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Man to stand trial in road rage case

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been ordered stand trial on multiple charges in a shooting stemming from an alleged road rage incident, bound over in part due to his own words to police.

Steven Lavigne, 22, called Westland Police at a non-emergency number following the Jan. 12 incident to give his account. In a recording played at the preliminary examination held in Westland 18th District

Court Thursday, Lavigne told the officer that he had fired a shot into the rear of a Chevrolet Blazer.

"He deliberately tried to hit me several times. I fired one round at his vehicle to get him off me," Lavigne told the officer. He then identified the Blazer driver as Charles Bailey, a former co-worker.

Licensed to carry a handgun, Lavigne was riding a motorcycle at the time of the incident that began on Michigan Avenue near Hannan. Bailey testified that he was

driving with two of his children, a son, 10 and daughter, 7, taking them to his former wife's home on Ackley in Westland.

Riding in the front passenger seat, his son pointed out a motorcyclist wearing a gun on his hip, said Bailey, who added the rider was wearing a helmet that obscured his face.

As he went to make a turn around to get onto Newburgh Road from Michigan Avenue, Bailey said the motorcyclist abruptly changed lanes in front of him cutting him off.

"I had to slam on the brakes. I got kind of close to him after he cut me off," Bailey said. "He (the motorcyclist) cut around another car and sped up. I figured it was over."

'Stayed behind us'

As he headed north on Newburgh near Glenwood, Bailey said he saw the motorcyclist turning into an apartment complex and went around him.

"Then he cut around me and hit my driver's side mirror. It folded back," Bailey said. "Then the motorcycle got be-

hind me. I turned right on Palmer and the motorcycle stayed behind us."

In the recorded call to police, Lavigne said that Bailey had struck him in the shoulder with the rear view mirror.

When he nearly stopped his vehicle while going over rough railroad tracks, Bailey said the motorcycle nearly hit his Blazer. Once he turned onto Ackley, Bailey said he became concerned about what the motorcyclist would do.

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Mistrial declared for man charged with attacking elderly couple

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A mistrial has been declared in the jury trial of a Westland man charged with attacking his elderly neighbors with a knife.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James Callahan made the ruling Tuesday in the trial of Jeff Peters.

The mistrial was declared after the defense incorrectly told jurors that photographs and medical records in the case had not been provided — those photographs and documents actually were provided to the defense prior to the trial.

A June 26 trial date has been scheduled for Peters, who is charged with two counts of assault with intent to commit murder, two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm, two counts of felonious assault and one count of first-degree home invasion.

Peters' neighbors on Van Sull, Charlene and Tommie Bemis, 78 and 77, testified to being attacked with a knife at their home early July 27.

They testified that Peters pounded on their door and yelled. When he wasn't allowed in, Peters was reported to have briefly left only to return a short time later to attack Tommie Bemis in the driveway of the couple's home.

Charlene Bemis testified that she called 911 and then went to assist her husband. She said she received multiple stab wounds and injuries that included both lungs collapsing.

The couple both testified that the attack ended when a third neighbor intervened and Peters went home. No previous problems were reported between the couple and Peters, who has had mental health issues since 1980 after suffering a psychotic break after heavy alcohol and drug use, according to his brother Scot Peters.

Peters was found competent to stand trial following an examination ordered at Westland 18th District Court.

He has been jailed in lieu of \$5 million cash bond since his arrest July 27.

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Rima Aneed folds shirts on display at the Play Ball store in Westland. With the store closing, she will be looking for work after 18 years.

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BOTTOM OF THE NINTH FOR SPORTS MEMORABILIA STORE

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Mike Odatella has spent most of his adult life buying and selling sports memorabilia and collectibles, along with hats and apparel in recent years.

Now as he prepares to

close his Westland store Play Ball after more than 25 years, Odatella said he isn't sure what he'll do next.

"I'm only 53, I wish I could retire," said Odatella, who cites a number of reasons for his decision to close his store. "Business has slowed down. The area has changed.

There's the economy, online sales. It's a number of things, I guess."

It's hard to miss Play Ball on Warren Road opposite Westland Shopping Center — there's a giant Steve Yzerman likeness on the front of the building.

"I have nearly 35 years in

the business. I started as a collector in the mid- to late '80s," said Odatella, a Canton resident. "I started doing a few card things — I liked them. Then I did it as a side business."

Eventually, Odatella

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Veterans parade organizers looking for help

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Organizers of the annual Wayne-Westland Veterans Memorial Day Parade have put out the "help wanted" sign.

"We meet year-around. We're in the process of getting volunteers for various things," said Dan Stachow, chairman of the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council. "There are really only six of us who put the parade together."

Anyone is welcome to join the parade committee, which meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post

3323 on Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland.

The parade itself is held annually on the Sunday before Memorial Day — it will be 1 p.m. Sunday, May 25, this year. The two-community parade alternates routes in Westland and Wayne. This year it travels down Wayne Road from Town 'N' Country Lanes south to the memorial at the Wayne Public Library.

"Regular Memorial Day is to honor the deceased (military). We honor the deceased and the living," Stachow said.

The parade committee needs help with staging and other activities during the event but also is looking for groups interested in partici-

pating in the parade and donations to help with expenses.

The committee has letters of support from both the Westland and Wayne Chambers of Commerce to help in the fundraising from area businesses. The parade committee is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

"We start early with the donations and ask different businesses to help. We take \$25 or \$50," Stachow said. "We don't ask for any set amount, we take whatever they want to donate."

The committee has very limited funds, he said, for the parade expenses and also to purchase flags that are passed out along the parade

route. "Whatever they'd like to give to us is fine and dandy. And we're always looking for help," Stachow said. "If it wasn't for the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do the parade. The bottom line is that it's for the veterans — living and deceased."

For more information about the parade, contact Heather Robertson-Mitchell at 313-576-7268 or hrobertston70@gmail.com or visit the Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council Facebook page.

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Hearing delayed in fatal car crash

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A preliminary examination for a Westland woman charged with murder in a fatal car crash has been delayed until March 13.

The hearing in Westland 18th District Court to determine whether Ponya Lee, 27, will face trial on a second-degree murder charge was to be held Thursday.

The adjournment was requested because Lee had only retained an attorney the night before the hearing. Lee waived her right to a

preliminary examination within 14 days of arraignment.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered that Lee continue to be held without bond on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of Patricia Nwaneri, 55, of Ypsilanti. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf.

The two-car accident occurred Feb. 17 when a car traveling eastbound on Warren Road went through a red light at Wayne Road and struck a northbound vehicle driven by Nwaneri.

Police reported that Nwaneri was struck on the driver's door and lost consciousness at impact. She was reported to be alert when EMS arrived but died later at an area hospital. Lee



The car Ponya Lee was driving sustained extensive damage in a fatal accident at Wayne and Warren roads Feb. 17. Lee has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of Patricia Nwaneri, 55, of Ypsilanti. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

was also transported to the hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Wayne-Westland firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free Nwaneri from her damaged vehicle. Autopsy results were being awaited for

the exact cause of Nwaneri's death.

Just prior to the crash, police said that Lee had a verbal altercation with a girlfriend on her cell phone while driving the girlfriend's car. It is alleged that Lee told her girlfriend that

she intended to crash her car seconds before the fatal collision.

The night of the accident, 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, according to police. Late on the day of the accident, Lee is accused of using a Samurai sword to attack her former girlfriend and a male, who was also present at the apartment, along with damaging property.

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TRIAL

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"I told the kids to get down — I didn't know what he (the motorcyclist) would do," Bailey said. "I heard something hit the truck. I didn't know what it was until I walked around the vehicle. The motorcyclist was sitting on the side of the road."

Westland Police Officer Andrew Teschendorf happened to be nearby, handling an unrelated domestic call. He testified Bailey approached him concerned about what appeared to be a bullet hole in the rear of his Blazer, several inches from the rear window.

Defense attorney Lawrence Neace argued that there was no evidence to support charges against Lavigne of three counts of assault with intent to murder and three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Based on the police call recording, Neace said he understood Lavigne being ordered bound over on charges of felonious assault and discharging a weapon from a motor vehicle.

"No one testified that they were fearful, which is required for assault," said Neace, who also argued Lavigne was not aware that the children were in the vehicle.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski responded that Bailey had testified to telling his children to get down as he was afraid about what was going to happen.

Licensed to carry

The testimony was that Lavigne was licensed to carry a handgun and that while riding a motorcycle became angry enough to fire the gun, Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli said.

"When it comes to felonious assault, we are talking about an actual gun — not a BB gun," Cicirelli said. "There may have been some back and forth. What troubles the court is that it started at Michigan (Avenue) and Hannan, then continued for miles up Newburgh to Glenwood or Palmer and then onto Ackley."

There were many points when Lavigne could have stopped the interaction with the other driver, Cicirelli said, adding that Lavigne had hit the mirror and recognized Bailey as the other driver.

"He (Lavigne) knew who was in the vehicle yet he continued," she said. "Most frightening, he shot at the vehicle. Where it was hit wasn't inches from one of the children in the rear passenger seat."

A \$30,000/10 percent bond was continued for Lavigne who has entered a not guilty plea. Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for March 13.

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STORE

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opened his first store — an approximately 1,000-square-foot trading card shop.

Trading cards for an 'A'

"I did \$10 in business the first day. I thought, 'Oh my God, what did I do?' But it took off in a couple of months," Odatella said. "I'd say 80 percent of the customers then were little kids. For every 'A' on their report cards, we'd give them a pack of trading cards."

The original store was located on Warren Road next to Goodyear and in 1990 moved to the current location. During the 1990s, Odatella said Play Ball was one of the first stores to bring in athletes to sign autographs.

"We had (Muhammad) Ali here a couple of times during the '90s. For the grand opening (at the current location), we had (Red Wing) Bob Probert sign free autographs," Odatella said. "He (Probert) was here quite a few times."

The trading card market crashed in 1993, he said, so the store changed to focus on memorabilia and unique items.

Over time, Play Ball expanded to take over adjoining space that had housed a pizzeria and Dunkin' Donuts to a 7,500-square-foot store.

"This is the biggest store of



Play Ball in Westland will be closing once the merchandise is sold. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

its kind in the state. We were known for having stuff you couldn't find anywhere else," Odatella said. "People in recent years use us for a showroom and then order online. They don't care if they have knock-offs, they brag about how cheap it was. All my products are genuine. I can't compete with that."

Unique items

Over the years, Odatella said a lot of unique items came through the store, including game-used baseball bats and items autographed by Babe Ruth. One item was a handwritten note from Ruth, denying any problems with teammate

Lou Gehrig.

"This lady brought it in. Her grandfather was the newest reporter, so he was at the end of the line when the note was passed along in the press box," Odatella said. "It was signed George Herman Ruth. She showed me the note."

Asked his favorite athlete who visited the store, Odatella didn't hesitate in mentioning Ali. He recalls an older woman using a walker who Ali spotted waiting in line for an autograph.

"Ali stopped the line and walked over to her so she didn't have to walk to him. He (Ali) kissed her hand. It was very cool. He was the classiest,"

Odatella said. "Ali treated everyone like they were special."

As a group, Odatella said hockey players were the nicest and most approachable of the professional athletes.

With more 4,000 sports logo items in the store — ranging from caps, jerseys and shirts to flags, trash cans and mugs — Odatella is starting a clearance sale this week.

"Nothing will be held back. It's an opportunity to buy something you couldn't afford before," he said.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

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/Westland-WayneMI and www.Face-book.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.

Divorce program

The William P. Faust Library is inviting parents and children to a special screening of the new DVD, *Split: Divorce through Kids Eyes*, from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

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Parents and children view

the 30-minute DVD together and then children will go to the library's Activity Room for a group art project. Parents will stay for information, discussion and resource sharing with Zimmerman.

The program is for parents and children ages 4 and up. Register at www.westlandlibrary.org/events. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123.

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 from 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

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Garden Club

The Wayne Garden Club is meeting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Wayne Public Library on Wayne Road south of westbound Michigan Avenue.

The program is being presented by local gardener John Blair who opened his spectacular garden to the public at the club's biannual Garden Walk and drew rave reviews. He will present a PowerPoint presentation on how he built his butterfly garden from start to finish.

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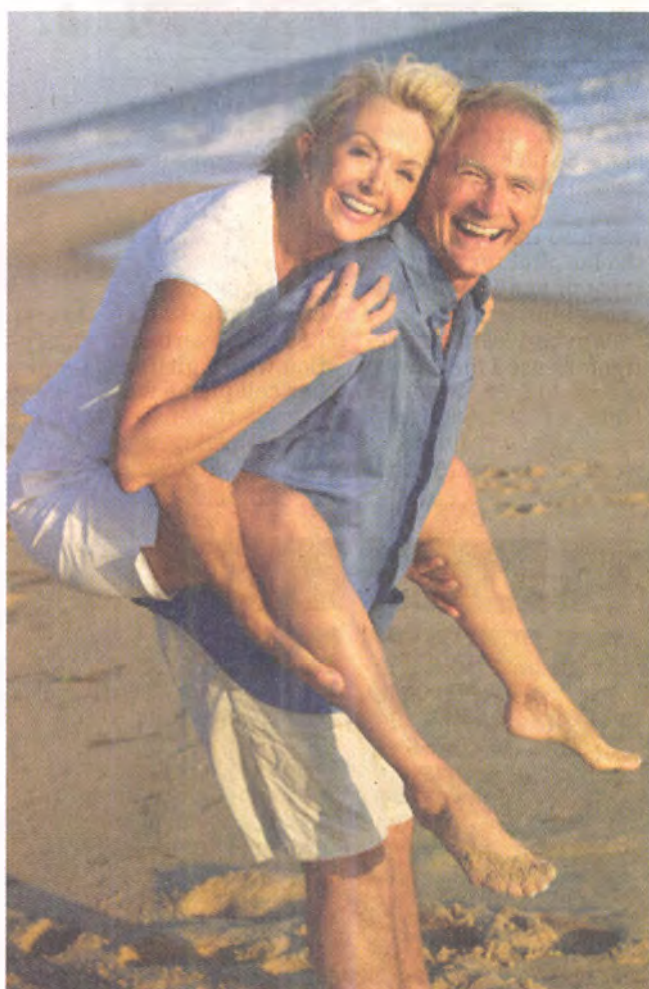
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Lutheran High Westland stages 'Annie'

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks and that nasty Miss Hannigan will come to life on the stage of Lutheran High School Westland next weekend as students present the musical *Annie* at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 7-8.

More than 65 students are involved in the production, which has Mara McMahon of Dearborn appearing in the title role of Annie. A sophomore, this is McMahon's first appearance in a play at the high school.

"I actually didn't try out for a specific role, it just worked out that I got to be Annie," McMahon said. "I really like the play."

McMahon has a lot stage experience, appearing in productions at Guardian Lutheran School in Dearborn. For her first one at Lutheran High, she spent two weeks repeating the script "multiple times" to learn her lines.

"I've always liked to do plays, and musicals are a lot of fun," she said. "That's why I decided to try out. It's going to be awesome when we get on stage. The hardest part now is saying the lines and seeing the people in the audience watching you."

Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia will play Daddy Warbucks, the billionaire industrialist who takes a liking to Annie and decides to adopt her. But it takes the help of the President and the FBI to foil a plan to kidnap Annie by: Miss Hannigan, played by Natalie Free-



Mara McMahon of Dearborn landed the lead role in Lutheran High School Westland's presentation of "Annie."

man of Livonia; Hannigan's brother Rooster, played by Matthew Parent of Dearborn; and his girlfriend Lily, played by Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn.

Musical experience

This is director Kate Ulrey's first experience with a musical. Her forte is Shakespeare. As the head of the high school's drama department, she has staged *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*. She also was the director of the Backyard Shakespearean Players, a 30-member troupe that performed in outdoor settings like her backyard and Garden City Park.

This year's play was selected by musical director John Boonberg, who wanted to do a musical. He's been working with the cast and the pit orchestra in preparing for the production.



Natalie Freeman (from left) of Livonia plays Miss Hannigan, while Matthew Parent of Dearborn is Rooster and Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn is Lily. PHOTOS BY SUE MASON

"We have approximately 50 students involved, including the pit and backstage," Ulrey said. "When we include younger siblings, it's about 65 people."

Rehearsals have been "intense" since they started in January, and the production was hit hard with the loss of four days of school due to weather. Ulrey admits that it's "been crazy," but said the students have taken ownership of the production.

Seniors Jane Ulrey and Annalee Kuhr, both of Dearborn, have joined assistant director and choreographer Jeanee Wyly in designing the dances, including the orphans dance. Stage manager Abby Schaffer of Romulus has been

meticulous in keeping track of everything that happens and needs to be done, Ulrey said.

Many roles

Some cast members shift between their stage roles and help with other aspects of the production like Parent, who also is in the pit.

The play has 11-12 scene changes. To accommodate that, it will have a minimalist set with pieces carried on and off stage. Volunteers Dick and Catherine Bradbury figured out what was needed in basic pieces "and then the kids took over," Ulrey said. They started building the walls last Monday and had them painted and in the beginning stages of being set in place.

For play goes, the treat will be intermission. The parents provide

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the snacks free of charge, Ulrey said.

"This has been one exceptional group," Ulrey said. "They always step forward and help. One student says they like doing costumes and they're doing what they say they'll do. I've had no worries."

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ACHIEVERS

Jessica Lynn Gnacke and Catherine A. Ionescu, both of Westland, have been named to the Dean's List for the 2013 semester at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt.

To be named to the Dean's List, they had to carry at least 12 credit hours and attain a semester academic grade-point average of at least 3.0.

Mary Porta of Wayne, Emily Wilson of Westland and Rachel Rodriguez of Garden City have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Northern Michigan University.

Rodriguez qualified with a 4.0 grade-point average. Porta and Wilson qualified with a grade-point average of 3.25-3.99.

Imari Williams of Westland recently graduated from the Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Barry County. Williams studied health careers at the institute, which is operated by Michigan Rehabilitation Services within the Michigan Department of Human Services. MCTI provides vocational training in 14 career areas for adults with disabilities.

Thomas Wisniewski of Garden City has been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester.

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Westland library hosts Read-a-Thon

The William P. Faust Public Library has a newly updated "100 Books Every Child Should Hear before Starting School" list to help parents tackle early literacy.

To celebrate the revised list and the new copies of these well-loved books, a Read-a-Thon will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 8. The goal is to read all 100 books in a welcoming, relaxed setting. Community members will make an appearance and read some of their favorite stories. They will be reading at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The library also will be launching a new endeavor March 8: an initiative encouraging parents to read 1,000 books to their children before kindergarten. Knowing that learning patterns develop early in life, it is important for children to experience all types of literature. Letter sounds, new words, picture clues, narrative language and descriptive text expose young children to essential reading strategies.

The library staff is dedicated and ready to assist parents in the "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" challenge. It's meant to be fun and rewarding for both the parents and child. Parents can talk with a Youth Services staff member about the 1,000 Books opportunity.

Funding for all library programs is provided by the Friends of the Westland Public Library.

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

Lawmakers get up-close look at Wayne-Westland's career tech center

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

State Sen. Mike Kowall says he understands that not every student leaving high school is geared for a four-year college degree. He also has heard firsthand from businesses about their difficulty in finding skilled people to hire.

"That's one of the resounding things I hear — companies and manufacturers talking about the lack of skilled workers," said the White Lake Township resident who represents the 12th Senate District. "Michigan has 65,000-75,000 unfilled jobs because of the lack of skilled people."

Kowall was among a group of state lawmakers and representatives from the Michigan Department of Economic Development who recently toured Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center to see the training that's provided for students and adults.

Hosted by School Superintendent Greg Baracy, Principal Steve Kay and Assistant Principal Sue Wilk, the group included State Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Patrick Colbeck, and Hoon-Yung Hoppood, D-Taylor, as well as State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who received a tour of the facility courtesy of the students.

According to Anderson, the on-site visit stemmed from a conversation Kowall had with Baracy in Lansing. Kowall asked Anderson about the center "and I told him to come and see the amazing things they're doing there," Anderson said.

"They're doing training you see at the community colleges," he said. "The William D. Ford provides different

levels of training for these folks. We have a need for skilled tradesmen. They're doing phenomenal things at the center."

18 training programs

Built in 1981, the career technical center offers 18 distinct technical training programs. Each program has state-of-the-art equipment, technology and instruction to prepare high school and adult learners to gain skills directly related to the goal of employment.

The tour highlighted some of the classes and technology being used. Michigan is a test site for automated motor vehicles and the students showed off their Innovative Vehicle Design that they showcased at the North American International Auto Show in January. Automated vehicles are able to sense their surroundings and navigate without human input.

The center has competed in IVD competition through the Square One Education Network for more than 10 years. It has won state honors for an electric Thunderbolt II vehicle students designed and built and was named a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence in 2007 by the Convergence Education Foundation.

"Michigan wants to become the hub for autonomous vehicles," Kowall said. "That's going to be \$1 billion for the auto industry — but they need the skilled workers."

Both Anderson and Kowall agree that not every student leaving high school is geared for four years of college. There is a need to encourage the students who aren't headed for college to move into



Students in the center's culinary arts program demonstrate their skills for the visiting state lawmakers.



State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake (from left), and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, talk to a student in the graphic design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

other careers.

"It's terrific if they have a master's degree or a PhD, but who's going to build our buildings," said Kowall, who is a cabinet maker by trade. "I have a friend who's a plumber and has done very well for himself. He makes over \$100,000 a year. By all intents and purposes, he's very successful."

Anderson pointed out that when support for adult education declined it decimated that program at the center. The state's new rigorous high school curriculum also has had an impact. But the center has fine-tuned its programs, dropping some classes and adding others, like EMT training, to rebuild enrollment.

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Underutilized

"The one thing about the career tech center, I think, is that it is underutilized by business," he said. "It could be used to train employees. There are definite different levels of education for these folks and using the center can minimize the cost. There are careers that don't need a two-year college. The center can offer advanced training for some so they can move into a career."

Kowall was so impressed with the center that in a conversation with Anderson on the floor of the Senate he said that Gov. Rick Snyder

der and more folks from the MEDC need to visit it.

"The things they teach are things that need to be learned, that's why I went there to see it," he said. "I want to see what we can do as state government. I can't say enough good things about the center."

"I'm hopeful he'll do what he says," Anderson said of the governor visiting the center. "I hope he will get him down here. No worker can be left behind and as the governor said, career tech can do it quicker and for a lot less."

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Caution: Preparations begin for freeway shutdown

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's the calm before the storm when it comes to the I-96 shutdown, scheduled for less than a month from now.

Contractors working on the looming reconstruction of the seven-mile stretch of highway through Redford and Livonia have begun setting up some equipment on the project's western edge, but little else is currently taking place, Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jeff Horne noted.

"It's business as usual," he said. "Not too much is going on."

Drivers who frequently use I-96 between Telegraph in Redford and Newburgh in Livonia have only a few more weeks to use the freeway before being forced to

find a different route. The freeway will close March 24 and will remain closed in both directions until sometime in October.

Barring any major inclement weather events, Horne said the plan is to close the freeway Monday, March 24. He did not have an exact time for when the closure would begin on that day.

More details regarding the shutdown will be released during March, Horne said. The entrance ramp to eastbound I-96 at Telegraph is expected to see some widening so an additional lane can be added.

Horne said he was unsure of when that addition would take place, but said it would be in place sometime in March.

"We want that in place to handle the additional



Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

traffic," he said.

The exit ramp from southbound I-275 onto Six Mile has already been temporarily widened to accommodate more traffic that is expected to use Six Mile.

The \$150 million project will consist of reconstruction of the freeway, including repairing and replacing 37 bridges

along the route. It was decided to shut down the freeway for most of 2014 after a public survey found most drivers would prefer getting the work done sooner. Had the project maintained some lanes of traffic, MDOT said it would have taken several years to complete.

Some of the equip-

ment being used on the construction is currently being stored near the western edge of the project between I-275 and Newburgh. That will be the only place the equipment will be stored, Horne said, since that is the only place near the project with the proper space for it.

"Everything east of it, there's nowhere to store the equipment. I think that's the only staging area," he said. "There's no other places they can store that equipment."

MDOT has opened an office in Livonia during the project, which is available for commuters, residents and other interested parties to ask questions about the project. Interested patrons can contact the office at 734-261-0560 or via email at MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

Horne said most of the communication the office receives comes from people with questions regarding their specific commuting patterns.

"We noticed a spike (in contact) after the public meeting, but it has subsided," he said. "It's more personalized on their daily commute. I'd say 80-90 percent are detour questions."

Official detour routes around I-96 include: the Southfield Freeway, I-94, I-696, I-275 and the Lodge Freeway. Horne said construction on those state trunk lines should be close to non-existent during the closure to ensure the increased traffic flows as efficiently as possible.

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Canton manufacturing hub could have spillover effect on area economy

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's selection as a trailblazing site for lightweight metals research and manufacturing could eventually have a ripple effect by ratcheting up demand for area housing, hotel lodging, retail stores and restaurants, local officials and market analysts say.

"I see nothing but great things coming out of this," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's amazing. It's great."

Jason Borregard, sales manager for Clients First Realtors with offices in Canton, Westland and Shelby Township, said the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute is likely to have an impact on the real estate market.

"I believe there is going to be an effect -

what effect is the question," Borregard said. "(But) the name Canton is going to get out around the country."

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said if the institute becomes as successful as its creators hope, it should have a spillover effect on the area's economy. She said the site's employees are likely to spend money on cars, clothing, restaurants and other amenities, while visiting partners pay for lodging, meals and other expenses.

"It could bring housing and commercial development and maybe some off-shoot industrial development," she said. "That is very definitely a possibility."

Alan Taub, a University of Michigan material science and engineering professor and chief technology officer for the

project, said the specific site for the institute isn't being confirmed until the lease agreement is signed, which is expected soon.

Fast track

"The institute is incorporated in Michigan and will become operational soon," Taub said by email, in response to questions. "The plan is to get the facility ready for occupancy within 90 days after lease signing."

LaJoy and Taub were among the officials at the White House when President Barack Obama officially announced the project Tuesday afternoon, saying it is among four hubs intended to "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing." Other sites are Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and Youngstown, Ohio.

LaJoy said the institute, largely led by

U-M, has put Canton on the national map.

"I think a lot of people are going to be very interested in what happens here and what they're about to come up with," he said. "It's going to be the hub of all that activity involving lightweight metals manufacturing and innovation. I would think people might want to be moving close to it."

Borregard and other real estate executives have said competition is already fierce for Canton housing.

Taub said project leaders worked with a real estate broker to find a suitable location.

'Good match'

"The facility we found in Canton was a good match to the institute's needs," he said, adding later, "The facility will be used as our headquarters. We will be installing pilot scale advanced

manufacturing equipment consistent with the priorities set by the industry needs. The facility will be used for both manufacturing technology development and training."

Taub projected "a limited number of full-time employees" at the headquarters, at least initially.

"However," he said, "the institute has a large and growing partner base of companies, universities and nonprofit laboratories that will be utilizing our technology development and training capabilities. By establishing this area as the national focus for lightweight metals manufacturing technology and workforce training, we anticipate those companies will want to locate their plants in the region."

Project leaders have said the \$148 million

institute could create as many as 10,000 jobs across the Midwest. It involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation, with U-M a key player.

The federal government is set to invest \$70 million over five years, with an additional \$78 million coming from consortium partners.

Obama said the institute is intended to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors and lead to jobs that strengthen the nation's middle class.

Local officials have said the Canton site means the institute will have easy access to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-275 corridor and U-M. Officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton.

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Former Spartan delivers tale of hope

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Anthony Ianni was in middle school, he was bullied into sticking his tongue to a frozen pole by a fellow student who Ianni said made it his mission to be a bully.

Years later, as Ianni was leaving the Breslin Center – the home of the Michigan State Spartans, with whom Ianni won a pair of Big Ten championship rings – a man approached him with a basketball in hand and asked for his autograph.

The man? That same bully from middle school, providing Ianni with evidence that, despite life's challenges, he had made it to the top.

"Here was a guy who bullied me and now he was asking for my autograph," Ianni said. "I proved that bully wrong."

Ianni, now a motivational speaker working with the Autism Alliance of Michigan, related that story to fifth-, sixth-,

seventh- and eighth-graders during an appearance Thursday at Canton's Achieve Charter Academy.

Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of 4, Ianni was the victim of bullying as a child. He went on to graduate from Michigan State University and became the first known individual with autism to play college basketball. He has won a number of awards, including MSU's Tim Bograkovs Walk-On Award and the 2012 MSU Unsung Player Award and was named a 2013 Detroit Pistons Community Game Changer Finalist.

And he did it all while topping pretty much everyone's expectations.

"What I love about my story is that doctors told my parents I'd never do well in high school, never graduate college, never do well in sports," Ianni said. "My father always said, 'The harder you work, the more you earn.' That quote helped me

graduate from one of the toughest universities in the country."

Achieve Charter Academy Principal Jennifer Conley said Ianni's presentation fits in well with the school's curriculum.

"We spend a lot of time talking about our morals curriculum," Conley said. "Knowing (Ianni's) story felt like it would be an appropriate topic for the kids."

Ianni is on the "Relentless Tour," a first-of-its-kind anti-bullying initiative that will take Ianni to more than 650 schools this year. He points out that, like him, between 65 and 90 percent of individuals with autism become victims of bullying, "because they're easy targets," he said.

Ianni's purpose in being involved with the tour is to stop that. During his presentation, he tells his story, points out that celebrities like Eminem have been victims of bullies and risen above it

and urges kids to "have respect" for everyone in their lives – teachers, other students and family.

He also tells the story of the middle school student at his very first speaking engagement who apologized to the victim after hearing Ianni speak.

The message hit home with Achieve students like Ryan Henderson, a 14-year-old eighth-grader.

"It was inspiring," Ryan said. "I was bullied a lot in sixth grade. (Ianni) inspired me to live my dream."

That's the message Ianni hopes kids get from his presentation. The last five minutes or so of his speech focus on the letters "LYD" – Live Your Dreams.

"The message is simple: Never give up on anything or anybody in your life," he told the kids. "There's only one person who can stop you – you."

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Former Michigan State Spartan basketball player Anthony Ianni signs autographs and chats with students following his anti-bullying speech at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton.

Volunteers needed to listen for frogs and toads

Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers that live within the Rouge River Watershed for the 17th annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey.

Training workshops begin this week, with the first one taking place Tuesday, March 4, at Canton's Summit on the Park. Additional workshops are scheduled for the Livonia Civic Center Library and at the Northville Township Hall.

Volunteers need to attend the one workshop that fits their schedule.

The workshops provide participants with a background on the eight types of frogs and toads found in southeast Michigan and what their calls sound like. Surveyors are assigned their own survey area, which must be within the Rouge River watershed.

Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark from March (once it gets warm enough) through mid-May. Interested volunteers need to register for a workshop.

The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetlands health as the animals



The American toad

disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Diverse, healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about the findings from the survey, visit the FOTR website at www.therouge.org.

The survey is funded through a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project and local Rouge communities.

The workshops are:
» 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile.

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

For more information, visit therouge.org.

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REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, 2014

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for March 19, 2014 has been cancelled due to the lack of agenda items

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Some Detroit-area winters have been colder, snowier

We sure like to talk about the weather, especially this winter. In fact, the winter soon passing (we hope) has put the weather, starting with the icicles on our roofs and the snow piles in our driveways, at the top of conversation topics locally and nationally ... everywhere except Florida and Hawaii.



Gene Scott
GUEST COLUMNIST

The Detroit area recorded its snowiest January in official weather history (31.5 inches), but not its snowiest month or winter season ... not yet anyway.

Our snowiest month on record was February 1908, when 38.4 inches fell. Our snowiest winter since 1870, when official weather records were first kept, was 1880-81. The snow that season totaled 93.6 inches. This winter, with 78.5 inches so far, we will likely move into second place (78.9 inches) any day now.

This area's snowiest day ever (24.5 inches) was on the unlikely date of April 6, 1886. Our biggest single snowfall since then was Dec. 1-2, 1974, when we received 19.3 inches. Most recent biggest snowfall: 16 inches on New Year's Day 2008.

For all of Michigan, the one-day snowfall record (29 inches) came Feb. 23, 1872, at Ishpeming. Thompson Pass, Alaska, north of Valdez got 62 inches in one day (Dec. 29, 1955) on the way to 551 inches that winter, more than twice what falls during an average Upper Peninsula winter.

The state record for the most snow in one season? That's 333 inches at Tahquamenon Falls

near Paradise (Michigan, that is) the winter of 1976-77.

World snow record

Snowiest place on Earth? Since the 1998 Winter Olympics, ski resorts north of Nagano, Japan, have been making that claim: 600-700 inches a season.

Thompson Pass passed that years ago in 1952-53 with 974 inches and Tide Lake, British Columbia, accumulated 1,104 inches in 1971-72. But none of these are the record.

This belongs to another Paradise, the one in Washington near Mt. Rainier, where 1,122 inches (93.5 feet) piled up the winter of 1971-72.

Locally, we've had snow on the ground since early December - nearly three months. But this is below the local record of 119 days set in the winter of 1903-04, when there was snow cover from late November to early March.

Folks might think we've experienced our coldest night ever this past Jan. 6-7, when the temperature dipped to minus-14 degrees, but not so. Coldest night in this area was three days before Christmas 1872, when it was minus-24.

Two years later, the winter of 1874-75 may have been the coldest of all, when January and February had an average daily temperature of 13.7 degrees. Or was it the winter of 1880-81, with 86 days of below-freezing temperatures? Ironically, the following winter (1881-82) was the warmest of the century (19th century, that is), when the average daily temperature here was 37 degrees.

More recently, this area had its longest cold spell in January 1977, when it was below freezing the entire month. Longest period of sub-zero temperatures was

68 hours, Feb. 8-11, 1899.

In the 1920s, the Detroit area had three winters in succession without a sub-zero reading. The local record for warmest winters was 1953-58, with no sub-zero nights five winters in row.

Coldest temp ever recorded

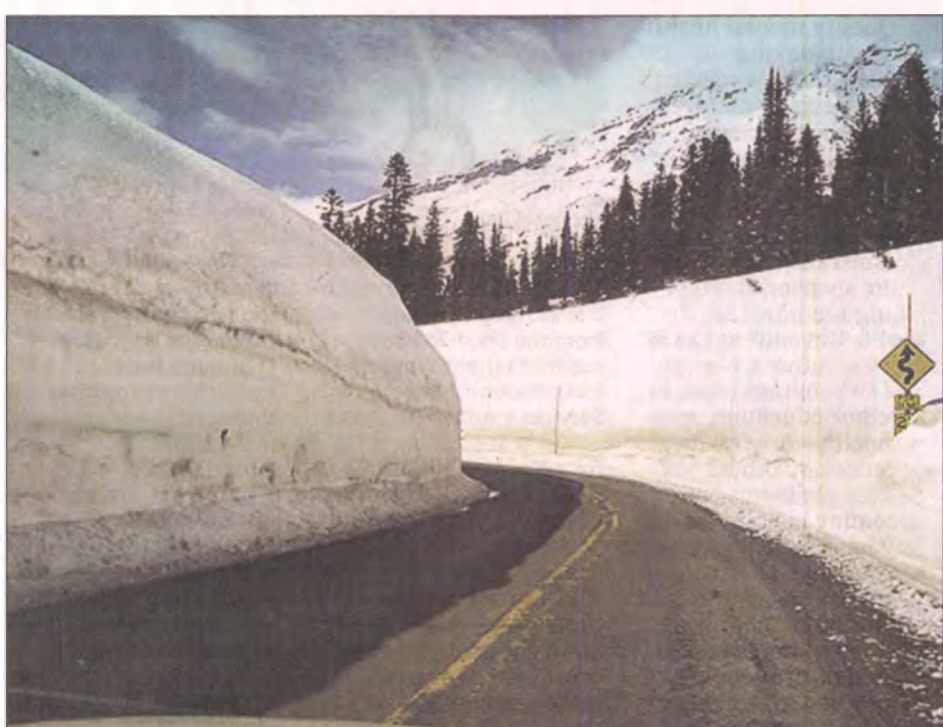
The coldest night in Michigan - minus-51 degrees - happened Feb. 9, 1934. Compare that to the coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth: minus-128.6 degrees July 21, 1983, at Vostok Station, Antarctica. There also is a NASA report of minus-135 degrees having been recorded Aug. 10, 2010, in east Antarctica.

So far this winter, we've had 14 nights of sub-zero temperatures. The record for cold nights here: 23 in 1884-85.

It should be noted that there are slight variations (usually) between temperatures recorded at City Airport on the east side, a weather station since 1934 (before that in downtown Detroit), and other official weather stations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and White Lake/Pontiac. Suburban stations also often report slightly lower temps and different rain and snow amounts. A principal factor is closeness to Lakes Erie and St. Clair.

Will we set a new record here for snowfall this winter? Maybe, if you believe the *Farmers' Almanac* predictions, but I'd rather not count on it.

How do we know what the weather might have been like here or anywhere before the mid-19th century, when reliable weather records were first kept? Daniel Fahrenheit's thermometer wasn't invented until 1714 and it wasn't until 1870 that the National Weather Service was established in the War



Nineteen feet of snow borders state highway 410 near Paradise, Wash., in Mt. Rainier National Park. EXPLORENORTH.COM

Department Signal Office, forerunner of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

According to early histories of Detroit, the winter of 1784-85 may have been among the coldest the city has ever known. A device for measuring temperature at that time recorded 23 sub-zero days in January and February. The Detroit River had frozen over by Jan. 7 and February went out with a roar at minus-10 degrees. The ice on Lake St. Clair that winter didn't melt until May. On the other hand, the winter of 1824-25 was so mild that grass grew a foot in January.

During the 1855-56 winter, people could walk across the Detroit River to Windsor. Ice-fishing shanties dotted the river for two months and there was a concession built on the ice to sell liquor and supplies. The winter of 1869-70 was so bitterly cold that more than 100 ships were still waiting April 26 for 10-foot thick sections of ice to clear in the channels of Lake St. Clair. Who can recall



Snow piles on Joy Road nearly obscure Franklin High School. GENE SCOTT

winters quite like these in the last 100 years?

None of these records and recollections from earlier times are official records. Those were not kept until 1870. So there are historic weather records and modern-day official records.

Want to know more about Detroit and Michigan weather history? Try these sources at many public libraries: *All About Michigan Almanac*, *Detroit Free Press Almanac*, *Silas Farmer's History of Detroit and Wayne County*, *Information Please Almanac*, Richard Kean's

Michigan Weather, Mal Sillars' *Detroit Weather Book*, J. Van Eichenlaub's *Weather and Climate of the Great Lakes Region* and other listings in library catalog files and website searches.

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and his wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

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County summit focuses on mental health care issues

Quality mental health care and making sure it reaches those who need it — especially children — was the topic at a summit held Monday in Livonia.

Redford's Commission on Children's Issues and Redford's 17th District Court sponsored "Navigating Mental Health 2014 & Beyond" at the St. Mary's Cultural Center.

The program brought together educators, mental health workers, local officials and others to discuss challenges and upcoming changes to the way mental health issues are handled in Wayne County.

"We have the responsibility to take over \$700 million of the people's money and give quality care," keynote speaker Tom Watkins said.

"We will decide what constitutes quality" mental health care, he said. "We should stop buying crap."

Watkins took the position of president, CEO and executive director of a newly created Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority as of Oct. 1, 2013.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, which served more than 72,000 providing services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbances and substance use disorders, converted into an authority similar to the Wayne County Airport Authority on Oct. 1.

The new authority has the responsibility to re-bid the county's mental health services which haven't been bid out since 2002, Watkins said.

Forums set

Public forums on the proposed changes will be held in March and April throughout Wayne County including at 5-8 p.m. March 13 at the Westland Public Library and from



Tom Watkins, president, CEO and executive director of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, takes questions from the floor. To his right are Christopher Wignet, superintendent Wayne County RESA, and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Human Services. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

5-8 p.m. April 3 at the Redford Community Center.

Among the changes are an "elimination of real and perceived conflicts of interest up and down the system" and coordination of case management, Watkins said.

"We believe that we can and should do better," he said.

School social workers and guidance counselors, although the first to be cut when budgets are tight, are an important part of helping kids, State Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford said.

Cavanagh has served as an appointee to the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

"A lot of kids don't have a strong family unit," he said.

A large percentage of those with mental health issues are diagnosed while in the juvenile criminal justice system, he said.

Other speakers on the panel included Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works, Christopher Wignet, superintendent of Wayne County RESA, Tamela Rusch and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

Mental trauma has emerged as a second leading issue after substance abuse among teens who use Growth Works services, Yagiela

said.

Last resort

The juvenile justice system often becomes the treatment of last resort, he said.

Treatment options have also been very limited offering only "plain vanilla treatment," he said. A lot of issues call for a different way of doing things, he said, but "the process moves glacially."

"It's safe to say we aren't providing what we need to," RESA's Wignet said.

Common Core, EAA, making up snow days and MEAP scores don't mean anything if children aren't ready to learn, he said.

Students with mental health issues often don't get the attention they need until they are in the criminal justice system, he said.

Another issue is children "aging out" of the foster care system with no family to go back to, Rusch said.

Foster children with mental health issues are also at a higher risk to become homeless as adults, McCullough said.

Only half of foster children finish high school, 20 percent go to college and only 2 to 9 percent finish a bachelor's degree, she said.

Her department works to connect the dots between education, working and successful life outcomes, she said.



Dr. Stanley Szcotka of the Garden City School District questions the ability of students to access services.

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Junior co-captain Olivia Cabildo averaged a team-best 218 on the day for the Division 1 state runner-up Rockets. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

John Glenn girls earn D-1 runner-up finish

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Westland John Glenn girls bowling team was on the cusp of winning the school's first-ever team state championship.

But the Rockets ran into a red-hot Davison squad, which captured its third consecutive MHSAA Division 1 state crown with a 1,509-1,447 victory in the finals Friday afternoon at Sunnbrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

"We bowled well enough to win the boys state championship and we were second in the girls," Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo said. "We just ran into Davison and the great program they have."

Davison had the edge in the alternate shot two-game Baker set with a 216-186-402 total to Glenn's 184-200-384. The Cardinals also prevailed in the regular game set, 1,107-1,063.

The Rockets safely moved into the quarterfinal elimination match play round after

finished fourth among the 18 regional qualifiers with a total of 3,553. Of the eight Baker games, Glenn had a high of 244 to go along with a 904-974 in the two regular games.

The top eight teams coming out the qualifying block included Farmington (3,760), Belleville (3,742), Sterling Heights Stevenson (3,558), Glenn (3,553), Wyoming (3,518), Davison (3,497), Macomb Dakota (3,462) and Jackson (3,387).

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Rockets pound Lakeland for KLAA Association title



John Glenn's Isaac Everette (1) scored a game-high 23 points in a 66-43 win over Lakeland. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Locked and loaded, Westland John Glenn didn't leave any doubt Thursday night that they're the undisputed boys basketball champions of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

White Lake Lakeland took the fatal bullet as the visiting Eagles fell 66-43 in the showdown between conference champions in the KLAA.

Glenn, the Kensington Conference representative, ended the first quarter on a 14-2 run and never looked back to earn its first Association

crown under eighth-year coach Dan Young.

Isaac Everette, a combination 6-foot-4 guard-forward, led the 15-5 Rockets with a game-high 23 points. Senior guard DeAngelo Kirksey added 15, while junior guard Mychael Bradley chipped in with 12.

Glenn led 19-7 after one quarter and 33-20 at halftime before opening up a 22-point advantage in the third quarter and coasting home.

"We were really focused and ready," Young said. "Even at halftime with the lead, the guys were just talking about the next possession. How we had to guard number five (Tim

Brotherton) and number 44 (Bradley Govan), and others. We were dialed in."

Two triples by Everette and one each by Mike Woodard and Kirksey keyed the Glenn first-quarter surge to bring the 15-5 Eagles out of their comfort zone.

"I think it was a combination," Everette said. "It was our outside shooting. We were making them from the 'three,' then our defense was real good. We had real good intensity. It was both."

Lakeland had trouble with Glenn's

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Wayne makes grid coaching change at top

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Tim Finnerty has assumed the duties of trying to turn around Wayne Memorial's fortunes in football.

The 59-year-old Finnerty, who most recently served as an assistant at Brighton and Ann Arbor Pioneer, replaces Lee Grizzell, who resigned in late December after going 0-18 in his two seasons as varsity coach.

Finnerty, who last coached at Pioneer in 2011, inherits a 39-game losing streak that dates back to the 2009 season when Kevin Weber, now the Wayne High principal, was head coach.

"I was looking to get back into it and this opportunity came up," said Finnerty, who works as a dermatology specialist in pharmaceutical sales. "To me it's exactly what I wanted to do. A school that size in one of the tougher leagues (KLAA) in the state ... I just thought it was a great opportunity to get in there and try and make something happen."



Finnerty



Grizzell

Grizzell, a teacher at Wayne who previously served as an offensive coordinator at Dearborn Edsel Ford, took over the Zebras' program in 2012 riding a 21-game losing skid.

But following a December meeting with Wayne athletic director Greg Ambrose, Grizzell walked away from the Zebras' varsity position.

"I got a lot of people's input, including my family, and I decided to resign this past December," Grizzell said. "I love coaching. Coaching football is something that I'll always do until I die. I'll be coaching football until I'm 90 if I'm around that long. I love the game of football."

Grizzell said he has tentatively accepted the head freshman coaching job at Allen Park.

"All sports are obviously really good building character in young people, but I think football especially," Grizzell said. "There are so many life lessons that kids can learn. It's so much a character builder in terms of discipline, dedication and teamwork. What sport do you need more teamwork in than football? There are so many great things about the game of football that I'll always coach it."

A Dearborn Heights native, Finnerty was a running back at Dearborn Divine Child where he played under Bill McCartney, a former assistant at Michigan under Bo Schembechler who later guided

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THREE GENERATIONS

Painters show 'sustainable patterns' in upcoming exhibit

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia will exhibit her work this month with two of her favorite artists — Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor and Natalie Estep of Canton.

"It's something I've had in the back of my mind," said Moucoulis, who organized the monthlong exhibit at Northville Art House. "Ellen not only was my professor, but has been a friend of mine for over 30 years. I've followed in her path, teaching and working as an exhibiting artist."

"I had a special student, Natalie, who had all the ingredients for success. It was the perfect storm of ingredients — raw talent, a willingness to work hard, tenacity. She was very special. I thought, why not get the three of us together? I went to Natalie and she was enthusiastic. Ellen took it on full force."

Wilt, who is in her 90s, taught Moucoulis at Eastern Michigan University from 1983-86 and Estep, 27, took classes from Moucoulis at Schoolcraft College from 2004-07. They and Moucoulis chose "human biology" as a theme for their show, "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."

It runs 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 7-29 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. The opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 7. Admission is free.

Exploring anatomy

"We've been working on it for a year now and we've met a number of times to show our work and discuss it and distill the idea. We are focusing on sustained patterns and using the vehicle of human biology to express that," Mourcoulis said. "Biologically we're from three generations and we have patterns in our own lives reflected in each other."

"When we went to Ellen's in Ann Arbor, she put out her hand and said, 'I'm ancient.' We all put our hands out. They were in different stages of aging. Ellen pulled the skin back on her hand and it looked just like Natalie's. It was something we wanted to explore, with the appreciation that there are so many patterns within anatomy and birth and gestation."

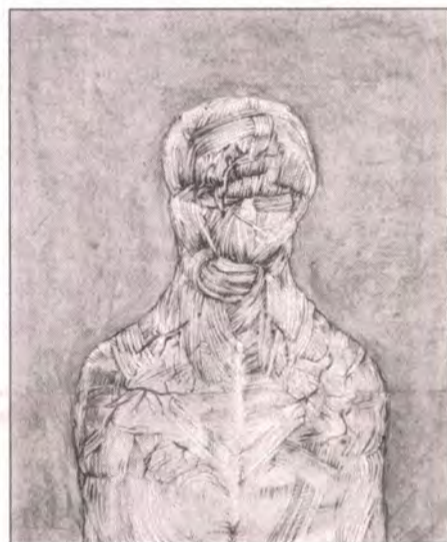
Wilt's paintings depict human anatomy and have examined working parts coming together. Moucoulis, who painted in acrylic both on wood and canvas, used her grandson's birth as inspiration for her works. Estep researched C-sections, the manner in which she was born, and painted her birth story. She also created a necklace that represents the umbilical cord.

"Usually for me, my painting comes from a feeling, emotion or an idea close to me," said Estep, who works as an assistant curator at the Janice Charach Gallery, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield. She also designs and paints sets for the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, located on the JCC campus.

"For me, being the youngest, I automatically thought of the need to look



Ellen Wilt, (left) Natalie Estep and Ellen Moucoulis discuss their exhibit, "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."



Muscle torso by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor

back to my beginnings. I had to look at my baby story. I was breech with the cord around my neck," she said, adding that her pieces depict birth from the baby's viewpoint.

Art school

After graduating from Salem High School, Estep planned to major in biomedical technology at Schoolcraft College. She dreamed about making life-like prostheses but evolved into an art student after taking two art classes with Moucoulis. She switched to graphic arts and with Moucoulis' help, landed a scholarship to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.



It's a Boy is an image from a polyptych by Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia.

"She had admissions people come to Schoolcraft and look at the work I was doing. It was a cool surprise to me," Estep said.

She returned to Schoolcraft and finished her work for an associate's degree in graphic arts after graduating from CCS with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Moucoulis credits Wilt for making "a big difference" in her life.

Moucoulis's grandmother and mother both taught and her father worked in the architectural field. She initially took art classes at Michigan State University, but worried that she couldn't make a living with her work. She ended up working in mechanical drafting at general motors, but soon went back to



Revealed, a painting by Natalie Estep of Canton

school at Eastern.

"I took a watercolor class with Ellen and fell in love with it. She was so generous. She did everything to help me get through school at the time and I had two little kids at home and was taking years to finish up," Moucoulis said.

"She is very innovative and has no fear about trying new things. She never does the same thing twice. She's my hero."

For more information about the exhibit, visit northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497.

Four-time cancer survivor shares experiences through her blog



Lorie Brady of Canton shows off her lavender hair, meant to raise awareness of cancer.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Blondes may have more fun but "lavenders" make a stronger statement. In Lorie Brady's case, her new light purple hair aims to shout "cancer awareness."

"I've always been a blonde," said Brady, a Canton resident and cancer survivor. "So, going from blonde to lavender is interesting, but it's all for a good cause."

She asked readers of her blog website and Facebook page — both are called "Breast Cancer Sucks" — recently to vote on a new hair color that would help start conversations about the disease. Lavender won and Brady headed to Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton last Tuesday for a free color makeover.

Brady, 56, created a blog 10 years ago after being diagnosed with breast cancer, but stopped writing after developing other medical problems unrelated to cancer. After a stint in the hospital last December for pneumonia, her second hospitalization in one year, she decided it was time to revisit the site to detail her cancer experiences. She hopes others will find support and information on its pages, along with hope.

"The first (bout with pneu-

monia) shocked me and by the second one I thought it's time to get a move on and get my story out there," she said. "I was in the medical ICU and it wasn't looking good. Fortunately I came out of that."

"My sweetheart, Larry (White) kept telling me 'you have a story and a voice and can help others by finishing your blog.'"

Brady said a young acquaintance she knew from vacationing at Torch Lake also motivated her to resume writing. The child's mother called Brady at Christmas to tell her the girl had written a "Jesus Christmas letter" praying for Brady to get well.

"It solidified that I had a voice and that maybe I could help others. This 8-year-old girl gave me a push, so I started writing again."

Cancer experiences

She started a separate Facebook page and a Twitter account in conjunction with the blog. The stories on breastcancersucks.com recounts her experiences with Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 17, treatment for two different kinds of skin cancers years later and her breast cancer diagnosis, mastectomies and treatment in 2004 — just a few months before she and White had planned to marry.

Brady said she included the



Lorie Brady takes a last look at her blonde tresses while awaiting a color change at Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton.

words "breast cancer" in her website title because it was the "most ominous" diagnosis she had received over the years.

"It was the toughest journey I went through," she said, adding that she hopes readers understand the importance of breast self-exams. "I found the tumor by a self-exam."

Brady, who grew up in Los Altos, Calif., was treated for Hodgkin's while in high school, finishing treatment at

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Fundraiser, raffle benefits child advocacy group



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE
COLUMNIST

The 18th annual Circle of Friends fundraiser was held over two days. First, the Preview Party, which was attended by 130 Patrons and sponsored by the Roberts Restaurant Group and Celani Family Vineyards, was held at CARE House in Pontiac, the charity recipient. The next day, child advocate and keynote speaker John Walsh spoke to a sold-out crowd of more than 350 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Walsh, who hosted and created the television show *America's Most Wanted* for 25 years helped in capturing more than 1,200 wanted criminals worldwide.

"It's your job to 'parent up' and open the lines of communication with your children," Walsh urged. "If your child is on Facebook, then friend him or her. The Internet is a private hunting ground and can become a very dangerous place.

"It's a whole different world out there today,"



Tom Celani shows the 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle that he and his wife, Vicki, donated from their Motor City Harley-Davidson store in Farmington Hills. It is being raffled to benefit CARE House.

he added. "You have to talk to your kids."

CARE House's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect and protect children through advocacy, education, intervention, research and treatment, in collaboration with the community.

CARE House Board President Vicki Celani and her husband, Tom, of Bloomfield Hills, established the Celani Child Advocacy Center at CARE House a few years ago. Celani's store, Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, was the event presenting

sponsor. It also donated a 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle and a customized CARE House gas tank for a raffle. Tickets are \$25 and available through Aug. 16 when the winner will be drawn during a Dream Cruise fundraising event at CARE House. Go Hog Wild for Kids and call 248-332-7173 to purchase tickets.

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



Bob Sloan (left) of Farmington Hills and Laura and Scott Goldstein of West Bloomfield enjoy the CARE House fundraiser. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



Livonia resident Julie Borg, owner of Bee Waxed Salon in Livonia, is revved up to buy raffle tickets for this 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle, complete with a customized CARE House gas tank.



Jennifer Kowal styles Lorie Brady's lavender hair.

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the end of April in her senior year. She recalls that two classmates lifted her to the podium to receive her diploma before her classmates threw their hats into the air in a sign of support.

Jobs in health care recruiting and a dental office followed, as Brady married, gave birth to a son, and subsequently divorced. During that time, she moved from California to Florida to Georgia before coming to Michigan in 2000. She and White have been sweethearts since meeting online.

Boyfriend and advocate

"He is the best patient advocate I could ever hope for. He has picked up the slack when I was sick. As tough as it is to go through an illness, I think it's even tougher for the caregiver. I give him a lot of props. He could have said adios."

Brady said she has been treated for various skin cancers through the years, both before and after meeting White.

Some have been removed from her face.

"I looked terrible. I couldn't look at myself in the mirror," Brady said, explaining why she agreed to be a guest on Sally Jessy Raphael's television show in 2001. The plan was to get a makeover on the show. "I never got the makeover, but I got a proposal from a white knight."

White proposed to her on the show, but had to cancel wedding plans three years later because of Brady's breast cancer diagnosis.

Now that she has distanced herself from that diagnosis by 10 years, she is looking forward to throwing a "big party" this year. She hopes her experiences will help other cancer patients and survivors stay positive and optimistic.

"It's not about me. It's about others. Through my posts and messages, I'm hoping someone gets this, that cancer is not a death sentence. I'm still here and so you will be too."

Visit her Breast Cancer Sucks blog site at www.breastcancersucks.com. Connect with her on the Breast Cancer Sucks Facebook page.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

Maple sugaring

» Maple Sugaring in Your Own Backyard runs 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9 and 23, at Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost for each class is \$7 per person or \$21 per family of four. All materials are provided, as well as take-home resources. Dress for the weather — a portion of the program is outdoors. Pre-registration is required online at <https://registration.fhgov.com> or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhg.gov.

» "Maple's Sweet Story," runs noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through March at Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton. Take a guided walk through the farm's sugar bush to learn the secrets of tapping a tree. Watch sap being boiled down into maple syrup at the sugar shack. Maple syrup products will be available for sale and to sample. The fee is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children, 3-12; children under 3 are free. For more information call Kensington Metropark at 248-684-8632.

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 Spicer 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.

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MYOFASCIAL PAIN SYNDROME

Many people are aware of Fibromyalgia, the pain condition that involves the whole body and which is often accompanied by headaches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping and sensitivity to even small doses of medication.

But far fewer people know about a companion condition, Myofascial Pain Syndrome. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome do not experience widespread pain, but note specific areas that ache daily; the most common site is about the neck and shoulders. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome think that they have arthritis of the neck or that they have a shoulder problem such as a rotator cuff tear.

However, on examining the patient and asking where the pain is worse, a doctor can discern that the problem is with the trapezius muscle. It originates in the scapula and inserts in the back of the skull: the muscle layers over the shoulders and over the neck. It is not difficult for a person to believe that the pain is coming from the cervical spine and the shoulder joint rather than from the muscle overlaying these bones.

Treatment for Myofascial Pain Syndrome is similar to what physicians prescribe for Fibromyalgia. A number of medicines meant to act as muscle relaxers work no better in Myofascial pain than they do in Fibromyalgia. Daily exercise, heat and massage, and knowledge that the muscle pain will not spread or lead to impairment are the only therapies that have proved useful over time.

In Fibromyalgia, the cause appears to be a midbrain pain center that is set at too sensitive a level for daily living. Investigators have not found a comparable center or site to explain why Myofascial Pain Syndrome has its own particular pattern of pain.

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Help your kids get sufficient, quality sleep

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Celebrate National Sleep Awareness Week, March 2-9, by practicing good sleep habits with your family.

"Relax before bedtime. An hour before bedtime turn off all electronics, including TV. TV is not something you should have on right before bedtime. Electronics stimulate the brain with light, which tells the brain to stay up," said Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, the Farmington Hills-based organization that educates parents and youngsters about the importance of sleep.

For a bedtime snack, Maxwell suggests "a light carbohydrate, nothing heavy and not a lot of sugar."

Routine is the key to making good sleep preparation into a habit. If 8 p.m. is bedtime, start preparing by 7 p.m. Include washing and brushing teeth as a part of the routine. The darker the bedroom the better.

"A small, dim nightlight is OK, but even that is a dim stimulant to the brain," Maxwell noted. "Keep temperatures low at night. As the body temperature goes down, it's a signal for it to fall asleep. A higher temperature may be harder for kids to fall asleep and stay asleep."

She suggests dialing the thermostat to 68 or less.

Sleep education

The National Sleep Foundation presents National Sleep Awareness Week annually the week leading up to daylight



saving time, when most Americans lose one hour of sleep. Maxwell said some youngsters routinely get inadequate or interrupted sleep.

That can lead to poor school performance, weight gain, impaired growth, problem behaviors and diabetes development, according to Dr. Ronald Chervin, M.D., professor of neurology and director of the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center. Chervin's also a member of the Sweet Dreamzzz Advisory Council.

"In some of these cases, simple, low-cost education of

children and parents about the importance of sleep is likely to have a dramatic impact," he said.

Sweet Dreamzzz will take its sleep education programs to children at the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit March 3-4 and the Detroit International Academy on March 7 and will give each child a sleep kit with a sleeping bag, tote, nightshirt, toothbrush and toothpaste. Maxwell said a sleeping bag gives a child a personal sleeping environment.

"We have families where

there are multiple children in a bed. It's not an effective sleeping environment if the covers get pulled," Maxwell said. "We might not be able to give them their own bed, but we can at least give them their own environment."

How much sleep?

Children, 3-5, need 11 to 13 hours of continuous sleep. Elementary school students need at least nine hours, Maxwell said. Through its educational programs, Sweet Dreamzzz has encountered many parents who believe

eight hours of sleep is sufficient for preschoolers.

"It's not that they don't want the best for their children, it's that they don't know," Maxwell said. "And we have families doing split shifts. One mother with six children would get in at 4 a.m. and the kids would wake up through the night waiting for her to get home."

"We had one father getting home at 11 p.m. and he would wake his child up because he hadn't seen her all day. How about a phone call instead at 8 p.m. to talk to daddy? Our goal is if we can move closer to the recommended number of hours (of sleep), then you're truly supporting children."

Sweet Dreamzzz asks schools and businesses to celebrate Sweet Dreamzzz Pajama Day on Friday March 7, by allowing students to wear their pajamas and employees to wear blue jeans. The event can be held in conjunction with a collection to buy sleep kits for economically disadvantaged youth. Maxwell said Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington Hills turned a donation drive into a contest between classrooms and raised enough money to buy sleeping bags for an entire elementary school.

"Have your own pajama day at home. Give us feedback on our Facebook page and tell us how you celebrate (Sleep Week) in your own home," she added.

For more about Sweet Dreamzzz, visit www.sweetdreamzzz.org. For more on National Sleep Awareness Week, see sleepfoundation.org.

Oakwood hospital system changes facilities' names

Oakwood Healthcare is changing the name of its four acute-care hospitals to reflect the Oakwood brand.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center has become Oak-

wood Hospital-Dearborn and Oakwood Heritage Hospital has been changed to Oakwood Hospital-Taylor. Later this year Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will become Oakwood

Hospital-Wayne and Oakwood Southshore Medical Center will be renamed Oakwood Hospital-Southshore.

"Oakwood is well known for providing uniquely personal-

ized patient care at all of our facilities," stated Brian M. Connolly, Oakwood's president and CEO. "When someone steps into any Oakwood hospital, clinic or facility, they can

be assured of receiving the same great experience no matter where they go. The new hospital names confirm that commitment to system-wide quality and service."

Gestational Diabetes Testing ...It's a big deal for your little one Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Farhat
Obstetrics/Gynecology

While gestational diabetes occurs in nearly 18% of all pregnancies, chances are if you haven't had a baby yet, you probably never heard of it. Caused by a temporary result of high blood sugar levels during pregnancy, Obstetrician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Ibrahim Farhat, from the GCH Center for Women's Health, explains why every expectant mother is tested for gestational diabetes, and what to expect if your tests come back positive.

Q: What causes gestational diabetes?

A: We don't know the exact cause, but we have some clues. The placenta supports the baby as it grows. Hormones from the placenta help the baby develop. But these hormones also block the action of the mother's insulin in her body. This problem is called insulin resistance, which makes it hard for the mother's body to use insulin. Thus, she may require up to three times the amount of insulin she normally would.

Q: How can gestational diabetes affect my baby?

A: Gestational diabetes affects the mother in late pregnancy, after the baby's body has been formed, but while the baby is busy growing. Because of this, gestational diabetes does not cause the kinds of birth defects sometimes seen in babies whose mothers had diabetes prior to pregnancy.

However, untreated or poorly controlled gestational diabetes can hurt your baby. When you have gestational diabetes, your pancreas works overtime to produce insulin, but the insulin does not lower your blood glucose levels. Although insulin does not cross the placenta, glucose and other nutrients do. So, extra blood glucose goes through the placenta, giving the baby high blood glucose levels. This causes the baby's pancreas to make extra insulin to get rid of the blood glucose. Since the baby is getting more energy than it needs to grow and develop, the extra energy is stored as fat.

This can lead to fetal macrosomia, or a baby who's significantly larger than average at birth. Babies with macrosomia can face health risks, including damage to their shoulders during birth. Because of the extra insulin made by the baby's pancreas, newborns may have very low blood glucose levels at birth and are also at higher risk for breathing problems. Babies with excess insulin become children who are at risk for obesity and adults who are at risk for Type 2 diabetes.

If you would like to read more about Gestational Diabetes from Dr. Farhat, look for his article in the upcoming Spring issue of Garden City Hospital's Healthy Generations Magazine.

Are you trying to get pregnant or already expecting? Then you don't want to miss GCH's "What to Expect, When You're Expecting" event on Saturday, March 15 at Westland Mall. Come hear OB-GYN, Dr. Chadi Haddad and certified nurse midwives, Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abass, as they discuss everything from pre-conception to postpartum depression. The event is free and starts at 1 p.m., and includes lunch.

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DEBUNKING Common

By Robert Half International

We've all heard that a résumé shouldn't be longer than a single page. And that "It never hurts to apply," even to jobs that are a long shot. It seems as if everyone has at least a small nugget of job search wisdom to pass along.

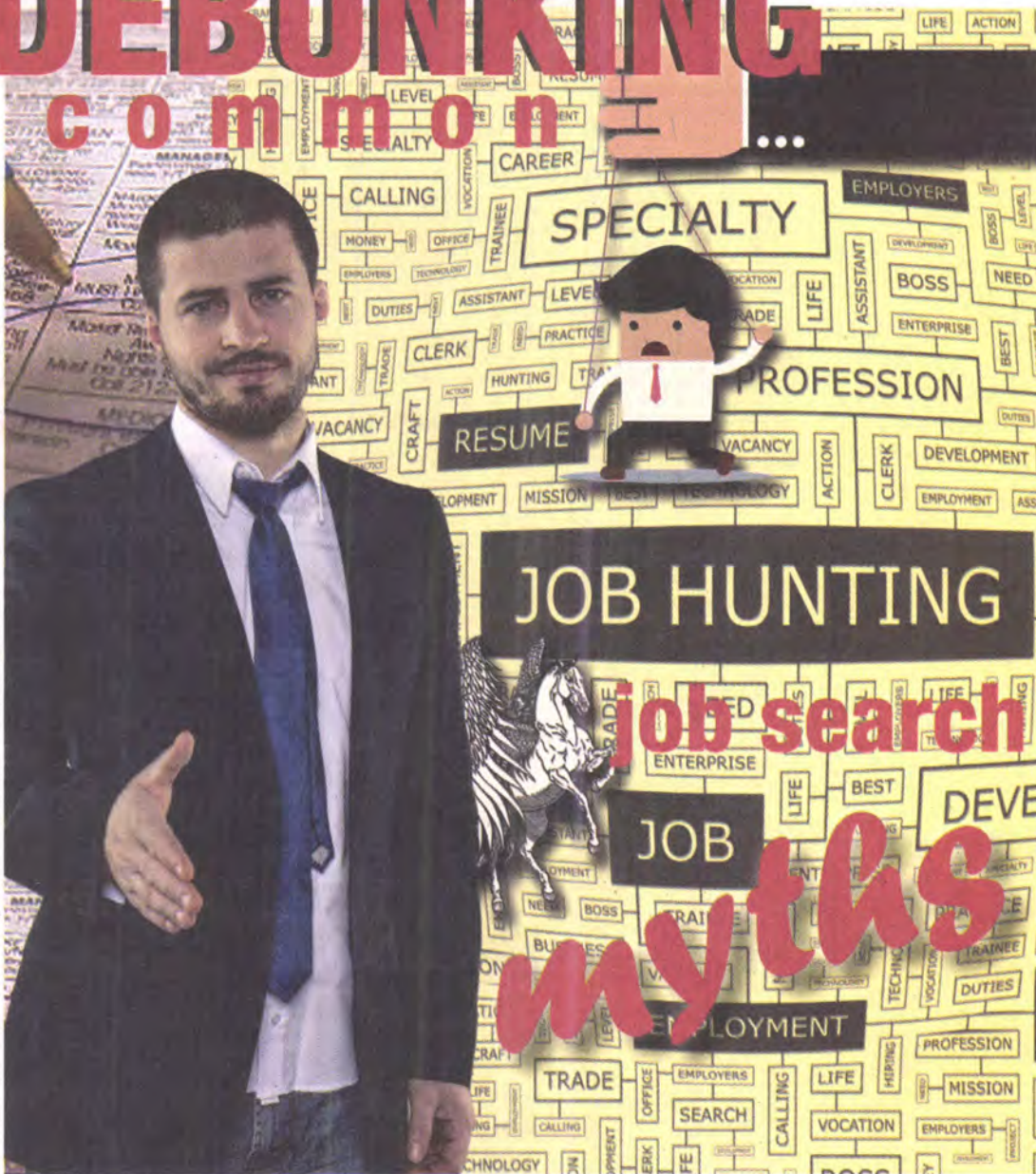
But rather than helping you, some of the advice you receive could be harming your chances of finding a new position. Job search myths -- like the "rule" about the one-page résumé -- have a habit of sticking around even though they're not true. Here are several that have been debunked:

You should keep your résumé to one page.

This job search myth is perhaps the oldest of the bunch. Even if it were true at some point, it certainly isn't now. Hiring managers are much more interested in getting a true sense of your skills and experience than counting the number of pages you use. Although you don't want to ramble on unnecessarily, don't worry about going past the single-page mark if you need more space to list all of your professional accomplishments.

You shouldn't bother to send a cover letter.

Many job candidates think the cover letter is a thing of the past, especially since the vast majority of applications today are submitted online. But most hiring managers appreciate the introduction a cover letter provides. It also offers you an opportunity to expand upon one or two key points from your résumé, thereby strengthening your case for the job. Since fewer and fewer applicants are submitting a cover letter, a well-written one can help you stand out. If you are submitting your résumé as an attachment or uploading it to a database, use the email message as your cover letter.



You should consider only full-time employment opportunities.

It's a mistake to overlook temporary positions. These assignments can last for weeks or even months, providing a source of income and a chance to network and build new skills. In addition, an increasing number of employers are viewing temporary engagements as on-the-job auditions, evaluating a potential hire's fit for the role prior to extending a full-time offer.

You should apply for as many jobs as possible.

It's true you shouldn't pass up an opportunity you feel is right for you. But applying for openings that you have little true interest in or that have requirements you clearly cannot meet is a waste of time -- for both you and the hiring manager. Focus on positions that spark your interest and match your qualifications. Then, customize your application materials to show why you deserve to be considered.

You shouldn't bother looking for work during the summer.

Sure, people are on vacation during these times of year. But as we all know, business never stops. Companies hire year-round -- even at the end of the year and during the summer. Don't put your job search on hold. Instead, realize that there's less competition from other job seekers, increasing the likelihood you're the one called in for an interview.

You shouldn't send an application unless a company has posted a job ad.

Every job seeker dreads hearing that his résumé will be "kept on file." So it's understandable that you want to be sure a company is hiring before putting in the time and effort necessary to submit a résumé and cover letter. Use your professional network to uncover opportunities that haven't been announced yet.

You should just cross your fingers after submitting a résumé.

Once you've sent in your résumé, the ball is completely in the hiring manager's court, right? Not necessarily. Don't be afraid to contact the employer after you've applied to reaffirm your interest in the position and explain why you're a good fit for the role. Employers sometimes need to be reminded of your qualifications. In fact, 81 percent of managers polled by Robert Half said job candidates should follow up within two weeks of applying for a job.

You should take the first job offer you get.

In a tough job market, this is one myth that is partially, but not entirely, true. Take a step back before rushing to sign on the dotted line. If your situation allows, it could pay to be selective. Ask yourself if the opportunity fits your long-term career goals. Will it give you opportunities for advancement and professional development? If not, taking the job could mean missing out on one that does offer this potential.

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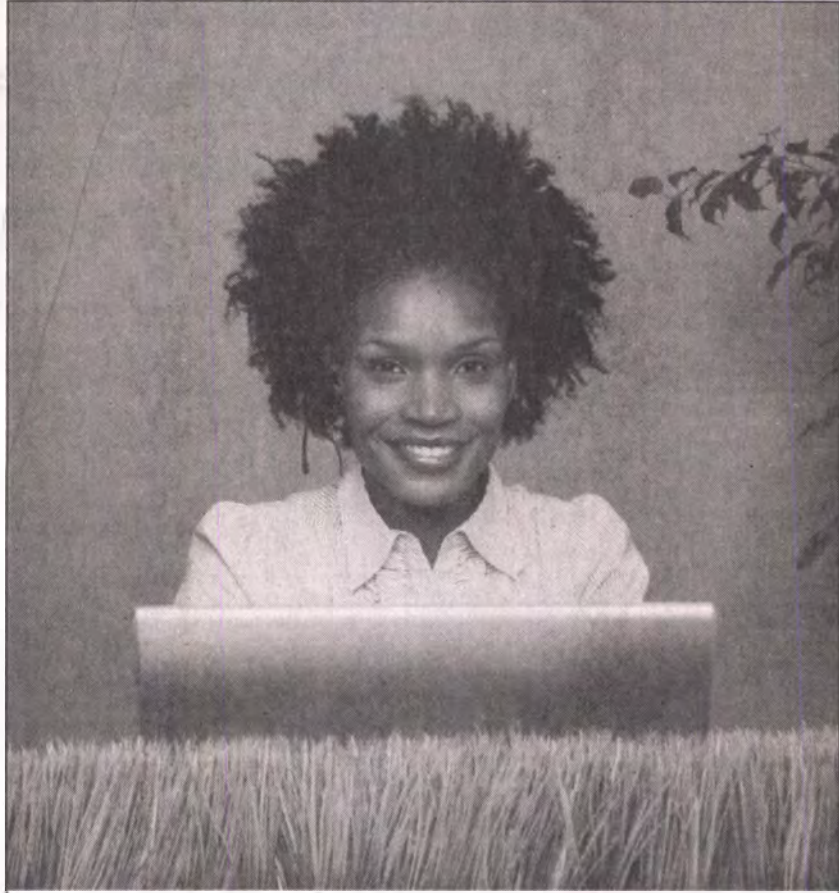
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Cadillac Bursts On Electromobility Scene with High Hopes for ELR



By Dale Buss

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Cadillac is selling its new ELR plug-in hybrid only by the dozens at this point rather than by the thousands, because it's only been avail-

able at dealers for a few weeks. But if Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus has his way, ELR will become a high-volume flagship for the brand in the way that its sibling, the Chevrolet Volt, never has achieved that hope for Chevy.

The 2014 Cadillac ELR luxury coupe blends dramatic design and industry-leading extended-range technology to deliver a driving experience that is both sport and environmentally friendly. It represents the first application of plug-in technology by a full-line luxury auto brand, as distinguished from the all-electric Model S that is making Tesla a household name.

The car provides a driving range of 340 miles, and most daily commutes will

require zero gasoline with zero emissions. Longer-range trips are free of the "range anxiety" that has tripped up mainstream all-electrics and has been a hindrance for Model S as well.

ELR also represents yet another branch on the rugged tree of the Cadillac design language that has helped turn around the brand over the last decade. Vertical headlamp and taillamp elements create a Cadillac design signature for ELR.

Meanwhile, Ellinghaus is betting the early days of his tenure as the brand's new CMO on getting luxury-car buyers worldwide to appreciate the new ELR. That's why he made one big decision about the aggressively American "Poolside" ad that debuted on NBC during the Sochi Olympics.

The ad already was essentially in the can when Ellinghaus came aboard at Cadillac a few months ago,

but he decided to have the ad tout the new ELR rather than another model he declined to identify.

The timing of the sales launch of the car would coincide perfectly with the brand's Sochi sponsorship and the debut of the commercial, he concluded. And besides, what better chance to get traction for his repositioning of the Cadillac brand than to underscore its most technologically advanced and adventurous product to date?

"It's the most progressive statement Cadillac has in the market," Ellinghaus told me. "So I said, why don't we use this 'Poolside' commercial for ELR?" During tentpole events such as the Olympics, he said, "You have a reach that you have on very few other occasions during the year."

As long as the brand was "going to reach so many people," Ellinghaus figured "it would be lovely to reach all of them positively with a car they might not expect from Cadillac — and still may not know we have it."

In his few months at Cadillac after coming over from BMW marketing and brand strategy, Cadillac has posted a 22 percent increase in 2013 sales over 2012, and has garnered kudos for its new ATS and CTS.



Inside, ELR's appointments make it unique in the electric-car segment.

But Ellinghaus has determined that "we need to build desirability for Cadillac and surprise people positively in ways they've never seen Cadillac before."

He also wanted to make sure that, in this era when the all-electric Tesla Model S is finding strong appeal for electromobility among luxury-car buyers, there was no mistaking in "Poolside" that Cadillac was promoting its own electrified vehicle.

"I thought it would be a nice surprise effect if it featured the car that was visibly recognizable as one with an electric drivetrain," Ellinghaus explained. "So [actor Neal McDonough] unplugs it" in the ad.

Ellinghaus credits Tesla with throwing down the gauntlet to the traditional luxury-car business "so that we realize electromobility can work and we can be successful with it. There's a good business case

for all of us to realize there is demand even for sports cars — with the performance and design and prestigious aspects that they've always had — with an electric drivetrain, and that these cars may rescue driving pleasure for the entire industry.

"That's why we're proud of ELR — it's not a 'rolling declaration' but rather a premium car with an electric drivetrain."

The success of Tesla, the debut of ELR and the imminent arrival of BMW's i8 plug-in hybrid, Ellinghaus said, disprove the early theory about EVs that "if they worked, it would be at the bottom end of the market. This was why the initial EVs weren't premium at all. This was flawed."

By contrast, he said, the industry is finding that "customers interested in electromobility are educated human beings and make good money and don't want to give up the joy of driving" for being green.



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