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Work on Westland City Hall progresses

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There's not much to see on the outside of the new Westland City Hall — plastic and some signs of a construction project. Inside, the interior walls are roughed in and taking shape.

"Originally we hoped to be further along on the outside. With this winter we're having, we switched gears," said Eric Dumont of Plante Moran CRE-SA, the city's project representative.

"We're a lot farther along on

the interior than we expected less on the exterior."

City officials got a look inside the former Warren Road Circuit City store that is being retrofitted and renovated as the new city hall. Plans call for the building to be occupied by October.

"I think it's going to be great. I won't have to worry about tripping on torn carpeting or whether it's 45 degrees or 95 degrees in the office," said City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof as she and Deputy Clerk Tina Stanke toured the construction site.

Larger facility

Schoof and Stanke had questions as they talked with Dumont about details for the storage area for voting machines and related materials. It's a new situation to have city hall storage — there is currently off-site storage due to lack of space and the perennially flooded basement in the current city hall.

The current city hall on Ford has only 13,000 square feet of space, including the unusable basement. The new city hall will have 64,000

square feet — all on one level — and will be energy efficient. The building will provide public meeting rooms in addition to space for city departments currently off-site, such as the Department of Public Works administration, WLND, Economic Development and Youth Assistance.

The retrofitting project, including land acquisition, is expected to cost just under \$10 million. That's about \$5 million less than a new construction project would have cost.

"The front of the building, the vast majority is glass.

There will be a lot of natural light," Dumont said. "The intent was to keep it as wide open as we could."

Extra features

Two public meeting rooms — available for rental to hold meetings or social functions — can each be divided in half making up to four rooms depending on the uses needed. Nearby is a fully functioning warming kitchen — food can't be cooked, but can be heated or kept warm for events.

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Wayne Police Sgt. Tom Warren exchanges high-fives with Jalen Mickiewicz and Lenin Diaz, students at St. Mary Catholic School. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ripple Effect makes pitch for Main Street upgrade

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Members of the Wayne Ripple Effect, joined by city officials, went to Lansing to make a presentation in support of their Main Street program application last week.

WRE made its case to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for Wayne to be one of three communities moved up to the select level of the Main Street program.

There was a 45-minute presentation about Wayne and why it should be selected and there was a 15-minute question-and-answer session on the presentation and the community's commitment to the Main Street program.

Wayne started at the associate level in 2012 and renewed in 2013. Moving up to select level would open the door to training in Main Street's four-point approach to support and improve downtowns and traditional commercial neighborhood districts and the ability to tap into \$200,000 in technical assistance.

"I'm proud of the work that Wayne Ripple Effect has done for the city," said State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who met with group members during their trip to Lansing.

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SPECIAL GUESTS

St. Mary's students host lunch for police, firefighters

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Lunch for Wayne Police officers and Wayne-Westland firefighters was on St. Mary Catholic School students Tuesday.

For the second year, the school's student council provided lunch as the police officers and firefighters joined the 180 preschool through eighth-grade students during their three lunch periods Tuesday.

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How cool is it to have your dad show up at school? St. Mary Catholic School sixth-grader Brendan Puckett enjoys lunchtime with his dad, Wayne Police officer Rob Puckett.



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"The two studios are smaller than what I have now but nicer," said Craig Welkenbach of WLND, who currently works out of a stand-alone building on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. "There are double doors to the storage area. Now we have to get couches and everything through one door."

The soundproofing also will be a benefit, Welkenbach said, since he can hear editing from a nearby room in the current building.

Tucked away on the west side of the building

with its own entrance are offices for Westland Youth Assistance.

City hall is designed by architect Gary Sebach of OHM. McCarthy Smith, which has handled construction projects for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, will serve as the general contractor.

The city hall project, along with a new fire station to be constructed on the nearby former Service Merchandise site, is being funded by the Tax Increment Finance Authority. Neither project will result in a tax increase.

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CONTEST

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» **Best Actor in a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actress in a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor in a Sup-**

porting Role: Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave*.

» **Best Actress in a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska*.

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods*, *Frozen*, *Despicable Me 2*, *The Wind Rises* and *Ernest & Celestine*.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing*, *Cutie and the Boxer*, *Dirty Wars*, *The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

LUNCH

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"My mom had us think of something we could do for the community. I thought of the lunch. It went really well (last year), so we decided to do it again," said Abby Formella, a sixth-grader and student council member.

Student council members hold bake sales and sell Tootsie Rolls to raise the money to pay for the guests' lunches.

"I think it's because they do so much. We can show that we care and that we think about them," Abby said.

"I was very proud. The kids came up with the invitations and earned the money for lunch," said Abby's mother Theresa Formella, an administrative assistant at the school.

Wayne Deputy Police Chief Alan Maciag attended the first lunch last year and returned for a second time along with Chief Jason Wright, a number of police officers and firefighters.

"I think it's an excellent opportunity to not



Wayne Police officer Abe Hughes (right) is longtime friends with the Formella family. Mom Theresa Formella and daughter Abby Formella wear T-shirts to prove it. Abby and other student council representatives worked to make the police and firefighter lunch at St. Mary School happen. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

only work with the school, but to get to know the students better," Maciag said. "It lets them know what we do in the community. The kid see us as people like everyone else. They are able to open up more to us. And it helps build relations with the schools and students."

For sixth-grader Brendan Plunkett, the lunch brought a familiar face - his dad Robert is a Wayne police officer.

"It's awesome (having

his father visit school). They (police officers and firefighters) talk to you and stuff," Brendan said. "I didn't talk to any of the firefighters; none of them were near me at lunch."

Hosting the lunch - also attended by Wayne Mayor Al Haidous and Interim City Manager/Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib - helps students feel part of the community, St. Mary Principal Lisa Powaser

said. "The fact that they sit and talk with the student, they get a sense that they are part of the community," Powaser said. "And that they care about the students. They (police and firefighters) have been here for lockdowns, so the kids know them. The kids feel really proud to have them here for lunch."

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"They have done a great deal for Wayne and continue to do great work to create a better place to live in Wayne through community action and volunteer work."

Four communities have applied for the select level - Wayne, Alpena, Gaylord and Three Rivers. WRE is hopeful Wayne will get one of the three slots because it is the only urban community to apply.

Kosowski praised the efforts of WRE in working to revitalize Wayne's downtown business district.

"This group is a great example for communi-



State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, with members of the Wayne Ripple Effect and Wayne City council members in Lansing last week for a presentation in support of the Main Street application.

ties all across Michigan," Kosowski said. "If we had more organiza-

tions like this one, our state would be a better place."

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Canton church reaches out to strip club workers

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day was set to arrive early for metro Detroit strip club workers Saturday night after area women from a Canton-based church assembled gift bags to distribute, along with hugs and love.

It's an outreach effort started in 2009 by My Sister Song, a Connection Church ministry founded by Laura Urenda of Westland to help women find their purpose in life beyond strip clubs and the sex industry.

"Some of our women have backgrounds in the sex industry. We understand it," said Urenda, who grew up in Garden City. "We speak the language."



My Sister Song members pack gifts for strip club workers during one of their Easter outings. CONNECTION CHURCH

My Sister Song members planned Saturday to pile into a van to distribute 500 gift bags containing cosmetics, valentine cards, candy and contact cards for how strip club dancers can reach out for help with counseling, mentoring and education services.

"I always put a love

note to the girls in the gift bags," Urenda said.

The group typically visits as many as 20 strip clubs during holidays such as Valentine's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, Halloween and Christmas. My Sister Song has reached out to more than

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Walker-Winter families go hands-on with engineering

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Students and families at Walker-Winter Elementary School got the chance to be engineers at the Canton school's inaugural Family Engineering Night.

Organized by fourth-grade teacher Michael Hall, the 90-minute program let students and their families experience fun, hands-on, innovative engineering activities.

According to Hall, Family Engineering Night is designed to allow families to work together, explore and discover engineering concepts on their own, while supporting science and mathematics learning and demonstrating how the field of engineering helps improve the way people live.

Hall first experienced and helped facilitate Family Engineering Night at Marshall Upper Elementary School and thought it would be a great idea to bring the program to Walker-Winter. With the assistance of two volunteer parents and several staff members, he was able to organize what proved to be a night many families will remember for a long time.

Families rotated through three 25-minute interactive, hands-on sessions facilitated by Walker-Winter teachers. During the sessions,

parents and children worked cooperatively to problem solve engineering tasks using the engineering design process.

Families were given a challenge and asked to brainstorm possible solutions. Next, families were instructed to design a plan and begin to create a solution based on the plan. Finally, they were asked to test their creations and modify their design to make it better.

The tasks included designing a helmet to protect an egg (head) from injury when dropped from 10 feet and designing an intersection that will be safer for car passengers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Families also designed and constructed their own catapults and learned how potential energy is stored and released as kinetic energy to propel an object.

In another activity, families were required to create a process of extracting the valuable resource of chocolate chips from a cookie while dealing with constraints on time, materials and "environmental" impact.

In the gymnasium, two local universities were in attendance to show their support for the community and the field of engineering. Lawrence Technological University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn brought several robots designed to



Isaias Hernandez learns the strength of an arch by adding weight until it collapses. Dad Juan Henandez offers advice as brother Isaac watches. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Brian Ding operates his robotics project, which is designed to play music on the wind instrument known as a recorder. Michael Friendship and daughter Alexandria Friendship watch.



Dad Christian Leslie taps on the foil covering the end of the tube held by son Christian Jr. Different materials at the end of the tube project different volumes of sound. For example, the foil covering projects sound the loudest.



Fifth-grader Julia Kubus operates a robot called a scorpion.

garner interest from perspective students eager to join the field of

engineering. "It was great to see the universities come out and support the community," Hall said. "Students really were excited

about the robots and the engineering design process. I am sure some career paths have changed tonight."

Absopure, located in Plymouth, was able to provide 300 bottles of water for the event, while the PTO supplied more than 300 bags of popcorn.

Parent, student and teacher feedback was extremely positive, according to Hall. Families commented that they appreciated having their children exposed to engineering concepts and

learning about different engineering career choices at an early elementary age, he said.

Hall added that he appreciates all the support he received for this event.

"Without the support of our principal, staff, parents, PTO, students, the universities, Absopure, the families who donated materials, this night wouldn't have been possible," he said. "It really was a collective effort and a special experience for the community."

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7,000 area women, helping some of them find a new path.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Urenda said most strip clubs allow My Sister Song members inside to deliver their gifts. Yet the volunteers are never pushy.

"We never ask the women to leave (the strip clubs)," Urenda said. "We believe it's more powerful if that decision comes from them. We look into their eyes and listen to their stories. We hug on them and love on them."

It's one of the ways Connection Church tries to uplift area residents. The church also sponsors Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry run by directors Steve and Jackie Darr that feeds some 460 families every week.

More recently, Mikie Bartee, pastor of development, initiated a Man Church program to encourage men to become more responsible and combat what he called an epidemic of fatherless households. "It's a man problem," he said. "It's a solvable problem."

Similarly, Urenda sees the sex industry as a solvable problem if she and others can show strip club dancers and victims of human trafficking that they are loved and have worth beyond the sex industry.

During outings by My Sister Song, members typically meet at Connection Church at 6 p.m., load their van with gift bags and head out to strip clubs.

"We rotate in teams of three going into the clubs," Urenda said. "We usually wrap up by 2 a.m."

For more information, go to www.mysistersong.com or find the group on Facebook.

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Rhetoric vs. reality: Stakes high in education

By Gary Murrell
Guest Columnist

Political rhetoric is not unusual; politicians promise naively or, in recognizing inherent risks of keeping promises, renege on convictions. So, why should the constituency today be concerned about the exaggerated claims coming from Lansing? The residents of the State of Michigan ought to be concerned about the rhetoric regarding education, because the stakes are far greater than they have ever been.

The Governor, in his most recent State of the State, indicated funding has been increased for public schools in Michigan. While state spending on all matters concerning public education may be up, direct and discretionary funding in support of students is not. In fact, in Garden City, when corrected for student population, the public school district is down over \$4 million dollars annually. This is occurring when costs of services, repairs, fuels and other utility costs have risen.

Further, this is happening at a time when the state is reporting surpluses in both the general and education funds. So, while the legislature and the Governor indicate support for public education, actions appear to be inconsistent with the rhetoric. Why the inconsistency, if truly this administration is supportive of public education?

Public schools serve the population — the entire student age population. While there

certainly is a strong place for private and charter schools, public school systems must educate all children, including those with significant learning, emotional and physical challenges. Public schools are also faced with significant restrictions, reporting obligations, evaluation processes and standards by which other schools are not measured. If we truly are focused on best practices in education, why is there a different measuring stick for public schools?

Public schools are a cornerstone of our democracy, ensuring all a free and appropriate education. Yet, this administration has lifted caps on charter schools and online learning schools, shifting tax dollars to private investors seeking profit over investment in our young. Education is a multi-billion dollar industry; profiteers and opportunists are eager to grab hold. Public education separates the United States from less fortunate countries. Why would we want a system in which the wealthiest receive a fine education and those less able get what's left?

The most disturbing aspect of these shifts in educational funding and legislation is not change; it is that change is rapidly occurring, and the taxpayers and residents of this state and this nation are virtually unaware. Public education is at enormous risk and the work that has already been done to undermine public education may be so significant that the damage is beyond repair.

If the constituency is

on-board with the dissolution of public education, if the masses have spoken and are in agreement, then the changes should occur. However, if the changes are occurring, as I believe they are, behind a heavy cloak and without the knowledge of the general public, this is a travesty.

Investment in our youth is investment in this nation, long-term. Such investment supports our democracy, our greatness and our compassion for all people. Providing short-term public savings and gargantuan investment profits, at the expense of our nation's youth, is short-sighted and potentially calamitous.

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 education.

This is the seventh article in the series. In the last two articles, 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 be informed about how public education is being addressed at the state level.

The purpose of this article is to initiate conversations that address legislation, state budget allocations, and other educational options being supported by those in Lansing. It takes a commitment of time to be an informed citizen and then it takes courage to act on that new information.

This article was written by Gary Murrell, the associate superintendent of Garden City Public Schools and encourages citizens to be concerned about what is happening in Lansing.

Michelle Cline

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MEMORIAL

Commissioner sees a lot to like in state budget proposal

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc credited Gov. Rick Snyder on Friday with providing a budget that invests money and doesn't take away money from programs.

"There's a lot to like," said LeBlanc, a Democrat.

He said this budget is different from previous budgets. Others might call it reaching across the aisle or point to the fact that Snyder, a Republican, is heading for a re-election year, LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc, a Westland resident, can draw many comparisons with past budgets because he served as a state representative in the state Legislature for three

"There's a lot to like ... It's not dramatic, there are no cuts, and the whole surplus is not spent."

RICHARD LEBLANC,
Wayne County commissioner

terms, from 2007-2012. This budget shows some improvement.

"There weren't the drastic cuts as in 2011," LeBlanc said.

Good news?

In this budget, an absence of upheaval is good news.

"It's not dramatic, there are no cuts, and the whole surplus is not spent," LeBlanc said.

Snyder's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget continues Michigan's "comeback" by establishing priorities that he said will drive job cre-

ation, stronger communities and tax relief for low- to middle-income families.

LeBlanc said the budget announced Wednesday adds about 100 new state troopers and 31 motor carrier officers as well as \$17.8 million to train an additional 100 troopers and 31 motor carrier officers through the Michigan State Police Training Academy.

The investment in transportation may not be as much as some

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Superintendents: Governor's budget is step in right direction

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

An increase in per-pupil funding for fiscal 2015 is a good start, but more still needs to be done, according to local school officials.

"With the economy improving, the state needs to make K-12 funding a priority," Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "The governor's proposal is a step in the right direction, but we've got to get back to full K-12 funding."

"I am grateful for the allocation to K-12 and early education," Garden City School Superintendent Michelle Cline said. "However, K-12 public education funding needs to be a priority for this governor. Public schools in Michigan are hurting financially. Many are either in a deficit or very close to going into a deficit."

"The time to make education a priority was the past three years of his reign as governor."

Gov. Rick Snyder rolled out his proposal Wednesday, saying that it "is more than just a budget; it's the story of Michigan's comeback." In it, he proposed a \$13.79 billion K-12 School Aid budget that includes:

» A \$150 million increase for the foundation allowance. The minimum

foundation allowance will increase by \$111 to \$7,187 per pupil. The basic foundation allowance will increase by \$83 to \$8,132 per pupil.

» An increase of \$270 million for K-12 to fund the retirement liabilities within the school retirement system over and above the employer share. The employer retirement rate is capped at 24.58 percent of payroll.

» An additional \$65 million for the Great Start Readiness Program that will add 16,000 placements in early childhood programs.

» A total of \$2 million in new funding to pilot year-round school programs, which will encourage schools to consider balanced school calendars to improve learning.

Additional money

Baracy believes that Wayne-Westland could get an additional \$1.2 million-\$1.3 million in per pupil funding under the governor's proposal. Wayne-Westland is among the lowest funded schools in the state. It currently receives \$7,076 per student in State School Aid. That funding is a far cry from the \$7,957 per pupil it received in 2009 and is the same as state funding it received in 1999.

"You can see that the

decline in revenue, especially for Wayne-Westland, has been going on for many years," Baracy said. "I believe it's a step in the right direction, but it doesn't get us anywhere near the millions of dollars we've lost in funding. Our expenses have far exceeded our revenues the last few years."

Both Wayne-Westland and Garden City had been receiving enhanced school aid to offset millage not used in determining their funding allowance back in 1994. In the case of Wayne-Westland it was \$6 million that was phased out over two years. Garden City lost some \$750,000 per year.

Baracy estimates that the district has lost \$18 million since 2010. Had it kept that money, the district would not be running an annual deficit and whittling away at its fund equity.

Garden City has struggled to get out of deficit by privatizing food service, custodial work and transportation. It also has closed one school and reconfigured its elementary program to save money. It has managed to squeeze out a fund balance, but according to its last audit report, spending exceeds what it takes in revenue.

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8. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after February 3, 2014. Examination and distribution will be made at: **ARC Troy/Clawson office, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson MI 48017. Phone: 248-288-5600.** Bidders may download electronic documents from ARC at no charge. Bidders may purchase paper documents directly from ARC. The approximate cost of a . size set is \$100. Please contact ARC at the number listed above to obtain bid documents.
9. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at the Livonia Public School Board Office (15125 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154) on **February 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** All Bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all attendees and invited bidders. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the Bidding and Contract Documents.
10. All requests for information (RFIs) and substitution requests are to be submitted by **12:00 p.m. on February 13, 2014.** All RFIs and substitution requests received after that time cannot be guaranteed to be answered or approved before the Due Date.
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Blood Drive

Oakwood Hospital Wayne is hosting a Red Cross-sponsored blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in conference rooms 1 and 2 of the hospital, 33155 Annapolis, west of Venoy, Wayne.

To make an appointment, visit www.redcross.org and use sponsor code Oakhosp or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Date nights

Circle your calendar for the annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis.

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

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

For more information, call 734-721-7400.

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A 12-hour Cropping for a Cause fundraiser to benefit the IBC (Inflammatory Breast Cancer) Foundation will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Scrapy Chic, 33509 W. Eight Mile, Livonia.

The cost is \$35 and includes three meals, goodie bags, snacks throughout the day, make-and-take projects, chair massage, electric cords at every table, 50/50 raffle, quarter raffle and Tricky Tray auction with lots of prizes.

Pre-register by calling 248-426-9020. For more information, visit the Scrapy Chic website at www.scrapychiclivonia.com.

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The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle is played at 1 p.m. Fridays.

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Speech Contests

Toastmasters will host a two-club Speech and Evaluation contest at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the St. Aiden Room, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14805 Haggerty, between I-96 and Five Mile. Doors open at 6:16 p.m. and the contests start at precisely 6:45 p.m. This event is free, and open to the public.

Contest winners will advance to the area contests. For more information, contact Nichole Cullen at 734-649-3833.

District hours

District coffee hours have been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10, by state Sen. Glenn Anderson, state Reps. Robert Kosowski and David Knezek, and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc.

The coffee hours will be 9-10 a.m. in the banquet room at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Constituents who cannot attend can reach the elected representatives by mail, phone, or email:

» Sen. Glenn S. Anderson at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, 866-262-7306 or SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov.

» Rep. Robert Kosowski at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, 855-600-2625 or RobertKosowski@house.mi.gov.

» Rep. David Knezek at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, 888-4KNEZEK or DavidKnezek@house.mi.gov.

» Commissioner Richard LeBlanc at 500 Griswold St., Seventh Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, 313-224-8855 or District12@waynecounty.com.

Tickets on sale for annual Red Wings Alumni game



In the 2013 game, former New Jersey Devil Craig Wolanin (left) played for the Red Wings Alumni, and Jeff Pakerwinski played for the Wild Wings. FILE PHOTO

Westland Mayor William Wild, along with the Westland Wild Wings, is once again ready to lace up his skates for the fifth annual Red Wings Alumni Charity hockey game.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 210 N. Wildwood at Hunter, Westland.

This annual event draws more than 800 spectators and has raised thousands of dollars to fund improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

"We are honored to have the Detroit Red Wing Alumni participate in our fifth annual charity hockey game," Wild said. "With the support of our business partners and the great residents of the city of Westland,

we have been able to sell out each year and raise money for some much needed improvements to the Modano Ice Arena."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children; kids under 3 are free. Tickets are on sale now at the mayor's office, the Mike Modano Ice Arena and the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road. Seating is limited, so purchase tickets early.

There are many activities planned for the event, including Score-O and Chuck-a-Puck. There will also be several raffles.

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As a We Honor Veterans partner, Angela Hospice is focused on implementing veteran-centered education for staff and volunteers and developing cooperative relationships with veteran service agencies in order to provide better care to the veterans it serves.

Nurse Lucy Stern is spearheading the We Honor Veterans program at Angela Hospice. Along with a group of six volunteers, Stern honors Angela Hospice's veteran patients with certifi-

icates of appreciation and patriotic lapel pins during private ceremonies with their families.

"It's the right thing to do," said Stern, who described the ceremonies as rewarding. "It's important for the veterans and for their families."

By recognizing the unique needs of veterans facing a life-limiting illness, Angela Hospice is better able to accompany and guide veterans and their families toward a more peaceful end of life. And in cases where specific needs exist related to the veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Angela Hospice will find tools to help support those it is caring for.

"All hospices are serving veterans, but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "Through We Honor Veterans, we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers

understand and serve veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities. VA shares a common goal with our nation's hospices and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting."

The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with veteran-centric education of health care staff. To learn more about We Honor Veterans, visit wehonorveterans.org.

"America's veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country, and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve," Schumacher said.

Some residents can get taxes done for free

Wayne County residents with household incomes of less than \$50,000 can have their 2013 income taxes prepared for free by IRS-trained preparers at the Redford Township and Livonia public libraries.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and the Wayne County Asset Building Coalition, which are providing the service, will be

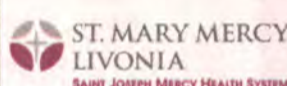
at the Redford Township Library, 35320 Six Mile Road, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 and Feb. 28, and the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 3 and March 10.

There also will be sessions at the Wayne County Library for the Blind and Physically Challenged, 30555 Michigan Ave., east of Merri-

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Residents must bring original Social Security cards, valid picture IDs and tax documents with them.

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Transplant recipients attempt world record

Art Moran Buick GMC in Southfield hosting event

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

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It's going to be a Valentine's Day to remember at Art Moran Buick GMC in Southfield.

And there probably won't be a dry eye in the showroom when transplant recipients, patients waiting for transplants and donor families gather to attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of heart transplant recipients in one place.

Tom Moran, president of Art Moran Buick GMC, said he is sure there will be a mixture of happy and sad tears at the event, but his main reason for hosting the

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record-setting attempt is to raise awareness for the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan.

"We just want to get the word out and educate people on what it means to donate," he said. "We are really looking forward to it. It should be a fun, emotional day."

The public is invited to attend the free event to learn more about the



Tom Moran has supported the Donate Life campaign in part because a former employee, John Schmidt (center), received a heart transplant. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Tommy Schomaker (heart transplant recipient) made a special trip to the dealership at a previous event.

coalition and to sign up to be a donor. Anyone who signs up at the event or throughout the month of February at the dealership will receive a free car wash.

Moran has been pro-

moting organ donation through his dealership for more than a year, starting with a promotion to purchase Donate Life license plates for new car buyers who sign up to be donors. Those

who are already on the donor registry receive free oil changes.

Peggy Burkhard, marketing and public relations director for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, said they will need a minimum of 50 heart transplant recipients at the event to set the record, but expects to exceed that.

Transplant centers at the University of Michigan Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Beaumont Health System, Cleveland Clinic and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center are all participating.

And while the Guinness World Record would be a great accomplishment, Burkhard notes it's more about helping those in need.

"What we really want to do is educate the public," she said. "The peo-

ple that donate say it gives their loved one's life more meaning and gives them closure.

"It's almost as if the legacy of the person who died lives on through these recipients."

There are more than 3,200 Michigan residents waiting for an organ donation and more than 3 million people have been added to Michigan's Organ Donor Registry since its inception.

To join the registry, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call 800-482-4881.

For more information about the Valentine's Day event, contact Sherry Johnson at 248-229-8544. Art Moran Buick GMC is located at 29300 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, in Southfield.

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BUDGET

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'Doing our part'

Like Baracy, Cline believes Garden City will get about a \$100 per student increase, but it doesn't come close to the approximately \$400 per student the district has lost over the past three years.

"We have been doing our part to adjust the budget at our end. We need Lansing to help us out," she said. "The most important investment for Michigan is the education of its future tax payers."

The good news is that the governor wants to continue the 3.9 percent offset for retirement costs. Districts will con-

tinue to pay 24.58 percent of payroll into the state retirement fund, but the state will make up the difference between that cap and the more than 29 percent needed to fund the program.

"Without that money, we would be paying almost 30 percent for retirement," Baracy said. "That helps us immensely. I think the governor is making a serious attempt to fix the state's financial problems. They're hard to chew, but I think he's trying to fund education and try to fix education funding."

"Michigan has to make education a priority, if it's going to move Michigan forward," he added.

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people hoped for, but is a good start, LeBlanc said.

There's \$254 million to match federal aid and maintain Michigan's roads and bridges, transit services and aeronautics projects across the state.

LeBlanc also likes the \$5 million proposed to expand distribution of home-delivered meals

for seniors and other in-home services.

Tax relief

LeBlanc also mentioned tax relief through the initiative to enhance the Homestead Property Tax Credit.

The tax relief plan expands the Homestead Property Tax credit to provide nearly \$103 million of additional property tax relief, primarily to low- and middle-income working families, seniors and residents with disabili-

ties. It is expected to increase tax refunds for 1.3 million taxpayers.

He also favored the \$764.9 million in constitutional revenue sharing payments and \$211.2 million in county payments,

However, LeBlanc questions the \$17.5 million annually for 20 years set aside in tobacco settlement reserves to resolve ongoing issues in the bankruptcy of Detroit and help minimize impact to pensioners.

LeBlanc said that if the governor plans to assist Detroit in this fashion that he will call for similar help, if Garden City and its surrounding communities have similar pension issues. He would expect the same type of commitment from the state.

The goal is to pass the state's budget by June 1. The state's new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

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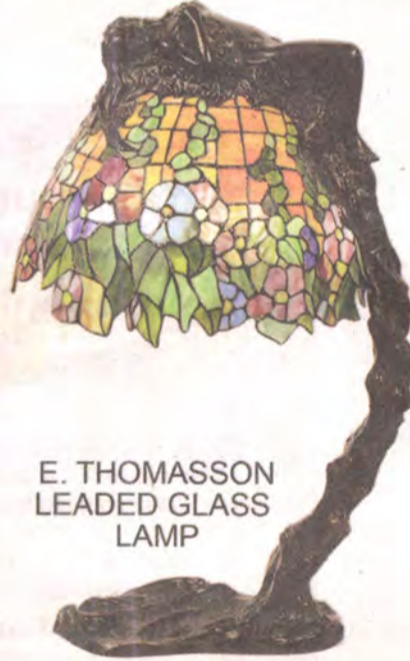
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Rockets seize mat district again

District title is ninth in 10 years for Glenn

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Winning team district wrestling titles is becoming old hat at Westland John Glenn. The Rockets captured their ninth title in 10 years and 13th in the last 15 Wednesday at home with a 45-25 victory over rival Wayne Memorial. The victory sends Glenn,

now 18-9 overall, into next Wednesday's regional semifinal against KLAA South Division foe Plymouth. Glenn and Plymouth square off at 5:30 p.m., while the other semifinal on an adjoining mat pits Temperance Bedford and Saline. The regional champion advances to the MHSAA's Elite Eight beginning Friday, Feb. 21 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Cen-

ter. In the district semifinals, Glenn ousted Ypsilanti, 50-24, while Wayne upended Belleville, 44-26. Individual double winners on the night for Glenn included John Siemasz (103), Kyle Snead (112), Chase Spanos (119), Kevin Huynh (125), Tunde Alawode (140), Jawaun Peete (171), Nate Irvine (215) and Jordon Brandon (285), the latter whom pinned Wayne's Aaron Mauldin with one second to go in the

match. Wayne ended its season at 12-6 overall. "The kids stepped up and showed life last night," Glenn coach Bill Polk said, "and we hope to keep it going and continue that into the regional." Plymouth, Glenn's next opponent, has captured the Wayne County, Observerland, Kensington Conference tournaments. Plymouth won its district Wednesday with a 46-24 win

over host Canton after ousting Salem in the semifinals, 40-22. (Canton beat Livonia Churchill in the other semifinal, 42-25.) The Wildcats won their only dual match meeting, Jan. 9, against the Rockets, 42-25. "There were three or four swing matches that could have gone either way the first time," Polk said. "We could be right in there."

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Crusaders trying to fill holes on mound

Newcomers hope to fill the big void

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

When the Madonna University baseball team opened its season Friday in chilly Dayton, Tenn., there were more questions than answers.

MU coach Greg Haeger, coming off a 37-11 season where the Crusaders captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title along with trip to the NAIA National Championship opening round, was looking to rebuild and revamp his entire pitching staff.

That's because the 18th-year coach (career record 539-351-5) lost his top three starters to graduation including two-time NAIA All-America and 2013 WHAC Pitcher of the Year Jeremy Gooding (5-2, 2.26 ERA), as well as Matthew Cook (8-1, 2.70 ERA) and Josh Vandemark (6-1, 3.93 ERA). The trio ate up nearly 186 innings last season.

Haeger, however, will get a boost with the return of right-hander Evan Piechota, a redshirt sophomore from Livonia Stevenson who logged 44 innings going 6-1 with an impressive 2.25 ERA.

Senior right-hander Dan Stoney (Canton), who made a team-high 13 mound ap-



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pearances, will also get a long look along with junior Justin Hicks (Fowlerville), redshirt senior Tyler Schofield (Windsor, Ontario Brennan) and redshirt sophomore Christian Holder (Dearborn Divine Child).

Three freshmen, Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), Alex DeYonker and Alec Padilla (Lake Havasu, Ariz./Romeo) — also could fill prominent roles.

The catching situation, meanwhile, appears solid with the return of Donny Holland (.272), a redshirt senior from White Lake Lake-land who made honorable mention All-WHAC.

Victor Barron, a junior from Fowlerville, is back at short after hitting .331 last year with 10 doubles. Freshman Ryan Lambrecht (Lake Orion) will also compete for infield time, while returning at second base is sophomore Shane Dokey (Brighton), who hit .303 with 22 RBI.

The first baseman will be sophomore John Lauro (University of Detroit Jesuit), who hit .283, while redshirt frosh Taylor Grzelakowski (Fraser) will fill the void at DH.

Meanwhile, the third base

job is open after All-WHAC pick Justin Cook (.287, 45 RBI) graduated. The hot corner race is between senior Ryan Lech (L'Anse Creuse North), senior Joel Cooper (LaSalle, Ont.) and possibly Barron.

There could be some gaping holes in the outfield as the Crusaders graduated first-team All-WHAC pick Brad Lineberry (Plymouth), who hit a team-best .397, along with Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison).

Mike Tibbitts (Plymouth/Novi Detroit CC), who hit .333 in 41 games, is the top returnee. Freshman Dalton Ovesen (Lake Orion) and Dee Jawad (Dearborn Heights Crestwood) also will be in the mix.

After their two-day trip to play in the Tennessee Valley Invitational, the Crusaders will play Feb. 22-23 at St. Francis (Ill.) before embarking on their 10-day Florida trip in the RussMatt Invitational. The first WHAC game is Wednesday, March 19, at home against Concordia.

MADONNA 6-4, SHAWNEE STATE (OHIO) 3-7: On Friday, Madonna split its season-opening twinbill with Shawnee State University (Ohio) in the Tennessee Valley Invitational hosted by Bryan College (Tenn.).

In the first game, Ryan Lambrecht belted his first career homer, while Taylor Grzelakowski and Victor Barron also added RBI as the Crusaders won the opener, 6-3.

Dan Stoney, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings allowing one earned run on three hits and four walks. He struck out four before giving way to Mike Kanitra, who allowed on earned runs on three hits in two innings.

In Game Two, freshman starter Alex DeYonker was roughed up for three earned runs on four hits and five walks in a 7-4 setback. DeYonker went the first 3.2 innings before Justin Hicks finished up allowing three earned runs on five hits.

John Lauro went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Lambrecht also knocked in a pair of runs in a losing cause.



Madonna sophomore right-hander Evan Piechota (Livonia Stevenson) went 6-1 last season with a 2.25 ERA. MADONNA ATHLETICS



Franklin's Caleb Finamore signed with Lake Erie (Ohio) of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. BRAD EMONS

Finamore's football odyssey finally fulfilled

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

For Caleb Finamore, his football recruiting saga has a happy ending.

Even with the enlisted help of NCSA, a national athletic recruiting service, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior defensive back and running back from Livonia Franklin didn't get many bites until a just week prior to National Signing Day.

While playing the waiting game, Finamore had sent out his recruiting profile, which included a 4-minute highlight tape, to numerous NCAA Division II and III schools throughout Michigan and Ohio.

"You can send your profile and tape to whoever you want," Finamore said. "Whatever state you want to play."

Lake Erie College, a Division II school and member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, offered Finamore a scholarship on Tuesday after a visit last Saturday to the Painesville, Ohio campus, which is located east of Cleveland.

Ironically, it was only a week earlier when Lake Erie and fellow GLIAC member Tiffin (Ohio) University made an initial contact via email and then by phone.

Tiffin wanted Finamore to come on as a walk-on, but Lake Erie, a private school with an enrollment of 1,300, was ready to offer an attractive financial package.

"They (Lake Erie) wanted me to come up for a visit as soon as possible because the National Signing Day was

Wednesday," Finamore said. "I came for a visit. It was a DII opportunity and I really liked it, the coaches and the program."

Finamore, who carries a 3.4 grade-point average, was among 17 players Lake Erie signed on Wednesday.

"If this didn't work out, I'd still be looking, head to Adrian (College) or Olivet (College), or try and walk-on somewhere," said the Franklin co-captain from Westland. "I wasn't completely sure, but this is awesome for me."

"I feel really relieved because it's a lot off my shoulders. There's a lot of busy stuff, a lot of decisions. It's sure a relief and I'm really excited."

Finamore, who plans to major in Criminal Justice, made first-team Detroit News All-Metro West in the secondary

after recording 52 tackles, two interceptions, four pass deflections and a forced fumble for 3-6 Franklin last fall.

The second-team All-Observer and honorable mention All-KLAA selection also rushed for 718 yards and had 243 receiving yards as a senior.

"Caleb played big-school football in Michigan," Lake Erie head coach Mark McNellie said. "He shows an ability to make big plays in big games. He should compete in the secondary and on special teams."

Lake Erie ranked second in the nation last season in total offense, racking up 551.4 yards per game. The Storm went 4-7 in 2013.

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Madonna junior guard Chelsea Williams scored a career-high 35 points in a win over Lawrence Tech on Wednesday night. PATRICK MOORE | MADONNA ATHLETICS

Williams' 35 lifts Crusaders past Lawrence Tech

Madonna University guard Chelsea Williams made quite a point Wednesday night – make that 35 points to be exact as the host Crusaders outgunned Lawrence Tech, 99-84, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game.

Williams, a 5-foot-9 junior from Livonia Franklin, was just one point shy of Dawn Pelc's single-game school record of 36 set on Jan. 12, 1995 against the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Williams scored 21 of her 35 during the first half as the Crusaders led 57-50.

She finished the night going 13-of-19 from the floor, including two 3-pointers, along with 7-of-9 free throws. Williams also dished out six assists.

Williams got plenty of support as junior guard Rachel Melcher posted another double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Carrie Kloster came off the bench to add 17, while Lizzy Otten contributed 13.

MU, making 33-of-59 shots from the floor (55.9 percent), improved to 11-13 overall and 9-8 in

the WHAC.

Hali Butler led Lawrence Tech (8-13, 6-11) with 31 points and 12 rebounds, while Makenzie Svihra added 16 points. Jackie Hood contributed a double-double with 13 points and 11 boards, while Allison Bicknell scored 10.

Schoolcraft victory

Brianna Berberet (Salem) scored a game-high 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Wednesday leading host Schoolcraft College (8-13, 4-7) earned a 72-57 MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Oakland Community College (3-18, 2-8).

The Lady Ocelots, who led 44-27 at halftime, also got contributions from Chelsea Wesley (22 points, eight rebounds); Sara Gammons (12 points, eight assists); and Livonia Franklin's Alexis Smith (eight points, nine rebounds).

Schoolcraft shot 88 percent from the foul line (22-of-25).

Jalisha Neslon posted a double-double for the Raiders with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Tramya Gage and Lauren Featherstone contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively.



Williams

BACKCOURT BROTHERS

Good friends Naubert and Schuba share uncommon ability to torch basketball nets

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Long before they forged a priceless friendship as backcourt running mates for Madonna University's men's basketball team, Bobby Naubert and Travis Schuba dribbled along parallel paths.

The mirror-image hoops junkies both stand right around the 6-foot mark, possess an uncanny ability to handle the ball and can trash scouting reports with their knack for scoring in tight spots.

And they both advanced to college basketball the hard way: By spending countless hours in the gym perfecting their craft – a lot of the time when nobody was watching.

Playing in a game often dominated by tall, lanky thoroughbreds, the two have sparkled at Madonna. As the Crusaders' season heads into the home stretch, Naubert is averaging a team-high 19.2 points, while Schuba is scoring at a 14.5 clip.

A lefty, Naubert does the majority of his damage with dribble-drives into the lane that often end with acrobatic bankers.

The righty Schuba, on the other hand, defies defenses with a radar-like perimeter game that often leaves opposing guards shaking their heads in frustration.

"The neat thing about Bobby and Travis is that they play off each other's skills," Madonna head coach Noel Emehiser said. "They not only make each other better, but they make their teammates better. And their teammates do a lot to create shots for them. All of our seniors have contributed to changing the culture here, but especially those two."



Madonna University senior guard Bobby Naubert releases a pull-up floater over a Cornerstone University opponent last week. PHOTOS BY PAUL STEMPIEN

Impressive ascension

It is no coincidence that Madonna's program has surged since the pair first set foot on the Livonia campus in summer 2010. When they were freshmen, the Crusaders finished 8-22. As of Tuesday night, MU was tied for second place with Davenport College in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings with a 12-4 mark.

"My time here has been a blast," said Schuba, who set all kinds of basketball scoring records at Kalkaska High School. "The very first time I played with Bob my freshman year, I thought to myself, 'This could turn into something special.' We've become best friends the past four years."

"I texted him a message (last week) to tell him what an honor it's been to play beside him."

Naubert, who was a prep star at Livonia Stevenson High School, said he and Schuba have a sixth sense when it comes to knowing what the other is going to do once the opening tip elevates.

"I know where he's going to be, he knows where I'm going to be – it's almost like we've become brothers out there," Naubert said. "We became good friends fast. We hang out together a lot and I'm sure we'll remain close even after we graduate."

Dedicated to success

The road to the "next level" is not easy, both players emphasized. And to excel once you get there, like they have, requires a steely commitment to the sport.

"It takes more work than you think it's going to take," Schuba said,



Madonna University senior guard Travis Schuba launches a 3-point shot during a game last week against Cornerstone University.

smiling. "I'd tell young kids that if they want to play college basketball and they think they're putting in enough work, they're probably not. Like the saying goes, if you're not in the gym, somebody else is."

"When I was in high school, I'd shoot by myself before games. Then if I wasn't happy with how I played, I'd stay and shoot after games. You have to want to perfect the art you are good at."

Naubert concurred. "You definitely have to put the work in," he said. "It's never going to be easy. But the good news is, good things happen to those who put the work in."

Fond memories

Both players admitted they are appreciating every second of their final season at Madonna.

"I think Bob would agree that we've appreciated every game we've played in since we got here," Schuba said. "But I don't think you really look at how important this is and how much fun it's

been until you get as close to the end as we are now."

"It's such a great program and we have such outstanding fans; I'm definitely going to miss it," Naubert said. "Hopefully, we can get on a nice run and make our final season last as long as possible."

Not surprisingly, Naubert and Schuba lock up in some pretty intense (but fun) games of H-O-R-S-E and one-on-one.

Given their talents, the match-ups would probably generate some viral followings if posted to YouTube.

"It's usually a good game when we play H-O-R-S-E," Naubert said. "He has me on the long shots, though, so he gets me more often than not."

"Travis will probably tell you differently, but I can get him in one-on-one," he added with a smile.

The pair of Crusaders both aspire to play professional basketball once their college careers are over.

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No. 11 OCC rolls by sloppy Ocelots

It was tough enough taking on the NJCAA's 11th-ranked team in Division II, but the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team also suffered from numerous self-inflicted wounds.

The Ocelots committed 38 turnovers and shot only 13-of-36 from the free-throw line (36.1 percent) in a lopsided 110-68 loss Wednesday night to visiting Oakland Community College.

Jametrius Wade's team-high 22 points led six players in double figures for the Raiders, who improved to 19-2 overall and 9-2 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference.

OCC, coached by former Michigan guard and Detroit Southwestern High star Antoine Joubert, also got 15 points from Chibouna Ukanda and 14 from Westland John Glenn grad Richard Roberts.

Travontis Richardson (13), Daemar Thomas (12) and Chris Martin (10) rounded out the scoring brigade for OCC, which shot 41-of-83 from the floor (49.4 percent), but only 24-of-44 from the

line (54.5 percent).

Schoolcraft, which trailed 55-27 at halftime, got 23 points and 10 rebounds from Canton's Terrell Sewell.

Michael Harvey came off the bench to contribute 12.

Madonna hangs on

Senior point guard Bobby Naubert scored 18 points and junior center Donald Owens added 10 points and 10 rebounds Wednesday as host Madonna University (17-8, 13-4) held on for a 63-59 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over stubborn Lawrence Tech (4-21, 2-15).

The second-place Crusaders, who led 33-27 at halftime, also got 15 points from senior guard Travis Schuba. MU shot only 39.7 percent from the floor (23-of-58).

Brad Watterworth led the Blue Devils with 16 points and eight rebounds. Jon Harden and Jake Mullin chipped in with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

Because they care: Activists raise funds for legal fight against same-sex marriage ban

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

George Belvitch of Plymouth Township didn't know April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse when he began fundraising last year for their court battle against Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage.

But he had many friends who were assisting with their cause and a gay son who lives in Chicago, Ill., where same-sex marriage will be legal this June. For Belvitch, a retired administrator in Plymouth-Canton Schools, joining the fight was imperative.

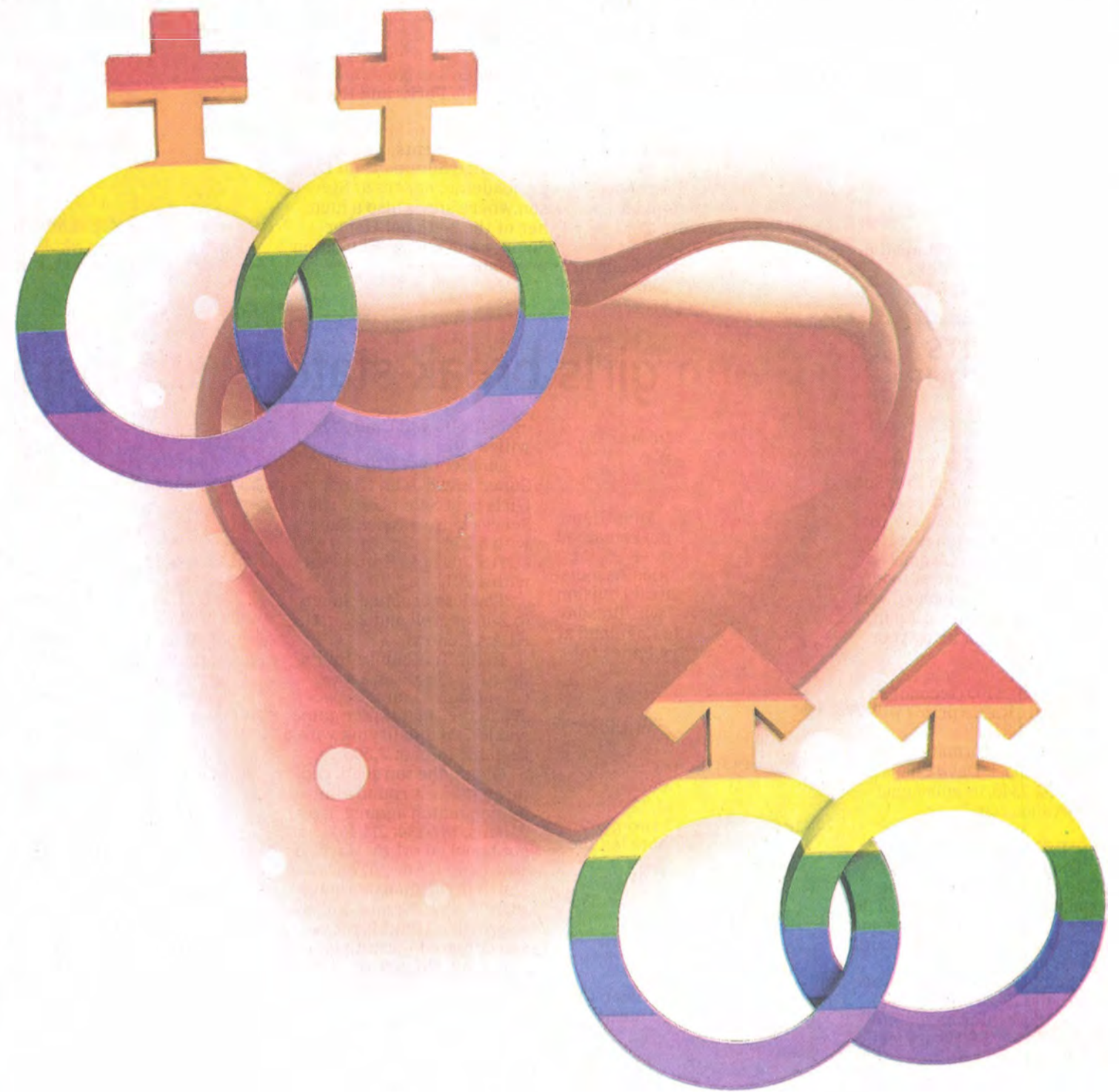
"I became personally interested in this case in August (2013) when I started reading about it and hearing about it. A number of fine people in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville have seen this issue as something important. A number of them are friends of mine and so, it was easy for me to join them," said Belvitch, who is married and has three grown children.

"As a citizen, we have a duty to stay involved and express our thoughts and opinions about what is going on in the country, whether or not it directly affects your children. It was not a stretch for me to do that. I was pleased and proud to do that. All the time I've been involved in this I've thought about my son and other parents' children who want to have the same right."

Belvitch and his fellow fundraisers plan a dinner Thursday, Feb. 13, to raise money for the case, which goes to trial Feb. 25 in federal court in Detroit. "Share the Love Valentine Dinner" will run 6-9 p.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Jack Lessenberry, journalist and commentator for Michigan Public Radio, will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$500, \$250, and \$100. Students with ID pay \$25. Supporters at the \$500 level will get an opportunity to attend a reception with Lessenberry, Rowse and DeBoer.

The case

DeBoer and Rowse, two nurses living in Hazel Park, were licensed by the state to foster three special needs children together. Rowse adopted two of the children; DeBoer adopted one. They want to adopt each other's children so that both have parental rights. But the state prohibits unmarried couples from adopting. According to their original complaint, filed in federal court in January 2012, the couple had a commit-



ment ceremony in 2007 and would marry if allowed. But the state bans same-sex couples from marrying.

Their initial complaint aimed to secure the right to adopt the children together, but was amended to challenge Michigan's same-sex marriage ban. Last October, Judge Bernard A. Friedman ordered the case to go to trial. Although the couple's attorneys have donated their time, bringing expert witnesses to the trial can be costly.

"They estimate a trial can cost a half million dollars. We knew we needed to raise more money," said Mary McGuire of Plymouth, who "rounded up fellow Democrats" from the

area to form a fundraising committee in July 2013.

The group held its initial event last summer. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy was the guest speaker at a cocktail gathering at Affirmations, a community center in Ferndale for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. After the trial was set, they began planning the Valentine-themed dinner.

Civil rights issue

"It was funny, at Affirmations the fundraising committee was standing there and the director of Affirmations said, 'These are a bunch of straight people putting the fundraiser on.' It was striking. People

assume we have a pony in the race, but it's a civil rights thing. It's a civil rights issue and part of the core value system we hold dear."

Belvitch said the first event raised approximately \$20,000 in donations. He hopes "Share the Love" will raise at least that much.

"I think marriage equality is one of those important civil rights issues of the millennium. I don't know why people feel they can legislate love. Two people who love each other and wish to spend life together should have the same right as every other couple. In some ways, it is kind of simple, but it turns out to be complex ... you have religion, culture.

"It's not like you're married because a priest or minister said you are. Religion is only involved because the state gave them that authority. You are married because the state gave you a marriage license. The minister or priest is there to witness it. We want same-sex couples to be granted the same right. It's a huge deal."

Tickets for "Share the Love" are available at go-fundme.com/MarriageEqualityMichigan. Or make checks payable to DeBoer/Rowse Legal Fund and send to c/o Mary Barr, 12864 Glenview Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, visit michiganmarriagechallenge.com

Area car dealers: Women savvy, knowledgeable shoppers

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Tara Bolton of Beverly Hills loves cars, a passion she has carried with her since childhood.

"I grew up in a 'car family' — everyone was always talking about cars," said Bolton, 51. Although no one in her family worked in the automotive industry, she grew up in a General Motors town (Saginaw) "and it was just part of the culture."

Her eyes still shine when she talks about her dream cars. The first is a '58 Chevrolet Corvette, "silver blue with a blue interior" and the second, a 2014 Corvette, recently named Car of the Year by *Motor Trend* magazine at the North American International Auto Show.

"A crystal red Corvette Stingray convertible would be great," said the married mother of four.

If area dealer showrooms are any indication, there are many women just like Bolton.

"We've always had a large female customer base and now we're seeing it grow. There are more and more women buying cars on their own," said Vita Vizachero, a sales consultant at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

That number is expected to continue to escalate, as Ford Chief Operating Officer Mark Fields acknowledged last month in a speech to a group of 1,100 primarily women at a Detroit event sponsored by

Inforum, a Michigan professional women's group.

Women traditionally make car purchase decisions and their buying power will only increase as the millennial generation, those born after 1980, ages, Fields said.

"The millennials will be the first generation where women buyers outnumber male buyers," he said.

Dan Mason, new vehicle sales consultant at Atchinson Ford in Belleville, said he has seen an increase in female customers making automobile purchases "on their own."

"It used to be that 99.9 percent of the female buyers would bring their husbands or brothers along with them to help them make a decision. That time is over," Mason said. "Women are more informed and more knowledgeable about what they want and feel confident making the decision on their own."

Bob Jeannotte of Buick-GMC in Plymouth Township agrees.

"Women are very well-informed and very safety conscious," he said.

Lane departure warning, rear back-up cameras, blind zone alerts and airbags, including side-curtain airbags, all top their list of must-haves, Jeannotte noted.

Sales consultant Lou Marchesi of Avis Ford in Southfield cited an increased interest in four-wheel drive.



Like many women today, Tara Bolton of Beverly Hills knows exactly what she wants in a car.

"Women are definitely looking for safety," he said.

SUVs popular

For Gina Sloan of Plymouth, comfort and roominess rank high on her list, which resulted

in her purchase of a Ford Explorer just last year.

"It has a nice ride and it comfortably fits all of my two sons' hockey equipment," she said.

SUVs are becoming increas-

ingly popular with female buyers, noted Pat Woolworth, new vehicle sales manager with Matick Chevrolet in Redford Township. He attributes the surge in sales to an increase in women's buying power.

"Women are savvy shoppers. They do their research a little bit better than men and they know what they want," Woolworth said.

Crossover vehicles — that mix between an SUV and a minivan — also are popular choices for women, noted Ed Pobur, general manager of Cadillac of Novi.

"There are so many more women in the workplace now, making decisions about what they want to drive," he said. "Many females, like my wife, prefer a crossover because they sit up a little higher in the vehicle."

Despite a perceived notion of higher sticker prices on some crossover vehicles, "the deals these days are so good, they are much more affordable," Pobur said. "Crossovers have really captured the attention of female drivers."

Bolton fits right into the category. Although that Corvette still looms somewhere on the horizon, these days she is content with her Buick Enclave.

"I just love that car," she said.

Train your Great Dane to work in hospice setting

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sandy Suarez, one of the founders of Great Dane Rescue Inc., in Plymouth, plans to expand the 21-year-old organization next month to include a pet therapy group.

"We plan on having a volunteer meeting for people who are interested in getting their dogs certified as therapy dogs, for visits in homes and facilities, many of them in the Plymouth area," Suarez said.

A meeting is shaping up for March 8. Visit www.greatdanerescueinc.com or call 734-454-3683 for more information.

Suarez, whose animal rescue has volunteers in six states and Canada, is director of clinical services at Grace Hospice in Ann Arbor. She hopes to start the therapy group in honor of her mother,



Jean, who "owned a Great Dane until she was 80 and was in hospice."

"My mom was in the hospital and a friend in rescue started bringing her dogs around. It was a good 40-45 minutes before she would get to my mom's room," Suarez said, explaining that other patients also wanted to see the Great Danes. "I've been involved with hospice for six year and I said we've got to start a therapy group."

Suarez said Great



Sally Suarez' late mom, Jean, loved Great Danes. She is shown here with a Great Dane pup, Chauncey.

Danes make good therapy dogs because they are "laid back" and not afraid to be near wheelchairs.

"People don't have to bend down to pet them. The dogs can walk right

up to their beds."

But Suarez said she's no "dog snob" and welcomes other canine breeds to attend the therapy group.

"It's just that most of

us have Great Danes," she said. "Even if they don't have a dog they can come and we can utilize them in some sort of patient care or they can work with another person that has a dog."

During the initial meeting, volunteers will receive information about training their dog for therapy work. Suarez said the group will offer certification testing for several dogs on one day.

Rescuing dogs

Great Dane Rescue has found homes for approximately 2,000 dogs since it was founded in 1993. It has approximately 40 volunteers. Suarez said many of the rescued dogs were given up by couples in divorce. Some are taken from life-threatening situations.

"I just got four in from a barn in Lapeer. They were being kept in a barn and were freezing. They're all getting fat

and happy now."

Great Dane Rescue holds two major annual events. Hines Park Fun Day brings Great Danes and their guardians together for a picnic, dog games and more the first Saturday in July in Hines Park. The group's raffle and auction is held the second Saturday in September at Plymouth Orchards Cider Mill.

"We started Hines Park Fun Day as a reward to volunteers, so they could see the dogs fat and happy and adopted. It snowballed," Suarez said. Some 70-80 Great Danes converge on the Cass-Benton Picnic Area in the Northville/Plymouth portion of Hines Park. "It's a blast. If people are interested in adopting, it's a good time to come and see what the dogs are like and to talk to their owners."

Lest we forget: Good old days had share of rigors

The first electric washing machine was produced in 1908 and sometimes I think those machines were better made than some of the washers we purchase today. For the last 15 years or so, I've been moaning and groaning about all sorts of issues on today's fine products. I know many of you are not happy with your clothes washer, because you tell me. We all find it easy today to complain; sometimes it works out to our benefit.

Think about how tough it must have been to do the wash in the old days and who could the lady of the house complain to with any results? The following is written with the permission of a good friend still living in



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

my hometown of Timmins, Ontario. Her name is Diane Armstrong and she is a columnist with the *Timmins Times*, a former radio broadcaster and the author of several books. Her most recent book is titled *Mud, Moskeg & Mosquitoes* and it tells the story of her grandmother and life in the northern wilds of Ontario. Once you've read this, you may realize just how good we have it today, quality problems or not. Diane's grandmother kept a journal of the times when roads were non-existent

or just plain mud and mosquitoes bit you and landed on a fence post to chew the meat. The year was 1924 and minus -40 temperatures were the normal of winter.

Arduous task

"J.O. got me a new washing machine in the spring. I have to laugh every time I see the name on the machine. It's called an Easy. It's anything but! Once the clothes are inside, the lid is locked, and I pull and push a handle on the side. This turns an agitator that's inside the lid. After a few minutes, I use a wooden spoon to lift the clothes out of the hot water and put them through the wringer. The wringer consists of two rubber rollers that are

turned by a hand crank, and the clothes fall into one of the two rinse tubs. Again the clothes are put through the wringer and finally hung outside on the clothesline. Doing laundry has certainly developed the muscles in my right arm! To empty the washing machine, there is a screw plug at the bottom. A pail is placed strategically to catch the water, and when the pail is full, the plug is quickly replaced. To the pail of soapy water, I add bleach to kill germs, and then I take it out back to the outhouse where I use the water to scrub the interior. By the time this last chore is completed, I'm quite exhausted."

Electricity for lights

After reading this short portion of Diane's book, can you understand why women were so quick to throw away their brassieres in the 1960s? Good Lord, no wonder there was a women's movement. But wait, let me add another paragraph from the book:

"We have no water system in town. We get ours from John Stubinski's pump. Some homes have electricity, but there's only enough power to use for lighting. Wilma McKee got an electric iron for Christmas, but it doesn't heat up sufficiently to iron dampened clothes, so she does what the rest of us do — she puts the electric iron on top of the

stove to get hot."

And here we have it my friends, a reason to be happy with we've got. Diane's grandmother didn't know it at the time, but I believe the clothes she washed came out cleaner and brighter than what comes out today. That woman probably could fix anything that went wrong with the machine — why is it so hard to do repairs on our current washing machines? I guess I'll just keep on complaining and hoping for the best to come. Stay tuned.

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Transplant recipients gather on Valentine's Day

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sherry Johnson of Farmington Hills and other local heart transplant recipients hope to claim a place in the Guinness World Records on Valentine's Day.

"So far, we have 63 coming," said Johnson, who is helping to coordinate the largest gathering of heart recipients for the Donate Life Coalition. "We've had a good response. People are excited about celebrating and sharing this great journey they've taken, this gift they've been given. In some ways, this is celebrating with their donors."

They'll come together from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Art Moran Buick GMC Showroom, 29300 Telegraph, north of 12 Mile in Southfield. The official record-setting count will be taken at 4 p.m. Light refreshments, music and games will round out the fun. Heart recipients from transplant centers at the University of Michigan Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Beaumont Health System, Cleveland Clinic and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will participate.

Tom Moran, president of Art Moran Buick GMC, said he is honored

to host the event.

"I got involved with Donate Life last spring when we started helping them promote their Donate Life license plates. We offered to buy all our new customers the plate if they would upgrade or gave customers that already had a plate a free oil change. It has snowballed from then. Now we are hosting the annual Gala at Art Moran on May 3, called Alive," Moran said. This month, anyone who registers to be an organ donor at the dealership will receive a free car wash.

Donors needed

The Valentine's Day gathering is designed to raise awareness of the Michigan Organ Donor Registry and to showcase successful heart transplants.

According to Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, more than 3,200 patients in the state await organ transplants. Approximately 3.3 million individuals are registered donors in Michigan, but according to Gift of Life Michigan, the state's federally-designated organ and tissue recovery organization, the supply of organs doesn't meet the demand. Its website notes that on average, 17 Michigan residents have organ transplants every week. Organ donors can save up to eight lives and tis-



Sherry Johnson with her husband, Tim, and sons, Nick (left) and Hayden

sue donors can improve life for up to 50 sick and injured persons.

"People don't realize how many lives can be saved. I think it's real important," Johnson said. "It's important that people be educated about it so they can make their own choice."

"People can register on site, at their home (on the Internet) and it is so easy to do. It takes less than a minute. My donor was a registered organ donor and the mom of four girls. She saved the

life of a mom. In so many ways, I'm connected to my donor."

A new heart

Johnson received a heart through the University of Michigan Health System in 2006. She had cardiomyopathy, a condition that generally leads to heart failure.

"My mother and brother had it as well. Both also had transplants. My brother lived 10 years. My mom was one of the first ones (transplant patient) and

didn't live as long, but paved the way.

"I was very sick and I had two young kids. It's hard to give up your life for an illness. When I got so, so sick, I went to my transplant center."

Johnson, the mother of two boys, 11 and 13, said she works at staying healthy by taking her pills on time, eating right and exercising.

"I was given the gift of a heart and I treat it well. Without it, my kids wouldn't have their mom. It's not just a gift for me,

but for everyone around me."

Spreading awareness

Johnson also "gives back" to Donate Life Coalition and Gift of Life Michigan by volunteering for the organizations. She's coordinating all of the paperwork needed for the Guinness World Record attempt, as well as participating as a transplant recipient.

"Without those organizations, I might not have had a donor. I feel it's important to spread awareness," she said. "This is an exciting event. There's no guarantee that we'll be in the (Guinness) book. If it doesn't work out, the main thing is we celebrated this moment together."

Transplant recipients must pre-register for the event to be counted toward the world record attempt. They can call Johnson at 248-229-8544 or their transplant hospital.

For more information about the Valentine's Day gathering, call Peggy Burkhard at 248-770-5172. Individuals can register to become an organ donor at the event, by calling 800-482-4881 or by visiting giftoflifemichigan.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Dr. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 23, at Our Lady of Loretto's Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Walk-ins welcome or make an appointment by calling 313-534-9000.

BREAKFAST WORKSHOP

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.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Dr. Stefano Guandalini, M.D., will present an update on celiac disease, gluten intolerance and

other highlights from the 2013 International Celiac Disease Symposium, at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Members admitted free; nonmembers \$5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more, visit www.tccsg.net.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Dr. Anuradha Prasad, M.D. of the Michigan EyeCare Institute in Livonia, will discuss how diabetes adversely affects eye-

sight in many ways, at the next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. She will address eye diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts as well as how early detection and treatment of these diseases is key in keeping eyes healthy. The program is free. Call 734-655-8950.

CELEBRATE A HEART HEALTHY VALENTINE'S DAY

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As you prepare for the most romantic day of the year, consider making it special for the one you love with some tasty, and heart smart treats. The Health Experts at Garden City Hospital suggest serving any or all of these will not only set the proper mood but also show how much you care.

STRAWBERRIES – The bright red color adds the ideal pop to your dinner table, and also provides anthocyanins, a compound that increases blood flow and the burning of stored fat. In addition, the strawberry's flavonoids lower your risk for heart disease.

APPLES – Take a bite of the crispy sweetness associated with a lower risk of death from both coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease. Researchers believe the strong antioxidant compounds found in apples, play a key role by preventing "bad" LDL cholesterol from oxidizing and triggering a series of events that result in the buildup of plaque in arteries, as well as inhibiting inflammation. Apples are also rich in pectin, a form of soluble fiber known to help lower cholesterol, and they provide a decent amount of vitamin C, another antioxidant. Frequent apple eaters also have a lower risk for stroke compared with non-apple eaters.

NUTS – Chock-full of vitamins, minerals, heart-healthy monounsaturated fats and low levels of saturated fats. Research suggests that people who eat nuts - walnuts, pecans, almonds, hazelnuts, pistachios, pine nuts and peanuts - two to four days or more per week have a lower incidence of heart disease than people who eat them less often.

YOGURT – Smooth and creamy with a bite, yogurt not only helps balance out digestive health it aids in the prevention of gum disease. People with gum disease - which affects nearly half of Americans - are twice as likely to suffer from heart problems.

Dark Chocolate – Embrace this smooth, decadent treat without guilt. The cocoa provides a compound called epicatechin, a potent antioxidant that lowers blood pressure and fights free radical molecules connected to heart disease and other illnesses. Research has discovered that eating flavanol-rich dark chocolate has a blood-thinning effect, which can benefit cardiovascular health, and it may also boost the immune system by reducing inflammation.

Enjoy chocolate in moderation, 1.5 ounces will do the trick and stick to darker varieties with 70% cocoa or more. Milk or white chocolates do not offer the same healthy benefits.

RED WINE – A perfect compliment to your romantic evening, red wine not only contains antioxidants, but has also been shown to improve "good" cholesterol levels. Enjoy in moderation and pair with a balanced meal for the maximum health benefits.

A TIP FROM THE GCH HEALTH EXPERTS:

Try combining these and other healthy snacks for easy and delicious treats anytime. For example, yogurt with berries, granola and small dark chocolate chips is a great way to start your day, and a great snack before bed. Slowly melt dark chocolate in a double boiler and dip strawberries, apples, pineapple or other fruits is a great treat for every age.



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Bid Documents can be obtained on or after February 4, 2014 from ARC (1009 W. Maple Road Clawson, Michigan 48017, phone: 248.288.5600), and will only be available through electronic downloads. If hard copies of drawings are needed, they will be printed at the bidder's expense.

Bid documents will be available to view only free of charge from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at: https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=72.

Three complete copies of your Bid Proposal (including the Familial Disclosure form, bid bond, and other attachments), marked "BID NO. T1 - Technology Infrastructure - Category", noting the category that your Proposal is for, must be delivered no later than 10AM, Friday February 21, 2014, to: Lisa Abbey, Director of Business Services, Administration Building, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. All Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Board Room, in order of category number. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted.

A pre-bid walk through has been scheduled for February 10, 2014 at 10 am at the Administration Building located at 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. This pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

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Sometimes the best gift to give is to be friend.

Two students share their insights and creative writing about bullying.

Be a Buddy not a Bully

by Adalia Kirby



I feel that bullying is a big problem in the world today. I am here to tell you what bullying is and how to stop it.

What is it? Bullying is purposeful attempts to control a person using verbal abuse, which can be a tone of voice or teasing and threats. There is also physical abuse or violence, which the victim does not want. Bullying can happen in schools, workplaces, homes and more. The fact bullying gets more social recognition for bad behaviors than good ones, can be reasons why people bully. TV and real life situations show that acting out is likely to get more attention than behaving courteously. Jealousy, envy and lack of personal and social skills can also be why people bully. Children who were or are bullied are most likely to bully.

Depression and Suicide. Bullying and depression have a strong connection. Depression is an illness that has a variety of causes but it is known to be associated with bullying. Both bullies and victims have chances to have depression. People who were bullied as children are likely to have depression as adults. People who commit suicide are like to have suffered from depression. Suicide is the third leading death in young people having about 4,440 deaths per year. Suicide is the eleventh cause of death in Americans.

How you stop it. Here are ways you can stop bullying. 1) Talk to a teacher or adult you trust. Adults can help when had stuff happens. 2) Be nice to the person being bullied. Include them in things. 3) Stop and think before you act or speak. 4) Keep in mind everyone is different in some way. Together we can stop bullying. Let's make a difference. Trust me when I say, the world will be a better place when bullying no longer exists.



New Word

betroth

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Get planting

Valentine's Day is frequently accompanied by bouquets of roses and other flowers. Begin a new family tradition of planting flower seeds on February 14. Use small pots that can be kept indoors in a bright window for a few weeks until the arrival of spring. Then transplant outdoors and continue to enjoy full-grown flowering plants for months to come.

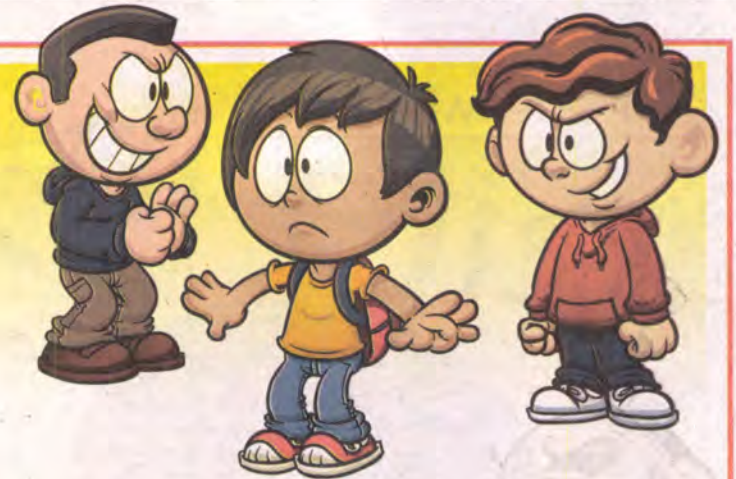
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Get Scrambled

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Wen and the Bully

by Caleb Anway



Michael went to school like normal and met up with Tony. "Hey Michael, nice mustache", Tony blabbed. "I get that a lot", Michael said back to Tony. Michael and Tony saw Wen walking down the street and asked him, "want to help me bully someone?"

Caleb Anway

Wen responded saying no. Tony replied, "You're a buzz kill Wen". I don't care about kids like him and I'm not a bully. Wen and the others two boys continues walking to school trying to avoid every bully in town. A few minutes later someone yelled to Tony, "Hey big kid in the white!" It was a bully. At first Wen thought he was yelling at him, but he approached Tony instead. Then the bully asked Wen to come over.

He accused Wen of stealing his iPhone and told Tony to have Wen give it back. Wen denied having it. The bully yelled, "GIVE IT BACK!"

I felt utter terror as the bully whistled for his pals to come to help. When they came over they dumped Wen in the dumpster. The bully, his friends and the rest of the students what were around began to laugh. Afterwards the bully looked in his pocket and found his phone and he didn't bother to apologize to Wen. When the principle investigated what happened, the bully still accused Wen of stealing his phone. Wen ended up getting suspended while nothing happened to the bully. Wen explained to his friends "that's why I don't like to bully. It's just not nice."



Wedding Word Find

Just in time for wedding season, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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

1. Replace the objective statement

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

2. Connect with your network

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

3. Update your social profiles

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

4. Conduct research

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

5. Make your voicemail more professional

"Remove ringtones and silly voicemail recordings from voicemail," Eldridge says. "I am



not going to leave a professional message on the voicemail of an applicant that has music blasting as a ringtone. It shows me that job searching is not a priority."

6. Prepare for the interview

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

questions, you will be more than prepared for the 'easy' questions."

7. Join industry associations

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

8. Clean up your résumé

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

9. Get your references ready

"Prepare your list of references before the interview," Niekrahn says. "Once you have confirmed your two to three references, create a

simple document that lists all the relevant information the employer would need to know about them, name, title, contact info., etc. Bring this document with you to all your interviews, so this way, if the hiring manager asks you for your references, you'll be prepared and look organized."

10. Stay organized

"Create a master list for all the jobs you apply for. The key to a successful job search is organization," Niekrahn says. "To do this, create an Excel spreadsheet that contains a row for each job you apply for, and include these columns: the date you applied; the company; the contact; the position for which you applied; how you applied; if, when and with whom you interviewed; when you should next follow up or what your next steps are; and the current status of the application. Creating this document should only take a few minutes, and updating it as you proactively apply for jobs should only take a few seconds."

11. Proofread your materials

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

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