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Tentative trial set in traffic death

Pedestrian struck and killed was 52-year-old GC man

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A tentative jury trial date has been set for Devin Andre Brooks of Westland on April 25 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans in a Nov. 30 traffic crash that killed a 52-year-old Garden City man.

Pedestrian George Punga was struck the evening of Nov. 30 near

Ford and Middlebelt roads. Brooks was arrested by Garden City Police on Dec. 2 on a charge of failure to stop at an accident scene causing death.

Court officials entered a not-guilty plea for Brooks, 39, at the time of his arrest. A calendar conference was held before Judge Evans on Friday, Jan. 22, with a final conference set for 9 a.m. March 11 before her and the jury trial tentatively set for 9 a.m. April 25 in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Defense attorney James S. Banks said Friday afternoon he's waiting on a



Brooks

change in the assigned prosecutor. "After that, we'll have to determine what the charge is going to be. At this point, it's very preliminary," said Banks, adding he is waiting on information, including toxicology and more "through the discovery process. We just set dates as a matter of procedure so there is a calendar."

Added Banks of his client's role, "That has to be determined." He noted court dates could change and declined to comment further on his client. Garden City Police Chief Robert

Muery has described Brooks as a family man with three children and an expectant wife at the time of his arrest. Brooks had worked full time and been active in youth sports, Muery noted.

Brooks has no prior criminal record and held a valid driver's license. He is not suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the crash, Muery has said.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Amanda Lawrence of Westland, Kaytee Bellows of Livonia and Mary Beth Chmielewski of Westland are ready for the upcoming "Alice in Wonderland" performances.

Wayne looks for economic development

City hires longtime Westland leader Fodale

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Blight — vacant stores and other empty buildings — and lack of new development have been long-time complaints in Wayne.

The city took a step toward addressing that problem by hiring Lori Fodale as Wayne's economic development director. Fodale was Westland Economic Development director for eight years and previously headed the Westland Chamber of Commerce for 13 years



Fodale

"It was a hole in the staff. There was no one managing that for the city," Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "There has been a lot of interest from businesses that want to come to Wayne but there has been no one to walk them through the process."

With Fodale's experience, Nocerini said she will bring new perspective to the city. Fodale, who started work last week, had many supporters from the business community in attendance at the council meeting.

"I'm excited to have her as part of the team. She has a lot of energy and can make an impact in the community," Councilman John Rhaesa said. "We've got someone to actually focus on development for us."

As part of her duties, Fodale will also be the staff person for the Downtown Development Authority. An appointed city employee, Fodale's \$70,000 salary will be split by the city and the DDA.

The DDA component is important, said Rhaesa, a DDA board member, because there hasn't been a staff member assigned to that body recently.

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AAUW children's play 'Alice' includes anti-bullying theme

Profits benefit scholarships for women re-entering workforce

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

There's a proud history to children's plays and the American Association of University Women, dating back to 1959. This year, *Alice in Wonderland* will be staged by the Plymouth-Canton branch of the AAUW.

Show dates are Feb. 4-6 at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, on Middlebelt north of Ford Road. Co-director Kay Paupore of Canton noted

AAUW uses the profits for scholarships for women re-entering the workforce.

"They're ready to take the next step in college," said Paupore, a retired Garden City Schools art teacher of 36 years. "We want to help them."

Thursday, Feb. 4, will be the traditional Scout Night for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who earn a participation badge. Garden City High students give a presentation on theater before the show, including lighting, sound, stage sets and costuming.

"There's still a lot of work behind the scenes that's just as important as act-

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Co-director Kay Paupore of Canton and director Lisa Noel of Redford are excited about the production.

Cash-strapped Wayne appoints task force, schedules special meeting

City has \$2.25 million shortfall, could run out of money in 2017

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With a \$2.25 million deficit for the current year and projections that Wayne will be out of money in 2017, the city is taking steps to look at options.

That includes asking citizens for input and holding a meeting to look at how other communities have addressed public safety funding.

First, as requested by City Manager Lisa Nocerini, the council appointed seven residents to the newly established Community Financial Task Force. Each council member provided a person for the committee, which is to provide budget recommendations.

Appointed were Kevin Dowd, Cynthia Graham, Jason Kuczynski, Jill Lezotte-Kates, Frank Robak, Sean Staley, David Story and Kristin Wolf. The first meeting hasn't been scheduled yet.

"I'm looking for a two or three evenings commitment," Nocerini said. The first meeting would be to provide information to the task force members on the state of the city's finances.

"We would utilize the second meeting a couple weeks out to discuss revenues," Nocerini said. "There would be a third meeting if needed. The recommendations (of the task force) would be part of the budget recommendations from the city manager."

Because the task force isn't making decisions or recommendations to the council, no minutes of the meetings will be kept. After some discussion, it was decided that the meetings would be

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LISA NOCERINI,
city manager

open to the public.

"I am big on visioning and input from the public. We're all in this together," Nocerini said. "Transparent is how we want to be moving forward."

A special meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, for a presentation about the public safety

authority formed by Hazel Park and Eastpointe, both of which were financially strapped.

Hazel Park City Manager Ed Klobucher and Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane will make the presentation on the authority, which was solely to generate financial support for their respective public safety services.

"The authority levies millage for financial support of a public safety authority," said Mayor Susan Rowe, who saw the presentation at a Michigan Municipal League conference. "I thought we might be able to use this in our community."

In February 2015, voters in Hazel Park in Oakland County and Eastpointe, which is in Macomb County, approved the concept and 15 mills to fund public

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safety.

The Wayne and Westland fire departments have merged operations

but the concept of an authority didn't go forward a couple years ago. Unlike Wayne and Westland, Hazel Park and Eastpointe are located 10 miles apart. The authority was established strictly for funding purposes.

Wayne's police and fire staffing have been drastically cut as the city has tried to deal with financial shortfalls. The police department is budgeted for 24 police officers while there are only 12 firefighters with

Westland providing all of the command staff.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Melissa Uhl of Plymouth, Mary Anne Martin of Ann Arbor, Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth and Becky Copenhaver of Canton are part of the "Alice in Wonderland" play that will be performed Feb. 4-6 at Garden City High School.

FODALE

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"We're trying to have someone help us move forward and work on retention (of current businesses)," he said. "We need to build for the future. We need to invest in ourselves."

Hiring Fodale will help the city with economic development now and also developing a plan for the future, said Nocerini, a key to bringing additional revenue to the city.

"Lori has the background that we need and knows Wayne — her family lived here," Nocerini said. "We have vacant buildings — that's one of the biggest complaints we hear. The city is in a financial situation where it needs to bring in revenue."

Having a full-time economic development director will not lessen support for Wayne Main Street, Nocerini said.

"Main Street is a wonderful program but there are businesses outside their (downtown) area," she said.

Fodale echoed those sentiments, commenting that she was 100 percent supportive of Wayne Main Street.

"There is a lot of work (to be done). We will all work together — all the community organizations," Fodale said. "I'm so excited."

As a new hire, Fodale will receive benefits under a new defined benefit plan through the Michigan Employees Retirement System aimed at reducing city costs. That means a 7 percent employee contribution, a 1.5 pension multiplier, ten-year vesting and using only base wages in the retirement calculation.

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ALICE

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ing," Paupore said of theatrical productions. The group also encourages kids to consider later joining AAUW, which advocates for equity for girls and women in education, the workforce and elsewhere.

Thursday, Feb. 4, is a 7 p.m. showtime, with the Scout presentation at 6:15 p.m. Other show times are 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5; 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (a family show time with a 10:15 a.m. presentation before the show); and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

Tickets can be purchased at www.Plymouth-Canton.mi.aauw.net. The price is \$6 online and \$7 at the door. For more information, call 734-716-1833.

A new twist this year is an anti-bullying theme, as show presenters each year modify the script a



TOM BEAUDOIN

(Bottom row)

Michelle Churchill of Novi, Sue Bellows of Garden City, (top row) Helene Lusa of Livonia and Mickey Edell of Canton have over 70 years experience performing AAUW plays.

can relate to that's popular with them. The music is going along with a little dancing," Paupore said.

She added, "I've done this year after year because it's fun. We so enjoy watching the kids have fun and bringing live theater to them."

Cast members interact with their audience and line up after each show to shake children's hands and pose in costume for photos. "That's kind of fun, too," Paupore said. "It makes us feel important."

Garden City High School's theater works out well, she added, and the staff is a big help with lighting and sound. "Garden City really appreciates having us there. The Garden City theater people are so willing to work with us. It makes it a nice, cooperative situation," Paupore said.

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bit. "That's what we thought we would add this year," Paupore said. "It's an interesting combination of different kinds of conversations they have. They can be a little abrupt," she added of some characters who interact with Alice.

Educators use the term "upstander" now to not take a back seat to bullying. "You have to speak up and not let it go on," Paupore said of the lesson shared in the AAUW production. "We add current things that would promote different

attitudes for kids, make it a little more relevant."

There are about 25 women in the cast, many of them current and retired teachers. Lisa Noel, a Redford resident and Wayne-Westland Schools elementary teacher, is the show's director.

A graphic artist member, Amanda Lawrence of Westland, designed the poster. Melissa Uhl of Plymouth did the play program.

The show includes music the younger AAUW women know, "music the younger kids



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Firefighters of the Year honored

The Wayne-Westland Fire Department recently honored their own at an annual awards program.

Here are the recipients, their award and information about why they were recognized.

Michael J. Reddy, Father of ALS Award

Kevin Brookshire Jr. is described as an exemplary firefighter, something he demonstrates daily through his leadership skills and initiative. He utilizes his knowledge of EMS licensing and requirements to help educate all members of the department who seek his advice.

Brookshire has worked diligently in seeing that all of the fire dispatchers are trained in CPR and emergency medical dispatch.

Through his affiliation with Michigan Academy of Emergency Services, Brookshire oversees and provides all lesson plans and training materials to John Glen High School students who take the fire/EMS program offered through the career services program.



Brookshire

Firefighter of the Year, City of Wayne

Cullen McKee handles himself in a professional manner on each call and displays exceptional skills as a firefighter/paramedic. He requires little direction on the fire ground and can be counted on to accomplish the duties he is assigned.

In addition to his ability as a firefighter/paramedic, McKee has taken it upon himself to become certified to service fire extinguishers. He has been given autonomy to oversee and create a program in which all fire department and city building extinguishers are maintained, serviced and recharged as required by NFPA standards. Cullen has also assisted several small businesses around Wayne and Westland to see that their extinguishing needs are being met and businesses are staying compliant with standards.

Fire Officer of the Year, City of Wayne

Fred Gilstorff has served Wayne residents for over 21 years and continues to serve both Wayne and Westland residents as a Captain/paramedic.



McKee

His rank as captain offers him formal leadership with his crew. His powerful influence as an informal departmental leader has provided proper direction to anyone who looks to him for guidance.

Recently, he sought assistance in acquiring new extrication equipment from local businesses. Gilstorff understands the budgetary constraints that the City of Wayne is currently under and on his own has acquired most of the funds necessary to purchase new extrication equipment.

Fire Officer of the Year, City of Westland

Darrell Stamper currently holds the position of Battalion Chief/paramedic. He is a true professional who consistently focuses on the future of the fire service and how his knowledge can be used to help develop our future leaders on the fire ground. Stamper sits on the department's safety committee to oversee how current practices can be enhanced to



Gilstorff

overall firefighter and fire ground safety.

For many years, Stamper has worked on acquiring grants for the fire department. In 2015 alone, Westland was awarded over \$2.5 million in grants through Stamper's due diligence and consistent drive to make the fire department stand out among all others. These grants have provided for much needed life safety measures that will help protect firefighters and residents for years to come.

Fire Officer of the Year, City of Westland

Kelly Eggers currently holds the rank of Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal of the department. He moved into this role during the transition of the merger and the consolidation of the ordinance division, which now falls under his supervision. Eggers has done an exceptional job dividing the duties between ordinance enforcement and overall fire protection responsibilities for both Wayne and Westland. Under his supervision he saw to it that several ordinance officers were cross-trained in animal control to meet the demands of animal control



Eggers

calls within the city.

His primary goal was to make fire and life safety inspections his number one priority. He has set out to see that all businesses are inspected and brought to compliance within a specified time frame.

Firefighter of the Year, City of Westland

Bryan Schwesing is a member of the charity committee and brings about his compassion for helping others. Annually, he works with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and our local firefighters to see that times are covered over a three-day period to collect funds.

Schwesing himself donates a tremendous amount of time to see that the organization is on the leading edge of collections. In 2014, Schwesing's diligence paid off when Wayne-Westland Fire became the top money earner in the district.

Schwesing shows his commitment to the fire service and to those we lost as a department with the Brian Woehlke Memorial Firefighters Ball. This ball serves as a reminder to honor those we lost and to earn monies for a charity scholarship towards firefighting.



Schwesing

Woman not competent for murder trial

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wyandotte woman has been found not competent to face a charge of second-degree murder in the death of a Wayne man.

Based on the competency report, Kyla Juane Nundley, 48, was remanded to the Center for Forensic Psychiatry for continuing treatment and would face the murder charge if she becomes competent in the future.



Nundley

Nundley was arrested in the early hours of Oct. 9 at a home in the 35000 block of

Brush. The occupant of the home, Joseph Hiner Spielman, 74, was found fatally stabbed.

Nundley was arrested at the home. Wayne Police have only said that Nundley and Spielman were acquaintances. At

her arraignment in Wayne 29th District Court, a not guilty plea was entered for Nundley.

A second murder defendant in Wayne was found not competent to stand trial last month.

Jesse Wayne Gunderson, 26, was also remanded to the forensic center after a report to the court that he was not competent.

Gunderson is charged with first-degree murder in the Sept. 28 death of Danny Dart, 58. The

charge is that Gunderson used an ax to kill Dart, his step-grandfather.

A retired Ford Motor Company employee, Dart was killed by a blow to the head with an ax while in the backyard of his home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain.

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Woman reports phone scam

Livonia police were dispatched Wednesday afternoon on the report of a Livonia resident who had been scammed via phone.

The woman, a 78-year-old resident, told police she originally received a call from someone on Jan. 15 saying she had won \$2 million and a new Mercedes Benz vehicle. She was told she needed to pay \$199 in taxes before she could receive her prizes. She was told

to send money to someone in Detroit via Money Gram, which she did. She received a call a few days later, telling her to change the address on the Money Gram, which she did. She received another call two days later, asking for an additional \$300. The woman then refused to send the money and called the police.

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W-W opens window for schools of choice program

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Parents who want to move their children between schools have until March 2 to apply for Wayne-Westland's in-district schools of choice program. Students in the eastern portion of Canton attend Wayne-Westland.

The program offers district residents a chance to move their children to a building other than the "home" school designated by district boundaries. This year, some 300 students took advantage of the program.

John Albrecht, Wayne-Westland's assistant superintendent for educational services, said the program allows the district

to better serve its families.

"It's about convenience for families," Albrecht said. "Our primary function is being customer-friendly to our families."

The in-district schools of choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district, provided there is room available in the chosen school.

Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.



Harmala

School district residents who want to move their child have to submit a 2016-17 schools of choice application, which will be available in every district school by this week.

Applications will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, in Westland, between Jan. 28 and March 2. Applications received according to these time lines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2016-17 year in their school of choice.

The deadline gives the district an opportunity to plan its staffing levels, Albrecht said.

The early window "helps inform the staffing process,"

he said.

If more students apply for a grade or building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used. The names of students who aren't chosen will be placed on a waiting list for the 2016-17 year.

Current schools of choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

While the in-district window closes in March, the out-of-district schools of choice window will open in April and remain open through the middle of August.

Wayne-Westland has declared itself open for unlimited numbers of students from around Wayne County who wish to attend the district. This

year, more than 650 of the approximately 11,600 students in Wayne-Westland come from outside the district's borders.

While acknowledging the SOC program brought some \$4.8 million of foundation allowance revenue into the district, Superintendent Dr. Michele Harmala said the more important aspect of the open enrollment is providing families with choices.

"It provides a source for families seeking choices for a good education," Harmala said. "We have a skilled staff that can serve a wide array of student needs. People will get a good education."

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DECA students win 30 medals at EMU

Students in the DECA program at Westland John Glenn High School recently won 30 medals at the District Conference held at Eastern Michigan University.

Fifteen students will advance to the DECA or Distributive Education Clubs of America, state conference in March.

The students are: Brooke Arcuragi, Katelyn Blevins, Hailey Doyle, Sydney Lockhart, Sydney Lowery, Mark Markaj, Kyle McCarthy, Grace Mortonson, Aadaez Ogbuaku, Cory Routen, Jalen Sims, Justin Stepchuk, Jakob Tuttle, Valerie Vuljaj and Caleb Woodard.

DECA students learn and practice leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management that help prepare them for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and entrepreneurship.

There are more than 3,500 DECA chapters in the United



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Westland collects water for Flint

As part of its Compassionate City Initiative, Westland is joining the effort to assist Flint residents by hosting a bottled water drive.

Anyone who wishes to help out Flint residents during the ongoing water crisis can bring bottled water donations to Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"As many of you are already aware, the City of Flint is in a dire situation and is in need of aid. Many residents are still in need of clean water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "The Flint water crisis is a devastating reality and is occurring a mere 60 miles from our homes. It is time that surrounding communities band together and offer assistance to our fellow Michiganders."



The city will collect and deliver the donated bottled water to the City of Flint.

"Westland is known as one of Michigan's most compassionate cities. I am confident that with the help of the residents, employees, civic organizations and elected officials, together we can make a difference," Wild said.

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will hold its 30th annual Ole Toy and Train Show from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford.

Organizers say the 2016 show will be "significantly bigger and better" than it has been in many years for several reasons, including the notoriety of past shows, the efforts of many volunteers, the fact several new operating displays have been added.

Organizers are expecting over 230 dealer tables and at least six operating displays this year, including the very popular LEGO display that fills an entire room by itself. As always, attendees will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club holding Ole Toy and Train Show



FILE PHOTO

This year's show will feature train collectors from multiple states, with train and toy items to buy and swap plus more than 200 dealer tables. There will be door prizes given away every hour.

Train Club and will see trains in operation on the multiple layouts.

"We are actually quite excited about the show this year," co-chair Jim Vote said.

The train shows were originally started by the late Ray Nicholai, a local resident who had a great passion for trains and wanted to raise money for worthy charities.

"We have continued the show after Ray sud-

denly died a few years ago, both in honor of Ray and because it is a popular show," Vote said. "It raises money for good causes, and Ray would have wanted it to continue."

The show will feature train collectors from

four states with items to buy and swap, plus more than 200 tables. Door prizes will be awarded every hour, and a new Lionel train set will be raffled off at the end of the show.

For everyone's convenience, the kitchen is staffed by the Ladies of SRB, which will be selling food and beverages. Admission is \$3 per person or \$6 per family. Proceeds help fund student athletics at SRB. St. Robert Bellarmine School is on the corners of West Chicago Road and Inkster Road, two miles west of Telegraph Road in Redford.

For more information, contact St. Robert's Rectory at 313-937-1500 or John Avey at 313-937-1670.

Wayne police officers receive promotions

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two veteran Wayne police officers have recently received promotions.

Matthew Spunar has been promoted to lieutenant and now supervises the patrol day shift. Having joined the Wayne Police Department in 1995, he was promoted to sergeant in 2009.

Prior to his current assignment, Spunar was a patrol officer and worked in the Traffic Bureau. He became officer in charge of the Detective Bureau in March 2013.

"He (Spunar) has done an exceptional job with the resources he had in the Detective Bureau and was also in charge of the accident investigation



Spunar

Strasser

and major crime teams," Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said. "He will be an asset at a lieutenant. He's one of my best guys."

Both patrol and investigative assignments are enjoyable, Spunar said. "It is challenging being as shorthanded as we are," he said. "We utilize the resources we have to continue to provide services to the citizens."

Stephanie Strasser joined the department in

1997 and worked road patrol prior to being assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2013. Both Spunar and Strasser are graduates of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

"My father was in law enforcement. Wayne was the first place that offered me a job," said Strasser, who is now assigned to the day patrol shift.

The promotions were made after candidates wrote letters and had interviews with Maciag.

"Stephanie did an outstanding job in the Detective Bureau and will take what she learned in the Detective Bureau to the road," Maciag said. "She will be an asset on the road."

These are the first promotions made since Maciag officially became chief in December 2014 after serving a couple of months on an interim basis. Due to budget constraints, the department has 22 officers and is working to fill two vacancies in the budgeted staffing.

"I'm trying to rebuild the department. Having Lt. Spunar and Sgt. Strasser as command officers moves the department in the right direction," Maciag said.

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Food collected from closed Max & Erma's



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The announcement that eight Max & Erma's Michigan locations would close took staffers and communities by surprise this past week. Restaurants in Plymouth Township, Canton, Westland and Livonia were closed. Friday morning, a Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division truck was at the Livonia Laurel Park Place location to pick up food, to be distributed among area nonprofits.

Force-tracking software donated to Wayne police

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Computer software aimed at tracking the use of force and pursuits has been donated to the Wayne Police Department.

The FORCE LMS (Liability Management Solutions) software will be provided free to the department for five years courtesy of former officer Jeff Felts, who retired about a year ago. Felts is owner of Center Mass Inc., a Livonia gun store and range.

"If an officer uses force or has a chase, it goes on a form. I have to physically go through them," Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said. "This will create a database. This will be a great tool to have and use."

The database will be invaluable as it will

identify trends in the use of force, Maciag said.

"This will move us into the future and allow us to analyze statistics," he said. "That is especially important in a day when officers are under a microscope."

FORCE LMS will also provide tracking for officer training and department equipment, Maciag said.

After the fifth year, the city would be charged \$1,660 annually for cloud-based storage of the data on the software.

"If we cannot afford to continue after the fifth year, we can cancel it," Maciag said.

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Toys and trains

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy, in Westland.

There will be some 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library is sponsoring a three-day used book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7. There will be many books, including fiction, history, mystery, religious and cookbooks, as well as special books.

On Feb. 7 a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the library. The Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

Coffee and conversation

Livonia's elected officials are inviting residents out for coffee and conversation.

The "Coffee and Conversations" event takes place from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia.

The goal, organizers said, is to offer a meaningful, casual evening with conversations among our local elected officials and our citizens. All of Livonia's elected officials — Mayor Dennis Wright, Treasurer Lynda Scheel, Clerk Susan Nash

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State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and his wife Angie Colbeck (far left), welcomed Pastor Jeff Noble (second from right) and his wife Myra Kay (far right), to the Michigan Capitol before Gov. Rick Snyder's 2016 State of the State address Tuesday. Jeff Noble is the pastor at Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth, and he and his wife Myra Kay were Sen. Colbeck's guests for the annual address Tuesday night. Colbeck's district includes Livonia.

and city council members Kathleen McIntyre, Brandon Kritzman, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Brian Meakin, Jim Jolly, Cathy White and Scott Bahr — are slated to be there.

Eighth-grade Parent Night

Wayne Memorial High School is hosting an eighth-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and much more.

All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

Video games rated 'M'

The Westland Public Library started offering video games rated M (for mature) for patrons to borrow following a launch party Saturday. Patrons can borrow popular games like Fall-

out 4, Call of Duty, Assassin's Creed, Gears of War, and Metal Gear Solid 5. Video games rated M will be available for PS4, Xbox One, PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii U consoles. Video games can be borrowed for seven days and patrons can borrow three video games at a time.

Adults are invited to attend the Adult Video Game Launch Party. Adults can play games on PlayStation and Xbox consoles, borrow games, and enjoy pizza and snacks. Patrons must be 18 years or older and show a valid driver's license or state ID to attend the Launch Party. Patrons can sign up for the Launch Party at westlandlibrary.org/node/8501.

'Donut Man'

"The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his puppet sidekick, Duncan, will perform original Bible story-songs in a "Donut Man" Children's Concert set for 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile in Livonia. The concert will have a Lenten theme. Admission is \$5 per person at the door, children age 3 and under admitted free.

For more information, call Rev. Joseph Marquis, 734-522-3166.

Library meeting

The Library Commission of the Livonia Public Library will hold its regular meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

As always, the public is invited to attend all Library Commission meetings. In accordance with Title II of the American with Disabilities Act as it pertains to access to public meetings, the Library Director's Office of the Livonia Public Library, upon adequate notice, will make reasonable accommodations for persons with special needs. If you need assistance, please call Library Director Toni LaPorte at 734-466-2451 or email laporte@livonia.lib.mi.us.

Annual auction

Concordia Lutheran School hosts its annual auction, "With One Heart," at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Helenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland. Tickets are \$30 (\$270 for a table of 10) and must be ordered by Feb. 8. Ticket includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and drinks.

For more information and to order tickets, call 248-474-2488 or 313-937-2233.

Tail Waggers drive

Tail Waggers is calling all animal lovers to participate in its Winter Fund Drive. The group's goal is to raise \$25,000 by March 31 so that it can continue to provide wellness services at an affordable rate. Here's how your donation can impact an animal's life:

» \$10: Will supply a bag of pet food for the Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program

» \$25: Will vaccinate a cat with the Feline Indoor Package

» \$50: Will vaccinate a dog with the Canine Core Package or three individual vaccinations

» \$100: Will spay and/or neuter, and microchip a dog or cat or provide financial assistance for owners with multiple pets.

Donations will help the group continue to carry out its mission of "Helping People Help Animals." Financial contributions can be made by mail to: 28402 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154; online at tailwaggers1990.org/donate.html; or by phone at 734-855-4077.

Livonia Town Club

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May.

Details: December's program features David Passalacqua, musician/accordion player. It's a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction. Enjoy informative speakers, bingo, a fashion show, music and more. Contact Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

Check us out on the Web every day at hometownlife.com

CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2015-12-01-11 submitted by Ajamco Inc., to rezone the north one hundred feet (100') of the property located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Munger Avenue and Six Mile Road (16825 Middlebelt Road) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, from P (Parking) to C-2 (General Business).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to §154.352 Permitted Uses and Structures, to prohibit consignment and resale stores as a principal permitted use in the CBD, Central Business District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS

CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN WATER FEATURES FOR CLEMENTS CIRCLE POOL

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN WATER FEATURES FOR CLEMENTS CIRCLE POOL, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids 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.

Edward Davis
Superintendent, Parks & Rec

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR RICHFIELD PARK ESTATES SITE CONDOMINIUMS STREET LIGHT PROJECT

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the proposed **ASSESSMENT ROLL** for the **RICHFIELD PARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION STREET LIGHT PROJECT**, for the installation of 100-watt high pressure sodium lights on Colonial post top poles, for the Richfield Park Estates Site Condominiums, located west of Newburgh Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road, in the Southeast ¼ of Section 31, has been duly filed in the Office of the City Clerk and is now open for public examination and inspection.

The City Council has adopted a resolution setting the evening of **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.** in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan as the time and place for reviewing the said Roll and hearing all objections or suggestions relative thereto.

At this meeting any persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the Special Assessment Roll, may file their objections thereto in writing with the City Clerk prior to the close of such hearing, which written objections shall specify in what respect they deem themselves aggrieved.

The amount of the assessment of any individual property owner may be determined prior to the hearing by inquiry at the Office of the City Clerk, where such Roll may be personally examined.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal if an appeal should be desired. A property owner or party of interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file his or her appearance by letter delivered to the City Clerk by the time and date of the hearing and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The property owner or any person having an interest in the property subject to the proposed special assessments may file written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty-five days after confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at this hearing.

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A view of North American International Auto Show, taken from a smartphone

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

My journey to the 2016 North American International Auto Show started with a ride on the Detroit People Mover, from the Greektown casino to Cobo Center.

It was brutally cold, which made perfect sense since I was sharing the ride with three journalists from San Diego. They didn't look too thrilled about the weather, but it's all part of the Midwest landscape in January. Bundle up and you'll do fine.

The show itself is a spectacle of metal and muscle, style and elegance. It's a chance to celebrate the latest technology in the automotive

world, plus it's an opportunity to interview some of the top execs in the industry.

It's no secret the auto companies enjoyed a record year in sales last year. The trick, of course, is how to keep the momentum going into 2016. For the public, the show is the perfect place to check out new products and compare some of the vehicles you might want to purchase.

It's serious business, but it's also a lot of fun to attend. Here are some photos of the show taken from my smart phone on the first day — enjoy!

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"Muscles!"

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Juan Pablo Montoya's winning car in the 2015 Indianapolis 500 is on display at the show, along with the Borg-Warner Trophy.



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This is for the person who already has two Mustangs in the garage, but wants a little more.



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This car screams, "Take me to the race course!"

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 30TH day of JANUARY, 2016, at North Redford Towing, 25215 Glendale, Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check www.nrtowing.com for the current list.

1992	SPECSNIPER	BOAT	51182020419	BOAT 15"	ABANDONED	1506073	1
2002	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13S622212525	TRAILBLAZER	ARREST	1507535	2
2006	CHEVROLET	2D	KL1TD56616B617390	AVEO	ARREST	1507848	3
1997	CHRYSLER	4D	1C4GP54L3VB414316	TOWN&COUNTRY	ACCIDENT	1508002	4
2005	NISSAN	4D	JN8AZ08TX5W315485	MURANO	ACCIDENT	1508466	5
1998	MAZDA	4D	JM1TA221XW1420119	MILLENNIA	ACCIDENT	1508550	6
2002	FORD	SW	1FMZU74E92UA62207	EXPLORER	ACCIDENT	1508556	7
2001	FORD	4D	1FAPP55U51G251741	TAURUS	ACCIDENT	1508596	8
1994	BUICK	4D	2G4WB55L9R1464941	CENTURY	ARREST	1508629	9
1998	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM6618WK647437	CONTOUR	ABANDONED	1508655	10
2004	BUICK	4D	3G5DA03EX4S513445	RENDEZVOUS	ACCIDENT	1508689	11
2006	FORD	4D	1FAHP34N56W110754	FOCUS	ACCIDENT	1508697	12
2004	CHRYSLER	4D	3C4FY48B04T326289	PT CRUISER	ACCIDENT	1508714	13
2005	DODGE	SW	1D4HD38N46F574813	DURANGO	ARREST	1508744	14
1992	FORD	SW	1FBJS31H9NH857155	CLUB WAGON	ARREST	1508787	15
2002	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HF66G2H225492	300M	ABANDONED	1508823	16
2002	BUICK	SW	3G5DA03E62S533933	RENDEZVOUS	FIRE	1508828	17
1985	MERCURY	2D	1MEBP79M6FP600562	CAPRI	ABANDONED	1508852	18
2005	VOLVO	4D	YV1CZ911151166697	XC80	ABANDONED	1508854	19
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1JC52F747209199	CAVALIER	ACCIDENT	1508863	20
2001	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E219287369	IMPALA	ARREST	1508865	21
2004	KIA	4D	KN1DU131946610392	SEDONA	ARREST	1508895	22
2000	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HF66G1YH267655	300M	ABANDONED	1508905	23
2003	DODGE	SW	1D4GP2535K259122133	CARAVAN	ABANDONED	1508910	24
2001	CHRYSLER	SW	3C8FYBB41T324662	PT CRUISER	ARREST	1508987	25
2006	DODGE	4D	283KA43R46H18669S	CHARGER	ABANDONED	1509026	26
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZT52844F231798	MALIBU	ARREST	1509034	27
2002	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13W2122548	VENTURE	ABANDONED	1509047	28
1997	MERCEDES	4D	WDBJF55FOVA390191	E320	ABANDONED	1509047	29
1999	FORD	SW	1FMRU1861XLA92556	EXPEDITION	ARREST	1509052	30
2002	SATURN	4D	5GZC23D42S836077	VUE	ABANDONED	1509062	31
1995	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEK13K35J493895	TAHOE	ARREST	1509075	32
2003	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WK52J33F146258	GRAND PRIX	ARREST	1509121	33
1999	DODGE	PU	3B7HC13Z3XG191915	RAM	ARREST	1509162	34
2001	DODGE	SW	2B4GP44301R218451	CARAVAN	ACCIDENT	1509231	35
1998	CHRYSLER	2D	4C3AU42N4WE133271	SEBRING	ARREST	1509247	36
1999	FORD	4D	2FAPF74W9XX143365	CROWN VICTORIA	ARREST	1509251	37
1994	FORD	SW	1FARP15J0RW268122	ESCORT	ACCIDENT	1509312	38
2010	FORD	SW	1FMCU0C73AKA72757	ESCAPE	ACCIDENT	1509338	39
1998	SATURN	2D	1G8ZH1276WZ171740	S SERIES	ARREST	1509311	40
2013	FORD	SW	2FMGK5C82DBD0007	FLEX	ARREST	1509342	41
1982	NISSAN	4D	3N1BC1CP8CK244963	VERSA	STOLEN	1509395	43
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZT64804F186655	MALIBU	ACCIDENT	1509413	44
2002	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WW12E029211627	MONTE CARLO	ARREST	1509439	45
2000	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH55K4Y9170866	IMPALA	ARREST	1509448	46
2004	FORD	SW	1FAFP36354W109443	FOCUS	ABANDONED	1509466	47
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NW52E72M524689	GRAND AM	ARREST	1600009	48
2002	FORD	4D	1FAFP55S92G137502	TAURUS	ARREST	1600110	50
2006	FORD	4D	1FAHP53U56A216736	TAURUS	ARREST	1600121	51
1995	DODGE	PU	1B7GL23XXS151283	DAKOTA	ARREST	1600126	52
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH55K259122133	IMPALA	ARREST	1600207	53
2002	BUICK	4D	1G4HP54K724149729	LESABRE	ARREST	1600210	54
2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB57K791216642	IMPALA	ARREST	1600222	55
2002	BUICK	4D	2G4WS52J821203499	CENTURY	ACCIDENT	1600227	56
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2003	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WW12E439252201	MONTE CARLO	ABANDONED	1600227	58
1996	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HD56T3TH238578	CONCORDE	ARREST	1600227	59
1997	FORD	PU	1FTDX18W4VNB52322	F150	ACCIDENT	1600227	60
2001	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3AE66G91H699126	300	ACCIDENT	1600227	61
1998	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13W72300198	BLAZER	ACCIDENT	1600227	62
2009	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BE46K79U876611	CAMRY	ACCIDENT	1600227	63
1995	FORD	4D	1FALP52U2SG116113	TAURUS	ACCIDENT	1600227	64
2006	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM42146G600658	MONTEGO	ACCIDENT	1600227	65
2003	HYUNDAI	4D	KMHCG45CX3U479507	ACCENT	FIRE	1600227	66
1993	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3HY53L8PH326199	ACCENT	ACCIDENT	1600227	67
1983	PONTIAC	4D	1G2AX87H3DN221048	FIREBIRD	ABANDONED	L0022-15	68



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This really old car was on display in the media room at the show. Hint, hint ...



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Cool-looking race car.



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A trio of true power brokers at the auto show (from left): U.S. Sen. Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow on the floor with FCA CEO Sergio Marchionne.

Westland mayor attends State of State address

During Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address, Westland Mayor William Wild was in the audience.

Wild attended the speech in Lansing as the guest of State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

"I was truly honored to have Mayor William

Wild as my guest for the Governor's State of the State address. Mayor Wild is a true leader, and doing amazing things for the city of Westland,"

Kosowski said. "Through his guidance, our economy is improving and the small business sector is growing."

Kosowski added that

Wild should be recognized for his innovative approaches to running Westland.

SUBMITTED

Westland Mayor William Wild attended Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State speech last week as the guest of State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.



Libraries are still special places to go

Steve McGladdery
Correspondent

There has been a great deal of discussion lately concerning whether or not libraries are still relevant or even needed in the digital age. Some have suggested the public library will be completely extinct by 2050, because in the age of iPads, Kindles, Google and Amazon, who needs them?

This is a shortsighted view, because libraries are more than buildings full of books, and the future of publishing isn't completely intertwined with the future of libraries.

Consider why public libraries exist at all. The traditional answer most people would give is to provide a place to lend out books. This is where the public library extinction argument originates. But the true answer is the often overlooked significance of the first word, 'public.' Public libraries are about the free and open exchange of ideas. They're about providing a safe, comfortable place where people can gather. A good library needs to be about more than lending out books. A good library is a place where people can

ask questions, learn about new ideas or just have a quiet place to sit and think where nothing is asked or expected of them, except that they respect one another's right to use their library.

A public library is a promise a government makes to its communities. It's a promise to offer free access to information regardless of background, origin or views. It's a promise to offer unrestricted access to all viewpoints, and challenge censorship in a mission to provide information. It's about cooperation, community enhancement and equality of opportunity. Public libraries are the first and foremost guardian of social cohesion in a democratic society.

Some also argue that in this digital age, it's all about access to content, which the internet gives us. The source or method of access does not matter. This argument is as lacking in logic as it is in humanity. The context and means by which information is delivered can be highly influential to the message, and in some ways could be more influential than the message itself.

Librarians act as guides and connectors in a very human process;

that's why we call it a "reference interview" when a librarian interacts with a patron seeking an answer. True, a Google search will return a plethora of information. But in an internet overloaded with opinion, it can be difficult to tell fact from fiction. True, Amazon can recommend books based on your browsing history, but it can't meet you on a human level and suggest a book that will speak to your personality and experience. The internet can't look you in the eye and make a suggestion with that smile you so badly needed today. It can't act and react with empathy and insight to determine what the user really needs within a human context.

Libraries are among the last few public spaces we have left, and they are certainly the most valuable. It would be simple enough to think, why shouldn't we fill the library up with a coffee shop, or even city offices? Why shouldn't we all be permitted to carry on loud cell phone conversations? A library is special because it is a quiet escape from these things. A library is special for the unique things it already contains: Story time that encourages

literacy in young children; plenty of open desk space; rooms that exist solely so that a person can sit and quietly enjoy a new book or magazine; the history of the community; and badly needed shelter for the helpless.

It's true, public libraries and their librarians need to accept the fact that the world is changing, and to a certain extent they will need to change too. This is where I call on you, specifically the people of Wayne, for help. This is your library. I am always open to suggestions about how you would like it to be now and in the future.

MinecraftEdu

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Wayne Public Library, the Wayne library now offers the award winning PC game Minecraft on all of the public computers in the children's area. The game has proven to be helpful for spatial learning and STEM education.

The library is able to offer this game largely thanks to a service called MinecraftEdu. MinecraftEdu provides low cost licenses to schools and other nonprofit educational institutions.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library are now holding their used book sale all year round. It's held in the periodicals room on the way to the adult side of the library. The sale has HUGE amounts of fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks and children's books. Prices range from 25 cents to \$1, so stop in and find a bargain! And coming soon, \$5 bag day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Fun Storytime

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. for stories, songs, finger plays, movement and an easy craft at our fall story time. You can register in person at the Children's reference desk, or by calling the Youth Reference Desk at 734-721-7832, ex. 623.

Learn to Crochet

Just in time for Valentine's Day, learn basic crochet techniques with Librarian Adrienne. Hooks and yarn will be provided for this free craft program, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. To register for this free program, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 734-

721-7832, Ext. 630

Mini-Golf Fundraiser

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library have moved their mini golf fundraiser to a new date: Feb. 20. Usual library services will be unavailable that day, because the entire library will be converted into a complete 18-hole mini golf course, starting at noon. Food and drinks will be made available, as well as raffles for fantastic prizes and a hole in one contest. Individual tickets are \$5, \$3 for children. Family tickets are \$15 (up to six people). They are on sale now.

Downtown Wayne

Lindsey Wooten, director of Wayne Main Street, will be discussing her organization's efforts to revitalize downtown Wayne at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. She will talk about what has been done so far, as well as her vision for Wayne's future. She will also be speaking on her work within the Wayne Historical Museum. To register for this free program, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 734-721-7832, Ext. 630

Steve McGladdery is co-director of the Wayne Public Library.

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New charter high school called 'leap of faith'

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

It took three years of planning and a "leap of faith," but a new charter high school in Plymouth Township has introduced itself to the community.

The students and staff at New School High, which opened in September for freshmen and sophomores, held a formal ribbon-cutting Thursday morning, showing off their school as well as projects, including websites and documentary films, that students are preparing for a National History Day competition in March.

The school, with an enrollment of 34, was founded by veteran local educators who wanted to try an approach based on the results of research on how adolescents learn best. Its philosophy stresses experiential and project-based learning, individual attention, teacher and student leadership and community engagement.

New School is a non-religious public school chartered by Central Michigan University, with a school board of local residents, and is funded by state and federal public school funding as well as donations.

"It's hard to start a school. It's a different thing. It takes a leap of faith," Cynthia Burnstein, the school leader, said Thursday as she thanked parents for their support. "We are doing our best to live up to that trust."

'I'm so grateful'

"No one has helped me grow and learn and conquer as New School High has," said Emily McMillan, a 10th-grader. Emily and her family moved last year to Canton Township from Albuquerque, N.M., and Emily said she was worried about where

she would go to school. "Today I look back and I'm so grateful that I came here," she said. Her brother Wilson is a New School freshman.

New School High is leasing space on the campus of Risen Christ Church, at Ann Arbor Road and McLumpha. The school will add a junior class at the start of the next school year and the plan is to have all four high school grades there by fall 2017.

The curriculum includes the subjects — like mathematics, science, English and history — required by state law, but classes sizes are small, students can progress at their own pace and they have two hours flex time, two days a week, to work on projects. Students also have physical education every day at all grade levels.

Freshmen Dante Colarossi of Redford Township and Salik Aslam and Michaiah Minor of Canton Township and sophomore Caleb Smith of Westland talked about their school Thursday as they showed off the website they're building about the "hacktivist" group Anonymous.

"Classes are smaller and you can go ahead if you want to," Salik said. "It's very interactive and student-based," Dante said. "I feel like the teachers are more open to change."

Teaching life skills

Other National History Day projects in the making include a documentary about the British Invasion in the popular music scene of the 1960s, a traditional stand-up display about the history of bowling and another display on graffiti.

The projects require students to learn and apply knowledge in several subject areas — history, language and



It's ribbon-cutting time at New School High.

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Wilson McMillan, Mike Sears, Michael Kuczynski and Maks Jurasek edit their video project.

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Emily McMillan and her family moved to Canton last summer from New Mexico. She speaks about her experience at New School High.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

computers, for example — but, Burnstein said, completing them also develops skills like organization, project management and working in small groups.

"That part of it is important, to teach the process," said Burnstein, a retired Salem High School English teacher with a master's degree in

educational leadership.

Aaron McMillan, the father of Emily and Wilson, said the school was a good choice for his children.

"Both of them have connected with the teachers, connected with the students," he said.

The school's emphasis on individual attention means "no student falls

through the cracks," he said.

"Everybody finds a place here," he said.

New School High is at 46250 Ann Arbor Road; the website is newschoolhigh.org. Interested families can meet teachers and tour the school and learn more about it during two

upcoming open houses: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Burnstein can be contacted at cburnstein@newschoolhigh.org.

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Canton revs up for cancer-fighting Relay for Life

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Relay for Life of Canton organizers hope to raise \$170,000 this year to fight cancer, compared to last year's \$161,000.

Organizers also hope to ratchet up the number of teams to 70 from last year's 59.

Those numbers come as Megan Schaper, the American Cancer Society's community manager for Canton, has revealed plans for a Relay for Life event set for 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, May 14, in Heritage Park.

Organizers have started promoting the event early amid indications that a larger number of teams may become involved this season.

"We want to capture that and strike while the iron is hot," Schaper said.

To that end, organizers have announced a free Relay for Life kickoff party 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.

"It's a great chance to celebrate all the accomplishments in the fight against cancer during the last year," Schaper said.

The kickoff party helps volunteers understand how the community has benefited from money raised. It also honors cancer survivors and caregivers, while serving as a pep rally of sorts for volunteers and team leaders who will become crucial to this year's success.

Volunteers and teams will be able to register for this year's event during the kickoff party.

Relay for Life of Canton last year had 685 core participants. This year, Schaper said, organizers hope to increase the number to 750 people.

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"This is our community's opportunity to help save lives from cancer by taking our message to more people and raising more dollars to fund the fight,"

MEGAN SCHAPER,
American Cancer Society

more people and raising more dollars to fund the fight," she said. "Together, our efforts can make a big difference."

Go to relayforlife.org/CantonMI to learn more or contact Schaper at 248-663-3417 or by email at Megan.Schaper@cancer.org.

Jon LaFever, Canton Leisure Services recreation and facilities supervisor, said the township helps Relay for Life with the logistics of getting Heritage Park ready.

"It's such an inviting venue," he said. "I think people have always liked that a lot."

Heritage Park offers walking paths around ponds, an amphitheater and other scenic amenities that only add to the event's success, LaFever said.

Canton has consistently ranked among Michigan's top money-raising communities for Relay for Life. LaFever said churches, schools, service clubs and the Canton Public Library are among those who pitch in to ensure a success.

"Canton is such a supportive community," he said.

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Canton's honor guard leads a group of cancer survivors in a previous Relay for Life event.

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'The Little Mermaid' musical will debut at PARC in Plymouth

Forever After Productions will stage Disney's *The Little Mermaid* from Jan. 29 to Feb. 7 at the PARC in Plymouth.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's *The Little Mermaid* is a love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including, *Under the Sea*, *Kiss the Girl*, and *Part of Your World*.

Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, wishes to pursue the human Prince Eric in the world above and bargains with the evil sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems and Ariel needs the help of her colorful friends Flounder the fish, Scuttle the seagull and Sebastian the crab to restore order under the sea.

"How often do you get to see the Broadway version of a classic tale on a stage near you for just \$10 each?" asked Director Briana Bower, formerly of the Eastern Michigan University theater program.

The production staff for this show are all EMU students. "We love being able to take our knowledge we gain from EMU and apply it directly to our jobs here at Forever After Productions," said Stage Manager and Choreographer Reilly Conlon, who is in



Maura Doyle is Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," produced by Forever After Productions.

the education program at Eastern.

"Being a student myself, I am more equipped to teach and connect with our students because I am still growing as a staff member. My work is never stagnant as I gain new knowledge every day that I can use," says Brandon Waldenmayer, producer and music director, who is in his senior year at EMU as a children's literature and public administration major.

Forever After Productions is a community theater company based in Plymouth. Since 2009, members have produced over 25 full-stage musical and dramatic productions throughout metro Detroit, including the Power Center in Ann Arbor, The Berman Center in West Bloomfield,

and The Village Theater in Canton.

General admission tickets are \$10 and are currently on sale for all eight public performances. Fridays shows are at 7 p.m., Saturday shows are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by calling Forever After Productions at 734-547-5156.

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is the repurposed Central Middle School located in Plymouth between downtown and Old Village at 650 Church St., Plymouth.

For more information, visit www.iheartforeverafter.com.



Lawrence Technological University student Curtis La Graff, with the school's 2014 Formula Hybrid race car.

LTU hybrid race car on display at auto show

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Curtis La Graff is ready for a little Formula Hybrid racing.

The Lawrence Technological University computer engineering student is part of the 2016 team of student designers charged with building an open-wheel, single-seat plug-in race car that's powered by an electric motor and an internal combustion engine.

"Both engines run at the same time," said La Graff, 22, of Brighton. "So there's kind of an efficiency question that's usually handled by the students... how do you want it to run? Do you want one engine going more than the other one? That's what we're currently working on now with the car."

LTU started competing against other col-

leges in the Formula Hybrid SAE competition in 2010 and now incorporates the race into the engineering curriculum. The school's 2014 car is on display at this year's North American International Auto Show.

The competition takes place in May at the New Hampshire International Speedway and is limited to 35 teams. While the competition is meant to stir more of an interest in electric cars, La Graff said it also gives students the chance to build a race car and drive it.

"This really gives students a great opportunity to learn about the automotive industry," he said. "Being able to design and build a car from scratch is incredible, especially here in Detroit."

Howard Davis, the university's director of corporate and foundations relations, said the

SAE program has seen some big successes in recent years, including in the newer hybrid category, which it has entered the past four years.

Davis, a Birmingham resident, said LTU is one of just two schools in Michigan with a hybrid racing program. In recent years, it has done as well as second place, losing only to Yale University one year and the University of Idaho the next.

"We've done very well," he said.

Four batteries power the electrical motor and the car can travel from zero to 60 mph in less than four seconds. The school's 2014 car set a record for circling the track 32 times without having to recharge or refuel.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Franklin upends Churchill, 3-1

Patriots move to 10-4; Chargers, 11-3

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a battle of top-10-ranked Livonia hockey teams, Franklin redeemed a recent loss to Churchill by carving out a well-played 3-1 victory over the Chargers in a high-energy game played at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The triumph upped the 10th-ranked Patriots' record to 10-4 while the ninth-ranked Chargers slipped to 11-3.

The setback ended a seven-game winning streak for Churchill.

Franklin made a bold statement early when Jack Engel

scored just 1:33 into the contest off an assist from Zack Nelson.

Both defenses dug in the remainder of the period, which transpired without another goal.

Churchill netted an equalizer seven minutes into the middle stanza when Conor Burnette found the net from Willis Wuebben and Josh Friend to make it 1-1.

Three minutes later, however, the Patriots seized the lead for good when Trevor Lassaline roped a shot into the back of the net. Jack Ores and Bren-



Franklin's Chase Wallis, pictured during a game earlier this season, netted a third-period insurance goal for the Patriots during Wednesday's 3-1 victory over Churchill.

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RU bowlers split with Trojans

The Redford Union boys and girls bowling teams split two matches against Livonia Clarenceville on Tuesday at Romulus Lanes.

The Panther boys rolled to a 27-3 triumph behind Ryan Randall, who registered an eye-opening 266 game, and Brendan Kerkhof, who posted a 196.

The RU boys team improved to 4-3.

The Panthers captured both Baker games, 201-162 and 158-154. RU out-bowled the Trojans in both traditionally scored games, too, taking the first match 808-743, before notching a 906-718 win.

The RU girls team was edged by Clarenceville, 16-14.

The Trojans prevailed in the first Baker game, 177-135, before the Panthers rebounded to win 153-144.

The two Western Wayne Athletic Conference rivals also split the two traditional games, with Clarenceville taking the opener 813-660, before RU bounced back to win game two, 705-689.

RU was led by Lizzie Pigeon, who rolled a 181, and Mia Sopko, who contributed a 161.

The setback dropped the Panthers to 5-2.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

RED ALERT

Livonia gymnasts conquer Northville by narrow margin

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

With little room for error, Livonia Red's gymnastics team turned in an air-tight performance during Tuesday's meet against Kensington Lakes Activities Association rival Northville.

Powered by the all-around brilliance of Marissa McVey and Mikaela Hille, Red improved its record to 4-2 by out-pointing the Mustangs, 139.375-137.125.

Both Red and Northville earned victories over tri-meet participant Waterford, which earned 124.350 points.

Hille got things off on the right foot for the winners when she scaled the competition in the vault, placing first with a score of 9.05. Teammates Mackenzie Borrman (9.0), Olivia Ryktarsyk (8.95) and McVey (8.90) also sparkled in the event.

Northville's top vaulter was Erin McCallum, who tied McVey for fourth with an 8.90.

The uneven bars belonged, for the most part, to the Mustangs, who finished one-two thanks to shining efforts from McCallum (8.55) and runner-up Grace Jankowski (8.50).

McVey posted the top score on the bars for Red, catching the judges' eye with an 8.35 effort. Ryktarsyk (8.325) and Hille (8.225) also showed well in the coordination-heavy event.

Northville's Mackenzie



Livonia Red's Mikaela Hille scored well during her team's narrow victory Northville on Tuesday.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Willson and Maddie Dragon were red-hot on the beam, posting identical 9.45's to barely edge McVey's 9.40. Borrman was fourth with a solid tally of 9.10.

The floor-exercise routines evolved into a compelling battle between McVey and McCallum, who both scored 8.90 to

share first-place honors. Red was bolstered by 2-3-4 finishes from Olivia Dillon (8.725), Ryktarsyk (8.70) and Borrman, who scored an 8.65.

Dillon also scored well on the beam (8.90) while Megan Waters displayed strong skills on the vault with an 8.80.

Leading the way for Water-

ford was Kara Federico, who racked up an all-around total of 35.905.

Jessica Mercier also competed in all four events for the Waterford varsity squad, excelling the most on the vault (8.50).

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Lutheran Westland repels Gryphons' challenge

Warriors post important MIAC victory, 33-28

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's girls basketball team came up big when it had to during Thursday's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division showdown against visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills.

In a battle for first place in the division standings, the Warriors prevailed with a hard-fought 33-28 victory to improve their record to 9-1 overall and 5-0 in the division. The Gryphons slipped to 7-2 and 5-1, respectively.

"Going into tonight's game Greenhills was 7-1, so we knew we would have a battle on our hands," Lutheran Westland head coach Sandi Wade said. "Defensively, we did a good job of limiting their offense, but we gave up too many offensive rebounds, which is something we need to work on moving forward."

"It was a hard-fought win and we will enjoy it, but we will need to get back to work quickly and continue to improve."

Lutheran Westland outscored Greenhills in every quarter except the fourth. The Warriors led 9-7 after eight

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Lutheran Westland's Makayla Wyly battles for a rebound Thursday night against Greenhills.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Ruffed Grouse Society banquet

The Lakeside Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society will host its fourth annual Conservation and Sportsmen's Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 20, at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, which is located at 6015 E. Ten Mile Road in Warren.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other forest wildlife. The evening will feature both live and silent auctions, games, drawings and door prizes, highlighted with the finest selection of quality firearms, artwork and collectables.

Individual membership and dinner tickets are \$65. A membership and spouse package with two dinners is \$90.


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Banquet, conservation, sustaining and gold sponsorship packages are also available at \$275, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500, respectively.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jeff Robinson at 586-949-0054.


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HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Canton gymnasts edge Livonia Blue

Weak, Rhoad rack up big points in setback to Chiefs

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Canton's state-ranked gymnastics team managed to hold off a strong charge from Livonia Blue and pull out a 141.05-138.425 victory Wednesday night.

Blue was led by mainstays Bri Rhoad and Jessica Weak, both of whom placed high in the scoring in three of the four events.

Rhoad's best perfor-

mance — at least score-wise — was chiseled out during her floor-exercise routine, for which she earned a team-best score of 9.225. Canton's Maddie Toal won the event with a 9.275.

Canton's Jana Hilditch was third at 9.175, just ahead of fourth-place teammate Kelsea Kernosek (9.125). Weak was fifth with a 9.05.

Weak was strong on the bars, running away with first-place points

after earning a score of 9.075 from the judges. Weak's closest competition was provided by Canton's Kate Dickson (8.75) and Emily Chatterjee, who recorded an 8.675. Kelsea Kernosek was fourth with an 8.625.

The balance-beam competition couldn't have been much closer as Canton's Toal nipped Blue's Emily Chatterjee, 9.1-9.075, proving that every movement matters in the under-the-microscope sport.

Canton earned third- and fourth-place points as well in the event thanks to outstanding performances from

Dickson (8.975) and Hailey Hodgson (8.825).

Toal put an exclamation point on her thorough performance by winning the floor-exercise event with a score of 9.275 to nudge out Rhoad (9.225).

Fourth other competitors chalked up nine-plus scores: Canton's Hilditch (9.175), Kernosek (9.125) and Dickson (9.025); and Weak, who turned in a 9.05.

Chatterjee was close to eclipsing the 9.0 barrier as she scored an 8.825.

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Livonia Blue's Katie Grover executes a dazzling routine on the balance beam during a meet earlier this season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Garden City at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Parkway at HVL, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.
HVL at Luth. South, 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 25

Parkway at HVL, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 26

Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Greenhills, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Ladywood at Regina, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

Crestwood at Garden City, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m.
HVL at Luth. South, 6 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

Thurston at Fordson, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 25

Churchill at Pinckney Showcase, TBA
Franklin at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Churchill at Pinckney Showcase, TBA

Thursday, Jan. 28

Ladywood at G.P. North, 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

Franklin at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30

Stevenson vs. Rochester at Clark Park, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Franklin vs. Plymouth and Canton at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.

Plymouth and Canton at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Stevenson at S.L. East, 5:30 p.m.

RU at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

Canton Invite, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30

John Glenn at Yale Tourney, 9 a.m.
Clarenceville at Annapolis Invite, 9 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

Monday, Jan. 25

Wayne at Novi, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Wayne at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Livonia City Meet at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Annapolis, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 28

Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
RU at Belleville, 6 p.m.
Crestwood at Thurston, 6 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Salem holds off late Spartans rally

Stevenson pulls to within two, but can't get over hump

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's girls basketball team followed an all-too-familiar script Friday night against visiting Salem: fall into an early hole, battle back late to make it a game, before getting nosed out at the wire.

In the final game of the first go-around in the KLA A Central Division for both teams, the Rocks built an early 16-8 first-quarter lead before repelling a valiant comeback bid by the Spartans to win 49-42.

Sparked by a pair of clutch fourth-quarter buckets by Amanda Schultz, Stevenson closed a once daunting gap two just two points with two minutes to play, but the Rocks buried a series of game-clinching free throws — Salem netted eight of 11 freebies in the fourth quarter alone — to record the win.

The result left Salem at 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the division. Stevenson slipped to 5-6 and 1-4, respectively, heading into next Friday night's home game against South Lyon East.

"We dug ourselves another early hole, but the girls played extremely well and



Stevenson junior Kelly Newman, pictured during a game earlier this season, was one of three Spartans to score eight points Friday night against Salem.

TOM BEAUDOIN

worked hard to come back and make a game of it," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman.

"Salem did a nice job of driving and dishing on us. We need to do a better job keeping them in front

of us. "Offensively, we did some nice things. We scored 26 points in the

"Salem earned the win tonight; we didn't give them anything."

TIM NEWMAN
Stevenson head coach

post, which is a season-high for us. We were getting good shots tonight. We're right on the cusp of doing some really good things, but we have to learn to finish."

Led by the talented Petree sisters, Salem constructed a 34-25 half-time lead before Stevenson started chiseling away at its deficit in the second half. The hosts trailed 39-32 after three quarters, but could never quite get over the hump.

Stevenson's scoring ledger was as balanced as a counter top. Three players (Schultz, Grace Lamerson and Kelly Newman) led the way with eight points each while Audrey Stahrr poured in six.

Lasha Petree led the winners with 15 points. Jala Petree contributed 12 while Jayla Lenders scored eight.

"Salem earned the win tonight; we didn't give them anything," said Newman. "When you play in a division as good as the one we play in, you can't get behind early all the time because it's too tough to come back."

Salem made 16 of 25 free-throw attempts while the Spartans made five of 14 from the stripe.

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Chargers cool off Patriots, 66-31

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team shook off Tuesday night's tough loss to Canton in style Friday night by upending cross-town rival Livonia Franklin, 66-31, in a game hosted by the Patriots.

With the win, Churchill improved to 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLA A South Division. Head coach Jimmy Solak's squad finishes the first half of divisional play just one game behind unbeaten Canton.

The Chargers set the tone early when they dashed off to a 16-6 first-quarter lead. Churchill took the bull by the horns in the second stanza when it expanded the lead to 39-15.

"We came out right away and played tremendous defense," said Solak. "We lost a tough game on Tuesday, so to be able to bounce back like we did tonight was huge."

"Franklin had been playing extremely well lately, too, so I'm very proud of the way the guys battled tonight."

Senior guard Joan Andoni scored 17 points to lead an incredibly balanced offensive attack for Churchill. On a night when every Charger who dressed scored, Jerren



Churchill's Joan Andoni, pictured unleashing a jump shot against Canton, led the Chargers with 23 points in their Friday night victory over Franklin.

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Hampton added eight points while Jon Hovermale and Dayton Davis chipped in seven each.

"Everybody who played tonight did their job," Solak emphasized. "When we needed a lift off the bench, our guys responded."

"Our seniors all played well. They knew how

important it was to get back on track after losing to Canton the other night."

The Chargers buried 10 of 18 free throws. Franklin was 11-for-14 from the charity stripe.

Churchill's defense was suffocating as it limited the Patriots to 9-for-30 shooting.

WARRIORS

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minutes, 20-16 at the half and 29-21 after three quarters.

The No. 1 catalyst for the winners was guard Taylor Jones, who scored 13 points while making six of eight shots (including her only three-pointer). The ball-hawking Jones also demoralized the Gryphons with seven steals, several of which led to layups at the other end of the court.

Additional standouts for the Warriors were Eleanor Storck, whose seven-point night included five-for-six shooting from the free-throw line; Rachel Reddeman, who contributed six points; and Bethany Hoehne, who added five points.

Lutheran Westland came up big on the boards thanks to strong effort plays from Storck (seven re-



bounds), Makayla Wylie (six rebounds) and Makayla Wylie, who pulled down five rebounds.

Jones dished out three

assists while Katie Hoehne registered a pair of assists.

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Lutheran Westland's Eleanor Storck launches a short jumper during Thursday's game against Greenhills.

HOCKEY

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dan Whitney picked up assists.

With freshman goalie Jake Penny playing like a million bucks, Franklin forward Chase Wallis's insurance goal early in the third period proved to be as good as gold.

Wallis's net-finder was assisted by Engel and Whitney.

Penny turned away 29 Churchill shots while Charger net-minder Andrew Broyles stymied 23 Franklin scoring chances.

"(Churchill) coaches Reynolds and Hatley have done an amazing job with their team this year and we were very

fortunate to pull off the 'W' tonight," Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We got the bounces, competed, were disciplined for the most part, and beat a very tough team."

The same two teams will meet in a win-or-go-home pre-regional encounter in February.

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Lutheran Westland stymies Greenhills

Garden City posts clutch win at Annapolis

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's undefeated boys basketball team finished Thursday night's game at Ann Arbor Greenhills with a capital "F."

Holding a precarious 50-42 lead heading into the final quarter, the Warriors exploded for 36 points down the stretch to post an emphatic 86-60 triumph over their hosts.

Lutheran Westland improved to 9-0 overall while the Gryphons tumbled to 5-3.

"We played with a ton of energy tonight," said Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoeft. "We shot extremely well from the field."

"Our team defense was constant and fearless. Our guys fought through a ton of adversity tonight...that's what makes me extremely proud of tonight's effort. This team just doesn't quit!"

The Warriors were powered by their "Fantastic Four" of Brent Croft (21 points, five rebounds, four assists), Zach Burk (19 points, 17 rebounds, two blocked shots), Luke Smith (15 points, nine rebounds, three assists) and Kory Barikmo, who scored 17 points on six-of-seven shooting to go along with 11 rebounds and a team-high six assists.

The Gryphons kept it relatively close for three quarters thanks to strong play from Raman Sahota, who netted 19 points.

Cougars clutch in 4th

Senior guards Vinnie Bakerian and Robbie Moyers combined for 45 points to lead Garden City to a pivotal 77-68 victory Friday night against host Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

The win was vital for the Cougars in the up-for-grabs Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division as it upped their division mark to 3-2 while Annapolis slipped to 2-3. Dearborn Heights Robichaud entered Friday night with a 3-0 mark in the Red.

Garden City improved to 6-4 overall thanks in large part to their back-



Livonia Stevenson junior guard Ian Knoph lays in a shot during a game earlier this season. Results of the Spartans' Friday night game at Salem were unavailable at press-time.

TOM BEAUDEOIN



Garden City's Robbie Moyers (left) and Vinnie Bakerian both played key roles in the Cougars' victory over Annapolis Friday night.

ED WRIGHT

court tandem of Bakerian, who scored 23 points while draining all eight of his free-throw attempts, and Moyers, who netted 22 and was 10-for-12 from the stripe.

Cougar senior swingman Denzel Tinsley also played well, scoring 17 points. Jake Sadowski chipped in with seven points and nine rebounds.

GC held a 14-point lead late in the third quarter before the Cougars stamped back to knot the

game up mid-way through the final stanza.

That's when Bakerian stepped up and knocked down a go-ahead triple that sparked a stretch-ran romp for the winners.

Bakerian and Moyers did more than shoot well. Moyers finished with seven assists while Bakerian dished out five.

GC faces another stiff test on Tuesday when it travels to Dearborn, which is also right in the

thick of the WWAC Red race.

Thurston plays well in loss

Host Redford Thurston had highly-acclaimed Romulus on the ropes for a quarter Friday night before ultimately dropping a 70-56 WWAC Blue Division decision.

The result left both teams with 5-5 overall records.

Thurston sprinted to a

24-5 first-quarter lead before Romulus rebounded in the second quarter to cut its halftime deficit to 31-28.

The host Eagles kept the heat on in the third quarter when it expanded its edge to 46-40, but Romulus had too much fire-power down the stretch.

"We just ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates, whose team was within six points of its much-bigger opponent until around the four-minute mark of the fourth. "I was very proud of our guys tonight. We did everything well in the first quarter — we shot the ball extremely well, rebounded and we pushed the ball."

"They switched things up a little bit in the second quarter and came back on us, but that doesn't take away from how hard the guys played."

D'euntae Jackson posted LeBron James-type statistics: 18 points, five rebounds, three steals and four assists.

Senior guard Brandon Marshall was his usual steady self, scoring 14 points to go along with three steals.

Bates was raved about

the effort of reserve forward Dorian Naylor, who came off the bench to provide a much-needed spark for Thurston.

"Dorian only scored four points, but he was a force on the back end of our press," said Bates. "He blocked three shots and had nine rebounds, so he was a big factor in us being able to battle as long as we did."

Romulus was led by D'Angelo Hansbro, who scored 21 points.

Thurston made eight of 12 free-throw attempts.

Thurston returns to action on Tuesday with another key Blue Division match-up at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Southfield Christian upends Southfield

Southfield Christian showed why it is one of the state's top-ranked Class C boys basketball teams this season.

The Eagles, three-time Class D state champions from 2012-2014 and a Class C regional finalist last year, defeated Class A neighborhood rival Southfield Tuesday evening. Number-six ranked Southfield Christian led by as many as 19 points but was forced to hold on at the end en route to an 82-79 victory.

Southfield Christian held a 19-11 after the opening quarter and hiked the advantage to 39-28 by halftime. Each team tallied 21 third-quarter points and the host Blue Jays rallied in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Eagles by a 30-22 fourth-quarter margin. Their late rally made things interesting down the stretch but fell three points short of sending the game into overtime.

Sophomore Bryce Washington led Southfield Christian with 23 points. Eagles senior Marlo Brown had a stellar showing with 19 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Junior Brock Washington (14 points) and senior Richard Feagin (10 points, nine assists) also had strong games for Southfield Christian.

Southfield's Michael Flowers led all players with a game-high 26 points.

Southfield Christian (8-1) travels to Ann Arbor Greenhills Friday for a 7 p.m. game.

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MADONNA SPORTS ROUND-UP

Both Crusader basketball teams sweep away Concordia

One game removed from a thrilling upset over reigning national champion Cornerstone, head coach Noel Emenhiser and the Madonna men's basketball team kept momentum on their side in a convincing 78-61 victory at Concordia-Ann Arbor on Wednesday.

The Crusaders (9-12, 6-7 WHAC) continued their climb in the conference standings, moving to within a half-game of the Cardinals (10-10, 7-7 WHAC).

The bench played a huge role in Wednesday's victory, outscoring the Cardinals' reserves 37-10, including a 15-0 advantage in the first half to place the Crusaders to a 42-21 halftime lead.

The Cardinals shot just 18 percent in the first half compared to the Crusaders' 47-percent clip.

A 26-8 points-in-the-paint advantage for the Crusaders also helped create space between the teams after 20 minutes of play, led by Dan Hall's nine points on 4-of-6 shooting. Hall (Wyan-dotte, Mich./Trenton High School) pulled down six rebounds while leading the interior defense with three blocks in 12 first-half minutes.

Khalil Malone (Pontiac, Mich./Waterford

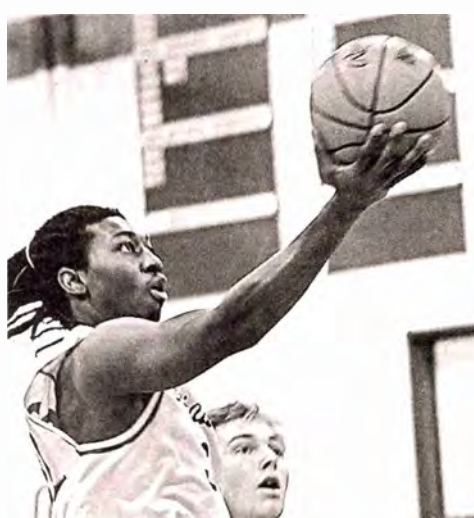
High School) equaled Hall with nine points in the first half while Clarke Lamb (East China, Mich./St. Clair High School) and Tyler Stewart (Canton, Mich./Salem High School) chipped in with six points each.

The Cardinals clawed back into the game in the second half, cutting a 21-point Crusader lead to 54-47 with 11:10 remaining. However, a balanced cast of Crusaders connected on timely shots down the stretch.

Malone, the hero in Saturday's upset win, continued his strong play with 17 points, six assists and five rebounds in 34 minutes. Zel Williamss (Detroit, Mich./Schoolcraft College) tallied 11 points, including two big shots late, to lead a balanced bench effort that also saw Lamb, Dean Kolstad (Hickory Corners, Mich./Notre Dame-Ohio) and Zak Lewis (Petoskey, Mich./Petoskey High School) chime in with eight points each.

Hall led the Crusaders on the glass with eight rebounds, recording all nine of his points in the first half, while Lewis ripped down seven boards of his own.

The Cardinals' Alec Turner recorded a game-high 20 points on 6-of-16 shooting.



Madonna's Zel Williams lays the ball in during a game earlier this season.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Crusader ladies earn close win

Madonna women's basketball picked up a narrow 74-72 road victory over Concordia-Ann Arbor on Wednesday, earning a season split with the Cardinals while running their winning streak to a campaign-best six games. With the win, the Crusaders move over .500 for the first time all season at 9-8 overall (9-4 WHAC).

The conference mark keeps the Crusaders in a third-place tie with Cornerstone and Indiana Tech. The host Cardinals dropped to 10-9 overall and 5-8 in the WHAC.

In a game that featured 15 lead changes and 11 ties, it was the Crusaders who pulled ahead in the waning minutes as Kacy Robinson (Clarkston, Mich./Clarkston High School) led a late push to score six of the team's final seven

points. Robinson, one of five Crusaders in double figures, finished with 15 points after pacing the team offensively in the fourth quarter.

As part of her late scoring burst, Robinson connected on what would stand as the game-winning basket at the 2:24 mark of the fourth quarter.

After the teams exchanged defensive stops, the Cardinals pulled to within one (73-72) with 35 seconds remaining when Kari Borowiak dropped in two of her 16 points. A Crusader turnover gave the ball back to the Cardinals with eight seconds, but Becca Sabol (Shelby Twp., Mich./Concordia-Ann Arbor) was there to stuff the hosts' attempt and preserve the hard-fought conference victory.

Sabol forced Borowiak into a tough attempt from under the basket, corralling the ball for the Crusaders before fouling and hitting a free throw at the other end to give the Crusaders a 74-72 advantage. Sabol would intentionally miss the back end of her two free throw attempts, leaving the Cardinals with 0.6 seconds to hope for a full-court miracle.

The Cardinals' first attempt would fail but the teams were brought

back from their respective locker rooms as a half-second was put back on the clock due to a timeout called by the hosts. After getting another chance, the Cardinals' last-second heave fell short.

Shara Long (Plymouth, Mich./Salem High School) paced a balanced Crusaders effort with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Long, a freshman forward, recorded the lone double-double of the night for the Crusaders despite battling foul trouble for the second consecutive game. The freshman was followed by Robinson with 15 points, while sophomore guard Lindsey Hernden (Washington, Mich./Romeo High School) went 9-of-10 from the charity stripe to post 14 points.

Cris Harper (Sterling Heights, Mich./Lake Superior State) and Sabol tallied 10 points each to round out five Crusaders in double figures scoring. Justice Dean (Garden City, Mich./Garden City High School) posted seven points and recorded the assist on Robinson's game-winning field goal with 2:24 remaining.

Brianna Rowe led the Cardinals with 21 points, while Karlee Morris earned a double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Charity Preview, AutoGlow benefit children's charities



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

Preview, the kickoff to the 2016 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS). Since Charity Preview's inception in 1976, the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) has raised more than \$105.2 million. More than 13,000 people were puttin' on the glitz. The 25th Anniversary

An unprecedented \$5.2 million was raised for southeastern Michigan children's charities Friday, Jan. 15, at Charity

of AutoGlow at Ford Field, followed Charity Preview. Presented by Ford Motor Company since its inception, AutoGlow netted \$300,000 on Jan. 15 for The Children's Center in Detroit.

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Ford Motor Company employees Omar Odeh of South Lyon, Ryan Cashman of Ann Arbor, Cristina Aquino of Farmington Hills and Matt Zuehik of Northville attend the 25th Anniversary of AutoGlow at Ford Field.



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Farmington Hills residents Ken and Chris Lewis have a festive time at AutoGlow, a benefit for The Children's Center.



Julie Yolles
Canton residents Teresa Madden and Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, attend the Ford-sponsored 25th Anniversary AutoGlow.



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Dawn and Scott LaRiche, past-chairman of the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Charity Preview. Scott LaRiche, executive manager and vice president of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township, was recently nominated for the 2016 Time Dealer of the Year.



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Ford Corporate Alliance Manager and AutoGlow Committee member Renee Godfrey and her husband, Brian Godfrey, live in Plymouth.

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BARRETT, ROSEMARY ALICE
Age 87 of Newnan, Georgia, went home to be with her Lord on December 27, 2015. Rosemary was born on August 25, 1928 in Detroit, Michigan to the late George and Alice Louise Campbell Pascoe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Jane Barbara, Joan Cotter and Robert (everybody's Uncle Bob) Pascoe. At the age of 16 she was salutatorian of her 1945 Detroit Eastern High School graduating class. She went on to earn an associates degree in Business Administration from the Detroit Institute of Technology where she met the love of her life and favorite dancing partner, Don Barrett. Rosemary and Don celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this past February. Rosemary was an exceptionally kind, loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, affectionately known as Nanny. She served in numerous volunteer positions while raising her four children in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She was a spelling whiz, a gifted seamstress, an eternal optimist and an animal lover; accepting every pet her kids brought home. She enjoyed gardening and headed the Alter Guild at her family church in Michigan, Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, before moving to Douglasville in 1983 when Don bought Douglas County Chrysler - Dodge. In Douglasville, she and Don attended worship at First United Methodist Church of Douglasville. Rosemary served as President of the Douglasville Garden Club and volunteered as a Pink Lady at Douglasville General Hospital. Rosemary is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years, Donald John Barrett of Newnan, daughters and sons-in-law, Jane Hershman of Palatine, IL, Patricia and John Gordy III of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Laurie and Christopher Morgan of Carrollton, GA; son and daughter-in-law, Rolland "Rollie" and Diane Barrett II of Winston Salem, NC.; grandchildren, Sara and Chris Bellis, Melissa Hershman, Elizabeth Barrett, Rolland J. "R.J." Barrett III, Erica and Andrew Dunlap, John Gordy IV, Katherine and Hunter Wilson and Madeline Morgan and great-granddaughter, Lillie Buchanan. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Auditorium at Wesley Woods - Newnan with Chaplain Sharon Edgar officiating. The eulogy was given by her son Rolland Barrett, II. The family received friends at a reception immediately following the service at Wesley Woods where they celebrated Rosemary's wonderful life. The family deeply appreciates the tender loving care Rosemary received for the six years she was in residence at Wesley Woods. Inurnment will follow at a later time at Kirk in the Hills Columbarium in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Sympathies may be sent to the family at www.miller-funeralhome.com. Miller Funeral Home, Tallapoosa, GA



BREEN, MARY
Of Plymouth, 82, passed away December 27, 2015. Beloved wife of Maurice. Mother of Melinda Hale, Maurice II and Moira (Thomas) Haas. Nana of Patrick aka PJ (Lindsey) Sullivan, Matthew Sullivan, Samantha, Jeffrey and Sabrina Hale. Great-Nana of Keira, Shane, Fiona, and Brady Sullivan. Memorial service will be held at Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, DiPonio Room VT500, Livonia, Saturday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made with checks payable to "The Schoolcraft College Foundation," memo "Mary Breen Award of Excellence" mailed to: The Schoolcraft College Foundation, Attn: Mary Breen Award of Excellence, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152.



HARRIS DOLORES (McTAGGART)
January 21, 2016. Age 92 of Livonia. Born March 12, 1923 in Dearborn to the late William and Irene McTaggart. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving sister of Aileen (Stefan) Maga, and the late Shirley and Lawrence. Loving mother of Irene (Paul) Bellfy, Gerald (Susan), Richard (Donette), Cynthia (Habib), Janet (Michael) Natzel, Michael (Carol), Robert (Natalie), Nancy, and Carolyn (Larry) Mulka. Loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Dolores resided in Livonia since 1949. She retired from the City of Livonia Water Department in 1991. Dolores was an original member of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church which opened in 1953 and was very active in the church and Seniors Club. She was loved deeply and will be missed by her family and friends. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (at Ann Arbor Tr.) Sunday from 2-9 p.m. In state Monday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago Rd. (E of Inkster) until time of Mass at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



HUMBLE, NORMA JANE
Age 87, of Dearborn, formerly of Farmington and Grand Haven, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2016 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born July 15, 1928 in Lansing to Vernon and Helen (Smith) Hooper. On June 29, 1949 she married Harold Humble in Middleville, Michigan. Jane was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven where she sang in the choir, was active in United Methodist Women, and was a former Methodist District Chair. She was a talented artist and musician and was a member of the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. She played the xylophone, drums, organ and piano and received many awards for her quilts and paintings. She earned an Education Degree from Western Michigan, a Bachelor's Degree from Wayne State and a Master's degree from The University of Michigan. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse and retired as a media specialist from the Grand Haven Public Schools. She also assisted at a mission school in Kodakanal, India, and volunteered for many charitable organizations while living there. She is lovingly remembered by her husband Harold; four children: Susan (Sridhar) Sridharan, John (Janet) Humble, Jeffrey (Janell) Humble, and Steven (Carolyn) Humble; seven grandchildren; sister Jean Ness and brother Jack Hooper; and a niece and nephew. A memorial open house will take place Saturday, January 30 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Edison Room at Henry Ford Village Retirement Community, 15101 Ford Road, Dearborn, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be given to local food banks. You are invited to share your memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com. The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven, MI

May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.



DOLIN, LYLE W.
Age 82, of Redford, MI, went Home to claim his eternal reward on December 8, 2015. Beloved Husband of Janet (Brodersen) for 55 years and devoted father of four sons: David (Kelly) of Augusta, GA, Glenn (Janice), Greg, and Jeffrey (Mary) of Redford; eight Grandsons: Steven, Tyler, Kevin, Mark, Jake, Tim, Kolbe, John, one beautiful Granddaughter, Ainsley Elizabeth; two Great-Grandsons, Blake and Bradley. He is pre-deceased by his sister Marie Alice McCollom, of W. Bloomfield, MI; and brother, Owen E. Dolin [USN WWII - Battleship "Texas" (Maxine), of LaGrange, KY. Born in Julian, WV, Lyle made Detroit his home in 1951. He enlisted in the USMC during the Korean Conflict and served in the Second Marine Air Wing (1953-1956) out of Cherry Point, NC, and obtained the rank of Staff Sgt. He was an avid reader, mostly of science and history, and enjoyed being a member of the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run. In retirement he also enjoyed membership with the Michigan Treasure Hunters in Livonia. Lyle and Janet pledged their vows at St. Rose of Lima Church in Detroit in 1960. During their marriage of 55 years they were members of St. Agatha Parish in Redford for more than 40 yrs and also attended Gesu, St. Valentine, St. Alexander, and Our Lady of the Rosary Churches. He was blessed with a "faith-filled" life - full of purpose, integrity and generosity. Upon discharge from USMC, Lyle attended Detroit Institute of Technology & WSU in Detroit. Most of his career years were spent in electronics and engineering pursuits at several companies. He retired as an International Sales Administrator in 2001 and enjoyed his status as baby bouncer/soother - "gentleman farmer" and "fisherman extraordinaire" in the years since. Scripture Service and Memorial sharing were held at Step Funeral Home, with Mass of the Resurrection at St. Valentine Church with Fr. Tom Belczak presiding. Final interment with Military Honors was conducted at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery in Holly, MI. Please submit on-line remembrances at charlesstepfuneralhome.com

HITCHCOCK, TED RAYMOND
87 years old, died January 20, 2016 at home with his wife and immediate family present. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lois Marie Blair Hitchcock, and their children: Lynne Hitchcock, Ph.D., Derek (Esther) Hitchcock, Cheryl Hitchcock, and Kent (Janice) Hitchcock. He also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, four nieces, six nephews and their children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: William (Ann) Hitchcock, John Hitchcock, James Hitchcock, Evelyn (James) McGregor-Reed, and Richard Hitchcock. Ted started work at the A&P store when he was 16. During high school he was involved with the naval reserve and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1949. After serving on the front lines, he became the supplies and claims officer at the American base in Japan. Corporal T.R. Hitchcock returned home and married Lois in 1952. Ted was the first and only member of his family to attend college receiving a B.S. in accounting from Wayne State University. He joined the supervisory staff at Hudson's (downtown) after finishing his degree. He became the receiving and supplies manager at Detroit Receiving Hospital in 1962. In 1965, he started with the Transportation and Land Use Study (TALUS) as financial officer. When the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) succeeded TALUS, he became their Finance Director until his retirement in 1992. Ted (and Lois) have been active members of Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church since 1958. He has served as Board chair, church treasurer and with the Constitution and By-Laws committee during various times of his 55 year membership. He helped start the Memorial Garden and the Endowment committee and also was involved in many Gold Plate fund raising dinners. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 2 P.M. at Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway in Southfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northwest Unitarian-Universalist Church Memorial Fund.

May you
find comfort
in family
and friends



SLADE, RUTH
92, of Seminole, Florida, formerly of Stuart, FL and Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Thursday, December 23 at home with her family. She is survived by three daughters, Sandi Banks (Ken) of Seminole, Pam Gustafson (Andy) of Waterford, MI and Peggy Sowders (Greg) of West Chester, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, Ralph. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Suncoast Hospice.



Wishes of
peace to
you and
yours in
this time
of sorrow.

May the
memory of your
loved one...
bring you peace.



Let Dr. Lori appraise your attic treasures at Novi show

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Oh, the treasures Lori Verderame has seen.

During her appearances at more than 150 home improvement shows every year, Verderame, the antiques appraiser known as "Dr. Lori" from Discovery channel's *Auction Kings*, has appraised thousands of items from the public, including:

- » A \$250,000 Calder sculpture
- » A \$500,000 Tiffany lamp
- » A \$2.5 million good luck charm once owned by Napoleon

- » An Apollo 13 moon boot
- » Queen Elizabeth II's coronation shoes

"Fabulous, big numbers, interesting objects. I could go on for years talking about this. So many objects ... Thomas Jefferson's writing desk ... Abraham Lincoln's campaign pin ... George Washington's wallet. The wallet was found at a show, just like the show I'm going to do in Novi."

She'll bring her "Dr. Lori's Antiques Appraisal Comedy Show" to the Novi Home Improvement Show, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 29-31, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. During her appearances, which will run 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, visitors can get one free appraisal. Additional appraisals are \$25 each. A photograph can be substituted for items that are too big to bring to the show.

"I'm the appraiser who will tell you the truth about your object so you can learn the value and sell it for your own gain," she said, during a phone interview this week. "Bring in what you want so I can teach you — here's where you can sell it, here's what it is worth, here's how you can identify it properly."

Verderame said she'll entertain and appraise at the same time while looking at a collection of items from audience members at the Novi show. Everyone who brings an item

will receive an appraisal. She'll also offer advice on preservation, sale negotiation, exhibiting items and more.

"It's nothing like you've ever seen in terms of appraisals. It's fun and you're not waiting in line. Everyone hears everything — 'You have a \$250,000 piece. That's a piece of junk. This is a reproduction.' That's what I do throughout the show. People will sit at my events and enjoy them for learning about everybody



Lori "Dr. Lori" Verderame talks about art, antiques and collectibles during one of her appraisal shows.

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When: 2-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 30-31
Where: Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi
What: Home improvement vendors, displays, presentations
Admission: \$10 adults, ages 13 and up; \$9 senior citizens; free for children, 12 and under
Contact: novihomeshow.com; facebook.com/HBAHomeImprovementandGardenShows

else's objects. I want you to love history and love objects the way I do, because you know what? It's a hell of a lot of fun."

Academic background

Verderame, who was raised in Connecticut and now lives in Pennsylvania, regularly appears on Fox Business Network's *Strange Inheritance*, writes a syndicated column, blogs, has authored more than 30 books and maintains a web-

site and social media presence, including a YouTube channel.

She graduated in 1987 with an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan and earned a Ph.D. in art history from The Pennsylvania State University. Verderame has taught at universities and colleges, and worked at several galleries and museums, including Yale University Art Gallery.

Through the years she has collected bird houses, American art and occasionally crystal, and stresses that she never buys items from her own shows.

"Most pieces I find are from my 93-year-old mother and her sisters," she said, with a laugh.

Verderame advises against selling items at home yard sales and claims that Americans are "giving away the

farm on the front lawn."

"They don't know what they have. They don't know what they're worth," she said. "The \$425,000 painting that was sold in California at a yard sale for \$18 now hangs in the Houston Art Museum. The person at the yard sale wouldn't have taken \$18 if they knew what they had."

"I'll tell you what it is. You've got the stuff. It's in your house. You want someone to tell the truth about it, I'm your girl."

Visit Verderame's website at drloriv.com. See a complete list of Novi Home Improvement Show presentations, displays and vendors at novihomeshow.com.

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Vet's new book helps dog owners recognize canine pain

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

You notice that your dog has stopped using stairs and suddenly doesn't like being petted.

He doesn't run and jump like he used to and tends to stand up front legs first.

He avoids slippery floors, and has stopped initiating play. In fact, he suddenly has started growling at his canine friends and housemates.

Is your dog just slowing down as he ages, or could he be in pain?

Michael Petty, D.M.V., hopes his new book, *Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs*, will give dog owners the information they need to recognize physical and behavioral signs of pain and to understand the kinds of treatment available and where to find it.

"There are certain breeds that are tough and they put up with pain well. In golden retrievers, sometimes pain is advanced before the owner notices," said Petty, adding that animals tend to hide their pain. "Not every dog shows every sign of pain. Some people just think their dogs are just getting lazy or old."

Pain can result from osteoarthritis, surgery, neurological problems and diseases. Most dogs don't yelp when they're in chronic discomfort, but they express the pain through a combination of physical and behavioral signs.

See your vet

Petty, who owns the Arbor Pointe Veterinary Hospital and Arbor Pointe Animal Pain Center in Canton, says a veterinary checkup may be in order if a dog shows some of the pain symptoms described in his



Mike Petty, a Canton veterinarian who specializes in pain management, is the author of a new book about pain in dogs.

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book. Early diagnosis of pain and its source gives veterinarians a better chance of changing or slowing progression of a disease.

"That's when we do the most treatment," he said. "The number one dog I see is the arthritic dog. Unfortunately, they often come to me at a state when they're hard to treat. Not every dog, but 60 percent of dogs over 6 have some degree of arthritis," he said.

"My patients are lucky in that we discuss it earlier. They're always asking me about it."

The second most common pain problem he sees in dogs is acute pain from a back issue, such as a slipped disc.

Some owners bring their

dogs for diagnosis after they've developed a limp.

"We do a thorough physical exam to look for neurological issues. The second thing we need to do is to take them to the x-ray machine," Petty said. "We have to know if it is arthritis and nothing else. Recently we had a case where the owner thought the dog had arthritis and it turned out to be a bone tumor."

Lessening pain

Petty tailors pain treatment to the dog and its owner. He might try acupuncture, for example, but also prescribe weight loss if the dog is carrying too many pounds. Laser therapy can reduce inflammation, but he generally uses it in

Dr. Michael Petty
**DR. PETTY'S
PAIN RELIEF
FOR DOGS**

The Complete Medical and
Integrative Guide to Treating Pain



Mike Petty's new book discusses signs of pain in dogs, treatment options and finding a veterinarian with pain management expertise.

conjunction with another treatment, such as rehabilitation therapy, massage or medications. Even simple treatment, like icing after surgery, can go a long way toward mitigating pain.

"Another thing in the book that is useful is I spend an entire chapter on what you can do if your dog is in pain and you don't have money for high-end treatment," he said. "I discuss what kinds of things can be done as alternatives." A dog owner might try massage or rehab therapy — with some professional guidance — on their own. Some pharmaceutical companies also may help subsidize the cost of pain medications.

Petty said he wrote *Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs* because he wants dog owners to know "what's real and not pop medicine," when they seek

pain treatment for their pets.

Married and the father of two grown daughters, Petty owns two Portuguese water dogs and lives in Superior Township. He received his D.M.V. degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980. After graduation he studied pain management and became certified as a veterinary pain practitioner and a canine rehabilitation therapist, and in medical veterinary acupuncture. He also became a diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management.

Dr. Petty's Pain Relief for Dogs, available at Amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, also stresses the responsibilities that comes with pet ownership.

"I sometimes see people buy pets and the minute they get old and smelly they become an inconvenience. I wish they came with warning labels saying they will require love throughout their lives, and that they will get old and require medical care."

Petty will be on hand at a book launch set for 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Nicola's Books, in the Westgate Shopping Center, 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor. The event also will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley's Bountiful Bowls program. Visitors are asked to donate pet food to the program, which supplies free dog and cat food to financially-strapped pet owners. For more information, call Nicola's Books at 734-662-0600.

Petty includes book excerpts on his website, arborpointe.com

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Columnist faces her toughest parenting challenge when baby is hospitalized

Sarah Davies
Guest Columnist

Holidays last month were fun-filled and busy, and went by so fast. Following Christmas, my sweet little pea started to catch a cold. We've been through this before, sitting-up all night with the humidifier on high and baby girl coughing all night long.

We spent New Year's Eve curled up together with runny noses and barking coughs. But come the New Year, my little girl just didn't seem to be getting much better. After a trip to the doctor, I was informed my little girl may have the croup, and the nurse administered a steroid in hopes of minimizing the symptoms. But low and behold, the following morning, there were no signs of improvement, and in fact, my daughter's illness was getting worse. So we took our first trip to the

emergency room.

After a breathing treatment or two, my daughter's oxygen levels still were lower than the doctors had hoped, and they admitted her to Mott Children's Hospital. She didn't have respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which was great, but she wasn't well enough to go home. I spent the next three days with her, lying in a hospital bed while she was hooked to oxygen. There were a few instances when the nurses had to do some pretty miserable things to my sweetie, but she was a trooper and handled everything as best as she probably could.

Parenting challenge

Having a child in the hospital has so far been the scariest part of parenthood for me. I felt helpless as she didn't understand what was happening, and although I tried to explain it and comfort her, I

could tell she was scared. My heart felt so heavy; I wanted so badly to just rock my sweet baby to sleep and have her wake up feeling great. It was painful to watch her scream when the nurses had to work on her, but I knew that being at Mott's we were in the best place for her. The doctors and nurses took such great care of her, and we left there a few days later feeling much better.

Once we got home, my daughter wanted nothing more than to be held and snuggled. It was heartwarming, but also made me feel bad. I knew she wanted to be held so much because of her recent trauma of being in the hospital. I wish she could understand more that our medical trip was necessary and that without it she wouldn't feel good, but of course a 1-year-old doesn't have the mental ability to grasp that concept.

Now that my sweet pea is feeling better, things of course have started to fall back into normality. She is laughing and clapping, and even walking around, although she still prefers to crawl (I think she is trying to become a professional crawler.) My daughter is learning to communicate well, with oohs and ahhs and garble that she uses when she tries to repeat what you have said. She is full of energy and back to herself, brightening up every room she enters.

My favorite part of my sweetie being healthy again is her desire to want to give me kisses throughout the day. There is nothing more precious than an open-mouthed, wet, sloppy kiss right on the lips from your baby.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes about the ups and downs of single parenthood. Email her at sarahmari Davies@gmail.com.



Sarah Davies and her daughter, Grace

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Livonia Garden Club

Keith Berven will present "Growing Beautiful Dahlias" at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Civic Park Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. Berven is a professor in the biology department at Oakland University and co-president of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society. For more information, email lgcpresident@yahoo.com or visit livoniagardenclub.org.

Holiday Nature Preserve

Naturalist-led hikes through the preserve are



Make a fairy garden Feb. 6, at English Gardens stores.

set for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6, starting at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The hike on Jan. 30 is

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for participants age 6 and older and will focus on animals that are active in the winter. Hikers also will look for plant seed capsules and enjoy a bonfire after the walk. Cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for county residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for non-Wayne County residents.

The hike in February is for adults and will focus on identifying native floodplain trees and shrubs. Cost is \$3 per person for Wayne County residents and \$4 per person for non-residents.

Buy tickets for the events at the Wayne County Parks office at

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Or call 734-261-1990.

Stoneflies

The Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers to search for stoneflies Saturday, Feb. 13. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and then carpool to Rouge streams located in metro Detroit. Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Sign-up by Jan. 29 at therouge.org or call 313-792-9621.

English Gardens

» See a fresh flower arranging demonstration at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30. Make and take home an arrangement in a vase for \$29.99 at 2:30 p.m. Register at EnglishGardens.com for the workshop. The demonstration is free.

» Learn about fairy and miniature gardens during a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Make a fairy garden for \$24.99 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up for the "Make It & Take It Workshop" online.

» Get tips on attracting birds to your yard

during a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Kids can make a bird treat for \$5 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up online for the kid's workshop.

» Orchid experts will offer an overview of orchids and tips on repotting them during a free presentation from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Make an orchid garden for \$24.99 at 2:30 p.m. Sign up online.

Local stores are 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 248-851-7506.

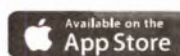


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Slow cooker, freezing leftovers can help busy cooks serve healthful meals

It's been a long day at work and your busy night is just starting. You have errands to run, kids to transport and homework to help with. Suddenly your stomach starts to rumble and it reminds you dinner is another item you need to add to the to-do list. Looks like it is going to be another fast food dinner, right? Wrong! Being busy doesn't have to mean sacrificing eating well.

The best thing you can do is prepare all of your ingredients for the week in advance. This means cutting vegetables, trimming the meat and measuring spices, then packaging them together and putting them in the refrigerator. With the prep work out of the way, you can throw everything together in a snap and dinner is ready in no time.

Not a big fan of kitchen prep? There are several services that will deliver healthy,



Kristine Godbold
GUEST COLUMNIST

measured ingredients to your door. All you have to do is follow the recipe provided. How simple is that!

Simple, balanced

Home cooked healthy meals don't have to be complex or gourmet — just balanced. When planning meals keep the USDA's Choose My Plate guidelines in mind and pick meal components from the food groups: protein, grains, fruits, vegetables and dairy. Remember the key to balanced, healthy eating is portion size. Portions aren't universal for children and adults because they have different nutritional requirements. To gain more information about por-

tion sizes and recommended servings, visit choosemyplate.gov.

Make cooking a family activity. Have the kids help with setting the table, preparing the vegetables or even choosing the menu. Visit whatscooking.fns.usda.gov for tools such as a menu builder that helps create a shopping list. There are also recipes, tips on budget friendly meals and sample menus.

Use leftovers

Have a pot of soup bubbling away on the stove? Don't throw the extras away! Freeze and save for another day. You also can double other recipes throughout the week and freeze half to have later in the month.

Set it and forget it — that's how easy food preparation with a slow cooker can be. In the morning, place your measured and prepared ingredi-

ents into the slow cooker, turn it on and go to work. When you return, you'll be hit by the wonderful smell of a healthy dinner and have a delicious, ready-to-eat meal waiting for you to set the table.

Eating out

Even if you are following these tips, there will still be nights when you just can't swing eating at home. Don't fret. Eating out can still mean eating healthy. Besides the obvious tips like avoiding fried foods consider the following:

» Skip the fancy drinks. You already know soda isn't the best, but those drinks made from mixes on the menu like piña colodas, margaritas and even the smoothies, sometimes are full of sugar. Don't drink your calories. Water is always best choice.

» Ask for dressing and sauces on the side. Instead of covering your meal with a

sauce, dip your fork in it and then pick up your morsel. You'll still get the flavor but with fewer calories.

» Are there fries with that? Ask to substitute sides with little nutritional value for steamed vegetables, a side salad or fruit.

» Order a box when you order your meal. Restaurant portions are oversized. When your meal arrives, put half of it in the box. You'll not only have lunch for the next day but you will also avoid the pitfall of picking at your plate after you're already full just because the food is there.

Kristine Godbold is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. She has more than 15 years of experience providing nutrition therapy to adults. Her philosophy is good nutrition is the cornerstone to good health.

Upcoming events focus on mental health



L.J. McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

Some lesser known and popular events related to mental health are scheduled for the upcoming weeks as we push on through our Michigan winter. Here's a sampling:

Feb. 12 — Dance

The second annual Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine Prom and Dinner Dance runs from 6-9 p.m. at 242 Church Community Center, 7526 Grand River Ave., Brighton.

The evening of special events includes a formal attire dinner dance designed by volunteers for people with special needs. There will be a grand red carpet entrance to the prom, music, dancing and a dinner.

The event is open and free to the public for individuals 16 years and older who have any kind of special needs, including those with developmental disabilities, mental illness, stroke and traumatic brain injuries.

For more information, visit www.242community.com/ nighttoshine or call Brighton's 242 Center at 810-231-0190.

March 2 — Choir concert

Next on deck is the 18th annual Therapy Choirs of Michigan's Capitol Concert, which will be held in the beautiful rotunda/atrium of Michigan's Capitol building in Lansing.

The event will recognize the first week of March as Choir-therapy Awareness Week in Michigan. Therapy Choirs of Michigan is a nonprofit organization comprised of individuals with special needs and volunteer voices from the community.

Performances carry on the



Len McCulloch, director of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, sings along with its youngest member, Nicholas Johnson, at the Carnival of Care. This year's carnival will be held in April in Sterling Heights.

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tradition of professionals and volunteers helping people with special needs through the medium of the performing art of choir therapy. TCM, which has received a proclamation of success by the U.S. Senate, was created and is co-directed by psychotherapist Len McCulloch and businesswoman Sherry Cantrell.

TCM will perform from noon to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

March 19 — Fundraiser

The National Association of Mental Illness-Metro (NAMI-Metro) will hold its annual fundraiser and dinner with entertainment at the Livonia Marriott Hotel.

NAMI-Metro represents

individuals with special needs from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. This agency provides important resources of mental health advocacy and treatment services for members of our community with various forms of mental illness.

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$70 for non-members. The entertainment will include a performance by the Therapy choir of Michigan and a magician performing feats on a mental health theme. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell will share her story of growing up in a family that included individuals with mental illness. The live auction/fundraiser will be hosted by Dan Leach (The voice of 97.1 The Ticket).

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.nami-metro.org or call the event coordinator at 248-348-7197.

April 3 — Carnival of Care

The annual Carnival of Care will be held in Sterling Heights this year. This event has been a remarkable success in our communities for several years. It celebrates members of our society who have special needs, their caregivers, their families and their service providers, many of whom are part of Michigan's unique auto-no-fault insurance program.

The carnival-like atmosphere will include games, lunch, entertainment and numerous raffled door prizes.

The program is free and open to the public. The Therapy Choir of Michigan will once again perform at center stage, at noon, giving a demonstration of their "Tour of Hope." Contact www.carnivalofcare.org for more information.

Hopefully, there are many readers of this column who can plan who can plan ahead and schedule attendance at one or more of the above events in the spirit of decreasing stigma and raising awareness of those in need of help and hope.

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Celiac support

The Tri County Celiac Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 8, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Criscia Pemberton, a clinical psychologist, will talk about living with celiac disease. Admission is free for members; non-members pay \$10. tcscg.net

Hearing loss support

Michael Seidman, an otolaryngologist, will present a question-and-answer session on "common ear problems and their solutions" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afearack@comcast.net.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders



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Attend a support group, health screening or educational session.

such as anorexia, bulimia and exercise compulsion is held from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

Amputee support

The Amputee Support Group meets from 2-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in Classroom #1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. For more information, call 734-655-2837.

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. For more information, visit www.ymca-detroit.org.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets from 6-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is

accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. Meetings open to families. For directions, call Nancy at 734-536-3457.

Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. For more information, call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. For more information, call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free

CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic from 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

Eating disorders

A support group for individuals with anorexia, bulimia and compulsive and binge eating disorders meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building, on the Garden City Hospital campus, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City; For more information, call 734-324-3089.

Lung cancer support

Thoracic surgeon David Sternberg, M.D. leads a support group for anyone living with cancer and their loved ones from 6-7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, at Beaumont Cancer Center - Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230, Farmington Hills; 248-473-4828.

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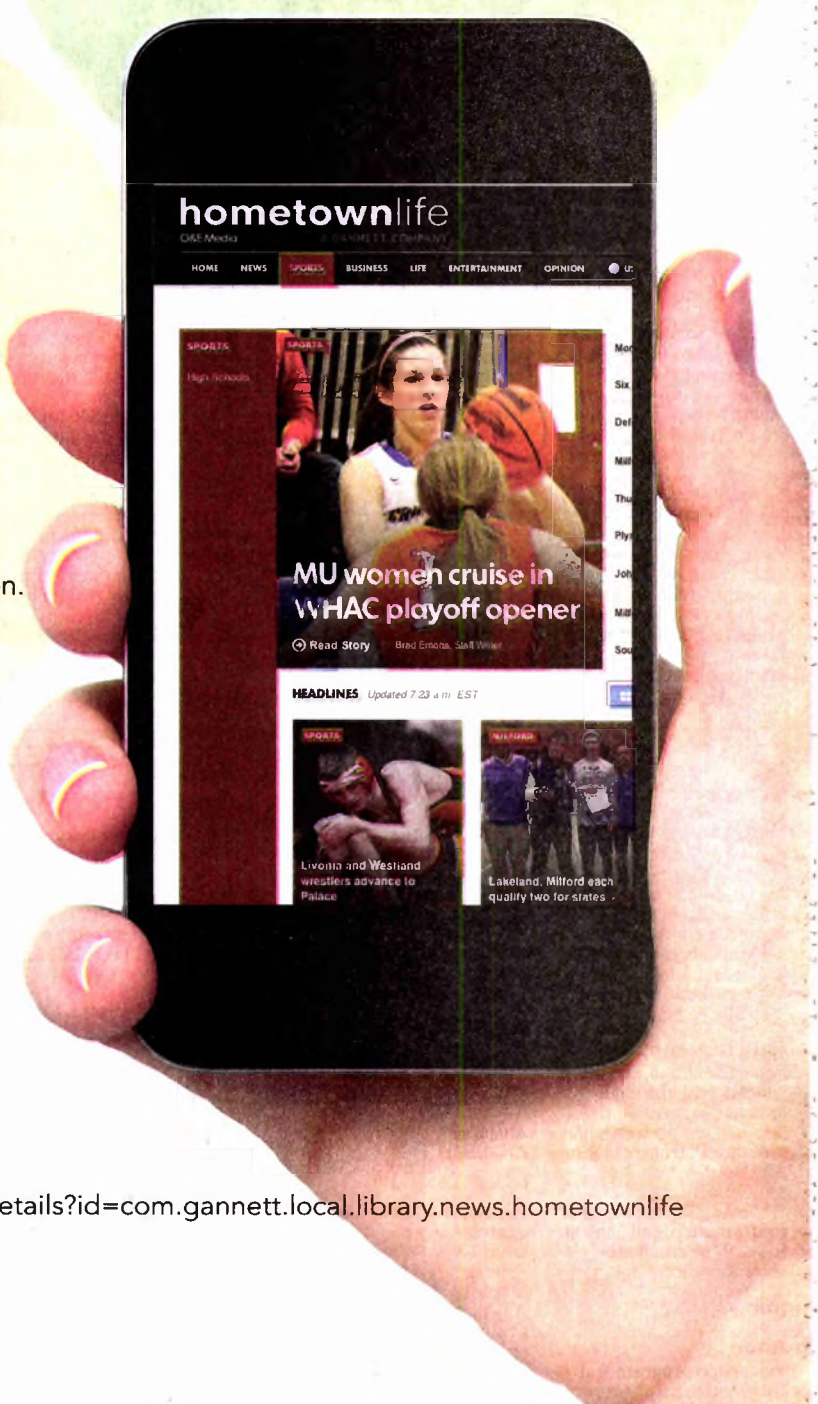
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