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Wayne, Westland, Inkster to share fire chief for 6 months

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Officials from Westland, Wayne and Inkster gathered Friday morning to officially announce the three cities will be sharing a fire chief for six months. A shared chief was the first step in creating the Wayne-Westland Fire Department and part of the process of establishing a fire authority. "It's another great day for the cities of Wayne, Westland and Inkster as we work on innovative ways to reduce spending and improve services," Westland Mayor William Wild

said. "I hate to say we've had luck. It would not be possible without the support of our elected officials and unions."

The estimated savings that would be realized annually by sharing the services of Fire Chief Michael Reddy would be over \$300,000, Wild said. That would be \$180,000 for Westland, \$130,000 for Wayne and \$55,000 for Inkster.

'A good day'

"This is indeed a good day — it's the cities' day. The cities in western Wayne (County) are coming together," Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton said. "In

revenue sharing, I think the word sharing is gone. Finances are tight. We are under a (finance) consent decree. We are scrambling to provide the services citizens expect."

Hampton credited Wild with thinking outside the box for both Westland and the broader community.

"Mayor Wild came to me three years ago about this. Teamwork is everything," Hampton said. "Support for this has been across the board. I thank the fire unions for agreeing — there was no push back."

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Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton (from left), Westland Mayor William Wild, Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy and Wayne Mayor Al Haidous held a press conference announcing a fire chief agreement.

Alternative court offers treatment instead of jail

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

On a recent Thursday afternoon, Wayne 29th District Judge Laura Mack sent a probation violator to jail overnight to have an alcohol tether attached, but more unusually rewarded two defendants for successful efforts with Meijer gift cards.

"Congratulations. You're the first to get a reward," Mack said to a defendant during a session of the Mental Health Treatment Court. "I sentenced you in September. You were actually accepted into the Mental Health Treatment Court today, but you followed the prior recommendations for treatment."

In fact, that particular defendant hadn't been expected to make the hearing as he had only completed his inpatient substance abuse treatment earlier the same day.

Wayne 29th District Judge Laura Mack

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Mental Health Treatment Court attorney Charles Clos listens to the proceedings in 29th District Court. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

W-W board to elect new officers

Current president Middel not seeking another term

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board will soon have new leadership.

The board will elect new officers during its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the district's administrative offices on Marquette in Westland.

Current President Carol Middel of Canton has indicated that she doesn't plan to seek a third term after filling the board's top spot for 2½ years. In a poll of board members' interests conducted at their December meeting, Middel let her colleagues know she wasn't interested in being president.

"I'll do whatever my fellow trustees would like me to do except president," she said.

Under the board's policies and procedures, members are polled prior to the organizational meeting to determine what positions they'd be interested in the coming year. Board officers serve one-year terms.

Board treasurer Shawna Walker, who was absent from the meeting, was the only board member who expressed interest in any of the open leadership positions.

Trustee Frederick Weaver said he was interested in serving as secretary or treasurer, while board Vice-President Thomas Buckalew said he was interested in serving as vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Board secretary John Goci selected only one position. "I'm interested in president, it's the only position I haven't held since my term on the board started," he said.

Two trustees, Sally Madison and Charles "Trav" Griffin, indicated they were not interested in a board office.

"I could be drafted, but I'm not interested in any position," Griffin said.

"I'm content with staying as

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Wayne Council hires budget consultant

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A veteran city manager has been hired as a consultant to help Wayne develop its 2014-15 fiscal year budget.

The council approved a contract with Farmington City Manager Vincent Pastue for \$75 per hour not to exceed \$15,000. The schedule projects Pastue will work 170 hours for a total of \$12,750.

The contract calls for Pastue to begin meeting with department heads and other city officials, including council members, the week of Jan. 13. The entire process is to conclude with a budget adoption

by the second council meeting May.

While handling day-to-day operations, Department of Public Works Director and Acting City Manager Ramzi El-Gharib had requested assistance in preparing the budget with a projected \$2 million shortfall.

"The budget is a very important issue. In a good way, council members have different views of services," Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said. "They are all good. I wish could implement all their ideas. We need to prioritize; there are some things we can't live without."

For Haidous, keeping

Wayne a safe and clean community is a priority.

"We need law enforcement and ordinance enforcement. If you don't have a safe city, families won't buy houses here and we will be in deeper trouble," he said.

Following the November defeat of a proposed P.A. 345 millage to fund police and fire pensions outside the strapped general fund, the council implemented a hiring freeze.

A committee of Haidous, Councilmen Skip Monit and James Hawley, along with El-Gharib, interviewed Pastue before the consulting contract was offered.

Former Farmington Hills

city manager William Costick, who served as a consultant during the recent unsuccessful city manager search, had declined a request to work on the city budget since he was planning to be in Florida. Costick recommended Pastue as an alternate to fill that role.

"We felt he (Pastue) was well qualified to assist Ramzi. We have to set priorities and cut in certain areas. There will be cuts," Haidous said.

Council had already scheduled finance visioning session with the public on Saturdays, Feb. 1 and 8.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Youth Assistance

The Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Taylor Teen Health Center is hosting "Be Proud! Be Responsible!" workshops for youth from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, and Feb. 8, at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, Westland. "Be Proud, Be Responsible!" is a pregnancy and HIV/AIDS prevention program for adolescent youth ages 12-18. It is interactive, fun, and most importantly, it works. All participants will get a free snack in the morning, free lunch and free prizes. For more information or to register, call the Westland Youth Assistance Program at 734-467-7904.

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 the staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns or have conversation 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 3 acres of outdoor sports fields. Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District. The school, located at 29891 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland, is a preschool-eighth-grade parochial school. For more information, call 734-427-1680 or visit stdamianschool.com.

District hours

District coffee hours have been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, by State Sen. Glenn Anderson, State Reps. Robert Kosowski and David Knezek, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc. The District Coffee Hours will be from 9-10 a.m. in the banquet room at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Constituents who have a question or concern, but are unable to attend may reach either of the elected representatives by mail, phone, or email: » Sen. Glenn S. Anderson at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, 866-262-7306 or SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov. » Rep. Robert Kosowski at P.O. Box 30014,

Lansing, MI 48909, 855-600-2625 or RobertKosowski@house.mi.gov. » Rep. David Knezek at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, 888-4KNEZEK or DavidKnezek@house.mi.gov. » Commissioner Richard LeBlanc at 500 Griswold St., 7th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, 313-224-8855 or District12@waynecounty.com.

Game night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly spaghetti dinner will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert just \$6. The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays. The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

License Plate Meet

The Southeast Michigan License Plate Meet will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Romanowski VFW Post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland. Tables are \$5 each or six for \$25. Vendors should bring their license plates in through the post's back door. For more information, contact Scott "Ohawkeye"

Olson at 734-421-1599 or at ohawkeye@yahoo.com, or visit vfw6896.com/LicensePlateMeet.html. Admission will be \$5 per person with children under 12 years old and veterans with a VFW Membership card or VA hospital ID free. Free coffee and donuts will be available. All proceeds go to the veterans, including what is paid for Ohawkeye's license plates.

Kids Night Out

The Wayne Community Center will host a Kids Night Out from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Bring a lined bathing suit, towel and lots of energy. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games, pizza, and pop. The cost is \$13 for members/residents and \$16 for non-residents. For more information on any event at the recreation center, call 734-721-7400.

Tree recycling

The City of Westland is once again offering its Christmas Tree Recycling Program for the 2013-2014 holiday season. A designated area — just follow the signs — will be provided at the Department of Public Service Recycling Center at the rear of the property located at 37137 Marquette. Trees may be dropped off during reg-

ular 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. All trees will be chipped and recycled for use at City of Westland DTE Community Garden and other locations.

Date nights

Circle your calendar for the annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. The cost is \$12 per couple or \$16 per dad and two daughters. Non-resident fees are \$13 for a couple and \$18 for a dad and two daughters. Cost includes snacks, square dancing and a memory photo. The community center also is holding a Mother-Son Sports Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. The evening of 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.

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first

Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit www.post251.org or call 734-326-2607 or 734-455-3415.

Senior travel

Are you interested in traveling, but would prefer not to do it alone? Or do you and a friend want to travel, but hate worrying about directions, traffic and parking? Call the Wayne Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460 and ask about the Wayne Sometimes Travelers group. Membership is \$5 a year (July-June). Offerings include a variety of day trips, overnight and extended trips to places like Turkeyville, casinos, restaurants, mystery, theater, musical performances and much more. Detailed trip fliers can be picked up at the Senior Services Lounge, located outside the Senior Services Office in the Wayne Community Center. Office hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Outside of these hours, visit the Community Center front desk for assistance. The Wayne Community Center is at Howe and Annapolis in Wayne.

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He's been meeting the conditions set by the court — continuing with outpatient counseling and living with family. Testing positive for prohibited alcohol use, another defendant saw the punishment side of the program by being jailed short term to have a tether attached. "You were told not to use alcohol. You're better, but you are still using alcohol," Mack said. "The purpose is to reward you for meeting benchmarks or I could put you in jail." When the man disputed his alcohol use, Mack went through the results of a series of blood-alcohol tests starting with 0.09 — above the legal limit for driving in Michigan — at 7 a.m. He was offered 30 days wearing a tether or 30 days in jail. "I guess I don't have much of a choice," the man said, agreeing to the tether after a long

pause to weigh his options. Once the tether is installed, if the man uses alcohol, Mack said he would be arrested. "You've made progress, but alcohol is a big part of your problem," she said. "We really want you to succeed."

Appropriate services Mack started the Mental Health Treatment Court in October to provide appropriate services and monitoring for misdemeanor adult defendants suffering from serious mental illnesses, developmental disabilities and/or co-occurring disorders. "This is an alternative to just sitting in jail. It's a unique partnership between the court and community mental health," said Mack, who saw a need to break the cycle of mentally ill and addicted people not receiving meaningful treatment to keep them from re-offending. During a recent court session, defendants

accepted for the Mental Health Treatment Court were charged with a variety of crimes — shoplifting, drunken driving and disorderly conduct while intoxicated. The defendants were young to middle age, male and female. For one defendant described as mentally ill, Mack set conditions that included no alcohol use and taking prescribed medications. Hegira Services, Inc., is the court's community mental health treatment provider. That care can include in-patient and intensive outpatient care and 12-step programs. Additionally, the court also is connecting the defendants with help in finding employment, housing and transportation. Having stable housing and transportation is something many people take for granted, but can add to the problems of mentally ill or addicted defendants, said defense attorney Charles Clos, who is participating in the Mental Health Treatment Court. "I think this is ideal, anytime you can find alternatives. We see the same people," Clos said. "I'm amazed at the re-

sources that are out there."

Referrals accepted

Referrals to the mental health court will be accepted from other district courts. It's the only mental health court in Wayne County for misdemeanor defendants. In one case, Mack was allowed to hold warrants from another court in abeyance to be dismissed, if the defendant successfully completes the program. Inspiration for the Mental Health Treatment Court came from the felony version of the program operated by Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny. Mack also cites the experiences of her husband Milton Mack Jr., chief judge of the Wayne County Probate Court, who presides over mental commitment hearings. Milton Mack is an outspoken advocate for changes in the law to allow earlier intervention and treatment for those suffering from severe mental illnesses. irogers@hometownlife.com 313-222-5428 Twitter: @LRogersObserver

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They have embraced it. We can do more collaboratively; we don't need to reinvent the wheel." The three cities, along with potential participant Garden City, have worked together on the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority and joint emergency dispatching, Hampton noted. During his six months serving as chief for Inkster, Reddy will review the department's manpower, equipment and funding to see how they might best fit into the future fire authority. "A good fit" "The number of firefighters was shrinking in Wayne and Westland,

Inkster, too," Reddy said. "I think Inkster will be a good fit. We will provide better service at less cost. I expect in six months to bring back a recommendation to include Inkster as part of the Western Wayne Fire Authority." Voters in the participating communities would have to vote to establish a fire authority. "We're all in different levels of financial distress — we've lost 42 percent of our property values in the last three or four years," Wild said. "I looked at the fire consolidation as helping Wayne with their finances and allowing Westland to maintain services."

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BOARD

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a trustee," added Madison. "It's the only position I'm interested in." The election of board officers will be done immediately after the meeting is called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance is said. "We'll take care of electing new officers and

they will begin serving at that meeting," Middel said. The board's organizational meeting formerly was held in July, but with state school elections being moved to the November general election in even years, it was moved to the January school board meeting. smason@hometownlife.com 313-222-6751 Twitter: @SusanMarieMason

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More details about I-96 shutdown emerge during final public meeting

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Amy Dowell was happy to see the length of the shutdown of I-96 this year projected to last for about eight months compared to the possible 10 months it could have been closed.

Dowell, who commutes to Farmington Hills using I-96 and I-275, said she plans on finding alternate driving routes to get to work this year after the freeway shuts down March 24 for a seven-mile stretch of the reconstruction work through Livonia and Redford Township.

It's a small price to pay for an improved driving experience, she said.

"Once I get (to I-275), I've got lots of options," she said. "It'll be well worth it in the long run."

Dowell was one of many area residents who attended the final public meeting on the project Thursday evening at Thurston High School in Redford. After several days of back-and-forth regarding the final shutdown date, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that Shelby Township-based Dan's Excavating had won the contract for the project and decided the freeway could be shut down later than anticipated.

Original projections showed the freeway, from Telegraph to Newburgh, could have shut down as early as the end of January.

The shutdown is expected to last until sometime in October.

Jeff Horne, a project engineer and communications representative for the project, said there were two prime contractors bidding on the project and Dan's Excavating was not only the most economical choice, but submitted the bid that closed the freeway for the shortest amount of time, a priority for MDOT.

"They said they could get it done," he said. "It was still the low bid."

The contract awarded to Dan's Excavating will cost about \$148.4 million for the I-96 reconstruction project that will see 37 bridges repaired and the road reconstructed both eastbound and westbound.

The meeting also had some other area traffic announcements, including one that will affect drivers that come from Ann Arbor and Plymouth.

Drivers coming toward I-96 from M-14 in Plymouth Township will have to merge onto I-275 as they approach I-96. Then, those drivers wanting to reach Newburgh will be able to get onto the small stretch of I-96 between Newburgh and I-275 that will not be closed and exit at Newburgh from there.

Horne said some ramp widening will also take place on the Redford/Detroit border at Telegraph for vehicles there.

No bridge schedule yet

One detail that was not announced was the schedule of the bridge closings that will take place along the freeway.

"MDOT does not have that information at this time," Horne said. "This is going to be major; you're going to see a lot of construction workers."

The only major road bridges that will be shut down completely during the project include Stark, Merriman and Inkster. All other major roads will have at least one lane open in each direction for the duration of the project. Signs will be posted near the bridges several



Livonia resident Tim Reno speaks with MDOT traffic safety engineer Mike Budai about the I-96 rebuilding project. Pictured at right are Corrie Roe and Amy Dowell, both of Livonia.

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days before the shutdown to inform drivers.

To deal with the additional traffic on mile roads and other main roads in the area, MDOT is looking at signals at MDOT-controlled intersections, including those at Telegraph and Grand River, to help alleviate traffic problems, said Aaron Raymond, a mobility engineer.

"We are working on signal timings," he said.

He also said while some neighborhoods may see an initial increase in traffic, he anticipates drivers will abandon those routes when they find it is slower than they expected.



Candice Radziewicz, owner of Jan's Pet Grooming in Redford, also a resident, is ready with a question for MDOT officials. At right, her husband, Edward Radziewicz.

"People are going to realize it's not a good route to take," Raymond said. "It's not going to work well for them."

MDOT has opened an office in Livonia for the project and encourages those with questions to contact it as the project comes closer. The local

office is at 34400 Industrial Drive, in Livonia. The phone number to the office is 734-261-0560 and the email address is MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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Get Fit: Buddy Up 2.0 kicks off

'Biggest Loser' contestant's popular free program runs for seven weeks

It's nearly mid-January, the time when, statistically, most people have given up their New Year's resolutions to get in shape and lose weight.

That makes it the perfect time for kicking off Buddy Up 2.0 with former *Biggest Loser* contestant Allen "Buddy" Shuh. The kick-off was held 8 a.m. Saturday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh. The program will run every Saturday for seven weeks. Participants should plan to arrive each Saturday at 8 a.m. for weigh-in, followed by a fitness and wellness session from 8:50-10 a.m.

Last year's Buddy Up program drew about 400 participants and a similar number is expected this year.

A Wayne native and a contestant from season 13 of NBC's *Biggest Loser*, Shuh is once again giving the gift of health to his community. Residents of Wayne and Westland are invited to join him for the free program.

"When I launched the Passport to a Healthy City campaign my goal was to inspire and encourage Westland residents to work towards a healthier lifestyle

through education, diet and exercise," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We are lucky to have Buddy Shuh as a role model in the campaign, leading our citizens by example."

Obesity is the leading preventable cause of death worldwide and is one of the most serious health problems of the 21st century.

Statistics show that 30 percent of Michigan's population is overweight which equates to 25,000 Westland residents.

These statistics are just as staggering for children in the United States, with 30 percent being overweight, 18 percent of which are considered obese.

Left unchecked, health care costs related to obesity will account for 16 percent of health care-related expenses in 2030.

The last Buddy Up session will take place March 8 when participants will choose between a 5K run/walk or a Mayor's Mile for their final challenge.

"Buddy has shown how hard work and dedication to a healthier lifestyle can change your life for the better and he is paying that message of wellness forward," Wild said.

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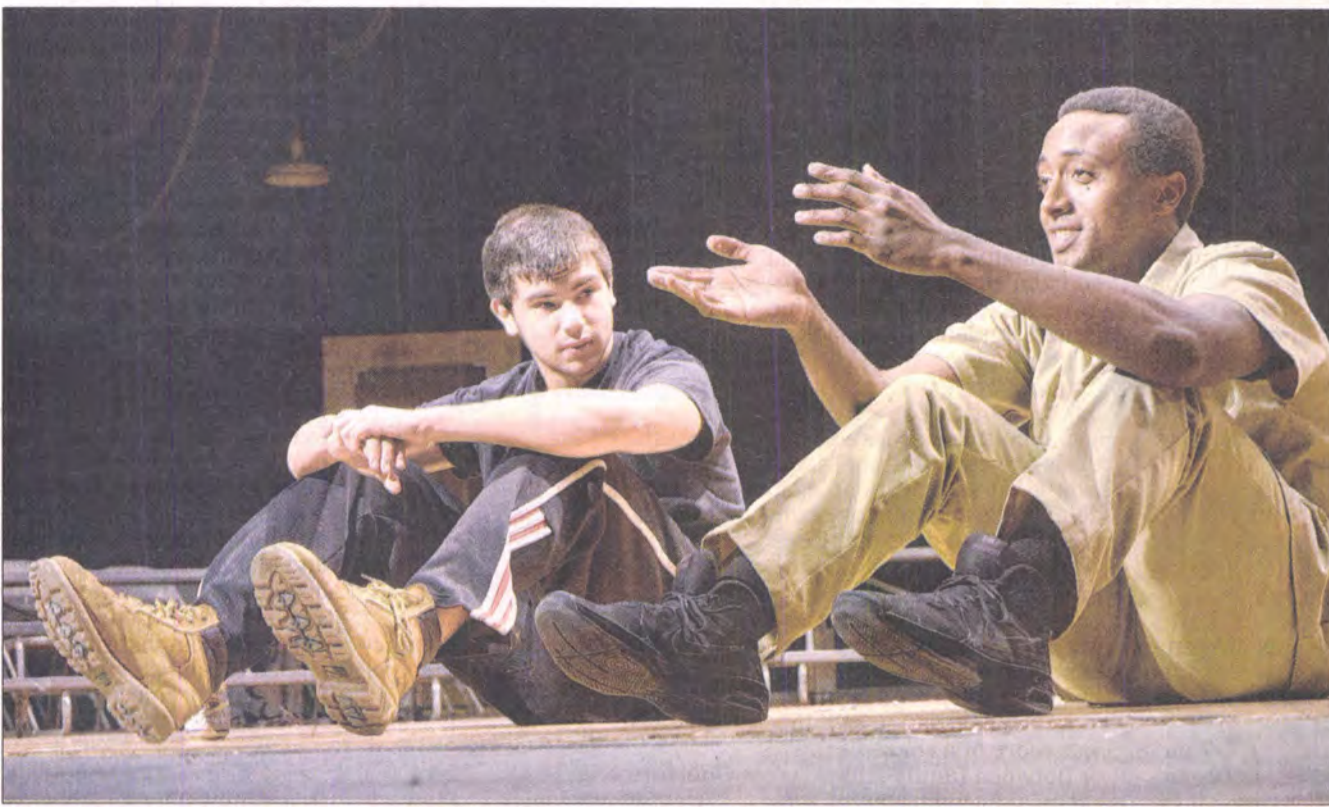
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Austin Dwyer and Tre'Lon Whitt-Smith explore the boundaries of male friendship in a scene from "Almost Maine." PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GC students put finishing touches on 'Almost Maine'

Play consists of nine short vignettes

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Denise Shimskey isn't letting an extended Christmas vacation get in the way of a good show. Thursday afternoon she was in O'Leary Auditorium putting 100 yards of red gossamer into plastic bags while crew members worked painting a rolling counter that will become a laundry table.

"They're bags of love," said Shimskey who is directing the winter production of *Almost Maine* at Garden City High School. Set in the mythical Almost, Maine, the play is made up of nine short vignettes that explore love and loss in the remote

'ALMOST MAINE'

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 16-18

Location: O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City

Detail: A newer play, *Almost Maine* is a series of nine short vignettes that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine.

Admission: Tickets are \$8 and are on sale online at www.gardencityschools.com. They also will be available at the door.

town.

"The snow days put us behind, but it didn't bury us in snow," Shimskey said.

"We're trying to get everything ready, we're doing pretty good," crew member Jenna Dicker said. "It's a pretty small set. It's the smallest I've ever done. Some of the

scenes don't even have props."

Bags of love

The 15 bags of love are what Natasha Zahor will carry across the stage to give to Nicholas Bennett in one vignette.

"She brings all those bags of love back to tell me she's breaking it off," Bennett said. "She gives me 15 bags of my love and asks for hers back."

"All those bags represent the love he has for me, and he comes out with one small bag for me," Zahor said. "We've been going together for 11 years, and all he has to give is one small bag."

What's in the small bag Zahor and Bennett won't say. They don't want to give away the surprise.

There are no leads in the show, and each vignette is about 8-10 min-

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ACHIEVERS

Bethany Thrun of Garden City was one of 15 Saginaw Valley State University residential life student leaders who received two awards while representing SVSU at the 2013 Great Lakes Association of College and University Residence Halls Conference.

The group attended leadership development sessions and networked with peers from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ontario. Michigan State University hosted the conference Nov. 22-24.

SVSU students won two awards for their division: Best Banner and Best Roll Call. The Great Lakes Association of College and University Residence Halls is a student-run organization that promotes student life on college campuses across the region.

Thrun is majoring in nursing at SVSU. **Maxwell Stratton** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Rochester College in Rochester Hills. A senior majoring in psychology, Stratton had to earn complete at least 12 credit hours and earn a minimum 3.30 grade-point average to be named to the list.



Stratton

The son of David and Wendy Stratton of Garden City, he is a graduate of Garden City High School where he was a member of the varsity baseball team for four years. He continues to play baseball at Rochester College.

Calvert Griffin of Westland, a student at the Art Institute of Michigan, has been named a recipient of the 2013 Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools Scholarship.

The MACCS scholarship was developed this year to help deserving students achieve career goals and reward them for choosing a MACCS member school for career training. Applicants submitted background information and statements of intent along with two letters of recommendation. A scholarship committee selected winners based on personal achievements and academic success.

"We have six very deserving students who we are honoring with this scholarship," says Laura Majewski, MACCS president. "These students have worked extremely hard to get to where they are today. We're happy to recognize them with this award."

MACCS is a non-profit association serving Michigan's private career colleges and schools. MACCS acts as a collective voice to promote the awareness of the critical role member institutions play in preparing adults for careers and in supporting growth in Michigan's economy.

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The truth is ... public schools work

By Stanley Szcotka
Guest Columnist

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

Amid the persistent clamor and berating of public school achievement in the media today, the truth is, public schools continue to educate kids better than ever before. Public education is the foundation of our democracy and what is lost or distorted in the negative reports of public school performance is that schools in the United States are open to every student in the country regardless of language, race, religion, ability/disability, economic standing or citizenship. And the major deterrents to achievement — social, cultural, and economic challenges, specifically, parent involvement and poverty — are increasingly managed by the schools in addition to the charge of educating students.

The inclusiveness of our educational system is almost never acknowledged when reporting national or international achievement standards. The result of this omission, whether intended or unintended, devalues the success of public schools by making unequal comparisons of educational systems. Other systems and cultures may not be open to every available student, or may not manage the same educational challenges that our system regularly manages and overcomes. Our school inclusion model mirrors our country's immigration model. Bring me your tired, your poor, your masses ... and provides success opportunities for all. These are our core democratic values at work.

In addition to this distortion of population comparison (see Simpson's Paradox for further reference), public schools wrestle with enduring social challenges that handicap general educational outcomes for some students. These include, but are not limited to, the inclusion of students who might historically have been excluded from educational opportunities as a result of discipline issues. Students often lack family involvement in education, and student educational interests often compete with social-cultural issues. All of these are contributing factors in student achievement lags, delaying graduation or resulting in student drop out. Regardless of a student's community, peer or family supports, it is seemingly the rising responsibility and expectations of the school to graduate them.

In the introduction to the series I asked you to reflect on whether or not we are taking public schools for granted. This was followed by an article asking you to decide, given all the information, if public schools are failing. This third article was written by Dr. Stanley Szcotka. His article provides you with further fodder that will help you in answering the question about public school failure being fact or fiction.

Michelle Cline

In the past, student failure was more of a shared endeavor between family and schools. Assumptions of support in the home for student achievement are complicated

by economic challenges of unemployment, unstable housing, and parent absence, whether due to single family homes, employment challenges, or simple fatigue associated with keeping it all together. Now, schools are increasingly charged with traditional parental responsibilities ranging from basic socialization, training of independent living skills, and for an increasing number of students, daily meals - breakfast and lunch.

Media reports about public schools being in some sort of free fall are simply untrue. Even well performing schools can be declared failures due to performance disparity between top students and lowest scoring students under current public school evaluation

models. The good intention of supporting all students fails to recognize the reality that variability of achievement will continue to exist despite all efforts toward uniform achievement. This variability is more a function of human conditions and less a function of failed educational efforts of the public school system.

Additionally, recent government implementations of "one-size-fits-all" mentality of educational assessment and curriculum reform only recapitulates this error in that it fails to recognize the success of our public school system as a globally competitive educational powerhouse, while wrongly attributing the responsibility and blame of achievement challenges (largely factors of social-cultural-economic influence), onto an institution designed to educate youth, but increasingly charged with raising them.

Stanley Szcotka is the Student Services Director for the Garden City Public Schools. Michelle Cline is the superintendent.



Crew members Emily Baur (from left), Connor Bogater, Andrea Bilak and Jenna Dicker apply a coat of paint to a prop that will be a laundry table in "Almost Maine."



Mathieu Siburt of Troop 740 (from left), Michael Sowles of Troop 113, Dylan Patterson of Troop 740, Anthony Hodson of Troop 740 and Stephen Sowles of Troop 113 pose with their Observer for Wish You Were Here.

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utes long, making learning lines easy, especially for Amber Killingbeck and Ben Arent. Their vignette is broken up into the three pieces and their speaking part is in the first part. There are no lines in the second and third portion of their extended vignette.

"In the epilogue, all our movements are matched to the music — sit up the first violin, stand up at the sound of the second violin," Arent said.

"They have the prologue, interlogue and epilogue, they show that everything is happening at the same time," Bennett said.

"We set the tone for what comes after," Killingbeck added.

First show

In a cast split between juniors and seniors freshman, Killingbeck is the only freshman. This is her first show at the high school although she is a veteran of community theater.

"I've been doing theater since I was 10, I started at the Marquis Theater in Northville," she said. "I did a summer camp and I was hooked. I did four shows there and last year's play at Garden City



"Almost Maine" cast members include Andrew Barikmo (front row, from left), Vince Pocaro, Ben Arent, Amber Killinbeck, Natasha Zahor (center row, from left), Savanna Thompson, Kelsey Bouteiller, Kyle Weatherbee (back row, from left) and Nicholas Bennett.

Middle School. I want to be an actress."

Admittedly, opening night has come on fast. It's been 19 days since the students rehearsed and several rehearsals planned for over the holidays were canceled.

But the cast members said they are ready.

With each having a limited number of lines to learn, they are more than ready to perform before an audience.

"It's like riding a bike. If you know how to do it, you never forget," Bennett said.

"It's just a week before the show, it snuck up on us," Killingbeck added.

Like many of her productions, Shimskey has a touch of theatrics to liven the set —

fiber optics. The play is set during a display of the Northern Lights. The fiber optics will provide the special effects of the light show.

Shimskey knows her students are ready and a month ago her assistant, director Neil Crosato said all the cast needed was costumes. They had their lines down pat.

With the curtains adjusted to resemble a V and after a short pep talk, Shimskey called for a bench and a run-through of the play.

"OK," she said. "Let's do this."

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Scouts enjoy trip to Ireland

Boy Scout Troop 740 of Garden City along with scouts from Troop 113 of White Lake and venture scouts from Windsor, Ontario, traveled to Ireland for three weeks in July and August 2013.

They were hosted by Scouts from the 29th Dublin Scout Group in Ireland. The trip was dubbed The Great Leprechaun Chase. It consisted of a one-week stay in Dublin and two weeks of camping at five various Scouting Ireland centers. Leader Jim Petish, the assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 740, was instrumental in coordinating the trip with the Dublin and Canadian leaders.

The Garden City scouts

struck a pose overlooking the ocean and were graced with a rainbow, which inspired them to hunt for the pot of gold. Instead they found an Irish leprechaun, according to parent Susan Patterson.

The troop has issued a thank you to Garden City residents who contributed to bottle fundraisers that helped pay for part to the trip.

If you go on vacation, be sure to take a picture with your Observer and send it to Sue Mason as a jpg at smason@hometownlife.com or by mail to her attention at 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to include your name and information about your photo.

Auditions set for Motor City Players

Motor City Players, the adult acting company of Motor City Youth Theatre, has scheduled auditions for the musical production of *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*.

When his crew jumps ship upon sighting the pirates in the distance, Captain Jennings is left with a makeshift crew of motley prisoners and Fergus, a sailor who can't swim, to protect his wealthy (and haughty) passengers.

Auditions are at 7 p.m. Jan. 14-15. Production dates are: March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

Ten men and 11 women are needed for the cast. High

school students may audition for roles as understudies and chorus members.

Auditions will include cold readings from the script, and short monologues are welcome. Vocal auditions will be held for solo roles only. Please bring an accompaniment CD.

Not all actors are required to sing in the show.

Motor City Theatre is at 27555 Grantland in Livonia, a half-mile south of I-96 and a half-block west of Inkster Road.

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Detroit auto show chair Shuman discusses industry, this year's event

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Bob Shuman, chairman of the 2014 North American International Auto Show, knows the auto industry will need to reach some lofty numbers to top the nearly 16 million vehicles sold in the U.S. last year.

He thinks it can be done. "The auto industry in North America had a great year - 16 million cars is a huge number," he said. "Two or three years ago, no one thought we'd be at this. But the auto companies are lean and they're ready. I think we're going to see some really strong sales in 2014."

Shuman, 52, with Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Walled Lake, is a third-generation car guy. His grandfather started out selling used cars on Fort Street. Shuman himself was an attorney for 11 years with the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Beier Howlett before he switched gears and joined the family business.

"My dad was ready to retire in 1997," he said. "I finally couldn't resist and came back. I grew up here as a kid and the thought of selling the place was too much to bear."

As for 2014, Shuman said now is the perfect time to lease

or buy a car.

"We all have heavy inventories at this time of the year," he said. "It's a great time to buy a car and everyone has a good lease these days."

Part of his responsibilities as chairman includes traveling to auto shows around the world. Visiting those other places reinforced the importance of the Detroit car show.

"Sometimes in Detroit we get a little down on ourselves," he said. "But when you talk to someone in France or China and you say you're with the North American International Auto Show, their eyes will light up and they'll tell you it's one of the best shows in the world."

Earlier in the week, Shuman spoke with the *Observer* about the auto show:

Q: How does the North American International Auto Show compare to other major auto shows around the world?

Shuman: NAIAS is one of the top three shows in the world. We pride ourselves on our media coverage. Over 5,000 media members come from more than 60 countries to cover the best new vehicles being unveiled on the world stage in Detroit. That is the primary reason the NAIAS is one of the most important venues for worldwide vehicle reveals. The media come because the intros are here. The automakers come because the media are here.

Q: What are your responsibilities as the show's chairman?

Shuman: I act, along with our Executive Director, Rod Alberts, and the dealer members of the NAIAS Executive Committee, to keep the show true to its standing as an International Auto Show while trying to be as innovative as possible. Producing the show takes the com-

bin effort of a great many highly talented individuals. We are not burdened by a large, lethargic Board of Directors. We're flexible, quick and decisive, and get the work done that leads to the producing the best show in the world.

Q: What cars are in the 2014 show?

Shuman: In terms of vehicle introductions, we know that these brands will be unveiling worldwide product introductions on the Detroit stage: Acura, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Cadillac, Chrysler, Chevrolet, Ford, GMC, Hyundai, Infiniti, Kia, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Porsche, Subaru, Toyota, VW, Volvo.

In addition, there will be more than 500 vehicles on the show floor from virtually all categories including luxury, SUVs, CUVs, concepts, sports/performance, trucks, and alternative fuel vehicles. Remember, the auto show is the best entertainment venue for families and individuals, and is the best place on the planet to comparison shop.

Q: Are there activities for the whole family?

Shuman: Yes, always. I like to encourage people to really take their time and look deep into the exhibits to learn about the changing automotive landscape. There is so much great new technology that goes into new vehicles today, and this is really the best place to learn

about it all because it's here to stay. Same goes for safety and communications. You'll be amazed, entertained and educated.

Q: Where are the best places to purchase tickets?

Shuman: Avoid lines and purchase tickets at NAIAS.com. Also, participating Kroger stores will provide tickets for \$1 off. Ticket Prices are \$13 for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$7 for children (12 and under) ... and free for 6 years and under with paid adult.

Q: Can you tell us about this year's Charity Preview?

Shuman: Charity Preview is the crown to an already amazing week in Detroit, and one of my favorite nights of the year. It's the night when those connected to the auto industry come together to show their generosity ... it's a night for high fives ... and a night to celebrate the resounding auto industry. Charity Preview is also the largest single night fundraiser for children's charities in North America and we expect to raise over \$4 million on Friday night, Jan. 17, in Detroit. Since 1976, the Charity Preview has raised more than \$91 million for Southeastern Michigan children's charities - more than \$47 million of which was raised in the last 10 years alone. And, this year, we'll have a special guest and are thrilled to announce "An Evening with Sheryl Crow."



Shuman

Question for the ages

Spotlight Players tackle relationship issues

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Since the beginning of time, everyone from Freud to Dr. Ruth has tried to figure out what motivates human behavior, what connects people and what drives men and women in their interpersonal relationships.

The Spotlight Players will be the latest to take on that age-old question this month when they take to the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill with their production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, a musical comedy based on the book by Joe DiPietro that takes on the truths and myths about relationships.

With six actors, hailing from West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Romulus, Ypsilanti, Canton, Plymouth and Westland, playing all of the roles in some 20 scenes, *I Love You* tackles the face-to-face aspect of relationships.

"If you believe the latest statistics, we are doing this electronically more than face-to-face these days," said director Karen Pritchard, a member of the Michigan Educational Theatre Hall of Fame. "However, this show is all about the face-to-face encounter, the mating game, from first date, through marriage, parenthood and widowhood and back again."

According to Pritchard, DiPietro felt first and foremost the show was about how people try to connect to one another. It reinvigorates the musical revue by taking a "hilarious and tune-

'I LOVE YOU'

What: Spotlight Players' production of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, a musical adaptation of the Joe DiPietro book that explores relationships.

When: Jan. 31, Feb. 1-2 and Feb. 7-9; Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets: Range from \$12 to \$16.

ful joyride through the dizzying spectrum of modern male-female relationships."

While it's written in the style of a musical comedy revue, Pritchard said theater-goers are bound to recognize something personal in the show.

"There's bound to be at least one scene where you say, 'That's about me,'" said Pritchard, who retired in 2012 after 35 years teaching theater at Divine Child High School in Dearborn. "And that may explain why the show lasted through 5,003 performances on Broadway."

The six actors - Timothy Chanko, Kimberly Suchyta, Kate Papachristou, Meagan Lefebvre, David Zolotarchuk and Brian Trippel - each has a number of roles in the revue's 20 scenes. Pritchard pointed out that, while each of the 20 scenes ties in with the show's basic theme, there is no one central character appearing in every scene.

The actors, who play as few as seven and as many as 11 characters, were chosen based on rehearsal availability, voice

range and other factors.

Producer Judy Cannizzaro of Canton is responsible for pulling everything together to make sure the show goes on as scheduled. It's been up to Cannizzaro, who has produced some dozen shows for Spotlight Players since 2004, to mind the budget, work with the theater regarding schedule and publicity and find people to do the various tasks such as props, costumes and the set.

Cannizzaro said the show, because it's about adult relationships, will have some adult moments audience members need to be aware of.

"The show is basically a musical comedy about the relationship between adults from the first date, getting to know one another, marriage and having children," said Cannizzaro, who last produced *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*. "We notify the public that it's an adult show, so patrons aren't surprised by the language or the subject matter."

Despite the unique nature of the play, the challenges of putting it on are "not unlike those of other community theaters," according to Pritchard. Spotlight has actors coming in from their "day" jobs, they have to share rehearsal space with other productions and time is limited.

The actors are also diverse in their professions - including two chemical engineers, an electrical engineer, a clinical child sociologist, a geologist and a computer repair technician - which makes juggling



David Zolotarchuk (from left), Kate Papachristou and Timothy Chanko practice the musical number "He Called Me" as they prepare for the Spotlight Players' production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

schedules a bit of a challenge. Pritchard, the current vice president of the Dearborn Area Theatre Association, said the challenge is allowing the actors to morph into their various characters.

"The fact these six people have decided to share their free time with us in creating this romp through the dating/mating scene is a blessing," she said. "They are all very talented."

The other challenge, she said, is getting everyone into the right costumes at the right

times. Some of the actors, she pointed out, walk off the stage as one character and, 15 or 20 seconds later, are back on stage as another.

"Some of the fun is keeping the pacing of the show quick and lively," Pritchard said. "It's because of the creative challenge of so many scenes, so many characters and such a funny script that I wanted to direct this show. We spend a lot of time laughing."

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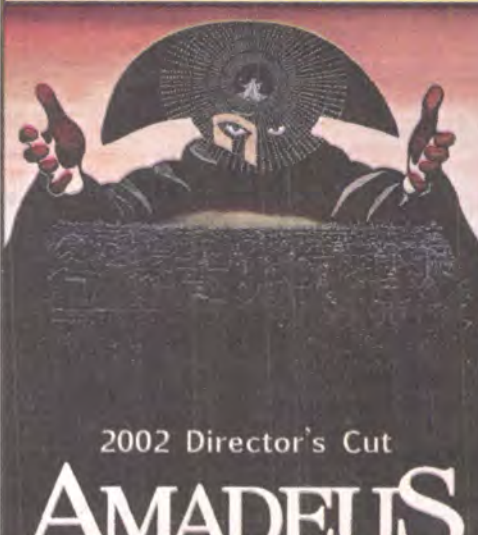
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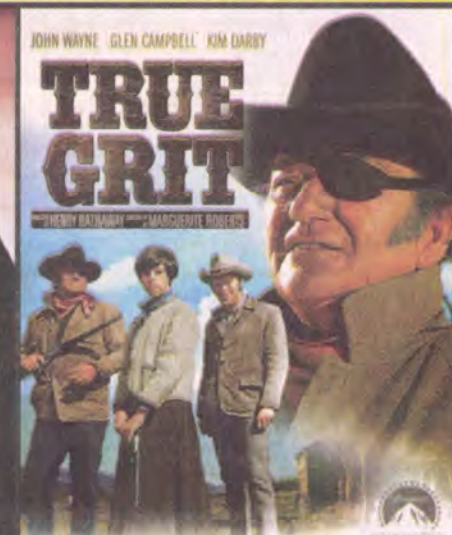


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Hope's video wins \$10,000 for nonprofit organization

Tail Wagger's 1990, a Livonia nonprofit organization, has won \$10,000 in the Petco Foundation and Ellen DeGeneres/Halo Purely for Pets Holiday Wishes Grant Campaign.

Tail Wagger's video submission, "For the Love of Hope," was chosen out of more than 4,500 applicants nationally for one of ten \$10,000 unrestricted grant prizes awarded to nonprofits that saved an animal in 2013 that would be home for the holidays. Tail Wagger's 1990 was the only organization in Michigan to receive the \$10,000 prize.

"For The Love of Hope" is the story of a 7-month-old cat surrendered to Tail Wagger's in September 2013. With horrific burns covering her entire back, ears burnt down to nubs and torture that began as early as 16 weeks, Hope captivated the nation with media exposure in



Hope the cat is recovering from burns that covered her entire back and burnt her ears, thanks to Tail Wagger's.

the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, television and radio and online. A social media outpouring via Facebook brought donations in for Hope from as far away as Germany and the United Kingdom.

Hope spent most of her days at Michigan State University receiving around-the-clock, 24-hour intense care that included six major surgeries and eight procedures.

The final procedure was negative pressure wound therapy, a special "vacuum" often used in Iraq and Afghanistan to

heal wounded soldiers, which was applied for several days to fully heal the wound. Michigan State University is one of the few establishments to have this vacuum.

Hope's journey lasted 95 days and, to date, she has continued to keep her zesty personality, restored her faith in people and is continuing her recovery at the home of a Tail Wagger's supporter.

The \$10,000 unrestricted grant will be used to help fund the many programs of Tail Wagger's 1990, along

with continuing the care for other animals in a crisis through The Hope Fund, named in her honor. The fund is for those with critical care needs, chosen on a case-by-case basis.

To view the winning YouTube video "For the Love of Hope," log into www.youtube.com and search "1990tailwaggers" and click on Holiday Wishes.

Anyone wishing to send financial contributions to The Hope Fund can do so through the website at www.tailwaggers1990.org or by mail to 28402 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154. All financial contributions are tax-deductible and will be used on specific programs per the request of the donor.

Tail Wagger's 1990 is composed of mainly volunteers and all donations are used for animal care. It is committed to helping people help animals.

Child pornography defendant facing trial

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Child pornography defendant Joel Donald Dummann is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court – barring a plea deal – following allegations he sent texts of lewd images to a Canton man by mistake.

The latest development came Friday as Dummann, a 44-year-old Wayne resident, gave up his right to a preliminary hearing in front of 35th District Judge Michael Gerou – a decision that averted courtroom testimony for now. Dummann could face penalties ranging up to seven years in prison if he is convicted of three counts of using a computer to commit a crime, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said Friday. Dummann also faces trial for three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material, a four-year felony.

He remained jailed Friday with a \$250,000/10-percent cash bond, meaning it would take \$25,000

for his release. A not-guilty plea has been placed in his court file.

Defense attorney Ronald Weitzman declined Friday to comment on the case.

Under questioning from Gerou, Dummann said Friday he hadn't been pressured to waive his preliminary exam. He also said no promises had been made to him if he did.

Dummann was arrested in mid-December after a Canton man went to police to report he had mistakenly received texts of child pornographic images while he was shoveling snow. Authorities launched an investigation and searched Dummann's home in Wayne.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Meghan Mathews has said the Canton man who told police he received the texts is "more than willing" to testify in court. He is considered a key witness.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Stolen vehicle

A resident in the 3600 block of Hunter Avenue told police her boyfriend started her car to warm up. When he looked out the window a short time later, he saw the car, a 2001 Chevy Impala, turning east-bound on Hunter followed by a gold minivan.

The boyfriend told police he attempted to follow in another car and lost sight of the two vehicles in traffic but not before he saw them run the red light and turn onto northbound Wayne Road.

The car was paid for, but uninsured.

Larceny from a vehicle

Someone reached through the partially opened window to unlock a car parked in the 600 block of Almond Street overnight Dec. 27. The resident told police the interior had been ransacked and the face plate from the radio/stereo removed. The only thing missing was a car console type trash container.

A resident of the Woodland Villa Apartments, 7560 Drew Circle, filed a report with police Dec. 30 that two nail guns, a tool belt, hammer, tape measure, chalk level, snips, skill saw and cut blade were stolen from the trunk of her car while it was parked in the lot Nov. 17. She said there was no damage to the car and she didn't know how the trunk had been opened. She said she was filing the report for insurance purposes.

A purse containing \$50, VISA and gift cards, driver's license house key and a cell phone charger was reported stolen from a car parked at Westland resident Planet Fitness, 34634 Warren Road, Jan. 3.

Two Westland residents had been inside Planet Fitness about a half hour and when they came out they found the front pas-

senger window smashed and the purse taken from the passenger seat.

A set of keys to the Ways to Family buildings were reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a home in the 32000 block of Merritt Drive sometime between 9 p.m. Jan. 2 and 2 p.m. Jan. 3.

A resident told police someone left a black cell phone in her car after taking \$10 in change from the center console. The unlocked car parked at the curb in the 30000 block of Grandview between 8 p.m. Dec. 29 and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 31. Police could not identify the owner of the phone because of a pass code lock.

Lost purse

A Westland resident told police she discovered she inadvertently left her purse in the stall of a bathroom at Macy's after leaving Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Dec. 30. When she went back inside to get it, the purse was gone. It contained her identification, health insurance cards, several debit cards, \$200 in cash, assorted store cards and prescription medications.

Hit and run

An employee of the Four Seasons Nursing Home, 8365 N. Newburgh, had a surprise when she left work Jan. 5. She found the rear end of her vehicle damaged from a collision in the parking lot with a vehicle that left. There were no witnesses to the crash, and the employee was checking to see if there were exterior cameras that covered the area where she had been parked.

Vandalism

A resident in the 32000 block of Parkwood told police that when she went

to move her husband's vehicle from the road Jan. 1, she discovered the front driver's side window was shattered. The vehicle had been parked in front of the home since Dec. 30. Police could find no evidence of how the window broke.

A report of a man and woman arguing in the parking lot of the Hunter's

West Apartments, 6501 Yale, Jan. 5 turned out to be a vandalism report. Police had been told the couple was arguing over a broken car window. They found the car with the front driver door window broken out, but when they talked to the owner, she told them that there was no argument and

that she wanted to file a property damage report. The woman checked the car and said nothing was missing.

Break-in

The owner of Only Nails, 737 S. Wayne Road, told police she closed her

business at 7:45 p.m. Dec. 31 and when she returned to open it Jan. 2, she found the latch pried open on the rear entrance, but the door still locked. She found nothing out of place inside, but did discover \$162 missing from the cash register. All of the coins had been left in the register.

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AGING AND ARTHRITIS

Often, when a patient over age 65 complains of aching fingers and sore joints, the patient will comment that "it's all part of aging." That comment is only partially true.

Certainly a car that is 12 years old cannot go with the agility and speed of an auto just 12 months on the road; over time even the best maintained vehicle will lose its original speed and handling deftness.

In humans, aging of the musculoskeletal system occurs in the ligaments and tendons as a loss of flexibility and in the ability to respond quickly to the need to stretch. Where the person feels this change is in stiffness in the morning on arising, or getting up from a chair after sitting through a movie or long television program.

Desiccation is the reason for stiffness. The public knows this process from the experience that every adult on growing older becomes shorter. The reason is the disks between vertebrae lose water with age, as result the disk shrinks. The individual sees this change as shorter stature.

The same loss of water happens to aging tendons and ligaments, particularly in the hands, wrists, neck, knees and ankles. A person feels stiffness because joints cannot respond quickly or with the full range of motion one achieved effortlessly over the years.

However, while physicians will not dismiss the patient's explanation that the loss of mobility is old age, the physician will not completely accept it without question. The doctor will evaluate the knee, wrist or shoulder involved to ascertain if arthritis also plays a role. The doctor will not end the visit without reminding the patient that activity and exercise remain the best joint medicine.

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Kensington's Farm Center welcomes winter visitors

Horse-drawn hayrides given

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Maggie and Christopher Rometty flew in from Texas to visit family in Milford over the holiday season.

The day after Christmas, the couple, along with their four children — Leo, Hugh, Simone and Vania — visited with the animals and took a hayride at Kensington Metropark's Farm Center.

"We loved it," said Maggie Rometty after climbing down from the horse-drawn hayride. "The kids buried themselves in the hay to stay warm. It was fun."

Family member Sandy Schimel of Milford also came along, and said she and her husband frequent the park year-round.

"We had a great driver, she was very informative," Schimel said of the hayride. "We learned about the horses and the gardens and other places we passed along the way. The kids were very interested. They asked a lot of questions."

Horse-drawn hayrides — or sleigh rides, if there's enough snow on the ground — are available on weekends at the Farm Center during the winter.

"It can be fun for a family to take a blanket and go on a ride," said horse driver Matt Blakeley, noting the horses wear special winter shoes this time of year to help them get through the snow.

Riders, he added, sometimes see deer or other animals in the



The hayride is one of the most popular activities at the Kensington Farm Center. PHOTOS BY HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The barn at Kensington Farm Center is home to goats, pigs, rabbits and sheep.

woods during the ride, or swans in the open part of the river.

Winter at the farm

While the Farm Center doesn't see the high volume of visitors during

the winter months as it does during warmer weather, the animals are active and the farm remains in full swing all year long.

"A lot of people are surprised to find out

we're open year-round and ask, 'What do you do with the animals?'" said Farm Interpreter and Animal Care Specialist Chris Williams. "We make sure they have a roof over their heads, or a wind break, but the animals actually deal with winter a lot better than most humans."

The farm is home to quite a few permanent residents, including four draft horses, three cows, seven pigs, 14 sheep, eight goats, two donkeys, two rabbits and several dozen chickens, ducks and geese. Visitors will notice a number of different body shapes, patterns and colors, since the farm boasts a variety of different breeds, as well.

For grazing animals, diets change from pasture and hay in the warmer months to primarily hay in winter. It's also important for farmers, Williams said, to make sure the heated water tanks are functioning so the animals stay hydrated.

Some of the older animals, like Rose, a Nubian goat, are put into the heated barn when it gets too cold outside.

"She's pretty arthritic, but she still wants to be outside," said Williams, who's been working at the Farm Center some 25 years. "So sometimes you have to be the voice of reason for her."

In winter, he said, the heated barn is more enjoyable for the public, too, so visitors can stay warm and get a closer look at the animals.

Mother animals with babies also stay in the barn during winter; pigs

and cows, Williams said, deliver all year long.

Cookie, an 800-pound sow, is currently raising up a litter of six piglets born Nov. 30. The little squealers weighed in at birth around 1.5-2 pounds each. Now, just over a month later, they're up to about 25 pounds.

"Cookie's a real good mom," Williams said. "She's very protective."

In about two weeks, two additional litters of piglets are expected, and visitors, as always, will be welcome.

The farm is also currently home to a couple of baby goats, with more goats — and lots of sheep — due to give birth beginning in February and March.

Right now, Williams said, the sheep are at their woolliest, and will be shorn during the farm's Spring Festival in late April.

Lucky visitors to the farm center may catch sight of something else, too.

"We've had a bald eagle hanging around for the past week or so," said Williams. "People are surprised we actually see them here at Kensington."

All in all, he said, snow and colder temperatures shouldn't keep people away from the farm during winter.

"It's a good excuse to get out on a cold day," Williams said. "It's beautiful out here. Winter brings a whole new look to the park and the farm. It's a pretty place any time of the year, but there's a subtle beauty here in wintertime."

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Attorney should review land contract document

Q: Dear Rick: I've been renting a house for about six years. My landlord, who is generally a good guy, has offered to sell me the home. Because of some bad financial decisions I've made in the past, I'm unable to get a mortgage. The landlord has offered to sell me the home on a land contract.

Is a land contract a good thing? How does it differ from a traditional mortgage? The landlord told me I

won't need an attorney because he was going to use a fill-in-the-blank land contract form so I could save money on legal fees. What do you think?

A: On the whole, land contracts are similar to mortgages. Both are ways to finance the purchase of a home. However, there is an important difference. When you obtain a traditional mortgage, the deed, which signifies ownership of the property, is put into your name and the mortgage lender gets a lien on your property as security. With a land contract, the deed remains in the seller's name and is not transferred to the buyer until the land contract is paid in full.

This may not seem like a big deal, but it could be. For example, what happens if you make all the payments on the land contract and for some reason the deed is not transferred to you? This could result in a long legal proceeding. Of course, this issue can easily be resolved in a well-drafted land contract — for example, by using an escrow agent or something of that nature.

From a buyer's standpoint, other than the issues mentioned here, a land contract pretty much works the same way as a mortgage. With a mortgage, the key is the terms. The same applies to a land contract. Such things as the interest rate, the length of the land contract and the amortization are all key issues. Therefore, in deciding whether you purchase the home using a land contract, the key would be what terms you are able to negotiate.

In your situation, one of the issues will be how long of a land contract the landlord is willing to give you. If you get a three-year land contract, the issue for you is whether at the end of the three-year period you will be able to get a mortgage to pay off the land contract. If because of your financial situation you won't be able to get a mortgage, then a three-year land contract would be relatively meaningless. One note, most land contracts in this situation are short term, generally three to five years.

As to whether you need a lawyer, my answer is a yes. A home is generally the largest purchase someone will ever make and you can't entrust that to a fill-in-the-blank form. There are so many different issues with regard to a land contract, therefore, you need to make sure that you have someone on your side to represent your interests. It is important to have an attorney review the documents before you sign.

From a buyer's standpoint, a land contract can be a lifeline and allow someone to purchase a home they otherwise could not. However, a bad land contract can turn your dream of owning a home into a nightmare.

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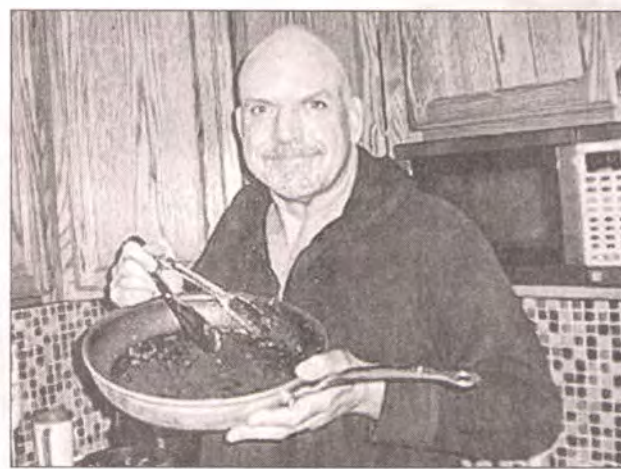
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Samples will be available for taste-testing.

Janes has been a resident of Livonia for 30 years. He has spent his youth and adulthood working in the food industry. He was a food columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* newspa-

pers, the owner operator of Gourmet Gallerie in downtown Plymouth, and the executive chef of Weight Watchers. He was also host of the syndicated Comcast Cable cooking show *In the Kitchen with Chef Larry* and a vocational culinary arts instructor for Livonia Public Schools in the special education department.

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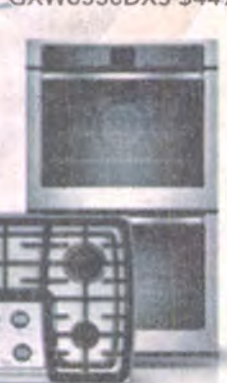


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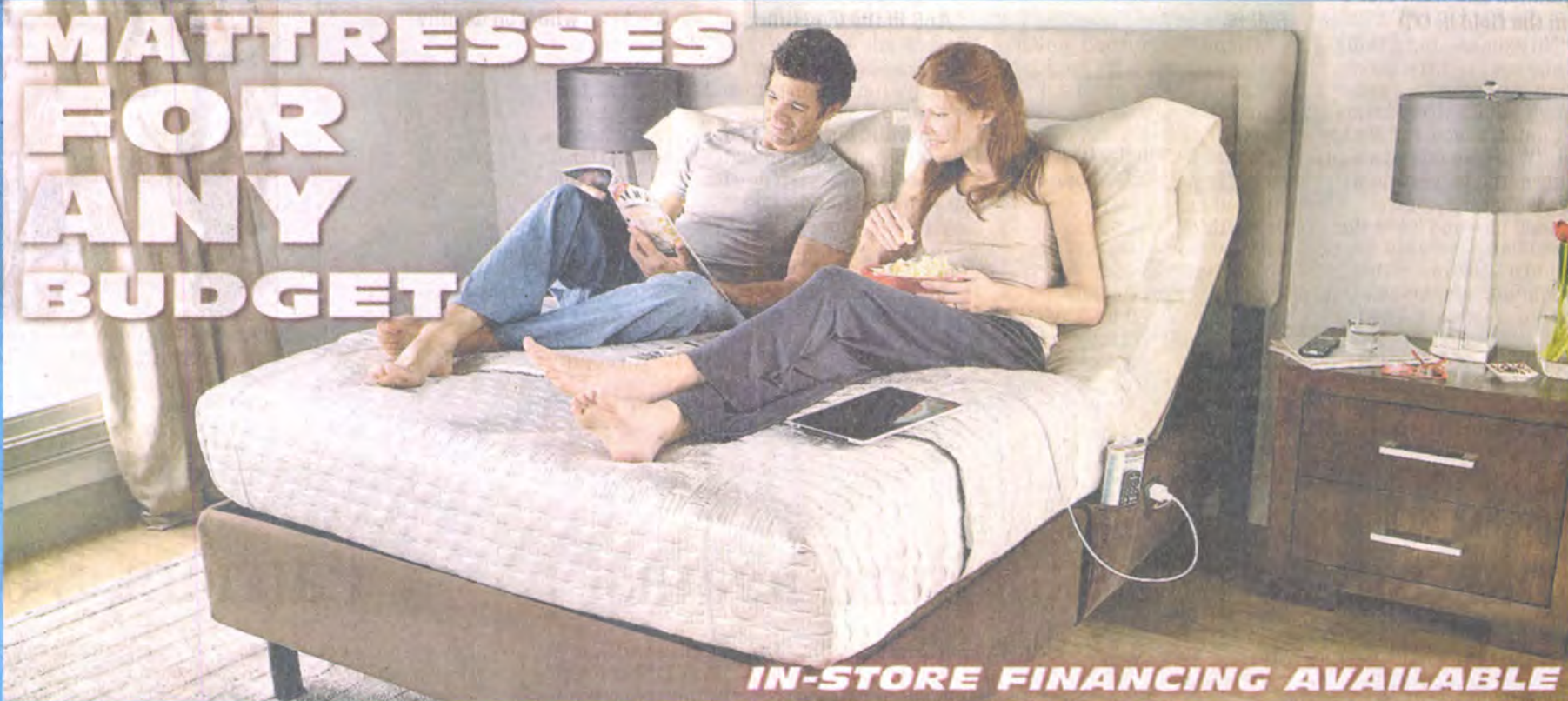
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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Everette returns to launch Rockets

Senior's 22 points leads Glenn past rival Canton

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There's a reason why Isaac Everette wears jersey No. 1 for the Westland John Glenn boys basketball team.

The 6-foot-4 senior forward, who sat out Glenn's first six games with a broken left ring finger, returned to the lineup Thursday night and made quite a season debut, scoring a game-high 22 points as the Rockets outlasted KLAAs South Division nemesis Canton, 47-42, in overtime.

Everette is also Glenn's most seasoned player. "I felt great, it felt really good to be out there with my team again," said Everette, who scored 11 of his 22 in the first half as Glenn trailed 19-17. "First time in a long time, so I was really excited."

"It was real difficult because I was still a little bit rusty from my injury, but it still felt good to get out there. I had to get back into flow of things, but I was good."

Glenn, now 3-4 overall and 1-0 in the division, was good enough down the stretch as Everette made two free throws with only 27.45 seconds left to knot the game at 39-39 and send it into OT.

State-ranked Canton (6-1, 0-1), which suffered its first loss of the season, made a pair of costly turnovers during the final minute of regulation and went 0-of-6 from the field in OT.

"No excuses, but I think fatigue set in a little bit on us and we didn't do a good enough job fighting through it," Canton coach Jim Reddy said. "What we talked about in there (the locker room) after is that they outrebounded us - and lot in the second half - because we went in a halftime with a rebounding advantage. And they got way more loose balls."

Canton led 39-37 with only 1:42 left in the final quarter thanks to two of Jordan Nobles' team-high 19



Glenn senior forward Isaac Everette (right) takes Canton's Shane Keyandwy off the dribble. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

points. Glenn then turned it over with 1:10 to go, but Canton returned the favor with a costly miscue at mid-court.

"We're up two and we got a chance to win it," Reddy said. "I thought we got a timeout and the official didn't think so. I thought I called it twice when we had possession. We come down here and Everette gets fouled and ties it up."

Following Everette's two free throws, Canton had a chance to win it, but turned the ball over again with only 3.23 seconds left.

And in the overtime, Glenn made 4-of-6 free throws and got baskets from Everette (on a rebound) and DeAngelo Kirksey (on a drive) while outscoring the Chiefs, 8-3, to seal the win.

"We weren't crisp down the stretch," Reddy said. "We've had a lot of close games this year and we've done really, really well in them. It's unfortunate we didn't do the things we needed to do down the stretch tonight."

Mychal Bradley contributed 12 points, while Kirksey added eight for the

Rockets, who won despite shooting only 12-of-41 (29.2 percent) from the floor.

"The last couple years, every game has been like this when we play," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "They (Canton) are very good, very well-coached."

"Jim and his staff do a great job. They're hard to beat. We were fortunate the ball bounced our way at the end, but it could have gone the either way."

In addition to the 6-8 Nobles' 19 points, 6-5 senior

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks dust off neighbor Warriors

Late free throws secure 33-29 MIAC Red victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When you shoot 18 percent from the floor and still come out with a victory, the basketball gods are definitely looking out for you.

That was the case Friday night as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran made only 11-of-60 shots from the floor and still managed to pull out a 33-29 girls basketball win over rival Lutheran High Westland.

"Happy that we got the win," HVL coach Kris Ruth. "It's been a crazy week. We didn't practice Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday because of snow, so just one practice under our belts before. Shooting was not good, but free throws down the stretch - especially the fourth quarter - helped."

The Hawks also overcame 22 turnovers to improve to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"We know that teams are going to put up zones and make us shoot from the outside," said Ruth, whose team made 11-of-22 free throws. "That's definitely something we have to work on."

"I thought we played better

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HVL's Brooke Kuehn shoots over Lutheran Westland defender Leah Refenes. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Spartans explode in third against pesky Patriots, 8-0

Upstart Churchill takes down division-leading Rocks, 4-2

State-ranked Livonia Stevenson put on the afterburners in the final period Friday at Edgar Arena to bump off boys hockey rival Livonia Franklin, 8-0, in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover.

The No. 1-ranked Spartans, who improved to 12-1 overall and 7-1 in the KLAAs Central Division, led only 2-0 going into the final period on a pair of goals by Dominic Lutz.

His power-play goal from Tyler Irvine and Drew Hunter gave Stevenson a 1-0 first-period lead. Lutz then scored his 27th of the year on a short-handed effort from Irvine and Ray Chartier to make it 2-0 at 16:45 of the second period.

The Spartans then scored six unan-

swered goals in the third - Dante Seychel short-handed (from Hunter); Joe Alcantara (from Alex Hunt); Ben Kowalske (from Alex DeFlorio); Michael Sinclair (from Chartier and DeFlorio); Shane Leonard on the power play (from Josh Denomie); and Kowalske (from Alec Allen and DeFlorio with 4:58 left).

Andrew Rozenbaum and Cullen Barber combined on the shutout for the Spartans.

Matt Monendo started in net for the Patriots (2-8, 0-6) before giving way to Brian Hubbard.

CHURCHILL 4, SALEM 2: On Friday, host Livonia Churchill (4-8-2, 3-2-1) upended KLAAs South Division leader Salem (5-5, 4-2) as senior goaltender David Turel stopped 30-of-32 shots at Edgar Arena.

Churchill led 2-1 after one period as Drew Sparks scored first at 1:25 from

Dylan Smith and Joe Wozniak, but Salem's Jack Driscoll tied it at 8:05 on a power-play goal from Noah Willer and Noah Saad.

Smith then scored to make it 2-1 at 13:41 of the first from Nolan Cioch.

Drew Puishes made it 3-1 with an unassisted power-play goal 32 seconds into the second, but Salem's Evan Newel answered from Richie Corso and Taylor Burris at 14:29.

Nick Misiak's unassisted goal with only 21 seconds left in the final period iced the victory for Churchill.

"2014 so far has been good to us," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "We've thrown it into another gear. We're working our systems well and we want to keep the momentum going."

Salem goalie Parker Godfrey made 16 saves.

G.P. NORTH 6, LADYWOOD 3: Freshman Katie Hayward's hat trick was not

enough Thursday as Livonia Ladywood (1-7, 1-7) fell to Grosse Pointe North (3-4, 3-4) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 game played at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Senior Rachel Fredette also added an assist in the setback.

LADYWOOD 8, REGINA 3: On Jan. 4, Katie Hayward racked up four goals and added one assist as Livonia Ladywood (1-6) earned its first victory of the season in a Michigan Metro crossover win over visiting Warren Regina (3-3) at Arctic Pond.

Abby Pelon, Sarah Doyle, Colleen Lynch and Devon Kelly also scored goals for the Blazers, who led 4-1 after one period and 7-2 after two.

Cecilia Warner also chipped in with two assists.

Michaela Warner was the winning goaltender.

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KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Glenn gets first division victory

Stevenson, Franklin both suffer losses

It took awhile for Westland John Glenn to get its bearings in Friday night's KLAA South Division girls basketball encounter against host Livonia Churchill.

But the Rockets took control in the second half as senior R'Mani Garrard and Kaira Barnes scored 20 and 17 points, respectively, en route to a 50-30 victory.

Glenn, now 2-6 overall and 1-1 in the division, won despite making only 9-of-25 free throws on the night.

Churchill (3-4, 0-2), which trailed 21-14 at halftime and 37-22 after three quarters, got 13 points from junior forward Hannah Pummill and seven from freshman center Annie Yost.

The Chargers, who lost their fourth straight, made only 4-of-13 free throws.

"We started out sluggish defensively and I think everybody was affected by the three-day layoff," Glenn first-year coach Derrick Jordan said. "We did not come around until the middle of the second quarter and it took a good quarter-and-a-half to get our legs because we played hard yesterday."

NORTHVILLE 38, STEVENSON 29: A 9-0 fourth-quarter run Friday enabled the host Mustangs (8-0, 2-0) to earn a KLAA Central Division triumph Friday over Livonia Stevenson (3-2, 0-1).

Heather Randall led Northville with 15 points, while teammate Emily Maresh added 10.

Kyra Johnson and Charlesann Roy tallied 10 and nine, respectively, for the Spartans, who led 21-17 at halftime and were tied 29-all after three quarters.

"At the half we felt good, we were working hard on the boards," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "There were a lot of turnovers forced on both sides. We just had a hard time putting the ball in the basket."



Churchill's Alivia Kondrath (left) is checked by Glenn's Victoria McLeod. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Stevenson was 4-of-7 from the foul line, while Northville was 7-of-10.

PLYMOUTH 73, FRANKLIN 25: Jada Woody and Kendall Rose each tallied 15 points Friday to lift the Wildcats (7-1, 2-0) to a KLAA South Division win over host Livonia Franklin (0-7, 0-1).

Plymouth led 31-7 after one quarter and went on a 27-7 second-quarter run to lead 58-14 at intermission.

Erin McNally scored six for the Patriots, who went 7-of-11 from the foul line. The Wildcats made 8-of-15 free throws.

CANTON 73, WAYNE 26: Paige Aresco scored 15 points to pace a balanced scoring attack as the Chiefs (5-3, 2-0) cruised to a KLAA South Division win Friday at Wayne Memorial (0-6, 0-1).

Canton, which led 28-5 after one quarter, also had two others score in double figures as Taylor Hunley and Jordan Church chipped in with 15 and 13, respectively. Shannon Perry also added eight points and eight rebounds, while freshman Erin Hult pulled down a team-best 11 boards.

Senior Ashley Bland paced the Zebras with 14 points.

"Obviously, the girls got off to a great start, scored 28 points in the first quarter, holding them to five," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "We were just able to roll from there. I thought we guarded pretty well. Ashley is a good player, I thought we did a solid job on her. The kids were able to get out and score in transition, and knock down some shots."

CANTON 49, JOHN GLENN 31: On Thursday, the host Chiefs (4-3, 1-0) jumped out to a 15-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back in a KLAA South Division victory over Westland John Glenn (1-6, 0-1).

Paige Aresco led the winners with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Rachel Winters added nine points. Taylor Hunley also chipped in with eight points and 10 rebounds.

Senior guard Kaira Barnes paced the Rockets with 15 points, while R'Mani Garrard added seven.

"We got off to a good start, it's always tough coming out playing not practicing for three days with the snow days," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "Glenn made a couple runs and we were able to hang on and finish strong and get it done."

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Churchill's Annie Yost (No. 55), Natalie Spala (No. 23) and Alivia Kondrath (No. 11) battle for the ball inside against Plymouth's Jada Woody. JOHN KEMSKI | PHOTO EXPRESS

Chargers unplugged by Wildcats' in South clash

Plymouth dominates Churchill in lopsided 55-13 encounter

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For more than a week, players on Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team couldn't wait to get back out on the court and wash out the bitter taste of a lopsided loss to Farmington Hills Mercy.

The wait was even longer because of the three successive snow days. But when the Wildcats finally did play, they took out their frustrations Thursday night against visiting Livonia Churchill — breaking out fast and completely dominating the KLAA South Division opener with a 55-13 victory.

The win gave Plymouth a 6-1 start to the season, while the Chargers dropped to 3-3 overall.

"It was eating away at all of us," Plymouth first-year head coach Nick Brandon said about the Dec. 30 game against Mercy (a 63-26 setback). "We could not wait to get back out and compete after that."

"That was a game that taught us a lot and the thing I like most is that this team learned from it."

The Wildcats cranked up the tempo from the opening tip, pushing the pace and delivering crisp, around-the-horn passes on virtually every trip down the court.

Meanwhile, whenever Churchill players had uncontested shots, they almost always missed badly. It was 13-2 after the first quarter and 28-9 at halftime.

The lone field goal scored by the Chargers in the opening 16 minutes was a trey by Molly Pummill early in the second quarter. The other six points came on free throws.

And Churchill got blanked in the fourth quarter, when Plymouth enjoyed a 16-0 advantage.

"We had good looks, it's just we didn't knock them down," Churchill head coach Matt McCowan said. "We haven't practiced since last Saturday, but neither has Plymouth. That's not an excuse."

"We have a long way to go and the girls know that. We're a very young team, but there's some potential there and we're going to grab that real soon."

Many contributors

Further hurting the Chargers was the fact whoever Brandon inserted into the Plymouth lineup made something happen for the Wildcats.

All 12 players saw action and nine of them scored at least two points.

The Wildcats connected on nearly 42 percent of their shots from the floor and also scrapped on defense, registering 17 steals and five blocks.

"We want that ball moving, we want a lot of people touching it, we want to keep the defense guessing and off-balance," Brandon said about his team's constant motion on offense. "And also we really want to get our running game going."

"You can see how up-tempo we play in terms of getting out in the break and running the floor."

Leading the charge was senior point guard Kylie Robb, who had 15 points along with three steals and two assists.

Also in double figures was senior center Shelby Cheston, with 12 points to go along with two blocks and three boards. Chipping in with eight points and five rebounds was senior wing Jada Woody.

Scoring five points for Churchill was Alma Kondrath, with Pummill tallying three.

The Wildcats also got it done on the glass, with 40 rebounds (19 on offense). Churchill rebounds were few and far between, although McCowan did not have the actual statistics available.

"Defensively, as crazy as it sounds, our half-court defense wasn't bad," McCowan said.

"We couldn't get back and then it was the second, third and fourth opportunities where we didn't box out. That's what killed us defensively."

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Glenn's R'Mani Garrard (right) goes in for two ahead of Churchill defender Annie Yost. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Melcher, Williams spark Crusaders' triumph

Career scoring highs by Rachel Melcher and Chelsea Williams propelled the Madonna University women's basketball team to a come-from-behind 77-68 win Thursday night over visiting University Michigan-Dearborn.

Melcher, a senior from Birmingham Marian, poured in a game-high 30 points to go along with a career-best 16 rebounds for her third double-double of the season. She made 18-of-24 free throws.

Williams, a 5-foot-9 junior from Livonia Franklin, matched her career-best with 22 points, hitting 9-of-19 shots from the floor, as the Crusaders improved to 7-9 overall and 5-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier

Athletic Conference. Jalissa Williams paced the Wolves (2-13, 1-8) with 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Brittany Teets added 17 points, while Andrea Collins and Danielle Cowart chipped in with 13 apiece for UMD, which trailed 39-30 at halftime.

Lady Ocelots falter

Tanner McCune scored a game-high 25 points Wednesday as host Oakland Community College (2-11, 1-1) rolled to an 85-67 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (4-8, 0-2) in Auburn Hills.

The Raiders, who rallied from a

33-30 halftime deficit, also got 20 points from Miranda Fuerst and 12 from Jalisha Nelson.

The Lady Ocelots got a team-high 22 points from Tabitha Mann, while Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) added 13.

Brianna Berberet (Salem) and Sara Gammons chipped in with 11 apiece.

Schoolcraft shot only 35.5 percent from the floor (27-of-76) and 47.4 percent from the free-throw line (9-of-19), while committing 28 turnovers.

OCC had 27 turnovers on the night, but shot 45.5 percent from the floor (30-of-66) and 83.3 percent from the foul line (20-of-24).

KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Rockets stave off Churchill upset bid

Westland John Glenn was taken to the limit in Friday's KLAA South Division boys basketball game against upstart Livonia Churchill.

But the Rockets were able to pull out a 56-53 victory over the Chargers as senior forward Isaac Everette led the way with 20 points, while DeAngelo Kirskey and Mo Foani each added 11.

Glenn, which improved to 4-4 overall and 2-0 in the division, won despite making only 9-of-17 free throws.

Senior guard Donte Jackson paced the Chargers (2-5, 1-1) with a game-high 24 points. Sophomore Joan Andoni chipped in with 15.

"It was one of our best efforts in years," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team led 26-24 at halftime. "It was a heck of an effort. It became a game of runs and we were right there. We were at the (foul) line and down three with 18 seconds left."

NORTHVILLE 46, STEVENSON 43: Malik Bazzi tossed in 13 of his game-high 19 points in the first half Friday as the visiting Mustangs (4-4, 1-1) held off Livonia Stevenson (1-5, 0-1) in a KLAA Central Division clash.

Andrew Meacham, a senior center, chipped in with 12 points for Northville. Junior guard Jalen Webber scored 18 points for the Spartans, who rallied from a 34-18 halftime deficit with a 21-8 third-quarter run.

Stevenson made only 11-of-24 free throws, while Northville hit 13-of-23.

PLYMOUTH 65, FRANKLIN 37: Brent Davis scored 14 points to propel the Wildcats (4-3, 1-1) to a KLAA South Division triumph Friday over Livonia Franklin (1-6, 0-1).

Chris Walls added seven rebounds for Plymouth, which led 29-11 at halftime. Nick Guest and Adam Monroe scored 10 and eight points, respectively, for the Patriots, who shot only 31 percent from the floor (14-of-45).

CANTON 49, WAYNE 28: Dawan Taylor scored a game-high 20 points Friday as the host Chiefs (7-1, 1-1) pulled away in the second half for a KLAA South Division win over Wayne Memorial (1-5, 0-1).

Jordan Nobles added 11 for Canton, which led 25-16 at halftime. Brian Williams and Jackie Muhammad tallied nine and seven, respectively, for the Zebras.

CHURCHILL 47, PLYMOUTH 35: Junior Jalen Davis scored 17 points and senior Donte Jackson chipped in with 11 to lead Livonia Churchill (2-4, 1-0) to a KLAA South Division boys win Thursday over the visiting Wildcats (3-3, 0-1). Davis and Jackson also combined for 12 rebounds for the Chargers, who led 26-16 at halftime and 36-21 after three quarters.

Randall Aikins, a junior guard, paced the Wildcats with 14 points. Plymouth made 5-of-12 free throws, while Churchill connected on 3-of-7.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MU guard combo sinks Wolves in WHAC victory

Travis Schuba nearly posted a double-double, while teammate Bobby Naubert was just shy of a triple-double in Madonna University's 76-55 men's basketball win Thursday night over visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Schuba, a senior guard from Rapid River, posted 26 points, connecting on eight 3-pointers, while grabbing eight rebounds.

Naubert, a senior point guard from Livonia Stevenson, added 13 points, nine assists and nine rebounds as the Crusaders erased an early 10-point first-half deficit to go up 40-25 at intermission en route to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win.

Freshman Dan Hall also came off the bench to contribute 11 points for MU, which improved to 11-6 overall and 7-2 in the WHAC.

Gage Throgmorton paced the Wolves (4-12, 2-7) with 15 points, while Jamiel Strickland (Wayne Memorial) and Dustin Sielski added 12 and 10, respectively.

Schoolcraft falls

Westland John Glenn grad Richard Roberts poured in a

game-high 30 points Wednesday night to lead host Oakland Community College to a 115-94 victory over Schoolcraft College in Auburn Hills.

Roberts made 12-of-24 shots from the floor, including three 3-pointers, to go along with 3-of-5 free throws.

Jametrious Wade added 26 points and 17 rebounds, while Nathan Steffney and Chris Martin (off the bench) chipped in with 16 and 15 points, respectively, as the Raiders improved to 12-1 overall and 2-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

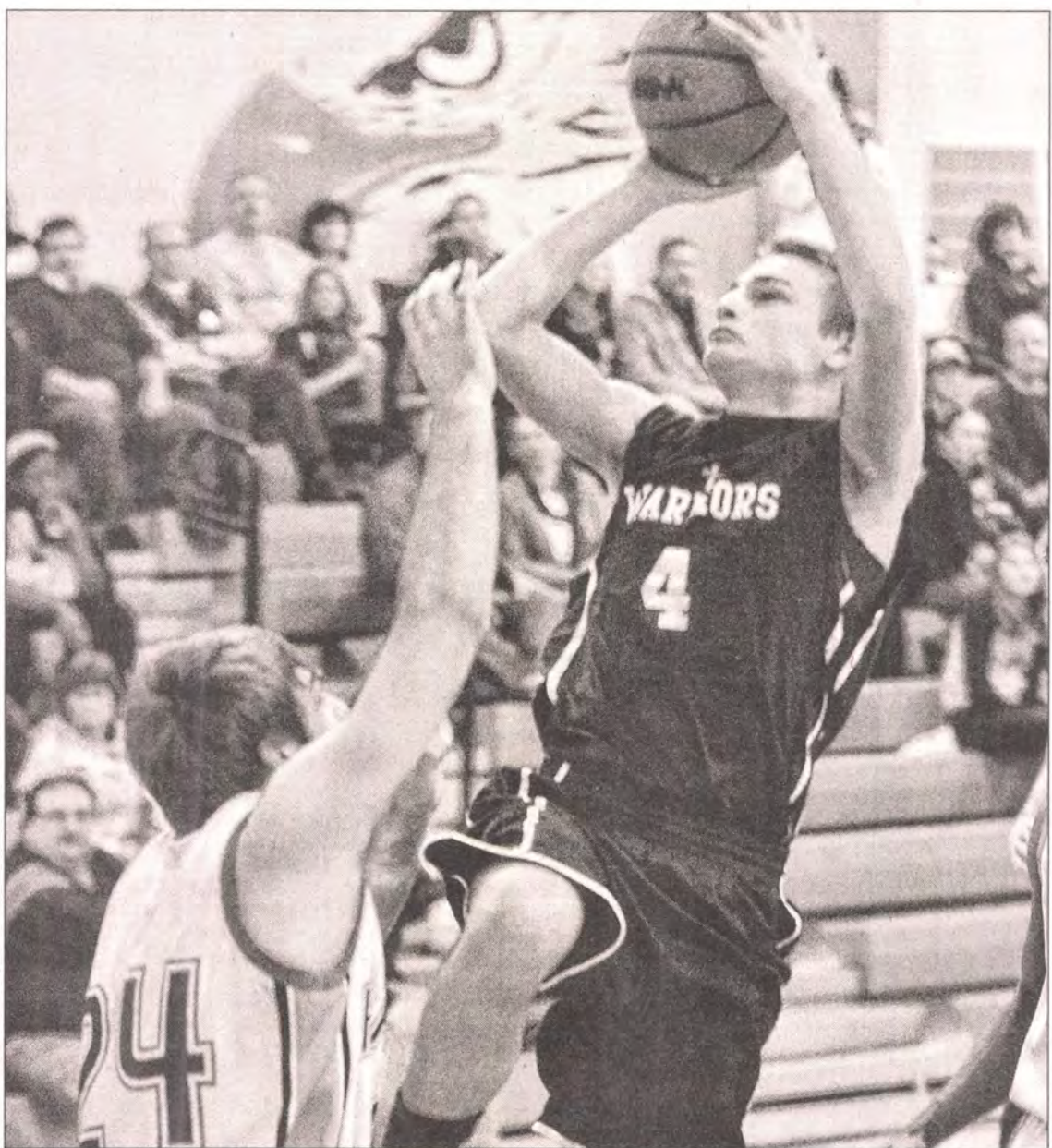
Daemar Thomas also grabbed 10 rebounds for the Raiders, who led 54-40 at halftime.

Schoolcraft (8-4, 1-1) got 28 points and eight rebounds from Terrell Sewell (Canton), along with 27 points and 12 boards from Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston).

Josh Campbell (Livonia Stevenson), making his first appearance of the season, added 16 points, while point guard Devonta Riley dished out 12 assists.

OCC shot 50 percent from the floor (42-of-84) and out-rebounded the Ocelots 56-51.

BOYS BASKETBALL



Lutheran Westland's P.J. Gusé (No. 4) takes a shot over HVL defender Ryan Schaffer (No. 24). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warriors stop stubborn Huron Valley, 56-44

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

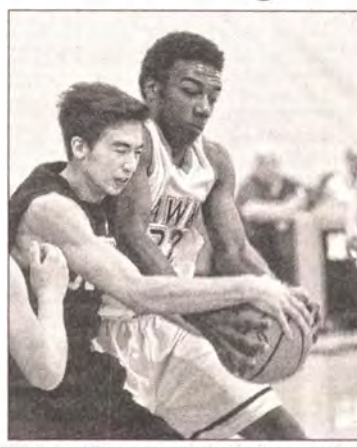
So far, so good for the Lutheran High Westland boys basketball team when it comes to the 2013-14 season.

The Warriors improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Red Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a hard-fought 56-44 win Friday night over host and next-door neighbor Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Jake Davenport led the way with a team-high 18 points, while Nick Flanery and P.J. Gusé chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Cleveland Tarp also grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds as the Warriors out-scored the Hawks 30-21 in the second half after leading 26-23 at intermission.

"I was really proud of our resolve tonight," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team shot 23-of-52 from the floor (44 percent). "It was a tough atmosphere and our guys handled it well. Everything they threw at us, we had an answer for."



HVL's Milan Monk (right) goes for the rebound with Lutheran Westland's Noah Huffman. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hoeft was also pleased with the way his team handled HVL's pressure.

"We had a total of eight turnovers tonight," he said. "We valued every possession and we took care of the ball. This was a good win. Our team is starting to find a groove."

Senior forward Ryan Schaffer, who recently surpassed the 1,000-point career mark for the Hawks (0-4, 0-1),

led all scorers with game-high 21 points.

Jordan Rundstadler chipped in with seven for HVL, which made 17-of-47 from the floor (36.1 percent) and 3-of-7 from the foul line (42.8 percent).

"This was a good test for us tonight because we have two tough opponents next week - Taylor Baptist Park and Ann Arbor Greenhills," Hoeft said. "We are really looking forward to next week's challenges."

CRESTWOOD 62, CLARENCEVILLE 22: Esa Abduljami scored 19 points and Ali Abboud added 11 Friday as host Dearborn Heights Crestwood (6-1, 2-0) rolled to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (4-4, 1-1). The Trojans, who have dropped four straight, fell behind 22-8 after one quarter and 45-10 at halftime. Kimani Dooley scored eight points for the Trojans, who made only 8-of-20 free throws.

Crestwood connected on 13-of-24 from the line. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 73, CALVARY 42:** Four players scored in double figures Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (3-0, 1-0) rolled past Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (2-3, 0-1) in a MIAC Red Division game.

Nick Flanery led a balanced Warriors' scoring attack with 14 points, while Jake Davenport and P.J. Gusé added 12 apiece.

Cleveland Tarp also added 10 points, while Davenport came up with eight steals and five assists. David Walker and Johnny Bryant each scored 10 points, while Kenny Warren added nine for Calvary.

"The second half our guys responded," said Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft, whose team led 35-22 at halftime. "We only committed six turnovers and had 28 rebounds in the second half. We stepped up and played much better all around in the second half."

HAWKS

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the second half. The turnovers were better and we played with more heart."

The host Hawks jumped out to an 8-2 lead before Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade called a timeout to put in a zone defense.

But the Warriors were able to cut the deficit to 8-6 after one quarter on baskets by Sabrina Morrison and Bethany Hoehne.

And despite making only 3-of-23 second-quarter shots, HVL led 15-9 at intermission thanks to a three-point play by Dayna Schroeder with only 3.1 seconds left.

Things opened up at bit in the third quarter as Julia Yancy scored six points for the Warriors, including a banker from the wing to knot the game at 17-17 with 3:08 left.

But the Hawks took a 25-19 advantage going into the final quarter as Schroeder and Ashley Hewer each split free throws during the final 19 seconds.

A steal and layup by Yancy, followed by an elbow jumper by Emily Hahn, tied it with 4:49 remaining tied it at 25-25.

The Hawks then went up again, 28-25, thanks to Julie St. John's old-fashioned three-point play with 3:11 to play.

Leah Refenes then popped in a pair of free throws with 1:21 to go to close the deficit to 28-27 and Schroeder countered by splitting a pair of two-shot fouls to make it a three-point game again, 30-27.

After Hoehne's two foul



Lutheran Westland's Leah Refenes (22) wrestles for the ball against HVL's Dayna Schroeder. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

shots made it 30-29 with only 39 seconds left, the Hawks closed it out thanks to three free throws during the final 34 seconds by St. John, who led HVL with nine points and 13 rebounds.

Sam Shelton and Sarah Setian added eight and seven points, respectively, for the Hawks.

Yancy, Hoehn and Refenes each tallied eight for the Warriors, who committed 30 turnovers.

"We've been struggling the last couple of games with our turnovers," Wade said. "I lost Shannon Abbott last year, my point guard, so I'm having a junior that is stepping in from JV last year, then I have a senior to step in to be a point guard, too."

The Warriors, meanwhile, shot just 27.2 percent from the floor (12-of-44) and 5-of-10 from the foul stripe.

"We're hurting ourselves,"

said Wade, whose team slipped to 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the MIAC Red. "We're learning, but we're inexperienced right now. We were panicking and just kind of throwing it instead of taking a deep breath, reacting and reading it. I just keep telling them, 'We're going to get to it.' We just have to keep working at it and working at it."

The Hawks rotated St. John, Ashley Hewer and Schroeder defensively throughout the game with double-teams on Refenes, the Warriors' top scorer and rebounder.

"Normally, Refenes controls the toughness of the game, but Julie (St. John) being there was definitely stronger and tougher," Wade said. "Having Leah out of the game definitely hurt us because we look to her so much because she's been averaging 12 points a game."

CLARENCEVILLE 35, CRESTWOOD 32: Erica Katz scored the go-ahead basket with only 12 seconds left to lead Livonia Clarenceville (4-4, 2-0) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division win Friday at home over Dearborn Heights Crestwood (3-4, 3-2).

Senior center Ayanna Buckley paced the first-place Trojans with 19 points, 15 rebounds and six blocks. Mikala Kielling added 11, including three triples and a pair of free throws to close out the victory. Clarenceville was 14-of-17 from the foul line.

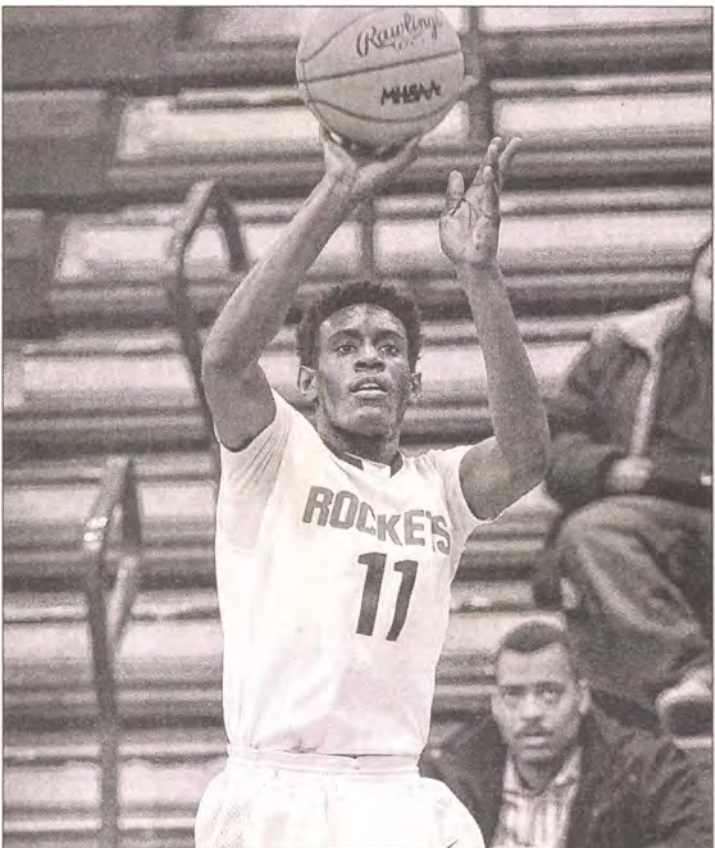
Alicia Carmona scored 12 and Danielle Clarke added eight for the Chargers, who went only 8-of-24 from the foul line.

DIVINE CHILD 64, LADYWOOD 18: On Thursday, Nicole Urbanick poured in 20 points, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, to carry Dearborn Divine Child (4-2, 1-0) to a Catholic League Central Division victory at Livonia Ladywood (0-7, 0-1).

Kelsey Kinder also contributed eight points as 13 different players scored for the Falcons, who jumped out to a 23-8 first-quarter lead.

Sophomore Erika Selakowski scored six points and grabbed five rebounds for the Blazers.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 44, CALVARY 10: Leah Refenes and Claire Gordon each tallied 10 points Thursday to power host Lutheran High Westland (2-4, 1-0) to a convincing MIAC Red Division victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian. Sarah Buehler led Calvary, which trailed 23-4 at halftime, with six points.



Mychal Bradley scored 12 points in Glenn's 47-42 overtime victory Thursday over Canton. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

ROCKETS

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Dawan Taylor added 12 for the Chiefs, who shot only 13-of-49 from the floor (26.5 percent).

Because of the recent school closings, neither team had seen the floor in more than five days.

"We played last Friday against Saline and have not practiced since, but it's no excuse though," Reddy said.

"They (Glenn) didn't practice either. You've got to come in, you've got to make adjustments and you've got to play hard and fight through it."

Everette, meanwhile, was

all smiles afterward. It was well worth the wait.

"It was a real important win," the Glenn senior said. "We still have memories about what happened last year (triple-OT loss at home for the KLAA South title), so we wanted to come out this year and make some noise."

And Young was pleased to have his No. 1 guy back in the lineup.

"Three-year guy, we played six games in four weeks without him," the Glenn coach said. "It's helped our team, but at the same time, it's nice having him back. He does everything really well."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 13
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Fordson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
 Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Sunday, Jan. 12
 Marian at Ladywood, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14
 Luth. South at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Fordson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16
 South Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
 Ladywood at Mercy, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Jan. 13
 Ladywood at Liggett, 5:30 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Brighton
 at Kensington Valley I.H., 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Churchill vs. Stevenson
 at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Grosse Pte. North

at Grosse Pte. Civic, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Churchill vs. S. Lyon Unified
 at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
(Traverse North-South Showcase)
 Stevenson vs. T.C. Central
 at Howe Arena, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Ladywood vs. Plymouth
 at Arctic Edge, 7:30 p.m.
(Traverse North-South Showcase)
 Stevenson vs. T.C. West
 at Howe Arena, 12:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 17
 Plymouth Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Canton Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
 Redford Union Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19

Chippewa Valley Inv., 9 a.m.
 Dakota Wigen Memorial, 9:30 a.m.
 W.L. Northern Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
 Holt Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 16
 Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
 Detroit CC at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Wayne Invitational, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASICS
Monday, Jan. 13
 Livonia Blue vs. Waterford
 at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14
 Livonia Red vs. Canton
 at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
 Milford-Lakeland Inv., TBA.
PREP BOWLING
Monday, Jan. 13

Clarenceville vs. Robichaud
 at Indian Lanes, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14
 John Glenn vs. Canton,
 Wayne vs. Northville
 at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 John Glenn vs. Northville
 at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
 Clarenceville vs. Annapolis
 at Parkway Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Mercy
 at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Wayne Co. Championship, TBA.
 Oakland Co. Championship
 at Cherry Hill Lanes North, TBA.
PREP SKIING
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Ladywood Slalom Race
 at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16
 Ladywood Giant Slalom

at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Plymouth at Churchill, 6 p.m.
 Glenn, Wayne at Franklin, 6 p.m.
 Stevenson at Novi, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19
 Rochester Royal Rumble, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Jan. 15
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 5:30 p.m.
 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Macomb, 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

PREP WRESTLING

Trojans pin down team tourney title

Evan Hendricks swept all three matches by pin at 171 pounds Saturday as the host Livonia Clarenceville wrestling team captured its own team dual tournament with a 3-1 record.

The Trojans, who improved to 4-6 overall, defeated Redford Union (51-24), Rochester

Hills Lutheran Northwest (66-0) and Dearborn Heights Robichaud (forfeit), while falling to the Westland John Glenn 'B' team, 39-37.

Other undefeated grapplers for Clarenceville included Dyland Brigham (103), Domanick Slagle (152), James Ascott (189) and Ryan Groves (285).

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS WAYNE MEMORIAL 103 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 80

Jan. 9 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Jacob Griffith, Noah Karson, Zack Williams), 1:58.9; 2. John Glenn (Jason Burcicki, Cody Hodges, John Kukulka, Andrei Manaila), 1:59.03; 3. John Glenn (Josh Ferguson, Jeremy Billings, Josh Eddings, Pete Augustino), 2:14.17.

200 freestyle: 1. John Stover (WM), 2:12.12; 2. Michael Gibson (WM), 2:02.789; 3. Jacob Deering (WJG), 2:03.83.

200 individual medley: 1. Kukulka (WJG), 2:24.7; 2. Karson (WM), 2:29.81; 3. Williams (WM), 2:35.74.

50 freestyle: 1. Hodges (WJG), 23.77; 2. Devin Gibson (WM), 24.21; 3. Griffith (WM), 25.41.

1-meter diving: 1. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 157.30 points; 2. Justin Wozniak (WJG), 108.80; 3. Jason Marhon (WJG), 67.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:03.86; 2. M. Gibson (WM), 1:04.34; 3. Karson (WM), 1:08.31.

100 freestyle: 1. Hodges (WJG), 53.79; 2. D. Gibson (WM), 55.59; 3. Arthur Aigeltinger (WM), 57.25.

500 freestyle: 1. Stover (WM), 5:27.6; 2. Deering (WJG), 5:33.33; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 6:07.02.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (D. Gibson, M. Gibson, Griffith, Stover), 1:41.62; 2. John Glenn (Kukulka, Manaila, Deering, Hodges), 1:45.4; 3. Wayne (Blake Barber, Collin Malcolm, Mack Beene, Drouillard), 1:59.07.

100 backstroke: 1. Williams (WM), 1:07.77; 2. Aigeltinger (WM), 1:09.27; 3. Ferguson (WJG), 1:16.5.

100 breaststroke: 1. Griffith (WM), 1:21.22; 2. Barber (WM), 1:25.05; 3. Billings (WJG), 1:25.94.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (M. Gibson, D. Gibson, Williams, Stover), 3:47.48; 2. Wayne (Beene, Aigeltinger, Barber, Karson), 4:05.81; 3. John Glenn (Burcicki, Deering, Eddings, Billings), 4:19.99.

Dual meet records: Wayne, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAAS South Division; John Glenn, 2-1 overall, 0-1 KLAAS South.

PREP GYMNASICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA RED 129.85 WATERFORD UNIFIED 120.875

Jan. 9 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. (tie) Julia Twigg (Red) and Marissa McVey (Red), 8.65 each; 3. Mikaela Hillie (Red), 8.5; 4. Clara Heintz (WU), 8.45; 5. (tie) Kara Federico (WU), Deja Hunt (WU) and Kendra Hellett (WU), 8.3 each.

Uneven bars: 1. McVey (Red), 8.65; 2. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.25; 3. Olivia Ryktarsky (Red), 7.75; 4. Hunt (WU), 7.375; 5. Heintz (WU), 7.075.

Balance beam: 1. Griffith (WM), 9.15; 2. Ryktarsky (Red), 8.0; 3. Hunt (WU), 7.975; 4. Alysha Burd (Red), 7.75; 5. Sydney Grenier (Red), 7.625.

Floor exercise: 1. McVey (Red), 9.25; 2. Heintz (Red), 8.65; 3. Maddy Pargoff (Red), 8.475; 4. Ryktarsky (Red), 8.25; 5. Hillie (Red), 8.15.

All-around: 1. McVey (Red), 35.70; 2. Ryktarsky (Red), 32.15; 3. Hunt (WU), 31.765; 4. Heintz (WU), 31.575; 5. Hillie (Red), 28.875.

Dual meet records: Livonia Red, 4-2 overall; Waterford, 0-3 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Churchill fundraiser

The Churchill Athletic Patrons will stage its annual fundraiser dinner 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at The Coaches Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads.

Join CAP members for an afternoon of food and fun with proceeds going to Churchill athletics. There will also be hourly 50/50 drawings.

Rod Hawrany and Mario D'Herin of Roger & Rod's Barber Shop will serve as guest bartenders.

For more information, email Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at mhage@livonia-publicschools.org.

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abra-

ham will stage a fundamentals camp 8:30-11:30 a.m. along with a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 and 25 at the MU Activities Center.

The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for both. You can register at the door.

For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call 734-432-5612.

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.

Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and writ-

ten parental consent.

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

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro); football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986); and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each (if

purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, call Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage walk-in or fax-in registration for 2014 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) for those living in the Livonia or Clarenceville school attendance area through Feb. 26.

Mail-in registration is through Feb. 14. Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Registration forms have been sent to schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. The season runs from May

though July with T-Ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

Late registration for Livonia or Clarenceville school district residents will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 29, at the LCRC, 15000 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile Road).

Non-resident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

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HAIL TO HAGGIS

Annual suppers give nod to Scottish bard

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It's time to "address the haggis," toast the lads and lassies and say a few kind words about 18th century Scottish poet Robert Burns.

Local Scottish social clubs plan Robert Burns suppers and will celebrate the bard with poetry readings, toasts, bag piping, Highland dancing, and food — including haggis, a dish consisting of roasted sheep organ meats, oatmeal, suet and spices in a casing — Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26, in metro Detroit.

"Originally Burns dinners were male only," said Heather McGinty, a South Lyon resident who coordinates the annual Detroit Burns Club dinner in Livonia. "Then a lot of Burns clubs opened them up."

"Everyone has their own version of it. We have a proper dinner dance. We're a little more formal. My husband and all of the Scotsmen will wear dress kilt. I typically wear a long dress. A lot of the people are Scottish and are linked to the club. And then there are people who follow the band (The Rhythm Society Orchestra) who will come to the dance. A lot have no idea who Robert Burns is."

Three events

The club's annual Burns Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, Jan. 25, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and include a family-style dinner, performances by the Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band & Highland Dancers, along with music for dancing by The Rhythm Society Orchestra. Tickets are available by calling McGinty at 248-486-4903 or 248-760-6143 or by emailing to fhusa08@att.net. She'll take reservations through the morning of the event.

Also on Jan. 25, the St. Andrews Society of Detroit will present a Burns Pub Night at the Kilgour Scottish Castle, 2360 Rochester Road in Troy. Tickets are \$20 and include a cocktail reception, dinner, bag pipes and dancers. Call 248-526-1849 for tickets.

The Scottish American Society of Michigan's Robert Burns Supper runs 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Commonwealth Club, 30088 Dequindre, Warren. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, 10 and under, and include a Steak Pie dinner with Mushie Peas and chips, the Detroit Royal Scottish Dancers, a Scottish Sing-Along and crafts for children. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made payable to SASM, Burns Supper, 826 Edgewood Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Visit scotsofmichigan.com for more information.

Franklin Dohanyos performs *The Address to a Haggis* by Scottish poet Robert Burns, during the Scottish American Society of Michigan's annual Robert Burns Supper.

"It's a great time and we're kid-friendly," said Franklin Dohanyos of Royal Oak, society founder. "This year we're having a pipe down. One guy will play a couple of tunes and then another guy will play. There will be a vote to see who is piper of the day."

Guests can address the supper guests with impromptu toasts or readings of Burns' works during the evening.

"If anyone wants to get up, take the mic and yell 'to Robert Burns,' they can," he said.

Haggis ritual

Dohanyos will "address the haggis," by performing Burn's poem, *Address to a Haggis* in Scottish dialect.

"The bagpiper lines up first. Then there's a guy bearing the scotch. Everyone in the parade has a scotch, single malt," Dohanyos described the haggis ritual. "Then comes the guy who will read the haggis (poem) and the last guy is holding a haggis, a 5-pounder, on a tray. He's got to be careful. The haggis is steamed and slippery. We almost had one fly off the tray once."

A poetry reading or a toast to the haggis is a tradition at the Livonia and Troy suppers, as well. The Livonia and Warren events also will include a toast to the lads and lassies. A man toasts the women and a woman replies with a toast.



The Scottish American Society of Michigan's annual Robert Burns Supper includes Highland dancing.

"We like to pick a husband and wife team. It can be a serious speech or a funny speech," McGinty said. "Their speeches can feed off each other."

Marjorie Sellers of Farmington Hills will wear the colors of her husband's family clan, along with a sash and rosette of her own clan, when they attend the gathering in Warren.

"It's a lot of fun. Robert Burns wrote some beautiful poetry. The readings are wonderful. You get a feel for what it was like in his era," she said.

For McGinty, the Burns dinner dance is a great way to banish the winter blues.

"You can dress up and really, how often do you get to see a Scotsman in his kilt?"



Lois and David Hednry of the Scottish American Society of Michigan toast the "Lads and Lassies" at a previous Robert Burns Supper.

Film follows veterinarian's campaign to end declawing

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Santa Zhugra would stop all cat declawing if she could.

"I am firmly against declawing and would like to help educate others about what it really is," said Zhugra, a local animal rescuer.

She'll present the documentary, *The Paw Project*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the AMC Star Southfield 20. The 2012 film follows veterinarian Jennifer Conrad's campaign to ban declawing of wild and domestic felines, examining the emotional and physical damage — such as lameness — the surgery can cause. The procedure amputates a cat's toes at the last joint, removing not only nails, but bone.

"It's not on the forefront of animal cruelty, but it's such an injustice in the fact that it's their doctor doing it to them," Conrad states in the film trailer. "That would be the equivalent of taking these cigar cutters and slipping my finger through and cutting this whole last bone off."

The film has attracted a following among animal rescuers, including Jennifer Fritz of Garden City and Lisa Hill of

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Royal Oak, who run a cat shelter in Royal Oak.

They've rescued cats that have been injured by declaw surgery.

"Lisa and I have been following the progress of this project for quite some time. We're so excited that they're

having a screening of this by us," Fritz said, in an email. "We are in no way affiliated with this group, but stand behind what they're doing — educating to end the practice of declawing."

Online tickets

Zhugra is presenting the film through Tugg.com, an online program that enables individuals and groups to show films at select theaters. After choosing a film from Tugg's online library, the presenter sets up a screening date and then encourages friends, family, and community members to buy tickets. Each show must draw a minimum number of ticket buyers. If it doesn't, the show and the reserved tickets are canceled without charge. Zhugra attained the minimum number of reservations for *The Paw Project* last week and will sell tickets online until Jan. 16.

"I am a cat (and dog) rescuer and have been involved in helping animals since I was a little kid. Stray cats always found me, so I always took care of them," she said. The Berkeley resident has volunteered for Paws for Life, Animal Aid Foundation and Dog Aide. "Now I am no longer a volunteer for any particular organization. But I network and work with many different rescues to place animals in need. I've done plenty of fostering, adoptions and tons else.

Now what I mainly focus on is networking and only take in emergency situations myself if I cannot find a rescue for them."

On screen

The Paw Project will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets for the film are \$11, available through Tugg.com. Click on the "events" listing after setting your location. The AMC Star Southfield 20 is at 25333 W. 12 Mile, just west of Telegraph, Southfield.

Other Tugg.com screenings: » *Why We Ride*, a movie about the motorcycle community, 7:30-9:19 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$11.

» *Elemental*, a film about individuals in Canada, Australia and India waging "David and Goliath" struggles to improve the environment, runs 7:43 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10.

» *Linsanity* looks at basketball player, Jeremy Lin, 7-8:58 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$11.

Cold can affect your appliances in negative ways

Baby, its cold outside and I bet we will have more cold snaps coming before winter ends.

Extreme cold can cause all sorts of service calls and money spent. Take the many calls that plumbers are getting about frozen water pipes, in particular, the water line going to the outside where the valve sits for your garden hose. It freezes just inside the wall because it doesn't have any insulation wrapped around it, or you didn't shut off the inside valve leading to the outside. It can drip or suddenly burst and you have a big mess and expense.

Take the washing machine that sits against an outside wall and the transmission oil congeals and feels like thick molasses. You turn on the



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

washer and it sounds different and the next thing you smell is the belt burning because the gears in the transmission won't turn, the belt won't move but the motor pulley is turning and burning the belt. Stop doing the wash and heat up the transmission with your hair dryer or place a small space heater near the back of the washer.

The dishwasher usually is located on an outside wall and if that wall is lacking insulation, the water line can freeze up and cause a no-water condition. Sometimes it's wise to leave the cupboard door open under the sink to prevent this

from happening.

The clothes dryer will take much longer to dry clothes during winter if the outside flapper is not closing all the way. The zero degree temperature will crawl from the outside right down the dryer vent line into the drum. Take a little toothbrush and clean the hinges on the flapper door. This also helps any critters from coming inside looking for a fireplace atmosphere.

Move from garage

Now let's go to the refrigerator in your home which can cause thousands of dollars in damage due to these extreme cold temperatures. I get so many inquiries from homeowners who purchase a new refrigerator and put it in a garage for whatever reason. They complain

that the meat is thawing out in the freezer section. That will happen because the control senses the garage temperature and won't let the refrigerator run because the control says that it is cold enough in here. A more serious consequence is the compressor breaks an internal valve because like the washing machine transmission, the oil is as thick as molasses in January. This is not a repair that is covered by the warranty and can exceed \$600 in repair cost. Refrigerators are not designed to operate in temperatures below 50 degrees and that is a fact. Yes, many of the older refrigerators were not affected by temperatures but that is not the way it is now. Simply put, don't purchase a refrigerator and place it in your garage unless it is a heated

garage.

Now we come to the part which really irks me when I see the icemaker installation kits for sale in the hardware store. There on the shelf is a plastic package with a plastic water line to install for your icemaker and water dispenser and there may be the beginning of a future and expensive problem. That piece of plastic tubing that you are going to connect to your water supply can freeze if the back wall is susceptible to extreme cold. It can also have a wear spot created by vibration that will pop a hole in it. It can also get very brittle after years of use and cause a leak in that plastic line. Ask yourself one question, "Where will I be when that plastic line begins to pour water all over the floor?" Will you

be home so you can hear the water or step into it or will you be at work or on a weekend vacation? Will you have 50 or 500 gallons of water running through your house, destroying the walls and the floor and everything in the lower level? Just how serious can that little plastic line be in your life? I say to all of you, get rid of that cheap piece of plastic and install the only thing I recommend to so many people who have learned a hard lesson. Use copper tubing and do it soon. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Toasting 25 years with tea

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

Interior designer Shirley Maddalena of Birmingham has been sponsoring the annual High Holiday Tea at The Townsend for 25 years. The tea has gotten so popular that, this year, seating expanded out to the main lobby of the hotel.

Besides a chance to ring in the new year, the tea is a fundraiser for Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit-based organization that helps local high-risk girls, young women and the homeless avoid teen pregnancy, violence and exploitation by providing positive choices.

AFG supports three programs: AFG Prevention, the AFG Shelter/Transition to Independent Living Program and AFG Outreach.

In addition to the elegance of high tea at The Townsend, guests donate white elephant and new items for a popular silent auction that averages about \$8,000 each year to support Alternatives for Girls. For more information, visit www.alternativesforgirls.org.



Farmington Hills resident Tamara Johnson (left) and Carol Slavsky of Birmingham participate in the High Holiday Tea at the Townsend, sponsored by Maddalena Design.



It was the second time Lisa Fawcett of Farmington Hills (left) attended the tea to benefit Alternatives for Girls and the first time for Beverly Outland of Sterling Heights.

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ENGAGEMENT

KOUDELKA-ALESTRA

Victoria Koudelka and Peter Alestra announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ronald and Barbara Fowkes of Milford, is a 1999 graduate of Milford High School. She is em-

ployed by Hewlett Packard.

Her fiancé, son of Leann and Malcolm Alestra of Redford, is a 1996 graduate of Thurston High School. He is employed by the Canton Police Department.

A June 2014 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth Township.



Victoria Koudelka and Peter Alestra

WEDDING

Schulz-Mortier

Laura Marie Schulz and Matthew Paul Mortier were married June 22, 2013, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton. The Rev. Richard Perfetto officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Schulz of Canton and the late Marvin Schulz. The groom is the son of Paul and Terry Mortier of Grand Blanc.

A reception at the Dearborn Inn followed the ceremony. Janet Busscher was matron of

honor and Amy Crothers was maid of honor. Mitchell Mortier and John Hicks both served as best man. Other attendants were Jill Fullerton, Alexandria Prokic, Madeleine Mortier, Megan Mortier, Emily Kaspor, Alexandria Paz, Daniel Mathis, Matthew Rollins, John Blischak, Chaz Stewart, Anthony Fallucco and Joseph Paz.

The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic before returning to Canton, where they reside.



Laura Marie Schulz and Matthew Paul Mortier

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY

BETHANY

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18

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

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19

Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat menu includes pancake and French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage,

ham, juice, applesauce and coffee. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10.

Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Performances by Ammunition Band, This Fire Within, The Savior's Army and Lost & Found; free admission, although donations 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, Canton

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 goes to the parish.

Contact: 734-455-5910

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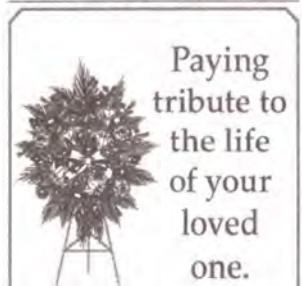


ARCHER, KENNETH JOSEPH, SR.

Long time Plymouth resident and WWII veteran, age 93, died on January 5, 2014 at his home in Maryland. "Joe" was born in 1920 to Lucinda and Robert Archer of Plymouth. He grew up on Roe Street and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1938. After graduation he worked at the Detroit Fire Truck Company, and then at the Daisy Air Rifle factory in Plymouth. When World War II broke out, and with his two older brothers already in the service, Joe was anxious to do his part. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in January, 1942. He served on an icebreaker/buoy tender in the Great Lakes protecting the iron ore pipeline, and later saw action in the South Pacific as a radio-man, first aboard the USA Duluth, a Coast Guard manned Army Repair Ship, and then on an Army supply ship, the FS182. As part of MacArthur's invasion fleet in the Philippines, he came under attack at Hollandia Harbor and Leyte Gulf. His notable memories included seeing General MacArthur stride past him on the pier at Leyte Gulf and having his ship hit sea bottom twice in the South China Sea during a typhoon. One of his shipmates aboard the Duluth was Groucho Marx's son, Arthur, who wrote about their experiences in his memoir, Son of Groucho. After the war, Joe returned to Plymouth, and in 1947 married Dorothy Smith - literally the girl next door - in the rectory of Our Lady of Good Counsel church. He settled with his family on N. Holbrook Street and worked as an industrial engineer at the Burroughs Corporation's Plymouth plant. His children attended Our Lady of Good Counsel and Plymouth public schools, and spent summers at Burroughs Farms in Brighton. Whenever possible, Joe pursued his passions of traveling and playing golf. He moved the family to California in 1969, returned to Plymouth briefly from 1994-97, and later continued to make frequent visits home to see family and friends. Joe will be remembered as a humble man with a sharp wit and self-deprecating sense of humor. He was self-reliant, fiercely patriotic, and believed in the values of frugality and hard work. In his later years, he spent his time gardening, woodcarving, and hunting for bargains at yard sales. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth VFW. The last of the immediate family, he was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lucinda Archer; his sisters Eileen (Archer) Williams and Rita (Archer) Stolte; and brothers Ernest Archer, Loren "Bud" Archer, and James Archer. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy Archer of Hagerstown, Maryland, and his four children: Ken Archer of Hagerstown, Gail (Archer) Barrett of Hagerstown, Mary Jo Archer of Carlsbad, California, Kelley Archer of New York, NY, and five grandsons: Joseph Barrett of Fairfax, Virginia, John Barrett of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Sebastian, Daeden, and Cairo Gordon-Somers-Archer, all of New York. Joe will have a military burial in Plymouth at a date to be determined. The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

CZAJKA, LEON J. "LEE"

Age 88, of Black Lake (Onaway), formerly of Garden City, died at home on Sunday, January 5, 2014. The son of Peter and Anna (Kondziolka) Czajka, Lee was born on February 20, 1925 in Dearborn, Michigan. He married Theresa Lauwers in Detroit on July 19, 1947. Making a career working as a glazier, Lee installed windows in many of the buildings in downtown Detroit and surrounding areas. In 1985 he retired from West Detroit Glass. Lee was an avid gardener. He loved to hunt, fish, and play Yahtzee. Win or lose, Lee was a steadfast Detroit Tigers Fan. It didn't matter what he was doing, if the Tigers were playing, he was watching or listening. Surviving Lee is his wife of more than 66 years, Theresa Czajka of Black Lake; daughters, Judy (Fred) Heiby of Fremont, Indiana and Carol (Howard) Whitefoot of Livonia; sons, Michael (Linda) of Bloomfield Hills, Patrick (Amy) of Alpena, Eric (Leanne), and Alan both of Black Lake; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. Arrangements were in care of the Chagnon Funeral Home. Your condolences and memories of Lee may be shared with his family at www.chagnonfh.com.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

HERTER, MARCELLA

January 8, 2014, Age 90 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late William "Bill" Herter. Loving Mother of Marcia, Joseph, Gary, Patrick (Cheryl), Michael (Jackie) and Mark (Assiya) Herter, Cheryl Ferguson, Maureen (Tom) Battistone and Kathryn Stemberger. Dear sister of Lorraine (Robert) DeBoutte, and George (Mary) Funke. Proud grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of four. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass to be held at a later date. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



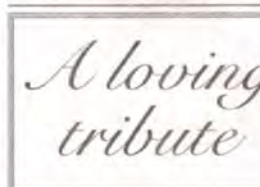
MEHL, LOIS MARIE (NEE HISCHKE)

Age 91. January 7, 2014. Wife of the late Rev. Carl Mehl. Loving mother of the late Ted, Catherine (Thomas), Mary (Bill), and Bill (Jodi). Proud grandmother of Rebecca, Jeff, Amanda, Jason, Scott, and Jackie. Great-grandmother of Christopher, Nicole, Erin, Michael, Alexandra, and Samantha. Sister of Thomas and the late Muriel. Private Service to be held. Offer condolences at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



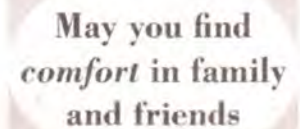
MOJARES ARTURO L., M.D.

January 8, 2014, Age 78. Arturo was born and raised in Lodi, Lipa City, Philippines, son of Conrado and Arsenia Mojares. He graduated from Far Eastern University Medical School in 1962. He practiced General Surgery at Crittenton Hospital for over 30 years. Arturo loved traveling, fine dining, cooking and gardening. He built beautiful koi ponds and waterfalls at his home. He cherished spending time with his five grandchildren. Beloved husband of Mila Martinez-Mojares, M.D. for 47 years. Dear father of Maricel Mojares-Moore (Dwight Moore) and Arthur Mojares (Michele), and grandfather of Brandon, Mirabelle, Mia, Lily and Christian. Brother of Brilio, Amador, Nenita, Purita, Edita and Aurieta. Family will receive friends Saturday 4-8 p.m. and Sunday 3-8 p.m. with Prayer Service Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Scripture Service Sunday at 6 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd (Between Maple and Big Beaver), 248-362-2500. Funeral Mass Monday 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 a.m. Memorial tributes to donor's choice. Burial in Lipa City, Philippines. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



NILSON, ANNA MARIE

Age 85. January 6, 2014. Marie was the loving wife of Robert, dear mother of Christina, David, and Nancy (Richard), proud grandmother Cameron, Kimber, Maureen, and Kirsten, and great grandmother of four. Sister of James, the late Charley, and Priscilla. A long time member of Nativity United Church of Christ, Marie enjoyed singing in the choir. Visitation Wednesday, January 8 from 6-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral Service Thursday, January 9 at 12pm with visitation beginning at 10:30am at the funeral home. Further info at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



OLIN-FOX, DOROTHY J.

Of Ellenton, Florida passed away peacefully on October 14, 2013. The daughter of Charles and Florence Olin, she was born in Pontiac, Michigan on January 14, 1926. She and husband Tom moved to Ellenton in 1982 from Birmingham, Michigan. Dorothy was a past president of Birmingham Jr. Women's Club, a past president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and a Red Cross volunteer for 10 years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Dorothy is survived by her daughter Barbara Fox-Fleischer of Richardson, Texas, and son Tom Jr. of Fenton, Michigan; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; four nieces and nephews; brothers Charles C. Olin Jr., of Mikado, MI and Gary M. Olin of Vero Beach, FL. Memorial services will be held on January 18, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Grover Funeral Home, at Mansion Memorial Park, 1400 36th Ave. E., Ellenton, FL. Services will be conducted by Barbara and Chuck Fleischer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Good Shepard Rescue, c/o Gail Mitchell, 16806 Deer Park Dr., Dallas, TX 75248.

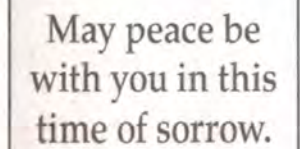


ROSSOW, PAUL J.

Age 57, January 8, 2014. Loving son of Joan and the late Richard Rossow. Caring brother of Lawrence (Carol) and Glenn (Ginger). Uncle of David (Amanda), Michael (Molly) and Michelle. Nephew of Mike (Jackie) and Howard (the late Dorothy). Funeral Service Sunday at 4:30pm at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia. Friends may visit the church beginning at 3:30pm. Visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com Harry J Will Funeral Homes

SCHMIDT, ELIZABETH L.

January 7, 2014, age 72. Beloved wife of the late Lyle J. Schmidt. Dear mother of Jonna Schmidt, Paul (Carol) Schmidt and the late David Schmidt. Grandmother of Nicolas R. Schmidt and Tony Madley. Sister of Kenneth (Irene) Campbell, Lois (George) Pernicano, Joann (Alex) Pavlin, James (Judith) Campbell, Pressley (Anne) Campbell and the late Margery Campbell. Memorial Gathering beginning at 12 noon until time of Memorial Service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Contributions to the church or Hospice Home of Lenawee, 1903 Wolf Creek Highway, Adrian, MI 49221 Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com



SPANGLER, ELSON B.

Age 89, December 30, 2013 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Helen (nee: Pecha) for 64 years. Loving father of Craig Spangler, D.D.S. (Teresa Honnold), Nancy Spangler Messana, M.D. (Joe Messana, M.D.), and Susan Spangler Nussbaum, Esq. (Bill Nussbaum, Esq.). Dear grandfather of Karen, Katie, Liz, John, Michael, and Rachel. Brother of Lois Thomas Dupree and Mary Jo Dilus. Son of the late Edgar and Orpha Spangler. Memorial Service Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes can be made to Elson Spangler Memorial Fund, dedicated to community service at Birmingham Unitarian Church or MI WWII Legacy Memorial. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



TAGGART, JAMES H.

Age 79. January 8, 2014. Loving husband of Catherine for 54 years. Beloved father of Russ (Cindy), Glenn, Ken (Jackie), Ron (Kathy), Denise (Tom) Flannery. Cherished grandfather of Colin (Shannon), Heather, Paige, Nick, Mackenzie, Jennie, Sarah, Megan, and Jason. Dear brother of the late Thomas (Priscilla). Memorial Gathering Monday 3 p.m. until time of Memorial Service 6 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia.



TAYLOR, C. PAUL, D.D.S.

Passed away suddenly at his Florida home Friday, January 3, 2014 at 86 years of age. Born and raised in Detroit Michigan... Decorated graduate of Detroit Pershing High School, Proud Navy Veteran of WWII, graduate of the University of Detroit Dental School. Paul practiced dentistry for many years in Birmingham Michigan, was involved with the Birmingham Lions Club, Oakland County Dental Society and past member of Stonycroft Golf Club and Missaukee Golf Club. After retirement, he spent most of the warm weather months on Lake Mitchell in Cadillac, MI. He was an exceptional athlete, enjoying all sports especially tennis, golf and bowling. Paul was a great supporter of Michigan State University Spartan athletics and was so happy to see a Rose Bowl victory. He was a proud Red Cross Blood donor, often bragging about how many gallons of blood he gave. Always known for his gentle smile, easy demeanor, willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need... if you ever met him... you were instantly a friend. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Marge; his devoted and proud children, son Steve Taylor and his wife Pam of Columbia SC, daughter Sandy VanDeVelde and her husband Bob VanDeVelde D.D.S. of Troy, MI, daughter Paula Taylor D.D.S. and her partner Mary Sage of Troy, MI. Devoted grandfather of Loren Taylor, Amanda Taylor, Alex Taylor, Stephanie Carroll (Mike), Kate Ordway (Danny), Brad Dehring (Adriana), Lindsey Laubert (Mike), Corey Dehring (Maddie), Jamie Dolley (Dan) and Kristen VanDeVelde, Eric Oberts (Kristy). Loving Great Grandfather of, Ella and Ben Carroll, Noah and Molly Ordway, Natalie, Adella, Winnie, Mara, and Jack Dehring, and Brady Laubert, Owen Taylor, Kaitlyn, Jillian and Emmilee Oberts. Paul also is survived by his sister-in-law Henrietta Taylor, nieces Colleen Kuxhaus (Byron), Nancy Tiseo (Rick) and Sheila Taylor (Erwin) and long time friend Les Knowles (Jeanie) The family will have a Memorial Service in the spring to honor his life, details to be published at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial at P.O. Box 237 Royal Oak, MI 48068 or at www.michiganwv2memorial.org



Nation's spending on biomedical research on a decline

The United States is spending less — and Japan and China are spending more — on biomedical research and development, according to an analysis by medical researchers and economists that recently appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"The United States has long been a world leader in driving research and development in the biomedical science. It's important to maintain that leadership role because biomedical research has a number of long term downstream economic benefits, especially around job creation," said study author Dr. Reshma Jagsi, M.D. and associate professor of radiation oncology at the University of Michigan Health System.

Biomedical research and development spending in the United States dropped from \$131 billion to \$119 billion, when adjusted for inflation, from 2007-12, while Japan increased spending by \$9 billion and China increased by \$6.4 billion.

Despite reductions in funding from the National Institutes of Health, researchers discovered that the United States' decline was driven almost entirely by reduced investment from industry, not the public sector. This includes support for clinical trials testing potential new therapies.

Jagsi suggested that it may be less expensive to conduct research in Asia. Labor costs less, government may be offering subsidies and the research infrastructure is not as bureaucratic as it is in the United States.



Jagsi

"We were surprised the impact of industry funding was that dramatic, but it's key to note that government funding is equally important to maintain or grow. Research funded through the National Institutes of Health helps scientists understand how diseases work — this will happen slower as NIH funding continues to be cut," says study author Justin Chakma, a venture capital investor with Thomas, Mc Nerney & Partners in La Jolla, Calif.

Historically, about half of drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had some federal government funding during the course of the research and development.

The authors noted the critical need for increased NIH funding coupled with incentives to industry for investing in biomedical research and development.

UPCOMING

BABY CARE BASICS

Learn about bathing, feeding, developmental stages, immunization schedule, identifying illnesses, choosing a pediatrician, medications, child care options, choosing a baby sitter, safety-proofing your home, and much more, in a three-hour baby care class, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$35. Call 248-888-2500 to register or visit botsford.org.

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 costick-center and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Steven Fisher, a clinical psychologist, will present "This is harder than I thought — coping with the psychological aspects of eliminating gluten," at the next meeting of Tri County Celiac Support Group. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington; tccsg.net.

COOKING PROGRAMS

Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market present these programs:

» Breaking Down Breakfast Workshop, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Busch's, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. A Botsford Hospital dietician will talk about making healthful food choices in this interactive session. Cost is \$5. Tickets are available from the Busch's guest services counter or by phoning 248-539-4581.

» Learn how to make healthful, slow-cooked stews, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Chef Rebecca Wauldron will lead the class, offering recipes, samples, cooking tips, and nutritional advice. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available from Busch's guest services counter or by phoning 734-779-6100.

DRUG SERIES

Dawn Farms-sponsored programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti:

» "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. The first part will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen

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substance abuse problems; the second explains what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified.

» Tana Bridge, Ph.D., will talk about "Trauma and Chemical Use and Addiction," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18. She'll explain the impact trauma has on the brain, on coping and subsequent substance use, and how to aid individuals struggling with trauma and addiction.

» Mary Jo Desprez, M.A., will provide an overview of the national and local efforts to build recovery support programs on college campuses. Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

FITNESS CLASSES

Farmington Hills Special Services Department offers a variety of exercise classes, including a boot camp, Zumba, Z-Box Core, and cardio boxing, beginning Jan. 13. Register in person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Or register online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. Contact Fitness Motivators at 248-987-6930 or go to www.fitnessmotivators.com.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Learn about hearing aids at the next meeting of the Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. The meeting also will include an open forum on dealing with the problems associated with hearing loss. Questions? Call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email to aferrack@comcast.net.

ONGOING

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmary-mercy.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon

the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

» St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

New Year, New You!

LUNCH & LECTURE

Saturday, January 18 at 1 p.m.
Westland Mall, East Court
(Use entrance near Olga's)

The excitement and hope of the New Year is often focused around physical & health. People make resolutions to cut out junk food, eat more fruits and vegetables, and become more physically active in their everyday lives. While these are all very important to your physical health, what about your mental health?

Join expert psychologist Dr. Phil O'Dwyer, Clinical Director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling, as he offers tips on how to focus on changing the inner you in 2014. Dr. O'Dwyer will discuss the importance of mental health on your well-being, how to improve your approach to life, and why it is important to welcome 2014 with a positive attitude.

This FREE event includes Q&A lecture, lunch, giveaways, and raffle prizes.

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11 ways to help your job search...

By Susan Ricker
CareerBuilder writer

You may not think you have enough time to make progress in your job search. But if you've got five minutes, you can move your search forward with any of these 11 actions:

1. Replace the objective statement

"Replace the objective statement at the top of your résumé with a branded headline that conveys your value to the reader, i.e., 'Registered nurse committed to providing safe, effective patient care,'" says Laurie Berenson, certified master résumé writer and founder of Sterling Career Concepts LLC.



2. Connect with your network

"Connect with one person from your network with whom you haven't spoken in at least one month," Berenson advises. "Pick up the phone, too -- don't rely on emailing."

3. Update social profiles

"Update your LinkedIn profile content for two reasons: First, to keep it current, but also so the activity puts your name in front of every one of your contacts as a network update on their home page," Berenson says.

4. Conduct research

"A lack of basic understanding of the agency's mission and/or philosophy shows a lack of preparation and interest," says Natasha R.W. Eldridge, founding partner and director of human resources for Eldridge Overton Educational Programs.

5. Make your voicemails more professional

"Remove ringtones and silly voicemail recordings from voicemail," Eldridge says. "I am not going to leave a professional message on the voicemail of an applicant that has music blasting as a ringtone. It shows me that job searching is not a priority."

6. Prepare for the interview

"Preparation is everything," says Bruce A. Hurwitz, president and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing Ltd. "Make up a list of the questions you do not want to be asked; then answer them in the company of a friend. Tell the friend you want honest feedback to make certain that you are giving confident, credible and professional-sounding answers. Once you are comfortable with the difficult questions ... you will be more than prepared for the 'easy' questions."

7. Join industry associations

"Contact and join a local professional association," says Raina Kropp, HR talent partner at Vistage International. "Sometimes you can get student or in-transition discounts. Don't be afraid to ask. These are the people you want to network with since they could be your future manager or colleague."

8. Clean up your resume

"Remove irrelevant experience from your résumé," says Katie Niekrahn, senior managing director of the recruitment firm Execu-Search. "While the summer after college that you spent scooping ice cream may have been the best [time] of your life, it doesn't really apply to a career in finance. Pick and choose your relevant experience, and tailor it to the job you're applying for."

9. Get your references ready

"Prepare your list of references before the interview," Niekrahn says. "Once you have confirmed your two to three references, create a simple document that lists all the relevant information the employer would need to know about them; name, title, contact info., etc. Bring this document with you to all your interviews, so this way, if the hiring manager asks you for your references, you'll be prepared and look organized."

10. Stay organized

"Create a master list for all the jobs you apply for. The key to a successful job search is organization," Niekrahn says. "To do this, create an Excel spreadsheet that contains a row for each job you apply for, and include these columns: the date you applied;

the company; the contact; the position for which you applied; how you applied; if, when and with whom you interviewed; when you should next follow up or what your next steps are; and the current status of the application. Creating this document should only take a few minutes, and updating it as you proactively apply for jobs should only take a few seconds."

11. Proofread your materials

"Read your LinkedIn profile, résumé and other job-search materials backward," says Karen Southall Watts, business consultant, coach and speaker. "That's right -- read from the last sentence to the first sentence. This editing technique forces you to examine each sentence separately and keeps you from skipping over mistakes because you know what you meant to say next. By reading your materials backward, you can avoid those common typos and errors that plague all of us when our brains go faster than our typing skills."

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DOWN

- Autocrat
- Della Street's penner
- Baby soother
- Aid for a fracture
- Flakes off
- NASA counterpart

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- On-the-job time
- Where's —?
- Malt brew
- Shuttle destination, for short
- Playpen occupant
- Invents a word
- Maiden turned into a heifer
- Nightfall
- Flu symptom
- Pops
- Cager O'Neal, to fans
- Humdinger
- "Waterloo" rock group
- Not allow
- Intersections
- Adorable little one
- Notch shape
- Crown
- Temple city of Japan
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9	5	6	4	3	1	7	8	2
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8	5	3	1	2	4	6	7	9
9	3	4	7	5	8	1	2	7
5	6	1	8	2	3	9	7	4
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