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Wayne considers home rehab proposal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A private investor is asking Wayne to participate in a program aimed at keeping blighted homes from reaching the market without rehabilitation, which could help stabilize the city's declining property values.

Attorney Tarek Baydoun made a presentation to the council on behalf of Salem One

Inc., seeking the city's participation in the National Community Stabilization Trust First Look pilot program. The NCST is a quasi-governmental agency.

With city approval, Salem One would be allowed a 48-hour window to look at bank-owned foreclosed homes before they're listed for open-market sale.

"A private entity (Salem One) buys the house, rehabili-

tates it and sells it to an owner/occupant," Baydoun said. "We would get priority bidding in the trust. Instead of a foreclosed house on the market, a rehabilitated house would go on the market. The value of the home is improved before it goes on the market."

A parallel was made to the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which provided grant funding to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed, blight-

ed homes.

Improve sale price

The difference is that with the NCST program, the city doesn't take the title or get involved in the rehabilitation and sale of the home, Baydoun said. Instead, an approved for-profit entity like Salem One handles the purchase, rehabilitation and sale.

"The improved sale price will improve the average sale

price. The city benefits from the tax revenue but doesn't take ownership or liability on the house," Baydoun said. "It's not a silver bullet by any means, but it's a good tool to deal with the glut of foreclosed homes on the market."

During the First Look period, Baydoun said Salem One would assess which homes are economically feasible for ac-

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Wayne-Westland firefighters used the Jaws of Life to extract Patricia Nwaneri, 55, of Ypsilanti from her car in an accident at Warren and Wayne roads. Nwaneri was taken to the hospital where she later died. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elderly man arrested in fatal shooting of his wife

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An elderly Westland woman is dead and her husband was expected to be arraigned on murder charges Friday.

Police were called to the couple's home in the 8100 block of Melvin on Thursday afternoon by a neighbor.

"A neighbor called after seeing (the suspect) outside knocking on another neighbor's door. That neighbor wasn't home," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said. "The neighbor went and asked him (the suspect) if everything was OK. The suspect told the neighbor that his wife had shot herself."

The neighbor called police from his home. The suspect, 76, went back into his house, where police found him, Adams said.

The suspect's wife, 72, was found fatally shot in her bed. The couple was using separate bedrooms, he said.

"It appeared possible that she had been shot more than one time. We are waiting for the autopsy results," Adams said. "We don't know the exact time of death. She had probably been dead a day."

The wife appeared to have been shot with a pistol, Adams said, adding that several guns were confiscated from the home.

The couple had been married about 57 years and had two sons, one of whom is deceased.

"We hope to have a warrant and arraign him this afternoon or possibly on Saturday," Adams said.

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Police allege fatal accident was deliberately caused

By LeAnne Rogers
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A Westland woman was ordered held without bond after being arraigned on a charge of second-degree murder, accused of deliberately causing a traffic accident that fatally injured an Ypsilanti woman.



Lee

At her arraignment in Westland 18th District Court, a not guilty plea was entered for Ponya Lee, 27.

The two-car accident occurred Monday afternoon, when a car traveling eastbound on Warren Road went through a red light at Wayne Road and struck a northbound vehicle driven by Patricia Nwaneri, 55.

"She (Nwaneri) lost consciousness at impact. She was hit in the driver's door," Westland Police Lt. Todd Adams said. "She was alert when the firefighters arrived."

Wayne-Westland firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free Nwaneri from her damaged vehicle. Both women were taken to the

hospital, where Nwaneri subsequently died. Adams said autopsy results were being awaited for the exact cause of Nwaneri's death.

Just prior to the crash, Adams said that Lee had a verbal altercation with a girlfriend on her cell phone while driving. It is alleged that Lee told her girlfriend that she intended to crash her car seconds before the fatal collision.

Prior to being informed that Nwaneri had died, Adams said police had arrested Lee for three counts of felonious assault and vandalism during a domestic violence

incident at a Westland apartment.

Lee was in the process of moving out of the apartment following a break-up with her girlfriend, Adams said. Late on the day of the accident, Adams said Lee is accused of using a Samurai sword to attack her former girlfriend and a male who was also present at the apartment.

A preliminary examination for Lee is set for Thursday, Feb. 27.

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Despite cost, annual show goes on at Wayne Ice Arena

By LeAnne Rogers
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Wayne's annual ice show will go on. But it was a close vote, due to the concerns about the city's financial crisis.

On a 4-3 vote, the council voted last week to spend up to \$3,600 to hire Pegasus Theatrical Inc. to provide lighting services for the annual Parks and Recreation Ice Show May 2-4.

"We're going through discussions looking at all operations in the city to figure out

how to cut \$1 million this year from the budget," Councilman James Hawley said. "If we make the decision to close the arena, the pool or community center — I'm throwing it out as an option — I don't want this contract held over our heads."

The ice show itself is just about a break-even event for the city, Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said.

"It's a journey that began in September with open skate and ends with the recital," Adams said. "We have contract obliga-

tions with the figure skaters. They have been buying costumes and are spending money now for the show."

The contract obligations become irrelevant if the arena is closed, Hawley said.

The city has contacted the state Office of Fiscal Responsibility — an interim step before requesting an emergency financial manager — for help with a projected \$1 million deficit by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. That number is expected to exceed \$3 million in 2014-15, if changes aren't

made.

"A lot of the arena costs have been expended already, like the start-up costs," Adams said. "If we closed the arena now, 2½ months of utilities would be saved. The lady who ran the arena is gone. I do the rentals now."

Councilman John Rhaesa, who joined Hawley and Councilwoman Susan Rowe in voting against the lighting contract, asked if the city could see if ice time was available at Westland's Mike Modano or Garden City's Civic arenas. He

noted the need to cut \$1 million from the current fiscal year budget.

"I'm concerned most about the commitment to the kids. It's a situation where we could lose a little bit of money,"

Councilman Skip Monit said. "We can't just shut it down. We can't disappoint the kids, even if we lose some money. It's not just the kids but the parents and grandparents."

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W-W to provide breakdown of fees for sinking fund projects

Bye Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Bid packages presented to the Wayne-Westland school board for sinking fund projects will now come with a breakdown of the fees for construction management and architectural fees.

Trustee John Goci, who for more than a year has questioned the lack of bidding for those professional services contracts, scored a victory in getting the fees for using McCarthy and Smith Inc. as the construction manager and TMP Architecture Inc. included in the costs of sinking projects.

The administration in January agreed to provide the information on future sinking fund projects after the board approved \$1.9 million for mechanical upgrades at Wildwood Elementary School. However, Goci revisited the subject this month after receiving information on the fees associated with the Wildwood project.

"I can't speak for the board, but I as a member have no idea what we're paying for," Goci said. "I'd like to see the fees

associated with the bid so we can be aware of the true cost of the project."

Project fees

According to the information provided by Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler, the district will pay McCarthy and Smith \$54,100 in fees, in addition to a construction management reimbursement not to exceed \$153,300 for such things as personnel based on site and a not-to-exceed \$64,000 general condition fee for such things as construction trailer rental and office supplies. With those fees, any money not expended returns to the school district. The fee for architectural services was around \$119,000, Goci said.

"That's \$264,000 in expense we don't even see in the bid package," Goci said. "It makes no sense to approve construction projects without knowing the full cost."

The Wildwood project includes replacement of the entire mechanical system at the Westland school. A geothermal system will be installed to utilize the ground temperatures to provide heating and air conditioning.

"Wildwood has some history as one of the district's original buildings," Doug Underwood, supervisor with McCarthy and Smith, said in presenting the bid package to the school board last month. "It was built as all electric and at some point turned into a hot water system. It runs on a three-pipe system, not a four, and you can heat or cool, but you can't flip between them."

According to Underwood, it was the desire of the district, especially the maintenance department, to go with a geothermal system.

"The way the project has been designed it should provide a decrease in the costs of utilities in the years to come," he said.

Goci has been an outspoken critic of the no-bid contracts. He has pressed to have the service put out for bid. The firms' work, according to the administration, is considered professional services and, by law, bids are not required. However, last September the board approved 10-year agreements with McCarthy and

Smith and TMP to handle architectural planning and construction management for the district's sinking fund projects.

"I didn't realize the fees were that high," Goci said. "I want to have it in the bid packet. We vote on this and I think we should be aware of what we're voting on."

Not to exceed amounts

In referring to the information provided by Larson-Shidler, board Treasurer Frederick Weaver pointed out that a portion of the fees are not to exceed amounts and that the unused portion returns to the school district.

"I think it may be true that McCarthy and Smith may spend all of this money, but it's not necessarily true," Weaver told Goci. "So to throw out that \$264,000 figure without sharing that bit of information ... I want to put it in perspective."

Board Vice President Thomas Bucklew equated the use of a construction manager to the failed Wayne County Jail project that ballooned from \$290 million to \$410 million with no one aware of what was going

on. He was reassured by Larson-Shidler that the district has regular meetings with the construction manager about projects.

"So we will never find ourselves in the position of waking up one morning and finding ourselves in that position," he said. "You can look at those figures and think they're too much, but that security seems to have value and what we pay McCarthy and Smith seems much more reasonable."

While he was able to get some discussion about the fees on the record, he was cut short by board President Shawna Walker, who ruled the item as out of order.

"This was an agenda item in the past, it's a done deal," she said. "We don't need to bring this back to the board. We talked about this at the last meeting."

In the end, Goci and his fellow trustees were assured by Larson-Shidler that "going forward, we will supply you with those numbers."

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LPS math students place among the best in Michigan

While the world is currently focused on the Winter Olympics in Sochi, the Livonia Public Schools community is celebrating some special hometown champs.

Eight students have placed among the top math students in the state in the 57th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Placing in the top 100 statewide are Austin Brehob, Shantam Ravan, Zachary Obsniuk and Brendan VandeKieft, all from Churchill High School. Placing in the top 200 statewide are Eric Fry, Justin Patrick and Laura DeMarco from Churchill High School and Thomas Moening from Stevenson High School. The final placement of these students will not be known until March 1 at the MMPC awards ceremony at Hope College.

The Churchill students are in the Livonia Public Schools Math/Science/Computer Program, an acceler-

ated magnet program housed at Churchill.

All four of the LPS top 100 finishers from this year also finished in the top 200 MMPC students in the 2012-13 school year. Obsniuk finished in the top 100 in 2012-13 and 2011-12. Approximately 6,300 students in the state participated in the competition.

The Michigan Math Prize Competition consists of two parts. The first part was taken Oct. 1, 2013, and consisted of 40 multiple choice questions. Students who finished among the top 1,200 after Part 1 were invited to take Part 2, which was given Dec. 11, 2013. Part 2 consisted of five challenging problems requiring full justification and proof of solutions. The student responses were scored by college professors from the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America, the organization that sponsors the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.



Shantam Ravan (from left), Justin Patrick, Austin Brehob, Brendan VandeKieft, Zach Obsniuk and Laura DeMarco placed among the top math students in the state. Also placing were Eric Fry and Thomas Moening.

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One year later: Awrey's Bakery looks toward expansion

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After the company almost went to auction nearly a year ago, Awrey's Bakery owners have declared the company expects to double its work force over the next year.

That's good news to production supervisor Brenda Gonzalez, who's worked at the bakery for almost 33 years.

"It'll be great. We're hiring slowly now," the Canton resident said. "It means more business and hiring more people."

Awrey's Bakery, 12301 Farmington Road, celebrated its one-year anniversary Wednesday as a new company after the 103-year-old bakery was minutes away last year from a liquidation auction that could have spelled the end of Toaster Rounds, Ripple Cakes and Long John Coffee Cakes. The bakery was purchased for an undisclosed price by now-chairman Ron Beebe and now-CEO James McColgan and operated under the Awrey's name as a part of Minnie Marie Bakers Inc.

Beebe said the company has been going strong since it was purchased, and announced the bakery would launch several new items, including meat pies and a gluten-free line of goods. These goods are certified to be gluten-free and are baked in an area where gluten is not present. The gluten-free line will include 40 types of goods, including pasta, bread, flour and

muffins.

"So many people have either opted to go gluten-free or need to due to health reasons," Beebe said. "We are committed to being the largest supplier of gluten-free products in North America."

Larry David, the gluten-free food processing manager at Awrey's, said he's worked at the company for 14 years. Moving into the gluten-free line of work has shown him the extreme detail needed in order to craft the gluten-free products.

"Everything's critical," the Redford resident said. "Everything's got to be perfect."

The company's sale was finalized just minutes before an auction was to take place to sell the bakery's equipment last year. About 200 employees were informed that they would be out of work at the time. About 50 employees were hired back immediately last year when the bakery began production again in March. It currently has 94 employees working at its production facility.

With the reopening, the bakery, which started as a small business in Detroit by Elizabeth Awrey before it moved to Livonia, is starting to make appearances in many southeast Michigan grocery stores, such as Kroger and Hollywood Market.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said having the bakery still operating and in Livonia is a tribute to the people of the city. Hearing the plans the bakery has when it comes



Awrey's chairman Ron Beebe talks about the bakery's new products, which include a line of gluten-free items, meat pies and deli trays. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK

to increasing production and bringing back workers was good news to him.

"All of that's extremely exciting dialogue," he said. "When people think of Awrey's, they think of Livonia."

McColgan praised the city Wednesday as well, saying the support they've received from Livonia has been like "a great family feeling."

"Ron and I can't thank the City of Livonia enough," he said. "The whole city's been tremendous."

While the company is still not at the same levels of employees it was a year ago, Gonzalez said it has been a relief being back to work for the last year after the company was also liquidated.

She said she's excited about the progress being made and hopes it continues for many years to come.

"I think they have a great outlook," she said. "We're happy to have our jobs back."

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Redford's Larry David prepares sandwiches Wednesday at Awrey's Bakery. David is the gluten-free food processing manager.

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» 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 Supporting 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 Junie 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.

Barefoot presents 'Twilight of the Golds'

If your parents knew everything about you before you were born, would you be here?

That is the question posed in the controversial, entertaining "dramedy" Twilight of the Golds, the next main-stage production from Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions. The story, by Jonathan Tolins, revolves around Suzanne Gold-Stein and her close-knit New York family, who celebrate an anniversary dinner at which she reveals she is pregnant.

Through genetic testing, arranged by Suzanne's biomedical research husband Rob, they learn that the baby will be healthy and intelligent – but will most likely be "different." The news forces the entire Gold family to confront the issues of bigotry, evolution and the limits of love as Suzanne contemplates a difficult choice.

The production is directed by Barefoot Productions founder Craig Hane, who said the thought-provoking dark comedy will raise questions about ethics and morality.

"Twilight of the Golds" is a powerful dramatic glimpse into the inner workings and secrets of



Barefoot Productions presents "Twilight of the Golds" through March 2.

the Gold family," Hane said. "The play is interwoven with music and an exploration of Wagner's famous opera The Ring Cycle. The show uses the opera to evoke larger-than-life themes of heroism and betrayal, love and tragedy and the end of the family of man, played out in microcosm by the contemporary Gold family."

Performances run through Sunday, March 2. Following the Feb. 23 and March 2 performances, there will be audience participation "talk-backs" to discuss themes and materials from the play. Talk-back facilitators are:

» Sunday, Feb 23: Limits and boundaries of unconditional acceptance, led by social worker Dale Simmerman, who will guide the discussion in family dynamics and counsel-

ing, in addition to the topic of forgiveness.

» Sunday, March 2: The challenges of raising a child who is "different." Discussions will be led by a Livonia teacher on the philosophical and ethical aspects of parenting non-normative children or "different" kids. The facilitator will be bringing three students and they will talk about their experiences with parents, what they have been through, what would help them and what they want and need growing up "different."

Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or through Barefoot's website at www.justgobarefoot.com/.

The Barefoot Productions Theater is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

Spirit of survival highlighted at Citizens for Peace meeting

A story of survival through the eyes of a child will be recounted by Irene Miller at the Citizens for Peace meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

Miller, a West Bloomfield resident, shares her and her family's spirit of



Miller

War II in her book *Into No Man's Land: A Historical*

survival as they fled from one hell to another in escaping from the Nazis during World

Memoir, which will be available for sale at the meeting.

She describes in vivid detail her family's harrowing experiences as part of some 300,000 Polish Jews who escaped to the Soviet Union from 1939-41. Her personal account of the escape,

life in a Siberian labor camp, an impoverished village in Uzbekistan, an orphanage and life in Israel are highlighted.

Miller's determination and perseverance led her to getting a double master's degree and a career in hospital administration. Her compassion


motivated her to work for civil rights and help women with substance abuse issues.

Miller serves on the board of the American Jewish Committee, volunteers as a court mediator and speaks at the Holocaust Memorial Center of Farmington Hills.

"In my small way, I work to make the world a better place for all," Miller wrote in the epilogue of her book.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

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A GATHERING OF ROSIES

Tribute group aims to set Guinness world record at Willow Run Airport

A call is being put out for Rosies to come Saturday, March 29, to Willow Run Airport to try to set a Guinness world record for "the most Rosie the Riveters in one place."

The iconic figure Rosie the Riveter is synonymous with the Arsenal of Democracy and women who came into the workforce during World War II. The original Rosie worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and, because of that, a group of women have been volunteering their time to help raise funds for the effort to save 175,000 square feet of the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The current Rosies, along with a few Rosies who actually worked at Willow Run during World War II, attempted to set a Guinness world record Oct. 30, 2013, for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. They fell short of the record, but enough enthusiasm was generated to warrant a second attempt.

The 2014 record attempt will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Hangar 1 of Willow Run Airport. Sign-in begins at 2 p.m. This attempt is being sponsored by the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Yankee Air Museum and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"The enthusiasm shown by these women who turned out on a cold day in October and fell just short of the record was wonderful to see. Willow Run Airport and the Wayne County Airport Authority are excited to once again help sponsor the Rosies as they make another attempt to set this record. I think they will succeed this time," said Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"We look forward to welcoming over 250 women to the Yankee Air Museum as our Rosies attempt once again to

set a World Record," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum.

According to Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Save the Bomber Plant campaign has so far mobilized more than \$5.5 million toward the estimated \$8 million initial cost of separating and preserving approximately 175,000 square feet of the bomber plant and turning it in to the new home of the Yankee Air Museum.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant built nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator Bombers during the war, finishing a plane every 59 minutes. At the time of its construction, the plant was the largest factory in the world, employing more than 40,000 men and women, including riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as Rosie the Riveter.

If the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign is successful, the Yankee Air Museum will move from its current location on the east side of Willow Run Airport to the former bomber plant, which is adjacent to the airport's western boundary. All of the museum's collections and exhibits, including aircraft, would be then be reunited at a single site.

The plant is part of the former GM Powertrain plant which is currently being demolished. The museum has until May 1 to raise the money to save a portion of the historic bomber plant as the museum's new home.

"Detroit's mass production was pivotal to our victory in World War II and no place was more vital in that respect than Willow Run," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum. "Rosie the Riveter, representing all the women who entered the work force during World War II, is a significant and in some



The Tribute Rosies - (bottom, from left) Jeannette Gutierrez of Ann Arbor, Wendy Zielen of Ann Arbor and Nancy Zajac of Ann Arbor and (top, from left) Christy Mayhew of Plymouth, Kim Godek of Ann Arbor and Jane Vass of Ypsilanti - are hoping to get enough Rosies together March 29 to set a Guinness world record. SUE MASON

ways a little known part of the story. We recognize their importance and their contribution to the victory in World War II and are pleased to once again help sponsor this attempt to set a Guinness world record."

The Tribute Rosies were formed as member Wendy Zielen's daughter Alison Beatty stood on a street corner in Ann Arbor to raise awareness about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign.

Zielen came up with the idea and was able to get a group of women together to dress like Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter. The Rosies made their first appearance at the Thunder Over Michigan air show last August and created such a stir that they only made it 15 feet through the crowd in two hours. As a result, they are now the official the Yankee Air Museum's Tribute Rosies.

Jane Vass is now heading up the Rosie participation for the Michigan Aerospace Foundation.

"I encourage all women who would like to help us honor the Rosies who were so important to the World War II Victory and who also helped set the stage for women entering the work-

force in later years, to come out to Willow Run Airport on March 29," Vass said. "Help us set this Guinness world record."

To add to the excitement, the company, school, club, congregation, sorority or other group that brings the most women more than 18 years of age dressed as Rosie on March 29 will win an award.

For more information, contact Vass at 734-358-1648 or by email at dazyjane@aol.com. For more information about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, visit www.savethebomberplant.org.

The Yankee Air Museum was founded in 1981 to preserve and honor southeastern Michigan's aviation history. Since then, it has acquired and returned to flying status four World War II aircraft, including the Yankee Lady, a B-17G that was used in the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!* and is the museum's flagship.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit the museum website at www.yankeearmuseum.org.

Willow Run Airport Hangar One is on Kirk Profit Drive

DRESSING AS ROSIE

The Yankee Air Museum Rosies invite women and girls of all ages to "Rosie up" and join in the second attempt to set a Guinness world record for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Participants must be in full Rosie gear to be counted for the record.

To be counted as a Rosie, you must wear the following:

- » Red bandana with large-sized white polka dots tied at the top of the head. The bandana can cover the back and top of the head or be folded so the back of your hair shows, but if so, hair should be "pinned up" and not hanging down long or in a ponytail.
- » Dark blue long-sleeved worker's coveralls, or long-sleeved dark blue collared work shirt and dark blue pants or very dark blue jeans (not faded). Roll up your sleeves to show some of your forearm.
- » Red knee socks (solid red). Roll up your pant legs to show the red socks.
- » Black work boots or work shoes (or as close as you can get, as long as they're black) or brown work boots.
- » Lunchbox and lapel button optional.

The large dot cotton bandana fabric is available at Joann Fabrics and the pattern is named "Lipstick." Allow one yard per bandanna. Pre-made bandanas will be available for purchase to benefit SaveTheBomberPlant.org at the event for \$10 (cash or check only), or can be pre-ordered for \$8 for pick up at the event by emailing dazyjane@aol.com.

THE NO-NO'S

- » No faded denim jeans, no faded denim shirts, only solid dark blue fabric that isn't denim.
- » No bib overalls, no T-shirts, no sweats, no bare midribs.
- » No high heels, no colored shoes, no white shoes, no athletic shoes.

For more information, contact Jane Vas at 734-358-1648 or by email dazyjane@aol.com.

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Police warn against IRS phone scam

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia police are warning residents to pay close attention to phone calls supposedly from the Internal Revenue Service stating they owe taxes and must pay them immediately.

The warning comes after a 69-year-old Livonia resident came into the police station Feb. 13 to report she had been scammed out of several thousands of dollars after receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be with the IRS. The man left a message on her phone Feb. 12, saying she owed \$8,000 to the IRS in taxes and she needed to pay it immediately. If she didn't, he threatened her with jail time and shutting down her business.

She initially ignored the call, but then the man called back. She called the number back on her cellphone and was told

again she owed money. She believed the caller and asked what she needed to do to settle the debt.

The suspect, calling from a number with an area code in California, told her to go to the bank and withdraw the money and purchases thousands of dollars in gift cards. She purchased \$4,000 worth of Visa gift cards at the Kroger at 33523 Eight Mile and was told by the suspect to scratch off the PIN and read the numbers to him. She repeated this process, purchasing \$4,000 worth of gift cards at a pair of pharmacies, including the Rite Aid at 47300 Pontiac Trail in Wixom and CVS at 31250 Beck in Novi.

After the suspect received the information from the gift cards, he told her she would receive a call later with a confirmation number. He did call back Thursday afternoon to the woman's home, where her daughter

answered the phone. The suspect immediately hung up after her daughter asked who he was. The victim also contacted her daughter in California, where she lives in the same area code the phone calls kept coming from. Police in California were notified of the incident.

A report was also filed with the Novi Police Department. The woman had all receipts from the transactions and was willing to prosecute.

IRS officials warn taxpayers of similar scams happening and encourage people not to fall victim to scams involving prepaid debit cards and immediate payment. First contact regarding possible unpaid taxes from the IRS will typically come via mail and not via telephone.

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GC woman sentenced in police corruption case

The wife of a former Romulus police chief has been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison for her involvement in a police corruption case.

Sandra Vlaz-St. Andre was sentenced to 7-20 years for acquiring and maintaining a criminal enterprise and criminal enterprise conspiracy, 2-5 years for filing fraudulent tax returns and 2-10 years for receiving and concealing stolen property in Wayne County Circuit Court Thursday.

All of the sentences are concurrent. Restitution will be determined at a later date, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Maria Miller said.

Vlaz-St. Andre is the wife of former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre who also faces criminal charges along with five police detectives stemming from an investigation by the Michigan State Police into allegations of misconduct, corruption and

embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds by members of the Romulus Police Department's Special Investigation Unit.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, St. Andre directed a probe of liquor license violations, prostitution and narcotics trafficking at the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi's Place in Southgate, but during the investigation officers embezzled drug forfeiture money, solicited prostitutes and made false police reports.

Vlaz-St. Andre and her husband were accused of using forfeiture funds to buy and run the Always Tan at 33712 Ford in Westland.

St. Andre, a 28-year veteran of the police department, has been charged with conducting a criminal enterprise, acquiring/maintaining criminal enterprise, criminal en-

terprise conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office, failure to file/false return, obstruction of justice, witness-bribery/intimidating/interfering in a case and receiving and concealing stolen property over \$20,000.

Also charged are Romulus Police Detective Sgt. Richard Balzer and Detectives Richard Landry, Donald Hopkins, Jeremy Channells and Larry Droege.

Balzer and Landry have been charged with conducting criminal enterprise, criminal enterprise/conspiracy, embezzlement by public official over \$50, uttering and publishing, misconduct in office and neglect of duty, while Hopkins has been charged with all but the neglect of duty charge.

Trials have been scheduled for July 7 for the three men.

By Sue Mason

Westland man returns to prison in package theft case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man is headed back to prison for violating parole after pleading guilty to stealing packages delivered to area homes by UPS just before Christmas.

In Westland 18th District Court, Robert Ray Ohlinger, 36, was sentenced to 22 days time served after pleading guilty to multiple misde-

meanor larceny charges. Paroled from prison in June 2013, Ohlinger was listed as a parole absconder by the Michigan Department of Corrections and is being returned to prison. His parole was scheduled to have continued until June 2015.

Tips from the public led police to Ohlinger. One resident on Joy in Westland captured pictures on a home security

system of a man taking a package from the front porch. The still photographs were released to the media in an attempt to identify the thief.

Police theorized the suspect was following the UPS delivery person and taking the packages after finding no one at home.

Westland police reported that once Ohlinger was taken into custody, he admitted to the theft from the home on Joy along with thefts from four different Canton homes and two homes in Livonia.

After seeing reports on the thefts, unknowing victims in Westland and Livonia contacted police.

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Hearing delayed for elderly Westland man charged with assaulting girlfriend

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A preliminary examination has been delayed until Feb. 26 for an elderly Westland man charged with assaulting his live-in girlfriend, who later died of injuries.

Orlando Caruso, 78, was scheduled for preliminary examination Thursday in Westland 18th District Court. Caruso is currently charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm and aggravated domestic violence. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

Held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond

since his arrest Dec. 31, Caruso is expected to face an amended charge of murder in the death of Diane Labute, 71. A mental competency examination is also expected to be requested.

Police were called to a home in the 6600 block Chirrewa on Dec. 31 for a death investigation. Labute was reported to have been found non-responsive but was resuscitated after being transported to Garden City Hospital.

Suffering from numerous injuries, Labute remained hospitalized and died Jan. 13 after being removed from life support.

According to the police investigation, Caruso and Labute had been a couple for seven

years and had lived together for several months prior to Dec. 31.

Autopsy results are apparently being awaited before the charges are amended. Police described Labute's injuries as including broken ribs in different stages of healing, broken toes, black eyes and a wound that was either a bad burn or a bed sore.

With the injuries suffered by Labute and statements made by Caruso at the scene, police said he was arrested.

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How to treat a sore shoulder at home.

Home treatment is simple: heat and rest. Apply moist heat with a hydro collar pack rather than with an electric heating pad. The reason is that moist heat cools with time, while a heating pad keeps up its heat indefinitely. It is difficult to develop a burn with moist heat and all too easy with an electric heater. Apply heat for ten minutes per hour. That is all the time needed to dilate blood vessels and allow an augmented blood supply to heal the injury. Limited resting of the shoulder is all that is practical. Just refrain from overhead motions, all other movements cause no further strain.

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Writer gathers stories about soldiers buried overseas

Four years ago, writer Michael Beach began searching for stories of Oklahoma soldiers who are buried overseas. Recently, however, he began the search for as many of the stories as he could find of soldiers from all around the United States.

Beach began his journey with a visit to all 23 American cemeteries located around the world where the soldiers from his state are buried. He spent six months traveling through Europe, North Africa, the Philippines and Hawaii, where he placed more than 2,000 Oklahoma rose rocks at the graves of the soldiers.

"Everything started when I visited a Normandy cemetery and walked up to an Oklahoman's grave. I gave him a rose

rock and found about 20 others that day," Beach said. "When I went back, I visited the 144 Oklahoma soldiers in the cemetery and gave all of them a rose rock."

Beach struggled along the way — from digging up the rose rocks himself to having very little food to eat. On several occasions, he wanted to walk away from his journey and return home.

"I had very little money and my feet were so badly blistered because of walking that I shouldn't have been walking but I had to, so I could get my journey accomplished," he said. "On the days I didn't have a host to stay with I would have an apple or orange for breakfast and for supper, pasta and tomato paste. I would also camp with a tent and

a sleeping bag I had on my backpack to save money."

"Once I had made it to each of the cemeteries, the thought of going home was washed away and I worked at finding the soldiers. It was hard work but I realized that if I didn't do this that no one would and these men would not have a piece of Oklahoma with them," he added.

After he returned home, Beach began his search for the stories of the 3,000 Oklahoma soldiers. However he soon found roadblock after roadblock in his way to gathering their stories. "Too many times I have had family members tell me, 'I wish I had known about this a year ago because my mom was alive and she knew everything about my



Some graves only indicate that the soldier was an American.

uncle buried overseas,' " he said.

So far, Beach has gathered around 50 stories, some only partially complete, of World War I and World War II members of the military from Oklahoma.

"I have decided to find one story from each state for each of the 23 cemeteries located overseas and Hawaii. I know that if the stories are fading here in Oklahoma they

are fading all around the US," he said.

The stories that Beach collects will be shared with each soldier's cemetery so that others passing through them can hear the tales and histories of these honorable men.

Beach is looking for copies of photos, letters, family stories, information about the soldier's life, and even history of the area during the time

the soldiers lived there.

Anyone with information on a soldier buried overseas can contact Beach at apieceofhomeusa.com to arrange a digital transfer. Information can also be sent by mail to Michael Beach, P.O. Box 582, Maysville, OK 73057.

Information also is available on his Facebook page, [facebook.com/pages/1200-stories](https://www.facebook.com/pages/1200-stories).

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Used Book Sale

Feb. 23 is the last day of the Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland used book sale. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. for Bag Day sale. Bring a medium size bag or buy a reusable Friends bag at the sale for \$2 and get a bag of books for \$4.

There will be \$1 hard covers, DVDs and CDs for \$2, large paperbacks for 50 cents, small paperbacks, videos, cassettes and record for 25 cents and romance novels and magazines for 10 cents.

The sale features a large selection of children's and young adult non-fiction. There also will be a special hard cover sale — but two, get one free.

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

Support the book sale as funding for all of the library programs is provided by Friends of the Westland Library.

School auction

St. Damian School will hold its Totally '80s Auction on Saturday, March 1, at the school, 29891 Joy, east of Merriman, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. The live auction will begin at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include herb chicken, roasted pork loin, pasta with pesto marinara, green beans and romaine salad.

There also will be a cash bar, including Jell-O and pudding shots. Tickets are available through the school office and the parish center. Tickets will not be available at the door.

For more information, call the school at 734-427-1680, the parish office at 734-421-6130 or visit the website at www.stdamianauction2014.weebly.com.

Library program

The Wayne Public Library will present "Stranglers of the Revolution: Detroit's Own Polar Bears" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Back in 1918, Detroit-area soldiers, nicknamed the Polar Bears, made the trek to Russia to fight the Bolsheviks during the Russian Civil War. Learn more about these remarkable warriors in a presentation by Mike Grobbel, president of "Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Association and the grandson of one of these intrepid fighters.

To register for this free program, call the library at 734-721-7832 or visit the Adult Reference Desk. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne.

Tax preparation

The Westland Friendship Center at 1119 Newburgh will be assisting residents by offering free tax preparation. The program was developed for those who are low to middle income. They also provide the Home Heating Credit.

Participants must present photo ID at the times taxes are done. Joint returns are done in the morning, individual returns in the afternoon. To make an appointment, call 734-722-7632.

Lunch and Learn

The topic for Garden City Hospital's next Lunch and Learn will be "What to Expect When You're Expecting." Join Dr. Chadi Haddad, and certified nurse midwives Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abbas, as they discuss how to form a foundation for a healthy pregnancy from pre-conception through each trimester at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the East Court of Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road at Wayne Road, Westland. "What to Expect When

You're Expecting" is a celebration of expectant moms and a perfect event for women who are currently expecting or who are considering getting pregnant. The program is free and includes the lecture, lunch, giveaways and raffle prizes. No registration needed.

Save the date

Save the Date for the Westland-Wayne Relay for Life Kick-Off party at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne, Thursday, March 6.

Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the event is 7-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Find out more online at www.relayforlife.org/WestlandWayneMI and www.facebook.com/RFLWestlandWayne. For more information, contact Meriem Kadi, volunteer event chair, at merkadi131@yahoo.com or by calling 734-718-0476, or Abby Stonerook, ACS staff partner, at AStonerook@cancer.org or 248-663-3404.

Dueling Pianos

The Wayne Rotary Club will host a St. Patty's Dueling Piano party Friday, March 14, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and cash bar. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$180 for a table of 10.

For more information, contact Gayle Rediske at gaylerediske@gmail.com or call 734-502-3202. Proceeds will benefit the Wayne Rotary Holiday Parade of Lights.

Casino trip

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Casino Bus Trip to Motor City Casino in Detroit on Saturday, March 15. The bus leaves from the

Wayne Community Center at 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants will be at the casino 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and return to the Wayne Community Center at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$30. The purchase of a ticket includes \$30 in free slots play. Space is limited, so register by the end of February by calling 734-721-0100.

Pasta Night

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game night will be 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6. The monthly pasta dinner will be Friday, March 28. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert just \$6 and entertainment by the Waco Band.

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

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information,

call 734-419-2020.

Wayne Rotary

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

Smart Drivers Program

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

The program is a refresher course for motorists age 50 years plus. Refresh your driving skills and learn the new rules of the road, learn research-based driving strategies to help you

stay safe behind the wheel. Plus there are no tests to pass. Some insurance companies offer discounted rates to individuals who complete this course.

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

American Legion

The American Legion, Westland Post 251, meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. All veterans, male and female with an honorable discharge are welcome to join. Visit the post website at www.post251.org or call 734-326-2607 or 734-455-3415 for more information.

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Program remembers 'Detroit's Own' Polar Bears

At 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Wayne Public Library will host a presentation by Michael Grobbel, titled "Stranglers of the Revolution - 'Detroit's Own' Polar Bears." It's the story of 5,000 U.S. Army soldiers, the majority of whom were from Michigan and especially Detroit, who fought the Bolshevik Red Army on Russian soil during the Russian Civil War in 1918-1919.

Grobbel is the grandson of Clement Grobbel, a corporal in Company I of the 339th Infantry Regiment, 85th Division, U.S. Army. Clement was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions while defending his outpost near Emtsa, Russia, on Nov. 4, 1918.

The winter Olympics have just concluded in Sochi, Russia. The Olym-



The "Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Association Web page, pbma.grobbel.org, includes this photograph found in the collection of Sgt. Simon Davis, Co. B, 339th Inf. Reg. The association has been able to identify one soldier, Cpl. Frank Swiderski (at the far left) of the 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Division, which trained at Camp Custer, Mich.

pians and the host country of Russia have thrilled us with images of beauty and heroism. For the American soldiers of the Polar Bear Expedition, this spirit of cooperation and friendship would be unimaginable. The reality that confronted these men in 1918 could not have been more contradictory.

On Nov. 11, 1918, World

War I officially ended. But for the men of the ill-fated American Expeditionary Force to North Russia, the fighting had only begun. Plagued by meager supplies, poor leadership and the lack of a clear-cut objective, this small but valiant American contingent fought impossible odds, scoring several stunning victories against the Bolsheviks before superior

numbers and the bone-breaking arctic winter that had defeated Napoleon forced them to withdraw.

This was one of the most obscure, but important of the United States' foreign interventions: an epic of endurance, failure and gallantry that history almost forgot and the Russians never forgave.

Amazon book review of *When Hell Froze Over* by E.

M. Halliday

To register for this free program, call our reference desk at 734-721-7832.

Earth Day Displays

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. That's a motto every school kid can recite effortlessly and for good reason. It's up to each and every one of us to do our part to nurture and

protect our home, planet Earth. The world will celebrate Earth Day this April 22.

Do you bring old furnishings to life with paint? Make craft projects with the kids using old newspaper and melted crayons? What could you do with damaged book pages?

I've seen tiny fur creatures fashioned from dryer lint! The possibilities are endless and we want to show off your projects and give inspiration to others. The library teen group will be working on projects during the month of March for display in April.

We're hoping members of the community bring examples for the display also. Stop by and we'll give you all the details. Get creative and inspire us!

Information Central was compiled by Ginny Cesarz. The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832 or visit www.wayne.lib.mi.us.

You say philately, I say stamp collecting

Looking for something to keep you busy and entertained during these memorable winter months? Tired of watching cat videos, reruns of your favorite shows and digging yourself out of the snow? If you think your creative side is being neglected, it's time to find something else to do.

How about philately? That's right, stamp collecting.

The collection and study of postage and imprinted stamps dates to the late 1700s, when stamps were associated with the collecting of fiscal revenue — taxes. Collecting postage stamps took center stage in 1838 when the first prepaid postage stamps were issued for movement of letters/stationary and continued.

Worldwide interest in stamp collecting continued to grow, with the first stamp exhibition taking place in the 1870s, followed by the establishment of the American Philatelic Society on Sept. 13, 1886. Throughout the following decades, collections shifted to catalogs, postcards and pictorial stamps with all three of the variations taking center stage. Postal history and the study of postmarks begin to emerge as a serious collecting discipline in the 1910s with a major upward trend in stamp collecting taking off in the late 1940s and 1950s after World War II.

Today, people of all ages enjoy collecting stamps.

According to the

American Philatelic Society, collecting can range from a focus on U.S. or international stamps, first day covers, corners, markings or labels applied to mail, including postage meters, or any number of options that interest you.

To find out if this hobby is right for you, check out James A. Mackay's *The Complete Illustrated Guide to Stamp Collecting: Everything You Need to Know about the World's Most Popular Hobby and the Many Ways to Build a Collection*. Youth or teens interested in finding out more can pick up, Neill Granger's *Stamp Collecting* or Mir Tamim Ansary's *Stamps*.

Other books of possible interest include Barbara Moore's *The Art of Postage Stamps*, Paul W. Schmid's *How to Detect Damaged, Altered and Repaired Stamps*, Laurent Lemerle's *The World in Stamps* and Charles Davidson's (and Lincoln Diamant) *Stamping Our History: the Story of the United States Portrayed on its Postage Stamps*.

Prefer online resources? Why not try these websites: www.postalmuseum.si.edu; www.learnaboutstamps.org/chapter-three.html; and about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/stamp-collecting.

And if you want to rub shoulders with actual stamp collectors, circle your calendar for April 26-27 for the annual WSSC Plymouth Show, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club. For more information, visit www.thewssc.com/WSSC_Plymouth_Show.html and while there check out their special Youth Program Page.

For more information about stamp collecting, stop by the reference desk at the Westland library or visit westlandlibrary.org. Walk in library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Rhythm & Rock Time, 1-1:30 p.m. Feb. 23, ages 1-5 — Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for children with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome. No registration needed.

Teen Advisory Board, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 24, ages 12-18 — Here's your chance to have a say in how the library runs! Give your opinion on what you'd like to see and do at the library. Pizza is served at every meeting.

Writer's Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 24 — Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could use some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events to get a reminder email.

Noontime Book Club, noon Feb. 25 — Acclaimed mystery master P.D. James taps into her love for Jane Austen in this historical novel that imagines the characters from Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* caught up in a chilling murder mystery. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Sharpie Tie Dye, 6 p.m. Feb. 25, grades 5 and up — Bring a white shirt or

other item of clothing to tie-dye using Sharpie markers. You'll need to bring your own article of clothing, but we'll provide everything else. Sign up in advance at the Youth Desk or online.

Registration ESL (English as a Second Language), 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26, adults — Register in-person for ESL classes conducted by Diane and Richard Gomers. Classes held 9:30-11:15 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 28 through April 25. There will be no childcare this semester.

Middle School Book Club, 6 p.m. Feb. 27 — We will be discussing *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier. Sign up for book club at the reference desk.

High School Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 27 — We will be discussing *Monument 14* by Emmy Laybourne. Sign up for book club at the reference desk.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. Feb. 26 — Join us for a discussion of Gene Wolfe's *Shadow of the Torturer*. The Earth is old and the sun is dying. In the great Citadel of the City Imperishable, Severian — apprentice to the torturer's guild — betrays his oath. Exiled, he begins his phantasmagoric odyssey through the perilous world of the deep, distant future.

Tooth Time, 10 a.m. Feb. 27, ages 2-5 with a caregiver — Learn all about tooth care in this fun, informative program presented by Pre-

ferred Dental Group. Kids will love this interactive program which includes a story and craft. The first 25 children will receive a free dental "goodie" bag. No registration.

Super Science, 6 p.m. Feb. 27, ages 7-12 — Do you love science? Kids are invited to join us for exciting, hands-on experiments. Please wear old clothes, as science can get a bit messy. Registration is necessary. Call or stop by the reference desk or register online. Put your child's name and age when you sign up. No children under age 7. Arrive within five minutes of the program's start time to guarantee your spot.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Feb. 28 — Join us for some of the best recently released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie is *Blue Jasmine*: "A New York socialite deeply troubled and in denial, arrives in San Francisco to impose upon her sister. She looks a million, but isn't bringing money, peace, or love..." (imdb.com). This movie is rated PG-13. Trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments available. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Ongoing programs

Job Seekers and Health Care Help Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday — Have a question regarding formatting your resume,

setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Throughout March, Eugenia Dillard, eligibility specialist, will be available each Tuesday and Friday to answer your Healthcare Marketplace questions.

Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays — Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer and one-on-one classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

Beginning March 1, the Beginners Drop-in Computer Lab will meet from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday. During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world.

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

CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **March 11th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 4, 2014	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Tuesday & Wednesday

Monday	March 10, 2014	9:00am -4:30pm
Tuesday	March 11, 2014	1:00pm- 8:30pm
Wednesday	March 12, 2014	1:00pm- 8:30pm
Thursday	March 13, 2014	9:00am -4:30pm
Friday	March 14, 2014	9:00am -4:30pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Monday, March 10, 2014.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 1.6% for 2014.

The 2014 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 5, 2014 and March 6, 2014 in the assessment office from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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State fair attendance increased 50 percent to 80,000 in 2013

The expanded 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi launched several important new initiatives, added additional space to existing attractions, and welcomed 80,000 patrons over the course of Labor Day Weekend, a 50-percent increase from the fair event held in 2012.

"We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support for the new Michigan State Fair as a private sector event," said Blair Bowman, proprietor of the Suburban Collection Showplace and the Michigan State Fair, A Private Entity, LLC.

"The state fair was truly one of the most community-focused, positive events we have ever hosted at the Showplace," Bowman said. "We look very forward to 2014, as we are already formulating ideas and plans for how we can grow the fair and enhance the experience for all who attend."

More than \$250,000 was returned to a wide variety of community and charitable programs as a result of the 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, including the Detroit Shriners charities, Rotary and Lions clubs, local police and fire benevolent societies and the city of Novi Parks and Recreation and Public Library programs.

A new Urban and Rural Agricultural Youth Scholarship Program debuted over the summer, with support from the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Detroit Shriners organization, aimed at nurturing interest in growing fresh local food in communities across the state. It was accompanied by the return of the venerable Gold Ribbon Scholarship program, which rewards young exhibitors who excel at county and regional fairs across the state.

Urban Farming Initiatives across the state are serving as an important boost in helping cities reclaim blighted areas and begin to thrive. Beyond growing fresh food for neighborhoods, they also assist with connecting the youngsters involved to greater appreciation and understanding of seasonal cycles, food sources and the earth.

This new Agriculture Youth Scholarship Program has given students an opportunity to be recognized for their work and also highlights the positive impact these initiatives have upon themselves and the communities in which they serve.

In October 2013, all of the young people who were awarded State Fair Scholarship programs were invited by state Sen. Mike Kowall and state Rep. Hugh Crawford to visit the capitol in Lansing. Their accomplishments were recognized on the Senate floor and later they enjoyed a special tour of the state Legislature.

Looking forward to Labor Day Weekend 2014, plans are well under way to again expand the footprint of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair westward along the I-96 freeway; doubling the Shrine Circus performance tent area, presented by Bright House Networks; adding additional rides to the Arnold Amusement Midway; and also offering more outdoor attractions for fair goers.

Inside the Suburban Collection Showplace, the Made-In-Michigan Pavilion, livestock exhibits and Farm Market will also be adding more content to their respective indoor sections of the fair. The 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair will once again be a Pure Michigan partner event. "The 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair was one of the most gratifying sponsorships I have participated in over my career at the bank," said Jack Riley, senior vice president of marketing, Fifth Third Bank. "This was truly a fair steeped in the authentic traditions of the state fair during its heyday, now with the modern conveniences of an air conditioned building, ample safe parking and a fabulous midway."

For 2014, sponsorship opportunities are expanding to also include other attractions and elements of the fair. Corporate partners who may wish to participate in this rapidly evolving community event are invited to visit www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com for additional information.

Admission is free. Laurel Park Place mall is at 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, visit www.SaturdaySuperSale.com.

The Saturday Super Sale, which features Michigan-made items, began in April 2012 to support the entrepreneurial spirit of people with disabilities. Now in its third year, the event has grown to include Michigan-made items and services from any community member. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 8, Saturday Super Sale will be hosted again at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. Up to 100 vendors will display and sell products including hats, jewelry, beauty products, ceramics, T-shirts and much more.

Several local agencies, including Community Network Services, Judson Center Redford, Lutheran Social Services, Preferred Home Care Providers and others, have sponsored vendor tables for their clients to participate. Vendor tables are still available. As shoppers browse and visit with the many vendors, they are able to pick up a free Lucky Ticket that enters them in a drawing to win one of 30 gift certificates from local restaurants, including Asian Too, Bar Louie, California Pizza Kitchen, Max & Erma's and more. One winner will be announced every 15 minutes during the event. Individuals may also register for the gift card drawings online at www.SaturdaySuperSale.com.

New this year is a community food drive. Gleaners Food Bank will be hosting the drive. To encourage food donations, a Lucky Ticket will be given for every two non-perishable items brought to the event.

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Unmarried couples need estate plans

Q: Dear Rick: My significant other and I are in our mid-40s and have decided to live together. We've been with each other for more than 10 years, but we've decided for financial reasons it would make sense to have only one place. We are committed to each other, but have no intention of marrying. We have changed our wills, naming each other as sole beneficiaries. In addition, he has changed his life insurance policy at work, naming me as the beneficiary. We will be moving into his house, where we will split the costs. He wanted to put my name on the deed, but he could not because of the mortgage. However, I am the beneficiary in the will. Is there anything else that we need to do to protect ourselves?



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

each other for 10 years, but what would happen if the relationship did not work out? What happens to you? Do you have any rights in the house or not?

I recommend that you consider a co-habitation agreement, which is similar to a prenuptial. It would discuss what happens if the relationship does not work out. A well drafted co-habitation agreement would prevent a significant legal battle.

I recognize whether it is a prenuptial or co-habitation agreement, these are difficult for people to discuss. However, the reality of the world today is divorces and separations are unfortunately the norm.

Regarding a co-habitation agreement, I recommend that you discuss with an attorney who has experience with these types of agreements. Co-habitation agreements are not something that every attorney does. Each of you also should have your own attorney. In this way, there can be no conflict of interest claims.

Good luck.

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

Super Saturday Sale expands, returns to Laurel Park Place

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Franklin marches in during the opening ceremonies of the MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling finals at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek. BRAD EMONS

Livonia Blue gymnastics 3rd in KLAA

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The girls gymnastics season is coming down the home stretch. With the regional looming Saturday, March 1, at Plymouth, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet held Feb. 15 at Walled Lake Central served as a sneak preview.

The top three KLAA finishers – Canton (145.200), Plymouth (141.700) and Livonia Blue (140.85) – will all be at the Plymouth regional.

KLAA members Livonia Red (sixth, 133.925), Northville (eighth, 131.650) and Salem (10th, 127.525) will be joined by Adrian, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Fordson, Grosse Pointe South, Saline and Tecumseh.

The top three teams advancing to the state finals the following weekend at Plymouth.

"I was very pleased with the way my gymnasts performed on Saturday," said Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield, whose team earned a state finals at-large bid last season. "We had a rough start on vault, but turned it around and finished strong."

"I am very proud of how they finished. We had six all-around gymnasts competing and five of them placed in the top 10 for all-around."

Livonia Blue's best showing came on the Division 2 uneven bars as Jess Weak (8.75), Bri Rhoad (8.7) and Emily Chatterjee (8.375) went one-two-three.

Rhoad, a sophomore, captured the all-around title with a 35.475, which also included a fourth on beam (9.25) and a tie for eighth on floor exercise (9.075).

"Bri came out and did what Bri does best," Broomfield said. "She competed her strongest on Saturday that I have seen this season. Coming back from injury, and being so strong and confident, has shown that nothing can stop her."

Blue's Caite McDougall also finished runner-up on beam (9.45) and

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Livonia Blue sophomore Bri Rhoad won the Division 2 all-around at the KLAA gymnastics meet Feb. 15 at Walled Lake Central. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

No. 1 Davison pins Patriots in shutout

Atienza suffers first loss after bumping up

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Chalk up Livonia Franklin's first trip ever to the MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling finals to experience.

The Patriots went against top seed Davison, a program rich in tradition with six state titles under coach Roy Hall, and the outcome was predictable.

Franklin suffered seven pins, two technical falls and a major decision as the Cardinals rolled to a 68-0 quarterfinal victory at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek.

"Experience, talent ... we knew they had good kids at every weight," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of Davison. "Where we have a few kids, they have back-ups that are as good as some of our best kids. We kind of

knew what we were getting into when we got here."

Davison, which improved to 24-4 overall, came into the tournament with 11 individual state qualifiers, including seven regional champions.

"They're technically good," said Chiola, whose team finished 16-8 overall. "They have good coaching. A lot of their kids start at a younger age, whereas a good percentage of our lineup starts wrestling in the ninth grade. It's hard to compete at this level when you have that. It takes a couple of years to get used to this sport."

Chiola, who is sending six to next week's individual finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, juggled his lineup to get the best match-ups.

The top two matches of the afternoon came at 189 and 215, where both

previously undefeated Jordan Atienza – who was bumping up two weights from 160 – and sophomore Joe Fortin both lost by a point.

Atienza suffered his first defeat of the season against top-10 ranked Jordan Cooks. After trailing 7-2, Atienza nearly came back, only to fall 7-6.

"It was a good opportunity to test myself before the state tournament," said Atienza, a state runner-up from a year ago who is now 116-2 in his last two seasons. "Everything is working up to that. An undefeated record doesn't mean anything to me. If I win, good. But if not, I have a lot to learn from."

Cooks seemed to tire at the end of the match, but held on for the win.

"We practiced together, so he's not

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Blast-off: John Glenn bowlers make state finals cut

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

To nobody's surprise, the Westland John Glenn girls bowling team, undefeated in dual matches this season and KLAA Central Division champs, repeated their MHSAA Division 1 regional title Friday at Super Bowl in Canton.

The No. 3-ranked Rocket girls scored a total of 3,667 and will be joined by Novi (3,386)

and Howell (3,324) at next weekend's MHSAA team finals at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

But the big surprise of the day was the John Glenn boys, who got a key strike from junior Nick Bell in the 10th frame of the last game to earn the third and final qualifying spot with a 3,924 total.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3,993) and Howell (3,950) garnered the first two regional slots, but Glenn was able to

knock out No. 4-ranked and rival Wayne Memorial (3,907), along with the state's top-ranked team and KLAA Central champion Salem (3,891), which placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Canton took sixth with 3,776.

"Our division was stacked and we were the fourth-best team," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "We knew going into this regional that there were six teams that had a real shot of qualifying. We were in a battle

with last year's state champs Salem, Wayne and Canton all day knowing that only one was possibly going to move on. Conditions were tough with the middle road oil pattern."

Bell led Glenn with a 603 series with games of 189-182-232.

Other contributions for the Rockets came from senior Billy Wicker (215-146-204-565), senior Mike Russom (162-190-193-545), freshman Jared Stevens (185-188-170-545) and senior

Steve Brusseau (135-164-192-531). Sophomore Dante Fischer also chipped in.

"We were consistent in all of our six Baker games, that was the key for us," Staples said. "We were behind going into the final match game, but all five bowlers stepped up and made their spares."

"This was very gratifying after going through perhaps the toughest division in the state."

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Storm warning



The 13-and-under Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball team, coached by Scott DeBoer (laying down), captured the 13-14 age-group title Sunday at the Oakland Yard Knock It Out of the Park Tournament held in Waterford with a 4-3 win over the Holland Lakeshore Storm. Other victories came against the Macomb Township Vipers (7-1), Novi Madness White (9-1) and Lakeshore Storm (8-3), along with a tie against the St. Joseph Extreme (11-11). Team members include (front, from left) Erin Andrews, Livonia; Allison Peck, Chesterfield Township; Paige Hanson, Westland; Molly Padrock, Wixom; Tara Trujillo, Livonia; and Brooke Hanson, Westland; and (back, from left) assistant coach Jeff Hanson, Westland; April Rudolph, Livonia; Claire Hammons, Wayne; Catherine Olschanski, Livonia; Jennifer Ostrowski, Northville; Paige Ameal, Marysville; Alexis Churchill, St. Clair; and assistant coach Tim Olschanski, Livonia. Also on the team is Caitline Brickey (Canton). KIM TRUJILLO

Softball queens



The 16-and-under Turnin2 captured the fifth annual Oakland Knock-It Out of the Yard high school indoor softball tourney in Waterford with an 8-7 walk-off win Monday over the Michigan Batbusters. Turnin2 also defeated the Michigan Rage (11-0), Lakeshore Storm Orange (12-1), Bandits Fastpitch (16-0) and Troy Raptors (16-2) en route to the title. Team members include (front, from left) Brooke Garbarino, Livonia Franklin; Peyton Philbeck, Canton; Amy Jarrett, Howell; Lauren Ogurek; and Bloomfield Hills Marian; and (back, from left) Madison French, Waterford Kettering; head coach Ron Pezzoni; Ary Dadabbo, Marian; Becky Giacobbi, Franklin; Isabella Rocha, Riverview; Rozlyn Price, Livonia Ladywood; Sydney Jascoe, Marian; Kellie Abeska, Farmington Hills Mercy and assistant coach Mark Dadabbo. Also on the team are Veronica Pezzoni (Howell) and assistant coach Brett Jarrett. PAUL GIACOBBI

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball signup

The Wayne Baseball Association is staging a one-day registration 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Mark Chevrolet, 33200 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

Registration fees are: \$25, Parent Helper (ages 3-4) and Shetland (5-6); \$30 Pinto (7-8); \$55, Mustang (8-10) and Bronco (11-12); to be determined, Pony (13-14), Colt (15-16) and Palomino (17-18).

For more information, call Trish Hampton of Mark Chevrolet at 734-722-9100 or email trish@markchevrolet.com.

CHS Hall of Fame

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

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

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro), football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986) and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman. Tickets are \$35 each if purchased by March 1 or \$40 after March 1. For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmsenergy.com.

Girls fast pitch

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Girls softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers fundamentals girls softball camp (grades 3-10) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, at the high school fieldhouse, 8900 Newburgh.

All participants must be pre-registered. The cost is \$35. Each girl should come bring a glove,

gym shoes and bat.

For more information, call Churchill girls softball coach Steve Gentilia at 734-776-1716 or email Churchillsoftball@gmail.com.

Livonia pom plinic

The Livonia Middle School pom team will stage a clinic for girls in grades 5-8 who are Livonia Public Schools district residents from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 22 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Included in \$25 cost is a T-shirt. Participants will learn basics and a pom routine taught by currently Livonia Pom team members.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, email Andrea at Livonia-pom@gmail.com.

Coach-Pitch, T-Ball

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

Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Registration forms have been sent to schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The season runs from May through July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch scrimmages Thursday evenings.

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

Nonresident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office.

Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30 or until teams are filled.

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Salem icers take down beat-up Chargers, 6-1

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of the season, goals have been tough to come by for the Salem Rocks.

So coach Ryan Ossenmacher worked with his team on the "smaller things," like going to the front of the net, for starters.

On Wednesday night, all of that extra work paid off big-time in a 6-1 shellacking of shorthanded Livonia Churchill at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Senior forwards Jason Newel (one goal, three assists) and Jake Sealy (two goals, one assist) keyed the offensive assault launched against two Churchill goaltenders.

"The last couple weeks we really tried to focus on some of the smaller things that help you score goals," Ossenmacher said. "The simple plays, they're simple-not-easy is what we've been saying. Going to the net with your stick down, battling in front, putting pucks on net, bad-angle shots."

Shots came from everywhere against Chargers starting goalie David Turel and Chris Adams (who took over in the third with Salem up 5-1).

Both Churchill goalies played as well as they could considering that, according to Salem's scoresheet, the Rocks (10-13-1) held an enormous edge in shots on goal.

"You know what, they had seven shots, we had 65," Ossenmacher said. "That's probably the most complete game we've played. We played well."

Churchill coach Jason Reynolds tipped his cap to the Rocks, but also stressed that three of his top forwards were out of action.

Drew Puishes is sidelined by a concussion, and he leads the Chargers (7-15-2) with more than 30 points.

Also not in the lineup Wednesday were C.J. Cromie



Churchill's Nike Misiak (18) wins the face-off against Salem's Steven Homrich in Wednesday's game at the Cultural Center. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

and Dylan Smith. "We had to put some lines together on short notice and tried to get everybody up to speed with each other," Reynolds said. "We did a nice job of battling in the first half of the game. Our whole focus was just to try to contain them, they have a pretty potent offense."

"We did a nice job, but in the second half Salem broke it open."

Sealy, who now has 12 goals, got Salem off and running in the opening stanza with assists to Cam Clark and Jason Newel.

Salem then poured it on in the second, with goals in succession by Jason Newel, Noah Saad, Sealy and sophomore winger Evan Newel (Jason's younger brother and linemate who posted one goal and an

assist). The trio of the Newel brothers and Sealy accounted for four goals and five assists, the kind of production Ossenmacher hopes continues 7:30 p.m. Monday in a Division 1 pre-regional contest against Canton (also at PCC).

In the third, Trevor Mac scored on the power play for Salem. Setting up the marker were Jack Driscoll and Clark (three assists).

Churchill's only goal came in the first, when Parker Hodges set up Nolan Cioch.

That was the only puck to get past Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey.

Churchill opens Division 2 pre-regional play 7:15 p.m. Tuesday against Livonia Franklin at Edgar Arena.

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Spartans freeze Dakota in regular season finale

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson got plenty of production from its Production Line once again Wednesday night in a 5-2 boys hockey victory over host Macomb Dakota at Mount Clemens Ice Arena.

The defending state champion Spartans, ranked No. 3 in Division 2, improved to 20-5 overall with the victory as senior Tyler Irvine led the way with a hat trick.

Irvine's fellow senior linemates Devin Kelly and Dominic Lutz each added a goal and two assists.

"It was a good, solid road win for us against a top program in Macomb Dakota," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We knew it would be a good hockey game and it was. It was a solid way to end the regular season."

Stevenson led 2-1 after one period on Irvine's goal (at 8:00) from Kelly and Jon McDonald followed by Kelly's goal (at 14:18) from Lutz.

Austin Azzopardi countered for the Cougars (14-9-2) with the first of his two goals at 13:57 of the opening period.

Stevenson then scored the first two goals of the second period to take a 4-1 lead with Lutz finding the back of the net at 3:20 from Zack Marabeas and Kelly followed by

Irvine's second at 6:29 from Ray Chartier, Jr. and Michael Sinclair.

Azzopardi's goals from Jake Vandeveld at 8:51 made it a two-goal deficit, but Irvine completed his hat trick at 10:18 of the second from Cole Christie and Lutz.

Lutz now has 40 goals and 37 assists on the year, while also has 77 points with 25 goals and 52 assists. Kelly has contributed 14 goals and 39 assists.

Stevenson junior goalie Andrew Rozenbaum made 21 saves on the night.

"We got production from our scorers and solid defensive contributions from others," Mitchell said. "Overall, a good team win."

NORTH-HARRISON 5, CHURCHILL 2: Stephen Coulter notched a hat trick and added one assist Thursday as host Farmington United (6-16-1) outskated Livonia Churchill (7-16-2) in a non-conference game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Austin Bottrell added a goal and assist, while Danny Arnold's goal with 2:09 remaining in the third period iced the victory for the Flyers.

Both Churchill goals came from C.J. Cromie, the first unassisted in the opening period and the second from Nick Misiak in the second as the Chargers trailed 4-2.

Churchill netminder David Turel made 23 saves, while the Flyers' A.J. Miller finished with 22 stops. **GABRIEL RICHARD 4, FRANKLIN 0:** Hayden Staub and Will Kawsky each tallied a pair of goals Wednesday as Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (14-9-1) downed Livonia Franklin (6-17) in a non-league game at Edgar Arena.

Kawsky and Staub each had a power play goal as the Fighting Irish scored twice in the first and third periods.

Dustin Dahm and Jared Ring each chipped in with two assists.

Ryan Baron, who made 42 saves, earned the shutout in goal for Gabriel Richard, while Matt Monendo made 19 saves for the Patriots.

"Their goalie (Baron) was the difference," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said.

Huron Valley garners MIAC Red title share

The regular season ended just right for the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls basketball team.

Coach Kris Ruth's Hawks earned a piece of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title Friday night at home with a convincing 41-21 victory over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Senior guard Sarah Setian tallied 10 points, while senior forward Emma Bogenschutz chipped in with eight for the Hawks, who improved to 14-4 overall and 12-2 in the MIAC Red.

Huron Valley jumped out to a 25-5 halftime lead and never looked back to tie for the crown with Taylor Baptist Park.

Courtney Bryant tallied 10 for Calvary Christian, which slipped to 2-9 in the MIAC Red.

On Thursday, host Huron Valley got 11 points from junior forward Julie St. John in a 54-28 non-conference victory over Saline Washtenaw Christian (4-8).

Senior guard Dayna Schroeder chipped in with 10 for the Hawks, who led 36-6 at halftime.

Becca Thomas paced Washtenaw Christian with nine points.

JOHN GLENN 31, HARTLAND 28: Kaira Barnes and Kimah Stripling each tallied 10 points as Westland John Glenn (10-10) rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the host Eagles (13-7) in a KLAAs consolation round matchup.

Victoria McCloud added six points, while R'Mani Garrard grabbed a team-high 15 rebounds as the Rockets turned up the pressure and outscored Hartland 15-9 in the final period.

"Hartland came out with a box-and-one on Kaira and then double-teamed R'Mani," Glenn coach Derrick Jordan said. "They dared us to shoot. We did not make the adjustment until halftime and then it started to open up some scoring opportunities."

"I'm so proud of the composure our girls displayed. They had the will not to lose."

Levy Tabe and Emma O'Hara tallied seven and six, respectively, for Milford. Glenn was 6-of-14 from the foul line, while Hartland was 5-of-13.

STEVENSON 41, MILFORD 38: Senior guard Rachel Wilkinson tallied 14 points Friday as Livonia Stevenson (12-8) held on for a KLAAs consolation bracket victory over the host Mavericks (7-13).

Seniors Charlesann Roy and Kyra Johnson each tallied eight for the Spartans, who jumped out to

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a 22-10 first quarter lead.

Aubrey Long led Milford with 10 points. Stevenson made 9-of-14 free throws, while Milford connected on only 11-of-21.

W.L. CENTRAL 35, CHURCHILL 31: In a KLAAs consolation game Friday, host Walled Lake Central (7-13) downed Livonia Churchill (5-15) as Joanna Finn led the way with 15 points.

Alli Ambrose added eight for the Vikings, who made only 7-of-22 free throws.

Juniors Natalie Spala and Hannah Pummill each scored 10 for the Chargers, who trailed 14-12 at halftime and 22-19 after three quarters.

Churchill was 7-of-13 from the foul line. **W.L. NORTHERN 48, FRANKLIN 38:** On Friday, Keara Boyle scored 14 points and Ashlyn Davis chipped in with 13 to propel host Walled Lake Northern (6-14) to a KLAAs consolation bracket victory over visiting Livonia Franklin (2-18).

The Knight, who trailed 10-8 after one quarter, took control with a 17-10 second-quarter run. Juniors Sarah Cramton and Tyonna Tate scored nine and six, respectively, for the Patriots, who made 8-of-17 free throws.

Northern connected on 18-of-31 from the line. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 52, MACOMB 33:** Senior center Leah Refouens found in 21 points and grabbed six rebounds Friday to spark Lutheran High Westland (8-9, 7-5) to a MIAC Red Division triumph over Warren Macomb Christian (2-12 MIAC Red).

Claire Gordon also pulled down 12 rebounds, while Julia Yancy contributed seven points for the Warriors, who led 12-2 after one quarter and 27-10 at halftime.

Lutheran Westland made 23-of-56 shots from the floor (41 percent). Shaina Rawls led Macomb and all scorers with 23 points.

MARIAN 60, STEVENSON 24: After losing Sunday's Catholic League A-B Division final to Farmington Hills Mercy on a last-second shot, state-ranked Birmingham Marian (18-2) was bound to take its frustrations on somebody else Wednesday night and the unfortunate victim was host Livonia Stevenson (11-8).

The No. 3-ranked Mustangs dominated from start-to-finish en route to a convincing non-conference victory.

Marian had to be still stinging from its 55-54 loss at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall after the Marlies' Taylor Jones swiped the inbound pass with 4.2 seconds and scored the game-winning layup at the buzzer.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 23-8 first-quarter lead and never looked back in dropping the Spartans.

"We played a zone (defense) and tried to slow the pace down, but they (Marian) had to hit a very high percentage," Stevenson coach Jen Knopsh said. "They really knocked down shots."

Bailey Thomas paced Marian with 13 points, while Brittany Gray and Kara Holinski chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

Rachel Wilkinson and Rosie Morse tallied six and five, respectively, for Stevenson.

OUR LADY 37, LADYWOOD 28: Anna Robb scored 13 points, including three triples, to propel Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (7-12) to a Catholic League crossover win Wednesday at Livonia Ladywood (2-17).

The Lakers, last year's Class D state runner-up and state champion the previous three years (2012, 2011 and 2010), jumped out to a 12-2 first-quarter lead.

Ladywood cut the deficit to 24-19 entering the fourth quarter, but couldn't get any closer.

Erika Selakowski scored 11 points for the Blazers, who shot only 12-of-48 from the floor (25 percent). Amber Rietmiller added six points, while Molly McCloy grabbed five rebounds.

Shelby Mann added nine for Waterford Our Lady.

Chargers pull out 59-52 OT victory vs. Brighton

Livonia Churchill watched a 10-point third quarter lead evaporate during the final eight minutes, but the Chargers regrouped in overtime for a 59-52 boys basketball victory Thursday at Brighton.

Senior guard Donte Jackson and sophomore guard Joan Andoni each tallied 15 points for the Chargers, who improved to 10-9 overall with the Kensington Lakes Activities Association consolation round victory.

Churchill also got 10 points from junior guard Jalen Davis, along with six points and 10 rebounds from sophomore forward Jon Hovermale.

Brighton (8-11) outscored the Chargers 16-6 in the final quarter capped by a 12-foot put-back with only two second left to knot the count at 50-all at the end of regulation.

Churchill, which made 9-of-15 free throws on the night, hit 5-of-6 in the four-minute OT while outscoring the Bulldogs, 9-2.

Senior forward Andrew Chevalier paced Brighton with 13 points, while junior guard Sloan Armstrong contributed nine.

PLYMOUTH 65, STEVENSON 49: Randall Atkins scored 18 points and Brent Davis added 13 as the Wildcats (10-9) earned the KLAAs consolation round victory Thursday over host Livonia Stevenson (5-14).

Junior guard Noah Campbell led the Spartans, who trailed 36-18 at halftime, with a game-high 24 points. He nailed three triples in the final quarter. Plymouth was 10-of-14 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 6-of-7.

MILFORD 49, FRANKLIN 39: Pierce Millington scored a game-high 15 points Thursday as the Mavericks (6-13) downed host Livonia Franklin (4-15) in a KLAAs consolation bracket encounter.

Kyle Valden and Connor Young contributed 11 and nine, respectively, for Milford.

The Patriots, who trailed 22-20 at halftime before being outscored 11-3 in the third quarter, got a team-high 12 points from senior guard Adam Monroe.

Senior forward Nick Guest added eight for the Pats, who shot only 27 percent from the floor (11-of-40) and 62 percent from the foul stripe (62

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PINCKNEY 53, WAYNE 47: On Thursday, Jordan Welser tallied 17 points and Sam Black added 12 as the host Pirates (10-9) turned back Wayne Memorial (4-14) in a KLAAs consolation round game.

Aaron Journey scored a team-best 17 for the Zebras, who trailed 27-24 at halftime and 36-30 after three quarters.

Brian Williams and Carlos Pernell added eight points apiece.

GARDEN CITY 63, CLARENCEVILLE 52: Kevin Brown-Bayko scored a game-high 21 points Friday to lift the Cougars (12-5, 7-4) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division triumph at Livonia Clarenceville (7-12, 4-8).

Travis Kidd and Julius Sanders chipped in with 16 and 12 for Garden City, which made 17-of-33 free throws.

Kimani Dooley scored a team-high 20 points for the Trojans, who fell behind 20-10 after one quarter. Jermell Johnson and James Hill contributed 11 and nine, respectively.

"We talk about it every game about starting better," said Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson, whose team made 16-of-30 free throws. "We just don't practice hard enough and it always seems to take us a quarter to get going."

HURON VALLEY 57, CALVARY 51: Double-doubles by Ryan Schaffer and Milan Monk carried Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-10, 5-6) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Friday at home over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Schaffer finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Monk added 11 points and 12 boards.

The Hawks struggled from the foul line going 10-of-24. James Bergler and Johnny Bryant paced Calvary, which trailed 23-21 at halftime and 43-35 after three quarters, with 22 and 21, respectively.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 63, MACOMB 20: Brandon Ruelle and Nick Flaney paced a balanced scoring attack with 10 points apiece Friday leading host Lutheran High Westland (11-6, 8-5) to a MIAC Red Division win over Warren Macomb Christian (0-16, 0-13).

Brent Croft added nine points, while Jake Davenport and P.J. Guse each added eight for the victorious Warriors, who led 31-11 at halftime.

Daniel Roberts also grabbed a team-best eight rebounds, while Flaney and Guse each dished out four assists.

"We were able to get out to a sizable lead right off the bat," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoelt said. "We were also able to get a lot of minutes for a lot of different guys. The intensity was better tonight on both ends of the floor."

James Keaton had five points for Macomb. **HURON VALLEY 46, WASHTENAW 30:** Senior forward Ryan Schaffer scored 16 points and dished out six assists Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-10) beat Saline Washtenaw Christian Academy (5-10) in a non-conference game.

The Hawks, who led 23-12 at halftime, also got 14 points and seven rebounds from Milan Monk. Josiah Donat and James Pipe paced the Wildcats with 12 and nine points, respectively.

Mott trips Canton girls for title

The Kensington Lakes Activities Association girls basketball champion has been declared.

On Friday night at Waterford Mott, the Canton Chiefs lost 55-43 in the Association title game.

Canton (16-4) came up just short in trying to win the Asso-

ciation crown for the third time in five seasons.

The Chiefs jumped out to a 17-16 advantage after one quarter, but the offense started sputtering after that as the Corsairs (18-2) pulled ahead 26-24 at halftime and 40-31 after three frames.

Crestwood bottles up RU

When you step on the same basketball court these days with Dearborn Heights Crestwood, you'd better be ready to deal with some serious in-your-face defense and an up-tempo offense that would make Usain Bolt comfortable.

On Friday night at home, Redford Union looked like it was ready - at least for awhile.

Junior Jerrime Koger's 3-point bucket from the deep corner with 2:30 left in the first half pulled the Panthers to within 29-24 of the Western Wayne Athletic Confer-

ence Red Division champions, but the Chargers eventually wore down their hosts and won 81-57.

Crestwood, which had a similar record to RU's current mark just two seasons ago, improved to 15-2 overall and 11-0 in the Red.

A couple of hurried Panthers possessions in the final minute of the second quarter helped the Chargers ramp their lead up to 37-26 at the half. Crestwood built a 57-40 edge after three before dropping a 24-point fourth-quarter bomb on the Panthers.

Crusader cagers selected All-Academic

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Madonna University's Bobby Naubert and Rachel Melcher have proven to be as adept in the classroom as they are on the basketball court.

Melcher, a redshirt junior guard from Birmingham Mar-ian, became the first MU women's basketball player in school history to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team as selected by the members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Naubert, a senior guard



Melcher



Naubert

from Livonia Stevenson, was named to the Capital One Academic All-America second team for the second straight year.

Melcher's and Naubert's selections give Madonna its 13th and 14th Academic All-America honorees since 2005.

A Sterling Heights native, Melcher also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors as a sophomore and will repeat both of those honors this season.

A biology major with a 3.96 grade point average, Melcher leads the Crusaders in scoring (15.9 points), rebounds (8.8), assists (3.81) and steals (1.74) per game.

She is currently 27th nationally with 237 total rebounds and ranks 34th in rebounds per game.

Naubert also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic

All-WHAC selections as a junior and will repeat both of those honors this season.

A history and social studies major with a 3.68 G.P.A., Naubert earned WHAC Player of the Year and NAIA All-America second team honors as a junior as the Crusaders earned their first WHAC tournament championship and inaugural bid to the NAIA National Championship.

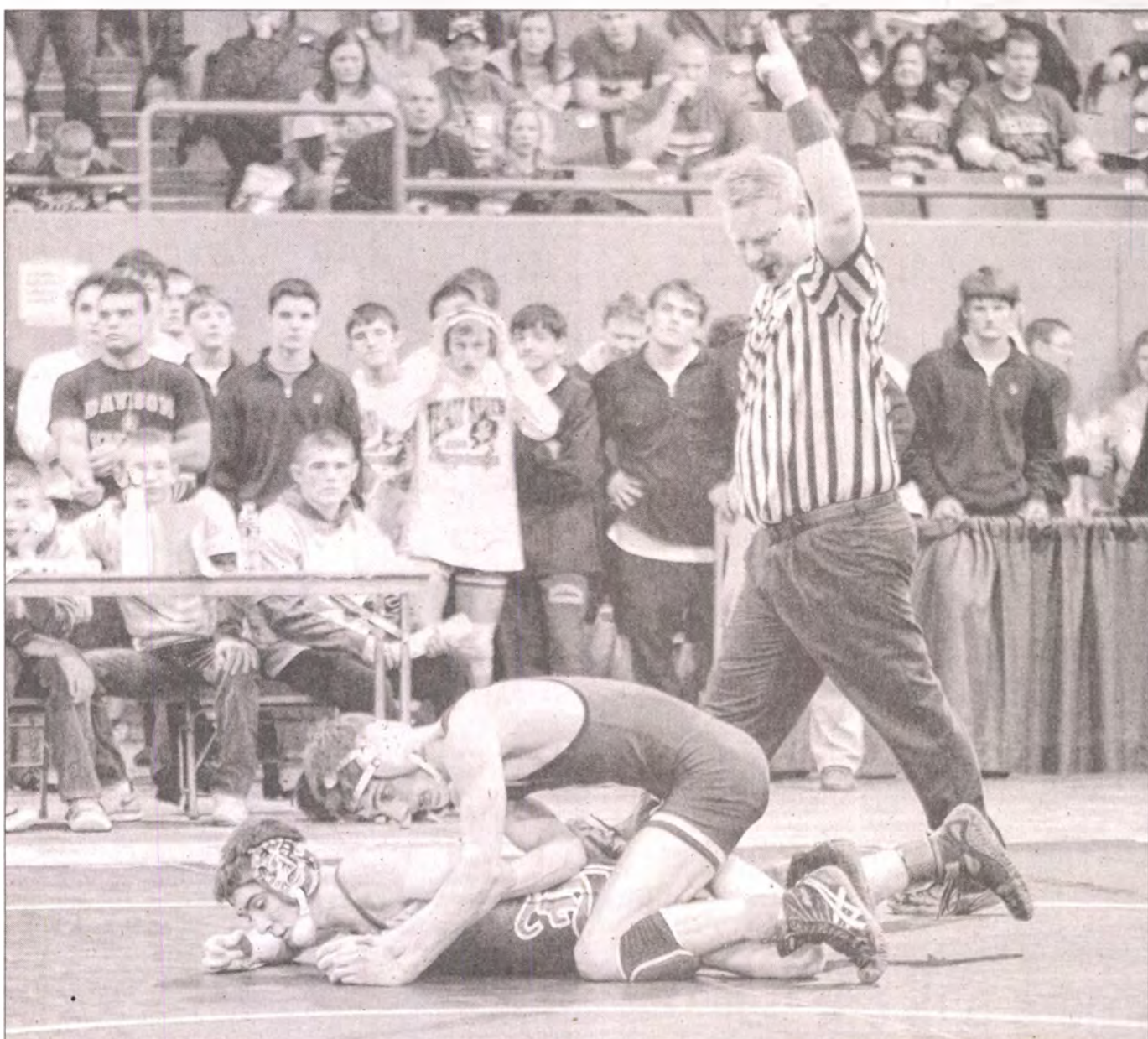
This season, the 5-foot-10 Naubert leads MU in points (18.1) and assists (6.0) per game. He is also second on the team in rebounds (4.1).

On Feb. 12 against the Uni-

versity of Michigan-Dearborn, Naubert became the first player in WHAC history to record 1,800 career points, 700 assists and 500 rebounds.

He currently ranks first in the WHAC and third nationally in total assists (169) and assists per game.

To be eligible for Capital One Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be nominated by the school's sports information director as well as be a starter or key reserve, a sophomore academically and athletically, as well as possess a 3.3 GPA or higher.



Franklin's Adam Ross (bottom) lost 16-7 to Davison's Derek Humphrey at 130 pounds. SCOTT KEYES | SPORTS SCENE

No. 7 Skippers post 95-50 win vs. Lady Ocelots

It was a night to forget for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

On Wednesday, the host Lady Ocelots took on nationally-ranked St. Clair County Community and got thumped, 95-50.

The first-place Skippers, rated No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, improved to 22-2 overall and 15-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference.

Sheyna Deans scored a game-high 25 points, while Ta'kira Height (13), Rachel Kehoe (12) and Andranay Beverly (10) also scored in double figures for St. Clair.

Schoolcraft, which slipped to 10-15 overall and 6-9 in the conference, fell behind 48-14 at halftime. The Lady Ocelots shot only 26.2 percent from the floor (17-of-65) and committed 35 turnovers.

Salem grads Brianna Berberet (10 points) and Tabitha Mann (11 rebounds) were the top two standouts for Schoolcraft.

Crusaders crushed

Jackie Hood tallied 23 points to lead six players in double figures Wednesday as host Lawrence Tech (12-16, 10-11) cruised to a 116-87 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Madonna University (12-16, 10-11) at Ridler Field House in Southfield.

Brenda Davis contributed 22 points and dished out 10 assists for the Blue Devils, who enjoyed a commanding 53-34 halftime advantage.

Also netting double figures for Tech were Maegan Branham (19), Allison Bicknell (18), Makenzie Svihira (14) and Allison Kitchen (11).

Tech's Hali Butler also grabbed a game-best 15 rebounds.

Junior guard Rachel Melcher paced the Crusaders with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while Lizzy Otten and Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored 20 and 14, respectively.

MU shot 42.3 percent from the floor (33-of-73), including 0-of-31 from beyond the arc.

Naubert sits down, but Madonna wins

With injured All-American Bobby Naubert out of the lineup Wednesday night, freshman point guard Khalil Malone proved to be a capable stand-in.

The 5-foot-9 Malone scored a team-high 19 points as the Madonna University men's basketball team scored a 76-67 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over host Lawrence Tech at Ridler Field House in Southfield.

Malone, who hails from Waterford Mott, also dished out three assists as the Crusaders shot 54 percent from the floor (27-of-50) to improve to 19-10 overall and 15-6 in the WHAC.

Also scoring for Madonna in double figures were Salem's Tyler Stewart (11), Derek Lennen (10) and Travis Schuba (10).

Jon Harden paced the Blue Devils (5-24, 3-18) and all scorers with 26 points, while Jake Mullin and Brad Watterworth chipped in 14 and 10, respectively.

Schoolcraft loses

Eleven different players scored Wednesday as visiting St. Clair County Community College (15-11, 8-7) earned a 75-66 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over turnover-plagued Schoolcraft College (13-12, 6-9).

Matthew VanDyk led the Skippers' balanced attack with 16 points and 12 rebounds, while Matthew Russell contributed 14 points. Joemar Black also grabbed 10 rebounds to go with eight points.

Schoolcraft, which trailed only 35-34 at halftime, was led by Canton's Terrell Sewell, who had 20 points and nine rebounds.

Redford Thurston's Terrence Coles finished with 16 points and 10 boards, while Andrew Mapley grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Nathan Kamal also scored 12 points.

Schoolcraft shot only 12-of-26 from foul line and committed 37 turnovers.

PATRIOTS

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totally unfamiliar to me," Cook said. "Great win for me. He (Atienza) worked really hard and I was anticipating that. Everyone wanted to see us wrestle. In the off-season, we worked on a whole bunch of different things, take-downs."

If Atienza had to do it all over again, he might have changed his strategy slightly.

"I think I was a little too aggressive," he said. "That was the game plan coming out. Force the pace, but sometimes I overextended myself. Take it down a notch a bit on the intensity. Otherwise, I thought it was a good match."

Keeping Atienza's perfect season intact wasn't a consideration.

"There was never any doubt," Chiola said. "Anytime there's anyone near his weight, he wants to wrestle. He did this year wrestling Hillman, who is No. 1-ranked at 189, giving

up over 20 pounds. As soon as we knew we had Davison, he said, 'I want Cooks.' If it was CC (Detroit Catholic Central), it was (Drew) Garcia. He wants to challenge himself and that's why he's a winner before the match is even started."

At 152, Franklin's Nick Frazier lost to Brenden McRill, 7-3, while at 171, the Patriots' Dan Huber fell to Mark Lange, 10-6. Fortin, meanwhile, was edged by Jake Ellis, 4-3.

Chiola's post-match message was simple and direct.

"The guys going next week know what to expect," he said of the six state qualifiers. "I told them, 'You have to wrestle better than that, you have to be more aggressive.' The rest of you guys are going to lay in bed tonight thinking about what you should have done or what you could have done. They have all year to think about that. 'You're going to have to do some off-season stuff to get ready.'"

"That being said, I thought how we performed

at the end of the year got us here. There's certain points of the year where we never thought we'd get here. I was proud of them for that."

Meanwhile, Davison will take on Oxford in Saturday's semifinals, while Novi Detroit CC, a 57-9 quarterfinal winner over Plymouth, will meet Hartland.

"We got some momentum," Hall said. "We went for every take-down ... maybe next week they (Franklin) could win seven matches. They went and challenged Cooks. That was really impressive. I appreciate their coaches doing that."

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MHSAA WRESTLING DIVISION 1 TEAM QUARTERFINAL RESULTS
Feb. 21 at Kellogg Center
DAVISON 68
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Feb. 21 at Battle Creek
285 pounds: Dakota Powers (D) pinned Jeremy Castillo, 0-21; 103: Jacob Alvarez (D) p. Rocco Ciaramitaro, 1-31; 112: Max Johnson (D) won by technical fall over Jeremy Nelson, 16-0 (3:05); 119: Devon Perez (D) p. Jared Bowers, 0-40; 125: Lincoln Olson (D) p. Nathan Atienza, 3-22; 130: Derek Humphrey (D) won by major decision over Adam Ross, 16-7; 135: Mathew

Miller (D) p. Collin Smith, 0-55; 140: Justin Oliver (D) p. Dornny Terry, 0-55; 145: Dominic Russ (D) p. Austin Steele, 0-43; 152: Brenden McRill (D) d. Nick Frazier, 7-3; 160: Thomas Garty (D) tech. fall Mitchell Retting, 16-1 (2:44); 171: Mark Lange (D) dec. Dan Huber, 10-6; 189: Jordan Cooks (D) dec. Jordan Atienza, 7-6; 215: Jake Ellis (D) dec. Joe Fortin, 4-3
Davison: 24-4 overall; Franklin: 16-8 overall

MHSAA WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS 1ST-ROUND PAIRINGS
DIVISION 1
Feb. 27 at Palace Auburn Hills
103 pounds: John Siemasz (Westland John Glenn), 51-3, vs. Andrew Jaracz (Utica Eisenhower), 28-9
112: Jeremy Nelson (Livonia Franklin), 33-23, vs. Benny Gomez (Holt), 47-1
119: Nick Robertson (Franklin), 40-14, vs. Zach Prater (Macomb Dakota), 39-1; Josh Perez (Livonia Churchill), 35-9, vs. Daniel Shear (Walled Lake Central), 40-2
125: Kevin Huynh (John Glenn), 48-4, vs. Connor Boike (Flushing), 48-6; Nathan Atienza (Franklin), 50-5, vs. Kyle Noonan (Rochester Stoney Creek), 45-2
152: Nick Frazier (Franklin), 42-7, vs. Tyler Grimsley (Fair Haven Anchor Bay), 46-5; Kenneth Steele (Franklin), 32-19, vs. Nick Bennett (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), 36-0
160: Jordan Atienza (Franklin), 58-0, vs. Davon Jackson (Bay City Central), 39-5; Connor Vaughan (Livonia Stevenson) vs. Beau Mourer (Brighton), 43-8
215: Jordan Brandon (Westland John Glenn), 50-2, vs. Jake Ellis (Davison), 25-16
285: Aaron Mauldin (Wayne Memorial), 43-6, vs. Joshua Charneski (Hartland), 46-8
DIVISION 3
215: David Curvin (Livonia Clarenceville) vs. Danny Drummond (Grand Rapids Catholic Central), 28-9
DIVISION 4
135: Caleb Richter (Lutheran Westland), 42-4, vs. Arturo Perez (Hale), 23-24
145: Zach Francis (Lutheran Westland), 17-3, vs. Mauricio Diaz-Reyes (Pigeon Lake), 35-12
171: Jonah Lambert (Lutheran Westland), 31-14, vs. Taylor Krupp (New Lothrop), 50-0

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 145.200 points; 2. Plymouth, 141.700; 3. Livonia Blue, 140.850; 4. Howell, 140.500; 5. Brighton, 139.575; 6. Livonia Red, 133.925; 7. Walled Lake Maroon, 132.275; 8. Northville, 131.650; 9. Huron Valley Millford-Lakeland, 128.675; 10. Salem, 127.525; 11. Waterford, 123.525; 12. Walled Lake Gold, 121.175
DIVISION 1 RESULTS
Vault: 1. Margo Mekjian (Brighton), 9.425; uneven bars: 1. Mekjian (Brighton), 9.2; balance beam: 1. Jocelyn Morav (Canton), 9.55; floor exercise: 1. Melissa Green (Canton), 9.5; all-around: 1. Paige Blythe (Howell), 36.875
DIVISION 2 RESULTS
Vault: 1. Hailey Hodgson (Canton), 9.225; 3. Julia Twigg (Red), 9.025; 5. (tie) Olivia Rytarsyk (Red) and Alexann Zahara (Red), 8.9; 9. Mikaela Hillie (Red), 8.875
Uneven bars: 1. Jess Weak (Blue), 8.75; 2. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 8.7; 3. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.375; 8. (tie) Caitie McDougall (Blue), 8.175
Balance beam: 1. Sammi Pugini (Gold), 9.65; 2. McDougall (Blue), 9.45; 4. Rhoad (Blue), 9.25; 6. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 9.05; 7. Marissa McVey (Red), 9.0; (tie) Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.75
Floor exercise: 1. Hodgson (Canton), 9.3; 3. (tie) Zukowski (Blue), 9.2; 6. McVey (Red), 9.125; 8. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Chatterjee (Blue), 9.075 each; 10. (tie) Weak (Blue), 9.05
All-around: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 35.475; 3. Zukowski (Blue), 34.60; 4. McDougall (Blue), 34.575; 6. (tie) Weak (Blue), 34.75; 10. Zafarana (Blue), 34.025

was Olivia Rytarsyk and Alexann Zahara, tied for fifth (8.9 each), along with Mikaela Hillie, ninth (8.875). Livonia Red's Marissa McVey added top 10 finishes on floor (sixth, 9.125) and beam (seventh, 9.0).

"Overall very pleased with our performance as a team," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "The girls really came together at the end. Marissa McVey and Sydney Greiner still sat out few events, due to back injuries."

"I'm excited for regionals because we will have everyone back. My goal is to keep the team healthy and strong going into regionals."

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GYMNASTICS MEET
Feb. 15 at Walled Lake Central

GYMNASTS

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was fourth in the all-around (34.575), while Alex Zukowski placed third in the all-around (34.60), including a tie for third on floor (9.2) and a tie for 10th on beam (8.75).

"Catie had the the team high score for the season on beam," Broomfield said. "I'm proud of the focus and determination she showed."

"Alex, one of our seniors, displayed great sports-manship and had an outstanding performance for herself. I could not be happier for her."

Weak, meanwhile, tied for sixth in the all-around (34.75), while teammate

Jillian Zafarana placed 10th overall (34.025).

"Jillian, another one of our seniors, held nothing back on any routine and had the best meet I have ever seen her have," Broomfield said. "She looked confident and gave it her all."

"Jess, our freshman, came out strong and did not let the pressure get to her. She looked like she was having fun, which allowed her to come up with great routines and scores. I'm proud of how she competed."

Livonia Red's best event occurred on vault with a 35.700 team total (8.8 individual average) as senior Julia Twigg led the way with a third-place finish (9.025).

Also placing in the top 10

Obese children risk more injury from simple falls

A new study from the University of Michigan Health System found that obese children may sustain more serious elbow injuries from a simple fall than children of normal weight.

Obese children who experience a common above-the-elbow fracture — called a supracondylar humeral fracture — are at greater risk of bone, joint and nerve damage that sets them up for long-term health problems, according to the findings that appear in the February issue of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.
"Something as simple and

common as falling onto an outstretched hand while playing at the playground can have far greater health consequences for children who are diagnosed as obese," said senior author Dr. Michelle S. Caird, M.D., assistant professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the U-M Medical School.

"There are many serious risks to childhood obesity, including fractures and surgi-



Caird

cal complications. It's important that children get the proper amount of exercise in order to strengthen their bones early in life."

Similar studies have shown that overweight children who break their femur — or thigh bone — are more likely to need bigger surgery and have more complications than children who are not overweight.

"Future research needs to focus on modifying obesity in kids to see how that impacts fracture complexity and above-the-elbow fractures," Caird said. "We should also explore ways to improve child-

hood bone health overall whether that means more calcium, vitamin D, exercise or a combination of such measures to help build and maintain a skeleton that can structurally and metabolically support the person through their lifetime."

Caird offers these tips to help children build strong bones:

» Get enough calcium and Vitamin D in kids' diets while maintaining a healthy weight. Vitamin D is found in Vitamin D-fortified milk and a daily Vitamin D supplement as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

» Good sources of calcium include dairy products, such as milk, and leafy green vegetables.

» Daily exercise in the form of weight-bearing sports like walking, hiking, soccer, and basketball helps strengthen bones.

» Focus on healthy safe play and careful team play with attention to cross training to avoid overuse injuries.

» Keep regular visits to the pediatrician or family doctor to maintain kids' good health.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

AARP driving course

The AARP Smart Driving program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists, 50 and older. It runs 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 12-13, in classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Participants will learn how to sharpen their driving skills, and develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. They also will learn about the effects of medications on driving performance, about car safety, maintenance of the vehicle, and ways to prevent accidents. Registration and attendance at both sessions are required. No walk-ins. \$15 fee for AARP members and \$20 fee for nonmembers. Register by calling 734-655-8950.

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 drives

» 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.

» 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment signups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

» 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the code, PROVSFLD or call Abigail Golfin at 248-849-3067. Walk-ins welcome.

Breakfast class

A registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital will show how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, food samples, nutritional advice and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400.

Celiac support

Chef Doug Cordier will prepare two gluten-free soups and will provide basic nutritional instruction at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, March 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30

p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Cooking class

Learn to make healthy slow-cooked stews at a class led by chef Rebecca Wauldron, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$10 and includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's guest services counter or by calling 248-539-4581. Registration required.

Drug series

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

» Mary Jo Desprez, M.A., will provide an overview of the national and local efforts to build recovery support programs on college campuses, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

First responder training

Huron Valley Ambulance is forming a volunteer medical first responder team and will hold eight-week training classes for participants interested in volunteering at community events or assisting with community awareness programs and administrative tasks. An informational meeting is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Emergent Health Partners, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. The free classes run from 6-10:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, beginning May 6. After completing the course,



Participants of Walk with a Doc on the trail at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The first walk of the season is March 20.

participants take a state exam for certification. Call 734-477-6331 for more information.

Hearing loss support

Don Evans of Zounds Hearing Center will talk about the company's product and answer questions at the next meeting of The Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.

Scleroderma Foundation

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter offers support for scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune patients. The Livonia group meets 7-8 p.m. the

first Thursday of the month, February-June and September-November, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Group leader is Sue Harris, sharris27@mi.rr.com; 248-982-5740. A virtual support group meets 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, February-November. Contact Judy Nichols at kenjudynichols@gmail.com; 231-775-8446.








Walk with a Doc

Marshall Solomon, a board-certified podiatric surgeon, will discuss "Better Shoes for Better Feet," noon Thursday, March 20, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Walks are held rain or shine. Register by calling 877-477-Doc1, option #1.

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Church youth group runs bone marrow registration drive

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When Benjamin Shearer, youth pastor at Chinese Gospel Church in Livonia, heard that a former member was battling leukemia, he knew he had to "step up and do something."

Jerry Yang, 5, had moved with his parents, Singyang and Jiaquian, to Texas before Shearer began serving the church last year. Shearer had never met the family, but learned about the youngster's relapse while reading a weekly email about church happenings. Jerry had received a bone marrow transplant while living in Michigan, and needed another after his relapse.

"I have a son and another child on the way," said Shearer, a Plymouth resident. "When I read about him I was taken aback. And as a parent, one can only imagine how challenging and hurtful it is to be put in such a situation."

Jerry has found a donor match and is scheduled for a transplant next month. Meanwhile, Shearer and a parent of the church's youth group put their heads together and decided to register potential donors through a bone marrow drive in Jerry's honor. The donor registration will be held in conjunction with Delete Blood Cancer, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the church, 35301 Five Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia.

Delete Blood Cancer has registered more than four million potential donors and facilitated nearly 40,000 transplants worldwide.

Shearer, who enlisted the help of his church youth group for the drive, hopes to register 200 potential donors.

"It seems like so many Christian churches are afraid to get out into the community.



The Yang family, Singyang and Jiaquian with their son, Jerry, are former members of the Chinese Gospel Church, in Livonia, where a bone marrow donation registration drive is being held Sunday, Feb. 23.

This is one area the church needs to be active," Shearer said. "One of the things I challenged our youth group to do is to feel like they aren't restricted by age, to dream big and reach out."

Youth involvement

Youth club members have spread the word and will be on

hand to help out at the donor drive.

"When Jerry had his first transplantation, families from our church would go sign up to visit him in the hospital," said Karen Xu, a Novi High School student. "I thought that was a really thoughtful thing to do and I really want to do something as great as that.

"This event means a lot to our youth group and church and especially Jerry's family. I'm really happy we are doing this to help people and it's just a great feeling to know that we are doing this much to help save lives."

The registration process takes just a few minutes. Potential donors first answer basic health questions to make sure they are eligible for the program. According to the Delete Blood Cancer website, donors must be between 18 and 55, in good health, and meet height and weight requirements. If eligible, they swab the inside of their cheek and the swab is sent to the Delete Blood Cancer registry.

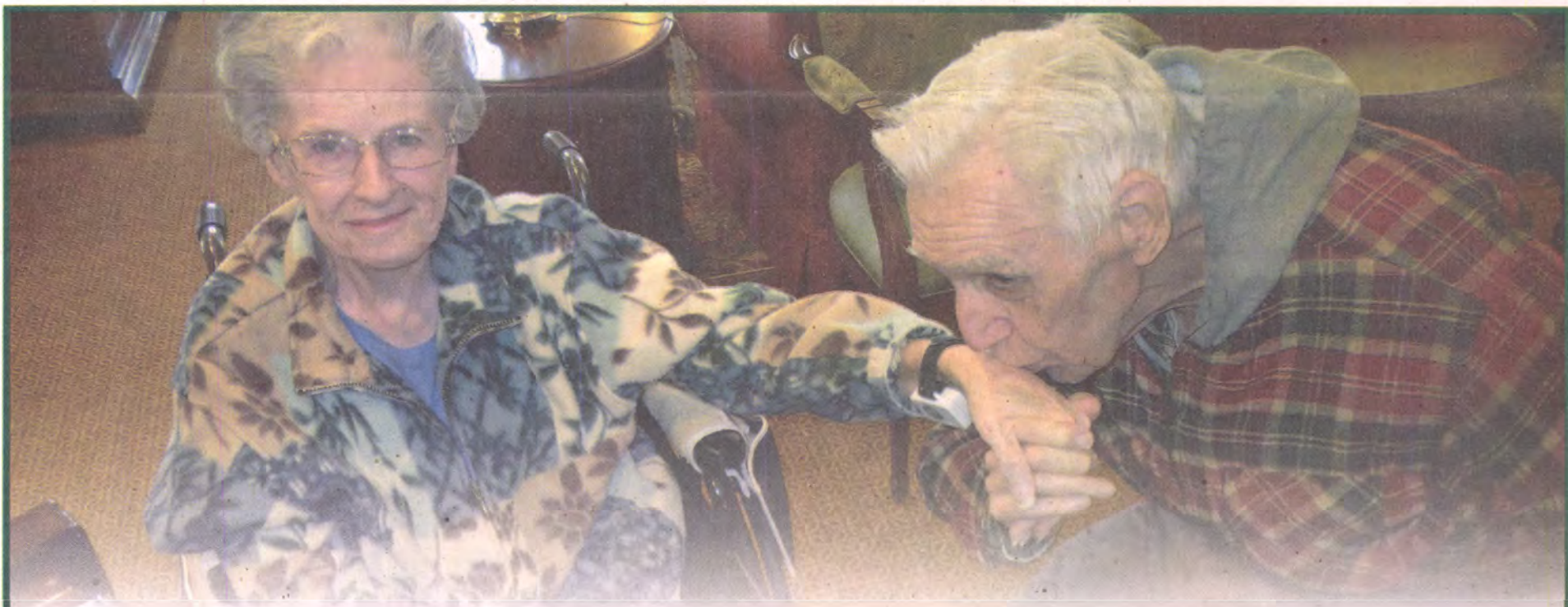
"By going through the registration, you are committing to it — if someone matches, you donate to them. If after the

initial registration you don't feel comfortable, you can remove yourself from the registry," Shearer said.

He said the odds of being a match for a patient are about one in 80,000, although matches can be made around the globe.

"People from many different countries around the world check the same data base and marrow can be sent anywhere," Shearer said. "One of the things I wanted to accomplish here is that although it says Chinese Gospel Church on our sign, we want everyone to come."

For more about Delete Blood Cancer, visit DeleteBloodCancer.org. For more about the church, visit cgc-detroit.org.



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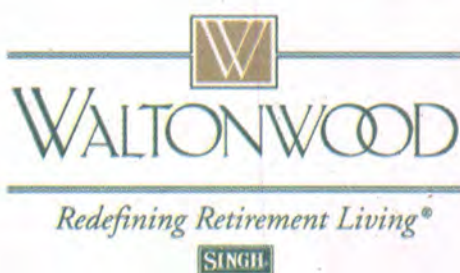
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Kelsey Pettengill, who monitors bluebirds with her mother, Sandy, checks out a nesting box at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Get ready to meet bluebirds this spring

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bird lovers can get a closeup view of bluebirds this spring by adopting a nesting box in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

"We have 38 monitored boxes in the park," said Ashlie Smith, nature center supervisor and naturalist. "They look like typical bird nesting boxes but they have a couple special things — the size of the hole, there's an overhang to shade the box and with our boxes, one side is hinged and can open up so the bluebird monitors can check it once a week."

"A few of us (naturalists) will adopt a box or two, but we rely heavily on volunteer monitors."

Volunteers can train to become bluebird monitors, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. New monitors and returning monitors will learn how to identify bluebirds by appearance and song. They'll also receive a training packet of information for study at home.

Monitors check nesting boxes — the temporary summer homes for visiting bluebirds — on a weekly basis from approximately April through August. They're trained to open the bird houses without disturbing inhabitants. They look for adult birds, eggs, nests and baby birds and then input their findings online at NestWatch.org, a program run by Cornell University's Ornithology Lab. The nationwide monitoring program tracks trends in bird reproduction and helps researchers study how bird populations change as a result of climate change, habitat loss, and the introduction of non-native plants and animals.

The monitoring program tracks many kinds of birds nationwide. Why bluebirds at Heritage Park?

"It's not because we don't care about other birds, it's because this area, especially in the suburbs of Detroit, used to be open farmland and that is prime habitat for bluebirds," Smith explained. "They used to nest along fence posts. Now that has gone away and the area has become more urbanized. By giving them nesting boxes, we're taking away one of their stressors, giving them proper habitat."

Some other birds are welcome, too. Monitors also take note of black hat chickadees, tree swallows, and house wrens that also may use the boxes.



Baby birds await dinner in their nesting box at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.



"They're also considered desirable birds. We do have English sparrows and house sparrows that are not native. They're invasive song birds and when they move into an area where there are boxes it's bad news for the other native birds. They are aggressive and can not only kill hatched birds, but also the parent birds," Smith said. "It's like a soap opera out there — murder, intrigue and revenge. It's something we take an aggressive



A bluebird settles into a comfy nest inside its temporary summer home.

stance on. The monitors learn more about it during training, how to protect the box."

Boxes are identified by GPS coordinates. Some are located close to parking areas and trails; others are placed deep in the park, giving volunteers a chance to go off established paths.

"Bluebird monitors are specially trained to

go off trail and since they are trained to do that they get to visit areas of the park that everyday visitors don't see. They also might stumble on a newly born fawn or a monarch chrysalis."

Register for bluebird monitor training at recreg.fhgov.com. Or call the Costick Center at 248-473-1800.

Pet therapy

Great Dane Rescue Inc. in Plymouth will hold its first meeting of the Grace Hospice Pet Therapy Group, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Zingerman's Deli, 422 Detroit Road, Ann Arbor. The meeting will focus on what it takes to get a dog certified as a therapy dog for visits in homes and hospices. Questions? Contact Sandy Suarez at 734-454-3683; info@greatdanerescueinc.com.

Contest will choose top senior volunteers

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Over age 65 and still volunteering?

You can nominate yourself — or nominate someone else — for Home Instead Senior Care network's Salute to Senior Service program.

Home Instead Inc. is accepting nominations for outstanding senior volunteers through March 1. It will choose a winner from each state by popular vote and a panel of senior care experts will select the national winner from the state honorees. The company will donate \$500 to the state winners' designated and approved nonprofit organizations and \$5,000 to the national winner's designated and approved charity. Their stories of volunteer service also will be posted online.

Nominated seniors must be at least 65 years old and volunteer at least 15 hours monthly.

"You can't volunteer wrong, that's the best part," said Jean Borin, director of community services for the Home Instead office that serves western Wayne County. "Research says that 95 percent of seniors feel happier and healthier than seniors who don't volunteer."

"There are so many different ways you can volunteer. It's amazing the different things that people do and why they do it. It helps them stay more physically and emotionally engaged in life."

Borin said the state winner last year was 97 and a volunteer for the Christian service ministry at her church in Livonia. The woman

makes items for the homeless and "believes it's important to help those who are less fortunate," Borin said.

Nomination forms are available online at SaluteToSeniorService.com. They can be completed online or printed and mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

The Home Instead Inc. website suggests a variety of ways that senior citizens can stay active and engaged through volunteering. A few ideas:

- » Contact a church or hospital guild for knitting or sewing ideas. Seniors can "give back" by making prayer shawls or blankets and booties for newborns.

- » Assist at a homeless shelter or senior center. Invite a friend to dinner or arrange for a fun outing with other seniors.

- » Help with a community garden.

- » Call bingo at a senior center

- » Send a letter or care package to military troops.

- » Become a foster grandparent through SeniorCorps.org.

- » Check with local schools for opportunities to read to children or mentor youth.

"If you're going to have someone volunteer, it needs to be something they are interested in," Borin said. "Church may be the perfect place to volunteer. If they had a loved one go through an experience in the hospital and they felt a connection there, then that is the perfect place to volunteer. They need to feel a connection and it needs to come from the heart."



GARDEN CALENDAR

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

Butterfly garden

Local gardener John Blair will use a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting of the Wayne Garden Club to show how he built his butterfly garden. The meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 734-716-0780 or email darhawley3479@wowway.com.

Multiplying plants

Judy Cornellier, founding member of the Troy Garden Club and a member of the Michigan Herb Society, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Cornellier, who is a staff member at Telly's Greenhouse, in Troy, will demonstrate how to multiply plants. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.livoniagardenclub.org. Or call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167.

Terrariums

Lisa Steinkopf will present "Terrariums: Gardens Under Glass," at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club,

March 3, in the Heritage House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The meeting will start at noon,

followed by the presentation at 1 p.m. Steinkopf will talk about choosing plants and accessories to bring snippets of nature indoors. Questions? Call Pat, 248-943-6026.

Wildflower gardening

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer a native garden design workshop to teach residents in the Rouge River drainage area how to garden with native wildflowers and reduce rainwater runoff. The session runs 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Register by calling 313-792-9621 or at therouge.org.

Frog & toad workshops

Friends of the Rouge will hold three training workshops for its 17th annual Rouge Frog & Toad Survey.

Participants will learn to identify frog and toad calls, a skill needed to conduct a survey this spring.

Surveyors are assigned their own survey area within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on a warm spring

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

TERESA AND CHARLES MISENER

Charles and Teresa (Hynes) Misener of Redford Township marked 50 years of marriage April 20, 2013. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a surprise party given in their honor at the South Lyon home of their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Christopher Mattina.



Charles and Teresa Misener of Redford

Attending the gala were 85 family and friends, many of whom were guests of the happy couple at their wedding exactly 50 years earlier.

Teresa and Charles were married at Epiphany Catholic Church in Detroit in 1963. Charles had been introduced by a co-worker to Teresa in 1962 at Detroit's Bonnie Brook Golf Club, a venue for many Irish dance events. The Miseners have made their home in Redford Township since 1964.

Charles and Teresa are the parents of Sean of Walled Lake; Sue of Tampa, Fla.; and Christina (Joe) Archer of South Lyon, in addition to Jennifer (Christopher) Mattina. The Miseners have three grandsons, Ryan, Danny and Evan Archer, in addition to 32 nieces and nephews.

Charles retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1998 after 31 years at the Wixom assembly plant in the computer department. Born in Pontiac, Charles served in the

U.S. Army's 62nd Tank Battalion 10th Division from 1956-58 in Kitzingen, West Germany. Teresa retired in 2000 after 15 years as office manager for specialists at Providence Hospital. She immigrated to Michigan in 1957 from Kinvara, County Galway, Ireland.

The Miseners attend St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford. They enjoy reading, poetry, traveling, golf, Irish history and family genealogy.

Astronaut to speak at Livonia prayer breakfast on May 1

Save the date! The 40th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Gen. Charles Moss Duke Jr., the 10th man to

walk on the moon, will be the featured speaker. Duke and fellow Apollo 16 astronaut John Young landed on the moon in 1972. Their stay was a record-setting 71 hours and 14 minutes. Debbie Hart, a Livonia

native, will perform a patriotic music program. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. RSVP's are due April 18. For tickets, call Sally Butler at 248-476-9427.

ENGAGEMENT

PROST-WEEKS

Beth Prost and Chris Weeks announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kevin and Debra Prost of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of John Weeks of Livonia and the late Jeanne Weeks.

Beth and Chris both attended Stevenson High School in Livonia. They met while at Michigan State University. Both are employed by Digitas,



Chris Weeks and Beth Prost

an advertising agency in Chicago, Ill.

They plan a July 2014 wedding in Chicago.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Walk-ins or

appointments are welcome

Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.redcrossblood.org
JUDAICA ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26

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

Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers a lecture, "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," on DVD.

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

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 26

Location: Ward Presbyterian Preschool, 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Meet staff and see the facility during this informational meeting for the 2014-15 school year. Programs for children ages 2-5

Contact: 248-374-5911
WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879
MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Service marks beginning of Lent. The church holds a soup supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. every subsequent Wednesday during Lent

Contact: 734-427-3660
ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m.

Contact: 313-0532-8655 or 734-968-3523
AUCTION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road, Westland

Details: "Totally 80s" auction with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and the auction at 8:45 p.m. Cash bar includes Jell-O shots and pudding shots. Tickets are \$30, available only in advance from St. Damian parish office at 734-421-6130; St. Theodore at 734-425-4421; Divine Savior at 734-455-3620; and St. Damian School at 734-427-1680

Contact: www.stdamian auction.2014.weebly.com
CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

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

Details: "The Doughnut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as *In The Beginning* and *The Miracle Song*

Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted free

Contact: the Rev. Joseph Marqui at 734-522-3166
GRIEF SUPPORT

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

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

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

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net
GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This 13-week, nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491
GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6

Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights

Details: Al Kresta, author and host of the radio show, *Kresta in the Afternoon* on AM 990 WDEO, will talk about "The New Evangelization: Build the Church, Bless the Nation."

Contact: 313-274-4500 for more information
LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday from March 5-April 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523
RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 10-13; with banquet at 6 p.m., March 14

Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, Plymouth

Details: Emerson Eggerichs talks about understanding and communicating with the opposite sex in this seminar on dvd; admission free, optional workbook available for \$8

Contact: Register at 989-965-4861
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8

Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford

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

Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordials.org
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9

Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Daycare, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Child care for ages 2 1/2 and up; preschool for ages 3-4; Young Fives class; extended care and summer camp for all ages

Contact: 248-474-2488
SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11

Location: Trip to the center departs St. John Neumann parking lot, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Participants will carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$15 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to pay and register is Monday, March 3, at the church; 734-455-5910

Contact: jgilbo@wow-way.com; sborke@wow-way.com for more information

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FERRANTINO, ESTELA

Age 84 of Plymouth, February 11, 2014. She was preceded in death by the love of her life: Michael. Loving mother of Christine Ferrantino, Toni (Randy) Kowalski, Janette Ferrantino, Nancy Ferrantino, Michael (Kellie) Ferrantino. Proud grandmother of 16: Peter, Michael O., Janelle, Christa, Angela, Sean, Danielle, Elise, Rob, Shannon, Michael A., Marisa, Kyle, Michael J., Nicolas and Olivia. Great grandmother of nine: Peter, Collin, Michael, Jack, Lucas, Connor, Julia, Alexandra and Madeline. Estela volunteered for many years at Oakwood hospital knitting and sewing for the patients. She loved gardening, bird watching, baking and family time. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials to: Huron Woods, 5361 McAuley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48106 or Alzheimer's Assoc., 20300 Civic Center Dr. Ste 100, Southfield MI 48076.



HASBROUCK, KATHY (MISZAK)

Age 58, passed away after suffering a heart attack on Monday, February 17, 2014 in Jennings, Louisiana. "A little lady with a big personality and a big heart," she is survived by daughter Malina (Justin) LaVergne of Jennings; Nicholas (Meagan) Hasbrouck of Chapman, Kansas; and former spouse and lifelong friend Rodney Hasbrouck of Engadine, Michigan. Kathy doted on her grandchildren Hailey, Collins, and Miyah LaVergne and Briana and Raylee Hasbrouck. The cherished daughter of Edward and Geraldine Miszak of Redford, she is survived by siblings Stephen (Betsy) Miszak, Dennis (Renee) Miszak, Denise Cooke, Jenny Litwin, Colleen (William) Barstow, Robert (Linda) Miszak, and Aileen (Chris) Howard as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She was preceded in death by sister Maureen and grandson Justin LaVergne Jr. Visitation Sunday 3-8 p.m. with 7 p.m. Rosary at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (between 6 & 7 Mile) in Redford. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorials to the family are requested in lieu of flowers. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com



RUSSELL, DAVID ERIC

Of Lake Orion, Michigan previously of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham died peacefully in his sleep on February 16, 2014 at the age of 64. Beloved father to Kelli, Jeffrey and Molly; son of Dean Louis Jr (deceased) and Jeanne; brother to Carmel, Dean III (Patti), Michael (Karen), Brian (Margy), Bruce (Wilma). Survived by many other loving family members and friends. David was employed as sales manager at Dry Coolers Inc. in Oxford, MI for the last 18 years. During his tenure he oversaw a fivefold increase in sales with his steady and dedicated efforts. He loved to read and spent many leisure hours with books studying on various topics with a special love of current events, history and geography. An avid fan of all sports he particularly loved the Detroit Tigers and Lions and he rarely missed a game. He had a passion for playing golf and perfected his game with many friends over the years. David fought cancer for as long as he could before he courageously decided to live out the rest of his life on his terms, having fun and at peace. He spent his last summer surrounded by his family and many lifelong friends, boating, fishing and searching for Walter "The One That Got Away". Many trophy fish were caught including monster Pike and Bass! Services have been held. Donations accepted by the children of David Russell



SILVER, JOAN SOUTHARD

Died Tuesday, February 18, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was 87. An artist who created many distinguished pieces in oil, ceramics, sumi ink, photography and mixed media, Joan showed her work all over the world and had been active in the Lawrence Art Guild. She was born in Port Huron, MI, and lived her adult life in Plymouth and Traverse City, MI, and De Soto and Lawrence, Kansas. She is survived by her son, Mark Silver of Chassell, MI (wife Mary Hindelang); daughter, Diane Silver, of Lawrence, KS; grandson, Tony Doria, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and her beloved spaniel, Nina. A longer obituary is available at www.CremationCenterKC.com where condolences may be shared with the family.

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Survey participants must attend one two-hour training session.

» 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, Livonia Civic Center

Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile, Northville

For more information, visit www.therouge.org.

English Gardens

» Learn about fairy and miniature gardens at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

» Kids can make an indoor fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday,

March 1. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up at englishgardens.com.

» Get tips on perennial garden plant selection and care, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Free

» Learn which herbs to grow in your garden during a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

» Make a kitchen herb garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15. The \$19.99 fee includes four plants, a container and instruction. Sign up at englishgardens.com.



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Healthcare hiring trends will be higher...



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By Angela Rose
Contributing Writer

Human rights activist Malcom X once said, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." Now that 2013 has ended, healthcare professionals—from doctors and nurses, to administrators and executives—are taking time to consider the challenges and rewards the New Year will bring. Thanks to the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, one thing is certain: demand for services will be higher than ever—a factor that's likely to have a significant impact on hiring at hospitals, clinics, and private practices nationwide. We'll consider this trend, and a few others, as we share our outlook for healthcare hiring in 2014.

Recruiting and hiring primary care providers will continue to be a priority.

In HEALTHeCAREERS Network's Q3 2013 jobs snapshot, we mentioned that categories including family medicine, emergency medicine, and internal medicine remained the three most in-demand physician specialties for the fourth quarter in a row.

Top nursing positions

included family medicine nurse practitioner, general nurse practitioner, general physician assistant, and general medical/surgical registered nurse.

Primary care doctors are already in short supply—by 25,000 according to the Association of American Medical Colleges—and training new ones takes time.

Analysts expect that healthcare employers will increase their usage of nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) as more patients seek preventative care services in 2014. Some even predict that more states will consider licensing NPs and PAs to practice on their own as the demand for service grows.

Some will rely on temporary workers to manage patient loads.

By some estimates, freelancers, contractors, and consultants will outnumber full-time workers in the U.S. within the next six years. These individuals are be-

coming an increasingly common feature in the healthcare landscape. In fact, a 2012 survey of healthcare employers by Staff Care found that 74 percent had employed temporary help during the previous 12 months. Forbes has reported that 10 percent of all staffing requests to managed service providers in 2012 were for temporary PAs and NPs as healthcare organizations struggled to meet already-rising demand.

Some will designate larger portions of their budgets for recruitment programs.

Some healthcare employers will increase their efforts to connect with passive job seekers; a strategy that will allow them to reach a staggering number of ad-

ditional candidates. According to a 2011 survey, 80 percent of employed professionals are open to discussing the possibility of a job. This includes a surprising 44 percent who aren't even looking for new opportunities. Forging stronger relationships with medical professional associations and schools is another way employers can enhance their recruitment efforts this year.

Retiring Baby Boomers will contribute to staffing challenges.

Experts predict workplace demographics in healthcare and other industries will shift in coming years as older employees decide to end their careers.

According to a study by ADP Retirement Research Institute, 20.3 percent of the current healthcare workforce is likely to retire in the next five years.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculated this industry's employment at 17,384,300 last October. Based on ADP's study results, this means, 3,476,860 healthcare positions are in need of eventual replacement.

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About the Author: Angela Rose researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues for HEALTHeCAREERS.com.

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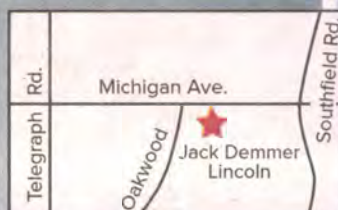
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Chevrolet Gets Into Groove with New Products, Sharpened Branding



By Date Buss

Chevrolet has embarked on a huge stream of new-product introductions in 2014 that only began with the new heavy-duty Silverado and that will include new versions of the Suburban and Tahoe SUVs as well as the new Corvette Stingray and a re-entry into the mid-size truck segment with a fresh version of the Chevy Colorado.

So it's good news that Chevrolet also is in a brand-building groove as well right now, and that its huge marketing presence in the Sochi Olympics was a perfect fit with the goals that General Motors has laid out for 2014 for its biggest brand.

"There is a nice cadence of media properties this year, and we're still in the midst of a stream of major product launches," Chevy Chief Marketing Officer Tim Mahoney told me. "The Olympics work was developed as a cohesive unit

of communication to seed 'Find New Roads' and tell our story through our new vehicles."

Thus, in its high-buzz TV ads that have laced NBC's Olympics telecasts for the last couple of weeks, Chevrolet has gotten entire new forms of mileage out of the "Find New Roads" tagline that it initiated a year ago. There was the first anthem ad for the games, including a depiction of a gay wedding, that underscored the "new" aspect of Chevy's positioning, for instance.

Many GM employees, dealers and retirees, as well as others among the vast American populace who haven't embraced the notion of intra-LGBT marriage, objected to the ad and lit up social media and other communication outlets with their complaints.

But Mahoney insisted that Chevrolet has received "overwhelmingly positive" feedback to its big first ad of the Olympic games, which had a safety and technology message about the Chevy lineup but which

has become a lightning rod because of the gay-wedding snippet and the commercial's description of "the new love."

"The idea behind it is that we're a new Chevrolet and a new world and we're a brand that is about inclusion and not division," Mahoney said. "It's welcoming all people to the Chevrolet brand from an authentic perspective, in that spot. All the family units in that spot were real families ... not hired actors."

Another popular ad has underscored the truly global nature of the Chevrolet brand, with drivers and passengers in a Chevy Cruze experiencing typical tussles over what music to play. Nearly two-thirds of Chevy sales nowadays are outside the United States compared with only about one-third 10 years ago, and Cruze is the most global of Chevy's vehicle lineup, available in local versions in 119 countries.

"The interesting thing that holds it all together is the human truth that, wherever you're at, if you're a passenger in the back seat, there's always back-and-forth about who gets to decide what's on the radio," Mahoney said. The universal sentiment is summed up by the final line of the ad, "Proof that we're not so different after all."

Toward the end of the Sochi run, Chevy also began showing what Mahoney likes to call a "smart-funny ad" for the all-new 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, a cute spot in which a baby-sitter -- after getting a ride home from the mom in the upgraded new SUV -- jacks up her price for the evening.

Mahoney also expressed satisfaction with how Chevy's two Super Bowl spots performed earlier in the month. One,

"Romance," was another "smart-funny" spot ad, based on the story of a stud bull who was being hauled to his promised land by a heavy-duty Chevy Silverado. The other was a paean to cancer survivors that gave Chevy and its related "Purple Roads" initiative a big boost in online interest.

Mahoney was CMO of Volkswagen of America a couple of years ago when the brand began upping its game in Super Bowl ads and using its own approach to "smart-funny" commercials.

He said defining advertising success related to the Big Game "is complicated." Yet Mahoney noted that, this year, Chevy "had the biggest increase in pre- versus



Inside, the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe demonstrates the new vehicle's premium vibe.

post-Super Bowl fans engaged across the major social platforms. To me, that's a good barometer."

Mahoney said, in fact, that the brand is so much hitting on all cylinders that it doesn't have the marketing bandwidth to heavily promote everything that's going well. One example: The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety just gave the Chevy Spark the best safety rating of all the mini-cars it tested. But Chevy plans only on a small-gauge marketing effort to tout the car these days mostly via social media.



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