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Robbery of slain teenagers described

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

Two witnesses described Westland teens Jacob Kudla and Jourdan Bobbish as being robbed, forced to strip to their underwear and loaded into the trunk of a car — the last time anyone says they saw the pair alive.

Charged with murdering and robbing the teens in 2012, defendants Fredrick Young, 25, and Felando Hunter, 24, were identified by witnesses as having robbed Kudla, 18, and Bobbish, 17. The teens were missing for five days before they were found shot, execution-style, in a Detroit field.

Brandon Hall and his then-girlfriend Stephany Seawright testified in Wayne County Cir-

cuit Court on Thursday that they were at a home on Algonac in Detroit the night of July 22, 2012. Both testified that two white males turned up at the house, as did Young and Hunter. Hall and Young are first-cousins.

Kudla and Bobbish had come to buy drugs, Hall testified. "The two Caucasian males entered (the home). There was conversation. It turned into robbery," Hall said. "They asked for narcotics. It was friendly for a second, then into a violent conversation."

One of the defendants ordered Kudla and Bobbish to get on the floor or turn over their belongings, Hall said, then Young hit one of the teens in the head with a long gun.

"It looked like a hunting

rifle. The kid was on the ground," Hall said. "They proceeded to rob them. They took their clothes off. Then they put them in the trunk."

There were some details differing between Hall and Seawright in their testimony. Hall described Young and Hunter arriving at the home first, Seawright said the teens arrived first.

Having talked with the teens when they entered the house, Seawright said she had returned to the kitchen to eat and it was quiet in the living room for a few minutes.

"The two white boys were saying 'What's going on?' Lock (Young) and Lando (Hunter) were saying 'Shut up,'" Seawright said. "Lando said something about being tired of you

coming into the neighborhood taking my stuff. The white boys kept saying 'can we just go.'"

Both Seawright and Hall described the teens, clad in T-shirts, underwear and socks, being marched through the home's kitchen out the side door to a car that shortly drove away.

Defense cross-examination of Seawright focused on changes in details of her April 2014 statement to Detroit Police and her testimony Thursday.

Neither Seawright nor Hall called police after recognizing Kudla and Bobbish in media accounts of their disappearance. Both were contacted by Detroit Police in April 2014.

"I didn't call police. I was

scared. Later I saw they were found dead. I was still scared. I didn't call police," Seawright said. "I mentioned to my mom that I saw the white boys before. I didn't call the police (after talking to her mother)."

Following Hall's testimony, Wayne County Circuit Judge Dalton Roberson adjourned the trial until Monday. He said a lengthy cross-examination of Hall was expected and he didn't want to have it interrupted by starting it late in the afternoon.

"You will have the case for deliberations on Tuesday. We got held up without power (Tuesday) and we do motions in court Friday," Roberson said.

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Frank Rogers, hands on hips, with his bomber crew in front of the Chiquita Mia, a B-24 bomber.

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A DATE 'WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY'

Westland veteran recalls the devastation of attack on Pearl Harbor

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

FRANK ROGERS MAY BE A RARITY among World War II veterans. He was 18 years old when he saw the first bombs drop on Pearl Harbor and was an escaped prisoner of war in Germany looking for the American lines at the end.

"I was just a young punk," said the Westland resident. "I turned 18 on Aug. 14, 1941, and 14 days later I enlisted in the Air Force. I didn't want to sit around and read 10-cent books about what was happening, I wanted to be a part of it."



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 Pearl Harbor survivor Frank Rogers holds a portrait made when he was in flight school.

Rogers's family has heard many of his stories about the war, but this is the first time he's shared it with others. At age 92, his daughter Sharon felt it was time he told his story.

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Maciag is new Wayne police chief

By LeAnne Rogers
 Staff Writer

The interim portion of Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag's title has been officially removed.

On Tuesday, the Wayne City Council voted to confirm Interim City Manager David Murphy's appointment of Maciag as police chief. Maciag had been serving as interim chief since Jason Wright retired Oct. 17.

In his supporting document to council, Murphy said over the last several weeks he had talked with council members, city staff, business owners and police officers about Maciag, 40, who had been serving as deputy chief.

Words like meticulous, dedicated, hardworking, honest, honorable and ethical were used about Maciag, Murphy noted, adding no one else would be better suited to become police chief.

"I wanted to thank you for your vote of confidence. I thank all the citizens of this fine city for being so nice and their support over the years," Maciag said. "I started my career here 17 years ago. I am very proud to be chief. The fine men and women of this department are the best of the best, as you know."

Moving forward, Maciag said the department will continue to provide excellent service.

A Wyandotte native, Maciag and his wife June have two sons, Jacob and Alex. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University. He also completed the FBI Academy in 2012 and the Northwestern University Staff and Com-



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Rogers was called Shot of Whiskey in the service because his last name was Rzatkowski, which he and his siblings decided to change in later years. He had applied for foreign service and was on a luxury liner en route to the Philippines when his orders were changed and he was assigned to Hickham Field at Pearl Harbor.

A radio operator and gunner on a B-18, he flew missions looking for the enemy and on occasion the pilot would give him some "stick time" to learn to fly. He told Rogers he would make a good pilot.

Guard duty

On Dec. 7, he was standing guard duty with another airman when they saw a plume of smoke and then another. At first they thought it was the Navy practicing, but when the third bomb

knocked them on their butts, they knew they were under attack.

"What people don't know is that two days before Pearl Harbor, the government knew we were going to be attacked," he said. "They had us take all of our personal belongings and put us in a hangar. They told us someone was going to attack us and we couldn't put our guard down."

The planes were coming in at tree-top level and they saw a red dot on the tails. They asked each other what that dot was. The planes could have killed them, but they didn't. The ground was shaking from the bombs, so the two men sought shelter in a man-hole near it. Rogers said when they finally looked out, all they saw the devastation of the Japanese attack. Even the hangar had been bombed.

"They pretty much leveled everything," he said. "People were running everywhere. A B-17 was coming in to land

and a Japanese fighter was strafing it. I got off three shots, but I don't know if I hit it."

"That mistake (of putting him on guard duty) saved his life," his wife Virginia said.

Defending the island

That night they helped strip guns from damaged planes to defend the island. They expected a ground invasion to follow the air attack. That never happened.

At the time, he belonged to the 26th Bomb Squadron, but two months after the attack, he decided to test to be a pilot. He passed and was put on a transport to San Francisco. The plane was filled with Japanese civilian prisoners from the islands that were being sent to internment camps on the mainland.

He went to cadet flying school. While training in El Paso, Texas, Rogers and his crew would cross the border to Juarez, Mexico. Those visits gave them the name for the B-24 Liberator bomber they picked up in Herington, Kansas: Chiquita Mia.

He flew the plane to Florida where they received their orders and a "pouch filled with \$10,000 in gold certificates." Assigned to Europe, Rogers flew the plane to Trinidad; Natal, Brazil; across the ocean to Dakar, Senega; Marrakesh, Morocco, and Tunisia before finally landing in Madurai, Italy.

In Trinidad, there were homes with flags that indicated they had women for sale. His crew bought one and hid her in the plane. Rogers didn't discover the extra cargo until the plane landed in Africa.

"I kicked her out of the plane, I didn't want to get court-martialed," he said.

Chiquita Mia

The Chiquita Mia was one of the B-24 bombers built at the Willow Run Bomber plant and contained a part Rogers's wife Virginia made at a defense plant in Detroit. Married for 65 years, Virginia met Rogers in the kitchen of her mother's home.

"His family was good friends of my mother," she said. "We were in the kitchen, making sausage. They were trying to find me someone and I told them, the next fellow that comes through the door, don't call me. It was him."

Rogers was on his ninth mission when he was shot down by enemy fighters over Germany. The four months of training didn't include using a parachute. He made his first and last jump that day.

"When we were shot down, the plane lurched and my head hit the Bombay door, it knocked me out," he said. "I woke up at 5,000-6,000 feet. I had fallen from 16,000 feet. As I got lower I saw three people coming toward me and I saw the plane burning. I heard the bullets, they were shooting at me. When I hit the ground I rolled up in the chute to protect myself."

The people beat him, but he was saved from being speared with a pitch fork by a German officer. He wanted information from Rogers who he called a pig and a "Chicago gangster."

"We were on three engines and had almost made it to Switzerland before we were attached by three fighters," he

said. "It wasn't my original crew and co-pilot when we were shot down."

Stalag life

Rogers was put in a boxcar and was sent on his way further into Germany. He still wonders how he got to Stalag Luth 1 in Barth alive. The Americans were strafing the train yards at the time.

He was put up in a building that was lit by one 20-watt bulb and filled with bunks two high.

"You could see that ground through the floor boards," he said. "One guy at the camp made a violin from a bed slate and the Germans were so impressed, they gave him the strings. It's in a museum now."

Rogers was at the camp for 18 months. He spoke Polish and got friendly with one of the guards who also spoke Polish. He gave him cigarettes from the packages some of the soldiers received from home. One day, the guard lifted the barbed wire and then went to eat. Rogers and the British officer who spoke German snuck out.

For two months, they roamed Germany looking for the American lines. They had a gun and used it to get an American-style stagecoach. They gave it to a family that was trying to escape by pushing a hay wagon. They also came across a bombed-out shack where they heard women singing. They went in and found a group of dance hall girls from Berlin who had been branded on their breasts with Swastikas because they refused to fraternize with German officers.

Under arrest

"We stole a car near Hamburg and even helped hide some German girls from Russian officers," he said. "We helped the family hide them behind a fake fireplace."

They dressed as Polish officers and stood up at a wedding. When the service was done, the bride and groom asked for a salute. They had two guns, so they fired off two shots. Luckily they had shed the uniforms before the Americans showed up and arrested them.

Rogers never knew the name of the British officer; he just called him Joe. He was put on a plane back to England, while Rogers ended upon a train to Paris. He was given \$300 and was walking around when he met a French officer who took him to a General de Gaulle party.

But the hardest part was coming home.

"When I was on the train coming home, I wanted to kill myself," Rogers said. "There was a woman sitting next to me and I gave her \$50 and asked her to hang on to it. I was sweating. I had her walk out with me and found a taxi cab. I found a motel and lay on the bed for three days, looking at light. I finally got a cab home and had the cabbie walk me to the door."

Rogers lay in bed for 30 days and finally one day he felt better.

"I sat on the porch with my feet on the rail," he said. "The wind was blowing the leaves and the sky was blue. I said I'm finally home."

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mand School.

With the Wayne Police Department likely the most financially

challenged department in a financially challenged city, Maciag said his goal is to rebuild the staff and staffing levels.

"I'd also like to be more involved in the community. There are some technology things I would like to see us move to-

wards," he said. "I want to be more accessible to the community — they are our ally and help us tremendously."

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St. Mary Mercy could screen, isolate Ebola patients

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital says it's prepared to isolate and screen for Ebola but would send a patient elsewhere for testing and treatment.

That plan, part of a statewide initiative to place each health care center into a specific tier of treatment, is coming more into focus, hospital officials say.

Dr. Peter Dews, chief medical officer for St. Mary Mercy Hospital, told the Livonia City Council on Monday night that the facility is prepared for some work with Ebola patients if they were to come in, but would transfer them elsewhere to continue their treatment and testing. The hospital is ready for a "tier 4" designation, the lowest tier in treating Ebola patients, according to the state.

"St. Mary's is designated as a tier 4 hospital," he said. "That's what we're prepared to function as."

Dews said a letter received by the hospital several days ago from the state gauged the hospital's ability to care for Ebola patients.

Patients would be transferred to other facilities from Livonia designated as tier 1 or tier 2, he said.

The tier system is one that has been developed by the state to help evaluate best practices in treating someone with Ebola if it were detected in Michigan, said Jennifer Smith, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Smith said there is no official designation made for St. Mary Mercy Hos-



Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital would isolate and screen for Ebola but would send patients elsewhere for testing and treatment.

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pital or any other health care facility yet in the state, though the process of determining those is ongoing.

"Hospitals are being asked to identify which Ebola response is most appropriate for their facilities," she said. "At this time, the designations have not been made."

Sharon McMahon, the infection prevention specialist for the Livonia hospital, said a tier 4 designation makes sense for St. Mary Mercy, given there are much larger facilities with more capabilities close by in the Mercy health system.

"We could either transfer to Pontiac or Ann Arbor and stay in our system," she said. "Ann Arbor is so close, and they have more resources available to them to take care of these patients."

The hospital has held several drills to react to patients possibly coming

in showing symptoms of the disease, which has killed thousands in several west African countries.

The state is currently monitoring 11 individuals who have shown possible symptoms of the disease, though no one has been determined to have it. The state has not listed what county or counties those individuals were from.

McMahon said some of the urgency has lessened in recent weeks as fewer reports of Ebola in the United States have surfaced, but the hospital is doing everything it can to prepare for the worst if it were to come.

"It is a very fluid situation," she said. "They're pretty stable right now, but they want to make sure people are prepared."

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LIVONIA TEACHER HONORED AT TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

One of Livonia Public Schools' top educators, who was honored locally as a Teacher of the Year in 2010-11, has been recognized nationally for her outstanding contributions and achievements in education.

Mary Helen Diegel, a U.S. history teacher at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, had her photo displayed in November on digital screens at 3 Times Square, New York, one of the busiest and most high profile landmarks in the nation, by Strathmore's Who's Who.

Strathmore's Who's Who honors professional men and women in business, the arts and sciences, law, engineering and government, giving The Times Square appearance to individuals who have demonstrated consistent excellence in their career.

"It is very humbling and an honor to be recognized nationally," she said in an email to the *Observer*. "I feel blessed to have had incredible teachers throughout my life so I may pass on the lessons learned to the next generation. Educating students is truly a community effort."

Diegel was honored for her expertise in identifying primary source materials that classroom teachers find useful, as well as providing hands-on training for teachers and students in the recognition and use of primary sources. Primary sources are documents or objects written or created during the time under study, such as speeches, manuscripts, poetry, music, art, relics and artifacts.

She has provided professional development internationally, including in South Africa, and at the state level, including the Michigan Council for the Social Studies and Michigan Council for History Education annual conferences. Diegel has implemented statewide initiatives and curriculum development for both social studies and English.

A favorite teacher

Mayra Orozco, who took Diegel's AP history class when she taught at Franklin High School, considers Diegel her favorite teacher of all time. "As a first



Mary Helen Diegel works with students in her AP history class at Franklin High School in 2010.

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generation Latina, pursuing higher education was something that was not planned," the University of Michigan student wrote Diegel in an email recently. "However your presence and support set you apart from the rest of my other teachers. You are my role model. You are a woman of distinction, with so much passion and knowledge."

Kaitlynn Dwyer, who was in Diegel's world history and AP U.S. history classes from 2004 to 2006, said Diegel inspired her to help others less fortunate. A volunteer with End Violent Encounters, she hopes to use her law degree to help victims become survivors.

"I know high schoolers can sometimes be a tough group to teach since they already know everything," she wrote in an email to Diegel. "But I am glad you do what you do. Again, thank

you for being an inspiring teacher."

Diegel, 39, of Oak Park, received a bachelor's degree in political science from Kalamazoo College. She earned a master of education from Cambridge College and studied abroad at the L'Universite de Caen in France.

Her list of honors includes The Veterans of Foreign Wars's Southeastern Michigan Teacher of the Year, Livonia Public Schools's Teacher of the Year for 2010-11, a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, a Library of Congress U.S. History Project, Livonia Public Schools's Founder's Day Honoree, and Livonia Educational Association Spotlight Award, among others.

Asked what she is most proud of, Diegel said: "I am most proud of my students, both current and past. It is exciting to see the students grow and

develop into incredible people. It's wonderful to hear about the students' successes post graduation."

She said the best advice she can give to students and other teachers is to be present. As Aristotle stated, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

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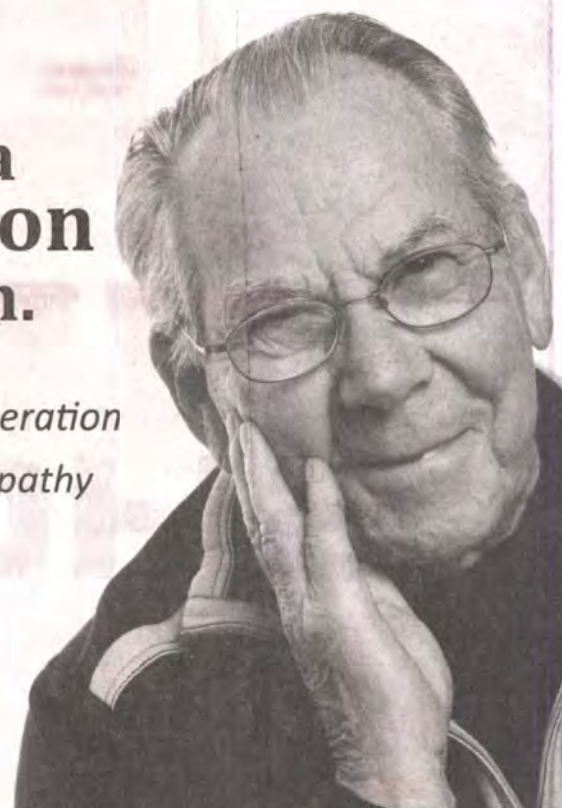
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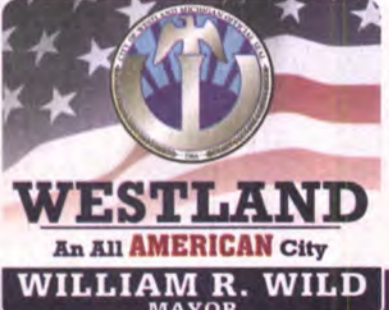
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School, community partner to run food pantry

Some Livonia Public Schools families are getting special deliveries this holiday season, and throughout the year, thanks to a community, school and business partnership that's blooming in the Franklin High School triad of the school district.

Housed at Emerson Middle School, under the direction of Principal Ann Owen, a food pantry is being stocked with donations and the food is being delivered to families via UPS trucks.

It's all made possible by a partnership between Emerson Middle School, the Livonia AM Rotary Club, Livonia City Treasurer Dennis Wright, Livonia manufacturing company Alpha USA and the UPS Store, located at Five Mile and Newburgh Road.

So far, only families who have the highest

need are being served, but there is room for the program to grow.

Here's how it works. Qualifying families fill out a monthly "shopping list," Emerson staff members pull items from the pantry and pack them up for shipping, which is provided courtesy of Eric Ladwig at the UPS Store in Livonia. This door-to-door delivery helps maintain the privacy for the families being served. The program is currently assisting 37 families, which represent about 100 children and 50 adults.

The behind-the-scenes coordination and logistics are handled by Emerson staff members and also Janice Newsome, from Alpha USA. Donations are being coordinated through Emerson and Livonia Kids & Families, a non-profit formed by Chuck Dardas at Al-

pha USA, Eric Ladwig at the UPS Store and Dennis Wright.

For Thanksgiving, families received a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, through donations by Emerson staff members, Alpha USA and the AM Rotary Club.

Food donations are always being accepted from the community. The most needed items include: canned tuna, canned chicken, canned pork and beans, peanut butter (in plastic jars only), canned ravioli and Spaghetti Os.

"We stock other items, but these are important protein items that go quickly," Owen said.

Donations may be made directly to Emerson Middle School, located at 29100 W. Chicago, just east of Middlebelt. The school's phone number is 734-744-2665.



Volunteers pull items from the pantry at Emerson Middle School and pack them for shipping.



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Donating stock to charity is win-win option

Q: Dear Rick: Every year I sit down and do my charitable contributions. I generally write checks to four or five different organizations. Generally, this time of year I receive a bonus and I use it to make my charitable contributions. I've been notified that I will not be receiving a bonus this year, however, I still want to make my contributions. What should I do to free up some cash? I have a few different options. The first is to borrow from my 401(k) Plan. I've been told at work that I can borrow what I need. My second option is to withdraw some money from my IRA. I am over 59½ so I don't need to worry about any penalties. My last option is to sell some of my Ford stock. I bought Ford stock a number of years ago when things were not doing well at the auto industry and I have a substantial gain. Which option should I consider?



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MONEY MATTERS

... donating appreciating securities is a great tax strategy. Not only do you receive a double tax benefit, but the charity is also in a favorable position because it would not have to pay taxes either.

A: It is admirable that you are not going to receive a bonus, you still want to help those less fortunate. Americans are the most generous people on earth because of people like you.

In reviewing your situation, I believe there's a better option than the ones you have proposed. Borrowing from your 401(k) Plan is not bad, but there is a better option. One issue to be concerned with when you borrow from a 401(k) Plan is whether you can continue to con-

tribute to the plan. Many plans do not allow new contributions if there is an outstanding loan.

The second option, withdrawing from your IRA, can also have a significant downside. When you withdraw money from the IRA it is taxed to you. Considering that you're working, it is potentially possible that withdrawing money out of an IRA can throw you into a higher tax bracket.

The third option — selling your Ford stock, will require you to pay taxes on the gain. The resulting capital gain that you would have to pay can also cause other negative tax consequences for you.

I recommend that you donate your Ford stock directly to the various charities. In this trans-

action, you would receive a double tax benefit because you would not have to pay the capital gain tax (you would have been required to if you sold the Ford stock). In addition, you can write off the full fair market value of the stock as a charitable contribution. You in fact receive a double tax benefit.

For those who are charitable in nature, donating appreciated securities is a great tax strategy. Not only do you receive a double tax benefit, but the charity is also in a favorable position because it would not have to pay taxes either. Therefore, it is a win-win situation.

Donating appreciated securities is a little more difficult than writing a check. However, it is not complex. What it does is require a little more time than just writing a check. Therefore, if you want to donate appreciated securities to a charity and still qualify for a tax write-off for 2014, the time is now.

One last note and that is the question many of you may still be asking, what about the charity. From a charity standpoint, it can sell the appreciated security immediately and it will have no tax consequences.

Good luck.

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

American Legion makes donation for Greenmead flagpole



Commander Ken Fussell, left, of the American Legion Carl E. Stitt Post in Dearborn Heights presents a check to fellow Legionnaire Bob Legel, president of the Livonia Historical Society, toward the purchase of a new flagpole used in Greenmead Historical Park for the recent "Star-Spangled Celebration" of the 200-year anniversary of the 13-star American flag, which flew over Fort McKinley to begin the war of 1812. Not shown is Commander Jim Pardo of the Livonia American Legion who also contributed to the purchase.

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Livonia residents Helen Paskievitch, left, and Rose Harrison look at some hats on sale Friday during the senior center's annual holiday craft show.



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Livonia residents Shirley Greenwood, left, and Barb Bird, right, sell raffle tickets to attendees.

Holiday crafts come to senior center



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Carol Duchene of Farmington Hills sets a necklace up for display.

The Livonia senior center held its annual holiday craft show Friday, filling the center with dozens of vendors and attendees looking to get in the holiday spirit.

There were a variety of items being sold, ranging from jewelry and small holiday gifts to croqueted hats. One of the sellers, Carol Duchene of Farmington Hills, returned to Livonia to sell after moving out a few years ago to an apartment.

She was happy to come back to her old city and sell some items Friday at the senior center.

"I miss Livonia," she said.



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Sandy Scussel of Livonia participated in the holiday craft show.

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2015 - SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday	January 12, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	January 26, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	February 9, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	February 23, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	March 9, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	March 23, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	April 6, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	April 13, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	April 27, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	May 4, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	May 11, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	May 18, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	June 1, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	June 8, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	June 29, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	July 13, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	July 27, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	August 10, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	August 24, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	September 14, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	September 28, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	October 5, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	October 26, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	November 9, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	November 16, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	November 23, 2015	Council Meeting
Monday	November 30, 2015	Council Meeting
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Santa Claus hits the switch to light the Christmas outside the Wayne Historical Museum.



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Carols were part of the Wayne Tree Lighting at the Wayne Historical Museum.

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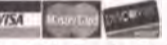
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Santa lights the Wayne Christmas tree



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Wayne resident Peter Farris gets a better view of the festivities from father Mike as they watch the tree lighting.

The holiday season officially got underway in Wayne on Tuesday evening as Santa Claus arrived.

Santa officially pushed the button to light the city's Christmas tree in front of the Wayne Historical Museum.

"I want to welcome you to the start of the festivities for the holidays," said Wayne Mayor James Hawley, introducing Santa Claus.

A large crowd of youngsters and

adults gathered outside the museum to greet Santa Claus, who arrived on a fire truck with lights and siren. There were carols like *Jingle Bells*, *Silent Night* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* before the crowd headed inside for refreshments and visits with Santa.

"The tree lighting was a lot of fun. I wanted to thank the Wayne Historical Society for hosting it," Wayne Councilman Albert Damitio said.



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Lydia Thwaites of Wayne is thrilled to meet Santa Claus as he arrives at the Wayne Historic Museum for the annual tree lighting.

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Garden City resident Mark Brown is one of the volunteers who helped with the Garden City Goodfellows paper sale.



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Motown H.O.G. member Denise Voegelé urges motorists to purchase a special edition Goodfellows newspaper.



TOM BEAUDOIN

The Santaland Parade proved to be a good place for Bill Harmon to sell papers to the crowd.

Goodfellows ensure no child without a Christmas

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Garden City Goodfellows newspaper sales were down this year.

"We collected about \$15,000," treasurer Kim Dold said. "It's down from years past. We're down probably about \$5,000."

They also do a mail-in collection.

It will cost the Goodfellows about \$22,000 this year to ensure no Child is without a Christmas when they help about 320 children.

Dold talked about the newspaper sales.

"We had 44 volunteers working Kmart and Kroger," Dold said. "We were really, really down on the street corner volunteers this year."

She doesn't know the reason.

There were about 25-30 volunteers at the street corners.

The Goodfellows weren't able to man all the main corners but did man four major intersections: Warren and Middlebelt, Ford and Middlebelt, Merriman and Ford and Inkster and Ford.

"Those weren't manned continuously," Dold said. "On Saturday, the street corners dropped down to two: Ford and Middlebelt and Warren and Middlebelt. Who knows why?"

In the last couple years, the motorcycle clubs have helped out at the corners. This year it was The Faith Riders out of Merriman Road Baptist Church, the W2 Goldwing Club and American Legion Riders.

Motor City H.O.G. was at Warren and Middlebelt.

"Their group collects the most money for us every single year," Dold

said. "They bring in a lot of volunteers. They raised their total by \$200 more than last year."

Some dignitaries like Judge Richard Hammer are out every year. "The fire chief was also out there," Dold said. "Firefighters always do really good."

For some, helping out the Goodfellows is a lifetime dedication.

At 83, Harold Borowiecki probably is the oldest Garden City Goodfellow. "It's payback," he said.

The Goodfellows helped his family when he was very young. He later helped found the

Garden City Goodfellows at least 50 years ago and has helped out ever since.

"He goes out every year," Dold said. "Now he sits in the Kmart lobby and doesn't go on the

streets."

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Motown H.O.G. member Fran Bunton joined other members in assuring that there will be "No Child without a Christmas" by selling papers at Middlebelt and Warren Road.

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Pastors reach out to 'Christmas, Easter people'

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Rev. Robert Allen of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will see some new faces at Christmas worship.

"You get folks that are tangentially associated with the church," said Allen, a Lyon Township resident and head of staff and teaching elder at the downtown Northville congregation. "The bottom line for me is numbers on a membership roll are less important. It's a family of faith wherever you go. Come as you are, come when you can."

"Folks want to reconnect," Allen said. "You want to connect them to something. It's not just a ritual, but a relationship. It's all about being present and not trying to put on airs."

He and other pastors see "Christmas and Easter people," infrequent church goers, each year. Christian clergy view the holidays as an opportunity to reach those people.

"One of the ways I reach out is moving past the ordinary," Allen said. "The idea is to capture their interest and their intellect." Some see Christmas in simplistic terms, not realizing the

strife that existed when Jesus was born.

"The story is much deeper and broader than that. It's a refuge from the rest of the world," Allen added of the modern church. "This promised peace is not something that happens in isolation."

Ancient roots

He said the Palestine-Israel conflict has ancient roots, noting the "Roman imperialism" of Caesar Augustus in Jesus' time.

"People look to government to solve things and it's not always helpful," Allen said, referencing the Ferguson, Mo., case that has inflamed racial tensions.

Allen noted that the good news of Jesus' birth was announced to people not accustomed to such good news.

At NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, pastors also greet newcomers at Christmas and Easter, said the Rev. Wayne Kurtycz, a regional campus leader. NorthRidge also has campuses at Saline, Grosse Ile and Brighton.

"It really is connected to our power as a church to wake people up to Jesus," said Kurtycz, a Canton resident. "We



JULIE BROWN

As Christmas nears, local pastors reach out to "Christmas and Easter people," infrequent worshippers.

involve people. We hope to have God take them to that next step, to know God unabashedly loves them. We relevantly show God's truth without compromising it."

At NorthRidge, the celebration is of Christ's birth, not just in the Bethlehem manger, "but to bear our sins on the

cross," Kurtycz said. "That's how we really want to wake up our world to Jesus. In all the chaos and sadness of the world, he loves us."

Celebrating hope

Kurtycz noted some yule worshippers are experiencing loss of a loved one; the Great Recession also hurt many, although he sees that improving. "We celebrate hope," he said. The Rev. Brad Powell and others at NorthRidge preach, with music and technology incorporated.

"It's beyond entertainment, it's inspiration," Kurtycz said. "They are very receptive," he added of newcomers and the message. Many say, "I went to church and I felt better when I left."

"Thousands of people have come through those doors," Kurtycz said. "As we grow larger, we grow smaller. At the end of the day, it's all about relationships," with God and with

other people.

NorthRidge is a megachurch, but he noted many opportunities to meet and worship in smaller settings. "That God would bless this place as he has is phenomenal," Kurtycz said. "God's just using this place to touch a lot of loves and touch a lot of people."

At Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, the Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor, said, "At both Christmas and Easter, we do a lot of special programs."

On Dec. 21, his congregation's adult choir and drama performance will draw people in, as do youth outreach efforts, "knowing that this time of year they're more inclined to think about spiritual things," said Parker, a Garden City resident.

Easter play

Merriman Road Baptist does a passion play at

Easter. "Christmas Eve, there's no seats left," he said of the candlelight service. "It gives us a chance just to share the good news of the Gospel."

Like others, clothing styles don't concern Parker for worship. "Absolutely not. We just want them to come. We take the opportunities that present themselves," including family members introducing newcomers to worship and faith.

Joe Kohn of Northville Township is a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Detroit. "It's a population we understand is there," Kohn said, noting some names used such as "Christmas and Easter Catholics."

"As a church, we are happy to see it's hard to find a seat during the holiday liturgies," Kohn said. "It's a great time to welcome worshippers to the church." Some attend with family members, he noted.

"It's a great time to show the welcoming Christmas spirit," Kohn said. He said area Catholic parishes see attendance swell at Easter, when new members are welcomed or others join in more fully such as through confirmation.

"It's part of the church's life cycle to reach out to people at these times," Kohn said. He said the four Sundays of Advent before Christmas help Christians prepare. "We're supposed to be preparing our hearts for Christ," Kohn said.

The Rev. Gary Michalik, pastor of St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, said, "If they feel welcome, they'll come again. It's just a matter of making them feel welcome and they have a good experience. We just want to make sure we provide services. They're welcome to join us."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar runs in the *Observer* as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming events. Include a daytime telephone number and contact person. Email address is: ksmith@hometownlife.com.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Time/date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Location: St. Paul's Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.
Details: The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will perform a holiday concert. There will also be a bake sale and afterglow. Admission is free.
Contact: mike@entropystereo.com.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD HOLIDAY MUSICAL
Time/day: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Location: Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.
Details: Presented by Metro Dance and Music Co., the Christmas Around the World Holiday Musical tells the story of Santa's elves working as "newsies" traveling the globe collecting stories of the different traditions and holiday customs while the North Pole readies for Santa's arrival. Tickets are \$12 each or \$40 for a family of four. Come early to enjoy live music, Christmas caroling and the "around the world" bake sale. All audience members are also welcome on stage following the show to take pictures and get autographs from cast members, including Santa.
Contact: http://metrodancecompany.com.

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Time/date: 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8.

Location: Livonia Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth, Livonia.
Details: A dinner of baked chicken, city chicken and sausage and sauerkraut will be served at 6:30 p.m. for a donation of \$10 per person. Kids under 12 are free. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Event includes raffle and 50-50 drawings. All are invited.

ANNUAL WCGH REUNION
Time/date: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Location: Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Details: The 30th annual Wayne County General Hospital employees holiday reunion will be held in the party room of the Hibachi Grill Supreme. There is a large choice of food selections and a senior discount. All retirees and former employees are invited to attend. No reservations are needed. You can pay at the door.
Contact: 734-331-9291.

3D PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING
Time/date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Location: Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.
Details: The December meeting will feature the club's annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner, and include a short live musical performance. There will also be a variety of photographic and



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Livonia YMCA presents 'Sleeping Beauty'

The Livonia Family YMCA will present *Sleeping Beauty* at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, at Stevenson High School, Livonia.

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For more information, call 734-261-2161.

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Contact: www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

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Time/date: 4-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Location: Noodles & Co., 17931 Haggerty Road, Northville and Barnes & Noble, at 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.
Details: Families can eat at Noodles and Company from 4-9 p.m. with 25 percent of the sales going to St. Genevieve School in Livonia. Barnes and Noble will give the school a portion of its sales from 5-8 p.m. that night as well. Former Congressman David Bonior will sign his book *Eastside Kid* at Barnes and Noble at 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble will also accept online sales for five days. Just mention St. Genevieve School during check out at both locations so the school gets the proceeds.
Contact: Dawn Peruski at dawnperuski@hotmail.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES
Time/date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Location: Michigan Tai Chi, 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.
Details: Michigan Tai Chi is having an open house and will offer free Tai Chi classes and demonstrations. Everyone is welcome.
Contact: 734-591-3530.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS
Time/date: 6:15-8:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.

Location: Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford.
Details: The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra is hosting auditions for interested musicians. Be prepared to play a scale, musical selection of your choice and sight read a short piece.
Contact: dmcmullen11374@yahoo.com.

TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE
Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.

Location: EMU Building, 38777 W. Six Mile, 4th floor, Livonia.
Details: The public is invited to Westside Professionals Toastmasters Club's meeting and open house to see how the club

can help improve its members' communication and leadership skills. Refreshments served. There is no charge to attend.

Contact: Ida, 313-835-6063; westsideprofessionals.org.

BLOOD DRIVE
Time/date: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11.

Location: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Details: In partnership with the American Red Cross, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold a blood drive in the North Auditorium of the hospital. The public is invited to join employees and volunteers in donating blood at the event. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.
Contact: www.stmarymercy.org.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Time/date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12.

Location: Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.
Details: Enjoy free popcorn and a free showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion,*

the Witch, and the Wardrobe in Mt. Hope Church's sanctuary.
Contact: 734-425-7280.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Time/date: 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Location: New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware Ave., Redford.
Details: Enjoy chips and hot-dogs, create your own ornament to put on the tree and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Everything is free.
Contact: 313-255-6330.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
Time/date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia.
Details: Timothy Lutheran Church's eighth annual Christmas Cookie Walk will feature a wide variety of cookies, and other bake sale items. Cookies are \$7.50 a pound. Other baked goods will be priced by the item. All sales start at 10 a.m. with an early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m. for \$2 admission.
Contact: 734-427-2290.

DAR MEETING
Time/date: noon Saturday, Dec. 13.

Location: Civic Center Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.
Details: Courtney Ozog, president of MSCAR, will speak on "Healing our Veterans" at the John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Visitors are welcome.
Contact: Joan Cheyne at jbcheyne@oaklandcc.edu or 248-820-9156.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS
Time/date: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14.

Location: St Robert Bellarmine Church, 27101 W. Chicago Road, Redford.
Details: All-you-can-eat breakfast presented by the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club. Adults are \$5, kids 2-12 are \$2, kids under 2 are free. Get instant photos for \$2. First-place raffle prize is a sled full of toys, second-place is a 20-inch bicycle.
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Teacher Judy Rausch introduces Tyler Dwyer to her class.

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U.S. Marine returns to St. Raphael School

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Tyler Dwyer, fresh out of boot camp, returned to St. Raphael School in Garden City for a visit.

"He was my third-grade student," said Judy Rausch, who now teaches second grade at the school.

A new Marine, Dwyer came to meet Rausch's class of 11 students. Dwyer, 19, was Rausch's student about 14 years ago.

"We have been praying for him and sending cards while he was in Marine boot camp," Rausch said. "I have a song and book ready to present to him on this day. He is our prayer buddy."

For two weeks, the class practiced *Proud to be an American*, a song by Lee Greenwood.

"They are very excited," Rausch said.

Student Gabbie Chavez, a Canton Township resident, said just that. "I



Tyler Dwyer's third-grade teacher, Judy Rausch, greets him.

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am so excited," Chavez said. "I never met a soldier. Since he is a soldier,

he seems really interesting. Since he is a soldier, he is fighting for freedom."

The students made special U.S. flags made out of Popsicle sticks to wave.

Upon Dwyer's arrival, Rausch welcomed him to second grade.

With Rausch at each student's side, the students all asked Dwyer a question.

Nicholas Choi asked why Dwyer wanted to be a Marine.

"My country has given so much to me in my life, so I figured I have the

responsibility to give back to my country," Dwyer said.

The students offered the Guardian Angel's prayer and were surprised to learn that Dwyer carried that same prayer in his breast pocket.

Rausch prayed that God wrap his arms around Dwyer as the class continues to follow him on his journey.

It's a great feeling to graduate from boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., where he spent three months, though he missed his family during



Second-grader Caitlyn Roberts waits for Tyler Dwyer's arrival with one of the flags the class made for this event.

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this time, Dwyer said.

Having a chance to ask his own questions, Dwyer asked the students how they liked second grade and, particularly, how they liked Mrs. Rausch. They gave her an 'A.'

Dwyer recalled sitting at the same types of desks when he was in the third grade. Rausch arranges the students basically from shortest to tallest.

Rausch was complimentary of Dwyer as a young child. "He was a pleasure to have," Rausch said. "He was very polite and nice and very eager to learn."

After Dwyer graduated from Cabrini High School in Allen Park, he enlisted in May 2014. "I wanted to see the world," Dwyer said.

The class plans to follow Dwyer through combat school and finally his deployment. He will go to South Carolina and then to California to become a combat engineer.

Dwyer's parents —

Tom, an owner of Graphinity in Farmington Hills, and Amy, a homemaker — and his brother Zachary (who are Westland residents) and some parents from Rausch's classroom also came for the special visit.

Three years ago, Rausch had a military mom, Erin Meadows, who went to Afghanistan. "We Skyped with her in the classroom because her daughter was in my class," Rausch said. "Every Wednesday when she was in Afghanistan, we would talk to her on the computer. It was late at night in Afghanistan."

When Meadows came back from Afghanistan, she came to meet the kids. And that is how Rausch started communicating with the military.

When people found that out, they started sending Rausch photos of other soldiers which are now pinned to a classroom wall.

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ORDINANCE NO. 152-N AMENDED ZONING MAP #2-14
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 152-N, THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

THE TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:
Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Redford shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property, to-wit:
MAP#2-14: To rezone from R-1 (one family residential) to C-2 (General Commercial District) land situated in the Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. Legal description as follows:
PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 33 T15 R10E DESC AS BEG S1DEG 41M 30S E 906.90FT AND N88DEG 14M 30S E 258FT FROM NW COR SEC 33 TH N88DEG 14M 30S E 101.10FT TH S1DEG 41M 30S E 40FT TH N88DEG 14M 30S E 100FT TH N1DEG 41M 30S W 40FT TH N88DEG 14M 30S E 362.2FT TH S1DEG 51M 30S E 734.12FT TH S88DEG 21M 50S W 394.04FT TH N32DEG 39M 30S W 116.67FT TH N 1 DEG 41 M 30S W 191.1 0FT TH S87DEG 52M 30S W 34.40FT TH N1DEG 41M 30S W 199.19FT TH S88DEG 14M 30S W74.43FT TH N1 DEG 41 M 30S W 242.90FT TO POB 8.27 AC.
Property more commonly known as 23747 Elmira, parcel #79-049-99-0012-000.
Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed hereby to the extent of such conflict.
Section 3. The rezoning was approved by the Board of Trustees, at the Regular Meeting of November 25, 2014. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption or upon publication.
14:139 MOTION BY JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY CAVANAGH, to approve the request of Bruce E. Godfrey / Milliken Properties LLC to approve rezoning of 23747 Elmira Street (parcel #79-049-99-0012-000) from R-1 (residential) to C-2 (general commercial).
Publish Date: December 7, 2014

AYES: McRae, Sullivan, Johnson, Cavanagh, Christie, Kobylarz
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kennedy
Motion carried: 6-0, Absent 1
I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 152-N, Map #2-14 was published in the Redford Observer, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Redford on December 7, 2014, which date was within thirty (30) days after the adoption of said Ordinance 152-N,
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COLLEGIATE SIGNING

Joseph taking skills north

Garden City slugger commits to play softball for Northwood University

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A shining star for the past three springs for Garden City's softball program, Cougar senior Abby Joseph is primed to become a northern light at the collegiate level beginning in 2015.

On Wednesday, surrounded by family, friends and coaches, Joseph signed the paperwork that will enable her to further her sensational diamond career at Northwood University

beginning next fall. Northwood is located in Midland.

Joseph has been a fixture in the middle of the Cougars' batting order since her freshman season. A power hitter who rarely strikes out, she has also been a mainstay in the field, playing everything from catcher to pitcher, to the corner-infield spots, which is where she will play for the Timberwolves.

Not surprisingly, Joseph

See JOSEPH, Page B4



ED WRIGHT

Flanked by parents Gary and Dorinda, and surrounded by coaches and teammates, Garden City senior softball star Abby Joseph signed on to play at the next level for Northwood University.

Livonia City Wrestling Meet

The four Livonia-based high school wrestling teams will square off in the annual city meet on Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Stevenson High School.

Franklin, which advanced to the Division 1 State Finals in Battle Creek for the first time in school history last season, will be looking to capture its 10th consecutive city crown.

The event uses an individual-based format, so each school will have one wrestler seeded and competing at each weight class.

MU women cagers win

Lindsey Hernden pumped in a game-high 21 points Wednesday night to lead the Madonna University women's basketball team to a convincing 79-58 triumph over host Concordia University.

The 5-foot-6 freshman guard from Romeo made 8-of-16 shots from the floor and dished out four assists as the Crusaders improved to 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The Crusaders, who jumped out to a 37-17 halftime advantage, also got 18 points and six assists from junior guard Michele Hayes (Inkster/Southfield-Lathrup).

Justice Dean (Garden City) chipped in 12 points and eight rebounds, while junior center Erin Menard (Livonia Churchill) pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

MU won despite shooting only 25-of-77 from the floor (32.5 percent) and 20-of-31 from the foul line (64.5 percent). The Crusaders committed 20 turnovers.

Concordia (1-9, 0-6) got 11 points from Brianna Rowe, while Mara Mulroy added eight points and eight rebounds.

The Cardinals made 20-of-66 shots from the floor (30.3 percent) and 15-of-25 free throws (60 percent). Concordia had 23 turnovers.

Cards topple Crusader men's team

Andrew Patrick scored 13 points to lift host Concordia University (5-4, 4-1) to a 50-47 WHAC men's basketball triumph over cold-shooting Madonna University (3-7, 1-4).

Sophomore point guard Khalil Malone (Waterford Mott) finished with a game-high 19 points, while senior center Donald Owens (Inkster) added 10 points and eight rebounds in the setback.

The Crusaders connected on 34 percent from the floor (18-of-53) and made 8-of-12 free throws.

Concordia, which overcame a 28-27 halftime deficit, shot 18-of-52 from the floor (34.6 percent).

PREP HOCKEY



ED WRIGHT

Livonia Churchill's Parker Hodges weaves through a pair of Livonia Franklin defenders during Wednesday night's 3-0 victory.

COOL RIVALRY

Air-tight defense, clutch scoring lead Churchill over Franklin, 3-0

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When you're idle for close to a week like Livonia Churchill's hockey team was heading into Wednesday night's game against Livonia Franklin, you're going to play one of two

ways: rusty or rested.

You can file the Chargers' effort under the rested category judging by their impressive 3-0 victory over the Patriots.

Sparked by a savvy, ice-breaking goal by Dylan Smith and a lights-out goal-tending performance from sophomore Andrew Broyles - who, ironically, attended Franklin last year - Churchill improved to 2-1-1.

The resurgent Patriots

slipped to 2-2 after giving the Chargers all they could handle for close to two periods.

Wednesday's game was a welcome relief for Churchill, which had to endure the previous eight days with the memory of their previous contest: a 7-1 setback to Livonia Stevenson on Nov. 26.

"Tonight was definitely a nice pickup from our previous outing against our other cross-town rival," Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said,

smiling. "We bounced back well. We had a lot of energy right out of the gate. We were more disciplined in our systems tonight and more poised defensively."

Broyles' official saves total wasn't available immediately available, but it approached the 30 mark.

"I was definitely prepared tonight, playing against the school I used to attend," said

See RIVALRY, Page B3

PREP HOOPS PREVIEW

ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Denzel Adams drives to the basket against teammate Jackie Hughes during a recent practice.



Patriots to rely on defense, chemistry

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a perfect world, Livonia Franklin boys basketball coach Jeremy Rheault would have had to order his 2014-15 team's uniforms exclusively out of a big-and-tall men's catalog.

However, one glance at the "height" column on the Patriots' official roster reveals that won't be happening - at least

this winter.

"I call this team 'Team Medium' because everybody wears a size medium uniform," said Rheault, smiling. "We're not real big, so if we want to achieve something this season, we're going to have to do it as a group, and the guys are buying into it. They know they're going to have to work hard for one another."

"Like last year, we're going to try to keep the scores of our

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PREP PROFILES

Hard-nosed Patriots guards take defense very seriously

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Warning for all future opponents of the Livonia Franklin boys basketball team: Don't let the smiles on the faces of Patriot captains Nick Curtis and Joe Chinavare in the accompanying photo fool you.

Once the game-opening jump ball elevates into the air, the pair of Patriot hardwood missiles get after it at a relentless pace, on both ends of the court.

"We're not real big, so we have to work hard," said Curtis, speaking for all of his blue-collar teammates. "We have a lot of guys who like to play defense. Offensively, we share the ball, which should lead to a lot of easy lay-ups."

Chinavare, a junior who has been on the Patriots' varsity squad since his freshman season, uses every inch of his 6-foot-1 frame to make scoring difficult for his counterpart.

"Probably the strongest part of my game is my on-the-ball

"We're not real big, so we have to work hard."

NICK CURTIS Livonia Franklin guard

defense," he said. "I enjoy the challenge of guarding players who are bigger than me."

The duo's primary strengths lie not in their scoring contributions — they averaged just 3.1 points per game combined last season — but in their disruptive defense. Both players notched 14 steals a piece and combined for 17 deflections.

Curtis, who was a positive lightning rod for Franklin's soccer team in the fall, said he likes the way this year's team is buying into the defense/sharing the ball mentality.

"Everybody is really working hard so far and we have good chemistry," he said.

Both captains mentioned a huge late-season victory over KLA South Division foe Canton as a highlight of the 2013-14 campaign.

"We tried to slow them down and take away their best player, and it worked," Chinavare said.

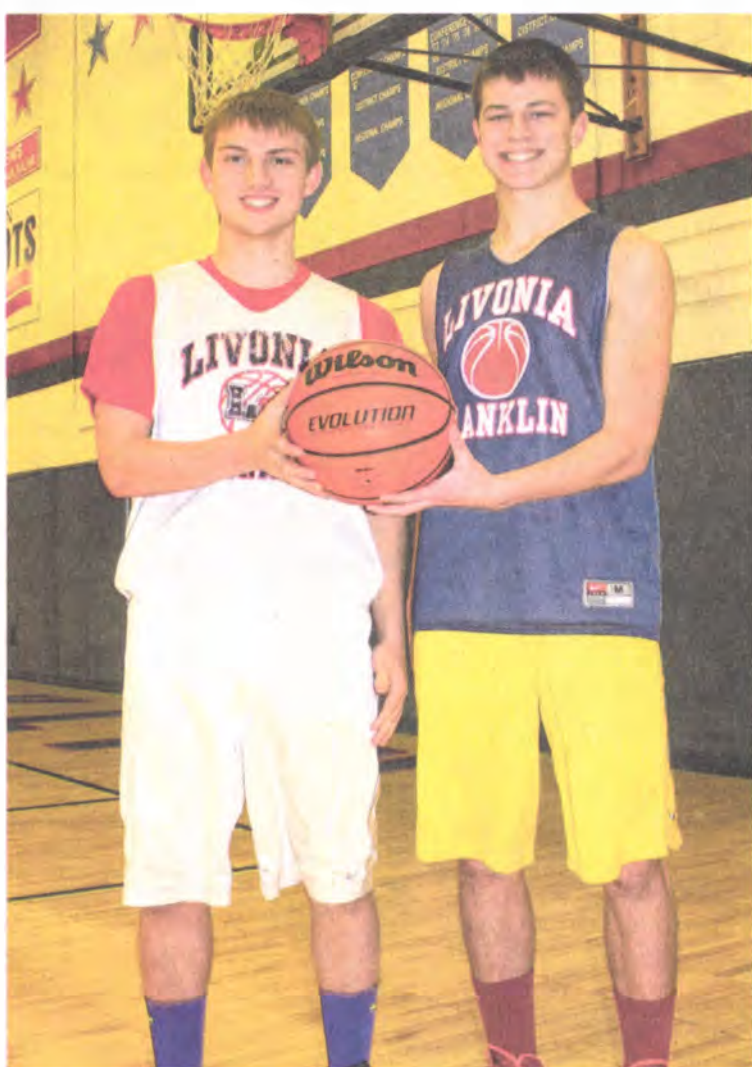
Curtis started playing competitive basketball as a third-grader at Redford's St. Valentine Catholic School. Chinavare started a little younger, enjoying his first hoops highlights as a first-grader in the Livonia recreation program.

"I remember liking it right away," Chinavare said. "It's fast-paced, there's always something going on."

Curtis, a three-sport athlete who plays baseball, too, owns a 3.4 grade-point average. He plans to attend Oakland University and work toward a degree in nursing.

A centerfielder for the Patriots baseball team in the spring, Chinavare said he aspires to earn a college scholarship in that sport once his prep career is over. The junior is bright, as well, as he has chiseled out a 3.5 GPA.

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Livonia Franklin basketball captains Nick Curtis (left) and Joe Chinavare provide the Patriots with hustle, heart and a solid set of skills.

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PREP HOCKEY

Hunt's hat-trick spearheads Stevenson's win

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Alex Hunt registered his first hat-trick of the season to lead Livonia Stevenson's hockey team to a 5-1 victory over South Lyon Unified on Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The victory improved the Spartans' record to 4-2. Their only two losses came in overtime.

"We did a great job of getting the puck to the

net tonight," Stevenson assistant coach Kyle Zagata said. "We did the little things well that we work on every day in practice, and it paid off."

Stevenson surged ahead 2-0 after one period thanks to Hunt's first net-finder just 40 seconds in that was assisted by Stepehn Olschanski, and an even-strength goal from Mick Sinclair, who was assisted by Andrew Nowak.

The Spartans put a

strangle-hold on the outcome with three second-period goals — the first two off the blade of Hunt, who was assisted by Olschanski and Sinclair, and Ben Kowalske, who got helpers from Shane Leonard and Alec Allen.

South Lyon scored its lone goal with just 1:51 left in the contest.

Stevenson goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum stopped 18 shots. The Spartans peppered the South Lyon goalie with 51

shots.

"Andrew played phenomenal for us tonight," Zagata said. "They had a couple really good chances early in the game that, if he didn't stop them, could have made it a hockey game."

Zagata also had high praise for Leonard and Alex DeFlorio, who was kept off the stat sheet, but still influenced the result in a positive way.

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Elite runners set fast pace in boys cross country

FIRST TEAM

Chaz Jeffress, Salem: Rivals across the KLAA can't be too thrilled to know that Jeffress still has one more season to display his elite-level running skills.



Chaz Jeffress Salem

Jeffress certainly did that and more in his junior season for the Rocks. He climbed the ladder of achievement all season, winning the Wayne County, KLAA and regional championships along the way.

And he followed all that with his culminating achievement. He set a personal best and Salem team record of 15:30 at the Division 1 state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

That earned him ninth place overall and an all-state honor.

All told, Jeffress enjoyed the most successful individual season in the history of Salem's varsity boys cross country program.

"Chaz is a talented and dedicated individual who has continued to improve throughout his career," coach Steve Aspinall said. "Although he had a ton of success this season he has set some very high goals for the future and will work tirelessly to achieve them."

"It was enjoyable to watch him compete this year and we are looking for even greater things in the future."

Matthew Pahl, Plymouth: Desire to improve and excel kept the senior Wildcat making

strides and shaving seconds all the way to the state finals at MIS.

Pahl's best time of the year was 15:45, attained at those finals in Brooklyn. With that all-state finish, good for 24th overall, he reached the top of the running charts for the history of the program.

He displayed his penchant for getting faster as the season went on, finishing second at the Wayne County Champi-

onships (16:06) in early October and then placing fourth at the D1 regionals later in that month with a time of 16:01.

Of course, then came the exclamation point a week later at the state finals.

Pahl, holder of five of 20 top times in Plymouth team history, became the program's eighth all-state runner since it was launched in 2006.

"Matt is the type of guy that knew what he wanted and put the necessary hard work that was needed to get to the goals that he wanted," coach Jon Mikosz said.

Tony Floyd, Franklin: The junior galloped to a sensational season, which

was highlighted by a school-record effort of 15:51 at the KLAA Conference Meet.

He also qualified

for the Division 1 state meet, where he placed 73rd in 16:21, and his 16:55 was good enough for a runner-up finish (behind only teammate Keenan Jones) in the Livonia City Meet.

"Tony is a very hard-working and gifted runner who has established himself as one of the top runners in our area," said Franklin coach Walt Reasor.

"As the new school record holder, Tony has demonstrated to our team what the benefits of confidence and dedication can do. I expect even greater accomplishments out of this outstanding student athlete next season."

Devin Gibson, Wayne: The senior closed his high school career in spectacular

fashion by finishing no lower than second in the Zebras' six dual-meet victories.

He won the Crestwood Char-

ger Invitational (16:02) and the River Rat Open (15:52.9) and took third in the highly-competitive Wayne County Championships. Gibson has a stellar 3.42 grade-point average.

"Devin was very motivated this year to accomplish both individual and team goals," said Wayne coach and Devin's dad, Tom Gibson. "Devin and Malik Jordan pushed each other during practices and meets to achieve their goals."

"Devin has put his mark on Wayne Memorial's cross country program. He broke the home course record with a 16:48.9 against John Glenn and broke the 31-year-old school record by running 15:52.9 at the River Rat Open.

"Devin, along with the other top seniors, worked with the underclassmen on strategy and running techniques to leave their legacy on the program."

Malik Jordan, Wayne: Jordan combined with

teammate Devin Gibson to give the Zebras a potent one-two punch. Among a long list of senior-year accolades were second-

place efforts in the Charger Invitational (16:11) and River Rat Open (16:01.) and third-place performances in the Warrior Classic (17:04.4) and Carlson Marauder Invite (16:48.0).

"Malik is a mentally tough young man, running over 1,000 miles this past summer to prepare himself for the season," said Tom Gibson. "He balances cross country with JROTC where he is the Raider Team Commander."

"Malik is a motivating person and helped his teammates throughout the season. Malik finished his career with the second-fastest time in school history for the 5K with his 16:01.1 at the River Rat Open run at Willow Metro Park."

"In his second year of cross country, Malik realized his potential and the strategy of racing a competitive 5K where he broke 17:00 eight times this season."

James Weekley, Harrison: Weekley ran a personal record time of 16:07 and placed sixth in the regional race at Willow Metropark. He went to the Division 1 state meet for the second straight year and was



James Weekley Harrison

54th with a time 16:11. Weekley also had first-place finishes at the Shamrock and Huron invitationals, and he

won all three OAA Blue Division jamborees.

"James had an outstanding season and really continues to be one of the outstanding cross country runners in the area," coach John Reed said.

"He is definitely looking forward to an exciting track season and his senior year in cross country."

Keenan Jones, Franklin: The senior qualified for the Division 1 state

meet for the third time and finished in 119th place with a time of 16:40.

In addition to winning the Livonia

City Meet for the second consecutive year (16:45), Jones placed second in the KLAA Conference Meet (16:25) and 10th at the D1 regional (16:21).

"Keenan has been a leader by his hard work and commitment to improving his times since he joined our team four years ago," said Reasor.

"He could always be counted on to perform at the highest level and place where our team needed him to do so at every meet. I will truly miss Keenan and look forward to hearing of his successes in college."

Erik Grisa, Stevenson: Grisa's final season of high school cross country was highlighted by his

13th-place finish (16:28.7) at the Region 6 race that earned him a spot in the D1 state meet.

He

turned in a career-best 16:26.9 clocking at the Coaching Legends Invite at Huron Meadows and earned ninth- and 11th-place finishes at the Wayne County Championships and Kensington Conference Finals, respectively.

"Erik had an outstanding senior season," said Stevenson coach Chris Inch. "He was an incredibly consistent performer."

"All of his hard work paid off with a trip to state meet. I am extremely proud of how Erik finished out his cross country career at Stevenson."

Luke Green, Stevenson: Green's final season was splendid as he ran a career-best 5K of 16:36 at the KLAA Kensington

Conference Meet before taking 17th at the Region 6 race in 16:45.1.

Other notable performances for

Green included a 15th-place showing at the Wayne County Championships and a 13th-place finish at the Kensington Conference event.

"Luke has been an instrumental part of our team's success the past three seasons," said Inch. "He and Erik (Grisa) gave us a nice one-two punch up front this season. He fell just short of qualifying for the state meet individually. Now, if only I can find a way to get him to run track in the spring."

Noah Engerer, Salem: The senior ran in Jeffress' shadow all season, but he wound up getting a

good dose of the spotlight anyway.

Engerer, a four-year varsity stalwart for the Rocks, finished

strong enough to land a spot in the top-30 of team history with his personal best of 16:41 — established at the KLAA Championships.

He also finished 12th at the Wayne County Championships, 17th at the conference championships and 21st at regionals.

"This season, Noah successfully filled the role of our No. 2 man," Aspinall said. "From October on, he ran and trained with a purpose and his times showed his determination."

"... Noah has been an

absolute pleasure to coach over the last four years and he has left a tremendous impact on the program. Noah began as a talented freshman with potential and ended as a seasoned senior veteran."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tom Gibson, Wayne Memorial: The fourth-year head coach led the

Zebras to an ultra-successful season as Wayne finished 6-0 to capture the KLAA South Division

title in addition to placing first in three weekend events: the Warrior Classic, Crestwood Charger Invitational and Carlson Marauder Invitational. Wayne also took second in the 28-team Wayne County Championships.

"I am very proud of this team," said Gibson, whose top group of runners included his twin sons, Devin and Michael. "This honor is a tribute to every member of this team."

"Going into the season, we felt it could be a special year. With six returning runners on a team of 12, the boys came together to put themselves in a position to be competitive."

"The boys' commitment, work ethic, dedication and confidence made for a solid season from start to finish."

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FIRST TEAM

Chaz Jeffress, junior, Salem; Matthew Pahl, senior, Plymouth; Tony Floyd, junior, Franklin; Devin Gibson, senior, Wayne; Malik Jordan, senior, Wayne; James Weekley, junior, Harrison; Keenan Jones, senior, Franklin; Erik Grisa, senior, Stevenson; Luke Green, senior, Stevenson; Noah Engerer, senior, Salem.

SECOND TEAM

Jon Alessandrini, senior, Churchill; Jonny Dalton, senior, Plymouth; Ethan Byrnes, freshman, Plymouth; Michael Gibson, senior, Wayne; Uriel Figueroa, senior, Wayne; Billy Toth, senior, Canton; Mike Roberts, senior, Canton; Matt Dattavio, senior, Plymouth; Nabli Ahmed, senior, Salem; Zac Clark, sophomore, Canton; Ammar Chishti, senior, Canton.

COACH OF YEAR

Tom Gibson, Wayne Memorial

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Churchill: Matt Cohan, Josh Mussen, John Sac; Stevenson: Nathan Wind, Alex Mikosz; Canton: Nick Socha, Shane Andrews, Sean Carey; Plymouth: Alex Zoltowski, Joey Maciag; Salem: Jason Rogers, Jacob Kubinski, Griffin Skaff; Ply. Christian: Joseph Faneli; Farmington: Max Merino; Harrison: Dmitri Przeslawski, Dakota Kelly; North Farmington: Robert Irwin, Derek Abbott; John Glenn: Bob Bibber; Wayne Memorial: Jamie Carranza.



Tony Floyd Franklin



Malik Jordan Wayne



Keenan Jones Franklin



Luke Green Stevenson



Devin Gibson Wayne



Erik Grisa Stevenson



Noah Engerer Salem

RIVALRY

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Broyles. "I have a lot of friends on that team, so it was fun playing them and nice beating them."

"Andrew finds a way to hold us in games even when the pressure is upon us," said Reynolds. "I thought he did a great job tonight."

While it was Broyles who shined the brightest in the long run, it was his Patriot counterpart, senior Matt Monendo, who stole the spotlight during the opening 17 minutes. Monendo almost single-handedly kept the game scoreless through 17 minutes with a series of acrobatic saves, including a highlight-reel stoning of Smith's power-play opportunity from the door-step at the 11:57 mark, and an equally impressive stop of a Justin O'Brien backhandler with 3:28 left in the opening stanza.

After the Chargers fought off a pair of nearly back-to-back two-minute man-advantage opportunities by the Patriots, Churchill seized a 1-0 lead 3:45 before the second intermission when defenseman Dan Hudy controlled the puck behind his own net and wristed a textbook stretch pass up the ice to Smith, who secured the disc just outside the Franklin blue line before skating in and beating Monendo with a top-shelf break-away shot.

"At first, it looked

like Dylan was going to head back toward the puck, but he saw the stretch coming and was fortunate enough to get his stick on it just in time," said Reynolds. "It was a big goal because Matt Monendo was playing outstanding."

Franklin came within inches of deadlocking the game two minutes later, but Jonny Parkinson's well-struck wrist banded against the left post.

Twenty-six seconds later, Broyles preserved his team's tenuous lead — and his first shutout of the young season — by making a slick pad save on a wicked slap-shot off Jack Engel's stick.

Churchill upped its advantage to 2-0 less than two minutes into the third period when Spencer Kovacs deposited a well-placed Nolan Cioch pass into the back of the mesh.

Parker Hodges closed the scoring at the 13:40 mark thanks to an assist from Smith.

Reynolds had high praise for many of his unsung grinders, who may not have showed up in the postgame box score.

"We have a great group of hard-working guys who do a lot of the little things for us that don't always get the glory or get their names in the paper," said Reynolds. "They're the kids who just pay attention to the details and do the little things that end up making a huge difference when the game is over."

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PREP HOOPS PREVIEW

GC looks to repeat last year's success

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The operative words for Garden City's underdog boys basketball team this winter all begin with "D" but none of them, unfortunately, is "Dunk."

Following the same methods of operation that led them to a stellar 13-8 season in 2013-14, the Cougars — who have just one player 6-foot-3 or taller on their roster — will be relying heavily on a drive-and-dish offensive approach and a staunch effort on the defensive end of the court.

"The bottom line for us again this season is that if we want to be successful, we're going to have to share the basketball," said Pummill. "Every time we bring the ball down the court, we're going to have to get it to the player who is the most open. These guys get along really well and they're buying into the fact that they're going to have to do this together. I've never seen a 1-on-5 approach work very well in basketball."

The Cougars' glue player this winter will be senior shooting guard Joe Pummill (6-foot-1), the youngest of Ron Pummill's five children. The team's lone returning starter, Pummill is equal parts skill and savvy, and he rarely makes wrong choices with the ball in his hands,



ED WRIGHT Making sure all of their opponents' shots are contested will be a pivotal focus point for Garden City's basketball team this season.

his dad emphasized.

"We're definitely going to rely on Joe to knock down some shots for us," Ron Pummill said. "He's played a lot of point guard for me when he was younger, so he has a great eye for the game. He has a great ability to distribute the ball, which is a nice skill to have for a two guard."

"We play a five-out offense, so he's going to have to get some rebounds for us, too."

Junior 6-foot guard Robbie Moyers will handle the point duties, for the most part. "Robbie played some point in ninth and 10th grade, so he has a lot of valuable experience at that position," Pummill said. "He's gotten quicker every year and he has a good feel for the

game."

The engine of GC senior guard Travis Kidd (5-7) is always running on overdrive. If there's a loose ball to be had, Kidd is usually first at the scene, and he can put the ball in the cylinder, too, Pummill raved.

"Travis has two speeds: hard and harder," Pummill said. "He's the kind of kid who will run through a wall if you ask him to. He's a slash-and-pass kind of guy, but he can really shoot as well."

Senior 6-2 swingman Travis Trigg is long and armed with a dangerous jumper, Pummill said.

"We're really going to be counting on Travis this season to hit the boards hard for us," he said. "Offensively, he can take the ball to the hole, plus he has a really good mid-range jump shot."

Junior 6-1 forward Branden Grace and 6-3 senior Aaron Porter will need to produce in the paint in order for the Cougars to match or exceed last year's 13-win mark.

"Branden will play the four or five," Pummill said. "He's tenacious down low and a hard worker. Aaron has continued to get stronger with the ball. He's going to have to pick up some rebounds for us so we can limit our opponents to one shot."

Among the first players off the bench for the Cougars will be 5-11 sen-

ior guard Jalen Anderson, 5-7 junior guard Vinnie Bakerian and 6-2 junior forward Connor Johnson.

"Jalen can play the one and two for us," said Pummill. "He's a decent ball-handler and he can shoot outside. Vinnie was pretty much a guy who hung around the three-point arc on our junior varsity team last year, but he's a much more complete now and is taking it to the rim and distributing from that."

Three more juniors — 5-10 guard Jassen Matuscak, 6-foot forward Denzel Tinsley and 5-10 guard Tony Van Dooren — will also be counted on to provide the Cougars a spark or three off the bench.

"Jassen is a heady player who isn't afraid to get in the middle of the action and come out with the ball," said Pummill. "Denzel can really get up and down the floor, and he's a good defensive player. He'll probably guard our opponents' best offensive player when he's in there."

"Tony is really scrappy and he's willing to take the ball to the rim."

"Overall, this is a fun group to coach. We don't have 12 specialists; we have 12 guys who will do whatever it takes to win basketball games."

Garden City opens Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

GC plays well in 57-53 setback to Chiefs

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City girls basketball team didn't let a little adversity get in the way of an inspiring effort at New Boston Huron Friday night.

Playing without starting point guard and leading rebounder Abby Joseph, the Cougars battled the Chiefs hard all night before falling 57-53 in a non-league game.

The loss dropped the Cougars' record to 0-2 heading into Tuesday night's game at Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs are a formidable foe, having won their district title in March before bowing out

in the regional final. "Even though we lost, we made some strides in the right direction," said GC head coach Michele Tyree. "We got down by seven points in the first quarter, but we battled back to make it a two-possession game late in the fourth quarter. I thought the girls really played hard."

The Chiefs led 19-12 after one quarter, 28-21 at the half and 45-36 with eight minutes to play.

Junior swing player Lindsey Michalak turned in a strong effort for the Cougars, posting 14 points and 13 rebounds — both team highs. Other key contributors included senior guard Rachel Spellman (who filled in

for Joseph at point guard), who scored 12 points and dished out eight assists.

Hannah Vera-Burgos scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Kelli McDaniel contributed six points and nine rebounds.

Spellman led the Cougars' deep-shooting assault with three triples. Two threes accounted for six of Amber Swisher's eight points.

The Cougars drained 11 of 15 free throws. NBH was 15 of 26 from the stripe.

Blazers nipped

Kate Tobin converted an old-fashioned three-point play with only three seconds remaining

to give Grosse Ile a 42-41 girls basketball victory Friday night at Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers took a 41-40 lead with only 13.7 seconds in the final quarter left on Ally Audia's three-pointer only to give up a late layup and free throw by Tobin, who finished with a team-high 13 points.

Maggie Shirk and Erika Selakowski tallied 14 and 11 points, respectively, for Ladywood, which slipped to 0-2 overall. Selakowski also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Grosse Ile (2-0) won despite making only 11-of-28 free throws (39.2 percent), while Ladywood was 3-of-7 (42.8 percent).

"It was clearly a different team out there tonight, we played a lot better than we did on Tuesday," said Ladywood coach Amber Culloty, whose team led 23-16 at halftime and 34-30 after three quarters. "Today the girls did everything we asked of them at practice that we had worked on. Everything across the board was a lot better. We just weren't able to finish it out."

HVL edged

A 17-point night by Sam Golchuk couldn't quite push Huron Valley Lutheran past Franklin Road Christian Thursday night as the Hawks dropped a 59-50 decision.

Taylor Rea and Julie St. John both chipped in with 10 points for the Hawks, who slipped to 0-2. Sam Shelton and Jessie Strauch both scored six for the hosts.

Franklin Road led 13-11 after one quarter before the Hawks soared back to seize a 25-22 halftime advantage.

The decisive quarter was the third when the winners earned a 21-12 edge of HVL.

Rea led the Hawks in rebounding with six. St. John pulled down five caroms. Rea also distributed four assists and added a steal.

HVL made 3 of 4 free-throw attempts.

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JOSEPH

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was recruited by several top-flight college softball programs, but chose Northwood for a series of reasons.

"There were so many different things that went into my decision, not only softball," she said Wednesday. "I had to ask myself if I wanted to go away to school, does the college have the degree I want to go into, important things like that."

"Everything seemed just right at Northwood and the coach [Meagan Pettipiece] had a lot to do with my decision."

Joseph will join former Cougar standout Ashley Lynn (now a red-shirt sophomore) on the Timberwolves' roster.

"Ashley was extremely helpful while I was making my decision," said Joseph. "I'd call her regularly and ask her about the school. She had nothing but positive things to say."

Garden City softball coach Barry Patterson has coached many highly-acclaimed players during his illustrious career, but Joseph ranks up there near the top, he said.

"I am very happy and excited for Abby and the opportunity she's earned to continue her education and softball career at Northwood University," said Patterson. "This is quite an honor, and I personally believe it's a wonderful fit for her and a great addition for the Northwood softball program."

"Abby has been a force in our lineup since she started as a freshman. She is an

amazing all-around player and certainly one of the most-feared hitters in the area. I could go on and on about Abby's ability as a player, but what separates her from many other talented players is her leadership, dedication, knowledge and enthusiasm ... that has truly been infectious."

Fittingly, Joseph rocked the first home run over the newly-installed fences at the Cougars' softball facility this past spring.

With a career batting average over .400, she has led the Cougars to a pair of trips to the MHSAA Division 1 softball semifinals in Battle Creek.

Joseph has also been a leader for the GC basketball team the past few years.

"I feel so blessed to have been a part of Garden City softball," she said. "Playing softball here is one of the things I'm going to miss the most about high school. Barry is such an awesome coach and the program is so successful. Don't get me wrong, I like basketball, too, but I get so excited for softball. It makes me happy."

Joseph said her passion for the sport was ignited not long after she first picked up a bat in elementary school.

"I like it because it's a skills sport and if you work hard at it, you'll see results," she said. Joseph said she is looking forward to "going out with a bang" during her final season in the spring of 2015.

The daughter of Gary and Dorinda Joseph, Abby is looking to pursue a degree in business/marketing at Northwood.

PREP GYMNASTICS

Livonia Red notches big win over Salem

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Livonia Red gymnastics team opened the 2014-15 season Wednesday night with a convincing 132.275-117.825 victory over Salem.

Several Red gymnasts

excelled in their season debut, particularly Jackie Dziurgot, who was the winners' top all-around performer. Thanks to a score of 8.5 on her floor-exercise routine and 8.45 performance on the vault, Dziurgot tallied a team-high 32.85 all-

around points. Marissa McVey excelled in both the events she competed in, winning the uneven bars with an 8.4 effort before taking second on the floor with an 8.55. Salem's Jordyn Williams won the floor and beam events.

Other standouts for Red included Mikaela Hille, who tied teammate Olivia Dillon for first on the vault with a score of 8.7; and Sydney Grenier, who took second on the beam with an 8.35.

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PREP GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

Red set to battle with dynamic dozen

Coach Grodzicki hopes to overcome lack of depth with talent, experience

By Ed Wright
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With a roster that runs just 12 athletes deep, the Livonia Red gymnastics team is relatively small, but potentially mighty.

An influx of four talented freshmen along with the return of a solid nucleus of proven standouts make Red's 2014-15 outlook rosy.

"Small team, high hopes," said Red head coach Kelly Grodzicki. "In the past, we've had more numbers to pull from; more depth, but the girls we do have are proven and they have a lot of talent."

"A lot of it will come down to if we can stay healthy. If you lose an all-around girl and you don't have a lot of depth, it's going to hurt. On the other hand, if we can stay happy and healthy, it should be a good year."

Red will be led by a trio of seasoned captains — Jackie Dziurgot, a senior who attends Livonia Franklin; Marissa McVey, a junior from Churchill; and Sydney Grenier, a Churchill senior — who know how to deal with the ups and downs the long, grueling season can present.



Pictured with head coach Kelly Grodzicki are Livonia Red captains (from left) Jackie Dziurgot, Marissa McVey and Sydney Grenier.

BLUE PREVIEW

Look for the Livonia Blue preview in Thursday's Observer.

ing her healthy this year. We'll probably pull her from bars so she can focus on floor and beam. She has strong skills."

Sophomore Mikaela Hille, who attends Franklin, added some serious spark during her freshman season last winter.

"Mikaela just came out of nowhere and blossomed last year," Grodzicki raved. "She trains extremely hard at practice and has a lot of drive."

Franklin senior Alysha Burd is one of the team's most consistent competitors, Grodzicki noted, especially in the floor and beam events.

Three-year compet-

itor Olivia Ryktarsyk, a junior who attends Churchill, is a motivating sparkplug along with being a skillful gymnast.

"She's a good start-off for our line-up; she brings a lot of energy and gets the team fired up," Grodzicki said.

Red's future is bright thanks to the addition of freshmen Olivia Dillon, Mackenzie Boorman, Megan Waters and Kelsey Mills.

"All four freshmen are very, very promising and should contribute right away," Grodzicki said. "They've done a great job of fitting in right from the first day."

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PATRIOTS

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games down. In the past, we've done a good job of limiting penetration and forcing teams to shoot from the perimeter.

"Our biggest issue is going to be limiting opponents to one shot, so we're going to have to box out and do a lot of the little things."

Franklin's pair of captains — 5-foot-9 senior guard Nick Curtis and 6-1 junior guard Joe Chinavare — epitomize what the Patriots are about this season. Both quick and tenacious, the team's leaders are scrappy and relentless.

"Nick is the one who keeps us organized out there," said Rheault. "He's a gritty defender and he's been awarded our outstanding defensive player award two years in a row."

"I promoted Joe to varsity when he was a

freshman, so he has the experience now to know what it takes to be successful. Offensively, he's a slasher-type who is aggressive and he knows how to get to the rim. He's a very smart player, too."

Void of an aircraft-carrier-type big man in the low post, Rheault said unselfishness and balance are what will carry his team to offensive efficiency this season.

"Our success will be dictated by how well we share the ball," said Rheault. "We'll be aggressive to the rim, but if we don't share the ball, we're going to be in trouble."

Senior 6-foot forward David Milican will join the two captains on the starting five.

"Even though he's limited size-wise, David is going to have to do a lot for us down low," said Rheault. "He can score around the rim and he has a good perimeter

shot as well."

The first adjective that popped out of Rheault's mouth while describing 6-3 senior forward Charles Keith was "explosive."

"Charles can really get up and he has really good hands," Rheault noted. "We're going to need him to lead us rebounding."

The fifth piece in the Patriots' starting five is 5-9 sophomore guard Johnny Cantrell, who, in Rheault's estimation, is "an excellent ball-handler who can finish with both hands."

The first player off the bench — that is, when and if he doesn't start — will be junior 6-2 forward Denzel Adams, who was the starting quarterback this past fall for the Patriots football team.

"Denzel is one of those players who can get so much done so quickly," Rheault said. "He's relatively new to basketball, so he's still learning to do the little

things, but he has quick hands, quick feet and his knowledge of the game is growing every day."

Another multi-sport athlete who will play important minutes off the bench is 5-10 junior guard Bobby Mandrink, who excelled for the Patriots' soccer team in the fall.

"We brought Bobby up to varsity last year as a sophomore, so we definitely like his skills," said Rheault. "He's a smart, gutsy guard who is always making good decisions with the ball."

Junior Jackie Hughes (6-4) provides a variety of assets, most notably a strong perimeter jump shot.

Other key contributors include juniors Jay Hopson (5-11), Rob Erwin (6-foot) and Neil McCaffery (6-1), and sophomore Ian Hogg (5-11).

Franklin opens its season on Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson.

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Farmington girl dances top 'Nutcracker' role at Michigan Ballet Theatre

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Rachael Freedman will dance one of her dream roles this month with Michigan Ballet Theatre.

"I love *The Nutcracker*. It is my favorite ballet," said the North Farmington High School junior. "I've been watching the role of Clara since I joined the company when I was 7. I always wanted to do it. I didn't think it would happen."

Rachael, 16, will take on the principal role in one of two MBT casts that will perform the Tchaikovsky ballet Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at Oxford High School and Dec. 19-21 at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills. The Christmas-themed fantasy tells the story of Clara and her adventures with a nutcracker-turned-prince, an evil Mouse King, a Sugar Plum Fairy and the magical Land of Sweets.

Rachael, daughter of Mark and Mary Freedman of Farmington, has danced in five previous productions of *The Nutcracker* with MBT, taking "baby steps" through the years toward solo and principal roles.

"It starts with being a little girl and coming on as an angel and walking across the stage. And then in the party scene in the first act, I've been one of the friends and I've been Clara's brother," Rachael said. "I've been a Chinese dancer, and also Spanish."

"Every year it gets bigger and bigger, working your way up from little groups to solos and now a principal role."

Rachael and other MBT company members rehearsed all solos in the show when practices began. They danced while director Cornelia Sampson watched, took notes, and then created her cast.

"Rather than have formal auditions she watched and saw who fit into the roles," she said. "I'm much more excited than anything."

Rachael said that although dancing can be hard work, she always has fun whether she's in rehearsals or on stage.

"I think about how grateful I am to dance this role. It puts a smile on my face," she said. "I've always had a passion for dance."

Young dancer

She and her twin sister, Lindsey, a music student at Interlochen School of the Arts, began dance classes when they were 4 years old.

"I never wanted to stop. I remember loving it," Rachael said. "It was ballet I started

The Nutcracker

What: Rachael Freedman of Farmington portrays Clara in the Michigan Ballet Theatre production

When: 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12-14 and 19-21

Where: Dec. 12-14 performances at Oxford High School Fine Arts Center, 101 Charger Loop, Oxford, and Dec. 19-21 shows at Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan, Auburn Hills

Details: With music by Tchaikovsky, *The Nutcracker* tells the story of Clara, who sees her toy nutcracker come to life and become a prince after she defends it from an evil Mouse King and his army of mice. The prince takes her to his kingdom, the Land of Sweets, where she is treated to a celebration of sweets from around the world and is crowned.

Tickets: \$32 for adults, \$28 for seniors and children. All tickets are sold in advance

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with and that is mainly my focus now."

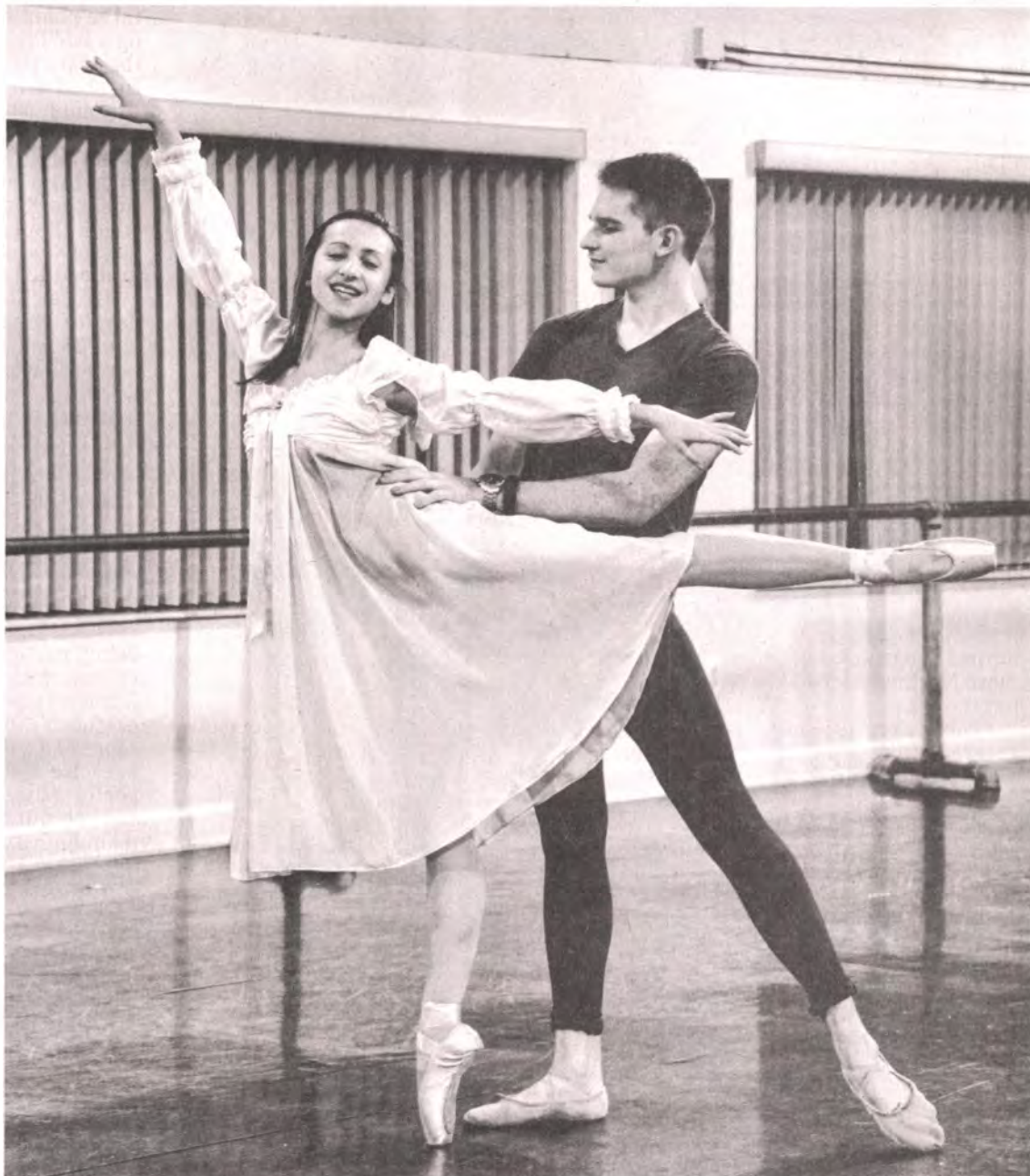
She took ballet instruction at Cornelia's School of Dance in Keego Harbor, switching to its sister school, Rochester School of Dance, MBT's home. She danced in MBT's junior company, worked her way up to its second company and then apprenticed before becoming a full company member. This is her second year with a solo role in a full-length ballet. In the production, she also dances with a partner, the Nutcracker Prince, played by Andrew Kaczmarek, a guest artist who has performed with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre. When she isn't on stage portraying Clara, she'll perform other, smaller roles in the alternate cast.

All about dance

Rachael describes MBT as a pre-professional company. Many of its graduates have found employment in professional dance theaters or have gravitated toward dance-related careers.

"It's like my second home. My dance friends are some of my best friends and my teachers are like family," she said.

Rachael takes nine ballet classes a week, dancing Monday-Thursday, and rehearsing for *The Nutcracker*, Saturday-Sunday. She also studies jazz dance and lyrical dance and is a member of the hip hop team



Rachael Freedman of Farmington rehearses "The Nutcracker" with Andrew Kaczmarek, a guest performer who has danced with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.



A previous production of "The Nutcracker" at Michigan Ballet Theatre.

at North Farmington High School.

"I'm always dancing. I find myself in the middle of a (hip

hop) practice running through *The Nutcracker*. The thing about dance is that everything is based off ballet. Ballet is the

center of every style of dance."

She'll perform a ballet solo in February at the Youth America Grand Prix dance competition in Chicago, Ill. She also hopes to fit in time for North Farmington's school musical this year.

Rachael both sings in the school choir and is a member of 6 Degrees North, a six-girl capella group. She recently auditioned for North Farmington's coffee house show scheduled for January.

Meanwhile, she hopes audience members will catch a bit of Christmas spirit when they watch MBT's production of *The Nutcracker*.

"I hope they see just how hard we've worked and how excited we are to put on this show."

Pet rescue collects food, supplies for animals, people

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Mutts and Mutts Rescue League of Redford will bring Santa Claus and pets together at two area pet supply stores for photos this month.

Santa will pose with pets from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21, at Pet Supplies Plus, 14835 Telegraph, Redford, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 13-14 and 20-21, at Petco, 2005 W. Eight Mile, at Woodward, Detroit. Cost is \$10.

Donna Law, Mutts and Mutts founder, is running a pet food and supply drive in conjunction with the photo sittings.

"We will take any kind of dog food, canned or dry, paper towels, bleach, 13-gallon garbage cans," she said. "Cat food, too."

Law said whatever Mutts and Mutts doesn't use will be shared with other animal rescue organizations. Her group also aids a handful of financially distressed families that need help feeding their animals. She also feeds a small colony of feral cats, making sure they have hay, fresh food and water every morning before she heads to her job as a caregiver in Northville.

Law and her husband founded Mutts and Mutts in 1997 and the organization earned non-profit status in 2001. Law said



PET PROJECTS

her animal rescue takes dogs and cats that have been given up by owners or released by shelters. Volunteers foster the dogs until they are placed in permanent homes. Mutts and Mutts also maintains some of the adoptive cat housing at Petco on Eight Mile at Woodward in Detroit.

"I have cats there on a daily basis. I have two units there," she said.

Helping the homeless

Law doesn't just serve homeless animals. She has a heart for down-and-out individuals who spend their days along Eight Mile between Southfield Road and Woodward Avenue. She's asking for donations of food and blankets in addition to pet food and supplies.

"There are people up and down Eight Mile just like you

and me. They've got a story. Not everyone on a street corner does drugs and drinks," she said. "You don't always have to hand them a dollar. You can hand out a blanket or a sandwich from McDonald's. It may be the only thing they've eaten today. Some of them live in a shelter and some in abandoned homes."

She figures she helps approximately 10 individuals on a regular basis along with others stationed near the busy road that divides Detroit from Southfield and Ferndale.

"We've cooked on the holidays and given them prepackaged food. I always give them a garbage bag and I've said, if I'm giving you things, don't make a mess."

She said she recently gave pizza to one man, and a donated coat to another. She has since seen the man wearing the coat. The day she handed him the garment another driver stopped behind her, honked and then gave her an energy drink.

"Paying it forward," she explained. "If only everyone did a little, helped one person a month. It's something I've always done. Maybe it's how my mom raised me. We were raised on tough love and hardly any money. Service has always been a passion."

She's asking for donations of blankets, towels, sheets, pre-packaged foods, cans of



Spike is one of the adoptable dogs cared for by a Mutts and Mutts foster parent.

foods with easy-to-open tops, and hand wipes. Both donations for homeless pets, persons and shelter supplies can be donated to Mutts and Mutts at Pet Supplies Plus in Redford and the Petco store at Eight

Mile and Woodward.

"Please support animal shelters and rescue groups nationwide," she added.

Check out Mutts and Mutts on Facebook. Contact Law at dmuttsmutts@aol.com.



Farmington Hills residents Linda Pelowski and her husband, Larry, attend the Our Town Art Sale. Linda exhibited her paintings at the show.



Livonia residents Erin O'Brien and her husband, photographer Eric Boehm, shop at the Birmingham Community House Our Town Art Show.



Farmington Hills resident and artist Andrea Tama (left) and Goldner Walsh Event Corporate sponsors Tim Travis and Peggy Kerr enjoy the Our Town Art Sale. Tama is an acrylic painter at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Local artists sell their works at annual Our Town show

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Early bird holiday shoppers seeking unique, one-of-a-kind art from local artists clamored to the Our Town Art Show at the Community House in Birmingham its "Art in Vogue" Opening Night Party. Birmingham artists Robert Dempster and Barbara Heller co-juried the event which featured 340 pieces of art by 161 talented Michigan artists selected from more than 900 entries.

Holiday gift ideas? Many of the juried artists at the Our Town show have been selected to be artists in residence at The Community House and their art is on display and available for sale throughout the year. Call 248-644-5832 or go to tch.serves.org for more. The winter catalog is online to review.

Gift of theater

Other gift ideas? How about tickets to *Wicked*, the untold story of the witches of Oz, opening at the Detroit Opera House Dec. 10. *Wicked* is the



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For adventurous and money-savvy fans, take note of a special day-of-performance lottery for a limited number of orchestra seats at \$25 each (cash only). This includes all performances Dec. 10-Jan. 4. Arrive two and a half hours before each performance at the Detroit Opera House. Have a valid photo and/or



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TREATING BACK PAIN

At present the medical approach to low back pain is as follows:

- a short period of rest
- trial of physical therapy (PT)
- referral to pain clinic
- evaluation by a back specialist

A short period of rest means short: no more than one day. If a person with back pain stays on his or her back longer, that person loses more in strength and stamina than gains from restricting tension on the back.

A trial of PT includes heat and massage. PT clinics may say they can strengthen back muscles but the medical literature does not confirm that any regimen works. What PT does is to teach one how to stand and walk, using the front, i.e. the abdominal muscles to maintain a proper posture. Such a gait relieves strain and fatigue on the back muscles.

A back pain patient referred to a pain clinic can expect to undergo epidural steroid injections. These procedures, working on the assumption of treating nerve root irritation, target the spinal nerves that come from the spine and travel into the low back and legs. Usually the pain specialist will inject the back area in a series of three injections, and then repeat the cycle 3-4 months later.

The last resort is an evaluation by back doctors trained either as orthopedists or neurosurgeons, who devote themselves to surgery of spine. A number of devices and operations for back pain exist, but to date no surgical approach has proved its superiority.

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WEDDING



Shirley Yao and Aaron Bedell on their wedding day

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Shirley Yao and Aaron Bedell were married Oct. 25, 2014, at Planterra Conservatory in West Bloomfield.

Shirley is the daughter of Fayi Yao and Bin Wu of Westland. Aaron is the son of Tom and Karen Bedell of Livonia.

Shirley and Aaron both graduated from Churchill High School in 2006 and the University of Minnesota: Twin Cities in 2010. Shirley earned a master's degree in genetic counseling in 2012 from Wayne State University and works as an

oncology genetic counselor at MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. Aaron is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of chemistry at Princeton University.

The maid of honor was Brittany Clos and the bridesmaids were Erica Tomassi and Brittney Morgan. The best men were Adam Bedell and Robert Halperin and groomsmen were Graham Hone. The usher was Kevin Yao.

The couple currently resides in Plainsboro, N.J. The newlyweds plan a honeymoon trip to Barcelona, Spain.

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ALDER, JEANETTE ULRICH

Age 93, died on November 22, 2014, in Livonia, Michigan. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she earned degrees at Towson State and Columbia University. Her career as an educator spanned over four decades with the Weehawken (N.J.) public schools, where she served as classroom teacher, supervisor of elementary education, and elementary school principal. The latter years of her professional life were spent training teachers nationwide in in-services on writing techniques developed in Weehawken. Upon retirement, she moved to Michigan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Richard. She is survived by a sister (Mary Foyles) of Greenville, N. Carolina, sons Richard, Jr. (Jane) of Westland, Michigan and John (Dorothy) of Fairbanks, Alaska, in addition to four grandchildren, Jason (Jenny), Erik (Stephanie), Charmagne (Ryan), Theodore, and three great-grandchildren, Kiana, Willow, and Garrett. In keeping with her wishes, her body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. A memorial service at Timothy Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan, will be held at some future date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (<http://www.lssm.org/lssm/donate>). View obituary and share memories at www.rggharris.com.



ALHERMIZI, ISAAC

Affectionately known as "Ike" to the greater Detroit community, passed away on December 3, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Nouria Kizy Alhermizi, and their children Vickie Alhermizi (Mohammad Alcaptan), Mark Alhermizi (Mary), Tina Alhermizi, Vivian Kasmikha (Oday Kasmikha), and their grandchildren, Maximilian Alhermizi and Zoe Kasmikha. Ike was born in Baghdad, Iraq and immigrated to the United States in 1965. He studied at Lewis College of Business in Detroit while working for relatives in the grocery business saving money to one day open his own store. His hard work paid off, leading him to build the iconic and successful, Ike's Party Shoppe in Southfield and own Pomeroy's Fish Market in West Bloomfield. With all of his success, he never forgot about his family and friends back in Iraq. He was instrumental in assisting many people move to the U.S. by helping them acquire Visas, find jobs and homes. Ike was very proud to be a U.S. citizen, which led him to be very active in politics and the Republican Party. In addition to running for local and state office, he was a member of the "Say YES to Michigan" and The Wetlands committees. His tireless efforts as a fundraiser and advocate for Republican candidates earned him the honor of being a distinguished guest at both the Reagan and Bush inaugurations. Ike cherished his family and was an avid believer in the importance of education and hard work. He continuously stressed this importance to his children who have degrees from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. Ike's children continue his legacy by instilling these same values and beliefs in their children, nieces and nephews. In his later years, Ike was an active and beloved member of the Gas Station TV team, a company started by his son. Ike was always there to lend a helping hand and impart words of wisdom to the team. To those that knew Ike, he will be remembered for the way he would always make you feel welcome in his home or place of business. He always had a friendly smile, a twinkle in his eye, a kind word to say and delectable food and drink to be shared. May he rest in peace. Memorial Visitation Sunday, December 7, 2014. The Family will be receiving guests for lunch and visitation from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Shenandoah Country Club in W. Bloomfield.



HERREN, DOROTHY JEAN

Age 93, a lifelong resident of Farmington, died December 3, 2014. Beginning her career in the 1940's as a hairdresser, Dorothy Jean established Jean's Bellaire Beauty Salon in the 1950's and enjoyed serving her clientele until her retirement in the 1980's. Beloved wife of the late James Herren; devoted mother of Larry Herren; loving grandmother of Devon "DJ" Herren; also survived by a loving family consisting of numerous step children, nieces and nephews. Sadly, Dorothy Jean was also preceded in death by her daughter, Diana Chaffen Buharb and her brother, Donald LeDoux. Visitation Wednesday, December 10, 4-8 pm and Thursday, December 11, 2-8 pm, at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral service Friday, December 12, 10 am also at the funeral home. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or Reverence Hospice. heene-sundquist.com



VAN BOVEN, CAROLYN DANT SNYDER

November 26th, 2014. Carolyn lived a vibrant 81 years. Her genuineness, deep faith and thoughtful ability to communicate well with people touched many lives in so many ways. Carolyn was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 24th, 1933 to M.E. "Shorty" Snyder and Vivian Dant Snyder. She attended Adams Elementary, the Kingswood School in Birmingham and graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. There she met the love of her life, Peter John Van Boven, Jr. After Peter had a stroke, as a result of a sporting accident, she cared faithfully and lovingly for him for 20 years. They were married 3 weeks short of 50 years when Peter passed. She lived all of her adult life in Ann Arbor, Michigan and North Palm Beach, Florida. She was a faithful follower of Jesus, an optimist and philanthropist. Carolyn was generous with her time and energy and resources. She enjoyed spending time laughing and living life to the fullest measure. Her accomplishments include, but are not limited to: membership of Kappa Kappa Gamma in college and served on the alumni board of the Beta Delta Chapter for many years. She served as President of the Thrift Shop in Ann Arbor, was a G Chapter member of PEO. Carolyn sat many years on the board of the Lost Tree Chapel in North Palm Beach, serving a term as president. She was on several organizing committees for numerous fund raising causes. Carolyn was an astute businesswoman, world traveler, and had a deep love for the ocean. She will be missed by many, but she leaves us all with her inspiring attitude of gratefulness to God in every circumstance. Peter and Carolyn had three children. She was predeceased by Charles, and survived by Andrea Van Boven Madden of South Hamilton, Massachusetts and James of Chicago Illinois. Carolyn was a loving and proud Grandmother to her two Grandchildren Kathryn of New York, New York and Alex Madden of Columbus, Georgia. Memorials will be held in early 2015 in Ann Arbor, MI and in North Palm Beach, FL. Details to follow. Cards may be sent to 11270 Turtle Beach Rd #3, North Palm Beach, FL 33408. Instead of flowers, gifts may be sent to Lost Tree Chapel, 11149 Turtle Beach Rd, North Palm Beach, FL 33408 or First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, 1432 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, MI 48104



PETTEYS, MARIBETH MAGEL

died Sunday, November 30, 2014 in Canton. Of late, she taught french to home schooled children and worked as a case manager for persons with guardian/ conservator. She taught at Agape Christian Academy, West Bloomfield High School and Simpson Jr. High. Briefly, she owned Macomb Sewing Center in Downtown Mt. Clemens. Her passion was leading groups, especially students, on European trips after having raised her children in Mexico and Geneva Switzerland. She was known as the Skippy Traveler and required all of her travelers to carry only one roll on bag, gaining recognition as an educator in this genre. She founded Shear Intensity, an athletic apparel company and devised patterns based on weight. The University of Michigan used her compression pants for 6 years. Born in Detroit, she graduated from Highland Park High School and attended Albion College before graduating from Eastern Michigan University. She earned a Masters in Family Life Education at Eastern Michigan University and a Masters in French from Euro Centre University, Paris, France. Predeceased by her beloved husband Donald Petteys, she is survived by daughters Alicia Moore Erion, Diane Moore (Mike) Gaubatz and son Michael Sean Moore. Six grandchildren; Michael David Moore, Emily (Bryan) Harris, Kalen (Lauren) Erion, Lacey (Mark) Hughes, Justin Andrew Erion, and Beau James Erion. Six great grandchildren, sister Martha Peterson of Livermore California, and brother N. Richard (Lou) Magel of Georgetown Texas. Seven nephews and six nieces. A celebration of Maribeth's life will be on Monday, December 8th, 2014 at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Rd, Canton, MI 48187, (734-459-0013). Visitation 1-3 p.m., service at 3 p.m. followed by food and fellowship. Her ashes will be interred at the Church at a later date. Donations to the Church.

WOLFF, WILLIAM

Born in Detroit, November 14, 1944 to the late Edwin and Mary Wolff, died suddenly on December 4, 2014, age 70. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, he received a B.A. at University of Michigan in 1966, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from U-M in December, 1967. Bill was a teacher for the Ann Arbor Public Schools from January, 1969 until retirement in June, 2001. For many years, he was an adjunct professor of Humanities at Washtenaw Community College. He volunteered with many organizations. Bill is the dear brother of Richard (Marilyn), Margaret (Carl) Peltier, Charles, Robert (Kathy), and the late Edwin, Molly, John, and James. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. He leaves this world with gratitude to God, and to his dear family and friends, in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. Visitation Sunday 12 noon to 9 p.m., and Monday 2-8 p.m. at MANNS-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME, 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile), Livonia. Share a memory at www.mannsfuneralhome.com.

BIRTH



Kim and David Grevell of Brisbane, Australia, welcomed son, Janos Joseph, on Oct. 9. Kim is formerly of Canton.

JANOS JOSEPH PANKO GREVELL

Janos Joseph Panko Grevell was born Oct. 9, 2014, at Mater Hospital, Brisbane, Australia. He weighed 7.7 pounds. Proud parents are

David and Kim (Panko) Grevell of Brisbane, Australia.

Grandparents are Margo and Richard Panko of Canton and Paul and Lynne Grevell of Brisbane, Australia.

BARAN, STAN

December 3, 2014. Loving husband of Fran. Dear father of John, Jacqueline, Kathleen and Marjori. Also survived by six grandchildren and two sisters. griffinfuneralhome.com.



DUNDON, CHRISTOPHER EDWARD

Age 40, died suddenly December 2, 2014. Graduated from Seaholm High School and Summa Cum Laude from Western Michigan University. Most recently worked as Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations for University of Montana School of Business. Previously worked for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation. Loving husband of Denise (nee Coon). Devoted father of Anna Catherine and Henry James. Dear son of Robert and Barbara. Brother of Mark (Olena), Michael (Adriane) and Caroline. Also survived by four nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8 p.m. with scripture service at 7 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 a.m. at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to Dawn Farm, 6633 Stoney Creek Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or Common Ground, 1410 St. Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com

FORAN, M. NORMA

May 25, 1925 - December 5, 2014. Arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, www.schrader-howell.com.

SARTEN, NICHOLAS DARYL

32 years of age, was born in Detroit on December 2, 1981 and passed away in Westland on November 26, 2014. Survived by his sisters, Stefanie Sarten (and partner Elisha Kranz), Cara Sarten (and fiancé Douglas Williams), other family, and many friends. Predeceased by his father Daryl Sarten, mother Janice Sarten, and brother Shawn Sarten. Private memorial held.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

ART

POTTERS MARKET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7

Location: The Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Southfield

Details: Nearly 35,000 pottery items by 145 potters are available for purchase. Includes from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and more. Admission is free.

Contact: 248-554-4470; thepottersmarket.com

VAAL HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, through Dec. 14

Location: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), 37653 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: One-of-a-kind holiday gifts created by area artisans include pottery, fiber, hand-blown glass, jewelry and other accessories, wood items, clothing, ornaments, framed and unframed art and more. Items in every price range

Contact: 734-838-1204; vaal-art.org

DANCE

CENTRAL CITY DANCE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Dec. 18-19, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 20, noon and 4 p.m. Dec. 21

Location: Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Central City Dance's Christmas Spectacular includes dance, music and more. Tickets are \$23

Contact: 734-459-0400; centralcitydance.com

THE NUTCRACKER

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7

Location: Salem High School auditorium, located in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, on Joy, west of North Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, with the Michigan Philharmonic; tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for children and \$3 for the Sugar Plum Parade, held after the show

Contact: plymouthcantonballet.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: Weekends through December

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: It's a Wonderful Life, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7; Miracle on 34th Street, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13, and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14; Christmas Vacation, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, and 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19; The Polar Express, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 20-21. All seats \$3

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 20

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: White Christmas, \$5; Santa visits the theater — bring your camera

Contact: 313-898-1481

HISTORY

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas exhibit runs through Jan. 11, 2015. Santa visits every Sunday until Christmas. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Crafty Elves Workshop: Children, ages 5-11, can make gifts and decorations at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. \$10 per child. Sign up online or by calling the museum

Contact: 734-455-8940

HOLIDAY LIGHTS LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, through Dec. 31, excluding Dec. 25

Location: Along four miles of Hines Drive; enter at 7651 Merriam, between Warren road and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland

Details: Drive by 55 holiday light displays; admission is \$5 per car

Contact: 734-261-1990; parks.waynecounty.com



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Family time can be stressful time; ways to cope

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Families love each other, but they can also get on each other's nerves.

"Absolutely. It's almost like a given that's going to occur," said Janet Terry, clinical manager for the Pontiac office of Oakland Family Services.

"We see everybody all at this time of year," said Terry, who holds a M.S.W. degree from Wayne State University as well as a bachelor's degree in social work from Madonna University. "It can bring up unresolved issues in the family. There's always stress. There's going to be stress when you have interaction with other people."

Talking over differences is key, said White Lake resident Terry. Families can outline their strengths and weaknesses. Changing traditions is often helpful.

"Maybe you're the one who hosts the party all the time," she said. Someone else could host this year, prepared food could be used instead or food tasks could be delegated. "It's really about the gathering," Terry said.

Michele Potter does therapy for Heron Ridge Associates of Plymouth and is a licensed master social worker. Potter holds bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Michigan State University.

"We tend to put more pressure on ourselves because we have these unrealistic expectations," said Plymouth resident



Feeling the pressure of the holidays? You can learn ways to cope.

ILLUSTRATION BY RANDY MASTERS

Potter, in the field since 1987. "We get angry, we get frustrated. You need to acknowledge your

feelings both to yourself and the other people you may have a connection with."

In some cases, Potter said, you may need to take a breather and get away, "anything to restore an inner calm."

Unresolved grief can be an issue at the holidays, as it's readily apparent that person is no longer here. If grief hasn't been processed, Terry said, it can add to depression.

"Stress is just one of those symptoms," she said. Professional help may be needed if you have ongoing irritability, lack of energy or sleep disturbances. Suicidal thoughts should immediately prompt an emer-

gency room or Common Ground response, Terry emphasized.

"Go out and take a walk. Literally take a big breath," she said of coping skills for everyday use.

Potter said it's good to set aside family differences, recognizing others also face stress, "even if they (family members) don't live up to your expectations. And understand that if mistakes happen it's not ruining the holiday. It's quite possibly making new memories for your family."

Good health habits

such as exercise all year long should continue through the holidays, the women agree. "You don't want to abandon your healthy habits just because it's the holiday season. That just adds to your stress and your guilt," said Potter.

Terry, who has 10 years of experience, is also a certified addiction counselor. She noted some people have relapses with alcoholism or drink more than normally during the holidays.

"It's not going to be good for your body or your mental health," Terry said. She also sees abuse of marijuana and prescription drugs.

"We've definitely seen an increase in prescription pills, the abuse of those."

Coping skills can range from listening to music, taking a walk or reading a book. Some people do need professional help, she said.

Potter is seeing clients worried about another rough winter. "Last winter was so horrible," she said. "They're just dreading another winter and the depression that can set in with that. It may not be the horrible winter we had last year," added Potter, who also reminded clients to enjoy fall.

Terry agreed unrealistic images of the holiday season in our heads are a problem. "We all have a picture in our mind. We need to step back and lower those expectations."

Laughter when something goes wrong, such as with food, can help, she said. "Just step back and enjoy the moment. This is not a time for rigidity in the way we think about things," Terry said.

Potter noted that sometimes "no" is the magic word. "There are so many demands on us in the season," she said. "Be willing to turn down some invitations if it's going to overwhelm you. And remember what's important, what the season is truly about. It can help you keep things in perspective."

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING December 8, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding an ordinance for a Zoning Text amendment.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §154.068 (K), OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS, LAYOUT AND CONSTRUCTION, STRIPING, OF CHAPTER 154 OF TITLE XV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on November 13, 2014 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of Garden City, to amend Section 154.068 (K), Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements, Layout and Construction, Striping.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance Text amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

That Section §154.068(K), Off-street Parking and Loading Requirements, Layout and Construction, Striping, of the code of the city of garden city be amended to read as follows:

(K) Striping. To facilitate movement and to help maintain an orderly parking arrangement, all parking spaces shall be clearly striped with four inch wide lines.

SEVERABILITY:

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance in whole or in part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Publish: Sunday, December 7, 2014

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wayne Masonic Temple Association, a Michigan non-profit corporation, shall be held at the office of the corporation at 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland, Michigan on the Tuesday December 9, 2014 at 8:00 PM for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Publish: December 4 and 7, 2014

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING December 8, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on **Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Garden City.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY. THE ORDINANCE INVOLVES A REZONING FROM C-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 35-004-03-0016-300 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND LOTS 13-15 OF PARCEL 004-03-0010-300 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31850 FORD ROAD

WHEREAS, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, authorizes a City Council to adopt and amend zoning ordinances that regulate the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of Garden City held a public hearing on November 13, 2014 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Map of Garden City.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission transmitted a summary of the comments received at the public hearing and its recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined at its meeting of _____ that enacting said Zoning Ordinance map amendment is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the City residents:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 35-004-03-0016-300 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND LOTS 13-15 OF PARCEL 004-03-0010-300 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31850 FORD ROAD FROM C-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

REPEAL:

All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same hereby are repealed.

SEVERABILITY:

This ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section, or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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Publish: 12/07/14

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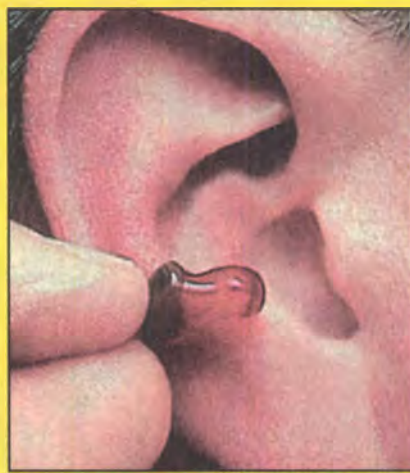
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What makes zoos and aquariums so special? Sure, they make great recreation spots, but that's only the beginning. According to the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, research shows that zoos and aquariums boost scientific literacy and attract groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

They also study, rehabilitate and care for animals with a mind for conservation and preserving and protecting endangered species. Another major public benefit of zoos and aquariums: They pack a mean economic punch. The AZA reports that the facilities it accredits generate \$16 billion in economic activity each year and support more than 142,000 jobs. For budding scientists and animal lovers, these jobs are true passion professions, each with its own unique challenges and rewards.

Human fascination with wild-life starts young and can last a lifetime, which is precisely why zoos and aquariums attract such a wide range of visitors. And behind every exotic creature and meticulously planned exhibit is a team of dedicated workers. The AZA notes that not all zoo and aquarium jobs are particularly glamorous. Some require a great deal of physical strength and the kind of dedication needed to carry workers through round-the-clock shifts, even in the crummiest weather. The payoff, of course, is that the work can also be incredibly rewarding, and from a scientific or conservation standpoint, downright important.

Here are just some of the jobs found at zoos and aquariums, along with their typical education requirements.

1. Zookeeper or aquarist

Those who want to work closely with animals might consider becoming zookeepers or aquarists. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, these professionals tend to much of an animal's daily care. They feed

6 wild jobs for



animal lovers

and monitor animals, clean and maintain habitats and may even work directly with the public answering questions or giving demonstrations. The BLS reports that most zoos and aquariums require keepers to hold at least a bachelor's degree in an area such as biology or animal science. Susan Danhauser, director of human resources at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, told the University of Florida that even when a degree is not required, it can give candidates an edge in what can be an incredibly competitive job market.

2. Animal trainer

Animal trainers in zoos and aquariums have important jobs. Yes, they train animals for public performances, but they also work with scared and even dangerous animals so that they can safely co-exist with the keepers, veterinarians and other professionals who care for them. The BLS notes that though some animal

trainers are not required to earn college degrees, requirements vary. Marine mammal trainers, for instance, usually possess at least a bachelor's degree in marine biology, animal science or a related field.

3. Zoologist

The AZA lists scientific research as one of the primary benefits of both zoos and aquariums, and this is precisely where zoologists come in. According to the BLS, zoologists study animals, their behaviors and their habitats -- as well as the impact humans have on them. Many specialize in one particular kind of animal. Cetologists, for instance, study marine mammals, while herpetologists specialize in amphibians and reptiles. Entry-level zoologists must have at least a bachelor's degree in zoology or a related field, though they will likely need a master's to advance. Some even hold a Ph.D.

4. Veterinarian

Veterinarians in zoos and aquariums provide the same services as they do for the public, but the animals tend to be more exotic. They examine animals for overall wellness and diagnose and treat those who are sick or injured. The BLS reports that all states require veterinarians to earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and become licensed to practice. Licensing requirements vary, but invariably require candidates to pass the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination.

5. Veterinary technician

Veterinary technicians help veterinarians diagnose and treat animals. Along with examining and treating "patients," they often perform medical tests -- but only under the direction of a licensed veterinarian. The BLS reports that vet techs typically need at least a two-year associate degree, though many positions require a

bachelor's. Like vets, vet techs must be licensed to practice.

6. Curator

Zoo and aquarium curators are perfect examples of professionals who play a vital role in their organizations, but rarely, if ever, work directly with animals. Curators plan, acquire and direct exhibits and may at times oversee or conduct research or educational activities. The AZA reports that while general curators oversee an institution's entire animal collection, animal curators manage a specific portion of its collection, say, mammals, birds or reptiles. The BLS notes that most curators earn at least a master's degree in a discipline relevant to the field, though some employers prefer candidates with doctoral degrees.

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