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City's financial picture improves

Westland ended fiscal year with \$5.5 million reserve

> By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Westland officials received praise from auditors for their successful efforts at downsizing and ending the fiscal year with a \$5.5 million fund bal-

During a presentation on the 2013-14 financial audit,

Mike Swartz of Plante Moran warned city officials that building up that reserve fund was only half the battle.

"Taxable (property) values can decline quickly but they are slow to grow back due to Headlee (Amendment)," Swartz said. "Your ability to keep that unrestricted fund balance will be harder. If any community is up to the challenge, it's you guys. You made changes when you had to make During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2013, Westland had added \$500,000 to the fund balance due to increased revenues and decreased spending.

"The benefits of a stabilized fund balance mean a better bond rating, which helps the city realize lower interest costs when bonding for larger capital projects," Westland Finance Director Steven Smith said. "Residents benefit from this because the city pays less in interest costs, leaving funds

available for city services."

Significant changes

Faced with dropping property values — a prime source of municipal funding — and increasing costs, in 2009 Westland had projected annually increasing deficits. Without significant changes, that deficit was projected to reach \$37 million during the current fiscal year.

"From our standpoint, everything is being managed

well. You've made significant progress on financial issues," said Swartz, citing downsizing, reorganization and shared services. "You've really grabbed on to things where you needed to get creative." After years of declining

property values, Westland property values are expected to rise an average 4.56 percent this year. As referenced by Swartz, the Headlee Amend-

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Shaelyn Newberry not only is the recipient of the "Female Youth of the Year Award" but carries a 4.0 GPA in high school. Behind her are State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, (left), Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, and 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Youth, mentor successes celebrated at annual dinner

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Local youths and the adults who help them move forward in their lives were honored recently at the annual Westland Youth Assistance dinner.

Held at Angelo Brothers Restaurant, the program celebrates the success of teens who overcome problems or bad choices.

"It's truly an honor to be here to represent the mayor and the city, but also as a (Youth Assistance) board member,' Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said. "(Youth Assistance Director) Paul

Motz and his entire staff make a big difference. My hats are off to the kids and the parents. The annual dinner normally recog-

nizes three teens who have participated in the Youth Assistance programs. "Paul was saying that this year was so outstanding that they would recog-

nize four youths," Smith said. Sharing his usual patter of jokes largely groaners — Motz said he appreciated the support from City Hall and noted the improved relationships with the city in recent years.

Recognized at the program for their efforts in 2013 were:

» Thomas Treger was honored as Male Youth of the Year. Treger was described by case manager Justin Thomas as someone who went above and beyond to overcome obstacles.

"He was the first to come to mind (when considering an award recipient). He'd had troubles and wanted to prove he could do the program," Thomas said. "He was mature in group session and a really good role model.'

» Female Youth of the Year Shaelyn Newberry was honored for making changes in her life to overcome obsta-

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Weather has schools counting the days

W-W students have had 6 days off since break

> By Sue Mason Staff Writer

January was the snowiest month on record, but it's got a hold on another record -

school closings.
For the sixth time since school resumed after the Christmas break, Wayne-Westland students were treated to a day off Wednesday due to se-

vere weather conditions.
Overnight temperatures dipped well into negative territory and coupled with strong winds, created a wind chill of -15 to -25 degrees. Not quite as bitterly cold as Tuesday, but enough to give students a sec-

ond day off.

By Wayne-Westland School
Superintendent Greg Baracy's recollection, closing school for six days due to weather hasn't happened in more than two decades.

"In my 23 years at Central Office and during my 17 years as superintendent, school has never been closed for this number of days," Baracy said. "We're allowed the equivalent of six days. If we go above that, we'll have to talk to the governor and the legislature."

As it now stands, Wayne-Westland students have missed almost one-third of 19 days of school scheduled for January.

Making the decision to cancel school is no exact science for superintendents.

In Wayne-Westland, a number of criteria are used. Taken into consideration are condi-

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Competency exam sought for man charged in robberies

Judge approves referral, schedules next hearing

> By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A competency examination has been ordered for a man charged with robbing several Westland stores.

Peter Greenway, 39, was scheduled for preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court Thursday on multiple felony charges, including armed robbery, attempted armed robbery and felony firearm.

Defense attorney David Lankford requested that Greenway be referred for a mental competency examination after meeting with him. Greenway is being jailed in lieu of \$250,000 cash/surety bond and held in the Wayne County Jail psychiatric unit.

"He's pushing 40. He has no substantial record. He did work," Lankford said. "On some issues, he speaks in a

rational manner. Other issues, he doesn't. I'd request a psychiatric referral.

The Wayne County Prosecutor didn't object to the referral to the forensic center. Westland 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell approved the referral and set the next hearing for March 20, adding it could be moved up, if the competency report is available sooner.

Greenway was arrested at a home on Hazelwood in Inkster after police received a tip in

response to surveillance photos from the robberies distributed to the media.

Police sought to identify a suspect in three reported robberies in which the robber implied he had a gun in his pocket:

» On Jan. 12, an attempted robbery reportedly occurred at 7-Eleven, 1826 S. Merriman. The clerk reportedly refused to give him any money and the man fled.

» On Jan. 15, a man reportedly robbed the Family Dollar, 31926 Michigan Ave. He reportedly implied that he was armed with a gun and escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

» On Jan. 16, a man reportedly robbed the Dollar General, 8208 N. Merriman. Once again, a gun was reportedly implied and the man fled with an unknown amount of cash.

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ment limits property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

» Although the city's taxable value decreased again last year, the auditors noted a more than \$1 million increase, largely due to additional library millage which had been

approved by voters.

"The city's second largest source of revenue after property taxes state shared revenues rose for only the second time in the last decade. That was because the

city met all three requirements of the state's Economic Vitality Incentive Program, formerly state shared revenue, and earned \$1.2 million. That was \$200,000 more than the prior year.

» Revenue at 18th District Court increased \$950,000 — the first year the court revenue has increased since 2009-10.

» The city continued to utilize grant money, where available, to help fund programs and equipment purchases. The Police Department received several grants for capital needs while the Fire Department was in the second year of a

SAFER grant that allowed the city to hire nine new firefighters. The city is seeking an extension of that federal grant.

"The overall financial forecast for the City of Westland continues to improve and we want to keep that positive momentum going," West-land Mayor William Wild said. "Improving Westland's finances is fiscally responsible, prudent and necessary for the long-term viability of the city.'

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cles and developing into a leader. She also carries a 4.0 grade-point aver-

Newberry was described as having a lot of charisma and being very

» Special recognition awards were presented to Domonic Ward and Kourtney Alexander.

"I spoke with Domonic's mother on the phone, and we talked about his struggles," Thomas said. "He was only 10 years old. I was concerned about his being mature enough.

"He was very mature. He had a calm confidence and went through the older group. He handled himself very well. He's comfortable in his skin."

Alexander was described as struggling to find out who she is and is now making plans for college.

"I want to thank everyone made the program possible," Alexander said. "It kind of turned me around.'

» Culver's Restaurant of Westland was recognized as Business of the Year for their support of the Youth Assistance program. Manager Jamie Bell accepted the award.

"I was in Culver's and Jamie asked if I worked with kids. Several of his workers had said they had been in my program," said Motz.

"He said he had more than one Youth Assistance kid working for him.

Culver's has supported Youth Assistance with dinners and fundraising.



Domonic Ward, with caseworker Justin Thomas, received a Special Recognition Award from Westland Youth Assistance. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Kourtney Alexander receives a Special Recognition Award from Westland Youth Assistance. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Barry Rossi was honored as

Westland Youth Assistance

Mentor of the Year. PHOTO BY

"All I can say is, it's

incredible listening to all

the positive changes

his group," Bell said.

facilitated by Paul and

"Paul has a fan at Cul-

ver's. I like to help facili-

tate change. It's the right



Thomas Tregenza received the Male Youth of the Year Award from Westland Youth Assistance. PHOTO BY TOM BEAUDOIN

» Barry Rossi was recognized as the Mentor of the Year. A Wayne Memorial High School graduate and Navy veteran, Rossi earned a degree and worked in mental health facilities until retiring in 2002.

"He started to volunteer at the Friendship Center and also do Meals on Wheels. One day he wandered into our office. He asked questions about what we do," Motz said.

"He's a tremendous guy and always had a tremendously positive attitude."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Free legal help

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will provide a free legal presentation and assistance to all Wayne County residents, age 60 and older, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, in Wayne.

An expert legal staff will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases, including guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, Medicare/Medicaid and much more.

Participants must preregister by Wednesday, Jan. 29, through Wayne Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toys and trains show, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available and the parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains.

Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show

Sometimes **Travelers**

Sometimes Traveler offers group travel for anyone 30 years and up. Upcoming trips include the DSO presents "Century of Broadway" Sunday, Feb. 9, the Firekeepers Casino Tuesday, March 28, and Arizona Tuesday, March 25-31.

Call Wayne Senior Services at 734-721-7460 or stop by the Community Center for detailed

Date nights

Circle your calendar for the annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night 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. Nonresident fees are \$13 for a couple and \$18 for a

dad and two daughters. Cost includes snacks, square dancing and a memory photo.

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

For more information, call 734-721-7400.

Wayne Rotary

Wayne Rotary meets noon every Tuesday at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne, for lunch, except the last Tuesday of the month, when the club meets at 6 p.m. at US12 on Michigan Avenue for dinner. Be their guest to see what the Wayne Rotary is all about. Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

Bowling benefit

Throw strikes and help the Westland Historic Village Park from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford, west of Newburgh, Westland.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They include three games, shoe rental and two slices of pizza. There also will be raffle prizes for adults and children and more.

Tickets are available at the village on Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Marquette, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. For tickets or more information, call Ryan at 734-756-0769.

Library program

The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland will host The "Spirit of Rosa Parks" 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Talented Rosie Chap-

man — an educator, storyteller and actress - has performed throughout the United States, as well as overseas. Rosie's stories come alive through songs, musical instruments and audience participation. Children age 7 through adult are sure to be captivated by her moving dramatic performance.

Light refreshments will be served.

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road. For more information, call 734-326-6123.

Gospel meetings

Ministers Matthew Jensen and Alijah Mc-Cormick are holding gospel meetings 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Feb. 5 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The goal of these meetings is to inspire greater faith and commitment in Christ. No collections will be taken.

For more information, call 515-851-2939.

Smart Drivers Program

The AARP Smart Drivers Program will at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, in Wayne, in April for a two half day program.

The program is a refresher course for motorists age 50 years plus. Refresh your driving skills, learn the new rules of the road and research-based driving strategies to help stay safe behind the wheel. There are no tests to pass. Some insurance companies offer discounted rates to individuals who complete this course.

The program will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2. It costs \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Register and prepay at the Wayne Senior Services Office by Wednesday, March 26.

Casino trip

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino bus trip to Motor City Casino in Detroit on Saturday, March

The bus leaves from the Wayne Community Center at 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants will be at the casino 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and return to the Wayne Community Center at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$30. The purchase of a ticket includes \$30 in free slots play.

Space is limited, so register by the end of February by calling 734-721-0100.

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tions like a combination of snow, sleet and wind or a wind chill of -20 degrees or below, which is serious and significant, especially for students who walk to school or wait at bus stops. Road conditions also are a significant factor in a district where 60-65 percent of students ride school buses.

"We try to make the best call in the best interest of the children," said Baracy, who with two other employees are out at 3:30 a.m. in snow-

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storms to determine if roads have been plowed and salted and if buses can make it through. "We don't go by the news. We go out and touch and feel it before making the call. There are three of us on the roads." "What has made it

worse this year is the cutback in plowing and salting in some municipalities that has impacted our decisions. We have to know the buses will be able to get through," he added. Baracy consults with

surrounding school districts and Michigan State Police. The district even gets severe weather warnings. The superin-

tendents "look at the pros and cons and typically get a consensus. "I converse with Livo-

nia, Plymouth-Canton and Dearborn superintendents," he said. "We're the four largest districts in the area; we bus a lot of kids." The cold weather also

will impact the district's heating costs. Baracy expects Wayne-Westland will not exceed the amount budgeted for 2013-2014. However, he believes there will be no savings this year unlike years when costs came in hundreds of thousands of dollars under budget because of milder weath-

"I think we'll use all of our allocations," he said. "We'll use a couple of extra loads of salt we hoped we wouldn't have to order, but as long as this doesn't continue, we should be OK.'

But even if the polar vortex leaves, the forecast for this week shows the possibility of significant snowfall on Wednesday - and the potential for yet another snow day.

"These are extraordinary weather conditions," Baracy said.

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Seniors rally early for summer Olympics

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

At age 94, Canton resident Jerry Gawura has won 99 medals for her athletic skills.

She hopes to cross the 100medal mark by tossing a softball, football, Frisbee, bean bag and horseshoes when the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics celebrates its 10th year in August.

"My favorite has always been playing softball," said Gawura, who joined 80 seniors and Wayne County officials Wednesday afternoon for an early kickoff party at Canton's Summit on the Park recreation center. "I love playing soft-

Gawura had her medals displayed on a table - honors she earned not only in Wayne County, but also from Michigan Senior Olympics and the National Senior Games Association. She is proof senior athletes can participate in shot put, javelin and discus competition, though she always returns the conversation to soft-

"I was a tomboy when I was a little girl living in Dearborn, but the boys wouldn't let the girls play softball," she said. 'One day they let me play and then they let me keep on play-

Seniors from Canton, Plymouth, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Redford and oth-er western Wayne County communities braved a brutally cold winter day to attend the kickoff party in hopes of inspiring others 50 and older to get involved in the 2014 games, Aug.

Participants are expected to start signing up in early April at their local senior centers, whether their interest is golf, billiards, Wii bowling, horse-



Jerry Gawura of Canton shows off most of the 99 medals she has won in Senior Olympics competition. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

shoes, bowling, card games, softball or numerous other competitions.

Plymouth resident Patti Mackiewicz, 67, said she intends to compete in Wii bowl-

"This will be my first year. I'm very excited," she said, after winning a pair of Detroit Tigers tickets during a kickoff party raffle led by Wayne County Executive Robert Fica-

Susan Doughty, Canton senior specialist, said Senior Olympics games allow seniors to celebrate fitness with longtime friends and new ones.

'They love the camaraderie and doing things they may never have done before," she said. "They have so much fun."

Inkster resident Leroy Watson, 62, said he intends to compete in bowling. "Hopefully, I can win the whole thing," he

Canton senior Mickey Stachurski hopes to add medals to her previous golfing honors. "I love golf - and cards, sometimes," she said.

Janet Brady, part-time Can-

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ton senior coordinator, has accumulated scores of medals after participating in county, state and national competitions for track and field, horseshoes and tennis, among other activities. She is most proud of the bronze medal she won last year during the national horseshoes competition for athletes 55 and

"I always meet so many different people," Brady, 56,

The first Western Wayne County Senior Olympics drew 200 people - a number that



Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Wayne **County Commissioner Richard** LeBlanc address seniors.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano talks about the importance of Senior Olympics.

grew to more than 700 last

"We're probably going to break that record this year," Ficano said.

Maybe, just maybe, Gawura can earn her 100th medal. One thing is certain: The boys won't be telling her that she can't

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Lunch and Learn series looks at eye diseases

By Sue Buck Staff Writer

Lunchtime at the Maplewood Center is the perfect time to learn something new.

Since Lisa Watts was hired as senior activities director at the Mapleshe's worked to attract an audience to the Lunch and Learn series, where the public can share in the daily congregate meal and then listen to interesting and informative speakers.

Everyone is invited to another free presentation in the series: "Age-Related Eye Issues — What You'll 'see' as You Age." It begins at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Presenter Roxanna Martin is the clinical coordinator of Akler Eye Center and has nearly 20 years of experience in the field of ophthalmology. Akler Eye Center is a comprehensive ophthalmic practice that focuses on the medical and surgical management of eye diseases.

"Martin will speak about cataracts and other conditions - such as glaucoma - that are common in older adults and the importance of having your eyes examined on a regular basis," Watts said. "This is par-ticularly important if you have risk factors or a family history of eye problems."

Adults should see an eye doctor at least every two years and annually after age 50. People with a history of eye problems or other medical conditions that increase the risk of eye disease, such as diabetes, may need eye exams more frequently.

Eye disorders

In the discussion about eye disorders the seniors will learn about cataracts, macular degeneration and glaucoma, as well as the different types, causes, symptoms and signs of each condition, diagnosis of each disorder, treatment options, risks of each

condition, complication

and prevention. Cataracts are a frequent eye condition. A cataract is a clouding of the eye's natural lens, which lies behind the iris and the pupil. Cataracts are the most common cause of vision loss in are the principal cause of blindness in the world.

Glaucoma is the term applied to a group of eye diseases that gradually result in loss of vision by permanently damaging the optic nerve that transmits visual images to the brain. The leading cause of irreversible blindness, glaucoma often produces no symptoms until it is too late and vision loss has begun. Glaucoma usually causes no symptoms early in its course, at which time it can only be diagnosed by regular eye examinations.

The frequency of examination is based on age and the presence of other risk factors. Once lost, vision cannot normally be recovered, so treatment is aimed at

preventing further loss. Worldwide, glaucoma is the second-leading cause of blindness after cataracts, according to experts. It is also the leading cause of blindness among African-Americans. Glaucoma affects 1 in 200 people aged 50 and younger and 1 in 10 over the age of 80. If the condition is detected early enough, it is possible to arrest the development or slow the progression with medical

and surgical means. There will also be a question and answer session following Martin's presentation.

All seniors who would like to have lunch prior to the presentation must call Regina Jackson at 734-793-1874 at least 24 hours in advance. The cost of the lunch is \$2.25.

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The Northwood University Mock Trial team shows the awards it earned at the recent Polar Bear Invitational at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Matthew Williams, a junior from Livonia, is a member of the team.

Westland collegian scores with mock trial team

A Northwood University Mock Trial team joined 33 other teams competing at the Polar Bear Invitational held at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. This was the first invitational competition of the winter term.

Northwood Team 930 earned first place by winning their rounds against the University of Chicago, Hillsdale College and two separate teams from Ohio State University. The team of: Stephanie Hentschel, a senior from Midland; Matthew Williams, a junior from Livonia; Amee Cox, a senior from Liverpool, England; Yancy Cobb, a senior from Detroit; Brittney Newton, a sophomore from Southfield; Ibrahim Lawton, a junior from Pontiac; and Myisha Ishmeal, a senior from Southfield, finished with seven wins and one loss.

Northwood Team 931 earned 10th place by winning their rounds against the University of Michigan, Loyola University and the University of Chicago. Northwood split ballots in their final round against the University of Kentucky, where one scoring judge's ballot declared Northwood the winner by 5 points and the other scoring judge's ballot identified University of Kentucky as the winner by 5 points.

The team of: TC (Thomas)
Sample, a junior from Westland; Terrence Green, a junior
from Hesperia; Jalisa Harris,
a sophomore from Belleville;
Aaron Grace, a junior from
Flushing; Kathleen West, a
junior from Birch Run; Holly
Redlawski, a junior from
China, MI; and Anthony Wnoroski, a junior from Uniontown, OH, finished 5-3.
In addition to the team

In addition to the team awards, Anthony Wnoroski won individual recognition in the form of an Outstanding Witness Award.

Witness Award.
Northwood Team 932 faced teams from University of Chicago, University of Kentucky, Loyola University-Chicago and the University of Pittsburgh. The team of: Matt Jensen, a junior from Bay

City; Adrian Camacho, a freshman from Bellflower, Calif.; Chelsea Howe, a freshman from Davison; Ashley Calloway, a senior from Flint; Crystal Chen, a senior from Malaysia; and Marlies Klekner-Alt, a sophomore from Ottawa, Ontario, finished 3-5.

Sample also was on a mock trial team that placed fourth in the Michigan State University Invitational held recently in East Lansing, the final invitational competition of the fall term.

Sample, along with: Jalisa Harris, a sophomore from Belleville; Stephanie Hentschel, a senior from Midland; Crystal Chen, a senior from Malaysia; Holly Redlawski, a junior from China, Mich., and Jeremiah Dohms, a senior from Mildmay, Ontario, finished 5-3 in the tournament.

In addition to the team awards, three students on this team won individual awards. Redlawski and Dohms won Outstanding Witness Awards while Hentschel won an Outstanding Attorney Award.

LPS seeks nominations for 2014-15 Teachers of the Year program

Livonia Public Schools is accepting nominations for its 2014-15 Teachers of the Year program. The district's Teachers of the Year committee — comprised of teachers, administrators and parents — is accepting nominations for exemplary elementary level and secondary level full-time LPS teachers.

The committee seeks nominations of teachers who have demonstrated excellence and made a lasting impression on the lives of students, district and community. Selections for next school year will be announced in May.

To download a nomination form, visit www.livoniapublic-schools.org/toyform. Email the nomination to Stacy Jenkins, in the LPS Communications Office, at sjenkins3@livonia-publicschools.org or call 734-744-2533 for a hard copy of the nomination form.

All nominations are due of the end of the day on Friday, Feb. 28.

ACHIEVERS

Adam Bonner of Garden City was among more than 1,900 students from Coastal Carolina University who made the Fall 2013 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, freshmen must earn a 3.25 grade-point average, and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 grade-point average. Bonner, a freshman, is a marketing premajor.

Evan Biers of Garden City has been named to the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester at Michigan Technological University. To be included on the list, he had to achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Biers is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Iwona Laskowski and Stephanie Bay of Garden City have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Davenport University. To achieve the Dean's List, they had to maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular course work.

Clifton Adams and Robert Le Feve of Garden City were name to Davenport University's named to the President's List for the fall 2013 semester. The President's List recognizes Davenport University's top students who excel with outstanding academic performance. To achieve the President's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 gradepoint average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular course work.

Joshua Piehl and Peter
Raub, both of Garden City,
have been named to the Dean's
Honor Roll for the fall 2013
term at at Lawrence Technological University. To be
named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a
3.5 grade-point average for the
term. Piehl is majoring in mechanical engineering, while
Raub is studying electrical
engineering.

Irene Prevost of Garden City has been named to the Honors List at Walsh College for the 2013 fall. Students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or better and have completed 12 semester credit hours at Walsh to be eligible for honors.



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Competitor Thomas Barnes, an eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School, waits for the middle school competition to begin. BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A way with words

Wayne-Westland crowns its spelling bee champions

By Sue Mason

It was a "war" of words Thursday as 31 fifth-through eighthgraders squared off in Wayne-Westland's Earle

Staff Writer

Chorbagian Spelling Bee. Students tackled words that ranged from simple to difficult as spelling champions were picked from among fifthand sixth-graders from Adams and Marshall upper elementaries and seventh- and eighthgraders from Franklin and Stevenson middle

Students tried their "verdure," "exorcism,"
"betrothed," "bebop,"
"ostracism," "charioteer"
and "armistice" in hopes of winning a chance to compete in the regional spelling bee that will be held March 8 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

The spelling bee was hosted by Adams Upper Elementary, which it got its start 34 years ago. It's named after Chorbagian, retired middle school principal who has only missed the bee once when he was sick a few years ago. It started out as one spelling bee for students in the fifth through eighth grades, but was split into two spelling bees four years

Winning word

It took 20 rounds and 174 words to crown the upper elementary champ, sixth-grader Jazlyn Gaton of Westland, who correctly



Cassidy Kenny, a seventh-grader at Franklin Middle School, waits for the judge's decision on her spelling. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

spelled "netiquette."

"I was a little bit nervous watching her," her mother Windy said. "She practiced almost every

Jazlyn said she was "kind of confident" in her spelling abilities and found none of the words hard. She practiced with her mother and by her-

"I practiced by writ-ing them down," she said. "It took about an hour a day. I'm glad I'm bringing the trophy back to Adams after three years.

The middle school trophy, however, is going to Franklin after eighthgrader Nakiah Bendolph of Wayne correctly spelled "tomahawk" in the 21st round to claim the crown.

"The word I was most worried about was a really simple word, 'disarray.' I couldn't figure out the double letter at first," she said.



Anthony Thibodeaux, a seventh-grader at Franklin Middle School, spells his word while Stevenson eighth-graders David Kaiser and Matthew Essa wait for their turn. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The students were given lists of words to study and Nakiah was "frantic" on her way to bee that those words would be used, but was "more comfortable" when she realized they were using other words.

"I was up until 1 a.m. studying," she said. "I studied with my sister Lashay, who really helped me in going to websites for the pronunciations, and my sister Daija.'

Third appearance

This is her third appearance in the spelling bee and second time by herself. Two years ago, both she and her sister Daija were in the contest

Her mother, Shana Wilson, threw her hands in the air when her daughter won.

"Words can't explain how I feel. I'm at a loss for words, I'm overwhelmed by the excitement," Wilson said. "I felt it in me that she would



win. It's something she wanted really bad. She was very hungry for this. She's very bright, very goal-oriented. She wants to go to the national bee.' Nakiah plans to follow

her same routine in prepping for the regional spelling bee. The winner of that bee will advance May 25-31 to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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Jazlyn Gaton, a sixth-grader at Adams Upper Elementary School, receives the district spelling bee plaque from retired school administrator Earle Chorbagian and district

Nakiah Bendolph wins the 34th Earle Chorbagian Spelling Bee. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sixteen students in the seventh and eighth grades take turns spelling as the bee begins.



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DARE TO CARE ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION

Internal conflicts vs. doing the right thing

heodore Roosevelt said, "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing." Upon reflection, as a leader in education, I have always had the courage to do something. My intention is to always do the "right" thing. However, there are many times when there are various perspectives and thoughts that define the "right" thing.

When you are making personal decisions that affect just you, the "right" thing is easier to define. When you are making decisions as the leader of an entire school district, the "right" thing becomes a great deal more complex. One example of a very tough decision I faced was the task of reconfiguring our district. Over the past few years, like many districts, our student population has been declining. We were in a deficit when I was hired as the superintendent. One option for our deficit elimination plan was to reconfigure our district.

GCPS Board Meeting, a parent and a teacher in our community invited my reflection with the following comment, "Our superintendent was quoted as at other times progress is inhibited by the lack of courage to try something new. Well, progress is sometimes inhibited by not having the courage to reflect that you have failed at something new.

During our latest

While she ran out of time (and I have no doubt she would have gone into greater detail as to which failure she wants me to reflect upon), I am quite certain reconfiguration would have been at the top of her list. First of all, a committee comprised of teachers, parents, administrators and community members studied the various options for reconfiguring our district. The goal of this committee was to look at this issue from both the financial perspective (saving the district money) and the educational perspective (providing an equal or better learning environment for our students). The committee overwhelmingly selected the current configuration of four elementary cam-puses - PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. This proposal was then taken to the board for approval.

Reconfiguration

Was this reconfiguration a failure?



Whereas some people will say yes, there are others, including me, who do not think it was a failure. This change resulted in sufficient dollar savings to the district, without which the district would likely have remained in a deficit and would have been vulnerable to an emergency manager. There are many additional benefits that have resulted from this new configuration. They include a greater number of students reading on grade level in our primary grades, more consistency with the academic programs and instructional strategies being used across the same grade level, more targeted use of Title Resources, more grade level appropriate assemblies for students, greater autonomy of and leadership opportunities for younger students, and an easier transition into the middle school for sixth graders.

Unfortunately, this configuration is inconvenient for parents who prefer to drive their students to school. Some people claim reconfiguration has created a loss in our student count. While our student count is declining, we do not have any indication that a large percentage is due to the reconfiguration. There are many factors contributing to student loss. (This is a topic for a future article in the se-

There are many things I could be doing, along with writing and organizing this series of articles, to improve public education. However, the biggest issue I have as a superintendent has to do with an internal issue in our public education district. Until this issue is addressed, the bigger issues that are pressing upon us from external forces, such as decisions being made in Lansing, will have to take a back burner. This internal issue has existed for decades here and was actually the reason I decided to apply for the position as superintendent of Garden City Public Schools, in the first

The issue is the relationship between the Garden City Education the Administration (in

mostly on the executive administrative team). I came here with the hope that I could change the relationship to a more positive, collaborative one. If you follow educational articles or get the Observer in Garden City, you are most likely aware of the current issues our district is having with insurance. It is not this one issue but the underlying matter of the negative relationship between the GCEA and administration that needs to be addressed. This is a complex problem to deal with, as there are many perceptions, misunderstandings, and history that come into play.

Least resistance

One of the most famous, courageous people in our history who has confronted these types of relationships was Martin Luther King Jr. He said, "If you choose not to deal with an issue, then you give up your right of control over the issue and it will take the path of least resistance." Unfortunately, this issue needs to be addressed because "the path of least resistance" will lead to the demise of this dis-

trict. There is a blatant disrespect for the executive administration and, at times, members of the Board of Education, as demonstrated by a member of the GCEA and parent in Garden City, at the latest GCPS Board Meeting. This member made the following state-

"I just wanted to follow up some from my speech at the Dec. 9 meeting, not sure if my disdain with some of administration really came through. Mr. (John) Thackaberry, I just want to thank you for showing everyone your true colors. While many teachers were here at this mic on Dec. 9, some even tearing up, you did nothing more than doodle away on your agenda with your head rested in your hand. I saw it on TV a couple times over Christmas break ... I truly hope at the next November election, and I believe you are up, that name recognition is no longer enough for you to get re-elected. You do not deserve power and responsibility that comes with that seat; sorry it has to come on board recognition night.

"Mr. (Gary) Murrell,

DARE TO CARE

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

This is the sixth article in the series. In the last article I discussed that "Daring to Care" often takes courage, and as we continue to inform you of our concerns for public education, we have to be willing to look in the mirror and ask, "If we truly care, what is our responsibility to improving public education?"

This article continues that reflection. In the last article I wrote that one of the biggest obstacles to public education is the willingness and/or courage to progress. In some cases, progress can be stifled due to lack of funds. At other times, progress is inhibited by a lack of courage to try something new. In some public education communities, groups of people or the culture of the educational community can get in the way of progress and present challenges which impede them from addressing the most important task - educating our stu-

In this article, I will take a look in the mirror and reflect on my own responsibilities to public education and some concerns I have for our district.

Michelle Cline

I hate to see you only The students are have one good foot to watching. What are we modeling for them? Is kick the teachers with. See, I used to feel bad for this really the voice the teachers and parents you; I thought you were the person Ms. Cline sent want speaking at board in to do her dirty work. meetings? This is just God forbid she gets her one of many negative, hands dirty herself, but disrespectful comments this insurance backstabthat are heard regularly bing is further proof that at the board meetings by you are nothing more teachers and teachers than a manipulative ... who are community words spinning the truth members and parents. to us makes CO look like There is no doubt in lifesavers and teachers my mind there are things appear greedy and self-I need to do, but honestly, ish. I wish I had more I am running out of enerthan three minutes to gy and ideas. These are pull the truth out of many some of the major things of those articles that Ms. I have done to date: Pummill spoke about, because in all of your

quotes there's a lot of lies

pull it out. Just know that

from this day forward I'll

be looking at every quote

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"Lastly, Ms. Cline, you know I couldn't forget

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make it clear that when I

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my last speech it was covered in sarcasm, like

many of Murrell's quotes

are covered in lies. I've

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1) the first two years as superintendent, I donated 10 percent of my salary back to the district because I knew we would have to reduce salaries to get out of a deficit.

2) I took a more affordable health care option for the district from the beginning until this new change, hoping I could model for others that we need to adjust the level of our health insurance away from the "Cadillac plan" we are still offering to our employees.

3) I initiated a variety of recognition formats for our staff to be acknowledged and celebrated for their contribu-

4) I created the opportunity for our staff to receive graduate credit at an extremely reduced rate to allow them to maintain their teacher certification, as well as increase their salary, through educational

5) I initiated Teacher Curriculum Facilitators in the district to make sure our teachers had a voice in curriculum and instruction and professional development decisions.

6) I have turned the other cheek when disrespected over and over again. I have always done my best to communicate with the staff. This is becoming increasingly challenging as I am being stifled by legal counsel, as the GCEA is threatening to take legal action

or because we are in the midst of a lawsuit. For example, when my staff was extremely upset about the change in health insurance, I had a communication ready, and the district legal counsel advised me against sending it due to the fact the GCEA had filed for an injunction. The actions of the teachers' leadership team prohibit me from doing the most important thing -communicating.

Resolve conflict

Abraham Lincoln said, "The people themselves, and not their servant, can safely reverse their own deliberate decisions.' The only hope this district has to resolve the internal conflict is for the positive members of the GCEA to speak up, because the only voice being heard is a negative, disrespectful one. According to Lincoln, the teachers themselves are the only ones that can reverse their own voice. Public education is under attack; we have to work as one in this district, because the real issues are not the ones we are dealing with internally. Our district employees have high quality insurance, and the working conditions are good. There are residents in Garden City who are unemployed and many who have no insurance or pay extremely high insurance premiums for minimal services. The real attacks on public education are coming from the state and federal government.

I reflect on my strengths and weaknesses as the superintendent in this district constantly. Neither the executive team nor the Board of Education are involved with or have endorsed this article. There are times when the leader has to make a decision and stand alone because he or she believes it is the right thing to do. In order to be the best leader to move us forward and help this district speak with a positive voice of collaboration then I need the positive teachers to join me. We need to speak with one solid, positive voice.

I am the leader of this district and I will no longer tolerate disrespectful comments being made about any of my administrators or the public servants who serve this city as members of the Board of Education. The students are watching. What are we modeling? Martin Luther King Jr. said it best: "In the end, we will not remember the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.'

Michelle Cline is the superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools.



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Diamond tribute deemed success

urns out the Neil Diamond tribute concert made some beautiful noise for the



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Canton Partnership for the Arts and the Westland Community Founda-

tion. With Brian LaBlanc on vocals, Simply Diamond, the headliner at the recent fundraiser that benefits those two organizations and the Westland Chamber of Commerce, played to raucous crowds in a pair of Saturday shows that

Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Nearly 300 people saw the matinee show, while another 350 filled the theater for the evening performance to listen to the music of Diamond, the pop icon whose hit songs include Sweet Caroline and

nearly filled the main stage at the Village

Cracklin' Rose. 'It was an amazing day," said Jill Engel, executive director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities. "The band was crazy good and the crowds

were wonderful." Final totals weren't yet available, but Engel said she's confident the shows went well. The proceeds will be divided using a formula between the three partners.

The Partnership will direct all of its proceeds toward its arts complex project at the old Ford factory in Cherry Hill Village, designed to create a regional arts

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complex. First up is the World War II Veterans Dormitory, the first phase of its future Arts District project.

The goal for the dor-mitory, once completed, is to offer art therapy services to local veterans, "creating an indoor and outdoor location for them to find peace," Engel said.

Henry Ford had created the Village Industry in Cherry Hill "so that disabled veterans returning from World War II had a place to live and work while receiving rehabilitation and training," Engel said. "This will also tie the building back to its original heritage.

Westland Community Foundation President Glenn Shaw said the partners were "tickled" to get nearly 300 people to the matinee and called the evening audience "lively."

"The group was great, the crowd got right into the music and they were dancing ... it was unbelievable," Shaw said. "It was a great event."

Shaw estimated the Westland Community Foundation took some \$30,000 away from the fundraiser, which will be added to some \$800,000 he estimates the foundation has "put right back into the community" in its 19-year existence.

Main Street Catering donated desserts, while Biggby Coffee in Westland donated coffee. Hors d'oeuvres were provided by LaBistecca Italian Grille, The Sardine Room, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Courthouse Grill and Hayden's Bar & Grill.

Engel also praised the

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Simply Diamond, a Neil Diamond tribute band from the east coast, played matinee and evening performances at the Village Theater.

Village Theater staff, who helped transition between the matinee and evening shows without a hitch.

"The staff is amazing," she said. "The restaurants brought plenty

of food and everyone was so happy and having such a wonderful time. It was an absolutely delightful evening.

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Library hosts program about 'The Talk'

Heart-to-heart conversations can be difficult with loved ones at different times.

Parents talk to their children about the dangers of drugs. Husbands and wives sit down and talk to each other both about planning for retirement and each other's last will and testament. But what about "The Talk" to navigate a confusing and overwhelming medical event like a heart attack or stroke, cancer, a chronic illness like diabetes or Parkinson's Disease?

A gradual decline in health and independence can also require assistance from loved ones.

"No one wants to talk about what to do in case of a medical emergency," said Garden City Public Library Director James Lenze.

To assist patrons with talking about such issues, the library has invited the Hospice of Michigan to make their presentation called, "Have You Had The Talk" at 6:30



Sue Buck

p.m. Monday, Feb. 3. The library is on Maplewood, west of Merriman. Use the Balmoral entrance.

The Hospice of Michigan created the "Have You Had the Talk" Campaign to urge all adults to consider and choose the care they want if they ever need to rely on someone else for their medical care and decision making.

The presentation will walk patrons through the "Have You Had the Talk" kit that Hospice of Michigan has developed. This kit offers worksheets, tools and resources.

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Gov. Rick Snyder (center), Sen. Glenn Anderson (right) and State Rep. Amanda Price (left) are joined by members of Anderson's staff and representatives of the Susan G. Komen organization for the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 101.

Michigan to offer Pink Ribbon license plates

Gov. Rick Snyder has signed Senate Bill 101 — introduced by Sen. Glenn Anderson of Westland — which will create a Pink Ribbon license plate in Michigan to raise money for breast and cervical cancer screenings for lowincome women.

The governor also signed a companion bill, House Bill introduced by Rep. Amanda Price — which establishes the fund within the Treasury Department for collecting proceeds from the sale of the license plate. Anderson first introduced this legislation in 2011, motivated in part by firsthand experience with his mother's fight against breast cancer. Anderson worked to raise awareness of the need for this legislation and move it along the process toward becoming

"We all know someone who has suffered from cancer and the devastating impact it has on friends and family," Anderson said. "This license plate will help raise money for a program

that saves lives."

Anderson was joined at the bill signing by members of the Susan G. Komen organization, who work to raise funding and awareness of breast cancer issues and have consistently advocated for the passage of the legislation to create this license plate.

license plate.
The funds raised through the sale of the license plate will fund the Michigan Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program within the Department of Community Health. The BCCCP provides low-income women throughout Michigan access to lifesaving cancer screening services and follow-up care, including cancer treatment. With these cancers, early detection often makes the difference between life and death, and the services provided by the BCCCP

Recent budget reductions and federal sequestration have resulted in a combined loss of more than \$1.3 million to the BCCCP budget. Funds raised through

the sale of this license plate will help fill this reduction and continue the vital services that the program provides. The increase in revenue will greatly increase the number of women that this program is able to screen.

Each new license plate design in the state has a \$15,000 start-up cost, and the entirety of this cost has been raised from donations.

"Getting this bill passed has taken some real effort. It really has been a bipartisan, bicameral effort, and I am glad that everyone could work together to do the right thing," Anderson said. "I will be putting my order in for a new license plate as soon as they are available."

For more information on the license plate, call Anderson's office at 866-262-7306 or Price's office at 888-238-1008. The license plate is expected to be available for purchase through the Michigan Secretary of State in late June or July.

Area woman faces charges in IKEA scam

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A Westland woman used fraudulent gift cards at the Canton IKEA store to remodel her kitchen and buy a cowhide rug for her home, police say.

for her home, police say.

The 51-year-old woman could

be facing a 93-day stay in jail.
Canton Detective Sgt. Chad
Baugh said the suspect is facing
a misdemeanor charge of receiving and concealing stolen property after merchandise was stolen
from IKEA and then returned,
apparently without receipts, to
obtain credit on gift cards.

The woman then allegedly used the gift cards to go on a spending spree that police reports estimate at \$1,197.

According to police reports,

the suspect returned stolen merchandise such as chair covers and eventually accumulated enough to buy items such as a kitchen table and chairs

kitchen table and chairs.
Canton police arrested the
woman last week and released
her with charges pending. She is
accused of carrying out the

scheme last fall.

Police had searched her residence and found the IKEA items she allegedly bought using fraudulent gift cards, authorities said. Police also confiscated a .38-caliber pistol from her home.

The investigation was continuing.

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Bank robbery suspect faces competency hearing

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

A Canton bank robbery suspect is expected to learn in February whether he will be found competent to stand trial follow-

ing allegations he seized money from a Comerica branch inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Nathan Michael Kuhn, 28, faces a competency hear-

competency hearing Feb. 24 in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, whose ruling also is expected to determine whether Kuhn should be held criminally responsible.

Kuhn, described as a drifter who has lived in Livonia and Westland, remained jailed this week as he awaits his next court date. His release would require \$50,000 toward a \$500,000/10percent bond.

Kuhn was arrested at a Wayne motel after the Comerica branch was robbed last Oct. 24 by a man who passed a note to a teller, implying he had a gun and de-

manding money, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured as the suspect escaped with an undisclosed amount of money. Kuhn could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted as charged.

Kuhn's arrest in Wayne came after police received a tip that he had been seen there. Baugh has said officers forced their way into the motel room "without incident" after the suspect tried to block police from entering. A not-guilty plea has been placed on Kuhn's record as he awaits the outcome of his case. Kuhn had been scheduled for a competency hearing this month, but it was delayed by the court.

According to court records, Skutt has ordered Kuhn to stay away from the Kroger store and its employees — if he is able to post bond and be released from iail.

Just 11 months prior to his arrest, Kuhn had been paroled for incidents involving uttering and publishing, or forging a check or other financial docu-





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America and its working poor

"It's time to give America a raise," said President Barack Obama during the most recent State of the Union address. To further support raising the national minimum wage, the President has gone on a cross-country campaign speaking of the need for hardworking Americans to be able to afford rent, food, childcare, and other necessities. For a country as rich as America, it is

shocking to see the number of people living in poverty increasing.

Over the years, the American

Dream has grown harder to obtain due to many different factors. In order for this country to move toward a fairer society, there first needs to be an understanding of the causes and effects. The American Way of Poverty by Sasha Abramsky is the most recent book to come out describing the current social

Some other books that cover this topic are *The Great Divergence* by Timothy Noah, The Rich and the Rest of Us by Travis Smiley and Cornel West, and David Shipper's classic, and The Working Poor. All four of these titles show how poverty in America is nothing new, but the number and the types of people sliding into poverty is very new. Another take is Gary Revlon's Broke, USA, which explores the businesses who prey upon and exploit the poor through economic abuses ranging from extremely high lending rates to high priced products aimed at the financially strapped. These books and others at the library are not just meant to anger readers, but give possible solutions.

To check out these books and many others about the working poor, stop by the Westland Public Library. We are open seven days a week and you can also check our online catalog at www.westlandlibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for further information.

Highlighted Activities

Academic Enrichment, 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5, Grades 5 and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. Geared toward grades 5 and up. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

3rd and 4th Grade Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 5 - This monthly club meets to explore imaginative stories and fun activities. Join us for our February title, The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse by Bruce Hale. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the Youth desk.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup, 10 a.m. Feb. 6 This free program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Westland library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. For ages 1-4 and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. No registration.

Parenting Workshop/ Training: Word Play #15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 6 - Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents a monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training at the Westland library. This month, the topic is: "Word Play: Rhymes and other Pre-Reading Activities." Learn how to make nursery rhymes interactive and engaging and the importance of phonological awareness in preschoolers. Attend five workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free childcare provided for children of participants. Walk-ins accepted, if space allows.

Q Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 6, Ages 12-18 — A safe space for LGBTQ teens and allies to meet, socialize, and support each other.

Writers Workshop, 7 p.m. Feb. 6 — The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). They will tell you what is working with a piece, as well as what needs improvement. The goal of the group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, visit or call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 or contact andy.schuck@west-landlibrary.org. To read about our workshops, check out our blog at www.westlandli-

brary.org/read/workshop. Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Feb. 7 — Join us for some of the best recently released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie, Rush, is "a re-creation of the merciless 1970s rivalry between Formula One rivals James Hunt and Niki Lauda." (imdb.com). This movie is rated R. Trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Each Friday we ask audiences to Rate the Movie. We post the ratings on our IMDB Watchlist. Check it out to see scores for past movies.

Rosie Chapman, Storyteller, presents "The Spirit of Rosa Parks," 2 p.m. Feb. 8, an all-ages program - Rosie Chapman is not only a dynamic storyteller but also a mixed media artist, playwright, drama coach, and motivational speaker. Her presentation will be about Rosa Parks and the Civil Rights Movement. She will bring Parks to life and describe her importance as an African American civil rights activist, whom the U.S. Congress later called "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement." This is a family-friendly event filled with audience participation. No registration needed.

Rhythm & Rock Time, 1 p.m. Feb. 9 — Sing, play and move along with your child. Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Time for Art: Watercolor Valentine, 3 p.m. Feb. 9, second-fifth graders - Make a valentine greeting card for someone special. Vivid colors make each card unique in this watercolor activity. Registration required. Arrive on time.

Make your own Candy Hearts, 4 p.m. Feb. 12, grades 5 and up - A sweet twist on an old favorite. Design and create your own personalized candy hearts. All materials will be provided.

Cutting Costs with Coupons, 7 p.m. Feb. 12, 7 p.m. -Jolyn Felton, the author of BargainstoBounty.com (a free metro Detroit moneysaving resource), will share ways to save the most with coupons at area grocery stores through strategic shopping. You'll also learn how to find and organize coupons, understand the anatomy of coupons, stretch your money without coupons and more. Sign up online or call 734-326-6123 to reserve your seat.

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Throughout the months of February and March, Eugenia Dillard, Eligibility Specialist, with be available each Tuesday and Friday to answer your Healthcare Marketplace questions.

Information Central was compiled by Andrea Perez. William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or visit westlandlibrary.org.

BBB warns about 1-ring phone scam

Better Business Bureau of Detroit and Eastern Michigan is warning cell phone users about a new scam that can result in unauthorized charges appearing on their monthly wireless statement.

It's called the "One Ring" scam because the scammers program computers to send thousands of calls to random cell phone numbers, ring once and then disconnect. The scammers then hope the person is curious enough to return the call right away.

"As of yet, we have not had any complaints filed in our area, however, this scam is spreading and growing across the country as reported by numerous BBBs every day for the last few days," said Lisa Dlig, BBB director of community relations.

With this scam, when the cell phone owner returns the call, they are charged \$19.95 for the international call fee. After that, there is a \$9 per minute charge. Often they will first hear music then maybe advertising, so it's easy to see how quickly these charges can add up, Dlig said.

Consumers who have been duped by the calls report that they are coming from the Car-ibbean Islands, including Grenada, Antigua, Jamaica and the British Virgin Islands.

If a person thinks they may have fallen for this scam, they should immediately alert their cell phone carrier and keep an eye on their cell phone bill. The earlier they document the fraud, the better their chances of having some or all of the charges removed.

"To be as safe as possible the best thing to do if your phone rings and it's an international number you don't recognize don't answer and don't call back," Dlig said.

For more information on scams, visit the BBB website at detroit.bbb.org.

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'Madman' documents abolitionist movement

Edited in Novi, film gets world premiere Friday in Detroit

By Cal Stone Staff Writer

What can a 17-year-old teach us about history?

See for yourself Friday, when Luke Jaden offers the world premier of his film Madman or Martyr at the Charles H. Wright Museum in Detroit.

It is a documentary focusing on John Brown, the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad, specifically dealing with Detroit and the impact it

had on that city between the years of 1837-59.



Jaden

40-minute film searches for the true meaning of Brown's life and attempt to free the slaves from this brutal institution.

"Brown's life falls into a dark chasm filled with a macabre of events that prevents him from achieving salvation for the African-American slaves," Jaden states in his synopsis of the film. "A mere few months before Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, Va., Brown transports 11 slaves to Detroit, a hub of the Underground Railroad, and discusses his 'Subterranean Pass Plan' with Frederick Douglass and George DeBaptist, along with other local Detroit abolitionists. The freedom will not ultimately come for the African-American slaves for nearly a quarter century later.' So how did a senior at Detroit

Country Day High School come to tackle such a heavy subject and put it on film?

"Ît was a history class project last year," Jaden said. "It was our whole grade - either write a paper on Abraham Lincoln or do a documentary on abolition. I thought it would be cool to do a documentary, mainly because I'm an actor. But I wanted to try out this whole writing, producing, directing thing and see what's behind the camera, not necessarily what's in front."

Jaden started researching the topic and found John Brown and Detroit as a hub of the movement. He also realized that not much had been done with this particular focus. He wrote a script, which "started getting a lot of buzz," and began auditioning actors in Michigan and accepting tapes online.

Picking the cast

"This guy, Ed Kelly, blew us away," Jaden said, so much so that in addition to playing the lead of Brown, he's also the narrator. Kelly portrayed Sen. Dennis Darden in The Double starring Richard Gere.

Phillip Edward VanLear, known for his role on TV's Prison Break, fell in love with the script and his character.

"He said, 'I am Frederick Douglas. I have to be part of this project," Jaden said.

Next, Jaden approached Tim Holmes, who was producing a film at the time. The Lansing native portrayed the strong man in last year's film "Oz the Great and Powerful" starring James Franco

"I told him, 'You really look the part and your voice is this character. Will you be part of it?" Jaden said. "I sent him the script and the next day I got a phone call from him and an email from his agent - 'We have to be a part of this!' I was just jumping up and down with joy. That completed the cast. Three roles and they all have this chemistry that went so well together."

A "decent size" crew of about 45 was assembled, using film industry grips, gaffers, electricians, assistant directors, cameramen, etc.

"It was a slow time in Michigan — not many films at the time," Jaden said. "They worked for differed pay. If the project makes over a certain amount,



A scene from the film "Madman or Martyr," which was written, produced and directed by Luke Jaden, a Detroit Country Day student. The film debuts Friday at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

they'll get paid."

Novi connection

Through a friend, Jaden met his director of photography, Joel Warren, who runs Axis Media in

"I fell in love with his work and how he shot and his whole style," Jaden said. "I called him up, he read the script and enjoyed it and wanted to be part of it. He actually shot it."

Using Cannon 5D and 7D cameras, the shooting took place over six days in Romeo and Detroit, then all the voice-overs were done at Magnetic Recording Studio in Pontiac.

But the writing process consumed much time. Jaden said the main script took nearly two months, with research from libraries in Kansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Detroit.

"That was a very grueling research process," Jaden said.

Then, when the crew was filming in Detroit, Jaden talked to a historian - Roy Finkenbine, a professor at University of Detroit Mercy - and the whole script was changed and rewritten. Jaden actually had three scripts: one detailing the "what and where" of the scenes; one for the questions to be asked of interviewees; and one for the narration.

"It wasn't how most films would be," Jaden said. "Usually, there is just one script.'

Jaden's time line was also different than most films.

'We edited the film until we

could show it to the actors so they could connect and bring their characters to life," he said. "That was also a key factor for the narrator - having that visual and knowing what to write for him to tell the story.

Final editing consumed almost three months. Three hours of film was cut to an hour and 20 minutes and then that was whittled down to 40 minutes.

"We had to be very strategic," Jaden said. "We didn't want to take out the juicy stuff. Forty minutes wasn't a requirement, but I wanted to make it shorter. Most documentaries, you lose interest. We wanted this to be high intensity from the first second to the credits rolling at the end.

A key part of the film is the soundtrack, with original music composed by David Winans Jr. (of Detroit's famous gospel family) that Jaden said, "really adds an emotional impact."

Jaden said his film, shot on "the lowest budget ever," turned out much bigger than he expected. He has shown it to family, friends, cast and crew, but Friday will the first time for the general public to view it. Jaden is submitting "Madman

or Martyr" to several festivals - Sundance, South by Southwest, Toronto and Cannes - and is hoping the History Channel, A&E or PBS pick it up as well.

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Free filing available for some

Q: Dear Rick: Last year, you wrote about filing tax returns for free. Is this still available? If it is, do you think it makes sense for me? I'm in my early 40s, I make about \$50,000 a year and I don't have a lot of deductions. I own a condo, so I do have some interest in property tax deductions.

A: The program is known as "free file" and it is still available. This program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service. It allows you to obtain free software from

many wellknown tax software companies such as Turbo Tax. The IRS has offered

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gram for a number of years and it is has been successful. I have no problem recommending this program to you. The one caveat is that in order to qualify for the program, your income must be below \$58,000.

Many people may think that since the program is sponsored by the IRS, there must be something more to it there is not. It basically is the same software package that companies sell on the open market. The IRS has partnered with software companies for a decade now and there have not been any problems. You may also ask why the company would give these products away for free. The reason is companies want to introduce you to their other products. They hope that if you like their tax package, you might purchase one of their other products. In addition, I'm sure what motivates many of these companies is that they want to be good corporate citi-

The key to this program is to access the free software through the IRS website at www.irs.gov. Click on "Free File" to get started. Keep in mind that this is a federal tax program only and does not include state returns. Of course, for the great majority of people, the federal tax return is much more complex than the state return. However, if you are interested in filing both your federal and state of Michigan returns for free, you will need to go to the Michigan Taxes Department of Treasury page on the Michigan.gov website, click on E-File under the Individual section and then click on "Free e-file services - do you qualify?" to determine if you meet the neces-

Tax returns, whether you are doing yourself or hiring a professional, are due April 15. If you think you are going to receive a refund, you might as well do your return as soon as possible. However, don't rush in such a way that you're sloppy with your return. One sure way of drawing IRS scrutiny is to file inaccurate or sloppy returns.

sary criteria.

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GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Shamrock Shuffle

St. Raphael's Parish will hold its annual Sahmrock Shuffle card party 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the church activities building on Merriman, north of Ford Road.

Tickets are \$8 each and include dessert, coffee, Blarney bags and table and door prizes. There also will be a 50/50 drawing and raffle. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, garden salad, pop, chips and water will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 734-422-8465 or 734-427-1533.

Dueling Piano's

Join the St. Damian Community Saturday, Feb. 8, for the Dueling Pianos show.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are on sale now at the St. Damian School Office as well as the Parish Office. Light refreshments will be a cash bar and 50/50.

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Cougars

2014 will hold a Croppin' for Cougars fundraiser 9 March 1, in the cafeteria of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt.

Grad also will have for sale Cougar Paper, Die cuts and stickers, Titles, with 30 percent of sales going to Project Gradua-

To reserve your spot or for any questions, call Heidi Witt at 734-612-5274 or email hijowitt@yahoo.com. Send a check, payable to GCHS, to Garden City High School 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email and names

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crop with. Coffee hour

Wayne County Commissioner Richard Le-Blanc, D-12th District, and State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will host a coffee hour 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

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Empty Bowls The Garden City High School Key Club is holding its Empty Bowl Banquet and Auction at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Receive a delicious soup and salad meal and bid

items in the auction. Proceeds will be used to bring Kids Against Hunger back to package food for the hungry

around the world. Reservations are due by Feb. 7. For more information, email Myrna Hathaway at hathawm@gardencityschools.com or call 734-762-8350. Admission will be collected at the door.

Comedy Night

The Lyman Foundation will be sponsoring a Comedy Night on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. The doors open at 4 p.m., and the two-hour show starts at 5 p.m. The headliner will be

Steve Iott (www.SteveIott.com), a Michigander who has been seen on Comedy Central and A&E. He will be joined by Garden City's own Kevin Kramis as well as some surprise guests.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by emailing LymanFoundation@yahoo.com, going to the Lyman Foundation website www.lymanfoundation.org or by contacting John Fleming. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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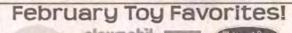
Joint pains come on intensely this time of year. Cold and darkness make movement difficult; the need for extra clothes and heavy boots add to the problem of keeping a rhythmic pace But there is another source of friction, an obstacle that is not

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need treatment with anti-depressive medication. First, the usual antidepressants such as Celexa or Zoloft may cause more drowsiness than tranquility. Second, what the person often needs is not additional medicine but more movement, that is, emotional and social stimulation. The aching comes from feeling isolated, from a sense that daily life is dull, or from the experience of losing contact with friends, family or neighbors. What the body yearns for is community.













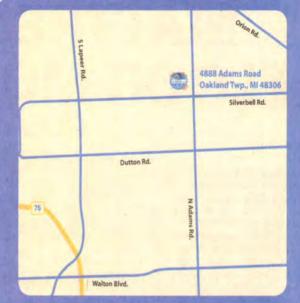


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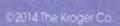
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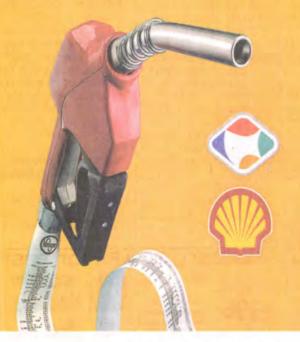


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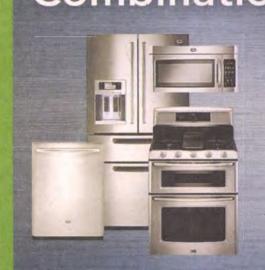


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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Late Sparks goal ignites Chargers

Churchill overcomes city rival Franklin, 4-3

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's hockey team can sometimes be its own worst enemy, but the Chargers somehow avoided their own nagging pitfalls Wednesday night at Edgar Arena. Despite being outshot 33-24

and taking nine penalties to Livonia Franklin's three, Churchill was able to squeeze out a key 4-3 KLAA South Division

With the victory, the Char-

gers improve to 6-11-2 overall, but more importantly moves them temporarily into first place in the KLAA South at 5-4-1 overall.

Andrew Sparks' power play goal with only 3:24 left in the final period broke a 3-3 deadlock and gave Churchill the

Dylan Smith and Dan Hudy assisted on the game-winner, which came after Franklin's Nick Salisbury tied it just 57 seconds earlier with a shorthanded goal from Trevor Lassaline.

"We're probably not as happy about that performance as we should be," Churchill coach

Jason Reynolds said. "Again, crosstown rivalry matchups ... emotions run high. It's one of those things where you have to stay composed otherwise these games are closer than they should be. But give Franklin credit. They came to battle. They know they have us in the (state) playoffs and I think they were ready to send a mes-

sage tonight." Churchill, however, sent an early message itself jumping out to a 2-0 lead on Smith's power play goal from Sparks at 12:13 followed by Drew Puishes' unassisted rebound

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Churchill's C.J. Cromie (middle) gets squeezed by Franklin's Josh Dudek (left) and Johnny Parkinson (right) in Wednesday's KLAA South clash. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

BOYS BASKETBALL



Churchill's Jalen Davis (middle) is trapped by Glenn's Wayne Woodard (right) and Mychael Bradley (left). DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Glenn uses 'team concept' to stop Chargers, 60-45

Pruitt, Kirksey post double digits to lead the way

By Brad Emons

On a night when its best player struggled, Westland John Glenn showed Thursday night it has some other dependable help on its ros-

The team's top scorer, 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette, had a season-low

eight points, but the Rockets controlled play from start to finish en route to a 60-45 boys basketball win at Livonia Churchill.

Glenn got 18 points and eight rebounds from senior forward James Pruitt, while senior guard DeAngelo Kirksey chipped in with 14 points and eight boards to win its sixth straight while improving to 8-4 overall.

The Rockets also have a two-game cushion in the KLAA South race with a 6-0 record with four games with four division games remain-

A consistent 20-point per game scorer, Everette missed Glenn's first six games with a broken finger as the Rockets sputtered to a

But his absence may have been a blessing in disguise.

"We've been telling our

guys all year that we have a very balanced group," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "And having Isaac miss the first six games of the year helps us on a night like tonight. They put a lot of emphasis on him, too, but he was also out of sync and out of rhythm. The first six games of the year - even though we lost a lot of those - that helped us on a night like tonight beat a very good team in their

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BOYS HOCKEY

Novi hands Spartans 3rd straight loss

Goalie shines as Wildcats post 3-2 division victory

> By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Novi players poured off the bench and jumped for joy as they skated toward their fans along the glass Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

The celebration was certainly state-championship caliber.

It was just another regular season win, but it was a big one as far as the Wildcats were concerned as they upended defending Division 2 state champion Livonia Stevenson on its home ice, 3-2.

It was the third straight loss for the Spartans, who slipped to 16-4 and 9-2 in the KLAA's Central Division. And the defeat all but eliminated them from gaining at least a tie for first place with Brighton (13-5,

Novi, meanwhile, improved to 12-5 overall and 8-2 in the goaltending from senior Austin Petty, who during the final period stopped 16 out of 30 total shots to maintain a onegoal lead and preserve the victory.

"I don't think it was a good win, it was a great win," Novi first-year coach Mark Vellucci said. "Total team effort from top to bottom. You hear by the sounds of it, we're pretty happy. We knew it was a big game coming in and hats off to the guys. They played their hearts out."

Novi had a lot of jump during the first period and it resulted in a 1-0 lead thanks to James Hole's goal from Ryan Baxter and Patrick Wojtylo at

The goal came after the Wildcats successfully killed off a five-minute penalty.

And just 29 seconds into the second period, Novi's Bradley Hofelich scored from Joshua Ward and Michael O'Reilly to

make it 2-0. The Wildcats then added a power-play goal just 2:01 later on Baxter's goal from Hole and

Hofelich for a 3-0 advantage. "We put ourself behind the eight-ball," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We had a five-minute power play there and didn't capitalize. When you're playing teams like Novi and the roll that they've been on, you have to capitalize when

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gym."

Pruitt had three thun-derous dunks on the night, while Kirksey hit 5-of-11 shots from the the field and played a solid floor game.

'Those guys are seniors, who have been here for four years grinding and gutting it out,' Young said. "They're starting to emerge and their talents are starting to come out within the team concept, which they're starting to do."

Glenn couldn't have asked for a better start, jumping out to a 14-0 lead, only to have Churchill (5-7, 4-3) respond with an 11-1 run. Churchill, however,

made just 1-of-13 first quarter shots during the first period.

"We had some good looks in the first quarter," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "When you're not scoring against Glenn, then they can get out and run ... you're asking for trouble and that's exactly what happened. I know I'm going to find some things on the film we could have done better, but I'm satisfied with the looks we got. A few of them were wide-open looks. But again, if you give Glenn four or five chances to get run-outs, they're going to score.'

Churchill trailed 29-18 at halftime and never got closer than five the rest of the way.

Katelyn Cousins shot

the lights out Wednes-

day for the No. 23-

ranked Cornerstone

University women's

versity.

basketball team, which

rolled to an 87-71 victory

over host Madonna Uni-

The senior guard

the floor and added

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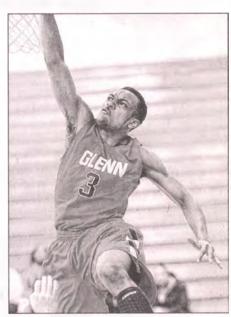
from Janae Trombley, 17

for Cornerstone came

route to a game-high 33

made 11-of-16 shots from

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



John Glenn's James Pruitt goes in for one of his three dunks Thursday's 60-45 victory over Churchill. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

"You don't want to put yourself in a hole that early against Glenn," Solak said. "When they starting playing with confidence they can become really, really good and that's exactly what happened.'

Senior guard Donte Jackson scored a gamehigh 18 for Churchill, while Brett Bonarek and Jalen Davis added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"We fought back," Solak said. "I think we got some contributions from some kids that have earned more playing time. I think we can make some changes and I'm pretty happy with that. It's disappointing, but we get to come back and play tomorrow (vs. Livonia Franklin), which is cool."

While Pruitt and Kirksey did a lot of the damage, the Rockets also got

Golden Eagles swoop past MU women

bounds; Jill Hendrick-

son, 11 points, 10 re-bounds; and Tanner

Hostetler, 10 points.

connected on 30-of-57

shots from the floor

had its modest three-

game winning streak

snapped, got a team-

high 20 points and six rebounds from junior

(Livonia Franklin).

guard Chelsea Williams

points, while the team's

leading scorer Rachel

Melcher was limited to

nine as the Crusaders

49-37 halftime deficit.

couldn't overcome a

Lizzy Otten added 17

(52.6 percent).

The Golden Eagles

MU (10-12, 8-7), which

eight points apice from junior guard Mychael Bradley and senior guard Rafael Parks.

Mike Edwards, a 6-9 junior center, also chipped in with six points and even re-

"Obviously your focus is on Everette and limiting him," Solak said. "But they had two, three guys step up and knock some jump shots down, which they didn't do last time. I thought a couple of their kids used their athleticism against us. We just couldn't match up with their size and they had so many spurts. You only have so many timeouts and you've got to hope your kids step up and stop them. We did a couple of times, but not enough."

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Lady Ocelots fall

Sabreanna Beard

scored 18 points to lead

three players in double

Wayne County Commu-

stopped host Schoolcraft

College (7-12, 3-6) in an MCCAA Eastern Confer-

Shantique Tolbert

added a double-double

rebounds, for the victo-

rious Wildcats, who led

Jessica Parry scored

with 16 points and 10

38-28 at intermission.

a team-high 17 points,

Lady Ocelots.

while Brianna Berberet

(Salem) added 12 for the

figures Wednesday as

nity College (6-9, 6-3)

ence match-up.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

MU senior guards sizzle, but Cornerstone prevails, 84-77

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Madonna University senior guards Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba played the roles of cold-blooded thrillers Wednesday night against visiting Cornerstone University, knocking down one clutch-coated shot after another.

But it was the Wes Hudson-led Golden Eagles who walked away from the high-intensity Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference duel with an 84-77 victory.

Cornerstone padded its WHAC lead over the Crusaders to two games as it improved to 20-3 overall and 14-1 in the conference. Madonna slipped to 16-7 overall and 12-3 in the WHAC.

Naubert, who shredded Cornerstone's defense with a series of lanesplitting drives, poured in a career-high 34 points, while Schuba added 21 most of which resulted from fade-away, hand-inhis-face 3-point bombs to help the hosts overcome a deficit that reached 14 at one point in the first half.

The high-stakes contest was knotted at 73-73 with 2:25 to play after Madonna's Jordan Short stepped in front of a Golden Eagles pass near mid-court and finger-rolled in a layup

However, Hudson, who finished with a team-high 25 points, gave Cornerstone the lead for good seconds later when he canned a pair of free throws. The senior guard was money all night from the stripe, burying 15of-17 attempts.

"I thought Cornerstone just made one or two more plays than we did tonight," MU head coach Noel Emenheiser said. "Down the stretch, I thought we defended well, but then they'd hit daggers from 27 feet. For the most part, we did everything we could. I was proud of the way we played tonight.

The sharpest dagger as delivered by stone's Cory Cox, whose well-defended deep triple with 1:17 left expanded his team's lead to 78-73. What made Cox's bucket more



hard to the basket during Wednesday night's game against Cornerstone University.

heart-breaking for the Crusaders was that the 35-second shot clock hit zero just as the ball left Cox's fingertips.

The victors' final six points all came from the line. MU's final four points came on driving layups from Naubert, the last of which brought the Crusaders to within 81-77 with 28 seconds left.

Schuba found all net on back-to-back triples with just under three minutes to play to help slice the Crusaders' deficit to two, but MU could never quite get over the hump.

"Both those guys did a great job tonight," Emenheiser said, referring to Naubert and Schuba. "They helped get each other open and they hit some really tough shots. They kept us in the game for a while."

Ocelots crushed Thirteen different players scored Wednes-

day as Wayne County Community College (15-2, 9-0) rallied in the second half for an MCCAA Eastern Conference win over host Schoolcraft College (10-9, 3-6), 74-45.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, trailed 26-24 at halftime before outscoring Schoolcraft 50-19 in the second half.

Shaun Duncan and Montel Williams paced a balanced Wayne County scoring attack with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Paul

The Ocelots made only percent) and committed 27 turnovers.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING February 10, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm. regarding a proposed tax abatement for International Extrusions, Inc.

Item #14-01-012 - Moved by Squires; supported by McKarge:

RESOLVED: To receive the Application for Exemption of New Personal Property from International Extrusions for consideration pursuant to Public Act 328 of 1998, and call for a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as required by the Act.

AYES: ABSENT:

Unanimous. Councilmember King.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FEBRUARY 24, 2014 and APRIL 28, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Garden City Council will hold a subsequent Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding Garden City's approved 2014 CDBG Application and Wayne County's Annual Action Plan. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

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ALLYSON M. BETTIS City Clerk / Treasurer

RU beats Trojans in final seconds

Junior forward Jerrime Koger's mid-range jump shot with nine seconds left propelled Redford Union to a 61-59 boys basketball victory Friday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

Koger's heroics improved the Panthers' record to 2-9 overall and 2-3 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division, while the Trojans slipped to 6-7 and

"We called a timeout just before Jerrime's shot so we could draw up a play for him," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "We wanted to isolate him and get him an open look and the guys executed it well.

Clarenceville fired up a potential game-tying shot with three seconds left, but the ball missed the mark and fell into the hands of RU's Jacob McKiddie.

The Panthers roared back from a 47-36 thirdquarter deficit with a 25-point fourth quarter as Omar Butler contributed a pair of key layups in crunch time.

Led by Dominique Curry's 11 points, the Panthers' scoring ledger couldn't have been more balanced. Koger and Carlos Welch both added

Tyrone Robinson pumped in eight, while McKiddie added seven. Welch and McKiddie combined for 20 rebounds.

"I'm very proud of my team for the resolve it

showed," Taylor said.

"We had a rough third quarter, but the guys stuck with it. We pressed them in the fourth quarter and forced some turnovers that we converted into points. It was a nice

Kimani Dooley and Jermell Johnson paced the Trojans with 19 and 18 points, respectively, while Jalen Bryant scored eight.

RU hit 13-of-23 freethrow attempts. Clarenceville was 15-of-26

from the stripe.

CHURCHILL 63, FRANKLIN 44:
Sophomore Joan Andoni scored 18 of his
game-high 22 points in the second half
Friday to lead Livonia Churchill (6-7, 5-3)
past Livonia Franklin (1-12, 0-6) in a KLAA
South Division game

South Division game.
Senior guard Donte Jackson added 11 of his 17 in the second quarter to spark a 17-8 surge as the Chargers overcame a 9-2 first-quarter deficit. Sophomore Jon Hovermale chipped in

with nine points and eight rebounds. Andoni and Jackson grabbed six rebounds "Franklin came out ready to play and we were 1-for-13 from the floor in the first quarter," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "It was a typical Friday night game against Franklin. Andoni and Jackson really stepped up and it was a much-needed win." Seniors Adam Monroe and Nick Guest

scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Patriots, who were outscored 44-27 in the JOHN GLENN 48, WAYNE 36:

Senior guard DeAngelo Kirksey scored 13 points Friday as Westland John Glenn (9-4 7-0) held off rival Wayne Memorial (3-9, 2-4) in a KLAA South Division encounter. Senior forward Isaac Everette and junior guard Mychael Bradley each added eight points for the Rockets, who led 18-14 at halftime and 36-24 after three quarters. DeAndre Carter and Aaron Journey paced the Zebras with 14 and 12 points, re-

Glenn, which has won seven straight made 8-of-12 free throws, while Wayne connected on only 9-of-18. SALEM 79, STEVENSON 72: Junior

guard Noah Campbell scored a game-high 32 points Friday, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Stevenson (4-8, 3-4) dropped a KLAA Central Division game to the host Rocks (11-2 2-0) Rocks (11-2, 7-0).

Junior guard Jailen Webber chipped in with 15 for the Spartans, who were outscored 28-15 in the second period after leading 12-11 after one quarter.

Allante Wheeler and Connor Cole led
Salem with 19 and 16 points, respectively,
while Tyler Brooks chipped in with 12.

Darerraul Jackson added a double-double

Standtke pulled down and game-high 16 rebounds.

Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) paced Schoolcraft with 12 points.

18-of-57 shots from the floor (31.6 percent), 8of-22 free throws (36.4

"We made too many mental mistakes, but also credit Salem," said Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team fought back from a 12-point halftime deficit to tie it early in the fourth quarter. "They made free throws and some big shots. We were these We also deard." there. We played hard. But they executed down the stretch and we didn't. Campbell had one triple and was 10-of-13

from the foul line.
"He had one mid-range shot and all his points were going to the basket," Sinawi **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 69,**

MACOMB 34; A 23-8 first-quarter start Friday propelled Lutheran High Westland (6-3, 4-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over host Warren Macomb Christian (0-9, 0-6). The Warriors who led 43-17 at halftime, quit a game-high 13 gorits from spain got a game-high 13 points from senior guard P.J. Guse.

Jacob Davenport chipped in with nine points, six steals and five assists, while Nick Flanery contributed nine points and eight assists. Daniel Roberts also scored eight

Jamin Stewart paced the Crusaders, who made only 12-of-26 free throws, with nine

points.
The Warriors were 6-of-8 from the **HURON VALLEY 56, CALVARY 53:**

Senior forward Ryan Schaffer scored 17 points and pulled down 18 rebounds Friday to power Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-8, 2-3) to a MIAC Red Division victory at (2-8, 2-3) to a MIAC Red Division victory at ypsilanti Calvary Christian (4-6, 2-4). Milan Monk chipped in with 14 points for the Hawks, who outscored Calvary 14-7 in the decisive fourth quarter. The Hawks won despite making only 11-of-23 free throws. Four Calvary players scored in double figures, led by David Walker (15). Kenny Warren (13), Johnny Bryant (12) and James Berglier (11) also did. GARDEN CITY 61, CLARENCE-

GARDEN CITY 61, CLARENCE-

VILLE 56: Joe Pummill and Julius Sanders both delivered clutch 3-point shots in overtime Thursday to give the host Cougars (5-5, 2-3) a 61-56 boys basketball triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (6-6, 3-3). Pummill drained a 3-point shot in the waning moments of regulation to give the Cougars a three-point advantage, but the Trojans countered with a game-tying

and-one play.

The Trojans had the ball with 12 seconds left and a chance to win, but stellar defensive plays by Bryan Widmer and Pummill prevented them from getting off a

Kevin Brown-Bayko paced the winners with 19 points, while Pummill added 14. Jermell Johnson and Kimani Dooley lead the way offensively for Clarenceville with 14

the way offensively for Clarenceville with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Jalen Bryant and James Hill each added eight, while Carlon Davis finished with six.

David Vanderkerckhove grabbed rebounds and paced the defensive charge for the Trojans, who trailed 23-22 at the half and 37-33 after three quarters.

Both teams struggled from the foul line, with Garden City hitting only 13-of-29 shots and the Trojans 10-of-20.

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KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Churchill zips past rival Patriots, 45-38

Senior guard Kaira Barnes nets game-high 20 points as John Glenn rolls past winless Wayne Memorial

Livonia Churchill was good through three quarters Friday night and that was enough to earn a 45-38 KLAA South Division girls basketball victory over host Livonia Franklin.

The Chargers, who improved to 6-7 overall and 3-5 in the South, got a game-high 18 points from junior guard Natalie Spala.

Alivia Kondrath chipped in with 10 as the Chargers led 23-12 at halftime and 38-18 after three before the Patriots went on a 20-7 run in the final quarter.

"It was a good win on a Friday night against a

"We played man-to-man defense and the girls played a really good game."

JIM MILICAN Franklin head coach

crosstown rival," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "The girls played hard and I'm proud of them.'

Franklin got a teamhigh 14 points from Tyonna Tate, while Jessica McNally added eight.

"We played man-toman defense and the girls played a really good game," said Franklin coach Jim Milican, whose team slipped to 2-11 overall and 2-5 in the division. "We had four girls out (injuries), but they played their hearts out, including the girls off the bench. I'm proud of

Both teams had issues at the foul line, with Franklin going 15-of-29 (51.7 percent), while Churchill finished only 9-of-23 (39.1 percent).

JOHN GLENN 62, WAYNE 15: Senior guard Kaira Barnes tallied a game-high 20 points Friday, lifting host Westland John Glenn (6-7, 5-2) to a KLAA South Division rictory over rival Wayne Memorial (0-12,

R'Mani Garrard chipped in with 14 points for the Rockets, who led 36-9 at halftime and 55-13 after three quarters. Kimah Stripling and Sierra Mosley added eight points apiece, while Victoria McCloud and Dierra Lewis each tallied six for Glenn, which hit 8-of-14 foul shots. Shukeina Willis scored nine for the

SALEM 38, STEVENSON 25: Kayla Kavulich scored a team-best nine points as the Rocks (9-4, 4-3) earned a key KLAA Central Division road victory over host Livonia Stevenson (7-4, 4-3). The Rocks led 22-6 at halftime and 27-12

after three quarters.
Senior Kyra Johnson paced the Spartans with eight points.

Stevenson was 2-of-7 from the foul line,

JOHN GLENN 59, CHURCHILL 40: Westland John Glenn (5-7, 4-2) dressed just six players, but still had more than enough Thursday night to beat visiting Livonia Churchill (5-7, 2-5) in a KLAA South

rebounds from Kimah Stripling. Kaira Barnes and R'Mani Garrard chipped in with 14 and 13 points, respectively, while Sierra Mosley contributed nine as the Rockets jumped out to a 30-12 halftime lead and never looked back.

"We had to play conservatively, not try and do things we don't normally do," said Glenn first-year coach Derrick Jordan, whose team made only 14-of-25 free throws. "We have some injuries and some academic issues. We're trying to keep it together. We'll probably call up a couple of JV kids. We'll patch things together." Junior guard Natalie Spala scored a

game-high 15 points for the Chargers Freshman center Annie Yost added 12 FRANKLIN 59, WAYNE 18: All 10 players scored Thursday as visiting Livonia Franklin (2-10, 2-4) rolled to a KLAA South

Praintin (2-10, 2-4) folies to a ALMA Sound Division triumph over a depleted squad from Wayne Memorial (0-11, 0-6). The Patriots, who led 12-2 after one quarter and 34-9 at halftime, got 11 and nine points, respectively, from the sopho-more tandem of Jackie Daily and Aleena Daynes. Evonga Tata along rephylad pine. Thomas. Tyonna Tate also grabbed nine rebounds for the Patriots, who hit 15-of-22

free throws, Kalie Zarves scored six for the Zebras.

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Patriots freeze Lapeer in Grand Blanc Tournament opener

A pair of power play goals in the final period carried Livonia Franklin to a 3-1 boys hockey victory over Lapeer in the opening round of the Grand Blanc Tournament held Friday at Perani Arena.

The Patriots, who improved to 4-12 overall, scored first on Trevor Lassaline's goal from Corey Ferrier and Dylan Smith with 1:25 to go in the second period.

But Lapeer (10-4-1) answered just 39 seconds later to make it 1-1 on a goal by Parker Westfall.

Franklin took the lead for keeps with 14:16 left in the third on Chase Wallis' power play goal from Josh Dudek and Kolby Dewhirst followed by Greg Bo's insurance goal with 7:15 remaining from Ferrier and Lassa-

Lapeer goaltender

Ryan Running stopped 37-of-40 Franklin shots, while Patriots netminder Matt Monendo made 32

"We got a little puck luck and were happy to get a couple of power play goals," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team met Grand Blanc in Saturday's final. "We gave up too many shots, but we're happy with the

Blazers triumph

Katie Hayward, Jackie Kristofik and Abby Pelon each tallied two goals and one assist as Livonia Ladywood cruised to a 7-2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crossover victory Friday over host Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day at the Southfield Civic Arena.

The Blazers, who now stand 4-10-1 overall and

2-10-1 in the MMGHSL's Dvision 1, also got a goal and assist from CeCe Warner, while Cristina Rotondo and Devon Kelly added one assist apiece.

Ladywood sophomore goaltender Michaela Warner also stood out.

The loss drops Country Day to 1-6 overall. The Yellowjackets are 1-4 in Division 2 of the

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Buckley out of lineup, Clarenceville falls to Redford Union

Ayanna Buckley's presence in the starting lineup was sorely missed Friday night as the Livonia Clarenceville suffered its first girls basketball setback in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division with a 52-28 loss at home to Redford Union.

The 6-foot senior center, the team's top scorer, rebounder and shot blocker, was out with a sprained ankle suffered in last week's non-conference game against Novi Franklin Road Christian. Buckley, who is expected to sign an NCAA Division II letter of intent this week to play volleyball at

Ferris State, may be cleared to play Tuesday at home against WWAC Red foe Dearborn Heights Crestwood

"We're not going to put her back in the lineup until she's 100 percent completely healthy, I'm not going to jeopardize her career," said Clarenceville coach Brady Gustafson, whose team slipped to 7-6 overall and 5-1 in the WWAC Red (tied with RU and Dearborn). "Once the doctor clears her and she's 100 percent then she'll be back in the lineup. If we have a rough go, we have a rough go."

Ashley Sandelin and

Renee Reed paced the victorious Panthers, now 5-8 overall, with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Clarenceville trailed 20-12 at halftime and 34-24 after three quarters before being outscored 17-4 in the final period.

Erica Katz paced Clarenceville with nine points and 18 rebounds, while Mikala Kieling finished with eight points.

Clarenceville made 9-of-14 free throws, while RU connected on 7-of-15.

HURON VALLEY 39. CALVARY 17: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-3, 6-1) overcame a sluggish performance Friday to spoil homecoming for Ypsilanti Calvary Christian (1-7, 0-5) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division

game. Huron Valley led 19-2 after one quarter, but scored just 20 points the rest of the way as Julie 5t. John paced the victorious Hawks with 13 points, while freshman Sam Golchuck added nine.

"We were not very strong in our offense tonight," said Huron Valley coach Kris Ruth, whose team made only 4-of-9 foul shots. Calvary Christian was only 1-of-6 from the free throw line.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 53, MACOMB 28: Senior center Leah Referies posted a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds Friday to lead Lutheran High Westland (3-7, 3-3) downed Warren Macomb Christian (3-6, 0-6) in a MIAC Red Division game.

The Warriors, who jumped out to a 14-2 first-quarter lead, also got 10 points from Claire Gordan, while Sabrina Morrison had six points, seven steals and five assists. Lutheran Westland made 23-of-59 shots from the floor (39 percent), but only 7-of-20 free throws (35 percent). Shania Rawls scored all but Macomb

REGINA 46, LADYWOOD 31: Emily points, 10 points and eight assists Thursday as host Warren Regina (8-8, 2-5) downed Livonia Ladywood (1-12, 0-6), Morgan Larkin, a transfer from Livonia Franklin, led the Blazers with 10 points and 10 rebounds, who trailed 29-13 halftme and

41-20 after three quarters. Amber Riethmiller added nine points for

Ladywood, which made only 11-of-24 from the free throw.

HURON VALLEY 42, PARKWAY 37: It wasn't a work of art, but Westland Hurd Valley Lutheran (6-3, 5-1) found a way to win its MIAC Red Division girls basketball game Thursday at home against Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (5-4, 4-3). Junior forward Julie St. John led the way with 13 points and 16 rebounds to lead the

Huron Valley won despite making only 9-of-25 free throws (36 percent). "It was a very sloppy game, but with the snow day and lack of practice I guess we are going to have some of that," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team led 18-14 at halftime and 29-26 after three quarters. "We missed way too many free throws and put backs tonight. We had 19 steals for the game, but still had 20 turnovers. We need

to continue to work on our patience and execution." Parkway got eight points from Francesca Delicata.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Feb. 3 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Livingston, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.

Crestwood at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Baptist Pk. at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Luth. South at Huron Valley, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 HVL at Luth, Westland, 5:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Fordson, 7 p.m. Wayne at Churchill, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Monday, Feb. 3
Baptist Pk. at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Luth. South at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m. Luth. Westland at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6

Thursday, Feb. 6
Clarenceville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m. Fordson at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. HVL at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 5 Franklin vs. Fraser at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 (MIHL Showcase at Trenton) Churchill vs. Wyandotte, 7:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 brook, 5:30 p.m

(MIHL Showcase at Trenton) enson vs. O.L. St. Mary, 2 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 8** Ladywood vs. Northville PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Feb. 5 (Division 1 Team Districts)

Stevenson, Novi, Northville at site to be determined, 5:30 p.m. Franklin, Crestwood, Dearborn at Garden City HS., 5:30 p.m. Churchill, Salem, Plymouth Churchill, Salem, Plymouth at Canton H.S., 5:30 p.m. Wayne, John Glenn, Ypsilanti at John Glenn H.S., 5:30 p.m. (Division 3 Team District) C'ville, Robichaud, Grosse Ile at Flat Rock H.S., 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6 Luth. Westland, A.P. Inter-City at Clinton H.S., 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 (MHSAA Individual Districts) Division 1 at Saline, 10 a.m. Division 1 at Groves, 10 a.m. Division 1 at Novi, 10 a.m. Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m. Division 4 at Clinton, 10 a.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Feb. 4
G.P. North at Franklin, 5:30 p.m.
Wayne at Trenton, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Churchill at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Northyille at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Tuesday, Feb. 4 Livonia Red vs. Huron Valley at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 Liv. Blue vs. W.L. Maroon-Gold at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 Livonia Red vs. Farm. Unified at Conrad's Gymnastics, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

PREP BOWLING Monday, Feb. 3 John Glenn vs. Salem Wayne vs. Plymouth at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Mercy at Thunderbird Lanes, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 Thursday, Feb. 6 Ladywood vs. Marian at Classic Lanes, 3:45 p.m.

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you get your chances. They got their chances and capitalized and that was the difference in the hockey game."

The Spartans, however, got untracked behind their stellar senior Production Line as Dominic Lutz answered with a pair of goals at 7:04 and 14:32, respectively, of the same period with assists going to linemates Devin Kelly and Tyler Irvine to cut the deficit to 3-2

"We knew Stevenson is never going to back down and that's why you play three periods," Vellucci said. "They came back the second period. I thought we won the first, obviously, not only by the score, but I think we totally outplayed them and outhustled them. Then, the second period, they took it to us. We kind of got back on our heels a little bit and then even in third, but the third was more back and forth. That extra goal in the second really helped out."

Stevenson, which was outshot 23-16 over the first two periods, turned up the pressure in the final period, but was unable to score the equalizer despite getting a power-play opportunity with 2:19 left and pulling goaltender Cullen Barber for the extra attacker in the final

Petty made a key save with only 1:08 remaining to deny Lutz, who was gunning for a hat trick and his 35th goal of the season.

"Our senior guys were great, our captains were great and Austin Petty was phe-nomenal again," Vellucci said. "He was great and that's what we expect out of a four-year varsity goalie.

Senior Andrew Rozenbaum started in goal and gave up three goals on 14 shots, while Barber, a sophomore who came on with 14:30 left in the second period, kept the Wildcats at bay by stopping all 18 Novi shots the rest of the

But it couldn't prevent the second straight setback by a goal and third overall for Stevenson, which started its season at 16-1 overall.

"We'll be fine," Mitchell said. "We preach that this is a journey, not a sprint. The seasons are going to have their ups and downs. We're going through a little lull right now. We've played good, competitive hockey games against some really strong teams, so we knew this would be the tough part of our schedule and doesn't get any easier going (Saturday) against CC (Catholic Central), so we can't feel sorry for ourselves and we can't get down. We have to fight back and keep battling through it. This is why it's a season and not one game. We'll be

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CHARGERS

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goal at 4:15 of the first period

Franklin cut the lead to 2-1 later in the first on Justin Makowski's power play goal, a shot from the left point, from Kolby Dewhirst.

The Patriots then tied it, 2-2, just 15 seconds into the second period on Josh Dudek's goal from Dewhirst.

Puishes, a senior defenseman, then notched his second of the game on a rebound with Nick Misiak assisting to put the Chargers ahead, 3-2, at 8:32.

The Patriots were then poised to tie it again when Matt VanHulle was tripped up on a breakaway to the net. The senior, however, was hurt on the play and Dudek was designated to take the penalty shot at 11:06 of the second, only to be denied when his backhand flip sailed wide of Churchill goaltender David Turel

Churchill, which took five costly penalties in the final period, successfully killed off a five-onthree early in third, but gave up a short-handed goal later on.

Sparks then saved the day with a blast from the short side.

"We've been really proud of Andrew this season," Reynolds said. "He's really come out of his shell a bit. He was limited in terms of his production last year, so this year he's really been a treat to watch. He's currently our leading



Churchill's Jack Behen (front) fends off a check from Franklin's Greg Bo. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

scorer. Hopefully he keeps it up and we'll need him in the stretch run.'

Franklin, pulling goalie Matt Monendo with 1:17 left to make it a twoman advantage, nearly scored the equalizer with just under 10 seconds

But Turel denied a high drive from Dudek to seal the win.

"I thought it was going in," Dudek said. "(Greg) Bo took that face-off and put it right where we practice every single day. I took it, but what can I do? I hit his (Turel's) knob of his stick, looked at the ceiling and wish it would have gone

The loss dropped Franklin to 3-13 overall and 1-9 in the South. Franklin lost earlier meeting (Dec. 20) against

the Chargers, 5-4. "What just couldn't get that daggone puck to go in," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We did score one power play

goal early, which was good to see. But Churchill battled hard. They have a good penalty kill and it was a great game. I'm proud of my guys. Again, it didn't show on the scoreboard, but the coaching staff is very

pleased with our efforts. "I hate keep going back to puck luck, but dang, the hockey gods have not been kind to us. But we still have a third of the season to go and we've got some playoffs. We're going to keep working hard and hard work will lead to some

luck for us." Despite the loss, Franklin's captain remained upbeat.

The puck, of course, doesn't bounce in our favor," Dudek said. "But the team played real good, I'm proud of the boys. I couldn't ask for a better team my senior vear. Bad bounces, what can you do? I'm real proud of them. You've got to take one game at a time, one practice a day ... hopefully this tourney (at Grand Blanc) this weekend we'll get a 'W'

and take home a trophy.' Churchill, meanwhile, travels Saturday to the Kensington Valley Ice House to take on KLAA Central Division leader and defending Division 1 state champion Brighton. (Game time is 4 p.m.)

"We have a lot of goals that we still want to accomplish this year," Reynolds said. "There are a lot of games we want to win. We played a lot tough games this year, but regardless of that, this Saturday we have a chance to play for our (KLAA South) division title. So that's a big goal we've set. It's a lofty goal against Brighton. It's going to take discipline on our part. It's going to take consistency in our systems and we need to keep building a track record of good play starting on Saturday.

And Reynolds knows his team had a little puck luck in its favor to beat rival Franklin for the Senior Night victory.

"We were lucky to get the two points," he said, "but we aspire to be better than we were tonight."

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DeMolay was far greater than just the 'stats guy'

ohn Glenn football games are never going to be the same after the passing of Keith DeMolay, who succumbed to cancer a couple of weeks ago at the age of 60. For those of us who have been associated with the program over the years, the sidelines during games will almost

Kurt

empty without him. We will never again hear "Son of a gun!" which he Kuban would gleefully

yell nearly every time the Rockets scored a touch-

For more than three decades, countless players and coaches came and went, but Keith, who graduated from Glenn in 1971, was always the constant. During those years, he kept the stats for the team, served with its booster program, recruited future players and was the team's biggest cheerleader. Anybody who knew Keith will tell you the man bled Rocket red, white and blue.

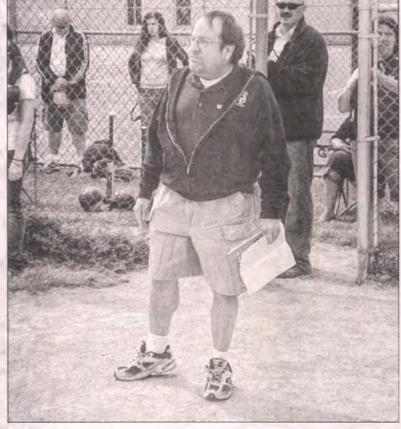
I first met Keith when I played football at Glenn back in the mid-'80s. To most of us players, he was the slightly kooky "stats guy" who always seemed to be around. Even back then, players knew if you wanted to find out how many tackles you made or yards rushing you gained in a game, Keith had the numbers. Likewise, if you wanted to know anything about the history of the

football program at Glenn, he had all the answers. Like during my junior year, when he informed me I was the first second-generation football player in the team's history (my dad played there in the late '60s). To this day, I'm not sure how or why he figured that out. But I never doubted him.

During recent years, I would run into Keith around town - usually at Beaver Creek - and I would always ask him how the Rockets were doing, whether it be in football, basketball or baseball. In response, I would get a 15-minute breakdown of the latest victory or loss. I was always amazed at how he could compare current players with those from my era. He had an incredible memory.

Now that I have children of my own, I have come to learn that Keith was so much more than just the stats guy at Glenn. Over the years, he spent a tremendous amount of time and energy mentoring the youngsters of this community through his involvement with the Westland Youth Athletic Association. Both my boys play baseball in the league and Keith would drop by our games from time to time. He would also come out each year for the opening game ceremonies and usually ran the program.

In addition to running the WYAA's football and basketball programs for many years, Keith was also "the voice" of the WYAA's Comets football teams, calling all their home games from the



press box; from what I understand, he rarely pronounced a name

Keith also had a real job, working as a parapro for Wayne-Westland Community Schools for three decades, helping students in the classroom and teaching them what he thought were the three most important things in life: integrity, character and values.

At his funeral Monday, I also learned that he was heavily involved at his church, First United Methodist of Wayne. Several church members mentioned Keith could always be counted on to participate in church events, which I'm sure

surprised nobody who attended the funeral.

While Keith never married and had no children of his own, his "family" was large if you count all the people he touched or influenced over the years. That's why the church was packed for his funeral. Several of those people spoke during the service, including my old football coach Chuck Gordon, who was at Glenn for three decades and was a person Keith respected a great deal. Gordon described him as "unselfish" and having never said a bad word about anyone. Similarly, current Rockets coach Tim Hardin said Keith was

one of the most "selfless" people he knew.

DeMolay

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'I think about all he did for our program and our kids and I don't ever remember him asking for anything for himself,'

Hardin said. That might be one of the reasons he didn't really tell anyone when he found out he had cancer. From what I'm told, he checked himself into Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and it took a couple of days for people to figure out what was going on. The news of his illness spread through the community like wildfire. There was general shock. Fortunately, during the last couple of weeks of his life that were spent in

Looking at his life now, I just wonder where he found all the time and energy to serve so many people.

a hospital room, Keith found out just how much of an impact he had on people. He had countless visitors and cards sent to him. People at Oakwood were amazed by the outpouring of love he received.

Looking at his life now, I just wonder where he found all the time and energy to serve so many people. There is no doubt his loss will be felt deeply for years to come in the Wayne-Westland community, especially over at John Glenn. Oh sure, Glenn will find someone else to keep stats at all the games in the future. But they will never truly replace Keith.

I realize now that Keith was so much more than just the "stats guy." Yet I think I'll always remember him standing on the sidelines under the glare of the Friday night lights, holding his clipboard and cheering on the Rockets. That's where he was happiest. And I'll bet anything, in the future when the Rockets score a touchdown, somewhere up above there will be a loud voice yelling "Son of a gun! Son of a gun!'

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WRESTLING RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 48 DEARBORN 15 Jan. 30 at Edsel Ford

103 pounds: Alhassan (Dbn.) pinned Dyland Brigham, 1:13; 112: Ghawlouche (Dbn.) decisioned Joseph Sanchez, 6-0; 119: Stephenson (Dbn.) p. Jayson Fitzpatrick, 5:20; 125: Zack Richards (C'ville) p. Bazzi, 0:22; **130:** Seth Soto (C'ville) won by void; **135:** Kevin Marzolo (C'ville) won by void; 140: Joey Walker (C'ville) won by void; 145: Alan Baum-gardner (C'ville) won by void; 152:

Domanick Slagle (C'ville) p. Saleh, 0:54; 160: Cameron Fyffe (C'ville) won by void; 171: double void; 189: James Ascott (C'ville) won by void; 215: double void; 285: double void. Clarenceville's dual meet record: 10-14 overall. DEARBORN EDSEL FORD 56

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 19 Jan. 30 at Edsel Ford 103 pounds: Wyka (DEF) won by major dec. over Dyland Brigham, 12-1; 112: Salim (DEF) pinned Darin Toplew 1:01: 119: Abou Ghadia (DEF) p. Zack

Richards, 3:54; **125:** Nagi (DEF) p. Sam Wakefield, 1:40; **130:** Almadhagi (DEF) p. Seth Soto, 2:54; **135:** Awad (DEF) won by major dec. over Kevin Marzolo, 19-10; 140: Joey Walker (C'ville) p. Rashdan, 1:58; 145: Alan Baumgardner (C'ville) p. Bankey, 1:29; 152: Domanick Slag e (C'ville) dec. Allen, 8-2; 160: Cam ron Fyffe (C'ville) won by major dec. o er Crites, 9-0; 171: Furus (DEF) won by void 189: Caldwell (DEF) won by void; 215: Burnstand (DEF) won by void; 285: Martell (DEF) won by void.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

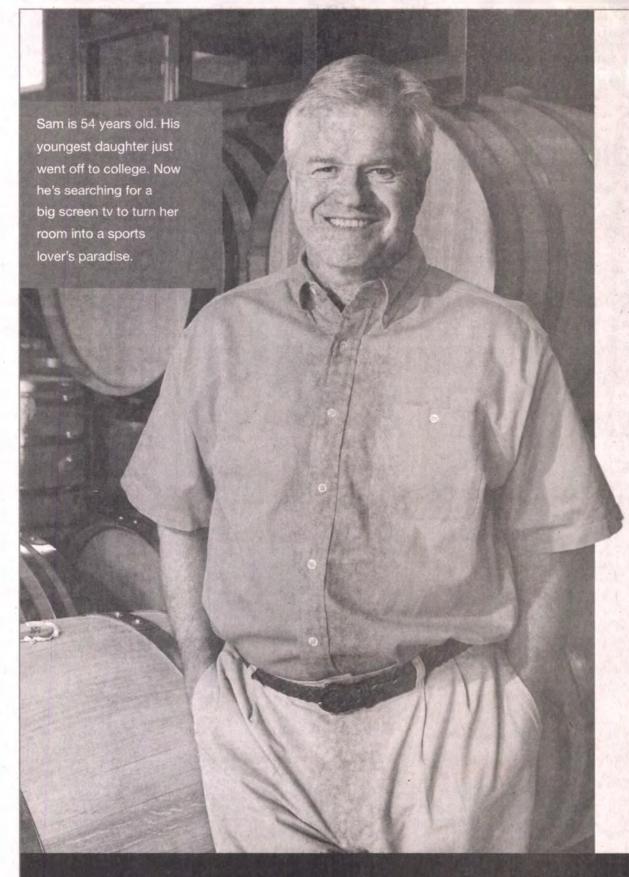
DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 140.75 LIVONIA RED 133.8

Jan. 30 at Plymouth Vault: 1. Rebecca Simu (P), 9.3; 2. (tie) Julia Twigg (Red) and Haley Metz (P), 9.2 each; 4. Kayla Janeveski (P), 9.1; 5. Mikaela

Hillie (Red), 9.0.
Unever bars: 1. Simu (P), 8.6; 2. (tie)
Molly McSween (P) and Metz (P), 8.55
each; 4. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.25; 5.
Marjssa McVey (Red), 8.05.
Balance beam: 1. Metz (P), 9.3; 2.
McVey (Red), 9.25; 3. Brenna Connelly (P),

9.1; 4. Katie Salanga (P), 9.05; 5. Olivia Ryktarsyk (Red), 8.35. Floor exercise; 1. (tie) Connelly (P) and Salanga (P), 9.0 each; 3. Metz (P), 8.75; 4. (tie) Maddy Pargoff (Red), McVey (Red) and Janeveski (P), 8.6 each. Alf-around: 1. Metz (P), 35.8; 2. Simu (P), 35.0; 3. McVey (Red), 34.80; 4. Janeveski (P), 32.75; 5. Hillie (Red), 30.25, Dual meet records: Plymouth 5-0

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 5-0 overall, 4-0 KLAA Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 4-5 overall, 1-3 KLAA Kensing-



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ANNIE'S GHOSTS

Author tells story of family secrets at Schoolcraft College

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Annie Cohen was 21 years old in 1940 when her parents committed her to Eloise, an asylum for the mentally ill, that was located in what is now Westland.

Annie's older sister, Beth, kept her sibling's existence a secret, later telling own children that she was an only

Six months after Beth died in 1999, her son, Steven Luxenberg, discovered a letter —
meant for his mom — from the
cemetery where his grandparents were buried. His mother had been paying custodial fees on her parents' graves. But there also was a third grave for Annie Cohen. The mystery sent Luxenberg on a journey to unlock his mother's lifelong family secret. The Detroit native, who is an associate editor at the Washington Post, turned his research into a book, Annie's Ghosts, which became the Michigan Humanities Council's selection for its 2013-14 Great Michigan Read program, a biennial statewide reading discussion.

"It's a wonderful program that's been in existence about eight years. It's a big honor for me to be chosen for this year," Luxenberg told an audience Thursday, Jan. 30, at School-craft College in Livonia. Pageturners, the campus book club, had arranged the event which included a Q&A after Luxenberg's talk and a book

Annie's Ghosts is a combination of detective mystery, family story and an exploration of the mental health care culture

of the 1940s-60s.

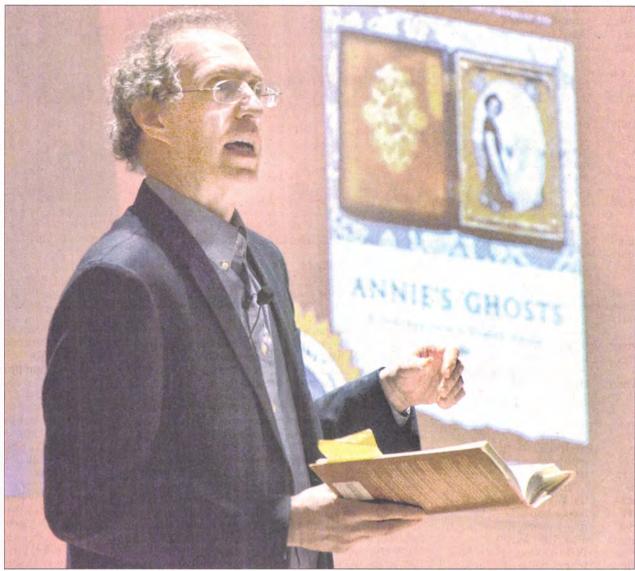
"I'm not a geneaologist. I am a storyteller. And the stories in this book are enriched by my genealogical techniques, as amateurish as they were. I came to this book not knowing anything about family research. It's something I had

Luxenberg researched records at archives, libraries, government offices, museums, courthouses and spoke with family members, friends, acquaintances, government officials and mental health profes-

Although the notion of secrets is a major theme in the book, Annie's Ghosts also raises questions about memory and identity. Luxenberg pointed out that his mother "reinvented herself when she left Annie behind in that institution," moved away from the old Detroit neighborhood where she grew up - and where neighbors remembered her sister - married and raised her own family.

Entering the asylum

Annie, who walked with a wooden leg, insisted she was not insane when her parents committed her to Eloise. Her mother said her daughter had become paranoid, wasn't eating and refused to leave the





Steven Luxenberg drew students, mental health professionals, book club members and other listeners to his talk at Schoolcraft College.

house. The two doctors who evaluated her made different diagnoses. One said Annie was insane and required treatment in an institution. The other said her physical disability had caused an inferiority complex and that although she had difficulty finding employment, was nervous and "feeble-minded" she was not insane. A third

doctor, the tie-breaker, decided that "a little treatment in an institution may help" and Annie was committed - at first on a temporary basis - and then permanently.

"In the 1950 census record, you find she has no address,' Luxenberg said, adding that his aunt was among some 5,000 "inmates" at Eloise, which by

then had been renamed the Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary. "In 1940 the legal standard for commission to a mental health institution was that the state owed care and treatment to its defectives. That's not the standard today - you're a danger to yourself and others. It's a much tougher, more reasonable standard.

"In my aunt's time, patients didn't have a lot of rights. Today you can't force someone to have treatment without a lot of very good reasons. And then you have to have a review of their case every six months."

Luxenberg said the peak of mental health care institutionalization was 1955 when a half million individuals were housed in asylums. Today that figure is around 40,000, he

During the Q &A, two former mental health nurses in the audience defended institutions, saying they gave patients shelter, food and treat-

Luxenberg said that al-though he believed his aunt had mental health issues, some of the medication she received likely wasn't appropriate.

"She ended up with a lot of side effects that were the result of one medication in particular," he said, also pointing out that Annie was barred from attending her own commitment hearing "because it was expensive" requiring transportation and security.

Today we start with the premise that the patient has a right t participate. We don't start with the premise that a

LUXENBERG SPEAKS

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

HOMETOWN

» 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit, 6555 W. Maple, West Bloomfield » 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21,, at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills » 10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland » 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at The

Steve Luxenberg talks about family secrets. A photo of his book, Annie's Ghosts is on the screen in the

Rust Belt Market,

22801 Woodward

Ave., Ferndale

background. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

patient has no rights." **Audience members react**

Suzanne Martoia-Gordon of Redford, a student nurse at Eloise in 1973 and now a nursing instructor at Schoolcraft, identified with the book's theme of family secrets.

"My family secret was al-ways alcoholism, the family disease," she said, during the O&A. "And it went on from generation to generation in our family. Finally I was a child let out the secret and I was severely punished for letting out the secret. And I think mental health is also a secret that many of us carry.

Kathleen Richardson of Canto, who attended the lecture after reading the book, said she believes "every family has a secret.'

She regrets not having asked her late mother about family secrets and stories.

"I think it's not just secrets, but family stories, so we can pass them on to the next generation. Share some things when you can, before it's too late."

Luxenberg said his book is meant to strike a universal chord with readers.

"It's a book about everybody's family. It's a book about any woman who confronted a situation like my mother did in 1940 and any woman like Annie whose parents felt would do better going to an institution and so they made the hard choice of agreeing with the medical authorities and sending Annie to Eloise. And it's for every son who inherits these stories."

Telethon, comedy show help animal groups

Valentine's Day telethon

What better way is there to say "I love you" than to support a furry friend this Valentine's Day?

The Michigan Humane Society will present its 2014 Valentine's Telethon from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7. News anchor Alicia Smith will host the telethon, which will air in commercial breaks **PET PROJECTS** throughout the day. Funds raised help MHS care for homeless ani-

"So many animals in our community rely on the Michigan Humane Society, and this extremely cold, snowy winter only increases the need for our care services," said Debby MacDonald, MHS chief cruelty investigator, in a press release.

"But we can't do it alone. We rely on the support of pet lovers across Michigan to help us care for animals who are homeless, hungry, neglected

The 18th annual MHS Telethon will feature adoptable

pets and stories that show how MHS assists area animals. As a private, nonprofit agency, MHS receives no government funding and is not affiliated with any national humane organizations. It relies on donations

from supporters. Donations can be made on or before Feb. 13 either online at www.michiganhumane.org/ telethon or by calling 855 MHS-GIVE (647-4483), 24 hours a day.

Save the date

Guardian Angel Animal



Alicia Smith holds "Rosie" during the 2013 Michigan Humane Society's Valentine's Telethon.

Rescue in Livonia wants your donations - and laughter March 14 when it holds its annual comedy fundraiser at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Seating starts at 7:30 p.m.

and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. In addition to proceeds from ticket sales, 25 percent of the sale of appetizers and pizza ordered during the show will go to GAAR.

GAAR re-homes animals rescued from the streets of Detroit, from shelters and dangerous situations. It accepts surrendered, abandoned and abused animals into its program, which is run on a foster home basis.

For advance tickets to the comedy show, call Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Pete at 734-716-8743. Or email guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com.

Partnership

Detroit Bully Corps is partnering with Pets for Patriots Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps ease rescue animals into the homes of military veterans and servicemen and women.

"Every day a canine is in our program, it costs us \$5.30 or more if they need extra medical care," said Missi Bellottie, co-founder of Detroit

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

Farmington Garden

"Plants that make you itch and twitch and maybe even kill you" is the topic of the Farmington Garden Club's meeting, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call Pat at 248-943-6026

Livonia Garden Club

John MacInnis, a master woodland manager, will speak at the club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. MacInnis runs the maple syrup project at Michigan State University's Tollgate Farm in Novi. The presentation will include a video and maple syrup samples. For more information, visit livoniagardenclub.org.

4 Seasons Garden

Joanne DeBruhl from Stone Coop Farm will be the guest speaker at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the senior center at South Lyon High School, located on 11 Mile and Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Stone Coop Farm specializes in vegetables and fruits, including many heirloom varieties. For more information, call 248-437-8291 or email melchercatgang@yahoo.com.

60-Minute Seminars

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County presents four hourlong seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 each or \$30 for all if registered in advance. Each runs

- » Feb. 4 Unorthodox methods of growing plants includes gutter gardening, spuds in a tub, cukes in a crate, and straw bale gardening, led by Paul Rodman, advanced master gardener.
- » Feb. 11 Diane Post, advanced master gardener, teaches the basics of backyard composting, including the process, stages and methods
- » Feb. 18 Brian Hintz, coowner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Canton, explains how to create a bird-friendly yard.
- » Feb. 25 Scott Bates, owner of Grass Roots Nursery in New Boston, will talk about tub gardens

GARDEN CALENDAR

mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

English Gardens

» Learn how to get orchids to re-bloom at home, along with other tips in a free demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. At 2:30 p.m. get tips on repotting orchids. Speakers include Kathy Mykolajenk, past president of the Michigan Orchid Society, at the Ann Arbor store; Carolyn Butcher, past president of the Michigan Orchid Society, at the Dearborn Heights store; Patti DeMaire, orchid hobbyist, at the Royal Oak store; and Joe Peterson, an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, at the West Bloomfield store

- » Get advice on planning a "four-season" garden at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.
- » The store's floral staff will demonstrate flower arranging, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Free Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506

Heritage Park

» The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topic for this month is owl prowl on Feb. 9. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at recreg.fhgov.com. » The nature center at the park offers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings through March 6. Each class offers a different nature theme each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature's Little Artists, for ages

Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Preregistration is required for Nature's Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for nonresidents. Little Trekkers and Young Explorers Preschool offer a drop-in fee of \$8 per class, paid at the door. Preregister at a discounted rate, also available online at recreg.fhgov-.com or at the Costick Center. Heritage Park is located at 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills; 248-477-1135.

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Monday; Little Trekkers, ages



English Gardens' annual Orchid Festival continues Feb. 8 with free demonstrations and displays of more than 20 varieties of orchids. This flower is a speckled purple phalaenopsis orchid.

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Bully Corps. "Working with Pets for Patriots, we hope to motivate our local veterans and service members to give these animals a loving home. This will help us place more hard-to-adopt pets with good people who need or want a companion animal."

Veterans join Pets for Patriots for free, although they are responsible for the Detroit Bully Corps adoption fee. To help transition the animals into their new homes, Pets for Patriots sends a \$150 gift card upon proof of eligible adoption to help with food and other essentials, and provides access to local veterinary partners who agree to offer ongo-

> * Restrictions may apply. Expenses exceeding gift value is the winner's

responsibility.

ing discounted care.

We are able to place about 10-20 dogs each year," said Bill Bellottie, president of Detroit Bully Corps. "Through our partnership with Pets for Patriots, we hope to provide forever homes to even more canines with the many service members and veterans in our area."

Individuals must first apply through Pets for Patriots and provide proof of their military service or honorable discharge. Approval typically takes one to two business days, after which they can contact Detroit Bully Corps for assistance in choosing their new dog.

Visit Pets for Patriots at petsforpatriots.org. For more about Detroit Bully Corps, visitdbcdog-

Open house

New Morning School will hold an open house 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township.

The open house is designed for prospective families interested in preschool through eighth grade. The school's annual Museum Experience follows the open house from 2-3 p.m. It showcases student in self-selected research topics and projects, including dioramas, graphs, maps, models, characterizations and more.

New Morning School is a nonprofit, parent cooperative offering individualized education, daily student planning, and multi-age classrooms. For more

information, visit www.newmorningschool.org orcall 734-420-3331.

Peace group meets Motivational speaker

Robert Weir will lead the discussion at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

He'll raise the question "What does peace look like?"

Citizens for Peace's three-part series on nonviolence also starts this month. The sessions are based on Michael Nagler's book, The Search for a Nonviolent Future: A Promise of Peace for Ourselves, Our Families, and Our World. They each include a video and discussion designed to aid

in understanding the principles of nonviolence, learning strategies and applying the principles to one's life.

COMMUNITY LIFE BRIEFS

The sessions run 7:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

For more information about Citizens for Peace, call Colleen Mills at 734-425-0079 or email cmills0079@yahoo.com.

Art critque

Local artist Jean-Paul Abou Dib will offer tips on art technique as he analyzes artwork by members of the Three Cities Art Club, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the lower level of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill

Road, in Canton.

Abou Dib received a scholarship to the College for Creative Studies where he earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts before receiving a master's degree of fine arts from Wayne State University. Since then, he has taught art in Canton, Northville and Dearborn. His works have won numerous awards and are in collections owned by such notables as music legend Eminem.

For more information about this free event, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939. To learn more about the art club, visit www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb.

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, West-

Details: Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, "Winter Wonderland" will include appetizer, dinner, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks, in addition to an auction. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for tables of

Contact: Racann Kush at 248-474-3991

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills **Details:** Valentine Dinner Dance will include dinner and music for dancing by the Dennis Coffee

Band. Tickets are \$20 per person

Contact: 248-553-3380 **DUELING PIANOS**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 8 Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy

Road, Westland **Details:** Dueling Pianos show includes light refreshments, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20, available at the parish in

Westland, west of Middlebelt Contact: Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 or email klcrunk@quixnet.net

EMBROIDERS' GUILD

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 5

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake, Farmington Hills.

Details: The group project is needle cases. If Farmington Schools cancels for weather problems, the Guild meeting is,

Contact: 248-474-6771 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4-March 25

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at

Drake, Farmington Hills Details: Free; presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Register by calling Amanda Haelterman at 248-661-9191 Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson,

dennis.carlson@4fcc.org JUDAICA ON DVD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 5-26

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers his four-part series, "Sacred Remnants: Rediscovered Treasures of the Jewish Past" on DVD. Topics are "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New View of Ancient Judaism," Feb. 5; "The Cairo Geniza: The Day-to-Day Lives of the Jews of Islam," Feb. 12; "The Aleppo Codex: The Real Text of the Torah," Feb. 19; and "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," Feb.

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb.

Location: Prentis Apartment community room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The group will hold a fabric, yarn, pattern and halffinished project swap. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework Contact: Judy Galperin at

248-661-5337 WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 to March 9 Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: This bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Coming up: Dinner, games and fellowship, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia Social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only in the exact amount. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Cookie at 248-357-2183, Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-3677

Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-

MARCH

CHILDREN'S CONCERT Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday March 2

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt,

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as In The Beginning and The Miracle Song Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted

Contact: the Rev. Joseph Margui at 734-522-3166

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday,

March 8 Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Tour the school and visit the annual spring carnival. Incloudes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New students can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carnival tickets by calling the campus or visiting online

Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordials.org

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

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

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

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

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

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

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

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200,

or www.livoniastmichael.org **Ward Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920 FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK New Hope Church

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

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

MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

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

734-658-2463 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

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

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

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

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

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

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896. Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

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

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

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests

Contact: 734-459-3333

welcomed.

SINGLES **Detroit World Outreach**

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

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

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

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

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

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

Contact: 313-534-0399 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

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

Song Circle **Congregation Beth Ahm**

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original

Hebrew. Contact: 248-737-1931 or email

nancyellen879@att.net. SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth,

Livonia Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C

Older Americans Act. Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire-

ment.com » Detroit World Outreach

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

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

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

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

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and

fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

questions at 734-981-2519 » Riverside Park Church of

group.com; or call Ruthann with

Contact: www.metrofibro-

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

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

Contact: 734-367-4220 or

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

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

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

is available Contact: 734-421-8451.

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

Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton **Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575 for

additional information » St. Thomas a' Becket Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322 for additional information » Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722; www.oa.org for additional

information THRIFT STORE

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

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

MILESTONES

LAIRD-GIOVANNI

Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni were married Oct. 19, 2013, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The Rev. James O'Neill offici-

ated. The bride, daughter of Michael and Dorothy Laird of Novi, is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in human resources and legal studies. She is pursuing a master's degree in dietetics.

The groom, son of James and Colleen Giovanni of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of

WEDDING

Detroit Catholic Central. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio in Nashville,

> Courtney Pistolesi served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Katie Pyett, Whitney Haynes, Ashley Glover, Sarah Wolanin, Danielle Dudek and Meagan Giovanni. Calli LeFevre was the

flower girl. Sean Griffin served as best man. Groomsmen were Erik Laird, Paul Cundiff, Chris Evans, Crow Belcher and Travis Singleton.

The reception also was held at the Inn at St.



Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni were married Oct. 19, 2013.

John's. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Punta Cana. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

ENGAGEMENT

SAGER-THOM

Rachel Mary Sager and Brady Robert Thom announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé both graduated in 2008 from Stevenson High School in Livonia and in 2012 from Michigan State University. Sager, daughter of Marty and Julie Sager of Livonia, is a special education teacher in Huron Valley Schools. Thom, son of Jerry and Chris Thom of Livonia, is a vehicle test engineer at FT Techno America, LLC

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, with a reception afterward at BayPointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield.



Brady Robert Thom and Rachel Mary Sager

KEVRA-BROWN Kelly Michelle Kevra and Mark William Brown II announce their en-

gagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Karl and Cathy Kevra of Livonia, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with a major in mathematics and a minor in early childhood, from

Eastern Michigan Uni-

versity. She also earned a

master's degree in reading from EMU. She teaches third grade in the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Her fiancé, son of

ENGAGEMENT

Pamela and Vernon Childress of Goodlettsville, Tenn., is working on his nursing degree from Eastern Michigan University. He served in the United States Navy for 13 years as a search and rescue swimmer. Mark

has been on three differ-

Mark William Brown II and

Kelly Michelle Kevra ent deployments. A July wedding is

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Passages

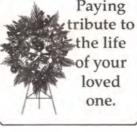
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BARNETT, NANCY JEAN (nee Willis)

Of Farmington Hills Michigan passed away on January 27, 2014. Born in Toledo, Ohio on September 13, 1932 to the late Alfred (Bus) and Marie (Cready) Willis. A woman of great faith, spirit and love, Nancy brought joy and laughter to those who knew her. Nancy will be greatly missed. Nancy is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Carol (Willis) and Marty McCauley of Denver, Son John (Priscilla) Willis Barnett, daughter Kathy Speier, grandchildren Kelly (Barnett) and Ray Horan, John M. Barnett, Mark and Kevin Speier, great-grandson Brady Horan as well as nephews, nieces and many wonderful friends. Nancy was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School in Tole-do, Ohio and later attended University of Toledo. She was a talented miniature artist and continued to work at Miniature Makers Workshop in Royal Oak, Michigan until her death. She was a long standing and active member of the Wee Bee Miniature Club of Birmingham, Michigan. Funeral Service Saturday 1 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michi-



gan Humane Society.

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MAY, JASON A. Passed away in Naples, Florida on January 25, 2014. He was born on January 23, 1971 in Lorain, Ohio the son of Andy and Clare (Yanick) May. Jason was raised in Canton, MI and in his youth, played on a travel hockey team and was an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings. He attended Schoolcraft College, and moved to Naples in 2003. Jason foundowned and operated All American Painting of Naples, Inc. and was an active member the Living Word Family Church of Naples. Jason's favorite pastime was riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and shopping with his mom. He was generous with his love and affections for his family and friends. He is survived by his parents, Andy and Clare of Naples, FL; his beloved sisters, Jackie Parker of Milford, MI and Stephanie May of Naples FL; an uncle, George Yanick of Lorain, OH, and many nieces and nephews. Jason was preceded in death by his sister, Kimberly Allison May in 1994, and by his grandparents, Steve and Mary Yanick. Funeral services will be held on February 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, where interment will follow. Arrangements by Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton, MI (810-229-9871). Please visit Jason's Book of Memories at

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Van Ornum, Elizabeth Helen Age 97, of Batavia, New York

went to be with her Lord and

Savior on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at her home in Batavia. She

was born in Grand Rapids, Mich-

igan, June 10, 1916, to Rev. Ray and Edna (Smith) Sellman. After graduating from Houghton College in Houghton, NY, in June of 1937, she married Alden Van Ornum in a beautiful backyard rose garden on August 17, 1937 in Ypsilanti, MI. She and "Van" lived in Plymouth, MI forty years where he practiced dentistry and they reared two children, David and Ann. During this time, many happy years were enjoyed by family and friends relaxing and eating good food at their cottage on Long Lake in Traverse City, MI. Betty partici-pated in Plymouth Women's Club, as well as being President of the Plymouth Garden Club. Betty was also active at Wayne Baptist Church, Missions and in Campus Crusade for Christ. She was a member of Northgate Free Methodist Church in Batavia. Dr. Alden Earle Van Ornum, her husband, died November 29, 2008. Survivors include children, David (Trudie) Ornum of Batavia and Ann (Mark) Van Ornum Fackler of Grand Rapids, MI; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was the grandmother of the late Benjamin Fackler and sister of the late Dean Sellman. The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 7, 2014 at H.E. Turner & Co. Funeral Home, 403 E. Main St., Batavia. Memorials may be made to Northgate Free Methodist Church, 8160 Bank St. Rd., Batavia, NY 14020. Burial will be in South Lyon MI. Please leave a condolence, share a story light a candle at www.bataviafuneralhomes.com.

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GO RED FOR WOMEN DRIVE SETS KICK-OFF EVENTS

The American Heart Association launches its monthlong heart disease awareness campaign, Go Red for Women, Feb. 7 with National Wear Red

Day.
The organization encourages everyone to don red attire and reminds women this month to:

» Ask your doctor to check your blood pressure and cholesterol.

» Stop smoking, lose weight, exercise and eat healthy.

» Consider the risk that heart disease kills one out of three women. It's the No. 1 killer of women.

» Make healthy food choices and teach your children the importance of staying active.

» Remind other women to "go red."

Locally, a Kick Off Rally and Lighting Ceremony will be held 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 6 at Freudenberg North American Corporate Center, 47774 W. Anchor Court, Plymouth. The event is free and will feature Annette Sciberras, R.N., a national spokeswoman for the campaign.

Sciberras, 54, Cardiac Progressive Care administrative manager for the Beaumont Health System, is among 11 women chosen to represent Go Red for Women nationally. They were selected from hundreds of women who have

Annette Sciberras,. R.N., a Cardiac **Progressive Care** administrative manager at Beaumont Health System, is among the national spokeswomen for the Go Red for Women campaign.

shared their stories about heart disease and stroke at local events and on the American Heart Association web-

Born with a congenital heart defect, Sciberras had open-heart surgery in 1965 to repair a faulty valve. As an adult, Sciberras became interested in health issues and pursued a career in cardiac nursing. She soon found herself taking care of her patients and her aging parents, who both battled heart disease. But like many caregivers, she put her own health aside to focus on her family, ignor-

ing cardiac warning signs. retrospect know the signs were all

there — I see patients with heart disease every day," she said, in a press release. "But I was juggling my four chil-dren, a demanding job and my parents' declining health and I just ignored the chest pains I was having."

Becoming an advocate

When her mother died after a heart attack and a stroke, Sciberras collapsed and was diagnosed with "broken heart syndrome," a kind of cardiomyopathy caused by extreme stress. Ironically, her mother had been warning her months before that she needed to focus on her own health again.

"My mother spent her last months of life trying to convince me to take better care of myself," she said. "This event was a wake-up call and it made me feel closer to her than ever.

"I wanted to help peo-ple the way my mother had helped me.' She became an ad-

vocate for women's heart health with the message that balancing work and family obligations must become a priori-

> "We have to learn to manage stress and all the demands of daily life better. As women we worry about others but we must also recognize the importance of

our own health."

According to the American Heart Association, more women than men have died each year from heart disease and stroke since 1984, yet women comprise only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies. The Association also reports that 90 percent of women who get involved in the Go Red movement make at least one healthy behavior change. More than half have increased their exercise and six out of 10 have changed their

For more information on the Plymouth event, email Melissa.Thrasher@heart.org. RSVP at freudenberg@fmacc.com.

The campaign's main event in southeastern Michigan is the annual Detroit Go Red for Women Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The luncheon will include a health expo and a heart-healthy lunch at noon. Tickets are \$250. Call Catherine Smith at 248-936-5820 or visit www.detroit goredforwomen.org.

Girlfriends Go Red, a free event, is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Beaumont Hospital, 2601 W. 13 Mile, in Royal Oak. Sciberras will be on hand and attendees may wear their red shoes. The event includes a health panel followed by dance and fitness demos, health screenings and prizes. RSVP on the American Heart Association's Southeast Michigan website. Visit heart.org, click on "local info" and type in your ZIP code to bring up the page.

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ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Dipak Shah, M.D., a cardiologist, will offer a free seminar on atrial fibrillation, the most common abnormal heart rhythm, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in conference room A at the Outpatient Center, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. He'll talk about diagnostic and treatment options. The likelihood of developing atrial fibrillation increases with age and increases the risk of stroke. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 888-751-5465.

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Learn how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay healthy in an interactive workshop led by a dietitian from Botsford Hospital. 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's guest services counter or by calling 734-779-6100. Registration required.

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Q: What is the primary cause of cardiovascular disease?

A: Coronary heart disease (CHD) is a narrowing of the small blood vessels that supply blood and oxygen to the heart, caused by the buildup of plaque in the arteries to your heart. The plaque build up is a combination of fatty materials and other substances that adhere to the walls of your coronary arteries, and increase your risk for heart disease.

Q: What are the risk factors for heart disease?

A: There are several risk factors for heart disease. Some are controllable, others are not. Uncontrollable risk factors include:

- · Being male
- · Older age
- · Family history of heart disease
- · Post-menopausal
- · Race (African Americans, American Indians, and Mexican Americans are more likely to have heart disease than Caucasians)

Still, there are many heart disease risk factors that can be controlled. By making changes in your lifestyle, you can actually reduce your risk for heart disease. Controllable risk factors include:

- · Smoking
- · High LDL, or "bad" cholesterol and low HDL,
- or "good" cholesterol Uncontrolled hypertension (high blood pressure)
- · Physical inactivity Obesity (more than 20% over one's ideal body weight)
- · Uncontrolled diabetes
- · Uncontrolled stress and anger

Q: What can I do to lower my risk of heart disease?

A: Making changes in your lifestyle is a proven method for reducing the risk of heart disease. While there are no guarantees that a heart-healthy lifestyle will keep heart disease away, these changes will certainly improve your health in other ways, such as improving your physical and emotional well being. Also, because some risk factors are related to others, making changes in one area can benefit other areas. If you're a smoker, quit. If you sit at a desk all day, find reasons to walk more. Try to eat a healthy well balanced diet and control portion sizes. Most importantly, see a physician for regular check ups, especially if you have one or more risk factors.

Remember heart disease is almost always avoidable. Eat right, stop smoking, get active and join GCH for "From the Heart," a FREE Lunch and Lecture on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at Westland Mall. Learn how to take care of your heart for life. Lunch, giveaways and health screenings included.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A NO FURTHER ACTION REPORT FOR A SITE SPECIFIC CLEANUP CRITERIA CLOSURE

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed No Further Action Report for the Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co., Inc., a site of environmental contamination located at 550 South Edwin Road in Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. Con tamination at the site was caused by releases at a former exterior aboveground storage tank (AST) area located on the property.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20120d(3) et seq to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has reviewed the proposed remedial action plan for a Limited Non-Residential Site cleanup category and finds it to be in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the administrative rules for the Act in place before December

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the completed remedial action and to offer an opportunity for public review and comment prior to final action upon the No Further Action Report. Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on February 14, 2014. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

The proposed No Further Action plan for the site includes monitoring of groundwater on the site for three years. It also includes the placement of a restrictive covenant on the property that will prohibit use of on-site groundwater for potable purposes, will prohibit construction of wells to extract groundwater for consumption, irrigation or other use, and will prohibit construction of buildings without approval from MDEQ.

The No Further Action Report will be available for review beginning January 15, 2014 during normal business hours at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Southeast Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court Warren, Michigan 48092-2793. The review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

Comments should be addressed to:

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10 mistakes every first-time job seeker makes

Debra Auerbach CareerBuilder writer

There's a lot that first-time job seekers bring to the table. They're often eager and enthusiastic, technologically-savvy and up-to-date on the latest skills and trends in their desired field.

Yet there is still a lot that new job seekers have to learn when it comes to mastering the job search. Here, experts weigh in on 10 mistakes many first-time job seekers make and how these errors can be avoided:

1. Putting too much weight on their GPA.

"A mistake first-time job seekers make is believing that high academics is the most important factor in finding a job," says Stephanie Kinkaid, program coordinator for the Wackerle Career and Leadership Center at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. "Graduates need leadership qualities and the ability to articulate how those experiences have created a wellrounded individual."

2. Not doing enough research.

"Many times, job seekers don't realize the importance in conducting research," says Debra Ann Matthews, professional résumé writer and certified career coach. "Learn about how to obtain a job, go to the library and read about job-search tools. Go to your local career center and see what they have to offer. Then take your inquiry a step further; see if these same institutions have social media services."

3. Not staying up-to-date on industry trends.

"Graduates should do research not only on the company to which they are applying, but about the field in general,"

Kinkaid says, "For instance, if you are entering the medical field, you should be knowledgeable about the Affordable Care Act, how politics affect medicine and social issues."

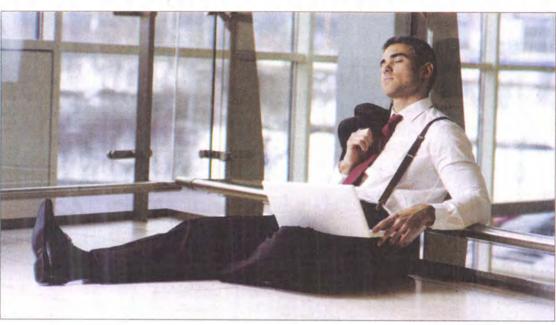
4. Only considering full-time jobs.

"First-time job seekers devalue the benefits of temp and short term and placement services," Matthews says. "Temp jobs, can be of value to a job seeker by giving that job seeker work experience in various tasks. Many temp agencies will offer computer-based trainings that can be learned and applied to résumés and used by job seekers to leverage their job search in a more strategic manner."



5. Focusing only on jobs related to their degree.

Dylan Schweitzer, group talent acquisition manager for Enterprise Holdings, says that new job seekers often think they can only work in a field directly related to their major and only apply to jobs in one specific industry. "You major in what you are interested in learning more about, but that doesn't pigeonhole you into one type of opportunity."



6. Making the interview about them. not the employer.

"Job seekers who spend their initial interview talking about why they need a job, how much they want some company benefit, etc. instead of talking about how they will solve problems for the company and bring value are ensuring they will not be asked back for second interviews or hiring," says Karen Southall Watts, consultant, coach and speaker. "Everyone is well aware of the fact that people need jobs. Hiring managers want to know why, of all the needy, worthy candidates, they should hire you."

7. Dressing inappropriately in professional settings.

"Often, first-time job seekers have not been exposed to workappropriate attire," says Lindsay Witcher, manager of practice development at RiseSmart, which provides next-generation enterprise career management solutions. "How you dress directly affects how people

perceive you and whether or not they will take you seriously. For this reason, make sure you are dressed professionally when networking and interviewing. If you aren't sure what is appropriate, ask for the opinions of a few people you trust who have a few years of successful professional experience under their belt."

8. Being unenthusiastic.

"Enthusiasm is critical to being considered for a position," Witcher says. "If you appear bored or as if you have something better to do while interviewing or networking, hiring managers will not consider you as a viable candidate. Show enthusiasm not only through your conversation, but through your knowledge about the company and your interest in the position."

9. Focusing on salary.

"Young professionals often fail to look at the big picture when deciding whether or not to take a position and instead focus too much on the salary," says Chaz Pitts-Kyser, speaker

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on career/life topics for young professionals and author of "Embracing the Real World: The Black Woman's Guide to Life After College." "But how happy will they be with what seems to be a great salary if their benefits are measly, the commute gives them a headache or their workload is insane? Everything about a company and what it offers and does not offer should be taken into consideration prior to accepting or rejecting a job offer."

10. Knowingly taking the wrong job.

"Times are hard, and it's not always wise to hold out for the perfect job," Watts says. "However, when you get that sinking feeling, and you know a position is a poor match for your skills or temperament, you are wise to pass. When in doubt, discuss with a mentor before making irreversible decisions."

Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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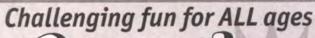


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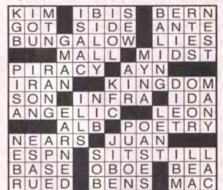
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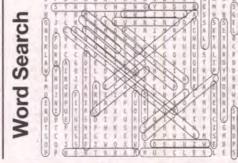
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Advertising Feature

Carmakers Dominate Super Bowl Advertising Once Again



By Dale Buss

industry has come define Super Bowl advertising quite like the car business. Automakers, after all, are among the biggest U.S. advertisers and marketers by dollar volume. So for the third straight year, on Big Game Sunday the auto industry was expected to be the

biggest advertiser for the third straight year.

Hyundai and Chrysler, according to Kantar research cited by USA Today, made the top

"We like to build a lot of conversation before game day," Loren Angelo, head of brand marketing for Audi of America, told me. For the brand and the new A3 sedan, that meant releasing not only an online teaser of its "Doberhuahua" spot but the entire spot itself several days before Super Bowl Sunday.

Here's a snapshot of what the auto brands planned for Super Bowl XLVIII:

While not using any big Hollywood names, Audi deployed its trademark Super Bowl humor in a spot featuring singer Sarah McLachlan (who spoofed her PSAs for PeTA with a teaser) a hilarious dog hybrid, a "Doberhuahua," that exemplifies the horrible results that come from compromise. The point game report.

Chrysler, as usual, didn't' give away its plan for the Big Game, forsaking all the pre-game teasers and other buzz-generating activities that rivals are using more and more before the actual telecast.

Hyundai has a new US CEO but some of the same challenges: how to effectively keep the brand stretched across a broad range of product segments yet battle some supply issues and stiffening competition across the board. With two spots -- one, called "Nice," for the Hyundai Elantra starring Johnny Galecki of Big Bang Theory and another ("Dad's Sixth Sense") for the luxury-sport Genesis sedan, focusing on its driving-assistance featuresthe brand spread its Super Bowl bets once again.

Jaguar, now owned by India's Tata Motors, is continuing its comeback with its first Super Bowl spot. The dramatic 60-second ad featured actors Sir Ben Kingsley, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong as a trio of British villains in a spot helmed by The King's Speech director Tom Hooper:

Laurence Fishburne to reprise his role as Morpheus in the cult movie series The Matrix to pull that off.

Toyota last year effectively used actress Kaley Kuoco for a mainstream message, and this year the brand was going back to a proven platform by including the Muppets and Terry Crews as it focused on everything one can do in a new Toyota Highlander.

Volkswagen is more in need of a pick-meup now than it has been for three years, as US sales have leveled off. So reached for nostalgic levers similar to its Star Wars-themed ad from three years ago, "The Force" (often called "Little Darth Vader" for its adorable mini-Darth), which became the most-shared and YouTube-viewed spot in Super Bowl history. This time around, following a teaser that featured Carmen Electra, VW had "Wings," in which the brand played a bit with the "legend" of how every time a reliable VW turns over 100,000 miles, a VW engineer gets his "wings." Jimmy Stewart, star of It's a Wonderful Life, might have been bemused.

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Laurence Fishburne is an ominous presence in the Kia Super Bowl ad.

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The Silverado HD stars in one of Chevy's ads in the Big Game.

And of course, any more it's not just Super Bowl Sunday but for the entire season surrounding the game that carmakers dominate much of the conversation. It has become standard practice to run pre-Game teasers (trailers, in a sense, of the Game Day spot), and viral videos promoted across YouTube, Twitter and Facebook with hashtags.

is that the German automaker's new A3 sedan, launching in the US this spring, is anything but an exercise in compromise, even though it's priced beginning under \$30,000:

General Motors returned to the Super Bowl after taking a one-year break, with Chevrolet slated to occupy two 60-second spots during the game. One spot, "Romance," featured a voiceover by John Cusack and promoted the 2015 Silverado HD with the hashtag #SilveradoStrong. Two other 30-second ads were to air during the post-

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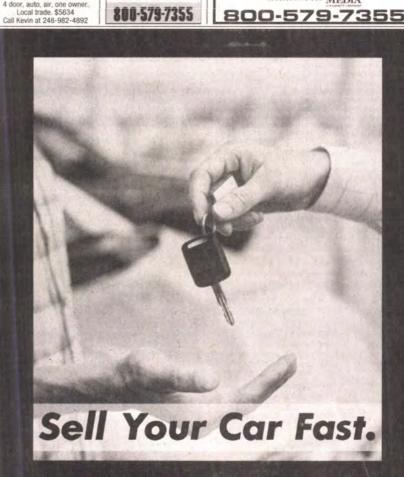


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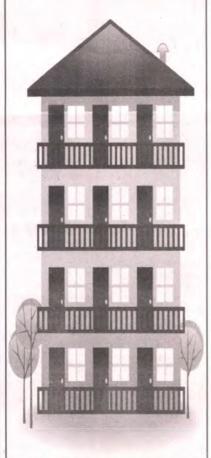
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