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## Harmala has plan to move W-W forward

Superintendent's 100-Day Report has 10 recommendations

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

After more than three months on the job, Superintendent Michele Harmala has a clear understanding of Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the framework of a plan to move the district forward.

Harmala has come up with 10 recommendations for a long-term strategic plan to address topics such as the district's continued declining enrollment, ways to increase student achievement, and determining the most effective and efficient use of resources.

"Providing great service to students is what our staff does every day and we are providing results, but we also have areas where we can improve," she said.

Harmala laid out her as-



Harmala

essment in her 100-Day Report, a 34-page document she presented to the school board earlier this month. She looked at the district's vision, its approach to instruction and how it is set up to ensure personnel can complete their work and how resources are allocated to ensure the appropriate outcomes.

At the top of her list of

recommendations is the issue of declining enrollment. Harmala said the district has demonstrated success in student achievement and believes Wayne-Westland needs plans for a smaller student population and to ensure the district has the highest enrollment possible.

"Unfortunately, we're continuing to see declining enrollment, a majority of which is due to fewer births and a smaller student population," she said. "It's not unique to Wayne-Westland, and even

though schools of choice have brought in students, we are still seeing a decline in our student population."

### Student achievement

In her review, Harmala found that student achievement is the focus of schools and departments. The district is in the process of aligning its curriculum to the Common Core Standards, and while students have demonstrated success in many areas, "as-

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Joyce Johnson thanks Wayne-Westland Firefighter Kevin Caldwell and asks him to help say grace before the meal provided to the firefighters by Johnson.

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## WESTLAND FAMILY THANKS RESPONDERS



Wayne-Westland firefighters gather for lunch, sitting with Raymond Johnson, at right, whose family provided the meal to say thank for their services.

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### Special lunch cooked for Fire Station 1 after crews go 'above and beyond'

By LeAnne Rogers  
Staff Writer

Firefighters have a reputation for being pretty good cooks, but some Wayne-Westland firefighters received a special meal Tuesday as a thank you from a local family.

Westland resident Joyce Johnson brought loads of food — fried chicken, ham, rice and peas, potato salad and desserts — to Fire Station 1 on Tuesday.

Firefighter/paramedics

responded to Johnson's home Oct. 15 when her adult daughter Pamela, who had been undergoing kidney dialysis for several years, died.

"They were there immediately and took care of my daughter like they were supposed to, they did all they could for her," Johnson said. "I'm a nurse. They did all the little things after she was gone. The picked up. They made sure I was OK. They went above and beyond."

Then 12 days later, John-



Wayne-Westland Firefighters helped Raymond Johnson when his blood sugar dropped, a complication of diabetes. In background, firefighters Allen Cauchon and Chris Reyna.

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son called firefighters for help again. This time, her husband Raymond was ill. It turned out his blood sugar was low.

"I'm living testament — I survived," said Raymond Johnson, who joined the firefighters for lunch.

Following the firefighters' efforts with her daughter and husband, Joyce Johnson said she was looking for a way to express her appreciation.

"I asked God to order my

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## Woman dies after setting self on fire

A woman apparently committed suicide by dousing herself with gasoline and lighting herself on fire in the restroom of a Westland gas station Thursday.

Westland Police report the incident happened about 12:34 p.m. at the Exxon gas station at Middlebelt and Joy.

Gas station employees told police the woman, 58, purchased a gas can and some gasoline before going into the restroom. The employees told police the woman was advised to leave the gas can outside but took the filled gas can into the restroom.

A short time later, police said the employees noticed smoke coming from the restroom. Police and firefighters arrived and after forcing open the locked door, found the woman's still burning body.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. Westland Lt. Matt Price said the death is still under investigation but all indications are that the woman, whose name isn't being released, committed suicide.

The gas station employees told police the woman, a Westland resident, gave no indication to them of what she was planning.

## Westland looks for friendly volunteers

If you are a people person and have a few hours a day or week to volunteer, the City of Westland wants to talk to you.

The city is seeking upbeat, customer service-oriented volunteers to serve as greeters at Westland City Hall.

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Greeters will be scheduled during normal city hall business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. City hall is closed on holidays. Infrequently, greeters may be scheduled outside normal business hours for special events.

Submit a letter of interest to the Mayor's Office, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185 or complete an online application at cityofwestland.com.

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steps; He ordered this step," Joyce Johnson said.

Before relocating to Livonia for a larger space, Joyce Johnson said her business was located in Westland.

"I have worked with many fire departments. Here (in Westland) I'd have to call 911 for my patients," she said. "They were always there, kind and ready to help. Too many of us don't take our jobs seriously."

With some chicken from Crispy Chicken on Wayne Road, Joyce Johnson had help making much of the food from friends Marie Thorpe, who is from Nassau in the Bahamas, and Delores Bell.

There was such a large amount of food, the firefighters were asked about sharing with their colleagues at other stations. That idea was shot down.

*"I love it when people want to appreciate our guys. This doesn't happen very often."*

**MICHAEL STRADTNER**, Westland assistant fire chief

"We have 20 hours left in our shift. We can do a lot of damage," Firefighter David Polite said.

There were lots of hugs and firefighters thanked the Johnsons for their gift before being dispatched on a medical emergency run.

"I love it when people want to appreciate our guys. This doesn't happen very often," Westland Assistant Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "People will write thank you letters, but to really go out their way, it's difficult to arrange."

Westland Mayor William Wild also stopped in and spoke with the



PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Joyce Johnson brought lunch to thank Westland/Wayne firefighters/paramedics for their service to her family.

Johnsons and firefighters.

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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

### Trivia Tournament

Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post is holding a Trivia Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the post, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first questions are at 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$20 per table, maximum of four people per table. There will be prizes, raffles, pizza at half time and a cash bar.

For reservations, call Dianna at 313-278-3784 or email John at welchmandj@hotmail.com.

### New Year's Eve Party

AMVETS Post 171 will hold a New Year's Eve Party from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the post, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

The cost is \$25 per person and \$45 per couple and includes dinner, dancing, champagne and pizza at midnight. For tickets or more information, call 734-721-2990.

### Trivia Night

Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community are holding a trivia night from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland.

Doors open at 6 p.m., trivia begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per team in advance (maximum four persons) and \$30 per team at the door (if space available). Cost includes 10 rounds of questions, popcorn and one food choice for each team. Food choices are four hot dogs/four chips or one pepperoni or cheese pizza (from Marina's). Additional food items and beverages (beer/coolers, pop, water, and coffee) will be available for purchase.

There will be prizes for first (\$100), second (\$80) and third (\$40) plus \$20 for the last place team, a 50/50 raffle (\$1 for one, \$2 for three, \$5 for 10, \$10 for 25) and mystery prizes.

Space is limited to the first 35 teams. For more information, call Kathy Hansen at 734-716-4436.

### Casino Trip

Wayne Rotary is hosting a trip to the Firekeepers Casino on Saturday, Jan. 17. The bus departs from the 29th District Court on Sims at 2 p.m. and leaves the casino at 9 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 in food credits. You must be 21 years of age and provide your full name, birthday, address and players number, if you have one, at time of reservation.

For more information or reservations, call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

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Following the Main Street Four Point Approach, Wayne Main Street focuses on Design, Business Empowerment, Promotions, and Organization to revitalize Downtown Wayne. Anyone interested in volunteering or getting involved is welcome to visit the office, which is located in the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center, 35000 Sims Ave., Wayne, to find out how you can become more involved.

For more information, visit the Wayne Main Street website at downtownwayne.org, call 734-629-6822 or email info@downtownwayne.org.

## 100 DAYS

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assessment proficiencies in graduation rates and other success indicators

have to increase to demonstrate students are achieving the required targets" established by the state.

She added that the district has been responsive to state require-

ments and as needs have changed, additional programs have been added.

Harmala also believes that, in light of declining enrollment, the development of a long-range facilities plan would be beneficial to the district. Looking at the use and the age of the facilities, she said such a plan would be aligned with the needs of the district and provide for the best utilization of vacant property and closed or unused facilities.

Her recommendations also include looking at:

» The use of a program and service evaluation to determine the most effective and efficient use of resources.

» The long-term and comprehensive planning for the start of initiatives prior to implementation.

» The purposes and effectiveness of committees and the ways personnel provide input and feedback into the ongoing success of the district.

» The coherence among all departments and their alignment with the attainment of the district's goals.

» The use of a budgeting methodology, such as zero-based budgeting,

that allows for flexible annual planning and the alignment of resources to the district's goals.

» The enhancement of the hiring process and development of a comprehensive talent development system.

» The review of technology and its uses.

Harmala told the board that she is continuing to collect information on the strengths and challenges of the school district and plans to create a superintendent's steering committee that will provide guidance for district and feedback on the priorities for improvement. The steering committee will be the first group to analyze and prioritize the data that's being collected.

"A long-range strategic plan would assist us in the successful implementation of programs and interventions designed to increase student achievement," she said. "Overall, this district has many effective practices in place; this is a quality school district and I am thrilled to be here."

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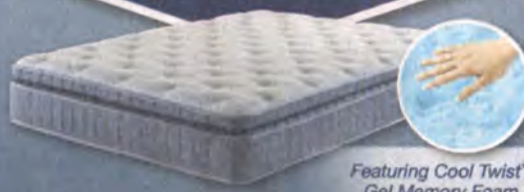
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Santa Claus reads to his audience.

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# SANTA STOPS BY THE LIBRARY



Four-year-old Farrah Marshall came to the reading disguised as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

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Santa Claus.

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Plenty of children came into the Livonia Civic Center Library on Thursday night to listen to stories from the season's most famous man in a red suit. Some children appeared with costumes as Santa Claus took the stage at the library auditorium to read stories to those who came with their parents. He even found a way to get them singing a week before Christmas.



Santa gets the crowd singing.

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## Stevenson students send holiday cards to troops

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Jerry Barrett decided the best way to let his sister know he was home on leave was to surprise her in class at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

He did, and his visit to Shyla Weston's English set off a chain of events that has 400 airmen in South Dakota getting holiday wishes from Stevenson students.

"The students had made the cards and I was thinking of giving them to a VFW to get them to the troops when Jerry walked in. I thought the better way was to give them to a soldier to distribute," Weston said. "He said it would be good for the soldiers who are away from home for the first time at Christmas."

Barrett was home on a one-week leave and had been staying at his grandmother's home. He'd stopped by the school on Monday, Dec. 8, but Leah wasn't there, so he came back the next day.

"My desk faces the door and I saw him walking down the hall," Leah said. "I got up and ran to him when he got in the

classroom and Mrs. Weston asked what I was doing. She looked and put it together."

Weston has had her students making cards for troops since she was a teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary. This year the effort was coordinated by the Student Advisory Board, which invited about 400 students who had had a successful Positive Behavior Support month in November.

"The Student Leadership Board plans events, they're leaders in the school," advisor Trish Barnes said. "They did an award for PBIS on Veterans Day and invited the students to make cards for the soldiers. Their goal is to develop a dream school and the card making is part of it."

"We wanted to give them the opportunity to make cards to give to the people who are doing something to save our school," Tulsi Patel said. "The cards were very beautiful."

"We ended up with 400 cards; each student made a card," fellow board member Joseph Vinuya said. "Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Barnes got the stuff together to make the cards and we invited students



JENNY JOHNSON | WWCSO  
Trish Barne (back row, from left), student leadership board advisor, Jerry Barrett, Stevenson Middle School Principal Adam Martin, Tulsi Patel (front row, from left), Leah Ouellette-Barrett and Joseph Vinuya show off handmade Christmas cards Barrett is taking back to South Dakota, where is stationed as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

to come during their advisory period at lunch time). We had a good turnout."

While Leah didn't get to have special time with her 21-year-old brother, he did spend three hours with her at school, going to her classes and having lunch with her. It was the first time he had been home in six months.

"It was nice to see him even if we didn't get to do something special," she said.

When Barrett was ready to return to South Dakota, the students presented their cards to him. They managed to fit all 400 cards in a paper bag, ac-



JENNY JOHNSON | WWCSO  
Jerry Barrett surprised his sister Leah while she was in class at Stevenson Middle School.

ording to Vinuya.

"Some students wrote happy holiday and even though you can't be home we wish you a happy Christmas," he said.

"They were beautiful."

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## John Glenn seeks Distinguished Alumnus nominations

John Glenn High School has begun its search for a former student who has gone on to achieve excellence. Each year, as part of its commencement ceremony, the high school awards a former graduate its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Faculty Council at John

Glenn High School is seeking nominations for the award, which has become one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony.

The council feels "that successful graduates, such as these, could have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as

the school community and the faculty."

The council is looking for nominations of John Glenn graduates who have earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation.

The nomination should include the nominee's and nomi-

nator's name, address, phone number and email address, the year the nominee graduated from John Glenn and the reasons why he or she is deserving of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Nominations can be sent to Karen Duhl, counseling secretary, at John Glenn High

School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 by Jan. 16, or faxed to 734-419-2337. For more information, call 734-419-2332.

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# H.E.A.T. offers 10 holiday safety tips

Holiday shoppers are often easy targets for vehicle thieves and carjackers. Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program and tip line, urges shoppers to consider a few simple safety tips to protect themselves and their property during the holidays:

- » Be alert. Always be aware of your surroundings. As you approach your vehicle, avoid talking or texting on cell phones, digging for keys or juggling multiple packages.
- » Parking. If you can, avoid shopping alone after dark. But if you must, park in a well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot with an attendant. If possible, avoid parking near

objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes and large vans or trucks. Also avoid parking next to cars with tinted windows that you cannot see through.

- » Remember where your car is parked. Walk directly to your car and do not spend unnecessary time wandering around the parking lot. Walk confidently and with purpose.
- » Always ask. If you're alone and don't feel comfortable walking to your car, don't hesitate to ask retail security personnel for an escort.
- » Place items in trunk. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or place items out of sight. Do not leave packages on

the seat of your car.

- » Move your car. Move to another area of the parking lot if you return to your car in the middle of a shopping trip, even if it means giving up a prime spot. This will deter a thief who may have been watching you unload your purchases.
- » Use common sense. Even if you are just going into a store for a quick errand, never leave your car unlocked or your vehicle running unattended.
- » Keep passengers safe. Criminals are not timid about approaching people in their driveways. Take children and the elderly into the house first, then immediately unload all purchases from your car. Never leave vulnerable loved ones

alone in a vehicle, even if you will only be gone "for a minute."

- » Don't argue. If a carjacker wants your vehicle, let him have it. A vehicle isn't worth your life. According to Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T., most carjackings involve a weapon. So don't resist or argue, instead get a good look at the carjacker and what he or she is wearing.
- » Call the police immediately. If you witness an auto theft or carjacking, call 911 immediately. After you have informed local law enforcement, call H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT) if you have any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or car-

jackings.

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow-up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud. H.E.A.T. rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect. Rewards of up to \$10,000 are issued if a tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected theft ring or chop shop operators.

The H.E.A.T. tip line is monitored by the Michigan State Police and funded by Michigan's auto insurance companies.

## Local priest says invocation for State Senate Session

Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, invited the Rev. Gerard Bechard, better known as Fr. Gerry, to offer the invocation for the opening of State Senate Session on Dec. 17.

It's a tradition in the State Senate for legislators to invite local religious leaders from their respective districts to lead the Senate in prayer and begin the day's session.

Fr. Gerry, pastor of Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland, joined Anderson to offer the invocation. This marks the second time he has offered the invocation in the Michigan Senate at Anderson's request and is the last invocator Anderson will be inviting due to term limits.

Fr. Gerry has been the senior pastor at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Church since 1989 and has been in the priesthood for 34 years.



State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland (left), and Lt. Gov. Brian Calley (right) welcome the Rev. Gerard Bechard to Lansing.

Anderson is completing his sixth and final year in the Senate. He represents the 6th State Senate District, which includes Livonia, West-

land, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the Assistant Democratic Floor Leader.

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# Ex-Wayne County hospital employees hold annual reunion

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Debbie Kowalske remembers when Wayne County General Hospital-Eloise closed in 1976. She was among the employees who worked there.

Recruited while attending Garden City West High School, she worked in D, M and N buildings and after Eloise closed moved over to the general hospital.

"I loved working at Eloise," said Kowalske, who lives in Belleville. "I was 17 years old when they came into West and recruited. I took the civil service test in the school library. I had to go downtown for the physical."

Kowalske, who worked at the hospital for 18 years, was among the

retirees who showed up for a reunion last week to mark the 30th anniversary of the closing of Wayne County General Hospital. Joining her were friends Cheryl Morris of Garden City and Trudy Daberko of Brighton.

The trio grew up in Garden City and worked together at the hospital. They lost touch 23 years ago, but reconnected earlier this year.

"We got together on Facebook," Morris said. "When the hospital closed, I was with the health department and Deb and Trudy went downtown."

"The people were great, we were a close-knit group," she added. "We spent more time with each other than our families. Our co-workers became our extended family."

The women shared stories about their years at the hospital, everything from how old the buildings were and spraying for roaches — "big ones" — to the men's and women's softball teams. They teased Calvin Sailor of Inkster about his uniform.

Sailor started at Eloise in 1960 and worked as a hospital orderly until being drafted. He served two years in the U.S. Army Airborne before returning to work as an assistant ward supervisor at Eloise. He also was an in-house licensed practical attendant nurse, which he left to go into hospital security and eventually became union president, representing the 1,500 employees at the hospital and health department up until 1983.



Sue Bubnelis (from left) of Livonia shares a laugh with fellow Wayne County General Hospital retirees Debbie Kowalske of Belleville, John Sebastian and Dennis Abraham, both of Westland.



Debbie Kowalske of Belleville, Cheryl Morris of Garden City and Trudy Daberko of Brighton recalled being recruited to work at Wayne County General Hospital-Eloise while in high school.

"I negotiated a real good retirement benefit and I took it," Sailor said. "It was a great place."

Sailor had the option of going to the hospital or the sheriff's department and tested for both. He had a year to make up his mind and turned down the sheriff.

"I enjoyed helping people and working with the patients," he said. "Security and union president was fine, but I enjoyed working with the

patients more. Calvin was known for the black book he carried. It wasn't filled with telephone numbers, it was his lottery numbers. A nurse on 4 South needed help, so he gave her five numbers and told her she'll win once, if she played them every day. She did and won on the fifth day.

"She had five kids and didn't have enough money to last until pay day," Sailor said. "She bet \$1 and won \$500. I was so

happy for her."

Among the retirees at the reunion was Sue Boneless of Livonia who spent her time as a technician doing brain wave testing in electroencephalogram unit, and Beth McClure of Milford who was a nurse in the pediatrics unit across the hall.

McClure started at the hospital in 1968 after graduating from the Borgess School of Nursing in Kalamazoo. She had 16 years in when the hospital closed.

"I was the youngest retiree — they weren't certain what to do," she said. "I borrowed \$6,000 from my parents and bought out those four years so I could retire."

McClure went on to work for the Visiting Nurses and eventually finished out her nursing career with the Oakland County Public Health Department.

Dennis Abraham started at the hospital in 1968

and worked there for "23 1/2 years," handling in-patients billing. He also worked in the commissary doing the food orders. That was his favorite job.

"I'd write out the food programs, and two days later you'd see them loading it into trucks," he said. "I'd see my work in motion."

Like many of the other retirees, Abraham stayed with the county after the hospital was closed. He ended up in the treasurer's office handling accounts payable and receivable until he retired in 1991.

John Sebastian bought a house in 1975 for \$25,000 and ended up living about a block from the hospital. That didn't matter; he still drove his car to work every day.

Sebastian worked at the hospital from 1967 to its closing in 1984. From there, he went to work with the Wayne County Soldiers and Sailors Relief for four years before landing at the sheriff's department, where he worked until he retired in 1994.

"I did drug and alcohol rehabilitation and worked with the ladies who need reprogram," he said.

"My fondest memories, though, are of helping the Medicaid patients," he added. "They needed help and I could do it, but it took teamwork. We had a great crew of people to work with and it was my co-workers that would make my day."

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# Salvation Army volunteers believe in giving back

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Ron Gutowski of Canton was glad to spend Thursday volunteering at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"Last week, I was at Fish and Loaves (Community Food Pantry), which is next to Gleaners. Ford gives us two days a year to go and volunteer," said Gutowski, who works for the automaker in Global Messaging Operations in Dearborn.

"I was a shopper, taking people back (to choose toys for their children and grandchildren)," he said. "It's good to give back to the community and some people who need help."

Phyllis Johnson of Detroit and Linda Reed of Dearborn Heights were among Kingdom International Church volunteers Thursday at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"I volunteer because I like to do for others," said Johnson, who is retired from the former Kmart headquarters in Troy. "This is my first time with the Salvation Army."

Another church friend, who also volunteered, suggested the Salvation Army site, where toys and food for Christmas were distributed this past week.

"If I can help somebody in need, that's what I enjoy doing, especially this time of year," Reed said.

Reed, a General Motors retiree, got help from the Salvation Army as a girl.

"We were members of the east side congregation (of Detroit)," she recalled. She received



Phyllis Johnson (left) of Detroit and Linda Reed of Dearborn Heights were among Kingdom International Church volunteers Thursday at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.



Ford Motor Co. volunteers Thursday at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army included (left to right) Karen Calleja of Livonia, Kermala Dudley of Franklin, Sally Fernandez of Brownstown, Ron Gutowski of Canton, Alyssa Hauler of Livonia, and Kevin Zurek of Livonia.



Margaret Churchman of Westland was glad to volunteer with toy and food distribution Thursday at the Wayne-Westland corps of the Salvation Army.

clothes and toys. "That was like 60 years ago," said Reed, who also remembers attending Salvation Army services and the summer camp. "It was so nice. All types of activities," Reed said of camp.

"We volunteer at different organizations, sometimes as a group, sometimes individually," Johnson said of their church.

### Rewarding work

Karen Calleja of Livonia, also a Ford Motor staffer, had earlier volunteered with the Salvation Army in Southfield for a prison gift ministry program. She's an IT project manager working in Dearborn.

"I find it rewarding," Calleja said of her days volunteering, including Dec. 18 at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "And I enjoy giving back to the community." She appreciates her employer's support of

volunteer efforts.

She agreed some volunteers find the great needs of those they serve eye opening.

"I think for some it is," Calleja said. "I've been doing community service for many years now. That's why I continue to volunteer."

Phil Hull of Westland, volunteer coordinator for the Wayne-Westland corps, said, "We could not do what we do without volunteers." That ranges from taking Christmas need applications, he said, "all the way through our distribution. We've had a lot of support from Ford Motor Co. volunteers and Comerica Bank as well."

The hard-working volunteers took a brief lunch break for pizza at noon, with Kevin Zurek of Livonia saying "Because it's awesome," as his reason to volunteer. "I volunteer because it's good helping people. Giving back is good,"

said Zurek, an IT business analyst working for Ford in Allen Park. "Yes, it's an eye opener."

He also likes work that's different from IT. Zurek has volunteered through Ford at Life Remodeled, Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, all this year.

### 'Such a need'

Margaret Churchman of Westland, who is on disability, cooks for the after-school program kids at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. She

also pitched in for the toy and food distribution.

"Because there's such a need," said Churchman, who was awaiting her afternoon assignment and has done many volunteer jobs for Christmas at the corps. "Knowing that we've helped a child have a Christmas" is what matters to her. "It just breaks my heart when I do the intake information."

Churchman and her family cut back on their own gifts this year to

give more at the Salvation Army.

"We don't need anything," she said. "We decided we'd give less presents to each other."

"I think everyone should volunteer," she added. "I would do more if physically I could do it. I think it's our responsibility to take care of other people."

Fellow volunteer Gutowski agreed.

"Everybody needs help at some time," he said. "It's always in the back of everybody's mind, at least mine."

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The Charter Township of Redford expects to receive an estimated \$800,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the 2015 federal fiscal year. It is anticipated that the Township will also receive an estimated \$300,000 in Program Income funds. Redford Township has a projected CDBG budget of \$1,100,000 during Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Said recommendations will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (D-HUD)

The Charter Township of Redford has published the Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds in the Redford Observer on December 21, 2014. The statement gave notice of a public hearing on January 27, 2015 requesting written views and proposals from interested citizens unable to attend said public hearing. The public hearing was set in order to receive comments on the proposed recommendations for the Year XLI Submission of the Action Plan for FY 2015-2016.

The Township is making available to the general public the draft of the Action Plan 2015-2016. A copy is available for examination and comment for a 30 day period. Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Website, [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com)

Comments from the public are welcome and may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239, throughout the thirty day public comment period, December 22, 2014 through January 20, 2015, until 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Redford does not intend to voluntarily displace any persons as a direct or indirect result of the proposed CDBG funded activities. Notwithstanding the aforementioned statement, the Township has been required by Public Law 98-181 to prepare a Plan for minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of CDBG funded activities and for assisting persons involuntarily displaced as a result of said activities. A copy of this plan is on file and available for review at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

It is anticipated the Redford Township Board of Trustees will take action on the Proposed Statement and Projected Use of Funds at the regular meeting scheduled for January 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, Michigan 48239.

Information concerning Community Development Block Grant expenditures is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239 and can be reviewed Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Livonia BP #2  
Riley and Emerson

### SECTION 00100 Advertisement to Bid

1. Livonia Public Schools (the "Owner") requests Bid Proposals for the renovations of Emerson Middle School and Riley Upper Elementary School for Bid Package No. 2. Bid Proposals will be received:

- 1.1. By delivery or mail by 12:00 p.m. local time on **January 15, 2015** (the "Due Date").
- 1.2. To the attention of:

Livonia Public Schools  
Attention: Lisa Abbey  
15125 Farmington Rd.  
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2. Proposals must be sealed with Bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal  
Livonia Public Schools 2013 Bond Issue  
Bid Package No. 2 - Riley Upper Elementary School and Emerson Middle School  
Bid Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor Name, Address, Phone Number, email address

3. Proposals shall be based on the requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents: **Bid Package #2 - Renovation to Riley Upper Elementary School and Emerson Middle School**

4. Accepted Bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of Contract, to furnish, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in the Project Manual

5. Unless otherwise specifically set forth, this Project is subject to state sales and/or use taxes and Bidder is required to include such taxes in its Bid Proposal.

6. Barton Malow Company has been contracted by the Owner in the capacity of CM for the Project, and shall act as representative of the Owner to the extent required/allowed under its Owner contract. Hereafter Barton Malow Company shall be referred to as the "CM".

7. Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publically opened and read aloud at a public meeting held at the Livonia Public School Board Office (15125 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154) on January 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. by Livonia Public Schools. **The Owner shall not open, consider, or accept a Bid Proposal that is received after the Due Date specified for Bid submission in this Advertisement for Bids.**

8. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after December 17, 2014. Examination and distribution will be made at: **ARC Troy/Clawson office, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson MI 48017. Phone: 248-288-5600.** Bidders may download electronic documents from ARC at no charge. Bidders may purchase paper documents directly from ARC. Please contact ARC at the number listed above or email [Michigan.troy@e-arc.com](mailto:Michigan.troy@e-arc.com) to obtain bid documents.

9. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at Riley Upper Elementary School (15555 Henry Ruff St, Livonia, MI 48154) on December 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. All Bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all attendees and invited bidders. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the Bidding and Contract Documents.

10. All requests for information (RFIs) and substitution requests are to be submitted by **4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2015**. All RFI's and substitution requests received after that time cannot be guaranteed to be answered or approved before the Due Date. Please contact Stephanie Hachey, [stephanie.hachey@bartonmalow.com](mailto:stephanie.hachey@bartonmalow.com).

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SECTION 00100 - Advertisement to Bid

Barton Malow Company

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11. Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by CM. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Project is located. Bidders shall not withdraw Bid Proposals for a period of ninety (90) Days after Due Date for receipt of Bid Proposals.

12. The successful Bidder(s) will be required to enter into an agreement with **Livonia Public Schools** on the Agreement Form identified in the Project Manual.

13. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the sworn statement included in Section 00410 of the Project Manual, in accordance with MCL 380.1267, disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner(s) or any employee of the Bidder and any member of the school board or the superintendent of the school district and certifying that the Bidder is not Iran-linked business. Bid Proposals that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted. All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement attached. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

14. The Owner is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. Bid Proposals received after the Due Date will not be opened, accepted or considered.

15. Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein, or to award the contract to other than the low Bidder, in its sole and absolute discretion. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

16. Owner shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to determine if the proposed substitution is equivalent.

BARTON MALOW COMPANY

Stephanie Hachey  
Project Manager

END OF SECTION 00100

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 10:30 pm: Music; 11:00 pm: Traditional Rite II  
**Christmas Day** 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist  
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**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church**  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Wednesday, December 24, 2014  
 5 pm - Family Service  
 Featuring Children's Choir and Youth Handbells  
 10 pm - Candlelight Communion Service  
 Featuring Adult Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir  
 Rev. Steve Clark, Pastor  
 Rev Kellie Whitlock, Pastor  
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**North Congregational Church**  
 36520 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, MI  
 248/848-1750 [northcongregationalchurch.org](http://northcongregationalchurch.org)  
**Sunday, December 21, 2014**  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Special Music: Gustav Holst's "Christmas Day"  
**Wednesday, December 24, 2014,**  
 at 7:30 p.m.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
 "Walk in the Light!"  
 Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Senior Minister

**Christmas Worship**  
 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24  
 Family and Children Services  
 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM  
 Traditional Sanctuary Services  
 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM,  
 9:00 PM & 11:00 PM  
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[fumcbirmingham.org](http://fumcbirmingham.org)  
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**Christmas at the Kirk**  
**December 21**  
 4:00 PM Service of Lessons and Carols  
 7:00 PM Service of Comfort and Hope  
**December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
 11:00 AM Young Family Service  
 Rev. William Adams III  
 4:00 PM Family Service  
 Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon  
 6:00 PM Family Service  
 Dr. Carol Tate  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Livonia A.M. Rotary, Sears team up to help families



The Livonia A.M. Rotary club donated \$3,000 to the Sears Family Christmas tree to help local families in need during this holiday season. This is the third year the Rotary Club contributed to the Sears family program with funds raised from their carnival, held in the parking lot of the Livonia store. From left are Leslee Lesar, Sears operations manager; Kristin Peters, Sears store manager; and Rotarians Tammy Bonifield, treasurer; Bill Friske, assistant district governor; and Pat Zucal, president.

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.

#### TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT SQUARE DANCE

**Time/date:** 2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

**Location:** Civic Center Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Details:** For experienced square dancers, this benefit costs \$10 per person (or one unwrapped toy), with everything being collected that day going to Toys for Tots. Infant, toddler and preschool toys are always needed.

**Contact:** 734-637-8819 or 734-236-4735.

#### YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT

**Time/date:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

**Location:** Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford.

**Details:** The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras of Michigan invites the public to its Christmas concert. Tickets are \$7 at the door, \$3 for senior citizens. The LYSO is a nonprofit youth organization celebrating its 55th year in Livonia. It is comprised of school-age string players, winds, brass and percussionists.

**Contact:** daveteds@aol.com.

#### HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Time/date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

**Location:** Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Carols and hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord. Concert proceeds benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

**Contact:** 734-422-0010.

#### TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

**Time/date:** 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27.

**Location:** Sgt. Romanowski VFW Post, 28945 Joy Road, Westland.

**Details:** Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first questions are at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 per table, maximum of four people per table. There will be prizes, raffles, pizza at half time and a cash bar.

**Contact:** For reservations, call Dianna at 313-278-3784 or email

John at welchmandj@hotmail.com.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Time/date:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; game starts at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31.

**Location:** VFW Hall, 31611 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Michigan Classic Cards will hold a euchre party/progressive tournament (10 rounds) paying out more than \$700 in prizes. Includes dinner, party favors, pizza and champagne toast. Cost is \$32 before Dec. 19, \$40 after. Money from 50-50 tickets goes to the group's charity, Help's on the Way (<http://helpsontheway.org>).

**Contact:** 734-673-2225.

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**Time/date:** 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31.

**Location:** AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman, south of Cherry Hill, Westland.

**Details:** The post is holding a New Year's Eve Party. The cost is \$25 per person and \$45 per couple and includes dinner, dancing, champagne and pizza at midnight.

**Contact:** For tickets or more information, call 734-721-2990.

#### AEROBICS CLASSES

**Time/date:** 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7.

**Location:** Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Body and Spirit aerobics class for all fitness levels. All proceeds help Angel House take a stand against all domestic violence. Cost is \$20 a month or \$6 a session for walk-ins. Bring floor/yoga mat and hand weights (optional).

**Contact:** 313-443-7256.

#### DEMOLAY MEETING

**Time/date:** 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19.

**Location:** Wayne Masonic Lodge, 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

**Details:** The lodge is holding an informational day for Michigan DeMolay, a youth movement for men ages 12-21. The day will be a meet-and-greet with video games and board games.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Ray Lemons at 734-552-3125 or Raymond.Lemons@gmail.com.

#### ONGOING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS' SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/date:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

**Location:** The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Contact:** 734-524-0720.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD GAMES

**Time/date:** 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Location:** The Angel House, 28441 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Details:** Cost is \$5 per person. Angel House uses the money to give \$50 gift cards to a family in need weekly. Donations are also accepted via [www.theangelhouse.org](http://www.theangelhouse.org).

**Contact:** 734-524-0380.

#### FRIENDS OF ELOISE

**Time/date:** 7 p.m. third Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and November.

**Location:** Collins House in the Westland Historic Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill.

**Contact:** Pat Ibbotson at 734-331-9291 or pibbotso@aol.com.

#### LIVING ON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Time/date:** 2-3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month.

**Location:** Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

**Details:** Hospice of Michigan grief groups provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to express their feelings and better understand the grief process. These services are offered at no charge to any member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Conference Room 2 on second level. Park at west entrance.

**Contact:** To register, call Margie Martin, Grief Support Services manager, at 734-769-5821.

#### LIVONIA CAMERA CLUB

**Time/date:** 8-9:30 p.m. the first two Thursdays September through May.

**Location:** McKinley School, 9100 Hillcrest, Livonia.

**Details:** A group of photographic enthusiasts dedicated to promotion of photography through displays, competitions, critiques and education.

**Contact:** Dennis Gelarden, president, 734-591-2589; livonia-cameraclub.com.

#### LIVONIA SAVE OUR YOUTH

**Time/date:** First Wednesday of every month; time rotates monthly between morning (9-11 a.m.) and evening (6-8 p.m.).

**Location:** Livonia City Hall Annex Conference Room, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia.

**Details:** The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition exists to educate and empower the community regarding the health and safety of young people, with a focus on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse. The public is welcome to attend monthly meetings — a light meal is served.

**Contact:** kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org; 734-338-9580.

#### WIDOWED MEN

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of the month.

**Location:** Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

**Details:** Widowed men are invited to attend men's breakfast and learn about other co-ed activities.

**Contact:** Call Dick at 313-534-0399.

#### CO-ED WIDOWED BREAKFAST

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. first Thursday of the month.

**Location:** Richard's Restaurant, Plymouth Road at Eckles Road, Plymouth.

**Details:** All widowed welcome. Come and meet new friends.

**Contact:** To reserve a seat, call Carol at 734-464-2833.

**Time/date:** 9 a.m. third Thursday of the month.

**Location:** Annie's, at 33427 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Details:** All widowed welcome for great, reasonably priced food, conversation and laughs.

**Contact:** Call Tom at 734-927-0610.

#### LIVONIA ROTARY CLUB

**Time/Date:** noon to 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

**Location:** Laurel Manor, 3900 Schoolcraft, Livonia (Use the northwest entrance).

**Details:** Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" — service in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations. The Livonia Rotary Club built Rotary Park on Six Mile and does various community service projects throughout the year. Be a guest at a meeting.

**Contact:** [www.livoniarotary.org](http://www.livoniarotary.org); jre2716@sbcglobal.net.

#### WESTLAND ROTARY

**Time/Date:** 12:15 p.m. Thursdays.

**Location:** Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland.

**Details:** Widowed men are invited to attend men's breakfast and learn about other co-ed activities.

**Contact:** Jeff at 734-261-5010.

#### WAYNE ROTARY

**Time/Date:** noon every Tuesday.

**Location:** Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis, Wayne, except the last Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6 p.m. At the US12 Bar and Grill on Michigan Avenue.

**Details:** Be a guest and see what Wayne Rotary is all about.

**Contact:** Call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

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| 2017 Eleanor Smith    | 3712 Ellis Currie         |
| 2636 Ward Jacqueline  | 3826 Gladys Huddleston    |
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December 14 & 21, 2014

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

**Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Section 4:13 of the Westland Zoning Ordinance 248 Concerning Temporary Sales, Uses or Special Events and Temporary Buildings and Structures**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman  
Westland Planning Commission

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In the normal knee, fluid that lubricates the joint comes from cells lining the joint cavity; knee replacement removes most but not all of these lining cells. The knee joint includes crevices and posterior angles that precludes stripping the joint of all its lining cells. Enough cells remain, that when irritated, can produce from 5-50 cc of fluid.

One cause of irritation is shards. A replacement knee has a metal component that appears uniformly smooth, but at the microscopic level, it is possible to see flakes of metal coming off the metal and moving into the surrounding tissue. If a shard enters a lining cell, the cell senses the shard as an irritant; fluid from the cell follows much as a cinder causes the eye to tear.

A similar cycle of events occurs if the replacement knee loosens. Metal rubbing against the nearby bone initiates a stream of particles into the surrounding tissues. These particles, if taken up by lining cells will also set off a fluid response.

Another cause for fluid into a replacement knee is infection. In this instance the irritant is a bacteria; the cell's response of fluid is the way the body washes away and dilutes infection. If a physician suspects that infection is a possibility then the treatment of choice is immediate aspiration and culture of the fluid.

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**Christmas Worship**

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**Newburg United Methodist Church**  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI  
734-422-0149 [www.newburgumc.org](http://www.newburgumc.org)

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
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29015 Jamison St., Livonia 48154

**Masses for the Nativity of the Lord**  
Christmas Eve Children's Mass 4p ♦ Christmas Eve 10p  
Christmas Day 9a & 11a

**Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**  
New Year's Eve 4p ♦ New Year's Day 11a

**Holy Hour welcoming the Year of Our Lord 2015**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
From 11:30p 12/31/2014 until 12:30a 1/1/2015

**St. John's Episcopal Church of Westland**

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**December 24, 2014**  
The Vigil Mass of Christmas 6:00pm  
Mass of the Angels 10:00pm  
Low Mass 11:30pm

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The Mass of Christmas Day 11:30am

**December 28, 2014**  
The Feast of the Holy Family 8:30am  
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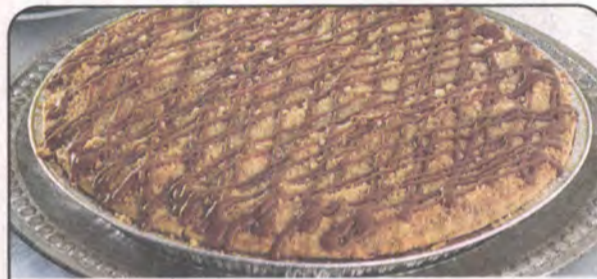
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## FLIPPIN' GOOD

Livonia Blue remains unbeaten with decisive victory over Salem

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Powered by a stellar performance from all-around standouts Bri Rhoad and Jesse Weak, the Livonia Blue gymnastics team improved to 3-0 on Wednesday night with a 136.875-125.135 victory over Salem.

Rhoad brought her "A" game as she compiled 35.725 points. She won the balance beam competition with a score of 9.225 and finished second with a floor-exercise routine that generated 9.05 points.

Weak's strong night was highlighted by a first-place showing on the vault (9.05). She finished with an all-around score of 34.925.

"I am very proud of my team, starting out the season 3-0," Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield said. "We have been working really hard improving our skills and routines. We are looking forward to the new year with new skills and stronger routines."

"This past week our team has been battling illnesses and yesterday it showed how tired and drained the girls are. We are looking forward to the holiday break to work on our skills and get healthy again."

Livonia Blue will face perennially strong Canton in its first meet back following the break.

Catie McDougall and Samantha Ellis also played major roles in their team's successful night. McDougall chalked up an all-around score of 33.425, which included a fine 8.70 on the vault.

Ellis's best event was the beam, on which she earned 8.45 points for the victorious Blue.

Team-wise, Blue's best event was the vault as it outscored the Rocks 35.1-32.7.

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Livonia Blue's Jesse Weak dismounts the balance beam after a performance that netted her a score of 8.625. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Duncan MVP as Madonna nips Goshen

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The old cliché "Christmas came a little early" certainly would apply to the Madonna University men's basketball team these days.

The Crusaders have suddenly become energized with the arrival of 6-foot-1 transfer Shaun Duncan, who in only his second game, earned tournament MVP honors Wednesday afternoon with a game-high 22 points as MU captured the Best Western Crusader Classic with a 65-64 victory over Goshen College (Ind.).

Duncan, a transfer from Wayne County Community College with only one semester of eligibility left, maneuvered his way into the lane for the game-winning layup with only 6.4 seconds left to give MU the lead and the victory.

Goshen's Dominique Bolden, who led the Maple Leafs (9-4) with 13 points, then tried an off-balance two-point attempt just inside the three-point line as time expired, but came up short.

The 26-year-old Duncan, a 2006 Detroit Pershing High grad, also came up with eight rebounds and five assists.

Sophomore point-guard Khalil Malone added all 11 of his points during the second half to go along with five assists as well as MU improved to 6-8 overall.

Duncan, who went 5-for-12 from beyond the three-point line, scored 18 of his 22 in the first half as the Crusaders trailed, 29-26.

He wound up playing 36 minutes after logging 22 minutes the night before with 10 points and five rebounds in a 97-56 win in the first round of the Classic against Finlandia (Wis.).

In May, Duncan had foot surgery after fracturing a bone in his foot. And he ad-

mits he's still rounding into basketball shape.

Madonna also got a lift down the stretch from 6-8 senior center Donald Owens (nine points), who made a short jumper with 3:16 remaining to make it 61-56.

But Stefan Luckey's conventional three-point play with just 1:12 remaining gave the Maples Leafs a 64-63 advantage. And after MU's Dan Hall missed two free throws, Goshen returned the favor with a turnover with only 14.7 seconds left.

MU coach Noel Emenhiser immediately called timeout to set up a final play.

"They (Goshen) were in the 2-3 zone (defense)," the MU coach said. "In the top of their 2-3 they kind of line up in an I-formation — not a football formation — but we tried to screen those two guys and then make one guy decide between whether they were going to stop Shaun or whether they were going to stop Khalil. And Shaun got enough of a gap to the rim and made a heckuva play to finish it."

Also named to the all-tournament team was Malone and Lewis (nine points), both of MU, along with Bolden (Goshen), Brandon Robinson (Finlandia) and Paris Pereira (Rochester College).

But Duncan was the clear-cut and overwhelming choice for tourney MVP.

"For the most part he reads the game well," Emenhiser said. "That's one of the things that comes with experience and that's something he brings to our team. While he's not experienced with us, he's got some miles on him in a good way. He sees what's happening and gets the ball where he wants it by manipulating the defense a little bit. He helps make the other guys around him better and shows what kind of players they are, too."



Duncan

GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## Youthful Rockets looking to take off quickly

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Exactly how young and inexperienced is this season's Westland John Glenn girls basketball team?

"Well, our captain is a sophomore who played on the junior varsity team last year — that's how young we are," said Rockets head coach Derrick Jordan, smiling.

Despite the team's youth, Jordan is optimistic his get-after-it squad can generate enough improvement as the season wears on to compete for a KLA South Division title.

"That's our goal — to at least be in the hunt to win the division," said Jordan. "We're pretty inexperienced, but at the same time I love the way these girls compete. We have a lot of athleticism and heart, too. These girls take pride in playing hard."

"We're in a tough division, but I like it that way. I was tell-

ing our girls the other day that there has been a team from the KLA South in the (Class A) semifinals the past six years. That tells you what the level of competition is in our conference."

The Rockets' offense will be engineered by sophomore point guard Arieana Hassan (see related story on B2), who has shown no signs during the team's early season games that she is in over her head.

"Her composure is unbelievable," said Jordan. "She settles everybody down when things get hectic."

On the receiving end of many of Hassan's passes will be junior wing players Sierra Moseley and Nadia Reed. Moseley was on the varsity squad last season, while Reed is a transfer student from Ypsilanti Lincoln.

"Sierra is a very, very disciplined player who plays hard every single day in practice," Jordan said. "Her game is continuously evolving. Defensively,



Pictured (from left) are Westland John Glenn players Sierra Moseley, Arieana Hassan and Nadia Reed. ED WRIGHT

she understands what it takes to be successful.

"Nadia is a wing player who can shoot and handle the ball. She's new, so she's still trying to grasp what we do, but she's doing well."

The Rockets' lone senior starter is 6-foot-4 Diamond Jordan (no relation to Derrick), who gives the team a dynamic presence in the middle.

"I'm looking for Diamond to

control the paint for us," Jordan said. "She's a good rebounder who can alter shots."

Jordan said 5-8 junior Kamiah Stribling is his team's most athletic player — "by far," he emphasized. "She can really jump and defensively she's a good shot-blocker."

The Rockets' top reserves are senior Jann'a Shorter, a 5-6 wing player; and 5-10 freshman Carly Loving.



Members of Westland John Glenn's basketball team give 100 percent during a defensive drill Wednesday afternoon. ED WRIGHT

"Jann'a is the heart of the team," Jordan said. "She's a tough, hard-working young lady. Carly started out as a volleyball player. Once I saw her dribble and shoot a basketball, I tapped her to play for us. She's a freshman, but she's definitely up for the challenge."

Providing valuable depth for the Rockets will be seniors Alexis Gardner, Jade Herring and Brooke Smith.

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BOYS PREP HOOPS ROUNDUP

# Thurston's sizzling start continues at Edsel Ford

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston's boys basketball team overcame a four-point halftime deficit to outlast host Dearborn Edsel Ford, 79-72, in a Thursday night game played in the Thunderbirds' gymnasium.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 4-0 heading into Monday's 5:30 p.m. game against Salem in the first round of the two-day Livonia Franklin Holiday Tournament.

Senior guard Rickey Hudgens led a balanced attack for the winners, as he poured in 22 points. Isaiah Crofford added 21 points. The

6-foot-5 Crofford also cleaned the boards to the tune of seven rebounds.

Junior point guard was a double threat for the Eagles, distributing six assists at one end of the court while swiping four steals at the other.

Chad Galliard was the T-Birds' brightest star, lighting up the scoreboard with 26 points.

Edsel Ford led 20-19 after one quarter and 43-39 at the break. The momentum shifted in the third quarter when the visiting Eagles outscored EF 26-14.

"We got after it a little more in the third quarter with our press and got some points off turnovers," said Thurston head coach Brian

Bates. "I'm very proud of my guys for the resilience they showed after being down at the half. This is a good group of guys."

Thurston was 7 of 10 from the free-throw line. Edsel Ford nailed 11 of 16 freebies.

**Cougars win first**

Energized by a strong performance from senior Joe Pummill, Garden City notched its first victory of the season Thursday night, 62-46, over New Boston Huron. Pummill registered 12 points and seven assists.

Travis Kidd also sparked for the winners, netting 12 points and four rebounds, while Travis Trigg contributed

nine points and 14 boards.

Other pivotal contributors were Robbie Moyers (five points, eight rebounds), Jalen Anderson (five points, five steals) and Vinnie Bakerian, who chipped in five points.

"It was a total team effort," said GC head coach Ron Pummill. "We did a much better job on the boards and we took care of the basketball. We had a great crowd that brought a lot of energy and the kids played off that."

Anthony Mako led the Chiefs (0-3) with 16 points.

**Chiefs rock Spartans**

Canton bolted to a 15-7 lead over host Livonia Stevenson Thursday night and was never headed thereafter on the way to a 61-33 non-league contest. The Chiefs led 30-17 at the half and 46-28 with eight minutes to play.

Noah Campbell led the Spartans with eight points. Greg Williams pumped in 17 points for Canton.

**'Cats upend Patriots**

Novi used a 20-6 third-quarter spurt to pull away from Livonia Franklin, 62-40, in a non-league contest played Thursday night.

Charles Keith led the Patriots with 12 points and four rebounds. Jackie Hughes contributed eight points and Johnny Cantrell added six for Franklin, which slipped to 0-4.

The Wildcats led 15-7 after one quarter and 32-18 at the half before the victory-sealing third-stanza effort.

PREP PROFILE

# Rockets point guard's skills defy her age

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

It is a rare sight, indeed, to see Westland John Glenn sophomore point guard Arieana Hassan without a basketball in her hands — at least when she's not in a classroom, working on strengthening her 3.5 grade-point average.

"I dribble so much around our house that my mom has to tell me to put the ball down sometimes," said Hassan, who has vaulted all the way from the Rockets' junior-varsity last season to the varsity team's starting play-maker position. "I always played basketball growing up. I love it."



ED WRIGHT  
Westland John Glenn point guard Arieana Hassan has earned the role of captain despite her sophomore status.

Not tall in stature, Hassan casts a large leadership shadow when she's on the court, said John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan, who selected Hassan to be his team's captain following her strong showing in Tuesday night's 42-35 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

"Arieana is poised beyond her years," said Jordan. "She's a true point guard in that she's looking to create shots for her teammates first before she shoots herself. She's like a general on the court. She totally understands what we want to do offensively and her composure is excellent."

"Things got a little hectic in our first two games, but she was out there settling everybody down. And she sees the floor very well for a sophomore."

Hassan showed tons of promise as a freshman. She twice scored over 20 points for the Rockets' JV squad, and when she got an opportunity to shine at

the varsity level, she delivered more than Jordan could have hoped.

"We pulled her up to varsity for the districts last year and she came in and hit a three when we really needed one in the district championship game against Romulus," Jordan said. "The moment wasn't too big for her. I knew she'd be on varsity this year. She came to all of our off-season workouts and the older players really embraced her."

Being named captain as a sophomore meant a lot to her, Hassan said.

"I like that coach thinks I can lead the team," she said. "Everybody on the team communicates well with each other. We feed off each other."

Hassan doesn't mind if she doesn't score a ton of points — as long as the team is successful.

"I'm more of a passing-type guard. I want to get my teammates better shots," she said.

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# Ratings spike when area's top players hit the court

## FIRST TEAM

**Jenna Lerg, Mercy:** The senior all-stater was a four-year varsity starter for the Marlins, and she makes her third consecutive appearance on the



Lerg

All-Observer first team.

Lerg played every position but middle hitter at Mercy. She started as a libero, moved to setter and back to libero — the position she plays for her club team and will play next year at the University of Michigan.

Lerg was an outside hitter this year, filling a need for help on the attack, and was one of the Mercy leaders in kills.

"She has great vision on the court and a very good understanding of the game," coach Loretta Vogel said of Lerg last season. "She's just a special athlete. You only get so many of them."

"She does everything. She can be an outside hitter, and she can set when we need her to do that. Jenna has had a defensive role on our team since she was a freshman. That's pretty impressive, especially for a Class A player."

**Kayla March, Ladywood:** The 6-foot junior outside hitter recorded a team-best 554 total kills to go with 438 digs, 96 blocks and 112 aces en route to Class B third-team, all-state honors.

"She was our primary offensive weapon, but a lot of people don't realize she's our best individual on serve reception with the highest percentage on serve receive," Ladywood coach Peter Lau said of the all-region and all-Catholic League selection. "She's just a great all-around player offensively and defensively."

**Haley Moores, Ladywood:** The 5-8 junior outside hitter earned a Class B all-state honorable mention, as well as all-region and all-league honors after racking up 431 kills, 164 aces, 469 digs and 76 solo blocks for the district champs.

"She's not only a great offensive player, but what is deceptive about her is that she's our primary server," Lau said. "She also attacks well from the back row. She's an offensive weapon whether she's in the front row or the back row."

**Madison Dest, Huron Valley Lutheran:** The senior closed her four-year varsity career in style as she piled up 719 kills and 467 digs while anchoring the Hawks' defense to the tune of a 97-percent serve-



Dest

receive rate. After racking up 30-plus kills in three conference matches and 40 kills in the Hawks' Class D regional semifinal loss to PCA, she earned several accolades, including team MVP, conference MVP, all-region and third-team all-state honors.

"Madison's volleyball IQ is what makes her such an awesome player to watch and coach," said HVL coach Mike Dest, Madison's father. "She's been our team leader in most categories for the last three years. Offensively, she rarely gets stopped. She sees the block and court as good as anybody I've coached, and defensively she's among the best passers

we've ever had. I couldn't be more proud of her as her coach and as her dad."

**Lauren Schornack, Canton:** The outside hitter was vital to the Chiefs' success as back-to-back KLAAs South Division champions.



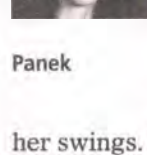
Schornack

Schornack's senior season was a productive one, as she registered 243 kills, 12 blocks, 315 digs and posted an 88.9 percent serving efficiency.

She earned all-conference and all-region honors and will continue her career playing next fall at Oakland Community College. She also was part of Canton's all-state academic team for a third season.

"Lauren has been a vital part of Canton as a three-year starter," coach Steve Johnson said. "Her all-around play as an outside hitter has contributed largely to our success."

**Natalie Panek, Churchill:** The junior outside hitter had an impactful season for the Chargers, knocking down 332 kills while mis-hitting on just 17 percent of her swings. An all-around performer, Panek dug up 269 would-be kills and served at a sterling rate of 91.4 percent.



Panek

**Stefanie Jankiewicz, Harrison:** The sophomore outside hitter led the Hawks to a 33-10-2 record and a share of the OAA White Division championship for the second straight year.



Jankiewicz

Jankiewicz, who was primarily a setter last year and still does some of that work, led the team in kills with 267. She had 32 aces and was an 86-percent server. She played in the back row and also had 129 digs.

"Stefanie is definitely an all-round student athlete," coach Michael Love said. "She is one of the smartest volleyball players I have coached in a while. She is a power hitter and has great hands. She is someone you can go to when the game is on the line."

"In the next two years, if she continues to work hard on and off the court, Stefanie has the potential to be first team all-state and make a run for Miss Volleyball as a senior. I look forward to seeing what her future holds for her."

**Taylor Suurmeyer, Farmington:** Suurmeyer's primary position is outside hitter, and that's where she made the biggest impact for the Falcons, who played in the OAA Red Division. But she was effective at every point in the rotation as an all-round player.



Suurmeyer

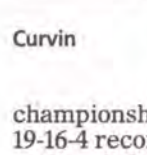
Besides a team-high 313 kills, Suurmeyer also had 51 blocks, 101 digs and 37 aces. Her hitting percentage was .252.

"Taylor is one of those players you love coaching," coach Katie Drews said. "She works hard and loves the game of

volleyball. "She led the team this year in kills and aces, and she established herself as an all-around threat by being a top passer."

"Taylor is a go-to player and always wants the ball. She's always working and leading on and off the court, and she never gives up."

**Sarah Curvin, Clarenceville:** A senior outside hitter and all-around player, Curvin led her team to a second straight Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division championships and a 19-16-4 record.



Curvin

Curvin had a team-best 306 kills and a .363 hitting percentage. She also had 124 blocks, 179 digs and 85 aces. Curvin was 255-for-288 on serve receive.

"Sarah is a hard-hitting threat in the front row and she blocks well," coach Wendy Merschman said. "She stepped up and became an all-around player for the Trojans this year. She also led us in digs."

"As a team captain, it was clear she was our leader and a player we were confident in when the ball came her way. She will be an asset wherever she plays next year."

**Tess Ganich, Salem:** The junior outside hitter was the leader on and off the floor for the Rocks,



Ganich

who were in the mix in the very competitive KLAAs Central Division. Ganich, named the team's MVP and top offensive player, as well as to the all-KLAA and all-region teams, tallied 466 kills and 43 blocks in the front row.

But she also demonstrated a strong all-around game, with 62 service aces and 368 digs.

"She is one of the most passionate, hard-working and skilled players I have ever coached," coach Amanda Nies said. "She is one of those players that gives it all she has and with a great attitude. It's hard to find athletes like her."

"She is the definition and example of what all players should be like. She is a leader, positive and extremely coachable."

**Courtney Kurkie, Canton:** Another Canton power threat, the senior right-side hitter tallied 185 kills, 57 blocks and 86 digs while being named to the all-KLAA and all-region teams.



Kurkie

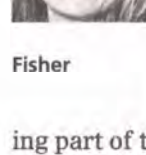
Kurkie, a third-year starter, is set to attend and play volleyball at Michigan Tech.

"Courtney's presence as our right-side hitter for the last three years has had a huge impact in slowing down the opposition's outside hitters," Johnson said. "Those skills have earned her honors ... as well as playing a large role in our back-to-back division championships."

She also was part of Canton's all-state academic team for the third time.

**Kayla Fisher, Mercy:** The senior middle hitter was a three-year varsity

player, and she helped lead the Marlins to a 53-7-2 record this year, a regional championship and a Class A state quarterfinal appearance.

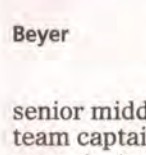


Fisher

Mercy was ranked No. 1 in the state during part of the regular season and lost in the tournament to the eventual state champion, Romeo.

As an attacker, Fisher can slam the ball to the floor with the best of them, and she also can adjust her game and make the soft, well-placed shot, too.

Fisher also played a key leadership role this year. She was an all-around player who figured prominently in the Mercy defense and was one of the team's top servers, too.



Beyer

**Olivia Beyer, Plymouth:** One would be hard pressed to find a Plymouth volleyball player who has made more of an impact on the program than Beyer.

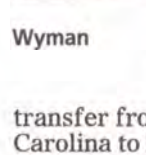
The senior middle hitter, team captain and four-year starter has racked up impressive individual stats while leading the Wildcats to team success.

"Olivia has set a benchmark of excellence for future Wildcats to strive for," coach Sarah Marody said. "She will be remembered as the best all-around player Plymouth has ever had."

Beyer registered 557 kills, 112 blocks and 359 digs in her senior season, earning all-KLAA, all-region and all-state honorable mention honors. In addition she was an academic all-conference recipient the past three years.

"As captain, Olivia set the example on and off the court," Marody said. "She has been academic all-conference as well as a part of all-state team academic awards for the last three years."

She will continue her playing career next fall at Louisiana State University.



Wyman

**Abby Wyman, Ply. Christian:** After the 2013 team lost key players to graduation such as Jennifer Malcolm, Plymouth Christian turned to a summer transfer from South Carolina to help fill the void.

Wyman came through and then some for the Eagles in her lone season with the team. She not only was the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's co-MVP, she was named to the all-conference first time. She also was on the all-region team.

Helping PCA post a 28-6-2 record, Wyman led the Eagles in aces (.9 per set) and hitting efficiency (.361) with 2.8 kills per set.

"She's got some power behind her and she's a great leader, which is exactly what we needed this year," coach Katie Decker said. "That was a huge blessing to get that dropped in our lap this year."

**Charley Irvin, Plymouth:** The junior was a standout in her first season as starting varsity libero, leading the



Irvin

Wildcats in defensive categories. Irvin chalked up 422 digs along with 387 in the serve-

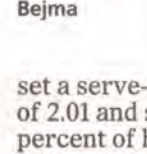
receive department. She also had a serving proficiency of 95.9 percent.

For her efforts, Irvin made the all-KLAA and all-region teams and earned all-conference academic honors for her work ethic, attitude and leadership.

"Charley showed veteran poise and maturity from the very beginning," Marody said. "Her consistency in pressure situations allowed our offense to play their own game and their pace."

"Our defense was relaxed when Charley was running the show."

**Taylor Bejma, Garden City:** A stellar four-year varsity standout, Bejma closed her prep career with a spectacular season, registering 3.62



Bejma

digs per set a serve-serve rate of 2.01 and she lased 93 percent of her serves inbounds while notching 64 aces.

"Taylor is a very passionate player," Garden City coach John Pace said. "She's a leader on the court and when she's on the sideline. All this makes her a great teammate. She has great stats but her stats are even stronger when we played outside of our conference. Taylor started out as our varsity setter as a freshman. She was very good at that as well."

**Val Ernat, John Glenn:** Ernat closed her high school career as one of the top defensive players in the area as she led the Rockets to a Class A district championship. An all-KLAA

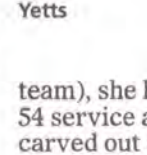


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honoree, Ernat has earned an athletic scholarship to attend Radford University, which is located in Radford, Va.

**Rayna Yetts, Churchill:** Yetts rarely, if ever, left the court for the Chargers and her production was outstanding in every facet of the game. In addition to racking up 290 kills (second on the team), she had 484 digs, 54 service aces and carved out a phenomenal passing percentage of 91.

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**  
**John Pace, Garden City:** Pace guided the Cougars to an undefeated season in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division, which is the toughest of the two divisions in



Pace

the WWAC. The veteran coach is just as proud as his team's academic accomplishments as its athletic ones as the Cougars earned their ninth consecutive academic all-state award. Four of the team's five seniors were named to the individual academic all-state team and the fifth missed by a fraction of a point.

"This team was spe-

## 2014 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

Jenna Lerg, Sr., OH, Mercy  
Kayla March, Sr., OH, Ladywood  
Haley Moores, Jr., OH, Ladywood  
Madison Dest, Sr., OH, H.V. Lutheran  
Lauren Schornack, Sr., OH, Canton  
Natalie Panek, Jr., OH, Churchill  
Stefanie Jankiewicz, Soph., OH, Harrison

Taylor Suurmeyer, Sr., OH, Farmington  
Sarah Curvin, Sr., OH, Clarenceville  
Courtney Kurkie, Sr., OH, Canton  
Tess Ganich, Jr., OH, Salem  
Kayla Fisher, Sr., OH, Plymouth  
Abby Wyman, Sr., OH, Ply. Christian  
Charley Irvin, Jr., OH, Plymouth  
Taylor Bejma, Sr., OH, Garden City  
Val Ernat, Sr., OH, John Glenn  
Rayna Yetts, Jr., OH, Churchill

**SECOND TEAM**  
Shanleigh Conlan, Sr., Setter, Mercy  
Annie McDougall, Sr., OH, Canton  
Kelly Newton, Sr., Libero, Churchill  
Lauren Clemons, Sr., OH, Plymouth  
Allison Whitehead, Jr., OH, Stevenson  
Brooke Dunning, Sr., OH, Farmington

**THIRD TEAM**  
Hailey Diedrick, Sr., OH, Canton  
Kelly Lidzbarski, Sr., Lib., Salem  
Allie Lynn, Jr., OH, Garden City  
Ryan Clemons, Jr., OH, John Glenn  
Monica Shuk, Sr., Libero, Mercy  
Mikol Coleman, Jr., OH, Harrison

**FOURTH TEAM**  
Olivia Mady, Soph., OH, Ply. Christian  
Anne St. John, Sr., OH, H.V. Lutheran  
Kat McAllister, Sr., Setter, Farmington  
Megan Roy, Sr., Libero, Canton  
Maddy Moschetti, Sr., Lib., Ladywood  
Colleen Hadley, Jr., OH, Mercy

**FIFTH TEAM**  
Jordan Schamp, Soph., OH, Plymouth  
Lindsey Cairns, Sr., OH, Clarenceville  
Lauren Hunter, Fresh., OH, Mercy  
Katie Conrad, Sr., Setter, Harrison  
Renee Reed, Sr., OH, Redford Union  
Lauren St. Pierre, Sr., Lib., Churchill

**SIXTH TEAM**  
Molly Schwalm, Sr., DS, Mercy  
Mykaela Ross, Soph., MB, N. Farming.  
Jessica Khouary, Sr., Libero, Harrison  
Aly Folkert, Sr., OH, Farmington  
Gabrielle van Well, Sr., OH, Thurston  
Sarah Soltes, Jr., S. Salem

**CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR**  
John Pace, Garden City  
Katie Decker, Plymouth Christian

**HONORABLE MENTIONS**  
Canton: Alyssa Burke, Emma Clark, Hannah Madis, Chloe Horn, Carleigh Vela; Plymouth: Aleah Rogalski, Katie Stevens, Lydia Bell; Salem: Hannah Moore, Madison Fairchild, Audrey Boike, Drew Smiley; Plymouth Christian: Grace Kellogg, Divina Rot; Farmington: Karlie Wengrovius, Courtney Szymkowski, Danielle Petras, Tara Arlin; Harrison: Teresa Malaj, Leah Petrak, Brooke Russ, Hannah Carleton, Madison Ruffin; Mercy: Bella McDonald, Emily Crowley; N. Farmington: Haley Qasawa; Clarenceville: Madison Vandike, Brianna Brown; Ladywood: Emily Fradette, Molly McClure;

Churchill: Amanda Rytak, Annie Yost, Alyssa Falcone; Franklin: Kennedy Mang, Erin McNally, Sarah Cramton; Stevenson: Arryn Doehnetz, Carmen Disler, Maura Wasser-mann; Luth. Westland: Allie Lange; Huron Valley Luth.: Anne St. John; Wayne Memorial: Kaitlyn Lees; John Glenn: Kelly Epperson, Erin Farnello; Redford Union: Sha Smith; Thurston: Lauren Garchar.

cial," Pace said. "We sat down early in the season and set our goals. They set some serious, tough goals and they achieved every one. We played some tough competition this year and had some quality wins as well. Winning our conference was a goal, and going undefeated while doing it was something special."

"This team became a family during the season. That special relationship is something they will have for the rest of their lives. Not only have they continued the tradition we have at Garden City, they have taken it several steps further. Their impact on the future of Garden City volleyball will be felt for years to come."

**Katie Decker, Ply. Christian:** The third-year coach for the Eagles led the team to a 28-6-2 record, good for first place in the MIAC Blue Division and another Class D district championship.

Just like the previous season, however, Decker's squad came up short in the regional final against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Another big accomplishment for PCA was winning the annual University of Michigan Dearborn tournament.

"This was such a great team to coach," said Decker, a former college volleyball player and assistant coach. "We had a great balance of senior leadership to balance out our younger players."

"Each year (as PCA coach) we have continued to improve on the year before and continue to set our sights higher for the future."

# Hillie shines, but Livonia Red drops pair

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

A strong all-around effort by Mikaela Hillie couldn't prevent the Livonia Red gymnastics team from getting edged by

KLAA foes Brighton and Howell on Tuesday night.

Hillie executed excellent routines on the vault (8.85), floor exercise (8.95) and balance beam (8.675) to finish with a four-event score of 34.525, but it

wasn't enough for Red (136.325 points) to hold off Howell (139.125) and Brighton (138.625).

Other eye-opening routines delivered by Red gymnasts were Marissa McVey's 9.20 score on the floor and 8.80 on

the vault; Olivia Rytarsky's 8.90 tally on the vault; and Sydney Grenier's 8.70 performance on her floor-exercise routine.

Red's top-scoring event was the floor exercise where it registered 35.450 points.

Howell was paced by all-arounder Marisa Decamp, who earned 9-plus scores in every event except the uneven bars,

and Kirsten Phifer, who wowed the judges with a 9.55 effort on the balance beam.

Brighton's Margo Mekjian was impressive, too, getting scores of 9.20 on the vault and beam, and a 9.35 on the floor.

Red's Olivia Dillon was right on the cusp of scoring big as she netted marks of 8.55 on the vault and 8.60 on the floor.

## GIRLS HOOPS ROUNDUP

## Patriots play well in loss to mighty Novi

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball team played perhaps its most complete game of the season Thursday night, however, the Patriots couldn't quite stay with Novi in a 68-47 setback.

The loss dropped the Patriots to 0-4 heading into Monday's 6 p.m. game at Novi Franklin Road Christian. The victory improved the Wildcats to 4-1.

"That's the best we've played — we shot more, we shot better and we played with a lot of energy," said Franklin head coach Jim Milican.

Senior captain Sarah Cramton paced the Patriots with a season-high 13 points. Senior captain Tyonna Tate registered a double-double, netting 12 points and 10 rebounds to go with four steals.

Jenna Lowry led the winners with 18 points. Allie Lipson added 14 and Ellie McKey tossed in 13.

Novi lead 19-14 after one

quarter, 45-27 at the half and 59-33 with eight minutes to play.

The Patriots hoisted 63 shots, but managed to find net on just 14. They also struggled from the free-throw line, canning just half of their 32 attempts.

Novi was 21 of 28 from the charity stripe.

Milican praised the efforts of Erin McNally and Caitlin Kovachs, who added four points and five steals.

**Rockets defused**

Westland John Glenn started Thursday night's game like it has been shot from a cannon as it raced to a 6-0 lead against visiting Salem, however, the Rocks regrouped quickly and earned a 40-30 non-league victory.

The loss dropped the Rockets to 1-3 while Salem improved to 2-3.

"Everything was working right away, but we stopped being aggressive offensively as the game wore on," said John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan. "Salem played really good

help defense, but we just didn't attack the basket like we needed to." The Rockets' lack of aggressiveness — at least compared to Salem's attack-mode philosophy — was reflected in the free-throw numbers. John Glenn visited the line just twice (making one) while the Rocks were 10-for-19 from the stripe.

Junior guard Sierra Moseley led the Rockets with 11 points. Sophomore point guard Arieana Hassan chipped in with seven points.

Salem rebounded from its rough start to seize leads of 12-8 after one quarter and 14-11 at the half.

Three Rockets scored four points, including senior Diamond Jordan, who also yanked down close to 10 rebounds, Derrick Jordan noted.

John Glenn returns to action Dec. 27 and 28 for a holiday tournament hosted by Southgate Anderson.

**Spartans good for a half**

Livonia Stevenson played step-for-step with visiting Can-

ton on Thursday night before losing steam in the second half of a 41-25 setback.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 2-3 while the Chiefs improved to 2-2.

"Everybody played well for a half for us," said Tim Newman, referring to his team's 20-18 halftime advantage. "But the second half was another story."

Canton seized a 31-24 lead after three quarters before outscoring the visitors 10-1 over the final eight minutes.

Arryn Dochenetz (10 points) was the lone Spartan to hit double figures. Rio Santo (12 points) and Erin Hult (11) did most of the damage for the Chiefs.

"Santo hurt us inside," Newman said.

**Chargers suffer first 'L'**

Livonia Churchill's undefeated record was trampled by a stampede of Mustangs on Thursday night.

Visiting Northville held the Chargers to single-digit scoring in all four quarters on the way to a decisive 44-22 victory.

The loss dropped the Chargers to 4-1 while the Mustangs improved to 4-0.

Northville never trailed as it jumped out to an 11-6 first-quarter lead and 22-13 halftime edge. The Mustangs sealed the deal by holding the Chargers to just one point in the fourth quarter.

"We were only down six points mid-way through the third quarter and then we stopped taking care of the ball," said Churchill head coach Matt McCowan, whose team finished with 30 turnovers. "We just collapsed in the second half, but a lot of it was due to Northville. They played well defensively."

Senior guard led Churchill with eight points. Northville was led by Emily Marsh (15 points) and freshman point guard Maria Modkins, who scored 11 points and hounded the Chargers on the defensive end.

Churchill returns to action Jan. 6 when it hosts Stevenson at 5:30 p.m. in the first game of a girls-boys varsity double-header.

## BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

## Salem grit stymies Rockets

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

During the first half Thursday night, Westland John Glenn's imposing post lineup led by 6-10 senior center Mike Edwards threatened to blow host Salem right out of their own gym.

The Rocks managed to "weather the storm" and trailed just 40-34 at halftime of the Kensington Conference crossover varsity boys basketball matchup.

And then Salem head coach Bob Brodie challenged his guys to force their way into the dirty areas of the floor and come away with crucial rebounds.

The Rocks outscored Edwards and the Rockets 39-26 in the second half and came away with a hard-fought 73-66 victory.

"They killed us first half, they out-rebounded us 13-to-2 in the first half," said Brodie, whose team improved to 2-1. "So we had to keep them off the glass and stop their transition baskets, which we did a pretty good job of tonight."

"Defensively, we're happy with what we saw. Even though they scored a lot of points, that's an explosive team out there."

**Turning it around**

Salem righted the ship in the second half, forcing turnovers, getting enough rebounds and making their way to the free-throw line. The Rocks hit 26 of 34 from the charity stripe (76 percent); John Glenn hit eight of just 12 attempts.

Edwards, who bruised a hip early in the game after tumbling to the floor, still wreaked havoc, scoring 22 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Also strong on the glass for the Rockets was 6-5 sophomore forward Daijon Parker, with 10 rebounds.

"He (Edwards) had two fouls in the first quarter and I needed to take him out, and then the bruise probably limited him," John Glenn head coach Rod Watts said. "Big Mike is a multi-dimensional player, he's a kid that can hurt you from the inside or outside."

"We haven't really displayed his outside skills yet, but that's yet to come. I want to establish him on the inside."

Stepping up when it mattered most for Salem was



Jamie Melchor, pictured in a game earlier this week, scored 13 points Thursday night during John Glenn's loss at Salem.

senior forward Allante Wheeler (13 points, seven rebounds, three steals).

"Coach told us (at halftime) that we needed to go out there and get them (on the boards) if we wanted to stay in the game," Wheeler said. "Because if they would have kept out-rebounding us it might have been a different outcome."

Also big for the Rocks was senior guard Jon Swift, who scored 21 points and salted the win away with a 6-for-6 showing from the free-throw line in the fourth.

"He (Wheeler) had a couple key steals, he had some deflections defensively," Brodie said. "He did a nice job in terms of coming back."

"But he was hungry, he was chomping at the bit. He sat almost the whole first half, he got in foul trouble. So when he came out he was ready to play."

**Tough rebounds**

With the fast, freewheeling game deadlocked 57-57 with 4:10 to play in the final frame, Wheeler burrowed into traffic and came away with a clutch defensive rebound.

That led to a subsequent foul and he sank two freebies to put the Rocks up by two.

The Rockets regained the lead at 61-59 thanks to a power layup by Edwards, but then Salem senior guard Jake Stropes (eight points) drained a trey from beyond the top of the arc, giving the Rocks a 62-61 edge with about three minutes left.

Wheeler picked off a John Glenn pass and sank a free throw, and soon thereafter

waded into the paint to get another defensive board.

With a two-point lead and the ball, senior forward Jakob Lenders (nine points) dribbled in for a layup to make it 65-61.

John Glenn (1-1) — in front for most of the first half — could not rally in the final 2:30 following Lenders' bucket, with Swift calmly hitting key free throws.

Other Salem contributors included senior forward Tyler Brooks (six points, five rebounds), junior guard Calin Crawford (nine points) and junior center Kenny Topolovec.

For the Rockets, senior forward Jamie Melchor scored 13 points and tallied six rebounds. Senior guard Mychael Bradley added 11 points.

**PLYMOUTH 65, SOUTH LYON 53**

Visiting Plymouth improved to 4-0 overall with Thursday's victory.

Randall Aikins led the Wildcats with 18 points, while other Plymouth players making contributions included Josh Reynolds (14 points, nine rebounds), Deji Adebisi (10 points, 10 rebounds), Armani Tate (nine points) and Pete Carravallah (six points).

**CANTON 61, STEVENSON 33**

The Chiefs stayed on their early season roll Thursday night.

Leading Canton (4-0) with 17 points was Greg Williams, while Logan Ryan added 16. Helping the cause with eight points was Jalen Cochran. Tallying seven was Obi Okoli.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Northville's brother combo silences Churchill

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Teams have been geared to stop Northville's 6-foot-3 senior sharpshooter David Morrissey, but now they have to worry, too, about his little brother Kevin, a 6-foot sophomore.

They combined for 31 points Thursday night in the Mustangs' 59-47 boys basketball victory over previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill.

David finished with a game-high 18 points, including 10 in the first half to stake Northville to a 21-19 lead. He added eight more in the third quarter as the Mustangs extended their advantage to 35-30.

The Mustangs then outscored Churchill 24-17 in the final quarter as Kevin came off the bench to tally six of his 13 points.

And during the final eight-minute stretch, Northville connected on 18-of-20 free throws to secure the win and improve to 3-1 overall.

Junior guard Justin Zimbo added 14 points, while another junior guard, Justin James, also made a contribution as well with 12 off the bench for the Mustangs.

Jon Hovermale, a 6-1 junior guard, paced Churchill (4-1) with 13 points, while Brett Bonarek and Jalen Davis added 10 and eight, respectively.

"He's an outstanding player," Northville coach Todd Sander said of Hovermale. "I thought for a little while he was going to bring them back completely by himself. He's a good player and they are a really good team. They play in a tough division."

Northville was outstanding from the free throw line going 23-of-26 (88.4 percent) on the night. The Mustangs made 16-of-34 from the floor (47 percent).

Churchill, meanwhile, hit just 18-of-49 from the field (36.7 percent) and was 4-of-7 from the stripe.

"We've been making shots in our four wins," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We were shooting the ball really well. We were making timely shots to stop runs to extend the lead, but we weren't making the big shot tonight. We weren't executing on the adjustments to the defense they were playing and it's disappointing."

"We let their guards penetrate too much and they knocked down some big shots."



Northville's Justin James, right (right) looks to get the wrap-around pass by Churchill's Robert Stewart during Thursday's Kensington Conference crossover.

It started with guard penetration. It's something we can correct and we'll have it done by the time the division (KLAASouth) rolls around."

Ironically, Northville committed 20 turnovers (13 in the first half), while Churchill had just nine, but the free throw differential told the tale.

Kevin Morrissey made 4-of-4 from the foul line himself in the final period.

"I think he stepped up big, he did pretty good for just being a sophomore," David Morrissey said of younger brother. "He played his role very well, made the all shots he needed to and made free throws down the stretch. He learned everything from me (laughing), but the key to the win was everybody making their free throws, both in the first half and down the stretch, to seal the game off."

Kevin Morrissey admits he leans on his older brother's advice ... for the most part.

"I usually take his lead," the sophomore said. "He's my older brother, so I got to follow him. In basketball he does (give advice), but not so much in life (laughing). But I like talking to him."

Both teams were missing key performers who have yet to play this year.

Churchill's 6-2 junior guard Joan Andoni, who set the single-game scoring record with 39 against Wayne Memorial last year, injured his knee in a pre-season scrimmage. He is expected to get an MRI with Solak hopeful he can return following the holiday break.

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## PREP WRESTLING PREVIEW

## Redford Union grapplers young and feisty

By Ed Wright  
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Redford Union's boys wrestling team hopes to pull off a season-long reversal in the face of a daunting challenge presented by inexperience and youth.

With a lineup dominated by freshmen and sophomores, the Panthers have shown a lot of spunk in their early season schedule, including during Wednesday night's 60-12 triumph over Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

RU also fought hard in last weekend's Warren Lincoln In-

vitational as four Panthers medaled in the talent-loaded event.

"Like most teams with a lot of young guys, we're pretty good on our feet, but there's still a lot of work to do when the action goes to the mat," head coach Rob Rankin said. "Some of our first-year guys are already showing more aggressiveness and assertiveness than they did a few weeks ago, so that's a good sign."

The four sixth-place medal winners in Warren were: 103-pounder Eric Gregory, a freshman; 112-pounder Justin Blunt, a first-year sophomore; 10th-

grader Taz-don Moore, who excelled as a freshman with over 30 victories; and sophomore Bobby Dixon, who was a leader for RU's junior-varsity football team that was coached by Rankin. Dixon is a 171-pounder (for now, at least) and Moore has competed at 140 during the early season schedule.

"Eric really started showing me some moves in our first tournament," Rankin said. "He was more assertive than he had been in practices. "Justin played football for me and I suggested to him that he might want to try

wrestling, which he did. He's strong and he pays attention, so he's off to a good start."

"Taz-don is just a top-notch competitor. He's one of those kids who always gives 100 percent. He's battling through an injury he suffered in football, but he's giving it everything he has. Bobby is very mature, but he's in a weight class that is filled with juniors and seniors, so it's going to be a learning experience for him."

Rankin said 215-pound junior James Beaubien "is loaded with heart."

First-year senior Ivery Cle-

mons is currently splitting time between 189 and 215, where he is showing promise.

Other key matmen for RU figure to be sophomores Larry Elliott (130) and Kenny Vadnais (125), both of whom enjoyed stellar freshman-year seasons.

"Larry moves really well on his feet and he's getting better on his takedowns," Rankin said. "Kenny has struggled a little bit early on, but I expect a good season from him based on what he accomplished last year for us."

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## FISH DIAL-A-RIDE NEEDS HELP DRIVING CLIENTS TO DOCTORS

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Senior citizens driving senior citizens. That's how Rosalie Seal of Westland describes an all-volunteer, free transportation service called Fish Dial-A-Ride Western Wayne County. Seal coordinates the service, which pairs drivers and clients for rides to and from medical appointments on weekdays.

Although most of its passengers are seniors, the service is open to anyone in Westland, Garden City and Livonia who is unable to drive, has no alternative transportation, and needs a ride to a medical appointment.

And although most of its drivers are retired, the organization welcomes adult insured and licensed drivers of any age. Seal is "always looking for more drivers."

"We only have nine drivers. We really need drivers right now," she said.

Although volunteers decide how often they drive, most commit to one day weekly, shuttling clients to appointments between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The volunteer opportunity attracts mostly seniors because younger persons work during the day, Seal said.

More drivers would enable the group to take on more appointments and possibly offer rides for such procedures as kidney dialysis.

"We use our own cars. Most of us can't take people in wheelchairs — us being senior citizens ourselves," she said. Drivers may not have the room for special equipment, such as a wheelchair, or ability to handle it. But the addition of a few younger, stronger volunteer drivers could change that scenario.

"I'm 73. We've had drivers who were 85 years old," Seal said. "We're always looking for drivers."

### Giving back

Kaye Gestro began driving six years ago after she retired from her job at a bank.

"I'm a breast cancer survivor. When I was going to chemotherapy and radiation, I had all kinds of family support," Gestro said. "But you'd be there and you'd hear, 'there's so-and-so who has to take a taxi to get here.' When I was getting close to retirement age, I picked up a brochure and said, this would be good to do."

"I enjoy it. I feel like I'm doing some good. Some people may have five kids but they are in Texas, Florida and Alas-



Volunteer driver Kaye Gestro waits for a client's companion to load a walker into her car.

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ka. There's no one to take them and some car services are (expensive) even if you have an adequate amount of money.

"There are people who, as they are getting older, are nervous about driving," she added. "A lot of people lose their eyesight. We drive several blind people."

The Livonia woman drives once a week, but takes on added clients if her schedule allows. She picks up riders from both senior citizen apartments and private homes and may read or run errands while waiting to drive them home. She also returns calls left on the organization's answering machine and schedules drivers, a task she shares with two other volunteers.

Gestro said some clients require frequent rides and some use the service sporadically. "We've had plenty of people who use us once and never use us again. We heard from this one gal after a year and a half — she was friends with this lady and they did everything together until they got into an argument — she was back to needing rides again."

### Helping others

Gestro and Seal said most riders donate "a little" money for the rides. Jan Anderson of Livonia started out as a driver, but has kept track of the group's financial books for the past five years. Fish Dial-A-Ride donates all of the money it receives to other organizations, Anderson said.

"Just yesterday I sent a check to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Last year I think we did Gleaners. One year it was the Senior Alliance," Anderson said. "Since we are a nonprofit, when the money builds up, I like to get rid of it."

Volunteers are not reimbursed for gas, but decide how often and when they'll drive. "It's very rewarding and they can do it in their own time frame," Gestro said. "They don't have to swear they'll drive once a week. One driver said last week it sounded interesting to him but he could only drive on Friday. That would be great."

Fish Dial-A-Ride needs volunteers for phone calls, scheduling and driving. Volunteers and residents who are in need of a ride may call 888-660-2007 and leave a message.



Rosalie Seal of Westland coordinates the Fish Dial-a-Ride program for Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

## Good Samaritan hopes to inspire others with dog tale

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Paul Lubanski didn't think twice about scooping the bleeding terrier into a blanket, handing his car keys to a neighbor and ordering the driver to head for the nearest veterinary hospital.

Lubanski didn't know the dog, the neighbor, or the dog's owner, but he felt compelled to pitch in that day, more than 10

years ago, when he stopped to help the injured Yorkie in his subdivision. "I'd hope that anyone who found themselves in a similar situation, confronted with an emergency with a beautiful animal, would do the same thing," said the Farmington Hills man. "Be aware of your surroundings and jump in when you can ... do something for a neighbor."

Lubanski said the experience took on special significance last month when he discovered the dog, named Genevieve, had indeed recovered and was about to turn 14 years old.

"I hadn't stayed in touch and didn't want to know if the dog had passed," he said. "She survived against the odds. It does fill my heart to know I

played a role in that family enjoying their pet."

### Reunion

Annie Ross said Lubanski noticed her husband, Rob, working in their garage last month and stopped to ask about the dog. He was surprised and elated to discover their pet had survived the injuries she had sustained in a dog attack 10 years before. He asked if he could hold her again.

"To this day my kids call him the Samaritan," Ross said. "He was kind, saw an animal in distress, stopped and helped."

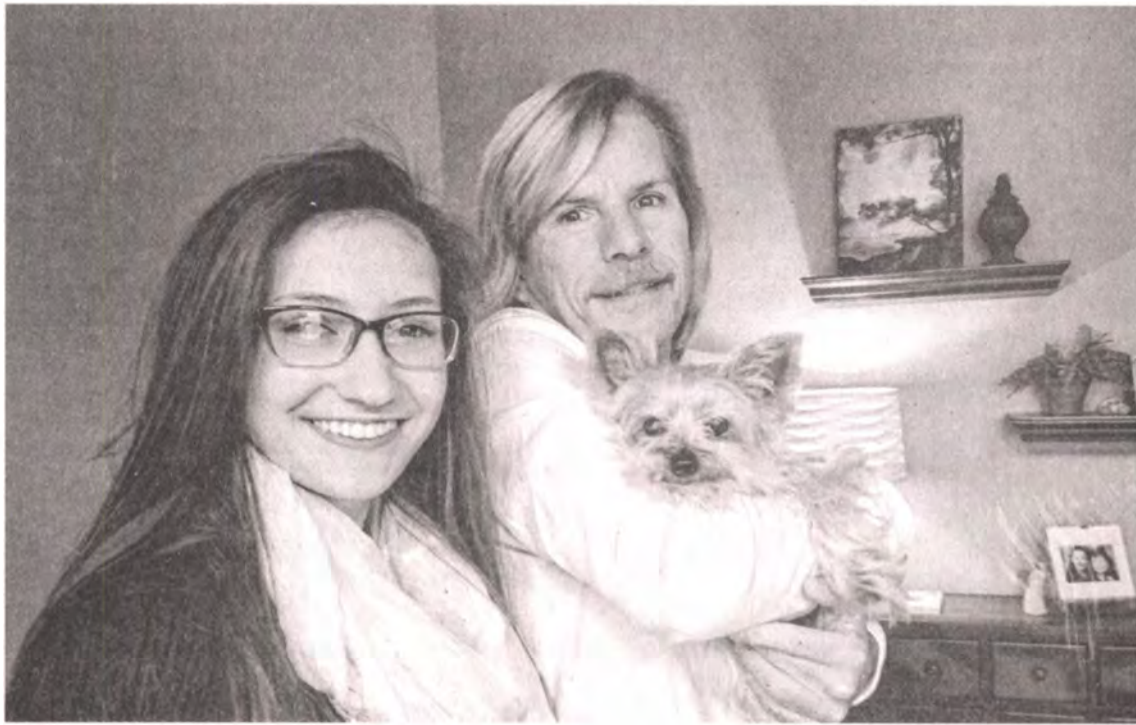
Ross said the incident taught her two daughters the value of being a good neighbor and a good pet owner. They experienced the patience and perseverance that was needed to nurse Genevieve back to health.

The dog had suffered spinal cord injuries and a stroke due to blood loss after being attacked by a much larger dog. A baby sitter at the Ross household accidentally let the pup out.

### Poor prognosis

After two weeks in a veterinary hospital, Genevieve came home, able to move her head and tail.

"We were feeding her with a syringe, picking her up to burp her like a baby. We worked her muscles every day," Ross said, adding that a neurologist predicted the dog would never



Paul Lubanski reunites with the Yorkshire terrier, Genevieve, that he helped save 10 years ago after the dog was injured by a larger dog. Monique Ross and her family own Genevieve, who turned 14 on Dec. 11. Ross and Lubanski live in the same Farmington Hills subdivision.

walk again. "My husband said we can't give up. She's part of the family. We kept going and eventually she started crawling. Within two months she was walking."

"She walked with a funny gait, but she was happy. It's her fighting, happy spirit that worked in her favor."

Arthritis, fading eyesight and deafness have slowed her

physical abilities, but she's still an important member of the Ross family.

"She's still happy and feisty" and alive because of their loving care and Lubanski's willingness to get involved 10 years earlier.

Lubanski, a longtime hockey and baseball coach, is president of Wilderness Xtreme Sports and author of two chil-

dren's books, including one about a dog named Coopie. He has already begun penning his next project.

"Six pounds of American hero, an inspirational book about Genevieve the wonder dog who survived all odds. I think the story is a fun one and needs to be told," he said. "I'm going to dedicate it to Wounded Warriors."



PET PROJECTS





## Snowfall: When you shovel, avoid trouble

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Shoveling snow isn't what most Michiganders look forward to each winter, but it has to be done. Physical therapist Dawn Thomas, who works at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Birmingham, part of the Detroit Medical Center, has health tips for snow shovelers.

"First of all, you want to push the snow when possible," said Royal Oak resident Thomas, who earned her master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University in 1995. "It's more in tune with your body."

Thomas, who specializes in orthopedics with a focus on the spine, noted layers of snow pile up. It's best to work on your snowfall in increments to ease the load, "helpful to take stress off the back."

Sometimes snow must be lifted rather than pushed. In such cases, Thomas says it's best to position your lifting hand near the "scooper" part of the shovel, by the handle's base.

"That will draw the load closer to your body," she said, with less spine stress. "You want to bend your knees and your hips. Your gluts and your quads (muscles) are doing the work."

### Keep it natural

Your back should remain as neutral as possible, Thomas said, with you picking up the load and "move your feet to the direction where you're going to dump the snow. You're not having to lift and turn it."

A smaller shovel used will weigh less, she said: "That automatically makes you bite off smaller chunks."

Some "crunchy" snow is harder to shovel, and Thomas noted, "The fluffier the snow the easier it is to clear it."

Overall fitness and especially heart attack risk, including high blood pressure, should always be considered, she said. "You have to consider what



FILE PHOTO

Chris Shurin uses a fancy shovel to handle the job on an earlier snow day. It's important to push snow when possible in shoveling and to minimize strain on your back by bending your knees and hips, keeping your back as neutral as possible if snow must be lifted in shoveling.

your fitness level is. It is stressful on your body."

### Layer up

For some people with age and/or health issues, neighborhood kids or a snow clearing service are the way to go, she said. When it comes to clothing, wicking layers should be worn, as you'll build up sweat while working.

You should cover all skin, make sure your vision isn't blocked by a hat or scarf, she said, and wear good treaded boots to reduce fall risks. Monitoring your exertion level is key.

"Typically you would work out your muscles so your muscles and body have a level of readiness for it," said Thomas,

recommending such stretches as squats or even climbing some stairs indoors before you head out to shovel.

"Allow yourself to take breaks if you need to," she added. Staying hydrated with lots of water is also vital.

If you experience chest pains, you should call 911 immediately. Those heart attack symptoms can come and go, she said, but shouldn't be ignored. "For sure I would say the 911 would be the appropriate response."

Thomas is good about heeding her own health and shoveling advice at her Royal Oak home: "Actually, I had my kids help me, too."

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### SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

Dr. David Weaver, D.O., has been with Oakwood Healthcare since 1990 and is medical director of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton.

"We do see a number of injuries during a typical winter related to snowblowers," said Farmington Hills resident Weaver.

Eyes, ears, hands and legs can all be injured by snowblower misuse, he said. He urges you to use protective eyewear, as gravel and dirt may be kicked up by a snowblower. "You want to be sure you have good eye protection," Weaver said, as well as plugs or other protection for your ears to reduce noise.

Problems often arise when the blade of the snowblower mechanism gets stuck. "Amputation is something we see very frequently," or mangled fingers, said Weaver.

You should never reach into a snowblower that's running. "Turn that thing off completely," Weaver urged. When it's totally off, you can dislodge what's stuck with another object: "It's on that object and not your hand," he said of pressure.

"Kids like to run through it," he added of snow and debris thrown up by a snowblower. "You have the potential to hurt somebody. Snowblowing is very dangerous; keep everybody away."

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**15125 FARMINGTON ROAD**  
**LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474**  
**(734) 744-2500**  
The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of **sealed bids** for the purchase of  
**Lighting Project**  
**Coolidge Elementary School**  
**Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on the 21ST day of January, 2015,** in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Pre-bid walk through appointments available upon request at Coolidge Elementary. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening.**  
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.  
Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) under the section titled **DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids** OR Buy4Michigan Website, [www.buy4michigan.com](http://www.buy4michigan.com). Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.  
All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public Schools Board, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or the Livonia Public Schools Director of Business Services, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**  
All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized affidavit of compliance- Iran Economics Sanctions act of 2012. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**  
All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement attached. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**  
A bid bond executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the owner, or a cashier's check in the amount of 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of \$23,100.00.  
Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Livonia, Michigan**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.  
**Any bid submitted will be binding for sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission.** All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid form are to be addressed to the attention of:  
Nick Armelagos  
Administrator of Finance  
Livonia Public Schools  
15125 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48154-5474  
**"Lighting Project - Coolidge"**  
One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files.  
Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to the Livonia Public Schools, Wayne Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, [wroberts@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:wroberts@livoniapublicschools.org), 734.744.2500, x42151, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. EST.  
**LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**  
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**CITY OF LIVONIA**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AGENDA**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**January 6, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)**  
**33000 Civic Center Drive**  
**Livonia, MI**  
**(734) 466-2259**  
**APPEAL CASE 2015-01-01: Merrill Lynch Mortgage Trust**, 7501 Wisconsin Ave., Ste. 500, West Bethesda, MD 20814, on behalf of Lessee Workforce Software, 38705 Seven Mile Road, Ste. 300, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to erect a tenant identification wall sign upon a multi-story, multi-tenant building, on property located on the **south side of Seven Mile, (38705), Ste. 300, between Haggerty and I-275/96 Expressway**, resulting in excess wall sign area.  
**APPEAL CASE 2015-01-02: Middlebelt Retail Development, LLC**, 1260 Library St., Ste. 300, Detroit, MI 48226, on behalf of Lessee The Vitamin Shoppe, 12687 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48150, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the north elevation, on property located on the **west side of Middlebelt, (12687), between Industrial and CSX Railroad**, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.  
**APPEAL CASE 2015-01-04: Noris Favot**, south side of St. Martins (37577), between Newburgh and West End, seeking to maintain an accessory building, resulting in excess area.  
Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.  
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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan as owner, until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the City Clerk's Office at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.  
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The Request for Proposal, Lease and Inventory of City-Owned Property may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Finance located at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154.  
Qualified bidders should prepare a proposal and include in the document the following information:  
1. General description of the business to be operated.  
2. Expected hours of operation.  
3. Details on your background and prior experience in the restaurant industry.  
4. Statement that you will be willing to agree to all terms and conditions of the proposed lease. List any exceptions.  
5. Amount of the monthly rent you will pay during the initial eight (8) month term of the lease and during the first five (5) year term of the lease.  
All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.  
**Include four (4) hard copies and an electronic copy in Adobe (pdf) format of the Proposal in your submission to the City.**  
The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.  
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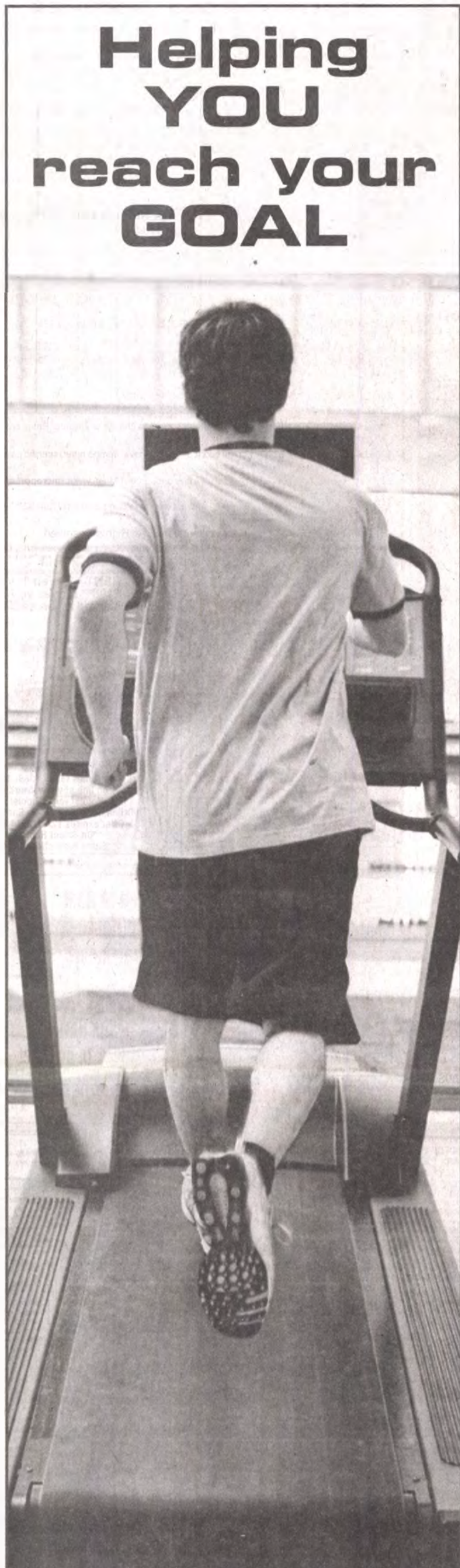


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  - 5 Engine stat
  - 8 Upstream spawner
  - 12 Sunblock additive
  - 13 Memorable decade
  - 14 Deep sleep
  - 15 Tops
  - 16 Tadpole
  - 18 Nurtures
  - 20 Whether
  - 21 Tokyo, once
  - 22 Rained hard?
  - 26 Catches on
  - 29 Duffer's goal
  - 30 Malt brew
  - 31 Ding-a— (airhead)
  - 32 Get spiced
  - 33 Annoy
  - 34 Lennon's wife
  - 35 Dripping
  - 36 Tam cousin
  - 37 Ballroom numbers
  - 39 Newman role
  - 40 Maiden loved by Zeus
  - 41 Furry thief
  - 45 Period when dinosaurs lived
  - 49 Horrible boss
  - 50 Shaman's quest
  - 51 For shame!
  - 52 Jai —
  - 53 Wilson predecessor
  - 54 Thumbs-up vote
  - 55 Notify
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby whale
  - 2 Jumble
  - 3 Fishing gear
  - 4 Emergency reserve (2 wds.)
  - 5 Copy
  - 6 Ski instructors
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  - 8 Jules Verne forte (hyph.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Practical question
- 10 Centurion's sweet nothing?
- 11 Mr. Hammarkjold
- 17 Misrepresenter
- 19 Newspaper execs
- 22 Came down with
- 23 Hideout
- 24 She, to Marie
- 25 Bug repellent
- 26 Pay phone feature
- 27 1492 caravel
- 28 Shortly
- 29 Cat or canary
- 32 "Scream" director
- 33 1776 soldier
- 35 Butters up
- 36 Tampa Bay NFLer
- 38 Economy size
- 39 Saddle horses
- 41 Climb the ladder
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- 43 Ph.D. exam
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- 46 Ms. Thurman
- 47 TKO official
- 48 Pigpen

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### SUDOKU

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### GOBBLE, GOBBLE WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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# Familiar yet fresh luxury: the 2015 Lincoln Navigator



By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

With its iconic blend of style, luxury and performance, the 2015 Navigator delivers everything that made it great — and new levels of quality, design and personal service for active families, said Steve Hunsinger, the sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"The Navigator looks both familiar and utterly fresh with a redesigned exterior and interior for 2015, in addition to client-focused technologies and new luxurious appointments to retain its leadership in the full-size luxury SUV market," Hunsinger said.

Plus, "the Lincoln Navigator offers more technology than ever before to help assist the driver on the daily commute and on family vacations," he said.

Available technology in-

cludes: Lincoln Drive Control, MyLincoln Touch, a forward-sensing system, rear-view camera, reverse-sensing system and the Blind Spot Information System.

"It is clear that the 2015 Navigator has set the technology bar to a whole new level," Hunsinger said.

One of the most exciting differences on the 2015 Navigator is the all-new powertrain, he added.

"The 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain is a turbocharged engine that achieves a balance of power and fuel economy through key technologies," Hunsinger said. "The twin turbochargers provide power while the direct fuel injection provides better fuel economy and reduces emissions."

Critics have recognized the Navigator with Best-in-Class honors for its towing, cargo volume and third-row legroom.

Competitors include the

Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX80 and GMC Yukon Denali.

"With the fresh exterior restyling, interior refinements, added technology and the all-new 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain, the 2015 Navigator clearly distances itself from the competition," Hunsinger said.

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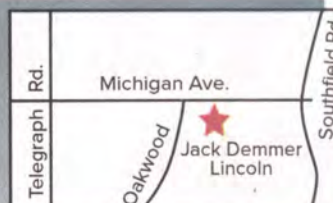
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