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Learn how the Oscar-winning actress and mother of three balances it all.

Wild: 2014 will be busy for city

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With work under way on a new City Hall, groundbreaking to take place for a new fire station and trash contracts expiring, Westland officials are likely to have a full plate in 2014.

"We have a busy year coming up," said Westland Mayor William Wild. "There will be a lot of reinvestment in properties. It's something we haven't done in a long time. We have long neglected priorities (to address)."

» Work is well under way on renovations of the former

Circuit City store on Warren Road that is becoming the new Westland City Hall.

"We hope to be in the new City Hall as early as fall (2014)," said Wild, with a spring groundbreaking expected for the new fire station to be constructed on Central City Parkway north of the former

Service Merchandise building.

Both projects, as well as planned improvements to Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren roads, are being funded through the Tax Increment Financing Authority.

» The city expects to close on the Taylor Towers refinanc-

ing in February, Wild said, which will generate \$8-\$10 million to fund the Capital Improvement Program.

An early project will be at the Westland Police Department to renovate the Detective Bureau and locker rooms, Wild

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Pallbearers place the casket of Brian Woehlke into a fire truck hearse following a funeral Mass at the Church of the Divine Child. The 29-year-old Wayne-Westland firefighter died on May 8 while fighting a fire at Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick poker room. FILE PHOTO

Retirees organize to address issues

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Once someone retires, it's easy to lose touch with your former co-workers.

Now some employees who worked together for the City of Westland have formed the Westland Alliance of Retirees.

"Our main objective is to help the retirees. We do all the unions. We will help with any problems and socialization," said city retiree Rita Briney, secretary of the group.

With 63 members currently, Briney said the group has filed as a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

"The membership is growing. We're having a lot of problems getting the word out. If they knew about it they'd join," said Briney, who soon hopes to have a Facebook page for the group.

Getting in touch

Part of the difficulty reaching the city retirees is that many are no longer living locally. Briney said she is relying on emails and a lot of snail mail to get in touch with people.

"There are probably 200-300 people (retired from the city). People are all over the U.S.," said Briney, who lives in Canton.

"As we were reaching out, it was hard to find people. And people have died over the years."

While the police and fire department retirees have groups, Briney said there weren't similar groups for other retirees. The Westland Alliance of Retirees is open to all city retirees, including police and firefighters, she said.

Having worked in the Clerk's Office and Department of Public Services during 10 years with the city, Briney retired in 2010.

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LOOK BACK AT 2013: Year of achievement, personal loss

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Looking back, 2013 will be remembered as a year of tragedy with the death of a Wayne-Westland firefighter and moving forward with projects like the new Westland City Hall.

The May 8 fire at the Electric Stick/ Marvaso's Italian Grille that took the life of firefighter Brian Woehlke, 29, has been ruled a homicide due to arson. Michigan State Police are investigating.

Sean Quigley is facing criminal charges after claim-

ing to have a bomb and holding a hostage at City Hall during Woehlke's funeral.

» Work on the new Westland City Hall got under way. A former Circuit City is being renovated and retrofitted to replace the current municipal building on Ford.

» The Central City Park soccer fields had a grand opening with \$30,000 in equipment upgrades.

» Wayne hosted its first Rouge-a-Palooza highlighting the Rouge River, free flowing

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Suzanne Toros of Westland, a 1974 Wayne alumna, and Diana Moran of Milford chat with Rocco Nugent who walked along Michigan Avenue talking to guests attending the "Infiltrators" movie premiere at the State Wayne Phoenix Theater in October. FILE PHOTO

Strengthening Families Program helps both parents and children

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Growing up is difficult and children often act out at home or school.

When their behavior is disruptive to the entire family, parents can receive help through a program offered by the Family Resource Center in

Garden City. Registration is underway for the Strengthening Families Program, designed to improve family relationships and parenting skills and improve children's social and life skills.

The program is open to residents who reside in western Wayne County and have children ages 7-11.

Kim Mitton-Hahn, the center's prevention coordinator, is enthusiastic about the program.

"The 11-week, evidenced-based program will help families create a less stressful home and improve acting out behavior at home and school," she said.

The Strengthening Families

Program has been rigorously evaluated and is one of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's programs which has proven to be effective.

"Past grant funding enabled the Family Resource Center to purchase the program and become trained Strengthening Families Program facilitators,"

she said.

Mitton-Hahn said she is passionate about helping families.

"The families really see results from this program," she said. "It is wonderful to watch the children learn to control anger, follow directions

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said. "Once Westland Youth Assistance moves to City Hall, we will retrofit their offices for a police evidence room," said Wild.

"The city will also be looking at moving ahead with demolition of the closed Bailey Community Center and nearby Fire Station 1 once it is vacated.

"You may see work on the fire station and Bailey Center. A company did the demolition of the Scott (Correctional) facility for \$1 (in return for salvage)," said Wild.

The Downtown Development Authority has hired McKenna Associates to look at redevelopment possibilities for municipal property along Ford once the buildings, including City Hall, have been demolished.

Already under way are improvements to Tattan Park, including construction of a pavilion to house the Farmers Market and other community events.

"Newburgh will be reconstructed between Ford and Warren roads, with a left turn lane scheduled to be added from Palmer to Cherry Hill.

"In economic development, we are going to continue to leverage investments and reinvestments," said Wild. "It's my personal goal to meet with the ownership of the Macy's corporation. With the investments being made in the area, it's time for them to make reinvestments. They have really watered down offerings."

"The recent retirement of Department of Public Services Direc-

tor Kevin Buford is providing an opportunity to look at how the city delivers those services, Wild said, rather than hiring an additional administrator.

"The city will be looking at moving ahead with a fire authority and whether that will include the Inkster Fire Department. Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy is serving as Inkster Fire chief for six months to assess the situation and make a recommendation.

The current labor agreement with firefighters expires Dec. 31, 2014, while police contracts expire June 30.

"Contracts with trash hauler Midwestern Sanitation, Republic, which handles curbside recycling collection, RecycleBank and the center which accepts the city's drop-off recycling also expire this year.

"The sanitation millage is at the max. We subsidize it with general fund dollars," said Wild. "We need to look at changes in the way we do sanitation."

"A first quarter strategic planning session to look at how to address legacy costs - pensions and retiree health care - is going to be held with the council.

"During 2014, the vacant Jefferson Barnes Elementary School will be transformed into a new Dorsey Center, replacing the existing center on Dorsey and Venoy.

"We have an agreement to give to the (Wayne-Westland) Board of Education," said Wild. "We're working on the details. We would lease due to the debt on the building."

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and respond positively to parental direction, and the parents are so happy to restore peace in their households."

The program is free, however space is limited. It includes a weekly Family Night dinner at no cost.

Call the Family Resource Center at 734-793-1860 to schedule an intake appointment for parent and child.

The center is on Maplewood, west of Merriman. The next session begins on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

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Trivia Night

Ss. Simon and Jude Parish will hold a Trivia Night on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the church 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m., Trivia will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per team of up to four persons and includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and one pepperoni pizza for each team. Beverages will be available for purchase throughout the night. There also will be a 50/50 raffle and other items for purchase.

Space is limited to the first 25 teams. No registrations will be taken at the door. To register, visit www.stssimonandjude.com/trivianight. Contact stssimonandjude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436 for more information.

All proceeds benefit the Ss. Simon and Jude Building Debt Reduction

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Program.

Casino Trip

Join the Wayne Rotary for a night of fun Jan. 11 with its Firekeepers Casino Trip. The cost is \$35 and includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 food.

The bus departs the Banquet Center at 35000 Sims Ave., at 3 p.m. and returns at 10 p.m. For more information or reservations, call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

Open House

St. Damian Catholic School will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, as part of Catholic Schools Week.

Take a guided tour of the school, meet staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns or have conversations with other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smart boards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. St. Damian also offers

a latchkey program, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art and physical education with more than three acres of outdoor sports fields. Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District.

The preschool-eight-grade parochial school is located at 29891 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland. For more information, call 734-427-1680 or visit www.stdamianschool.com.

Tree recycling

The City of Westland is again offering its Christmas Tree Recycling Program.

A designated area - just follow the signs - will be provided at the Department of Public Service Recycling Center at the rear of the property at 37137 Marquette. Trees may be dropped off during regular operating hours - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The center is closed on Sundays. Trees must be free of lighting, tinsel and decorations.

Date nights

The annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night will be held 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne.

The cost is \$12 per couple or \$16 per dad and two daughters. Non-resident fees are \$13 for a couple and \$18 for a dad and two daughters. Cost includes snacks, square dancing and a memory photo.

The community center also is holding a Mother-Son Sports Night 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. The evening of sports, games and food is for mothers and their sons ages 5-12. Cost is \$12 for couples and \$16 for a mother and two sons and \$13 for and \$18 respectively for non-residents.

For more information, call 734-721-7400.

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after the completion of the Wayne Road dam removal project. The well-attended festivities included paper boat races and live music.

"Another big event in Wayne was the premiere of the film *Infiltrators* at the State Wayne Phoenix Theater. Attended by 800 people, the red carpet event raised money for the Wayne Memorial High School Champions of Wayne mentorship program.

"The Joint Dispatch Center, serving Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster opened. Previously, Westland handled emergency dispatching for Inkster while Wayne and Garden City worked out of the Wayne Police Department.

"As work continues on the merged Wayne-Westland Fire Department, Chief Michael Reddy is serving as Inkster chief also to assess whether that community is suitable to be included



Westland Mayor William Wild (center) and members of the city council take swings with sledge hammers at a wall inside the former Circuit City building to symbolize the groundbreaking for the new Westland City Hall. FILE PHOTO

in the organization.

"Veterans Day brought the unveiling and dedication of Westland Veterans Memorial Garden, located behind the William P. Faust Library. Paid for through fundraising and donations, the memorial garden features covers on each American war.

"After 43 years, a Westland tradition ends in 2013 as the Westland Summer Festival Committee disbanded. That means no more summer festival and July fireworks.

"Rainy weather couldn't dampen a more recent addition to Westland festivities - Blues, Brews and Barbecue. The two-day event featured blues music, food and drew crowds to the City Hall property.

"Westland now has a \$5.5 million fund balance - a change from the deficit projected several years ago. Near the end of the year, new tier for wages and a medical savings account instead of a retiree medical insurance was implemented mayor's appointees

and the city clerk.

"In Wayne, voters rejected a proposal to levy 7 mills for 10 years to establish a P.A. 345 plan to fund police and fire pensions. It was a move to offset pension costs currently paid from the general fund and address a projected \$2 million deficit.

The Wayne Council is holding financial visioning sessions to get community input on the city's budget problems as revenues continue to decline.

"Longtime Wayne employee and three-year City Manager Robert English retired in September. Council members interviewed two candidates for the position last month but decided neither was suitable. The council will revisit the city manager search early in the year.

"Established in 1943 to house Willow Run bomber factory workers, Norwayne celebrated its 70th anniversary and received federal historic community designation.

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"Retirees used to be able to sit back and not worry. There was one particular problem that started everything," said Briney. "As we called people, they were having so many problems. There is practically no one working at the city."

Particular problem

The particular problem mentioned by Briney was the city's decision to eliminate mutual gains - a payment received by an employee when his or her spouse didn't utilize their medical insurance.

In the case of married city employees or retirees, each could have their own insurance and claim mutual gains.

"We want to help the city help us. We had one meeting and everyone had so much fun catching up," said Briney.

"You can't make old friends." Along with keeping in touch with former co-workers and addressing collective concerns, Briney said the retirees alliance is planning to do fundraising to benefit local nonprofits.

Serving as the group president is Kent Herbert, former Westland personnel director.

"We will probably meet next in February. We're informal. We will have quarterly meetings and hope to get one or two social events with the meetings," said Briney.

Dues for a calendar year membership are \$50. For more information, contact Briney at 734-981-8622 or rambri-ney@hotmail.com.

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Mackinac Center for Public Policy: Local lawmakers get perfect 2013 voting records

By Sue Mason
Staff writer

Two western Wayne County state lawmakers were among the 80 legislators with perfect voting records in 2013, according to the Midland-based Mackinac Center for Public Policy's annual Missed Votes report.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and state Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, were among those with perfect voting records over the past year in the Legislature of 110 representatives

and 38 senators.

The 68 legislators who did not have perfect voting records missed 1,093 aggregate votes in 2013, according to the report.

There were 2,234 missed votes in the Legislature in 2012, but there were nearly twice as many votes taken that year than during the past year, stated Jack McHugh, the Mackinac Center's senior legislative analyst and editor of the center's Michigan Votes website.

In the Senate, there were 665 votes taken in 2013, while in the House, 534 votes were cast.

Anderson whose 6th District includes Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Redford, missed 11 votes in 2012. Knezek, whose 11th District includes Garden City, Inkster and portions of Westland, Livonia and Dearborn Heights, just completed his first year in the State House.

Among local lawmakers: » State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hoppgood, D-Taylor, also missed just one vote last year. Hoppgood represents the 8th Senate District which includes the city of Wayne.

» State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, missed five votes during his first year in office. Kosowski represents Wayne and a portion of Westland.

The dubious honor of having missed the most votes in 2013 among senators goes to Bert Johnson of Detroit. The Democrat missed 97 votes. On the House side, Macomb County Democrat Marilyn Lane, who represents the 31st District, missed 76 votes.

The 2013 figure was a vast improvement over the 21,162

missed votes in the 2001-02 legislative session, the year the Michigan Votes project began, McHugh said.

The Mackinac Center noted that lawmakers may miss votes due to illness, family emergencies or other justifiable reasons. The center also noted that House and Senate leadership are sometimes required to be off the floor during votes.

View the full report and search past years' figures at www.bit.ly/1drj7ry.

Christopher Behnan contributed.

Neil Diamond tribute concert helps local groups

By Sue Mason
Staff writer

The Westland Community Foundation is rolling out some beautiful noise at a concert later this month at the Village Theater of Canton.

The foundation is joining the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in sponsoring two concerts Saturday, Jan. 18, featuring Simply Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute band.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," foundation President Glenn Shaw Jr. said. "This is a pretty good named group that's coming in."

The three organizations are selling tickets for the two shows — a matinee at 2 p.m. and a special dinner/concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the matinee are \$25 each. Tickets for the

evening event are \$75 each and include a strolling dinner and cocktail reception, followed by the concert at 8 p.m.

Shaw is confident the foundation will do well with the concerts. Four hundred tickets are available for the matinee and a like number for the dinner and concert. The three groups will receive the proceeds from those tickets they each sell.

Raising money

The foundation is using the concert to replace money it had raised through charity poker nights held at the Electric Stick Poker Room in Westland. Shaw estimates the foundation took in an estimated \$16,000 a year from the charity poker nights, which came to an abrupt end when the Electric Stick and adjacent Marvasso's Italian Grill were destroyed by fire May 8.

"It was difficult to man up

the poker nights, but it was good money for us," Shaw said. "We used to take in \$50,000 to \$60,000 a few years ago, but the last couple of years, it's been more like \$35,000. If we're successful with this, we'll be able to do more this summer."

The foundation's philanthropic efforts include more than \$25,000 in donations to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army this Christmas and college scholarships given out to Westland high school graduates every year.

The chamber has partnered with the foundation on several events, but this is a first with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. Founded in 1998, its mission is to encourage the development of the arts in the Canton community by providing artists with financial support, advocacy and education, as well as supporting the resident music

and performing artist groups at the Village Theater and granting theater field trips for the Plymouth-Canton Community School district.

Sponsorships

In addition to hawking tickets, organizers are looking for sponsors. There's \$2,500 for a Diamond sponsor and \$1,500 for a Sweet Caroline sponsor, as well as program sponsorships of \$700 for Cracklin' Rosie, \$400 for Hello Again, \$250 for Song Sung Blue and \$75 for Solitary Man (Woman).

For tickets, sponsorships or more information, call the Westland Community Foundation at 734-595-7727, the Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222 or the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities at 734-765-7061. Tickets also are available online at www.canton-villagetheater.org or by calling



Brian LeBlanc and Simply Diamond will perform Jan. 18.

the theater at 734-394-5460.

"It's going to be a great show and a nice evening," Shaw said. "It's a way you can really help out with our goal. We need money to keep helping the people out there."

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Warren Road Light and Life Church offers help with Financial Peace University

Starting Jan. 12, Warren Road Light and Life Church in partnership with Dave Ramsey will be offering Financial Peace University, a nine-week class to bring peace to your finances.

Everyone needs a plan for their money, and the Financial Peace University is that plan. FPU teaches God's ways of han-

dling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where people are to where they've dreamed they could be. The plan shows how to get rid of debt, manage money, spend and save wisely and more.

The life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and the FPU teaching team on video and coordinated by Josh Sprunger of Warren Road Light and Life Church in Westland. It will help participants achieve financial goals by showing them how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never be-

fore. Participants will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for their money and change their family tree forever. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days of taking the class. The class will meet 6-8 p.m. Sundays at the church, 33445

Warren Road, Westland. The class is \$95 per family and can be paid through the website provided or through Sprunger. The deadline for registering is Sunday, Jan. 5. To sign up, go online to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder. For more information, call Sprunger at 734-458-7301.



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K-Kids Club inducts Walker-Winter students

Walker-Winter students have partnered with the Kiwanis Club of Canton and started a K-Kids club.

With more than 20,000 members worldwide, K-Kids is the largest service organization for elementary school students. It is a student-led community service club.

The club recently inducted 14 fourth-grade students at Walker Winter Elementary School in Canton.

For the past three years, members of the Kiwanis Club have been an integral part of the Walker-Winter community in a variety of community service projects. In partnership with Walker's common language focus of Lifelong Guidelines and Lifeskills, they decided to start the area's first K-Kids club.

Principal Julie Mytych is a member of the Kiwanis Club. Along with two other members,

Mark and Janet Ott, they had a vision to start K-Kids at Walker. The Ott's volunteered to be the sponsors along with Adriel Ewert, Walker's social worker, and Emily DeLong, intervention specialist.

"This allows our students to show their leadership and caring attitude toward both the school community and the community at large," Mytych said.

The students have planted flowers around the school and held a canned food drive so far.

The Canton Kiwanis was founded in 1993 and its focus has been on serving area children. Club projects range from the Dictionary Project, where the club distributes personal dictionaries to area third-graders, to one-on-one mentoring of students.

For more information, contact Julie Mytych at 734-419-2780 or mytychj@wwcs.k12.mi.us.



Walker-Winter Elementary has partnered with Canton Kiwanis to form a K-Kids Club. Fourteen students were recently inducted.

DARE TO CARE ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public schools are failing ... Fact or fiction?

Dare To Care about Public Education is a series of articles written by the educational community of Garden City Public Schools intended to bring attention and understanding to issues of concern surrounding public education.

Public school teachers and administrators are under attack by state and federal legislators and wealthy businessmen. One cannot pick up a paper or turn on the news without hearing of or reading about how public schools are failing. The rhetoric is daily and it is unfounded.

There are claims that our students do not understand the basics, are not career- or college-ready when they graduate, and are not competitive with students from other nations. The truth is we have the largest percentage of high school graduates in the world. Indeed, over the past 30 years, the number of 25-29-year-olds that have earned a high school diploma went from



Michelle Cline
GUEST COLUMNIST

78 percent to 90 percent. The high school dropout rate over the same 30 years has dropped from 15 percent to 7.4 percent.

Furthermore, according to the Trends in International Math and Science Study, the United States has never been competitive internationally with other industrialized nations, and in the past the economic health of individuals and communities was not dependent on it, nor were the majority of people's jobs. The middle class was built on a class of skilled labor independent of educational success, high school or college completion.

The main reason we are not competitive internationally is

due to the large percentage of children who live in poverty in the United States (23 percent). However, when the data for an international reading literacy test was analyzed and the data was adjusted to equalize the poverty rates, the United States surpassed the two highest scoring nations (Korea and Finland) by 12 points. When all of the students of poverty scores were included, we ranked 12th. The United States ranks 34th out of all industrialized nations when comparing the percentage of children living in poverty.

There is a national assessment called the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) that has been given to our students since 1973. From 1973 to 2008, the average scores on the NAEP have increased. In eighth-grade math, the average score has gone from 266 to 281. Eighth-grade reading has risen from 255 to 260. Fourth-grade

math scores have increased from 219 to 243 and in reading fourth-grade grew from 208 to 220. Where is the evidence of failure?

Michigan's governor has reported that at least 60 percent of Michigan high school graduates are taking remedial reading classes in college. Our resources reveal that actual number is 22 percent. He is also claiming that only 16 percent of our students are college-ready, our resources reveal that 66 percent of our students are college ready. Why is there such disparity in the numbers? Why would our state leaders mislead the community about public education?

Those are questions that need to be addressed. As a leader in public education, it is my responsibility to help our students and their parents learn to question data, ask for the original source, and inquire about how this data will be beneficial and

to whom? Once those questions are asked, one should reflect on the motivations of the person or people financially supporting the data collection. Is there an attack on public education? There certainly is reason for one to draw that conclusion.

In the first article in this series, I wondered if we were going back in time. Is there a desire for a quality education to be available to only those of wealth? Is there a desire for the education of our youth to be a product that is bought and sold to the lowest bidder so there is a profit in the end for investors? Are public schools failing?

Based on my own experiences and the data as I see it, failure is based much more on fiction than actual facts. You decide.

Michelle Cline is superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools and a resident of Garden City.

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Easing the pain

Foundation helps kids, families who've lost parents

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Norman Yatooma knows what it's like to lose a father, with all the emotional pain and fear that comes with it.

So Yatooma, a Bloomfield Hills attorney, has spent the last 10 years helping families – especially children – who now know the same pain.

Yatooma's Foundation for the Kids, established in 2003, is a nonprofit designed to provide guidance, stability and financial assistance to families with children who have suddenly lost one or both parents. It reflects what happened to Yatooma, whose father was gunned down in Detroit in March 1993.

Ten years later, the foundation was born.

"To be able to work with kids who lost their parents is a blessing and to do it in (his father's) name and his honor is wonderful," said Yatooma, founder and president of the foundation. "It's a beautiful silver lining to a very dark cloud."

The foundation has its roots with Manuel Yatooma, Norman's dad, who tried to break up a car-jacking on the streets of Detroit all those years ago. The loss was devastating, as one might imagine, but over the years the family became determined to see something good come out of it.

After a family discussion around the dining table on Father's Day 2003, the foundation was born, with a heavy family influence. Norman serves as president, his wife Nicole is a director and his mom Andrea serves as foundation



Norman Yatooma talks with Amanda Cergol of Pontiac and Cergol's children, 6-year-old Alison and 8-year-old Hunter.

chaplain. Three younger brothers are on the advisory board.

Since its inception, the foundation has helped hundreds of families with financial resources for living expenses and at least some semblance of the parent's mentoring hand.

"The goal is to keep that family as stable as possible," said Jennifer Moore, a Canton resident who is the foundation's program director.

Moore said the foundation, which operates largely on the generous support of donors, businesses and vendors willing to help families, accomplishes stability for its families with a variety of services, including everything from contractors, carpenters, lawyers and tutors to mentors, appliance experts and plumbers.

Yatooma's Foundation doesn't provide all of those services itself.

That's where the community support comes in, largely from local businesses around the area.

Help has come from places like Art Van Furniture, which threw its doors open for last year's Christmas party for Yatooma families, and Lowe's in Canton, which sold the foundation a \$750 refrigerator for \$325.

"These are people who are willing to come in and help our families," Moore said. "We need people we can wrap around our families, local businesses that are ready and willing to help these families with whatever they need."

Most of the families the foundation helps come from Detroit, with a "good number" from Oakland County. Moore said the foundation is trying to expand its reach further into Wayne County, as well, but that the only real require-

ment is the family be from Michigan.

"Our services are available to anyone in the state of Michigan, but people don't always know we're here," Moore said.

Amanda Cergol is more than happy to testify to the good the foundation can do. Cergol, who lives in Pontiac with her children, 8-year-old Hunter and 6-year-old Alison, lost her husband to cancer in 2009.

Now a single mom who is working and going to school, she said the foundation – and Norman Yatooma himself – have made life much easier for her struggling family.

"My kids look up to Norman for a lot of emotional support," Cergol said. "I know I can count on the foundation if I need anything at all. They're there for you."

Cergol's family is one of some 55 "open" cases – those where the foundation is actively providing assistance – being handled at any given time, according to Moore.

While the foundation has helped "hundreds of families" over the years, she said, active cases are those where the foundation is still doing something, regardless of how often.

"These could be people we hear from once a week and there are people we hear from on Tigers Day and then maybe not again until Christmas," Moore said. "Everything is specific to that family's needs."

The Tigers Day event is one of the many social events hosted by the foundation. The Tigers Foundation – "They've been incredibly generous," Moore said – sponsored three of them this year, sending 150 people to see the Detroit Tigers on three different occasions, the last in September.

Art Van has sponsored

the Christmas party. Yatooma said the support of people such as furniture store mogul Art Van Elslander, radio personality Paul W. Smith and Sandy Pierce of First Merit Bank, among many others, is what allows the foundation to do its work.

"We had the heart for it, but not the experience," Yatooma said of his family. "People like Art Van Elslander, Paul W. Smith ... make it a great community effort."

And Moore said the kinds of events those people provide – Tigers games, Christmas parties and other gatherings – are a key emotional support, especially for the children. Moore said the foundation tries to do some sort of social event "about once a month."

"Many of our families have lost the ability to do the 'extras.' They can't

afford to go to a Tigers game," Moore said. "And our kids are usually the only kid in their class who has lost a parent. When they're with us, they see others going through it and they know they aren't different. Plus, it's fun. They need to giggle like any other kid."

No one knows that better than Yatooma, who is committed to making it happen. He knows there's no replacing a parent, but believes there are things that can be done to reduce the pain.

"You can't replace a lost parent," Yatooma said. "But we're going to do everything we can to minimize the hurt. It's very personal to me."

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HANGING UP THE APRON: Bates Hamburgers manager retires after 44 years

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After 44 years, Sue Riley is finally putting down her spatula, hanging up her apron and retiring from a Livonia landmark restaurant.

Riley, a manager at Bates Hamburgers, retired earlier this week after working at the white food stand at 33406 Five Mile in Livonia since 1969.

She said nothing in particular led her to leaving the beloved business, but said it was time to go.

"I have things to take care of at home," the Fenton resident said. "I decided this year was the end of it."

Riley worked exclusively at the Livonia restaurant – Bates Hamburgers also operates a restaurant at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills – doing a wide range of tasks. For the last 20 years, she was the day manager, running the grill for the stand's famous hamburgers with grilled onions, french fries and milkshakes.

Riley said she got into the restaurant after looking for work around Livonia, where she lived at the time. She got a job at Bates out of school, after baby-sitting for a woman who had worked at the hamburger stand.

"That's how I got here, and I just stayed ever since," she said. "You like who you work with, the customers are great."

'She's the best'

Since then, she's worked with humility, earning the support and love of her co-workers, including assistant manager Lorrie Berlan.

"She's the best. Makes me cry that she's leaving," Berlan said, fighting back tears. "She's like the wind beneath my wings. She's always helping me out. That's the kind of person she



Sue Riley is hanging up her spatula after 44 years at Bates Hamburgers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

is."

She and her family then slowly moved farther away from Livonia, going to Commerce Township before settling in around Fenton. Riley said she'll be back to visit Bates, especially when she stops by to see family.

She's has several customers whose regular orders she has memorized. One such customer is Livonia resident George Hook, who has come to Bates regularly for the past 10 years for a cup of coffee in the morn-

ing.

One of the reasons he comes regularly for breakfast?

'Treats everybody right'

"Her beautiful smile," he said. "She treats everybody right."

Riley said she doesn't have a specific memory she holds dear from her time at Bates, but said she always enjoyed coming to work.

"Every day, there's always something here," she said. Laurie Johnston, Bates' gen-

eral manager and daughter of the owner, said she'll miss Riley and her leadership skills in the kitchen.

"We've always worked well as a team," she said. "She's very good at leading her crew."

And even after 44 years of working around the smell of grilled onions, Riley said she still enjoys the Bates Hamburgers classics: cheeseburgers, french fries and a milkshake are her favorite menu items.

Berlan, who will be taking over for Riley, said she doesn't

have the heart to remove her name from the roster board on the wall at the restaurant. She plans on leaving it open, since she didn't want to take her line.

"I'm not even going to put my name on the first line because I don't want to take her spot," Berlan said.

"That spot's going to be blank. I don't want her to leave."

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DIA director to speak at Livonia Town Hall

Graham W.J. Beal, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, will be the speaker at the Jan. 15 Livonia Town Hall at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

He is a native of Great Britain and was born in Stratford-On-Avon and grew up near Hastings on the south coast of England. He has degrees in English and art history from the University of Manchester and the Courtauld Institute of History of the University of London.

In 1973, he came to the United States to work at the University of South Dakota as an art historian. He has

worked as a curator at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, and as the director of the Museum of Art in Los Angeles County. He has organized more than 40 exhibitions that have toured nationally.

His most recent experience is protecting the art treasures that are in the Detroit Institute of Arts. Lunch and lecture seats are available. The lecture begins at 10 a.m. and following the lunch, there will be a question-and-answer period.

Tickets are \$45 and can be obtained by calling 734-420-0383.



Graham W.J. Beal is working to protect the treasures in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny

An employee at Sure Fit Laundry, 33121 Glenwood told police Dec. 27 that someone had stolen the catalytic converter from a 2005 GMC Savana used for deliveries. He said he had started the vehicle and checked underneath when the exhaust was loud.

A second vehicle was found to have saw marks on the exhaust.

Stolen vehicles

On Dec. 25, a resident of an apartment in the 32000 block of N. Hickory Hollow told police that someone had stolen her 2005 Chevrolet Impala from the parking lot while she was away. The car was valued at \$5,000.

Inside the vehicle,

were reported a laptop computer and pee wee football pads valued at \$600.

A resident in the 38000 block of Laurenwood told police Dec. 25 that someone had stolen a 2013 Chrysler 200 valued at \$20,000 from the driveway.

The resident said the payments on the car were current. About \$15 in loose change was reported stolen from a second vehicle which was parked in the garage. The resident said he thought his son had accidentally left the garage door open overnight.

A 1999 F250 Ford pickup truck with a red snow plow on the front and yellow flashing lights on top was reported stolen from the

rear yard of a home in the 3900 block of South Merriman on Dec. 23.

The owner told police he had last seen the truck on Dec. 20. It was valued at \$5,000.

A GMC Sierra pickup truck with a camper, valued at \$30,000, was reported stolen from a home in the 5000 block of Gloria on Dec. 19. The owner told police he had gone out to warm up the vehicle and left it running unlocked. It was gone when he returned a few minutes later.

The man said he was

behind on the payments but had talked to the finance company and was confident the truck hadn't been repossessed.

A Lincoln Park woman told police Dec. 18 that someone had stolen her 2009 Dodge Avenger while it was parked at Wayne County RESA, 33500 Van Born.

The woman said she last saw her car in the lot when she returned with a co-worker from lunch. Valued at \$20,000, the car was parked in a blind spot

for security cameras but footage did show the car being driven away.

A child booster seat and a 12-inch pink princess bicycle were reported to have been in the vehicle when it was stolen.

A 2014 Ford Focus, valued at \$25,980, was reported stolen from the Ford Michigan Assembly Plant, 38303 Michigan Ave., Dec. 18.

An employee said the car was last seen Dec. 5 at the pre-delivery lot. The employee told police the company wanted

to do its due diligence before reporting the car stolen.

Break-in

Approximately 30 used car batteries valued at \$450 were reported stolen Dec. 22 from Scrapbusters, 39165 Maple. An employee reported finding the metal fence had been cut to access the property and two padlocks were cut off a storage trailer to get to the batteries.

By LeAnne Rogers

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True morning stiffness reflects joint inflammation; that feature allows the physician to concentrate a limited group of probable causes. Rheumatoid arthritis is the most frequent one, psoriatic arthritis is another possibility, lupus is also a consideration.

Physicians keep in mind another entity: Dupuytren's Contracture. It may masquerade as morning stiffness, but has a completely different cause. The impairment occurs in the palm of the hands with a thickening in the mid palmar tissue between the palmar creases. The effect of this thickening is to bind down the flexor tendons coursing through the palm to the fingers. The result is that in the morning the fingers will not bend until the palms are warmed up. The hands present as morning stiffness but the joints are normal.

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Heartbreak of homelessness common among students in area school districts

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Ever since she was a young girl, having a large family was part of Lisa Sadler's plan. But she never imagined that one day she'd wind up an unemployed, homeless mother of 15.

While six of her children are now adults and on their own, Sadler, 47, said it's her niece's generosity — allowing them to stay in her one-bedroom, one-bathroom Farmington Hills apartment — that has kept the rest of the Sadler family off the street for the past few months.

Certainly, it's a challenge for 11 to live in such a small space, Sadler said. Bedtime for them, which includes her husband, Cecil, a 22-year-old disabled son and eight other kids ages 5-16, consists of lights out at the same time for everybody, and crawling into sleeping bags strewn across the living room and bedroom floors.

But they make it work. And they are grateful to be together, Sadler said.

"I really appreciate the compassion of not being turned away in our time of need," she said. "Sometimes, people see a need and turn away — they're blind to helping."

Despite having a roof over their heads for now, based on criteria established by federal law, the Sadler children are considered homeless. And it's a designation they share not only with 80-some other Farmington Public Schools students this year, but with hundreds of other students identified as such throughout metro Detroit.

Widespread problem

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 1987 provides federal funds to ensure homeless kids continue to have access to public education. It also has established guidelines for school districts to determine which students qualify for services mandated by the Act — which "extends far beyond most people's conventional understanding of what is considered homeless," said Stanley Szczotka, director of student services for Garden City Schools.

"Basically, if a student or his family lack reliable and stable housing, then they could qualify," he said, adding that about 50 students in his district are served by McKinney-Vento.

According to the Act, a student can be considered homeless if they lack



Lisa Sadler, mother of 15, reflects on the challenges she and her family face. Eight of her kids are among Farmington Public Schools' homeless student population. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

adequate sleeping accommodations, share housing with other families due to economic hardship, live in a motel, car, campground, emergency shelter or similar circumstance.

The Act in many cases, calls for a school district offering its homeless students transportation to the district where they had been attending school prior to becoming homeless — if they were forced to move away during the school year. Should that condition apply, the two districts typically share the cost of transporting the students, whether by school bus, public transportation or taxi cab.

In the Farmington Public Schools district, \$67,477 was spent on transporting homeless students to and from school last year.

FPS Director of Instructional Equity Naomi Khalil said school buses are used to transport the kids "as much as we can," but sometimes that isn't feasible, particularly for the lengthier routes — as far away as Ingham or Macomb counties in some cases.

For Garden City Public Schools, Szczotka said transportation can run some \$50 a day to neighboring districts — and the costs rise, of course, as the distance increases. At times, requests have been made by a parent to put a kindergartner in a cab, or transport a student an hour or two each way — which typically isn't the best scenario, he said. That's when he has to coordinate alternatives.

"The key to finding an accommodation that works is bringing those involved in the education of children to discuss the needs and best interests of the student, which is the core intent of the (McKinney-Vento) Act," he said.

Districts also have use of other federal dollars to help homeless families with school supplies, provide free/reduced lunches, and connect them with outreach centers that assist with clothing and other services.

"The whole purpose is to allow them to maintain some consistency in their lives," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Plymouth-Canton's executive director of staffing, student services and policy. "School is one of those areas that can be consistent."

Paul Salah, deputy superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools, agreed.

"Our goal isn't to disrupt the child's educational process," he said. "Our goal is to create as much stability as possible in uncertain circumstances. We care about our kids and we try to provide all that we can for them and their families."

According to Salah, about 150 students in the district are considered homeless, including those living with a relative.

In the Northville Public Schools district, just four students are identified as homeless this year, while South Lyon Community Schools reports having 48 homeless students. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials estimate they're currently serving some 80 homeless students. Those students have come to the Plymouth-Canton district from areas including Wayne-Westland, Van Buren and Detroit, officials said.

Livonia Public Schools identified 99 homeless students so far during the current school year, of which five have already left the district. From September through November, taxi cabs and gas reimbursement for homeless students totaled just under \$6,000, with an undetermined amount spent using LPS buses. And while a few of the district's homeless students live in Wayne, Westland, Detroit and Belleville, according to LPS Homeless Liaison Phillip Francis, most of the identified homeless students live within the district's boundaries.

"By far, the most common homeless situation is what's called 'doubled-up,' which is when a family lives with friends or family on a temporary basis," Francis said.

Becoming aware

Identifying a student as homeless is sometimes done at registration time, based on answers to enrollment questions about a child's living situation. When homelessness occurs during the school year — and if the student or parent doesn't make the situation known — it's up to school staff to pick up on signs which suggest that's the case.

Homelessness can, indeed, affect academic performance, noted Pamela Swert, superintendent of Clarenceville Public Schools, which currently has 22 students identified as homeless. Any instability in a student's life, including homelessness, increases stress and impacts the ability to perform and remain attentive during the day, she

said.

So does having no legal right to housing, knowing they can be asked to leave at any time, Francis added.

"Additionally, when (in a) doubled-up (situation), the homeless family may be living in an unfinished basement, sleeping on the floor or couch, or a similarly unsuitable situation when a student doesn't have his or her own space," he said.

Some LPS homeless students are living in hotels or in foster homes, while others are unaccompanied youth — either kicked out of their homes or are runaways, living without a parent or legal guardian, he said.

FPS Homeless Liaison Hatty Ligon said staff undergoes training to be more aware of the signs commonly exhibited by homeless students, which can include excessive tardiness and absences, hunger and other indications "that something is not right." She encourages parents or guardians of homeless students — or others that know of kids in that situation — to come forward so they can get the help they need.

"A lot of the time, people are afraid. They don't know what to do," Ligon said. "And then a lot of times, parents are relieved to know that a law is in place (to provide services), that they can stay in their school of origin."

Also, students identified as homeless automatically qualify for academic intervention, as needed, funded through Title 1. Supplemental learning tools can include software tutorial programs, Francis added.

Homeless, but not hopeless

Though Sadler isn't sure where she and her family will be in upcoming months, she has her sights set on staying in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area. One dream — or goal — is to land a job with the school district, possibly in food service. Another is to find suitable housing that she can pay for once she's employed.

Quite simply, she said, the Farmington community "feels like home." Her kids' teachers, administrators and others embraced them all right away, she said, welcoming the family and helping to ease the burden of living with such uncertainty.

"Here, I'm in a good place," she said. "And I haven't felt that in a long time."

A series of events which began about a dozen years ago — when the family was forced out of their Detroit home due to toxic black mold discovered in the attic — derailed them. And they haven't been able to get back on track, she said.

Sadler said it feels like she's been "living in a storm" for years — but she's optimistic that "it's a storm that will soon pass." Until then, she said, she'll keep a positive outlook and remain grateful for those who've helped her family endure these trying times.

"A lot of people don't realize the blessing they have in being a homeowner. A lot of people take it for granted," she said. "And for a lot of people, they're only a paycheck away from this, too."

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Be cautious when co-signing home loan for family, friends

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I have a dispute that I hope you can assist us with. My wife's sister, who is divorced and has financial challenges, has asked us to co-sign a mortgage so she can purchase the house she is renting. My wife wants to co-sign the loan, but I don't want to. My sister-in-law has been irresponsible with money and I don't think she can afford the home. What is the worst-case scenario if she does not repay her loan? My wife says the worst that could happen is that she loses the home. Is that true and if not, can anything else happen to us?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

A: Unfortunately, if your sister-in-law defaults on the loan that you have co-signed, the worst is not that she loses the home but, rather, that you can be responsible for the loan. If your sister-in-law does not pay on the loan, the bank can demand payments from you. In addition, if the bank were to foreclose on the home, you can be personally responsible for the difference between what the home sold for and the outstanding mortgage. For example, if the outstanding balance on the loan was \$100,000 and the house went into foreclosure and sold for \$60,000, you can be on the hook for the additional \$40,000 (\$100,000 loan minus \$60,000 sale price). Furthermore, your credit rating can take a hit because you were a co-signer on a mortgage that went into default.

If you were held responsible by the bank, it is also possible that you would have no course of action against your sister-in-law. If she chose to file for bankruptcy, her obligation to you would be discharged. The bottom line is that whenever you co-sign a loan, you should recognize that you can be held responsible for the full balance of the loan in case of a default.

I am frequently asked whether people should co-sign loans for friends and relatives. I always recommend proceeding with caution. Co-signing a loan is the same thing as loaning someone money. When it comes to loaning a family member or friend money, if you expect to be repaid you need to treat it as a business transaction. The terms such as interest, when payments are due and what happens upon default need to be discussed and put in writing. I think the same applies when you co-sign a loan. You are taking legal responsibility and need to take it seriously.

I recognize that when it comes to family and friends, you may feel that money is not the most important issue. However, don't forget that the majority of divorces and family disputes revolve around money. Therefore, you cannot just dismiss the financial aspect.

On the whole, I discourage most people from co-signing a loan, particularly a long-term mortgage, because if the bank would not loan them money, why would you?

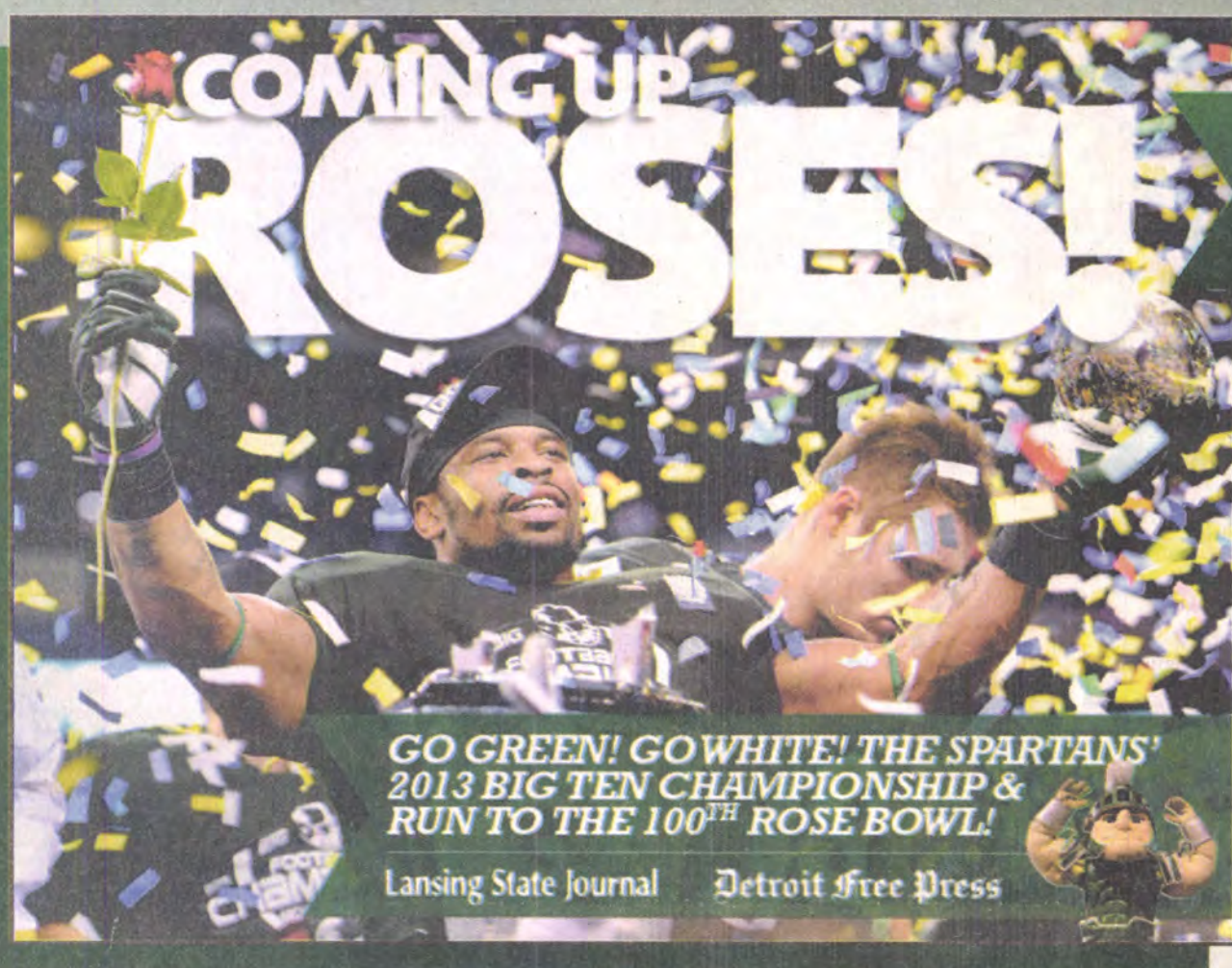
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Prevent frostbite, hypothermia with these tips

With the temperature in the teens, wind chill bringing the mercury below zero and another arctic blast of frigid air expected this week, both the Henry Ford Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine and the Michigan Humane Society (MHS) have tips for keeping individuals and their pets safe.

Prevention is the key for humans and animals alike.

Individuals should dress appropriately. This includes layering clothing with a first layer that pulls moisture away from the skin, an outer layer that keeps the elements out and a middle layer that insulates. Hats are a must because the head is where 30 percent of the body's heat loss takes place. Gloves and face protection also are necessary in extremely cold weather.

Frostbite is caused by exposure to dry, cold temperatures below freezing. It can result in permanent damage and tissue loss. The most susceptible body parts are fingers, toes, cheeks, ear lobes and the tip of the nose because they are located at the most distant points of the circulatory system. A precursor to frostbite is frostnip, in which the skin is numb, white and firm to the touch.

Early symptoms of frostbite include tingling, numbness and pain in the affected area. The skin turns white or gray, and is cold and hard to the touch.



A Michigan Humane Society rescue team member places straw in an outdoor dog house.

There is no feeling in the affected area. The skin may blacken and form a tough layer that eventually disappears, revealing new skin that will always be more susceptible to frostbite. Deep frostbite can involve underlying tissue, muscle, tendon and bone.

Get help

If you suspect you have frostbite, seek medical attention immediately. If transportation is delayed, rewarm the affected area in warm bath water. If a thermometer is not available, the water should feel comfortably warm to unaffected parts. Take warm, non-alcoholic fluids. Rewarming at the location should be avoided if medical care is available within two hours. When color returns, wrap the part in ster-

ile gauze or a clean cloth, separating the fingers and toes. Elevate the affected part after rewarming to decrease swelling and pain.

"In the past 24 hours, (Jan. 2-3) we have seen one case of frostbite and one case of hypothermia in the Emergency Department at Henry Ford Hospital downtown," said David Olejarz, hospital public relations spokesman.

Individuals suffer from hypothermia if their core temperature falls below 95 degree Fahrenheit. This happens through exposure to cool and/or damp conditions. Cardiac arrhythmia also is possible when the core body temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The elderly, immobile and psychiatric patients are most at risk.

Symptoms include slurred speech, decreased coordination, uncontrollable shivering, cold and pale skin, blue lips and nails, stiffening of neck and limbs, memory lapses, stumbling, abnormally slow breathing and a slow, irregular heart beat. The condition worsens when the shivering stops, muscles stiffen and the skin turns bluish.

Seek medical attention immediately. A person with mild hypothermia can take warm, non-alcoholic fluids. When hypothermia is more severe, treatment varies based on age. A young person can be warmed in a hot bath, but warming for the elderly should be gradual. Make sure clothing is dry and wrap the person in blankets.

Warm pets, too

Pet owners should seek veterinary care immediately if their animal is cold to the touch or his paws and ears are pale. He may be suffering from frostbite.

"If we had our way, no pets would be kept outside in this weather," said Debby MacDonald, MHS chief cruelty investigator and facility director of the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care. "But because the law allows them to be kept outside as long as they have adequate food, water and shelter, we're going to be out there making sure they have the

proper provisions."

If pet owners leave their animals outdoors for any length of time, they are required by Michigan state law to provide enough food and water, as well as adequate shelter. MHS recommends that dogs be provided a well-built, insulated, slant-roofed dog house. The interior should be just large enough for the dog to stand and to lie down comfortably and slightly elevated from the ground for air circulation. The door should face away from prevailing winds and have a protective flap to eliminate drafts. Clean, dry straw should be provided for bedding. An unheated garage or shed, overly-large dog house or one that lacks straw, or a tie-out in the open air are considered inadequate.

MHS also recommends:

» Small and short-haired pets stay indoors when the temperatures reach 15-20 degrees.

» Increase the amount of food you provide for dogs left outside by 10-20 percent during the winter months. The extra calories are needed to help an animal to stay warm.

» Roaming cats often seek the warmth of car engines, so be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car to startle them and give them a chance to escape.

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UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 16, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Giving blood takes approximately one hour. To make an appointment, call 248-473-1800 or register online at www.redcrossblood.org. Enter the sponsor code costickcenter and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time.

DRUG SERIES

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 11, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Exhibition Room on the first floor, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. "What To Know," on Feb. 4, will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems.

"What To Do," on Feb. 11, will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org. **FITNESS CLASSES**

Farmington Hills Special Services Department offers a variety of exercise classes, including a bootcamp, Zumba, Z-Box Core, and cardio boxing, beginning Jan. 13. Register in

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Zhong Shu Temple - Michigan, will offer a vegetarian cooking class, beginning at 10 a.m. Jan. 10, at the temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call 248-579-4791.

Why So SAD?

Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder is Half the Battle.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Lemon
Internal Medicine

It's a new year and the hustle, bustle and stress of the holidays are all in the rearview mirror. It's time to relax and feel good about life right? Maybe, but we live in Michigan, and it's quite possible we won't see sunshine for the next 60 days. That fact alone is cause for depression, but did you know the seasons themselves can have a significant impact on your mood? Internist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Zachary Lemon, shines a light on seasonal affective disorder, better known as SAD.

Q: What is seasonal affective disorder (SAD)?

A: Commonly misdiagnosed as hypothyroidism, infectious mononucleosis, or a number of other viral infections, SAD is our body's reaction to reduced exposure to sunlight. This is believed to have an unbalancing effect on our natural sleep cycles and other circadian rhythms, manifesting into a type of depression that tends to occur as the days grow shorter and colder.

Symptoms of SAD can begin to appear as early as mid-September and last into April and even May. While severity and duration varies from person to person, women have a greater risk for developing SAD. Symptoms tend to come and go at roughly the same time of year for each individual, and range from cases of mild to deep depression, moodiness, weight gain, fatigue and over sleeping, along with a decreased interest in sex and social withdrawal.

Q: Can SAD be treated?

A: In addition to being key in the prevention of seasonal affective disorder, regular exposure to bright light, particularly fluorescent lights, significantly improves depression in people with this disorder. Phototherapy is commercially available in the form of light boxes, which are used for approximately 30 minutes every day. The light required must be of sufficient brightness, approximately 25 times brighter than a normal living room light. Contrary to prior theories, the light does not need to be actual daylight from the sun. It's quantity, not quality, of light that matters in light therapy treatment. Phototherapy should not be confused with the use of tanning beds or booths. While the UVA and UVB lights used for tanning can provide a certain level of relief from the effects of SAD, the inherent dangers, such as skin cancer and premature aging of the skin, far outweigh any possible benefit.

Psychotherapy as well as antidepressant medication prescribed under a doctor's supervision, have been found to be an effective treatment for SAD. Individuals who suffer from seasonal affective disorder also benefit from the increased social support and understanding of friends and family during their more vulnerable times of the year.

If left untreated, some cases of SAD can become severe. So, don't brush off that yearly feeling as simply a case of the "winter blues". Take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year. If you or someone you love may be suffering from SAD, make an appointment to see your physician or therapist right away.

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9 pointers for networking rehabilitation

Kim Monaghan
Career Columnist

Unfortunately the word "networking" makes many people cringe. Somewhere along the line, this vital process in career advancement garnered a tainted reputation, a few battle scars and an unjustifiably abused moniker.

Perhaps, it stems from those who have misused networking to gain unfair advantages in their quest of climbing the corporate ladder.

Or maybe networking's a victim of word association, as it's often paired with strong arm sales techniques. It could also be that networking is simply misunderstood as just a process of walking up to complete strangers and attempting to carry on an interesting conversation about "whatever." Regardless of why networking is licking its wounds, it's still the front-runner for career advancement.

The best way to move past networking's tarnished past is

to help it heal. This begins with re-associating the word with it's true meaning: connecting. People love connecting, and thanks to the Internet, reaching out to random strangers has become an everyday habit. The key, however, to making networking healthy again is to approach the process respectfully. In other words, adopt a networking approach that's authentic by graciously spending time with others, getting to know them, learning from them, asking for advice and always offering the same in return.

Shown here are nine tips to get the most out of your networking experience, while contributing to its rehabilitation.

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1.



Ask questions. Help guide the process by coming prepared with targeted questions that keep you both on track and on time.

2.



Be a good listener. People love sharing their story, and it's a great way to learn from others' experience and expertise.

3.



Shoot for face-to-face. An in-person meeting is more personal and expressive and demonstrates respect for another's position.

4.



Be your best. Show your strengths, but not in a domineering way. People enjoy connecting with others who are "going places" with purpose and pride.

5.



Be at your best. Dress for success, be kind and gracious and treat the other person as if she has the authority to hire or promote. She just might.

6.



Respect each other's time. Be on time, leave on time and don't abuse someone's generosity by scheduling too many meetings, unless it's a mutually agreed upon goal.

7.



Ask for referrals. Networking is about connecting and sharing connections. If your contact was gracious enough to share referrals, following through on contacting them shows respect.

8.



Stay positive. Even if you've been fired or are facing a work challenge, this is not the time for dumping your woes on others. Focus on the positive and you will leave a positive impression.

9.



Say "thanks" and "thanks" again. Thank them for their time, and send them a handwritten thank-you note after your meeting.



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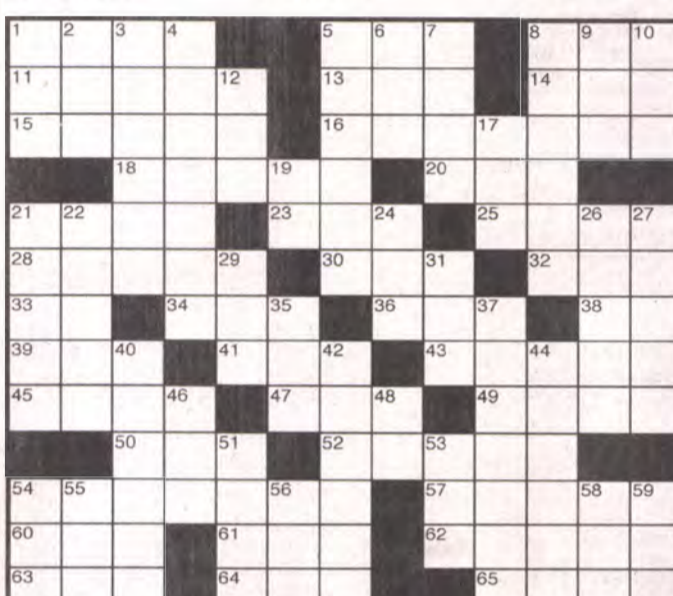
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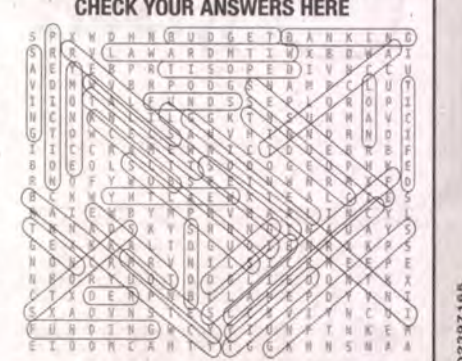
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With New Genesis, Sonata – and CEO – Hyundai Chases Growth



By Dale Buss

Many Hyundai dealers are optimistic that the change at the top of Hyundai Motor America has installed a "dealer guy" who will be more effective than his predecessor at getting U.S. sales off the dime. He'll also need to oversee the successful launch of a couple of important new products in 2014.

Hyundai jarred the automotive world with the announcement that Hyundai Motor America CEO John Krafcik stepped down as of January 1, replaced by David Zuchowski, the chief sales executive of the U.S. arm of the Korean automaker.

Zuchowski told me that the move was "a complete surprise" to him but stressed that "the very nice thing here is I'm coming into a situation that I'm very familiar with. We have a good strategy and business plan in place, and my job is to step into the role to take it from here."



David Zuchowski

Hyundai's new U.S. chief also told me that it's very clear what his priorities must be as he begins the new year at the helm: ensuring successful launches of a new Genesis in the first half of 2014 and a new Sonata in the second.

"Product is everything in our business, and ensuring the successful launch of those two products is the top thing I can

do," Zuchowski said.

Many dealers also were optimistic that the 55-year-old Zuchowski would allow them to up their game as he replaces the 52-year-old Krafcik, according to Automotive News. Scott Fink, chairman of Hyundai's dealer council and owner of three Hyundai dealerships in Florida, told the publication that Hyundai dealers were "thrilled" to hear of Zuchowski's promotion.

Dealers have been generally pleased with Hyundai's consistent approach to incentive spending, the magazine said, which has helped their profit margins, and its hands-off approach to implementing facility improvements. "He is a dealer guy," Fink said of Zuchowski. "He understands the business, he can talk to the dealers, he can talk to the Koreans. He's a brilliant guy."

In a statement, his bosses said that Zuchowski "has consistently distinguished himself as a results-oriented and motivational leader in our industry. During his time at Hyundai, Dave has been instrumental in our growth, especially among our dealers. He exhibits a rare combination of passion, intelligence, creativity and diligence, and we are confident that he is the right choice to build on John's momentum and take Hyundai to new and greater heights."

In something that surely has helped prepare him for his new role, Zuchowski noted that he has broadened his duties lately "to find myself getting more involved in marketing and product

development than in the past." Nevertheless, he said, "I see no reason to make any dramatic changes for the sake of change."

There were few public hints before that Krafcik, who spearheaded Hyundai's transformation into a major brand in the U.S. market, might be leaving, especially so abruptly. But company leadership in South Korea presumably has been smarting from the necessity to reach a final settlement of \$210 million this month in the mileage-restatement fiasco that occurred last year under Krafcik's watch.

Even more significant may have been the fact that, this year, Hyundai experienced some slippage in the pace of its sales gains compared with the still-recovering U.S. industry overall and had to rely more than in the past on sales incentives and increased fleet sales.

In fact, the brand was beginning to look a bit more tentative lately under Krafcik than competitors such as Toyota and Honda which have come back strongly from their own difficult few years.

Hyundai bosses abroad just promised not to allow such problems go on much longer. Chung Mong Koo, chairman of both Hyundai and Kia, told Korean employees in an annual meeting that he's predicting a combined global increase in

deliveries for the two brands of only 4 percent, to nearly 7.9 million vehicles in 2014, which would comprise the slowest growth for the entity since 2006.

But he vowed that the company would invest in improving vehicle safety and technology as competition gets fiercer



Hyundai for now is keeping the mystery around the 2015 Genesis

and the global economy reaches a "low-growth era," according to Bloomberg.

And actually, Hyundai could use another dramatic lurch forward similar to the one it experienced under Krafcik, a bit of an industry iconoclast who typically speaks his mind. He led Hyundai to huge increases in sales volume and market share, garnered some top industry awards for Hyundai vehicles including the 2009 Genesis and 2012 Elantra, oversaw the stretching of the Hyundai brand to upscale models such as Genesis and Equus, and shepherded Hyundai's elevation to major platforms in American advertising including the Super Bowl and the Oscars.

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