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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

"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 Author-

» The city expects to close on the Taylor Towers refinancing 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

### Year of achievement, personal loss

By LeAnne Rogers

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 claiming 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 equip-

ment upgrades. » Wayne hosted its first Rouge-a-Palooza highlighting

the Rouge River, free flowing See 2013, Page A2



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

## 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 Can-

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

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

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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### 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 pro-

"The 11-week, evidencedbased 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 fam-

"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

» "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-

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in their households.

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 Barns Elementary School will be transformed into a new Dorsey Center, replacing the existing center on Dorsey and Venov

"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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### **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 stssimonand jude@gmail.com or call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436 for more informa-

All proceeds benefit the Ss. Simon and Jude **Building Debt Reduction**  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-eighthgrade 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. Nonresident fees are \$13 for a couple and \$18 for a dad and two daughters. Cost includes snacks, square dancing and a memory

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



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 coves on

» 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.

each American war.

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

» Rainy weather

\$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."

Macular Degeneration?

### 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.

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"We want to help the ty 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 coworkers 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 We're informal. We will have quarterly meetings and hope to get one or two social events with the meetings," said Bri-

Dues for a calendar year membership are \$50.

For more information, contact Briney at 734-981-8622 or rambri-

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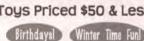
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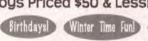
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### **Mackinac Center for Public Policy: Local** lawmakers get perfect 2013 voting records

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

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

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

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

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

off the floor during votes.

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 Sat-urday, 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 Marvaso'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 ev-

ery 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.cantonvillagetheater.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

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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 handling 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-

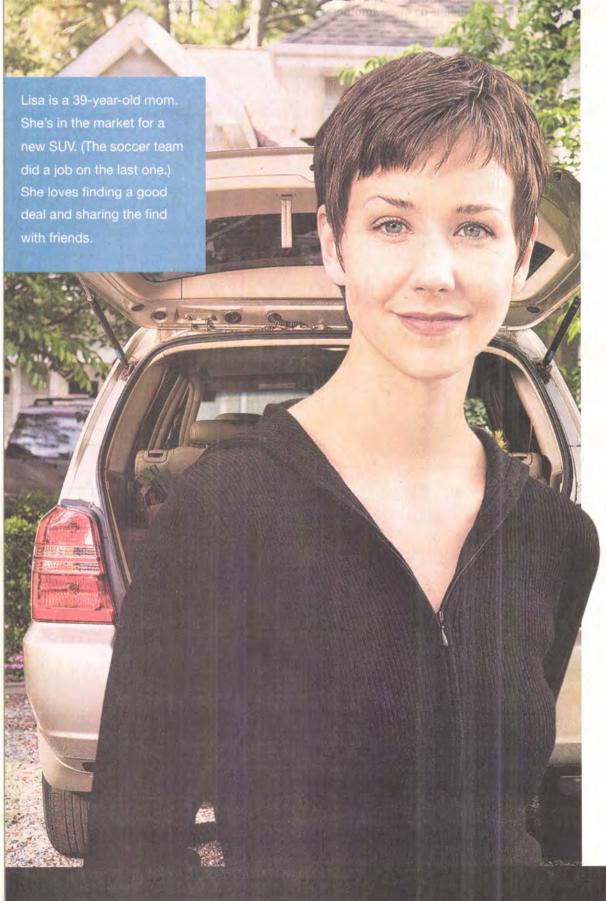
Participants will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for their money and change their family tree forever. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days of taking the class.

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.

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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 Otts 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 my-

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

### 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

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

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 Yatoo-ma, 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 carjacking 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.

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are willing to come in

and help our families,'

Moore said. "We need

around our families, local

businesses that are ready

and willing to help these

families with whatever

the foundation helps

Most of the families

come from Detroit, with

a "good number" from Oakland County. Moore

reach further into Wayne

County, as well, but that

said the foundation is

trying to expand its

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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.

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 Septem-

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

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's 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' general 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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### Serving in Uganda



Sgt. Ronald J. Ramsey of Westland, team leader with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force, cleans his M-4 carbine in Entebbe, Uganda, Dec. 27. The Marines from SP-MAGTF Crisis Response are postured in Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti and Entebbe, Uganda, to better respond to threats against U.S. personnel and interests in South Sudan. SP-MAGTF Crisis Response is a self-mobile, self-sustaining force capable of responding to a range of crises to protect both U.S. and partner-nation security interests in the region, while also strengthening partnerships throughout the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command area of responsibility. PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ROBERT L. FISHER III

### 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 Art 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 treasurers 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 peri-

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.

### 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

» 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 repos-

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sessed. » 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

#### City of Wayne **Public Notice**

Please take notice that the City of Wayne Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meed in regular session on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. For the calendar year of 2014, those twelve (12) meetings are as follows:

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### MORNING STIFFNESS

Identifying that a patient is experiencing morning stiffness, brings a physician a long step forward in identifying the reason for joint pain In the medical community, morning stiffness is more than a loss of flexibility in the morning that lasts until the hands warm up.

What physicians mean by morning stiffness is a profound loss of hand movement occurring because the hands can barely move. This stiffness can take hours to resolve including that at the least the patient needs an hour or more to dress because fingers cannot grasp buttons or even move shirts off of their hangers.

The reason for such extreme immobility of the hands is that fingers did not move during the night. Because of joint inflammation, the hand joints needed extreme articular rest. Not moving during the night made it impossible for those joints to return to usual functions in the morning.

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 palmer tissue between the palmer 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," saidd 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 I 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 ba-

sis," 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

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) doubledup (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.

with such uncertainty.

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

time."
A series of events which began about a dozen years ago — when the

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 mon-

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ey 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?

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.

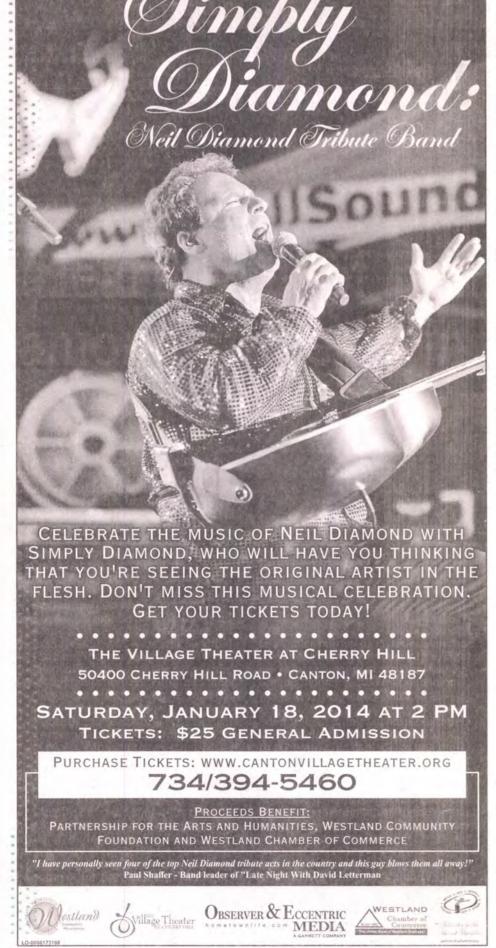
I am frequently asked whether people should co-sign loans for friends and relatives. I always recommend proceeding with caution. Co-signing a loan is the same thing as loaning someone money. When it comes to loaning a family member or friend money, if you expect to be repaid you need to treat it as a 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?

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Good luck.



## **EARLY START**

### Peters, Land campaign across state for Levin's seat

By Joanne Maliszewski

Democratic U.S. Rep. Gary Peters isn't anticipating an August primary in his race to fill the seat held by longtime Sen. Carl Levin. But Republican opponent Terri Lynn Land sees the race as an opportunity to bring change for Michigan.

To date, Peters, who represents Michigan's 14th U.S. Congressional district, and former Michigan Secretary of State Land are the only two who have publicly announced their candidacies to fill the vacancy that will be left when Levin retires later

"When Sen. Levin announced his intention not to run, I saw it as an opportunity in Michigan to change our representation," Land said. "I believe people still remember me as Secretary of State."

No one is yet likely to place bets on who will be the winner. But some polls, such as one conducted by the Cook Political Report, an independent, nonpartisan newsletter that analyzes elections and campaigns, in December called the race "a toss up." Meanwhile, the Rothenberg Political Report, also a nonpartisan newsletters, has listed the race for Levin's seat as favoring the Demo-

Like Land, Peters is already campaigning with his Listening Tours throughout the state and raising money. "We have been very aggressive," he said. "I think we have broad support in the Democratic Party."

Land calls Michigan a "relationship state. I have been traveling across the state. People know me and I know them.

#### Jobs, economy

Both candidates see jobs and Michigan's economy as a continuing major issue, despite improvement in the auto industry. "Michigan has really been hard hit because of dependency on the auto and manufac-turing industries," Land said.

Peters, who is co-chairman of the Auto caucuses in the U.S. House, wants to continue his efforts to maintain the auto industry and to diversify the state economy. Both candidates believes the state's economic success will be found in small busi-

"Jobs and the economy is a major issue. But I think that is not government's job (to create jobs). Government's job is to help people be suc-cessful," Land said.

Peters and Land are on opposite

#### **Brief candidate** biographies

U.S. Rep. Gary Peters, 55, born and raised in Pontiac. Currently, a Bloomfield Hills resident. He graduated from Alma College in 1980 and received a master of business

administration degree from the University of Detroit in 1984. Peters also holds a degree from the Wayne State University Law School and an M.A. in philosophy from Michigan State University.



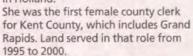
Peters

Represents the 14th Congressional district, which includes: half of the City of Detroit as well as Farmington Hills, the Grosse Pointes, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Keego Harbor, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Orchard Lake, Pontiac, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Sylvan Lake and West Bloomfield.

He was re-elected to the U.S. House in 2012 and previously served from 2009-13 in the 9th Congressional district, which was redrawn. He also served in the Michigan Senate from 1995 to 2002.

Former Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, 54, graduated from Grandville High School. Currently lives in Byron Center. During which

time she was a "scatter blitzer" for the Gerald Ford campaign. In 1978, she was one of the youngest attendees at the Republican State Convention. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Hope College in Holland.



Land served two terms as Michigan Secretary of State from 2003-11, at which time she was term-limited and could not seek re-election to the position. In her first run for Secretary of State, she won 75 of Michigan's 83 counties and in her second race won 76

sides of the fence on the Affordable Care Act. Peters believes the health care reform will be successful, while Land wants it repealed.

"I have never seen a perfect bill,"

Peters said, adding that it can be tweaked as time goes on. "Take Medicare bills. "We are constantly going back and fixing them.

Peters is adamant that the ACA cannot be repealed because of provisions, such as those prohibiting insurance companies from charging more - or not insuring at all - people with pre-existing health conditions. Another important aspect, Peters said, is the provisions allowing children up to age 26 to be covered by their family's health insur-

On the other hand, Land said those provisions can still be addressed without the ACA. She said promises have already been broken, such as to the more than 200,000 residents who are forced to change insurance. "They were told they can't keep their

insurance after they were promised. "Rates are only going to get worse. We need to repeal it (ACA)," Land said. "We need to help folks without insurance rather than have a broadbased system. People who insurance they like should be able to keep it."

#### Working together

Yet Peters and Land believe both parties must come together and find a way to work with each other in Congress. "We need to take a practical, common sense approach to governing," Peters said. "You don't make decisions based on ideology. The American people believe we need to come together.'

Voters want transparency in gov-ernment, Land said. "When I was Secretary of State, we put our budget and expenses online. The federal government should do it, too.'

Land would agree with the need to work across the aisle. "I truly believe people want folks in government to work together. While Secretary of State, Land said, she accomplished a number of initiatives, such as modernizing the the services offered, upgrading technology and making the website user-friendly.

"I did that by working with a bipartisan legislative group," Land said. "I saved money in customer service. I didn't get everything I wanted. We just have to work togeth-

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### **Ex-Wing McCarty** discusses career, book at chamber luncheon

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty will discuss his recent book

that documents his life on and off the ice at a multiple-community luncheon coming to Laurel Manor in Livonia on Friday, Feb. 7. The four-time Stan-

ley Cup champion will McCarty discuss his book, My Last Fight, in an onstage discussion with WJR Radio Sports Director Steve Courtney at the event that involves the Livonia, Westland and Novi chambers of commerce. Members of the audi-

ence will have the chance to ask

questions. "We look forward to meeting Darren and hearing about memorable moments from those championship Red Wings teams, but also how he will bluntly talk about some hard lessons he learned in life," said Livonia Chamber President Dan West. "Regardless of your interest in hockey, I believe everyone will ap-

preciate at least some aspect of his

There are many memories fans recall from the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup championship runs of 1997, 1998, 2002, and 2008, and McCarty provided his share of those. The grinding winger was a beloved player for his likable personality, willingness to drop the gloves, and ability to score clutch goals.

Despite his success on the ice, McCarty is also known for his publicized struggles with addiction, finances, and health issues - some of those issues he continues to battle today.

In My Last Fight, McCarty shares inside stories from his childhood building his hockey dreams, to his 15-year professional hockey career, to details his personal struggles in the hope others will learn valuable

Copies of the book will be sold at the event, and McCarty will take pictures and sign autographs after the formal presentation.

Seats can be reserved now. The cost is \$30 for chamber members, \$40 for guests. For more information, contact Laura Sweeney at 734-427-2122, or email her at sweeney@livonia.org.

### Botsford Hospital's first baby of 2014 born to Westland couple

By Aileen Wingblad

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills welcomed its first newborn of 2014 when Layla Hochstein made her entrance into the world at 6:15 p.m. on

Weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 22 inches, Layla is the daughter of Tabitha Hardy and David Hochstein of Westland.

Since 2009, an average of 843 babies have been born each year at Botsford Hospital. This includes 843 in 2013, 816 in 2012, 829 in 2011, 900 in 2010 and 828 in 2009, totaling 4,216 births during the 5-year period.

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David Hochstein and Tabitha Hardy of Westland are the parents of Botsford Hospital's first baby of 2014, Layla Hochstein.

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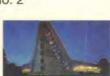
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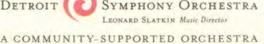
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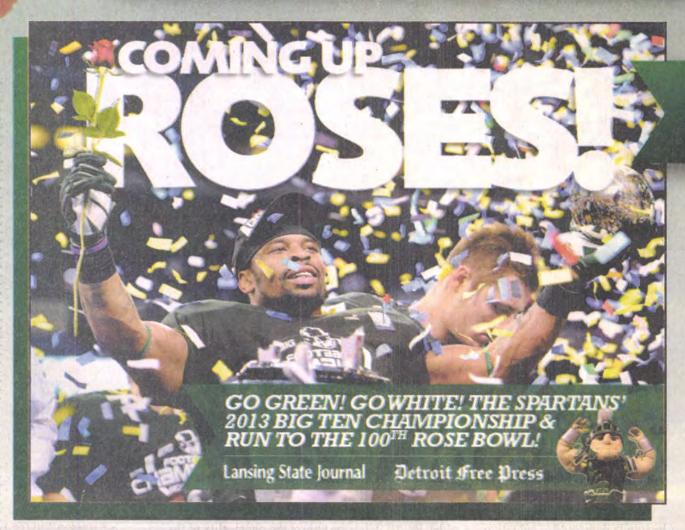
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Westland residents David Fucteau (left) and Cory Mulhern are chasing their dreams of boxing glory at Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland. ED WRIGHT

# 'RING'ING IN THE NEW YEAR

Westland duo find boxing an appealing alternative to team sports

> By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Three years ago, Westland resident Cory Mulhern's aggressive nature was getting him into more trouble than he wanted or needed.

"I was getting in a lot of fights at school," remembered Mulhern, now 17. "Someone said I should start boxing to use my aggression in a positive way. That's when I started coming here.'

"Here" for Mulhern - and several other Observerland-area athletes - is the Dynamic Boxing Club, a Westland-based sanctuary

for ring enthusiasts who are finding that a lot of sweat equity can lead to gold medals and – someday, hopefully – green cash. While still in his formative years in the

ring, Mulhern is developing into a potential prize fighter. Boxing at 201 pounds, he has carved out a 15-5 record thanks to a work ethic that his mentor, Paul Soucy, vigorously praised.

"The thing about Cory is that he is here just about every day," said Soucy, the owner of the Dynamic Boxing Club. "And when

he's here, he's working.
"To be successful in boxing, you have to be totally dedicated to conditioning, which is 75 percent of the sport. And Cory has bought into that. If you're in great condition, you can go a long way in this sport. We'll teach you to box, but if you're in bad shape and

you're not willing to work, you're in the wrong sport."

Mulhern's weekly boxing regimen includes almost-daily runs that cover three to four miles - no matter the weather.

"I actually like running better in the winter than I do the summer," he admitted.

"The less heat, the better."

Boxing's benefits – all non-monetary so far – have been plentiful for Mulhern.

"I'm a lot more confident person now, especially when I win," he said. "I'm healthier because of all the working out I do, and I only get in fights when I'm in the ring.

While he enjoys the physicality of the sport, Mulhern said the intangible aspects of boxing are also appealing.

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### Once a Cougar, always a Cougar

Former, current GC lady cagers converge for annual showdown

By Ed Wright

The event that unfolded in the Garden City High School gymnasium Friday night was billed as an alumni basketball game, but it felt more like a family reunion.

Yes, members of the current Cougars varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams squared off against former GC players in two spirited, action-packed contests.

It's a tradition-rich event that started in

the late 1980s. But it was the once-a-year display of camaraderie and bonding between the returning players, as well as the way the competitive juices for the young and more-seasoned Cougars pumped at a fast and furious pace that made the night special.

After the final buzzer sounded following the alumni's come-from-behind 41-37 victory over the varsity squad, players exchanged hugs and fond memories before heading off to a local eating establishment for more

reminiscing. "For one, it's a great opportunity to come back and actually play again," said Terri (Paul) Cable, who starred for the Cougars in the mid-'80s. "It's also nice to see how the

current program is thriving.' Cable added a nice touch to the festivities prior to the first game, when she wrote an inscription on the gym's basketball box that honored former team manager Pete Jablonski, who passed away a couple of years ago. "Pete, Forever in our hearts. We miss

you! We love you!" Cable wrote.

While Cable drove in from Memphis, Tenn., others - like GCHS teacher Yvette McKay - still reside just a long jump shot from the school.

"When I see some of the girls on the team in the hallways in the days leading up to the game, there's a little good-natured trash talking," McKay said, smiling. "This is the only time I really get to play basketball anymore, so I look forward to it, no doubt. It's always a lot of fun."

For 2013 GCHS graduate Libby Gazley, the one-year transition from the varsity squad to the alumni team was seamless.

"The alumni girls were very welcoming to me, even though I was playing against them last year," Gazley said. "They said, 'Now you're with us, so you're going to help us beat them.'

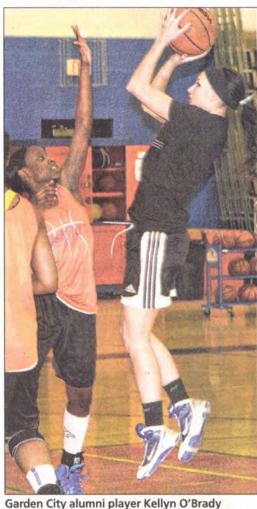
Gazley, a freshman at the University of Michigan, is doing whatever she can to remain active in basketball.

"Michigan doesn't have a club team like most schools in the area, so I'm trying to get one started," she said. "It's kind of expensive, but for girls like me who still like playing, it's worth it."

Fittingly, the alumni squad was coached by retired strategists Marshall Henry and Barry Patterson.

"It's my one opportunity every year to come back and get involved again," said Henry, a highly-successful coach at Garden City from 1978-99. "It's fun coaching this team. They all still know what to do, but it takes a little longer for the brain and the muscles to connect."

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launches a pull-up jumper over Deija Collier.

### **RU** baseball clinic

The Redford Union High School baseball program will host a clinic from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, in the high school gymnasium for kids in grades 7-9. The clinic is free.

The Panthers coaching staff and members of the varsity team will instruct players in the areas of pitching, hitting, fielding, throwing, base-running, catching and developing a "champion's mentality."

To reserve a spot in the clinic, players' parents should contact RU head coach Bob Miller at coachbobmiller@yahoo.com.

### Reporting results

Local high school and youth athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at 734-578-2767 or ewright@hometownlife.com. The deadline for

Thursday editions of the Observer is Tues-day at 10 p.m. The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 10 p.m.

### Free-throw contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest is free.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call David Lengel at 734-516-4930.

### WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is under way.

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**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** 

### No new year's hangover for Whalers

Plymouth opens 2014 with shootout win over Sault Ste. Marie

> Tim Smith Staff Writer

Hockeytown's finally in the rear-view mirror for the Plymouth Whalers and they got back to business with Thursday's 3-2 shootout victory over Sault Ste. Marie.

Clutch goaltending by Alex Nedeljkovic kept the Whalers close during the third period of the matinee game at Compuware Arena so that forward Zach Lorentz could chip in the equalizer with 55 seconds remaining in regulation.

Lorentz then scored during the shootout, as did Connor Chatham and Jordan Addesi the latter's roof shot putting the Whalers in front.

All Plymouth needed to seal the win was another stop by Nedeljkovic and he turned aside Michael Bunting's bid to make the Whalers' first 2014 contest a triumphant one.

"He (Bunting) came down on my right side, he just brought the puck across," said Nedeljkovic, who made 32 saves and was the No. 1 star. "I just tried to follow him as best I could and get something on

Nedeljkovic also came up big in the third period. His goaltending kept Plymouth close enough so that Lorentz could score the tying goal, with the Whalers on the power play and with Nedeljkovic pulled for an extra skater.

Hammering away at the puck near Greyhounds goalie Matt Murray (28 saves) were forwards Carter Sandlak and Lorentz. The puck finally dribbled into the crease behind Murray, where Lorentz chipped it in to make it 2-2.

Drawing the assists were Sandlak and center Francesco Vilardi.



Plymouth's Carter Sandlak (No. 25) scores in the second period Thursday against Sault Ste. Marie goalie Matt Murray. At right for the Whalers is Matt Mistele (No. 22), who passed the puck to Sandlak. RENA LAVERTY PLYMOUTH WHALERS

"It's kind of a desperate play," Lorentz said describing his 16th goal of the season. "In the six-on-five at the end, we were trying to just throw it at

"And I went backdoor and I saw the puck. We were jamming at it and I saw it sitting there, I just flipped it over the goalie's pad."

Also scoring for Plymouth (14-21-0-4) was Sandlak, with 13:45 to go in the second period to tie game at 1-1. Sandlak, who leads the Whalers with 18 goals, tapped in a cross-crease feed from winger Matt Mistele for the power-play goal. Lorentz started the play.

But the Greyhounds (26-8-1-4) regained the lead on a goal by Jared McCann with 3:37 left in the period. The Soo's first

goal came at 19:59 of the first period, on a shot by Sergey Tolchinsky (from Andrew Fritsch).

#### **Bouncing back**

According to Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci, the win was gratifying because it followed a disappointing 5-1 loss New Year's Eve to Windsor. "This was probably one of

our better games we've played as a team," Vellucci said. "We played really smart and got some good scoring chances.

You got to compete and play hard every shift like we did tonight and we can't take minutes off like we did in Windsor. We did not play very well there from the get-go.' Vellucci and his players

undoubtedly will never forget being part of the Hockeytown Winter Festival at Comerica Park in Detroit (the Whalers won 3-2 Dec. 29 against London), but now can focus entirely on moving up the OHL Western Conference standings.

With the win over the Greyhounds, Plymouth is eighth in the conference with 32 points. The top eight teams make the playoffs.

'That was a great outdoor game (at Comerica), obviously, but today was a big win for us. We stuck to it," Vellucci said.

Lorentz noted that playing in the OHL's first outdoor games (Windsor and Saginaw played the first half of a doubleheader) "was a great experience, but it's a new year. We're starting to play our

game. I think it's going to be more positive from here."

Plymouth's win over Sault Ste. Marie followed impressive wins at Oshawa (first in the Eastern Conference) and against London.

'We see what the teams are like at the top of the standings," Lorentz said, "and we're trying to battle to get up as high as we can.'

### Notebook

» Plymouth had a new defenseman Thursday, as the team signed Alex DiCarlo to a 10-game stint.

DiCarlo succeeds defenseman and Canton native Tyler Sensky, who per OHL rules had to be returned to his previous team (Honeybaked Midget Majors). Sensky played six games for the Whalers.

"He (DiCarlo) can only play a few games for us this year, but while we have injuries we can use him," Vellucci said about DiCarlo, a 2013 draft pick of the Whalers who hails from Ontario. "He's going to be a great player for us, he's a big

Vellucci said it is a good thing for the team's future to provide valuable playing experience to youngsters such as Sensky and DiCarlo.

"We're a young team this year," he said. "The more players we can get in there, the

» On the injury front, Vellucci said defenseman Alex Peters (leg) was about one week away from returning to

action. Meanwhile, the Whalers played Thursday without the services of forward Victor Crus Rydberg, who was struck in the jaw by a puck against Windsor. He is expected to make a speedy return to the

» Only about 1,400 attended the Plymouth-Soo matinee.

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BASKETBALL COMMUNITY MOURNS FRED THOMANN

### Area cage teams make room for Thomann tribute

Salem coaching legend to be honored Jan. 14

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Fred Thomann was a giant big in death.

The Plymouth-Canton basketball community is screeching to a halt and rescheduling several Tuesday, Jan. 14, contests in order to make sure a Salem High School-hosted tribute that evening will be the only game in town.

Thomann's Salem girls basketball team will welcome Livonia Stevenson for the 7 p.m. matchup of KLAA Central Division squads. But more importantly, a tribute to the longtime coach is set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

In order for as many as possible to attend the ceremony, P-CCS co-athletic director Sue Heinzman announced several other games were moved to Monday, Jan. 13, including Salem at Stevenson boys and Plymouth vs. Canton girls (at Plymouth) and boys (at Canton).

I have spoken to all parties involved and we are moving

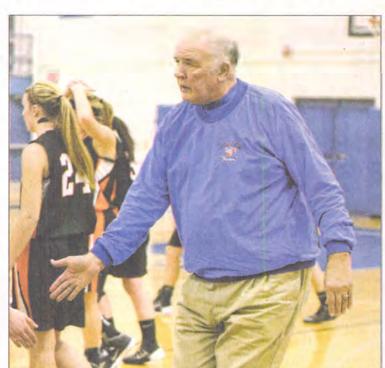
the ... games to accommodate all basketball teams and coach-es to attend," Heinzman wrote in an email last week. "A special thank you to Stevenson's athletic administrator, Lori Hyman, and her boys basketball coaching staff for supporting this move

Heinzman, among others, will offer remarks about Thomann before the Salem-Stevenson game. At halftime, former players will be introduced and a reception will take place following the contest in the Salem cafeteria.

Meanwhile, the current team will wear blue wristbands with Thomann's initials for the rest of the season.

The 71-year old Thomann died Friday, Dec. 27, following a heart procedure. He coached a total of 41 years at Salem, the first decade with the boys and the last 31 years with the girls. His 2013-14 team was off to a fine 5-1 start before news of the legendary coach's death shocked many over the holiday

Taking over on an interim basis is one of Thomann's former players, Lindsay Klemmer, who graduated from Salem in 1990 and went on to a career at Madonna University.



A tribute to legendary Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 14. Thomann, shown during a game in early December, died Dec. 27. JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO

Klemmer joined Thomann's staff at the start of the current season, following five years as an assistant coach at Concordia

Among those stunned by

Thomann's sudden passing was Plymouth's first-year varsity girls basketball coach Nick Brandon. The Wildcats wore blue headbands in Monday's game against Farmington Hills

Mercy in tribute to Thomann.

"The players and coaches of the Plymouth basketball family are so lucky to have gotten to know coach Thomann through the years and he will be deeply missed by all involved with our program," oach Fred was Brandon said like a walking encyclopedia of basketball knowledge, but more importantly, he had a positive and lasting impact on countless young peoples' lives in our community.

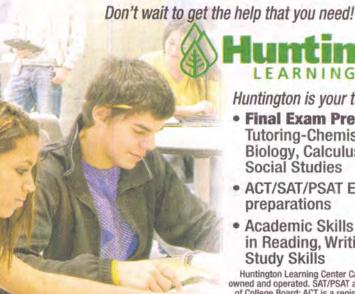
'On a personal note, I am so fortunate to have been able to call coach Fred a colleague during the past few years and he was always full of wisdom and advice that has helped me tremendously as a young

The Canton girls basketball team also honored Thomann during Friday's home game against Grosse Pointe South by donning blue socks and headbands. Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski wore a blue and gray shirt at the start of the game as a tribute to Thomann.

Salem's first game with Klemmer at the helm is 7 p.m. Tuesday against visiting North-

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### **BOXING**

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"I like the strategy that comes with it," he said. "You always have to be thinking, every second you're in the ring or else one punch can put

you down." Fellow Westland resident David Fucteau has also been bitten by the boxing bug. Now 14 and a freshman at Livonia Franklin High School, Fucteau has already chiseled out an impressive 34-14 record between the ropes.

Although he has dabbled in several sports, including cross country, wrestling and baseball, it's boxing that now soaks up most of his competitive juices.

"The thing I like the best about boxing is that there are just three people in the ring - you, the

other guy and the ref," he said. "If you don't win, the only one you can blame is yourself.'

Fucteau said he often spends six days a week at Dynamic, staying an average of two-and-a-half hours per visit.

"Boxing keeps me away from the bad crowd at school," he said. "If I'm here every day, I'm not going to be getting into any trouble.

Fucteau said his match schedule fluctuates from one to four tournaments in a month.

He is currently taking the jump in weight classes from 95 to 119

"Ultimately," he said, "I want to make the United States Olympic Team in 2020 - that's my No. 1 goal."

Soucy said he currently oversees a group of competitive boxers that number 12 to 15.

"There are a lot of guys who come in here

and want to give it a shot, but they soon find out that they're not willing to give what it takes to be successful," he said. "If you're not willing to pay the price, if you're not willing to dedicate your self to the workouts, you need to try something

"We have a lot of guys who just want to come in and work out, try to lose weight and learn the art of self defense. And that's great. Any physical activity you can get is better than sitting doing nothing.'

Soucy said only the self-motivated athletes succeed in the ring.

"We don't chase after anybody to get in here and work out," he said.
"If they want it bad enough, they show up. It's all about self-motiva-

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

### Churchill comeback falls short, 57-48

Vikings stay unbeaten at 5-0

Livonia Churchill made a gallant comeback, but came up short in a 57-48 boys basketball loss Friday night to visiting Walled Lake Cen-

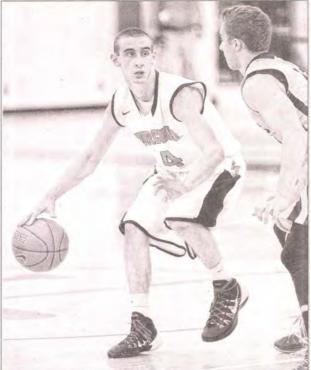
The Chargers, who trailed 40-30 after three quarters, pulled to within one with three minutes remaining on a pair of free throws by senior guard Donte Jackson who led all scorers with 26

But Central, which improved to 5-0 overall, sealed the victory by making 10-of-14 free throws in the final quar-

"We missed a couple of open looks late when we needed a basket," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team slipped to 1-4 overall. "They made an 11-0 run in the second quarter and dug ourselves a hole. The kids played their butts off the second half. They fought back hard, but just couldn't get over the hump.

Justin Nafso led the Vikings with 17 points, while Walter Kelser addd

Jalen Reynolds contributed eight points for



Churchill's Jon Hovermale (left) looks for an opening against Walled Lake Central. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

the Chargers, who shot only 3-of-8 (37.5 percent) from the foul line and 19-of-46 (41.3 percent).

Meanwhile, Central was 16-of-22 (72.7 percent) from the free throw stripe and 19-of-41 from the floor (46.3 percent).

### **Pirates nip Wayne**

On Friday, Sam Black scored 12 points as host Pinckney (5-1) rallied in

the final quarter to beat Wayne Memorial (1-4) in a crossover of KLAA

Wayne carried a 34-31 lead into the final period before being outscored

Jordan Wesler chipped in with nine points for the Pirates, who finished 5-of-10 from the free throw stripe.

DeAndre Carter and

Aaron Journey paced the Zebras with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

"We played hard and did a nice job on the boards," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team went 0-for-3 from the foul line. "We played a good ballclub and pleased with the way we played. We just need to find four more points.'

#### Clarenceville falls

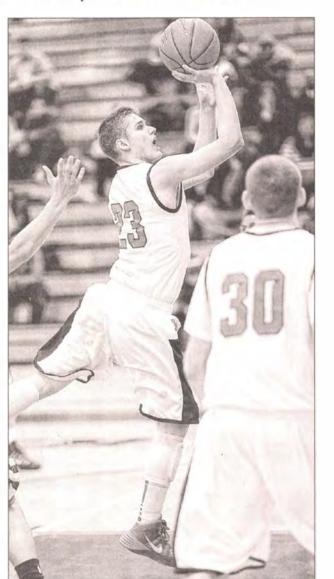
Livonia Clarenceville (4-3) was limited to four first-half field goals in a 78-54 setback Friday to host Dearborn Edsel

Brothers Chad and Craig Gailliard paced victorious Thunderbirds with 19 and 14 points, respectively, while Julian Brown chipped in with 12. Clarenceville got 14

points from Jermell Johnson, while Carlon Davis and Kimani Dooley each added 12.

The Trojans trailed 16-12 after one quarter, but got outscored 25-8 in the second as Edsel Ford took a 41-20 halftime

"They played a 2-3 zone and we must have chucked 100 'threes," said Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson, whose team shots 77.2 percent from the foul line (17of-22).



Churchill's Joan Andoni (middle) gets off a shot against Walled Lake Central. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

### Glenn guard signs letter



Westland John Glenn senior point-guard Kaira Barnes (bottom, left), recently signed an NAIA letter of intent to play basketball at Olivet Nazarene (III.) University. The 5-foot-4 Barnes averaged 12 points per game last season as the Rockets finished 24-2 and reached the state Class A semifinals. Also on hand for the signing were (top row, clockwise from left) brother Genesis Barnes, Jr., mother Tish Barnes, father Genesis Barnes, Sr. and Olivet Nazarene coach Laren Stamatis.

**BOYS HOCKEY** 

### Chargers forge tie with state-ranked Northville

Livonia Churchill fought to a 3-3 draw Friday against visiting Northville in a KLAA Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover at Edgar Arena.

Churchill is now 3-8-2 overall and 2-2-1 in the KLAA's South Division, while Northville, ranked No. 8 in Division 1, stands 7-2-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the KLAA Cen-

Northville led 2-1 after one period on goals by Brett Ridener (from Connor Brown and Grant LaLonde at 6:57) and Jack Meacham (from Tim Eis at 11:10).

Churchill got a first-period goal from Nick Misiak assisted by Drew Puishes and C.J. Cromie at 12:24.

Justin Reinholtz's power play goal from Dan Hudy and Cromie made it 2-all at 4:32 of the second period.

The Chargers then went up 3-2 at the 25second mark of the third period on Puishes goal from Jack Behen and Cromie (his third assist of the night).

Northville's Tim Eis tied it with a short-handed goal from Jack Meacham at 6:41 of the third period.

Churchill goaltender David Turel made 25 saves, while Northville's Jeremy Onofrio made 21

Northville racked up 26 minutes in penalties to Churchill 12.

"It was an emotional battle on both sides," said Churchill coach Jason Reynolds, whose team is 3-8-2 overall and 2-2-1 in the KLAA's South Division. "Both teams had their fair share of infractions and we always seem to have a fierce game with Northville. It's the second year in a row we've tied."

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

### Buckley sparks Clarenceville victory over Edsel Ford

Ladywood falls to Notre Dame, 40-23

Ayanna Buckley came through in a big way Friday night in Livonia Clarenceville's 38-33 girls basketball victory over host Dearborn Edsel

The 6-foot senior center finished with 21 points, 18 rebounds and

eight blocks leading the Trojans to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover triumph over the Thunderbirds.

Clarenceville, now 3-4 overall, won despite making only 8-of-25 free throws.

Mikala Kieling chipped in with nine points and five rebounds for the Trojans, who led 17-13 at halftime and

26-16 after three quar-

Allia Hamood paced the Thunderbirds (3-5) with 11 points.

Blazers clipped

On Friday, host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (3-2) pulled away in the third quarter with a 17-4 run to post a 40-23 victory Livonia Ladywood (0-6) in a Catholic League crossover.

Freshman Erika Selakowski and sophomore Maggie Shirk each tallied six points for the Blazers, who trailed 22-16 at half-

"We started out strong, but they (Notre Dame Prep) had 14 offensive rebounds and that hurt us," Ladywood firstyear coach Amber Culloty said. "We need to handle the ball better and do a better job of controlling the boards. We don't box

### Churchill downed

Alisha McCain tallied 19 points and Johanna Finn added 14 leading host Walled Lake Central (1-5) to 44-34 win Friday over Livonia Churchill

Central jumped out to

a 23-14 halftime advantage before the Chargers cut the deficit to 33-27

after three quarters. Junior guard Natalie Spala and freshman center Annie Yost tallied 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Chargers, who went 11-of-19 from the free throw line.

The Vikings were 13-of-28 from the foul

at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Thursday, Jan. 9 Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Bowl One, 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Plymouth Tournamer at Super Bowl, 1 p.m GIRLS COMPETITIVE

### Habrowski part of Notre Dame's NCAA championship team in men's soccer

By Marty Budner Staff Writer

Matt Habrowski is a lucky charm on the pitch. In his freshman year of

high school, Habrowski was a member of Brother Rice's Division 1 state championship soccer team. Four years later, Habrow-

ski, now a freshman at the University of Notre Dame, was part of the Fighting Irish men's soccer squad that recently captured the NCAA Division I championship.

Notre Dame won the 2013 College Cup with a 2-1 victory over Maryland in the national title game played Dec. 15 at PPL Park in Philadelphia.

The Terrapins were seeking their fourth national championship. Instead, it was Notre Dame landing its first.

The 18-year-old Berkley resident was more than happy to be part of season-ending championship runs at both schools.



titles in his first year) didn't really register with me until after the tournament," Habrowski said. "I got a text from an old

"It (winning

coach (at Rice) and that was really cool. And then I heard from a few others who said something about that. My first years at both schools were something special."

### Positive support

Habrowski was a redshirt defender for the Fighting Irish this year but still an active member of the squad. He was a full-time practice participant who was "lucky enough" to travel with the team

Although he didn't see game action, Habrowski felt just as much a part of the championship as any full-time

roster player. "It was awesome to win it," he said. "I was following them last year when they had the No. 1 ranking and came up a bit short. I think the team was a little bit unlucky last year.

"As this year progressed, we knew we could do it," he added. "Each year there's a whole new team, a new dynamic to each team. That was understood."

Habrowski took particular pride in the fact he helped prepare his teammates for the storied tournament run. He said his role was to provide positive support and maintain a strong work ethic on the practice field at all times.

Habrowski played three years of varsity soccer at Brother Rice, serving as a team captain both his sophomore and junior seasons. He helped lead the Warriors to two district titles and one Catholic League crown. The three-time letter winner also was a three-time all-Catholic League performer.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

Tuesday, Jan. 7
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 7

p.m. Calvary at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. HVL at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10

Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at HVL, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 7 Calvary at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m. HVL at Macomb Christian, 5:30

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Thursday, Jan. 9

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p.m. John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Ladywood vs. Northvill at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m Wednesday, Jan. 8 Franklin vs. Canton, Stevenson vs. Brighton at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 Churchill vs. Salem, Franklin vs. Stevenson Saturday, Jan. 11 at Arctic Pond, 5:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 8
Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Northville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11
Lav City Western Quals, 8:30 Bay City Western Duals, 8:30

Stevenson vs. Salem at Plymouth Cultural Ctr., 8:30

a.m. Luth. Westland Tourney, 9 a.m. Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m. Wayne Tournament, 9 a.m. Garden City Novice, 9:30 a.m Warren Woods Tower Inv., 10

BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 9 Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10 Salem, Stevenson at A.A. Pioneer, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 7
Livonia Red vs, Waterford
Unified
at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Livonia Blue vs. Walled Lake
at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOWLING Monday, Jan. 6 Clarenceville vs. Woodhaven at Cherry Hill Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. N.D. Prep

Wayne Quad, 6 p.m. Canton Quad, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 Saturday, Jan. 11 Stoney Creek PREP SKIING Wednesday, Jan. 9 Ladywood Slalom at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m Thursday, Jan. 10 advwood Giant Slalom

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Wednesday, Jan. 8 UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7:30

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### Marlins whip Wildcats in hoops

Mercy defense holds Plymouth to 13 points in final three quarters

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy finished the old year with an impressive victory and a perfect 5-0 record in girls basket-

In a battle between unbeaten teams Monday, Mercy throttled visiting Plymouth with its aggressive defense and rolled to a surprisingly easy win, 63-26.

The Wildcats jumped to a 6-0 lead at the start of the game, at which time Mercy coach Gary Morris called for a time-

"Once we hit some shots and were able to get our press going, that really turned the tide pretty quickly," Morris

said. "We managed to come back and get the lead by the end of the (first) quarter.

"And I thought we played a really good second quarter. I thought we were very efficient at the offensive end and we were able to exert a lot of pressure (after made baskets).'

The Marlins roared back from the early deficit to lead by four points after the first eight minutes, 17-13.

Mercy held Plymouth to just 13 points over the last three quarters and no more than eight in any one quarter.

The Marlins surged into halftime with a 34-16 lead and extended their advantage to 47-24 at the end of three.

"They're a big team," Morris said, adding Plymouth's Shelby Cheston is 6-foot-4 and Leah Kliczinski is 6-1. "Conversely, we don't have anybody over 5-9 on the floor.

"That certainly was a concern of ours going in - that they would be able to use their size and cause us problems. Fortunately, we were able to get the tempo where we would prefer it to be.

We had seen them a couple times and they had been playing well. They're a team we thought would be a challenge for us. Our style was able to bother them, fortunately for us.

Senior Sierra Le-Grande scored 16 points to lead the Marlins. Junior Taylor Jones was next with 13; seniors Candice Leatherwood and Allie Gorcyca netted 11 apiece. Jada Woody

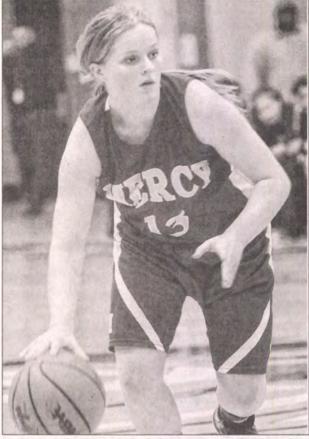
had nine points and Cheston six for the Wildcats (5-1).

Leatherwood also had six assists. There weren't many rebounds to be had, according to Morris.

"I don't know how many turnovers we forced, but they didn't get a ton of shots," he said. "There were not a lot of rebounds for us as a result.

"I thought we did a nice job taking care of the ball. We only had 10 turnovers on the night. We did shoot ball well. which always helps, and I thought we defended very well.

"We were able to get our pressure defense going and it led to some offensive opportunities for us. In addition, I thought we were very effective in our offensive sets.'



Senior guard Paige Roberts helps get the Marlins into their offense. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### North Farmington girls are undefeated thus far in bowling season

By Dan O'Meara

If the team continues at its current pace, North Farmington is certain to have another successful season in girls bowling.

The Raiders, who had an 8-2 record in dual matches and were runners-up to Farmington-Harrison in the OAA White Division last year, are 3-0 this season.

"We're pretty excited about the girls," coach Mike Horner said. "If everything comes together and we keep improving, we think we'll have an opportunity at the end of the season to qualify at the regional to go to state.

We're in a tough regional and there are some really good teams in there. But we think we can be at the level where we can compete with

them by the end of the season.

The Raiders are led once again by senior Rae'ven Turner, who carries a 196 average and is the team's anchor bowler for the fourth consecutive year.

Turner, who was the OAA singles champion last season, is a two-time selection to the all-Observer team. She has bowled four of the top 10 best games and six of the top 10 best series in the history of the program.

In the team's latest win Thursday over Birmingham Unified, Turner bowled games of 224 and 210 and had the best series (434).

She's the genuine article; she's been terrific," Horner said. "If she does what she's capable of doing, she's certainly one of top bowlers



Coach Mike Horner is optimistic about his team's overall outlook.

around.

"She just missed qualifying in the top 16 for match play at the state tournament last year. She was 15 or 16 pins out, which is nothing over six games

The Raiders also return seniors Lizzie Bartram and Amy Doig from last year's varsity. Bartram finished with a 164

average and has continued that this season.

"She's bowling a little better this year," Horner said. "She's more confident and rolling the ball better. She's had moments of brilliance.'

As a first-year bowler last season, Doig scored in the 120s most of the time and has raised her average 20 pins.

"She's made some improvement," Horner said, adding he looks for Doig to be more consistent this year. "She's had moments when she's bowled extremely well, too.'

Sophomores Julia Rhode and Anna Hutchinson and freshman Emily Zalenko have made improvements in their games and averages, and Horner expects them to get even better as the season continues.

Rhode has gone from a 120 average to 156. Hutchinson had a 396 series with a 235 game in the last match. Zalenko, who had never bowled previously, was averag-ing in double figures during tryouts, but she's throwing games of 170 and 180 now.

"(Those three) are young and still improving," Horner said. "If they move up a little more, it's going to help us a lot in terms of compet-ing against the better teams.

"All the girls have great attitudes and we have great chemistry on the team. They're all excited and working hard and supporting each other. When you have that, it makes practice more productive and the team more competitive in matches, too.

"Bowling at its core is a very simple game. If you have the will and mental discipline to be consistent and not let the emotions take over, you can become a pretty good bowler in a short period of time.

The Raiders will need to stay focused and improve if they're going to challenge rival Farmington-Harrison for the division title. The two meet in a dual match Tuesday at Country Lanes.

North was fifth in the regional last year, 18 pins behind Farmington-Har-

The top three teams and top 10 individuals go to the state meet.

The Raiders were regional champions two years ago, but they'd be happy to qualify and compete on the big stage.

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### OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA HOMETOWN

# Good times: Livonia, Oakland clubs present family event — with dogs

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Alan Dorfman says he turned a few heads when he took on chairmanship of the Oakland Kennel Club's annual Michigan Winter Dog Classic six years ago.

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"I had people in dog costumes, and the kids loved it. I had face painting. I've seen some shows fall by the wayside. I want to make sure our show remains. That's why I wanted to open it up and make it a family event," said Dorfman, Club vice president. "It's the first family show of the New Year held in the Detroit area."

It's the only dog show of its size in the metro area this year. The Detroit Kennel Club canceled its winter show at Cobo Center because of a lack of sponsorship. Dorfman says the Michigan Winter Dog Classic in Novi may draw more vendors this year because of the Detroit cancellation, but stressed that it has always drawn 1,000-700 more dogs than the Cobo event.

The Oakland Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club have presented the Michigan Winter together for the past four years and will team up again for "Michigan's Largest Dog Show," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 16-19, at The Suburban Collection, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and children, 7-12; and free for youngsters 11 and under. Family passes for two adults and three children are available for \$35. Parking at Suburban Collection costs \$5.

Suburban Collection costs \$5.

More than 7,000 dogs are expected to compete in the show, which includes conformation — where judges size up dogs according to a breed standard — agility, obedience and rally trials. Vendors, selling everything from motorized dog treadmills to photo portraits and antler chews, and local animal rescue organizations will be on hand. Duck herding demonstrations, weight pull contests, Canine Good Citizen testing and the My Dog Can Do That events return to the show this year.

"I invite people who have been going to the Cobo show to come to our show and take a look. All the events are under one roof. It makes a complete show," Dorfman said. "I've been asked to speak to clubs around the country on putting on a successful show."



A dog owner tries to coax his pooch over a hurdle with the help of a trainer during My Dog Can Do That, an event sponsored by the American Kennel Club.



A dog pulls several spectators on a wheeled cart during the weight pull event last year at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

### **Unbenched show**

The Detroit Kennel Club show was a benched event, meaning that the dogs stayed on public view before and after competing in the judging ring. Dorfman and Lee Patten, show

chair from the Livonia Kennel Club, don't intend to incorporate that element into the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

"The handlers don't like it. You get a 6-month-old puppy being stuck in a crate all day and it's tough," Dorfman said.

Interactive

Show visitors can't test their own dogs out on the heavy sleds, but they can sign up for an introduction to agility at the My Dog Can Do That program. The American Kennel Club introduced the event in 2011 at a show in Houston, Texas. When the AKC offered to run the program at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic last year, Dorfman didn't hesitate.

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"I jumped on it immediately. There are still a lot of purists out there who say there should only be purebred dogs at the shows. But it's 2014, not 1940 and things advance. Sometimes change is good," Dorfman said. "The AKC brings trainers in. They set up weave poles, jumps, hoops, tunnels and people bring their pets, at no charge, to participate. They go in the ring and a trainer shows the owner how they can do competition events.

"We set a new record with 371 signed up over two days last year. It has really opened up the dog world to the public. Last year, we had people lining up around the room waiting to get into the ring with their dog. I've had 5-year-old kids take their dog in the ring at My Dog Can Do That. At other shows you're not allowed to come in with your dog, but we're doing it."

Patten and Dorfman say visiting dogs were well-be-haved last year. They are allowed to see the rest of the show with their owners, in addition to trying the My Dog Can Do That event. Dogs must be at least 6 months old, have their rabies certificate on hand, and wear a buckle collar—no prong collars are allowed. Harnesses and leads from 4-6 feet in length are permitted, according to Hillary Prim, public relations spokeswoman for the AKC.

"Attending dogs should be social, good around strange people and dogs and noises, but no prior training is required," Prim noted in an email. "The trainers will give each owner/ dog team a mini agility lesson" and also will give all owners a list of dog training schools in

Trainers use positive reinforcement. Owners may bring treats and toys to motivate their dogs.

For more information on the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, visit themichiganwinterdog-classic.com.

### Nonprofit calendars selling fast

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Cheryl Partin recently mailed her garden club's 2014 calendar to recipients in Louisiana, Aruba and Mexico. She has a few left for local customers, but they're going fast.

"It has been such a success. It's unbelievable," said Partin, recording secretary for the Garden City Garden Club and one of several club members who posed for calendar. "I didn't think this would happen."

The organization sold nearly 400 calendars since early fall. "We have 15-20 left." Photographs in the calendar

Photographs in the calendar show what appear to be scantily-clad members in not-sorevealing poses outdoors during warm weather.

If you're longing to see sunlight, grass and flowers, Garden City Garden Club's calendar may have what it takes to keep your mind off the snow forecast for this weekend.

Proceeds from calendar sales fund schoolarships for high school seniors. The calendars cost \$12 each and are available from Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare & Boarding, 5921 Middlebelt, Garden City; 734-261-PETS. Or order through the Club's Facebook page at facebook.com/gcgcmi; visit its website at gcgc.weebly.com; or call Partin at 734/788-1319. Add \$3 for mailed orders

### Helping homeless

Four-pawed models lounge, peek out from under blankets The Garden City Garden Club Reveals all...



...about gardening

Paula Peck graces the cover of the Garden City Garden Club's 2014 calendar, featuring the organization's members in "revealing" poses.



Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's (GAAR) 2014 calendar includes photos of homeless and adopted dogs and cats that the Livonia-based organization has helped. This group is featured for November.

and smile at the camera in the 2014 Guardian Angel Animal Rescue calendar. The Livonia-based organization rescues, fosters and finds homes for animals that have been abandoned, abused and neglected. Its volunteers often rescue

dogs and cats from abandoned houses and the streets of Detroit. They also partner with other rescues to bring food, dog houses, straw and new tie-outs to chained dogs in Detroit.

The group's calendar includes photos of dogs and cats that have been adopted and those still awaiting new homes. Send a check or money order for \$10 to GAAR P.O. Box 511309 Livonia, MI 48151. All proceeds are used for GAAR's rescued animals.

The Michigan Humane Society, with shelters in Westland, Rochester Hills and Detroit, also offers a 2014 calendar with photos of pets submitted by supporters. Cost is \$15. The calendar is available from MHS' online store at www.shopmichigan humane.org/. Proceeds benefit MHS' adoptable pets.



Monear

"It's a real long day."

Patten said most exhibitors

agree to stay at the show be-

Sunday, enabling visitors to ask questions about the dogs

and see different breeds up

The Livonia Kennel Club

presents the Thursday-Friday portion of the show that in-

cludes duck herding and weight pull demonstrations.

cludes duck herding in its portion of the show, Saturday-

Sunday, along with Meet the Breeds and the interactive My

sled that's loaded down with

bricks or bags of dog food," Patten said. "I owned a collie

years ago that did weight pull.

He wasn't all that big, but was

strong and powerful. The dogs

either have it or they don't."

"Weight pull — those are the uskies and other dogs with a

The Oakland Club also in-

Dog Can Do That event.

yond their dog's judging time and many participate in "Meet the Breed" events Saturday-

### Jazz musicians perform at church arts series

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington's "Great Performances in a Sacred Space," series kicks off the New Year with a jazz show, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5.

Cliff Monear Trio and vocalist Jan Franco will perform.

Monear, a product of Boston's famed Berklee College of Music, teaches in the Jazz Studies program at Wayne State University, and performs with his trio nationwide. He also serves as the exclusive Steinway & Sons representative to the Michigan jazz community.

Franco is a singer and songwriter, with broad vocal range

and repertoire.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per family. First Presbyterian Church is located at 26165 Farmington Road, just east of the 11 Mile and Far-



Franco

mington Road intersection, in Farmington Hills.

For details about the performing arts series, visit www.farmington-pres.org/ performing-arts. SOCIAL SCENE

# Fans get sneak peek of 'Downton Abbey' new season

By Julie Yolles Social Scene Columnist

he children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of a Rose Bowl win danced in their heads. The lunches were made and homework all done, so now it was time

done, so now it was tim for the adults to have fun.



**Yolles** 

SOCIAL SCENE

At 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Detroit Public Television (DPTV) will broadcast the longanticipated Season 4 premiere of Julian Fellowes' Downton Abbey.

PBS Masterpiece
Theatre's Season 3
ended with a birth and
the shocking death of
beloved Matthew.

Season 4 opens six months later after the tragedy. Now, for some 200-plus DPTV supporters, they're already in-the-know of the storylines and outcome of the Season 4 opener. The donors, many of whom are members of the DPTV Downton Abbey Society, attended an exclusive, sold-out *Downton Abbey* premiere screening last month at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. The event's *Downton Abbey*-inspired pre-glow included tea sandwiches and finger pastries, served amid silver, lace and a candelabrum.

On Jan. 19, DPTV will show the Season 3 premiere of *Sherlock*, immediately following *Downton Abbey*.

And now that Hanukkah and Christmas are finally over, let's move on to Valentine's Day gift ideas. How about *Downton Abbey* Season 4 – available on Blu-Ray and DVD Jan. 28.

#### Start your engines

That's right, the 2014 North American International Auto Show is upon us. This year's Charity Preview will be held 6-9 p.m, Friday, Jan. 17, at Cobo Center and will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Girls Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund, The Detroit Institute for Children, Detroit



Livonia residents Amy Fangboner (left) and Allen and Madeleine Phillips discuss possible plots for Season 4 of Downton Abbey.

Madeleine Phillips threw in a wild card — perhaps Mary ends up with the chauffeur. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

PAL, Judson Center and March of Dimes Metro Detroit. Tickets are \$350 for the highly anticipated blacktie gala. Go to www.charitypreview.com. That same night, The Children's Center will hold "Detroit Razzle Dazzle," with a pre-event reception from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and a Roaring '20s-style celebration from 8 p.m. to midnight, at Ford Field to benefit the 85-year-old organization. Reserve tickets by calling 313-831-5535 or go to www.the-chidrenscenter.com.

Contact Julie Yolles at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or 248-642-9465.



Plymouth residents and Downton Abbey fans Molly Kramer (left) and Jenni Renaud enjoy the premiere screening of the show's fourth season at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. Kramer is a big fan of Anna, the Lady's Maid, and Renaud loves the character, Lady Violet, played by Dame Maggie Smith.



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### **GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR**

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

### Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, a certified indoor landscape technician, will present a PowerPoint program on succulents at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. She'll also have live examples on hand. Steinkopf is a member of the Garden Writer's Association and is the houseplant guru from Steinkopf Nursery; 734-466-2555

### Stoneflies

Friends of the Rouge needs volunteers to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday Jan. 25. Searchers meet at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. and then carpool in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located in metro Detroit. Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go into the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children, 5 and over, are welcome if accompanied by a participating adult and if they are dressed for the weather. Volunteers must pre-register by Jan. 10 on the FOTR website www.therouge.org or by calling 313-792-9621.

### Heritage Park

» Getting To Know the Pines and Eating the Trees workshops will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, and 3-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. The sessions are for ages 8 to adult. Participants will identify trees using a field guide, and then will explore the edible, medicinal, and utilitarian uses for a pine tree. They also will make a basic pine balm. Advance registration is required at recreg.fhgov.com or the Costick Center. The fee is \$35 per person. Participants should bring a lunch; all other materials

will be provided.

» Owl Prowl is set for 6-7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10 and 17. Participants will take a guided night hike through the park in search of owls and other nocturnal animals. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is \$3 per person. Register in advance at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center. Participants also may pay at the door, space permitting.

» The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topics are animal tracking, Jan. 12; owl prowl, Feb. 9; maple sugaring, March 9; signs of



Learn all about pine trees, Sunday, Jan. 5, and Thursday, Jan. 9, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

spring, April 13; beginning birding, May 11,; and bug and wetland exploration, June 8. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at recreg.fhgov-

» The nature center at the park of-fers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings from Jan. 14 through March 6. Each class offers a different nature theme each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature's Little Artists, for ages 11/2-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Monday; Little Trekkers, ages 1-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Preregistration is required for Nature's Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for nonresidents. Little Trekkers and Young Explorers Preschool offer a drop-in fee of \$8 per class, paid at the door. Preregister at a discounted rate, also available online at recreg, fhgov-.com or at the Costick Center.

Heritage Park is located at 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills; 248-477-1135.

### **English Gardens**

» English Gardens experts will offer tips on growing flowers, vegetables and herbs from seed at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

» Learn how to arrange fresh flowers at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at all English Gardens stores except Ann Arbor and East-

» Get tips on attracting birds to your

backyard, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

#### JANUARY BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday,

Location: Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: The group meets for breakfast. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit office of youth and family, providing peer support to divorced and separated persons of all Christian faiths

#### Contact: www.bethanysemi.org BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 18

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Inkster Road and

Middlebelt, Garden City Details: All you can eat, pancakes, sausage and beverage, \$6

Contact: 734-427-3660 CONCERT

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne,

Redford

Details: Christian concert features Ammunition Band, This Fire Within, The Savior's Army and Lost & Found; admission is free but love offerings are welcome

#### Contact: 313-937-2424 **EXERCISE CLASS**

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, beginning Jan. 13

Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road,

Details: Six-week class includes aerobic movements, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, abdominal and back exercises, yoga-oriented strength and stretch work, along with cool down. Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer, teaches the class, which costs \$42. A portion of the proceeds go to the parish.

Contact: 734-455-5910 LECTURES ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 15, 22 and 29 Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: The series features scholars from the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Each week's lecture is approximately one hour. A brief informal discussion will follow each screening. Topics are: "Exodus and Sinai "featuring Michah Goodman, Jan. 8; "Prayer and Religious Intimacy" with Tovah Hartman, Jan. 15; "The Spirit of Jewish Prayer," with Rabbi Lauren Berkun, Jan. 22; and "Religious Pluralism in Israel" featuring Shalom Hartman, Jan.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email to Nancy Kaplan at nancyellen879@att.net

#### SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thurs-

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic

School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia Details: Preschool, Young 5's,

Contact: 734-425-4420; stgenevieve.org/school

#### YOUNG FIVES PROGRAM

Time/Date: Jan. 6 Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Day Care, 20805 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills **Details:** New Young Fives program begins. Preschool/day care runs 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.Monday-Friday for ages 2

Contact: Karen or Robin at 248-474-2488

### WIDOWED FRIENDS Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 19 Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Township Details: Widowed Friends, a

peer group of th Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass, followed by friendship and refreshments

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

#### ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

**New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: 734-846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto** Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech

Daly, Redford **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads the study of Acts of the

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

#### **Ward Presbyterian** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is

#### Contact: 248-374-5920 **FAMILY COMMUNITY** MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

#### Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **FOOD BANK**

**New Hope Church** 

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

#### MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel** Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

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

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

### PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

#### Contact: 313-563-0162 **PRAYER**

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

Contact: 248-476-8860 St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

### **Embroidery group sets meeting**

The Farmington Hills Embroiderers' Guild will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Faith Covenant Church, located at 14 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills.

Social time will start at 9:30 a.m., followed by a meeting at 10 a.m.. The project for the month is "Contemporary Blackwork." Blackwork embroidery uses black thread.

The organization is one of 44 chapters of the Great Lakes Region of The Embroiderers' Guild of America. The national organization's mission is

to celebrate the heritage of embroidery through education, exhibition, preservation, collection and research.

The Farmington Hills chapter generally meets the first Wednesday of the month, except May, when a mystery trip is planned, and December, when members celebrate with a holiday luncheon. The chapter is a part of the Farmington Commu-

nity Arts Council. Visitors are welcome to attend the chapter's meetings. For more information, call 248-474-

### RELIGION CALENDAR

Canton Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES **Detroit World Outreach** 

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays. Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

#### Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat

songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

#### SUPPORT **Apostolic Christian Church**

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily Location: 29667 Wentworth,

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven

Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire-

» Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling. Contact:-313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland

Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 » Merriman Road Baptist

Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia

support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519 » Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org » St. Andrew's Episcopal

Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items)

is available Contact: 734-421-8451.

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

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: St. John's Support

Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Contact: Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426

» St. John Neumann Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Location: 44800 Warren Road,

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154

or Traci at 734-718-5575 » St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-

sibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good. Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

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

Location: 28660 Five Mile. between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia **Details**: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org » Ward Evangelical Presby-

terian Church Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/

desserts) Location: 40000 Six Mile, North-

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400: www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

Location: 9401 General Drive,

Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a

question to know God more in their lives. Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. He provided soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled and a healing touch for the ill. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149: www.solanuscenter.org WORSHIP

donations are accepted.

» Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt,

Farmington Hills Contact: 248-851-5100

» Bethlehem Lutheran Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

service Location: 35300 W. Eight Mile,

Farmington Hills Contact: pastor Terry Miller at tshelton@mi.rr.com; 248-478-

6520 » Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: 734-522-6830

» Congregation Bet Chaverim Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the

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

Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore Contact: www.Facebook.com/

betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com » Due Season Christian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible Location: Stevenson High

School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church

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

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CURMI, CECILIA Passed away in Plymouth, Michigan at age 91, on December 31, 2013 from stroke complications Immigrated from Malta in 1950 and married Sam Curmi (deceased 1999) in Plymouth, Michigan in 1950. Beloved mother of Rose (Manuel) Calleja, and Charles (Patricia) Curmi; and six loving grandchildren, Melissa (Dan) Leavoy, Kimberly (Jeff) Calleja, Jason Daniel (Michael) Struthers, Curmi, and Alicia Curmi. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Services were held on Friday, January 3, 2014 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic

### Church. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com. GILDO,

VALERIE ANN Passed away December 30, 2013 after a courageous battle with metastatic colon cancer. She was a devoted wife to Larry for 44 years. She was a loving mother to Sheryll, and Denise (David) Griffin. She enjoyed being a grandma to Thomas and Nathan Griffin. She is survived by her siblings: Dino (Leslie) Lampron, Mike Lampron and Carol (Don) McCulloch. Val enjoyed going to the casino, shopping, talking, playing games and hosting fami-ly parties. We will all miss our mother, wife, nina, sister, aunt and good friend. A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Vermeulen Home-Funeral Plymouth. To share a memory with the family, please log on to

**GUPCHIK, MARY** ROSE (CORCORAN) Born November 9, 1933. Passed December 31, 2013. Age 80,

although she didn't believe it

Funeral Services were held Saturday at Husband Family

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Funeral Home in Westland (734) 331-3349. MEIER, ANN Age 68, a resident of Westland, Michigan, died on December 28, 2013 after a short illness. She was a Registered Nurse em-ployed by HAP as a Health Coach. Ann was a member of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, CMSA and the Motown Milestones. She was predeceased by her mother, Anna Mitterer;

her father, Joseph Meier and

brothers Charles Meier and Jo-

seph P. Meier. Ann is survived

by four nieces and a nephew.



### PAUPORE, MAURICE

J. "MAURIE" December 26, 2013 age 72 of Canton. Beloved husband of Kay. Loving father of Brian (Christine), Jon (Jennifer), and Matthew. Proud grandpa of Brandon, Bryce, Alexander and Andrew. Dear brother of Gary. Visitation Saturday 10-1 p.m. until the 1 p.m. Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorials may be made Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia MI 48154; or Plymouth-Canton AAUW Scholarship, 7627 Mel-vin Ave., Westland MI 48135.



#### REBANDT, HENRY ADAM

Age 51. January 2, 2014 of Canton. Formerly of Woodhaven. Beloved husband of 25 years to Helen. Loving dad of Matthew, Rachel and Hannah. Dearest brother of Sheila Schaller-Trent, Joseph Rebandt, Virginia Hof-fecker, Judy Weeg, Charlie Jonesrebandt, the late Christine Rebandt, Mary Rebandt and Sharon Gabrielson. Son-in-law to Malcolm (Mary) Peakman. Preceded in death by his parents Conrad and Margaret Rebandt. Also survived by other loving family and friends. For service information please call The Trenton Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 734-671-5400. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. To share a memory visit www.martenson.com

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ROLFE, KATHERINE Birth: May 2, 1927. Death: January 1, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral

### RYDER,

JOHN RICHARD Former Plymouth resident John Richard Ryder died Wednesday, January 1, 2014, in Peoria, Arizona. He was 89, Mr. Ryder was born to John Archibald and Julia Weaver Ryder on September 21, 1924, in Haskins, Ohio. He was one of four children. On January 3, 1944, he married Jean Louise Ziss in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. Mr. Ryder worked as a sales representative for the Bostwick Braun Corporation of Toledo, Ohio for 22 years. Later he began taking college courses and earned both B.S. and M.A. degrees in Education from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Ryder taught elementary school for 18 years in Plymouth, Michigan, where he also served as president of the Plymouth Educators Association. Following retirement Mr. and Mrs. Ryder resided in both Fenton, Michigan and in Durango, Colorado before moving to Sun City West, Arizona. Mr. Ryder is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jean Ryder, of Peoria, Arizona; daughter Rochelle Mann and son-in-law Joel M. Jones of Durango, Colorado; daughter Susan Larsen of Clovis, New Mexico; grandsons Philip Mann of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Scott Mann of Denver, Colorado; great-grandchild Mann of Little Rock; and nephew John Emerson Ryder of Aromas, California. No service is planned at this time. Memorial donations may be sent to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation (w ww.pdf.org) or to the Roshong music education scholarship c/o

### May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

the Fort Lewis College Founda-

tion in Durango, Colorado.

### THOMANN, FRED

December 27, 2013, age 71 of the Plymouth Community. Beloved brother of Gloria (Gary) Shelton, and the late Dave. Dear uncle of Tanya (Joan Zdan) Thomann. Loving son of the late Elmer and Beatrice Thomann. Memorial gathering Saturday 9 a.m. until the 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, (Between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Fred taught over 30 years in the Taylor, Willow Run and Plymouth School Systems. In 1988, he was named teacher of the year by the Wayne County Intermediate School District. He coached over 40 years in the Plymouth Salem High School Basketball Program. He received numerous coaching awards over his career, including the "Coach of the Year" in 1987. His teams won over 700 games, including 20 district and 21 league championships and he took four teams to the state final four. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Community Foundation to benefit the "Fred Thomann Memorial Scholarship Fund". To share a memory, please visit



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#### TOMASZEWSKI PATRICIA A.

77, December 11, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Robert E. Loving mother of Robert G. (Kim), Kenneth (Gail) and Gordon (Jennifer) Tomaszewski and Laura (Tom) Martin. Dear grandmother of five and great grandmother of three. Sister of Julius (Pat) Daus, Jr. and

Dorothy Clopton. Memorial Service 11:00 AM January 11, 2014 at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile Rd. Livonia 48154. Gathering of family and friends from 10:30 until time of Service. Memorials may be dito Gentiva Hospice. Please a share a memory at rggrharris.com.

### 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, nonalcoholic 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 spoikesman.

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 hypoothermia 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 MacDon-ald, 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 de-

» 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.

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### **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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Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email aferack@comcast.net. HEALTHFUL COOKING

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



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

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

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.

Kim Monaghan is a syndicated career columnist, professional certified coach, résumé writer and personal branding strategist who believes life should be simple, careers engaging and opportunities endless. www.KBMCoaching.



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.





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.

STAY POSITIVE

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.



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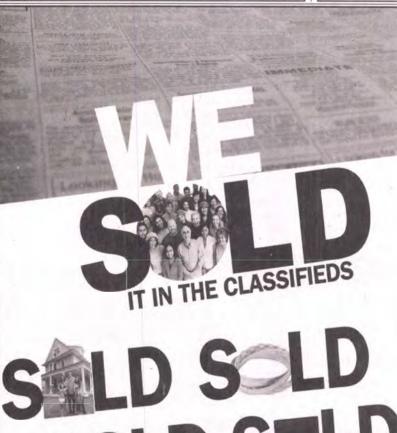
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### With New Genesis, Sonata - and CEO - Hyundai Chases Growth



Hyundai Many dealers 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 resultsoriented 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 stillrecovering 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 "lowgrowth 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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