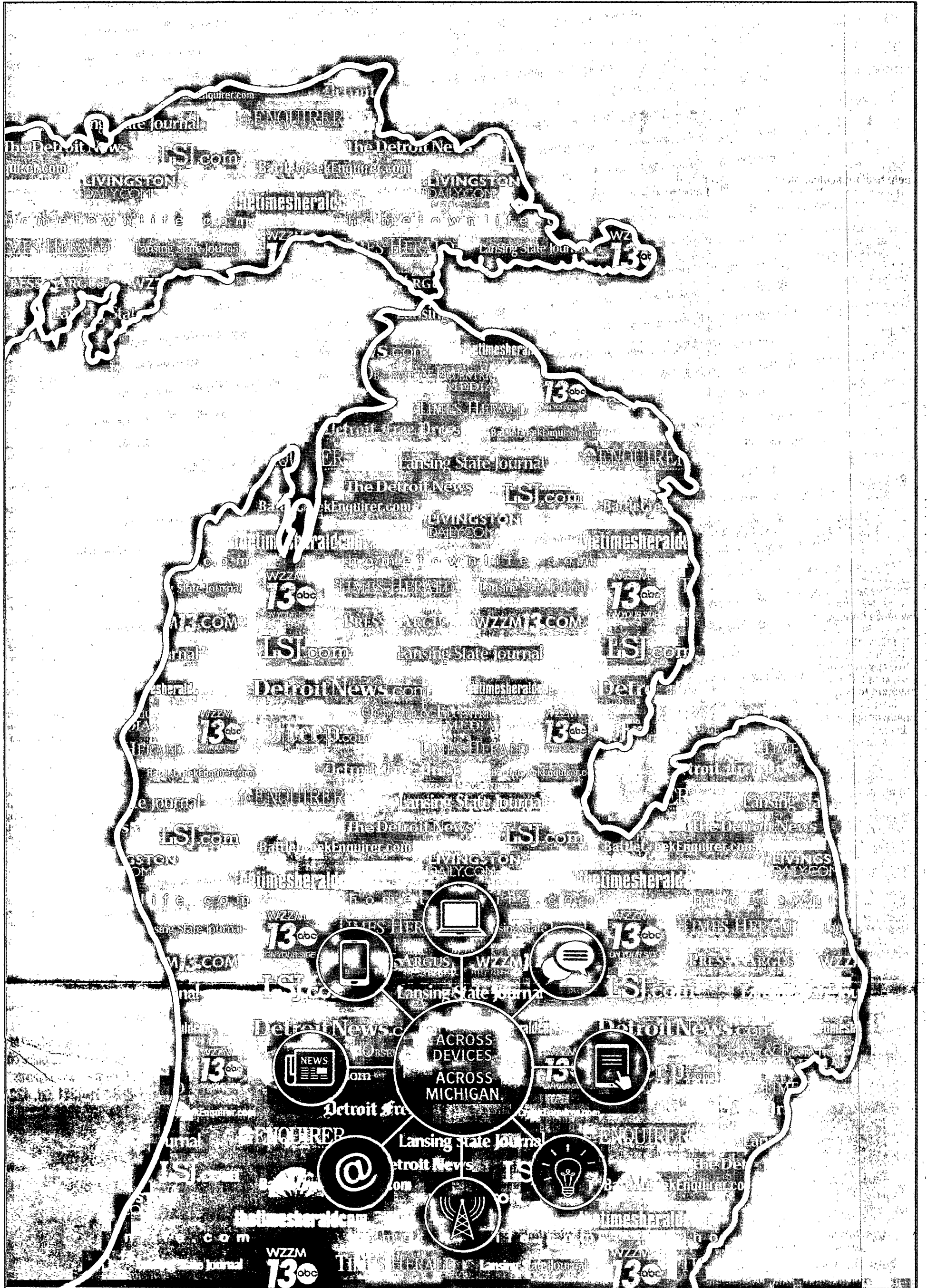
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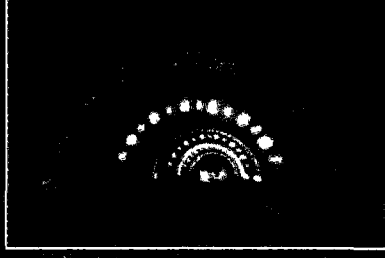
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When we refer to something as being "common sense," we usually mean that it is something we think everyone should know. Often, though, it turns out that what may seem like common sense to one person isn't always so to someone else. For example: Veterinarians spend their days around animals, so they might consider it common knowledge that cats sleep about 18 hours per day; hence the reason your vet seems so amused when you bring Muffin in for a checkup, concerned about her inability to stay awake.

Similarly, because human-resources professionals constantly screen and interview candidates, what may seem like a common-sense interview tip to them might not have crossed a job seeker's mind. Following are "common-sense" interview tips straight from the experts' mouths.

1. Be presentable

Wear a suit that fits, and don't cut corners when it comes to ironing or dry-cleaning, says Monique Honaman, CEO of leadership development company ISHR Group. "I knew one guy who was in such a rush the day of his interview that he only ironed the front of his shirt. Later, during the course of his interview day, it was hot and he was encouraged to remove his jacket and get more comfortable and it was clear that he had cut corners and only ironed the front! He was very embarrassed," Honaman says.

Also, while you should always wear deodorant, try to avoid perfumes and colognes. You never know who will be allergic or just downright averse to your scent. "A hiring manager once told me a story of how he didn't select an incredibly well-qualified candidate for a role because she wore the same perfume as his ex-wife," says Danielle Beauparlant Moser, a career coach with Blended



Learning Team. "He said she walked in the room and his only thought was how to get her out of his office as quickly as possible."

2. Don't be too early

While you should always arrive at your interview a few minutes early, try not get there more than 15 minutes before your scheduled interview time, advises Ben Yeargin, a manager at Spherion Staffing. "[Arriving early] will lead to anxiety on the candidate's part because they have to sit and wait for an extended period of time, and it will lead to frustration on the hiring manager's part because they will feel rushed with the project that they are trying to accomplish prior to the interview," he says.

If you find yourself getting to the building earlier than you thought, wait in your car or take a walk around the block until it's closer to your interview time.

3. Know whom you're meeting with

"Know the name of the interviewer so that you can ask for that person at the receptionist's desk," advises Cheryl Palmer, president of Call to Career, an executive coaching firm. "It's embarrassing when the receptionist asks, 'Who are you here to see?' and you can't remember. Have this information either in your head or write yourself a note that you refer to prior to arriving in the waiting area," Palmer says.

4. Remember: You are being interviewed as soon as you walk in the door

"Most people would never think of the receptionist as being an interviewer, but it's true," Palmer says. "It's fairly common that the receptionist will report back to the hiring manager how candidates behaved in the waiting area. Don't be remembered as

the one who ate all the candy out of the candy dish or spoke disrespectfully to the receptionist."

5. Make proper eye contact

"One of the most obvious mistakes interviewees make is with eye contact, and it costs a lot of people a lot of jobs," says Barry Maher, who owns a California-based career coaching firm. "Eye contact is simple," he says. "Any given eye contact should last about five seconds at a time. And if there's one interviewer, make eye contact with him or her about 40 to 60 percent of the time. More than 60 percent is intimidating. Less than 40 percent comes off as shifty and perhaps insincere, even dishonest."

6. Eat before the interview, not during it

Duh? Not according to Yeargin, who has experienced interview-snacking firsthand. "I

was in an interview, no more than 10 minutes into it, and I got called out for two minutes to answer a question," he says. "When I returned, the applicant was eating some sort of granola or other snack bar. Needless to say that individual did not get a job with my company." No matter what the candy bar ads have to say, your hunger can wait.

7. Make sure that what you do eat beforehand does not involve onion or garlic

You want to be remembered for your professionalism and outstanding skills, not for what you ate for lunch. Advises Palmer, "Don't eat anything that has a strong odor before the interview."

8. Don't look at your watch

Block at least two hours of time for the interview, says Cindy Loftus, co-owner of Loftus O'Meara Staffing. Loftus also advises keeping your schedule relatively clear on the day of the interview, to avoid feeling the need to rush. "Don't create distractions to your interview," she says.

9. Tell the interviewer you are interested

Don't forget to tell the recruiter you want the job. "If you truly feel the position is a fit, let them know and tell them you would like to get to the next round of interviews, and be prepared to tell them why," Loftus says.

10. Get business cards from your interviewers and use them

"Ask for the business cards of all of the interviewers that you have met and make sure you take a second or two to read their card," Loftus says. This will not only be helpful in remembering each person you met with, but will make it easier to send proper thank-you notes and follow up e-mails, which should always be done within 24 hours of leaving the interview.

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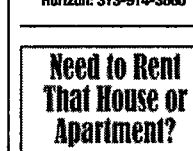
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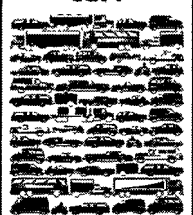
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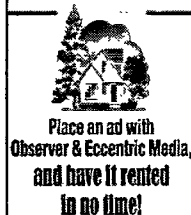
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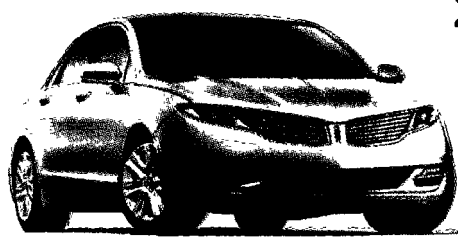
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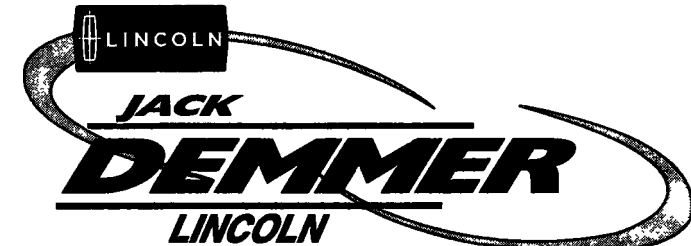


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