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Regional building to replace four K-8 Catholic schools in 2016-17

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With enrollment declining and the financial picture fading, Ann Tonissen knew changes would be coming to the Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic schools serving western Wayne County.

She was right. The Archdiocese will close four schools in the area — St. Genevieve in Livonia, St. Robert Bellarmine in Redford, St. Raphael in Garden City and St. Damian in Westland — and combine them into one regional K-8 school, beginning in August for the 2016-17 school year.

Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School opens its doors on the campus of the current St. Raphael, near Merriman and Ford in Garden City. Tonissen, currently the principal at St. Genevieve, will be the principal at Divine Mercy. To prepare, Divine Mercy has scheduled an open house noon to 2

p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31, on the grounds of St. Raphael, 3500 Beechwood in Garden City. "We knew in advance this decision was coming," said Tonissen, in her fifth year at St. Genevieve. "In order to make it a stronger school, (the Archdi-

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The international auto show in Detroit had nothing on the preschool auto show at Willow Creek.

BRAD KADRICH

Wayne fatal accident trial rescheduled

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An April 25 trial has been scheduled for a Detroit woman charged with second-degree murder in a crash that killed a Romulus woman.

Onika Adrenelle-Cannon Fields, 40, is also charged with driving while her license was suspended causing a death in the Aug. 12 incident. The jury trial had been scheduled to begin Monday before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Skutt.

Free on bond, Fields is charged with running a red light at the intersection of Merriman and Van Born in Wayne. Her vehicle then collided with a vehicle driven by Alzada Dolencic, 67, who had to be cut from car by the Jaws of Life. A recent Livonia Schools retiree, Dolencic was airlifted to the hospital where she died.



Fields

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AMAZING AUTOS



Stephanie Zann of Westland helps her 4-year-old daughter, Clare, with her car based on the "Pete the Cat" book series.



Cameron Brown, 4, got help from mom Amanda and his dad, Tom, in building this Mustang for the Willow Creek auto show. The Browns live in Westland.



Tessa Pettit (right) had plenty of room for classmate Maribel Michaeli.

Trial set for Wayne man accused in fire

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

A Wayne man is set to go to trial before a Wayne County jury next week on charges of attempted murder for an incident that took place in Livonia.

Jonathan Darlington, 46, has a jury trial scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning before Wayne County Judge Dana Hathaway in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, according to online court records. Darlington is charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of first-degree arson, two counts of placing offensive substance with intent to cause physical injury, one count of arson-preparation to burn a dwelling and habitual offender fourth offense.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison. Livonia police said Darlington and several other individuals were squatting



Darlington

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DETROIT CAR SHOW HAS NOTHING ON WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOLERS

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

While thousands of people streamed through Cobo Arena in downtown Detroit last week to get a look at the North American International Auto Show, dozens of others were viewing a much smaller — but infinitely cuter — car

show miles away. At Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Westland, 3-year-old and 4-year-old students were lining up behind the cars they designed for the school's annual car show, which featured everything from a Batmobile to the classic Ford Mustang.

"We've been doing this for years,"

said Darlene Taig, the school's teacher/director. "When it started, it was pretty much all cardboard boxes. It has really evolved."

The car show ties in with a unit of education on transportation, and serves a dual purpose: Teach the

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SCHOOL

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ocese) decided to make it a regional school."

As it has been at most public schools, enrollment in the Catholic schools has been declining in recent years. Tonissen said when she started at St. Genevieve five years ago, the school had some 175 students. Enrollment there now hovers around 100.

Students from those four parishes will now make up the student body of Divine Mercy, Tonissen said, though students from outside those areas will certainly be welcome. She said the school has a top goal of about 250 students, and she'll be happy if it opens with about 200.

Tonissen was one of seven candidates to interview with the panel, which included pas-



BRAD KADRICH
Ann Tonissen, currently principal at St. Genevieve in Livonia, will head the new regional school in Garden City.

tors from the three churches and a couple of representatives from the Archdiocese. She said she wanted the job because it provided an opportunity to start a building from the ground up.

"It's very exciting to

OPENING DOORS

What: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School open house

When: Sunday, Jan. 31, noon to 2 p.m.

Where: On the grounds of the current St. Raphael, 3500 Beechwood, in Garden City

Who: Any parents/students interested in learning more about the school, which replaces St. Genevieve in Livonia, St. Damian in Westland, St. Raphael in Garden City and St. Robert Ballarmino in Redford.

Details: For more information, call 734-425-9771

open a new school," she said. "I've had the unfortunate experience of being at a couple of schools that have been closed. It's exciting to be there to open a new entity."

Divine Mercy will retain the same tenets of Catholic school teachings that happen at the four schools now — "It'll be the same rigorous and challenging curriculum," she said — and will look to add some "enrichment" courses — maybe a Space Camp, a LEGO camp, etc. — during the summer, something that isn't offered now.

Still, she said it's "sad" to think St. Genevieve, which started some five decades ago, will no longer be part of the educational community. Teachers at the school will try to make its final year a special one.

"There's a sadness any time you see a school have to close," Tonissen said. "The goal is to make this year extra special, so when they leave, they know they had fun."

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Of course, with all those cars, the kids took in a drive-in movie, complete with popcorn.

CAR SHOW

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kids about transportation, and give the families — who actually have an ownership stake in the school — a project they can work on together.

Parents help their kids, but give the kids the final say in the design of the car. One grandfather got in on the act, helping his grandchild build a Zamboni.

Four-year-old Clare Zann of Westland built her car, with help from her mother, Stephanie Zann, based on the popular "Pete the Cat" book series. Clare did the painting and chose the elements; Mom had to determine how it all came together.

"Clare likes 'Pete the Cat,' they have one at school that she likes to bring home," Stephanie said. "It was fun, because we got to do it together. Clare enjoyed picking out stuff, and Mom enjoyed trying to figure out how to put it together."

The school serves families in Westland,



BRAD KADRICH
Maribel Michaeli of Garden City closes the door once she's inside her car.

Canton, Garden City and surrounding communities. Parents at Willow Creek, located on the grounds of Kirk of Our Savior Church (though the school is not affiliated with the church), own and operate the school — "They all have jobs here," Taig said — so getting involved in the car show was nothing new.

It was 4-year-old Cameron Brown who put together the classic Mus-

tang, with lots of help from Mom and Dad (Amanda and Tom Brown of Westland).

"We did it as a family project," Amanda Brown said. "Tom did the body, we all painted it, and it was my job to do the detailing. (But) Cameron had the final say on everything."

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TRIAL

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According to police, Fields had crashed into another vehicle after running a red light at

Middlebelt and Van Born in Westland and fled, causing a second accident after running another red light, this time at Merriman and Van Born.

A not guilty plea was entered for Fields at her arraignment. If convict-

ed, she could face up to life in prison.

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FIRE

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Sept. 19 in a building in the 27800 block of Plymouth Road, just west of Inkster, last fall when Darlington set the building on fire.

One witness, an individual staying in the building with Darlington, said during his preliminary examination last fall that Darlington had gotten into an argument with her and asked her to

leave the building. She said he then struck her with a wrench. She and another individual then went to another part of the building and proceeded to go to sleep. The two later woke up to smoke and fire in the building.

Police and firefighters were called to the scene that morning by one of the victims. Crews put out the fire and Darlington was later arrested by police under suspicion of starting the blaze. The Livonia Fire Department's report indicated

some kind of accelerant was poured onto a stack of paper and books before it was set ablaze.

Darlington was bound over to circuit court back in October by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanaugh, who found there to be probable cause for all the charges. He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond, where he has been since September.

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The accuracy test will be conducted for the **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION** to be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**, in the City of Livonia.

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Teen's 'outside the box' project benefits Humane Society

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ray Morrison, 17, of Westland held a can and bottle drive to benefit the Michigan Humane Society in Westland. He's a senior at Lutheran High School Westland.

He is the son of Laura and Bill Morrison of Westland. This is the second can and bottle drive he's done for the MHS.

His mom explained her son needed community service hours at Lutheran High Westland. "He does a lot of community service. He

He contributed over \$500 last year and over \$1,000 this year to the Michigan Humane Society. Morrison increased the number of neighborhood fliers he used this year.

wanted to do something outside the box," Laura Morrison said.

Morrison distributed fliers in his neighborhood seeking cans and bottles. "He just couldn't believe, the whole neighborhood, people contributed," she said.

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\$500 last year and over \$1,000 this year to the Michigan Humane Society. Morrison increased the number of neighborhood fliers he used this year.

"It was a lot of fun," the teen said. "I already beat my goal." He raised \$1,088.40 this year and agreed

his neighbors were a big help.

"I would tell them it's a lot of fun. It's a great way to give back to the community," Morrison said when asked his advice on another young person doing such a project. His home has a cat, Dingo, and he noted it's especially good for pet owners.

Morrison plans to study computer science in college, and doesn't know yet where he'll attend college.



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Ray Morrison and Buttercup, a just-adopted shepherd mix.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Daddy/daughter banquet

Warren Road Church announced a Valentine Daddy/Daughter Banquet on Friday, Feb. 12, from 7-9 p.m. The event will feature dinner, a DJ providing music and a photographer to capture a special keepsake memory of the evening. Tickets are \$15 per family and space is limited.

Call Warren Road Church at 734-458-7301 to purchase tickets.

Motown Sound

The Livonia Civic Center Library, in celebration of Black History Month, is hosting a celebratory and informative program on the "Origins of the Motown Sound" presented by Joel Stone

T-shirt donation



David Malhalab of Dearborn Heights and his sister, Ruth, donated more than 300 brand new T-Shirts to Vista Maria Girls Home in Dearborn Heights, with Kelly Chytry of Westland (right), a VM staffer, accepting them on behalf of the 160 girls who live on the campus. Vista Maria has programs that provide abused and neglected girls with emotional, education, psychological and spiritual guidance to facilitate their transition to adulthood as productive, contributing members of society. The T-Shirts were purchased for donation to Vista Maria at the MSU Surplus Store in Lansing.

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of the Detroit Historical Society.

Stone is senior curator of the Society, which oversees the Detroit Historical Museum, and roughly some 250,000 artifacts in the City of Detroit's collection.

This is a free event and will take place in the library's auditorium Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes followed by a brief question and answer session.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library is sponsoring a three-day used book sale Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 7, from 1-5 p.m. There will

be many books including fiction, history, mystery, religious, and cookbooks as well as special books. Good prices will be on all the books.

On Sunday February 7, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The Civic Center Library is located at 32777 Five Mile Road. For additional 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 Thursday, Jan. 28, from 6-7:30 p.m., 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 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 hosts 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

Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more.

All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot. Any additional questions should be directed to 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 Fallout 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.

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.

'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 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.

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The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company and the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Administrative Offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, February 9th, 2016** to Livonia Administrative Offices (address above), Attn: Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

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A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for **Thursday, January 28th, 2016 at 3:00 pm** at the Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Please meet at the South Cafeteria. **This walk through is not mandatory, but highly recommended.**

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at a meeting convened at the Livonia Administrative Offices Lower Board Room starting at **2:00 pm February 9, 2016**. Post-bid interviews will be held on February 10th - February 19th at the office of the George W. Auch Company OR Livonia Administration Office; the low responsive bidder must be prepared to meet on these days.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or Superintendent of the Livonia Public Schools. All bids must be accompanied by a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. Also include the Equal Opportunity Form. Forms are included in the bid proposals.

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Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance

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Man, teen charged in purse snatching

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two Romulus residents are facing charges stemming from a purse being snatched from an elderly woman in Westland.

Westland Police aren't releasing the name of the defendant who actually grabbed the 83-year old woman's purse outside

Value World, 35400 Central City Parkway, Dec. 9. He is a 16-year-old facing charges as a juvenile.

Brent Gray, 18, is charged with participating in the purse snatching and identified as being the getaway driver during the incident, along with using the victim's stolen credit cards.

Entering a not guilty

plea, Gray was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court on charges of un-

armed robbery, larceny from a person, stealing/retaining another's financial transaction device without their



Gray

consent and the illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device. He posted \$20,000/10-percent bond and is required to wear a GPS tether until his arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The victim told police that as she was exiting her vehicle and putting her purse on her shoulder when someone ran up

behind her, grabbed the purse and ran away from the scene on foot.

Officers investigating at the scene were able to obtain surveillance footage from another nearby business. It showed the suspect fleeing into a vehicle that was parked nearby. The vehicle was already occupied by an unknown driver.

The Westland Police

Detective Bureau obtained information about the victim's credit card being used in multiple cities. The subsequent investigation resulted in the identification and arrest of the two suspects.

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GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Larceny

Just before 7 a.m. Jan. 22, police were called to a home in the 32000 block of Kathryn about a woman refusing to leave. The homeowner identified the Plymouth woman as his former girlfriend.

The woman had called the Garden City man for a ride from her job at the Hustler Club when her expected ride fell through. The man said he used Uber to pick the woman up along with another couple and all returned to the Garden City home.

The former girlfriend had initially told him she had no money, the home-

owner said, then waived around several hundred dollars in cash. When asked to pay for the ride, the man said she told him that she only had hundreds. The man said he paid for the ride.

The woman told police she counted her cash — over \$400 — in the bathroom and then put it inside her bra before going to sleep on a love seat in the living room. She said the former boyfriend slept on a couch nearby. When she woke up, the woman said the money was missing.

After the woman got angry and was yelling, the homeowner told her to leave but she refused. He denied taking her

money and suggested that she may have lost it.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Jan. 23, a Livonia man told police that someone had smashed the window on his vehicle while it was parked at Roma's, 32550 Cherry Hill. The stereo had been stolen.

The man told police that a utility bill found in the car, addressed to a woman at Port Huron address, didn't belong to him or anyone he knew.

LeAnne Rogers

WAYNE COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 4000 block of Fourth told police Jan. 25 that someone had broken into her vehicle while it was parked on the street. The vehicle had unspecified damage and the woman reported some medications had been stolen.

Suspicious circumstances

On Jan. 25, a resident in the area of Garfield and Madison told police that there were two men going around the neighborhood knocking on doors claiming to be taking surveys for Wall-side Windows. They were

gone in an unknown direction when officers responded.

Larceny

Police were called to 7-Eleven, 33920 Van Born, Jan. 22 after an employee reported a man had stolen a \$5 bottle of wine. She said two men entered the store and she kept an eye on one due to previous problems with him.

The employee told police she watched the man go down an aisle, take the bottle of wine and conceal it inside his clothing before leaving the store.

The other suspect had stopped to talk with the clerk while the shop-

lifting was taking place. Surveillance video showed the two talking outside the store with the second suspect giving an unknown amount of money to the man who took the wine. The men then can be seen walking off in different directions.

Community meeting

Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag will hold his monthly community meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Wayne Police Department, 33701 E. Michigan Ave., just east of Howe. Everyone is invited to attend.

LeAnne Rogers

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» A Westland man told police Jan. 22 that someone had used his debit card to make a purchase of \$142 on Jan. 20 at an H&M clothing store in New Jersey. He said he still had the card in his possession.

» On Jan. 21, a Westland man told police that the previous day someone had used his debit/credit card without his permission to spend \$150

at Macy's in Edison, New Jersey.

» A Westland man told police Jan. 19 that on Jan. 1 someone had used his debit/credit card without permission to spend \$196. He said one charge was in Indiana, the other in Ypsilanti. He said he didn't know how anyone got his card information.

» After being alerted to an overdraft on her debit card account, a Westland woman told police Jan. 21 that she

found someone had used her card number Jan. 19 to spend nearly \$700 without permission at Sam's Club in Grand Blanc.

» A Westland man told police Jan. 21 that he was contacted by phone about an unpaid balance on his PayPal account, but the man said he's never had a PayPal account.

Break-in

The furnace and water heater were reported

stolen from a vacant HUD home in the 1500 block of S. Carlson on Jan. 21. A management company employee reported the theft, which had happened since Jan. 18. The missing items were valued at \$700.

Counterfeit bills

An unidentified woman told police Jan. 21 that she had \$20 and \$100 bills she suspected were counterfeit. The officer said it was immediately

clear that the bills were phony with the wrong type of paper and no embedded security strip.

Fraud

A Detroit man told police Jan. 20 that he lost his state unemployment benefits debit card at a gas station in Detroit on Dec. 24. While the card was missing, he said about \$240 was spent, including \$43 at a Westland Little Caesars store. There were other trans-

actions in Romulus, Farmington and Dearborn/Dearborn Heights.

Vandalism

On Jan. 22, a resident in the 32000 block of Muskegon Court told police that someone had apparently shot a rear window on her home with a BB gun causing a divot. She said it was recently noticed but had no idea when it happened.

LeAnne Rogers

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Former Schoolcraft culinary chief remembered as 'good soul'

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When officials at Schoolcraft College were contemplating establishing a culinary program in the mid-1960s, they brought in a man named Herman Breithaupt to design it.

Then they brought his son, Robert Breithaupt, in to run the program. The younger Breithaupt ran the program for 29 years until his retirement in 1987. The program has grown into a renowned destination for culinary artists.

Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress, who came to Schoolcraft in 1981, remembered Breithaupt, who died at age 89 on Jan. 16 in Charlevoix, as an "affable, pretty laid-back guy."

"He was a very easy-

going guy," Jeffress said. "He was a good soul."

According to information provided on the Winchester Funeral Home website, Breithaupt was born Sept. 1, 1926, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Herman and Ida (Seltzer) Breithaupt. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from 1944-1946, in the Asiatic Pacific, and the Philippine Liberation.

He received a Master of Science degree from Schoolcraft College, and spent his whole life working in the food service industry. First as an apprentice, later as a certified culinary educator, owner of his own business, and twenty-five years as Dean of Culinary Arts at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

In 1948, he married Joyce Connie Nations in Detroit, and she preceded



Former Schoolcraft College culinary program director Robert Breithaupt with his wife, Ann. Breithaupt passed away Jan. 16.

ed him in death on April 8, 1990. Following Joyce's death, he made his home in Charlevoix, where he married Gloria Ann Moore on Oct. 21,

1995.

Jeffress remembered Breithaupt's fondness for John Wayne movies and how he incorporated The Duke into his teach-



COURTESY SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Robert Breithaupt in his heyday as the culinary director at Schoolcraft College.

ing. "He would refer to students as 'pilgrim,'" Jeffress recalled. "He was just a good guy." Breithaupt is survived

by his wife, Ann; children, Suzanne McConnell of Dearborn, Theresa (John) McPherson of Livonia, Janet (Jerry) Samples of Pisgah, Ala.; step-children, Pamela Rivard of Harrison Township, John Moore of Holly, William Moore of Cadillac; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Ann Reed of Scotrun, Penn.; daughter-in-law, Janet Breithaupt of Wilmington, N.C.; son-in-law, Michael George McConnell of Redford.

Bob was preceded in death by his son, Robert Breithaupt Jr.; daughter, Catherine; son-in-law, Robert McConnell; brothers, Charles and Herman Breithaupt.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Georgia House, 5191 M-66 Hwy, N., Charlevoix, MI 49720.



COURTESY HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Pastor Monica Villarreal at Salem Lutheran Church in Flint with some of the water that's been donated.

Holy Trinity continues sending water to Flint

Long before Gov. Snyder recognized the need for safe water in Flint, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church member Margaret Ash went into action.

After hearing of the water crisis in Flint last October, Ash contacted Pastor Monica Villarreal at Salem Lutheran Church in Flint and asked her if they needed donations of water from Holy Trinity. Pastor Villarreal happily accepted.

The first delivery of bottled water was made Nov. 3 by Ash and Holy Trinity members Sandy Retz and Jim Robertson. There were so many donations of water, church officials said, that the entire bed of Robertson's F-350 truck was completely full.

More water was collected during the church's Thanksgiving food drive and all was delivered to Salem. On Christmas Eve, 1-year old La'Marri was christened at Salem with bottles of clean water that were provided by Holy Trinity.

With the need for water still strong, Ash is organizing another water drive at Holy Trinity, this time asking for gallon jugs of water to be dropped off at the church by Jan. 30. Volunteers from Holy Trinity will then take the donated gallon jugs of water to Flint to help provide safe drinking water to that community. Church officials point out a gallon of water doesn't go very far when families have to cook with it, use it to make their morning coffee, brush their teeth with it, drink it and mix it with formula for babies.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 39020 Five Mile in Livonia. For more information, call 734-464-0211 or visit www.holytrinitylivonia.org

Farmington teen leads coat drive for NSO

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Amanda Hall attended the Leadership and Global Health program at Brown University in summer 2014, she conceived a community service program that would help get stray dogs off the street.

But when a professor suggested she come up with an idea that would take less time to implement and have a quicker impact on the people in her community, the 16-year-old North Farmington junior turned her attention to the weather.

That's when she decided the way she could help was to organize a coat drive, to help those in need make it through difficult Michigan winters.

Working with members of her church, Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi, and the Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit, Hall organized a drive that saw some 2,000 articles of winter clothing make



Amanda Hall, a 16-year-old junior at North Farmington High School, spearheaded a coat drive at her church, Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi, to help those in need with the Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit.

it to the hands — and backs — of those who need it the most.

"I was very happy (with the drive's success)," said Hall, who originally thought the drive might net "a couple of coats." "Michigan weather can be really cold, and (the coat drive) is what came to mind. It

was bigger than I'd ever imagined. I thought it would be just a couple of coats. My church was very supportive."

NSO hosted the kids from Brightmoor earlier this month for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the NSO Bell Building in Detroit. Dozens of volunteers from

the church wound up distributing nearly 1,000 coats, along with hundreds of hats, gloves and scarves.

Sheilah Clay, president and CEO of NSO, said the dignity with which the volunteers, mostly students, handled the drive was impressive.

Students acted as "personal shoppers" to those needing help, using the NSO's gym as the shopping destination. Clay said the effort helped those in need, many of whom don't like to ask for help.

"When you're working with children in low-income homes, sometimes they don't want to ask (for things like coats) because they know their families can't really afford it," Clay said. "The high school students handled it in such a dignified manner. I was very impressed."

Hall said members of her church came through in grand fashion, not only donating coats but also supplying a bus downtown for the volunteers and renting a truck to haul the coats. She said the drive was so successful she'd like to do it an annual thing.

"The congregation was very generous," Hall said. "Not only did they donate a lot of coats, they surprised me with the bus and the U-Haul."

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Child support collection strengthened with state law

A four-bill package that will help ensure collection of child support payments when parents live in different states or countries was signed into law as 2015 ended.

"In divorce and child custody situations, we must make sure the child's best interests are being preserved," said State Rep. Robert

Kosowski, D-Westland, a bill sponsor. "Just because a parent moves out of the state or even out of the country doesn't mean the responsibility to provide for his or her child should end. This legislation brings Michigan in line with federal child support guidelines."

The bipartisan package legislation amends the Uniform Interstate



Kosowski

but also streamlining the process for collecting both international and interstate payments.

It also takes the burden of determining the

legality of international child support orders off of employers. The UIFSA provides universal and uniform rules for the enforcement of family support orders. This legislation repeals the current UIFSA and reenacts the 2008 version, which brings Michigan in line with federal guidelines.

"When it comes to child custody, Michigan should not be an out-

lier," Kosowski said. "We must protect the needs of our most innocent residents — our children. That's why I was proud to work with my Republican co-sponsors in both the House and Senate on this important legislation. I could not be happier that Gov. Snyder signed my legislation into law on the last day of 2015. This is a great way to start the New Year."



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TOM BEAUDOIN

Bottled water donations arrive at a steady pace Saturday evening as Carly Costello and Jessica Still of Garden City add to the mountain of water that the Garden City Ice Arena was collecting to help the residents of Flint.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City residents Brody and Megan Funk come out for the Glow Skate at the Garden City Ice Arena Saturday night and help Flint residents with a case of water. Admission was waived with every case of water donated.

'Very giving community' of GC steps up with Flint water donations

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Caring Garden City residents came through with water donations for the people of Flint this past weekend at the Garden City Ice Arena.

"It went really well," said Dan Plamondon, Garden City's Parks and Recreation director, on Monday morning, referencing the rink collection of bottled water over the weekend for the city of Flint. Flint has faced a safe water crisis in recent years after its leaders switched over to the polluted Flint River as a water source.

Plamondon said some 439 cases of water were collected this past weekend at the Garden City Ice Arena. The free admission with water donated for the Saturday night Glow Skate wasn't a huge success, however, the men's over 30 league did a lot.

"Their league donated \$500 so we're going to utilize that money to purchase water," Plamondon said of that Friday night league, which includes City Councilman Mark Jacobs.

The men's over 30 league donation led to 255 cases of water, with the Sunday men's league providing 70 cases, the Garden City Youth Athletic Association 27 cases, and the balance from those who stopped by to donate over the weekend.

"I'm very ecstatic we were able to do that," Plamondon said.

He anticipates delivery this Friday to Flint residents of the donated water, done in conjunction with a Redford event as part of a collection coordinated through the office of state Sen. David Knezek.

Plamondon came up with his idea last week while using the treadmill to work out. He grew up in Flint and still has family there.

"It means a lot," he said of the donations. "I know our water is going to families that need it. I'm really proud for Garden City stepping up and helping the cause. Garden City's a very giving community."

Added Jacobs at Monday night's City Council meeting, "Dan at the ice rink has done a really good job." The Garden City Fire Department and public library also served as water drop-off points locally.

"We are donating well over 700 cases," added Mayor Randy Walker. He urged residents to stop by the fire station on the east side of Middlebelt, north of Ford Road, to donate bottled water through noon this Friday.

"The people of Garden City are fantastic," Walker added.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Former Garden City residents Cece Camp and Pat Guziak came in from Ortonville with 15 cases of water for Flint residents. It was part of a three-day water drive held at Garden City Ice Arena.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City residents, Amber Ainsworth, Alexis Meadus and Aubree Stamper are ready for Glow Skating but first they have bottled water to donate to the residents of Flint.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City Recreation Coordinator Tori Butler and Parks and Recreation Director Dan Plamondon stand with the mountain of water that was donated Saturday night to help Flint residents.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Mariam Safah, Zeina Mariam Haddad and Rana Safah of Garden City come out to help the residents of Flint with bottled water collected at the Garden City Ice Arena over the weekend.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Marti Wojciechowski of Livonia brings water to the Garden City Ice Rink Saturday as part of the bottle water drive for the residents of Flint.

Holland speaks at joint chamber event

Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland will speak at a breakfast gathering Tuesday, Feb. 9, for the Livonia, Greater Farmington Area and Westland chambers of commerce.

The program — sponsored by Bright House Business Solutions, PNC Bank, Lis, McCallion, Raymor and Co. and St. Mary Mercy Hospital —

will run from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

Holland is in his 19th season as the team's chief personnel officer. During that time, the Wings won three Stanley Cup championships. He previously held roles as a scout and assistant general manager during his 32 years with the organization.

He played professional hockey until 1985, primarily in the American Hockey League as a goaltender.

The Red Wings are in contention for their 25th consecutive berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs, which would maintain the longest such streak among all professional sports teams.

Holland will talk about the current team,

the competitiveness of the National Hockey League, answer audience questions, and sign autographs at the event. Admission is \$35 per person, or \$25 for members of either chamber.

For more details, call the Livonia Chamber at 734-427-2122, the Westland Chamber at 734-326-7222, and the Greater Farmington Chamber at 248-919-6917.



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Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland is the featured speaker at a chamber of commerce event Feb. 9 at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center.

Botsford Commons celebrates 'fullness of life'

National Activity Professionals Week is an opportunity to honor activity professionals and the significant role they play in bringing joy and a fullness of life to seniors. This year, Botsford Commons Senior Community celebrated their staff, the Fullness of Life team, during the nationally celebrated week, Jan. 17-23.

Botsford Commons' residents are the priority for the Fullness of Life team, including Suzanne Lipar, Barb Smith and Leslie Drielt. Each of these devoted activity professionals engage in person-centered activities and specially designed programing with their residents.

Botsford Commons is especially proud of their activities staff as all three have their National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (CTRS), the premier credentialing organization for the profession of Therapeutic Recreation.

» Barb Smith, Fullness of Life and Volunteer Services Coordinator for the independent community plans frequent trips all around Michigan, elaborate community meals and one-on-one time for those residents who have individ-



COURTESY BOTSFORD COMMONS
Botsford Commons' Fullness of Life staff — (from left) Suzanne Lipar, Barb Smith and Leslie Drielt — celebrate National Activity Professionals Week.

ual needs. Working with independent community residents keeps Smith busy and feeling grateful.

» Leslie Drielt, Fullness of Life coordinator for the assisted living community is gifted in creativity, exceptional arts and crafts skills and a sense of humor to turn any frown upside down. She has a strong background in working with residents moving through the aging process and her kind demeanor comforts residents and their families.

» Suzanne Lipar, Fullness of Life Manager for Botsford Continuing Care Center works with a wide variety of residents

including physically challenged seniors to those with severe Alzheimer's diseases. She understands the aging process and how to communicate with residents when they may need extra social interaction or a change in their day-to-day routine.

It is the different blend of gifts and talents all three of these professionals bring to the residents of Botsford Commons, allowing them to live the mission statement every day, "to create a fullness of life through the joy of relationships, the art of caring, and the spirit of living," Botsford officials said.

Down market good time to convert to Roth IRA

There's no doubt that markets have recently taken a retreat. How long markets will stay low is anyone's guess. As I've mentioned in the past, when markets are volatile, investors need to be cautious. That being said, investors should also look for opportunities when markets temporarily head south. One of the opportunities investors should explore is a Roth conversion.

There are two basic types of IRAs: a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. The main difference is how they are taxed. In a traditional IRA, money grows on a tax-deferred basis; when money is withdrawn, it is subject to ordinary income tax. In addition, in a traditional IRA, once you turn 70½, you must begin taking required minimum distributions. In a Roth IRA, the tax consequences are totally different. First, money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free; when money is withdrawn, there are no taxes owed. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to required minimum distributions. You can let a Roth IRA grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

For those who have money in a traditional IRA, a conversion is where you take money from the traditional and move it into a Roth. The advantage is that you've converted tax-deferred money into tax-free money and you're not subject to the 70½ rule. Doing a Roth conversion not only



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

makes sense economically, but also from a tax standpoint. When markets are down, it allows you to convert more shares from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

Let's say you owned a stock that a few months ago was selling for \$15 a share, but it is now selling for \$10 a share. If you owned 100 shares of that stock and you converted it when it was \$15 a share, you would have a \$1,500 tax consequence. If you did it at \$10 a share, the tax consequence would only be \$1,000. Because markets are temporarily low, it creates opportunities for more and more people to take advantage of a Roth IRA conversion.

My general rules for doing a Roth IRA conversion are 1) You have to have the money to pay the tax on the amount converted without touching any of the converted funds; 2) Paying the tax on the conversion would not throw you into a higher tax bracket and 3) You can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five years. If you meet those requirements, converting into a Roth IRA can make sense.

I am a big fan of Roth IRAs and I encourage more and more people to look into them. My reasoning is twofold. Money growing tax-deferred is not worth nearly as much

as money growing tax-free. Also, I believe they give you greater flexibility than a traditional IRA. There are many people who, once they turn 70½, don't need the money and would prefer to it in the traditional IRA, growing on a tax-deferred basis. You can't do this because of required minimum distributions. In a Roth IRA, you have flexibility because you can let it grow tax-free for as long as you choose.

Many people who consider a Roth IRA conversion generally wait until the end of the year. Why wait? If you're thinking about doing a Roth conversion, the down market creates an excellent opportunity for you.

Like everything else in the financial world, Roth IRA conversions are not for everyone. If you meet the three criteria that I've outlined above, a Roth IRA conversion can provide an excellent opportunity for you.

You and I cannot control the market, but we can look for opportunities to take advantage of it. The key is, don't procrastinate or try to time the market. Since the market has taken a significant downturn, now is a great opportunity to take advantage of a Roth conversion.

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

Social security event

Thrivent Financial is hosting a free educational event to help attendees start to develop a strategy to maximize social security benefits. The 60-minute event will be held at:

» Redford District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Road, Redford, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Westland City Hall 36300 Warren Road Westland, MI 48185, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m.

» Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Thursday, Feb. 4, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The event is presented by the Huron Valley Financial in Plymouth and will seek to answer common questions about Social Security, such as:

» Five factors to consider when deciding when to apply for benefits.

» How to minimize taxes on Social Security

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» How to coordinate Social Security with your other sources of retirement income.

The event is available to the public. To register for this free event, call Matt Crenshaw at 734-455-9272 or email huronalleygroup@thrivent.com.

Redford scholarships

The Redford Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship applications are available for pick-up at the chamber office, located at 26050 Five Mile Road in Redford.

Any high school senior who has been a Redford resident for at least two years may apply.

Call Marti at the chamber office, 313-535-0960, for more information.

Holland breakfast

Detroit Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland will be the guest of honor and keynote speaker at the

chamber-sponsored Breakfast with Ken Holland event, 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

Enjoy a buffet breakfast with Holland, whom organizers call "one of the most inspirational managers in professional sports over the past 16 years." Autographs and photos to follow.

Cost is \$25 for chamber members, \$35 for guests. To register, call Cheryl at 248-919-6917.

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An arctic fox roams on a naturalistic habitat at the Detroit Zoo.



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Snowflakes fall on Wazi, a gray wolf, at the Detroit Zoo.



PATTI TRUESDELL

Rofu, a red panda, scampers around the zoo.

DETROIT ZOO STAYS WILD FOR WINTER

Temperatures may be frosty, but there's still plenty of wildlife to see this time of year at the Detroit Zoo, which is coming off a record-breaking year of attendance.

The family-friendly "Wild Winter" weekends are returning from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6-7 at the Ford Education Center in Royal Oak. The events are free with zoo admission.

Gray wolves, wolverines, Japanese macaques, tigers, camels, polar bears, arctic foxes and red pandas can all be seen outside, according to a press release.

Visitors can also explore various indoor areas, too, including the Edward Mardigian Sr. River Otter Habitat, the Matilda R. Wilson Free-Flight Aviary, Butterfly Garden Holden Reptile Conservation Center, National Amphibian Conservation Center, Great Apes of Harambee and Penguinarium.



PATTI TRUESDELL

Kisa the tiger prowls the icy terrain.

The zoo is open 362 days a year.

"When it's too cold for the giraffes and rhinos to be outside, there are

indoor viewing areas where visitors can see these majestic animals year-round," Detroit Zoological Society execu-

tive director and CEO Ron Kagan stated.

In 2015, a modern-record of 1,476,378 people came to the zoo,

breaking the 1997 record by more than 100,000. It's also the ninth straight year that attendance has topped 1 million, the zoo

said.

Popular attractions this year included: the annual Wild Lights holiday light display, which attracted more than 144,000 people; the Cotton Family Wolf Wilderness, which opened in June; and the Dinosauria exhibit with 40 animatronic dinosaurs, the zoo said.

"Good weather for most of the year, Wild Lights, wolves, dinosaurs and continued improvements in operations and facilities are all contributing factors," Kagan stated. "We're grateful to our community for another fantastic year and look forward to providing even more outstanding experiences."

The zoo is home to 2,500 animals representing 270 species that live on 125 acres of naturalistic habitats.

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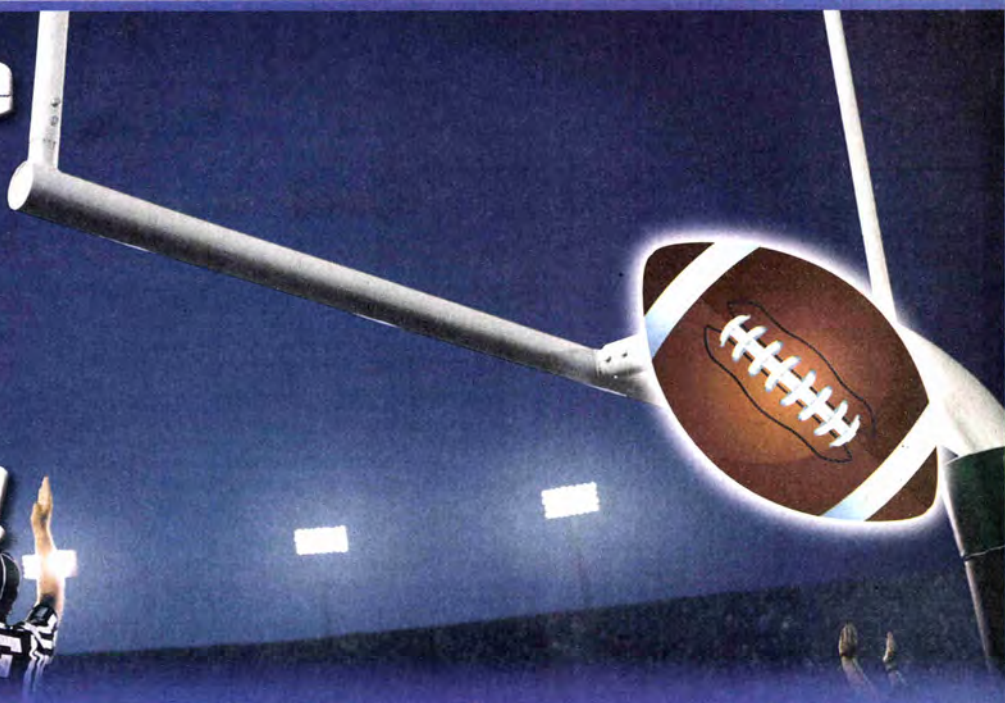
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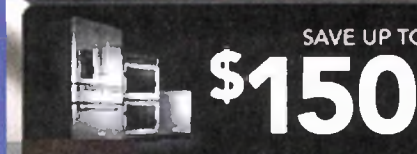
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OUR VIEW

State law limiting officials' right to speak a mistake

Free speech issues arise often in our country. They can be thorny for courts to resolve in many cases, in which competing and often valid interests and viewpoints must be balanced.

Newspapers, which have a particular interest in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, often rally to the cause not merely for self-interest but for the larger principles involved.

Public officials, such as mayors, city council members, school superintendents and library directors also have their free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution. A new law signed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has many of them concerned about their speaking as it relates to millage and bond votes.

Derek Fisher, superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools, said, "The sad irony is the spirit of the initial legislation started out solid" with election

reform. "In my estimation, it makes it incredibly difficult" to inform voters on millage renewals and bond issues, Fisher said.

"We're about transparency, we're about educating the public," said Fisher, citing the Garden City Schools millage renewal about a year and a half ago when he was Garden City High School principal. Voters wanted to know how money was to be spent, and educators explained purposes such as the high school parking lot and elementary school boilers.

Other public officials have spoken out as well against the new law. On the millage and bond measure, state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights, said, "We (legislators) were given 10 minutes. I never even saw the bill. School districts are very upset, which I do not blame them. I personally think there are going to be a lot of lawsuits."

The law limits discussions on the millage and

bond measures 60 days out before an election. Certainly it's inappropriate for officials to use their platform to strong-arm voters into voting a certain way.

Factual information on why money is needed, such as Fisher's explanation of the high school parking lot and elementary school boilers, is a different matter. In those cases, civic leaders have every right, we believe, to share their views and make their case before voters.

An informed electorate is the best electorate, and voters can make informed decisions only with facts. Professional organizations for school administrators, the Michigan Library Association and others are now mulling their options on this law.

Democracy is rarely easy, but we believe in this case the law should be repealed and basic First Amendment rights restored to those who serve in a public capacity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to school boards

As you may know, the month of January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month and, as such, this is a time for all of us to recognize the good work of our elected officials who advocate for public education.

To say that this is a challenging time for public education would be an understatement. The fact of the matter is, school boards across our great state are working through issues that are unprecedented. Each day, board members are faced with ensuring that rigorous and competitive programs remain in

place and each day they advocate for the success of every student. Their mission is made all the more difficult when we reflect on the fact that while our economy rebounds, per pupil funding has not surpassed 2007 levels.

The Garden City Board of Education, and their colleagues from school boards across the state, preserve the core values of our democracy by advocating for public education. Ultimately, it is the school board member, who through the local governance model, ensures that school programming represents our community's values, culture and vision.

The position of a

school board member is not easy, and the duties of the job bring numerous challenges. Considering this, our district is asking all members of our school community to take a moment and thank a school board member. Thank them for their commitment to public education, thank them for their perseverance during challenging financial times and thank them for advocating for our children.

Derek Fisher
Garden City Public Schools

Family affair

I have lived in what now has become Westland for 58 years and have paid attention to and enjoyed knowing members of our local government.

But, good grief, reading the story about our newly elected councilpersons could cause one to think that local government in Westland is a family affair.

I suppose this could be a workable idea, but thinking about how diffi-

cult it is to tell a fellow worker that his cockamamie idea is not going to work could be particularly difficult if he is your brother-in-law. If you doubt its value, do you support it anyway?

How do you keep from discussing city business when you're having a beer and the wives are fixing dinner? Maybe there is a reason for the concern about nepotism.

James Cook
Westland

Technology combats hunger

Worldwide hunger is likely to be the preeminent issue of our time. The world's population is growing exponentially and that means more mouths to feed. Yet, as we are building shelter for our new inhabitants, we are simultaneously destroying our natural resources. Additionally, entire harvests are lost because bacteria and viruses have found new ways to overcome the natural defenses of many crops. Modern

technology allows us to combat this adversity, using genetic engineering and biotechnology to create Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). This innovation will benefit not only farmers, but communities worldwide by increasing the amount of food produced for consumption.

Since ancient times, mankind has attempted its own style of genetic modification using selective breeding. For example, if a farmer was trying to yield more crops, they would breed the seeds that were most resistant to disease and pests. That is no longer necessary as genetic engineering has led to much faster production of more resistant and sturdy varieties of plants and livestock.

GMOs are created when DNA strands (genes), are inserted into cells of other organisms. This results in new characteristics developing in that organism that aid its survival. GMOs were invented in the 1980s, and the first FDA-ap-

proved GMO food to reach store shelves was the Flavr Savr tomato in 1994. In our society, about 80% of the conventional grocery store foods that we eat contain GMOs.

A question on many people's minds is "Are GMO foods safe for consumption?" In fact they are. GMO foods in the international market have passed the safety standards, and have not proven to be injurious to human health. We can ensure this continues by advocating for safe GMO production.

In summary, GMOs are advantageous because they create additional defenses for plants, allow produce to last longer on shelves, help with shipping and storage of produce, create foods with better texture, flavor, and nutritional value, and most importantly help to alleviate world hunger by increasing the yield of crops.

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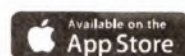


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MHSAA HONOR

Spartan Oquist finalist for award

Hockey player lauded for dual excellence

Livonia Stevenson senior hockey player Alex Oquist epitomizes the term "student-athlete," a fact that is reflected in a special honor the Spartan recently received from the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

for the MHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Award — an honor hundreds of high school students from across Michigan were nominated to receive.

The program, celebrating its 27th anniversary, will ultimately honor 32 individuals from MHSAA member schools who participate in at least one sport in which the association sponsors a postseason tournament.



Oquist

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Awards and will present a \$1,000 scholarship to each recipient. Since the beginning of the program, 672 scholarships have been awarded.

"Alex Oquist is a tremendous young man who is an asset to our team, our school and our community," said Stevenson hockey coach David Mitch-

ell. "Alex is driven to succeed in both academics and athletics. He has extremely high character and is so very deserving of this recognition."

"The Stevenson High School hockey team, school and community are very proud of him and are honored to be associated with such a fine young individual."

Scholarships will be present-

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Churchill pom coach wanted

Livonia Churchill is in immediate need of a varsity pompon coach.

Interested parties should email their resume and qualifications to Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at mhage@livonia-publicschools.org.

Mike Donnelly Recognition Night

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Livonia Franklin hockey program will host a Mike Donnelly Recognition Night, that will include a brief pregame ceremony that will honor the former Patriot record-setting icer.

During the 1981 season at Franklin, Donnelly set the school record for points in a season with 98 — a mark that still stands 35 years later.

Donnelly moved on to play hockey for Michigan State University, where he scored the game-winning goal in a national championship game against Harvard. Donnelly finished that season with 59 goals, a Division 1 record that still stands.

Donnelly continued on to carve out a stellar 10-year career in the National Hockey League, which included a season with the Los Angeles Kings when he played on the same line with Wayne Gretzky.



Donnelly

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

COLLISION COURSE?

Franklin wrestling teammates could face daunting encounter

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If the absolute worst-case scenario unfolds next month for Livonia Franklin wrestling teammates Joe Fortin and Josh Retting, the hard-hitting term "blood round" will never hold a deeper meaning.

Once the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 individual wrestling state tournament rolls around in just over three weeks, the longtime friends may be facing a career-ending (or career-extending) face-off against the person who has been most responsible for sharpening their finely-tuned mat skills.

If the cards are dealt the way some foresee, the Patriots' pair of 215-pound aces — who push each other relentlessly in practice — will be pitted in a do-or-done showdown against one another.

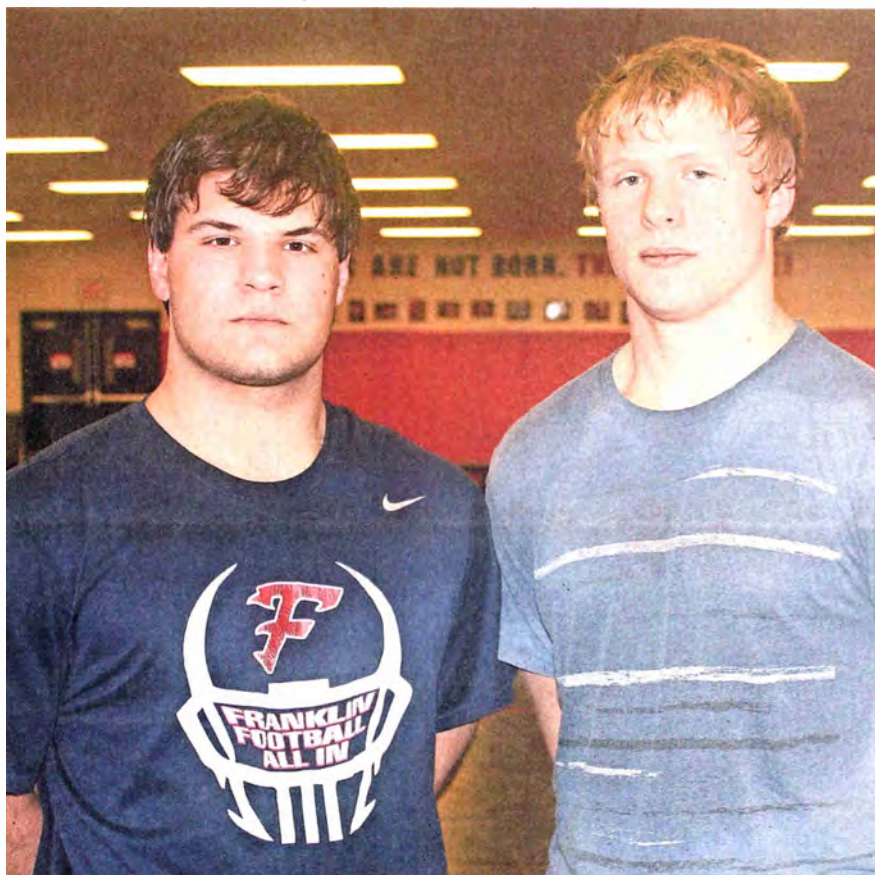
Both Fortin and Retting share nearly identical records of high-twenties wins against three losses, so they're both expected to advance to the quarterfinal round of the individual and regional rounds, where only the top four wrestlers in each weight class advance, placing them on a collision course with the other.

And there's nothing they, nor Franklin head coach Dave Chiola, can do about it — except go down (or move on) battling.

The way high school wrestling weight classes are slotted, if one of the two Patriots were to relocate to the next-heaviest bracket (285), he'd be giving up too much weight and strength to potential opponents.

Moving down to the next-lightest class (189) isn't an option either, given the 20-some pound weight loss that it would demand.

"If we do end up meeting in the blood round at regionals, it would [stink] because one of us



Livonia Franklin senior wrestlers Joe Fortin (left) and Josh Retting have excelled at the 215-pound weight class this season. They were also linemates for the Patriots' final-four football team.

would be knocking out a friend and a teammate," said Fortin. "But we both know that if it does happen, we have to go out there on the mat like the other one is an opponent, not a friend."

A Patriot-vs.-Patriot blood-round match would be excruciating to watch for Franklin head coach Dave Chiola, who

lists Fortin and Retting among his favorite competitors.

"I've been coaching for a long time, and both of these guys are two of the hardest workers I've had," Chiola said. "They come every day ready to work and make themselves better. They have different backgrounds. Josh comes from a wrestling family, whose dad

and brother wrestled. Joe was just a big, strong ninth-grader that we had to convince him and his family to give wrestling a chance.

"They are both great kids — the type of guys you hope your daughter brings home one day. I've had both of them in my

See COLLISION, Page B2

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Spartan goalie Barber cuts down Trenton, 3-0

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

As high school hockey's stretch run approaches, Livonia Stevenson appears to be in full-gallop mode.

On Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena, the Spartans short-circuited state power Trenton, 3-0, thanks to some timely scoring and 51 minutes of lock-down goaltending from senior Cullen Barber.

"Anytime you get a win over Trenton, it is special," emphasized Stevenson head coach David Mitchell. "They are such a tradition-rich program and this year is no exception. They have some great players and are really well-coached."

"Our team played a solid, complete hockey game and when we did break down, Cullen Barber was there; he was

outstanding in net for us. Hopefully, we can keep this going as our schedule just keeps getting tougher going forward. We have to get better every day."

Stevenson out-shot the Trojans, 33-27. Trenton's goalie Anthony Lemerand kept his team in the thick of things by making 30 stops.

Stevenson led 2-0 after one period thanks to goals from Adam Olson and Shane Leonard. Olson's power-play goal was assisted by Ben Kowalske and Joe Alcantara.

Alcantara and Alec Allen picked up helpers on Leonard's goal.

Stevenson fortified its lead when Brendan Hall netted his first goal as a Spartan. He was assisted by Nick Beers and Olson.

Trenton started the opening 1:48 of the third period with a



Nick Beers, pictured during a game earlier this season, picked up an assist in Livonia Stevenson's 3-0 victory over Trenton.

five-on-three advantage, but the Spartans were able to kill it off, which Mitchell noted was "a huge turning point" in the

game.

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Redford Union swimming

The Redford Union boys swimming and diving team improved its record to 3-2 last Thursday with an 89-64 victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Double winners for the Panthers were Mac Keyandwy, who touched first in the 200-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke; and Ryan Mangipudi, who won both the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

"Ryan just started swimming with us as a senior this year," noted RU head coach Stuart Mair. "I recruited him out of the community swim program last summer and he swam through the fall with the girls, so it has been enjoyable to watch Ryan progress so much over the months."

Raymond Samuel also picked up first-place points in the grueling 500 freestyle race.

"We have twelve swimmers this year, up from seven last year, and it had made a huge difference," said Mair. "Our core from last year is back and we simply have more bodies. In addition, we are getting the diving going again as we are one of the few pools left that has a board and has the legal depth as well."

"We just keep chipping away, from all angles, and that's all you can do and we are having fun, along the way."

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Livonia Blue sails past Walled Lake teams

Several standouts lead the way in Livonia's sweep

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Blue's gymnastics team reeled in a pair of decisive victories during Monday night's Walled Lake tri-meet.

Blue proved to have way too much depth for their KLA counterpartners as it piled up 133.125 points to out-distance Northern (115.275) and Central (89.825) by lengthy margins.

Blue's premier all-arounders, Bri Rhoad and Jessica Weak, took a step back to speak, so that some of the team's younger stars could shine.

The duo competed only on the uneven bars, with Rhoad won with a score of 8.95. Weak placed second with a 8.825.

Emily Chatterjee (8.575) and Katie Grover (8.25) placed third and fourth, respectively, for the Livonia squad.

Blue's Kyria Gowman proved she was more than up to the challenge of performing at the varsity level on the vault, as she earned a score of 8.60, which tied her at the top spot with Central's Marie G.

Other vaulting standouts for the winners included Lindsey Dilworth (8.50), Claire Chapski (8.50) and Emilie Wassermann, who registered an 8.45.

Chapski and Dilworth went one-two on the balance beam with scores of 8.50 and 8.10, respectively. Paige Smalley was in the thick of things, too, posting a score of 7.60.

Chapski continued her stellar performance with a first-place showing (8.525) during the floor-exercise competition. Wassermann was fourth with an 8.225.

Blue wins Holt Invite

Livonia Blue was second to none at Saturday Holt Invitational, piling up 141,700 points to edge runner-up Farmington (139,850).

Linden was third with 136,950, just ahead of fourth-place Northville (134,925).

The champions were fueled by strong performances from Rhoad (a meet-high 36.55 all-around points) and Weak, who was third in the individual all-around standings with 35.575 points.

Weak was second on the vault with a score of 8.975, edging out teammate Chapski (8.9) and Rhoad (8.8).

Rhoad proved to be unbeatable on the uneven bars (9.025) and balance beam (9.25). She capped her sparkling day by taking second in the floor-exercise competition (9.475).

Grover was fourth on the beam with a 9.0. Weak was eighth at 8.75.

Weak placed fourth on floor with a 9.35.

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Livonia Blue's Lindsey Dilworth focuses on her balance-beam routine during a meet earlier this season.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Spartans push it to the limit, win 88-62

Stevenson controls tempo, soreboard at Churchill

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's boys basketball team lived by two three-word phrases during Tuesday night's game at Livonia Churchill: rebound-and-run and catch-ar-shoot.

Rarely pasing to catch their breath, the speedy Spartans lived in the fast lane during their 88-2 triumph.

Stevenson, which improved to 7-4, frayed the nets from just about everywhere they shot, nailing seven three-point rainbows and 17 of 24 free-throw attempts.

Inflicting most of the damage to the Chargers' chances of winning vs slender Stevenson junior guard Ian Knoph, who scored 28 points, 19 of which came in the first 16 minutes.

Knoph points came on an array of quick-release beyond-the-arc jumpers, fade-away mid-range teardrops and quick-tche-rack drives.

Most of the Spartans' interior production was provided by senior wingman Kyle Malkowski, who used his savvy post skills to muscle in 21 points in spite of his modest-for-the-height 6-foot-2 height.

Spain senior Gino D'Agostino contributed 10 points, 10 rebounds and tons of energy, while Jeremiah Easton buried a trio of triples.

Churchill was led by senior guard Joan Andoni, who matched his uniform number with 11 points. Charger backcourt speedster Dayton Davis chipped in with 14 points and five rebounds.

Warriors roll

Lutheran Westland woke up from a sluggish first half by scoring 34 third-quarter points during Tuesday night's 71-42 triumph over Taylor Baptist Park.

The victory improved the Warriors' record to 10-0 overall and 0-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Baptist Park slipped to 2-6 and 2-3, respectively.

Each Burk continued his toid play for the winners by scoring 19 points and grabbing 14 rebounds — eight of which were on the offensive end.

Senior captain Brent Croft also contributed some serious stats, pouring in a game-high 20 points and adding four assists.

Luke Smith was a warrior in the paint for Lutheran Westland as he blocked five shots and snatched 12 rebounds. LW held a semi-comfortable 19 lead at the half before scrambling Baptist Park 34-13 in the decisive third stanza.

Teven Mojme led Baptist Park with 14 points.

"We were really sluggish in the first half," said LW head coach Jim Hoelt. "We just had intensity or enthusiasm. The third quarter looked more like a team I know. They ramped up the defensive intensity, not



Stevenson's Devin Dunn drives hard to the basket against Churchill's Joan Andoni and Evan Cummins.



Stevenson's Gino D'Agostino defends a Joan Andoni shot during the second half of Tuesday's game.

allowing Baptist Park to get comfortable.

"It's a win, but we need to make sure we play with a lot more intensity Friday night at Parkway Christian. We're going to need it."

Thurston tumbles

Dearborn Edsel Ford repelled a furious Redford Thurston rally Tuesday night to hold

on for a 70-67 victory.

The Eagles slipped to 5-6 with the loss.

"We actually came back from being down 14 points and we took a four-point lead in the fourth quarter, but they answered and took a four-point lead just as quickly and we couldn't recover," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. I liked the way we fought back

and played hard, but, honestly, Edsel Ford deserved to win."

Thurston was led by senior forward D'eauntae Jackson, who scored 23 points. Brandon Marshall contributed 15 for the Eagles.

Chad Galliard led Edsel Ford with 21 points.

One of the pivotal phases of the game was free-throw shooting. The Thunderbirds knocked down all 18 of their freebies while Thurston managed to can just nine of 17 attempts.

GC edged

Host Dearborn High scored the game's final eight points and went on to post a 75-70 victory over Garden City Tuesday night in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division match-up.

The outcome dropped the Cougars to 6-5 overall and 3-3 in the Red. The Pioneers improved to 5-6 and 4-2, respectively.

Garden City was led by senior guards Vinnie Bakerian and Robbie Moyers, who scored 21 and 17 points, respectively. Jacob Sadowski also played well for the Cougars, contributing 14 points.

"It was a fun game; it was up and down with both teams making good basketball plays," said GC head coach Ron Pummil. "We only hit two threes, which is low for us, but credit Dearborn. They played hard."

GC led 39-32 at the half before the Pioneers whittled their deficit to 56-55 with eight minutes left.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Spartans go 3-2 at UD-Jesuit

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team continued its string of solid weekend performances Saturday when it placed fourth with a 3-2 record at the University of Detroit Jesuit Team Duals.

After suffering a 72-3 setback to No. 1-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central, the Spartans rebounded with a 60-21 shellacking of Grosse Pointe South.

Stevenson maintained the momentum in its next two matches — convincing victories over Berkley (54-27) and the host Cubs (60-15) — before dropping its finale, 59-21 to Plymouth.

The day's above-.500 result left the Spartans with an overall record of 18-12. They were 3-5 in the KLA as of Tuesday and 1-2 in the Central Division.

"The effort was there for some of our guys, however, there is plenty of work to do," said Stevenson head coach Dan Vaughan. "We got a look at two very good teams (Catholic Central and Plymouth) who were each missing a few starters."

Stevenson was led by 140-pound standout Tarik Alcodray, who finished the day with a 5-0 mark. Other top-level performers for the Spartans were Taylor Droste, who went 4-1 at 119 and 125; Jared Wilkinson, who was 4-1 at 160; Dante Lamb and Dennis Austel, who were 3-2 at 171; and 285-pounders Matt Brown and Devlen Kuschel, both of whom went 4-1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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 Parkway at HVL, 7 p.m.
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 Clarensville 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.
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
 Fordson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
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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 Clarensville, 7 p.m.
 S.L. East at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Fordson, 7 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY
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
Friday, Jan. 29
 Canton Invite, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 30
 John Glenn at Yale Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Clarensville at Annapolis Invite, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
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 BASKETBALL

Pioneers race past Garden City, 61-33

Speed the big factor in WWAC battle

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Dearborn High's girls basketball team had its foot on the accelerator for most of Tuesday night's Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division match-up at Garden City.

Once the Pioneers got their battery charged, they overcame a 16-13 first-quarter deficit before posting an emphatic 62-33 victory over the Cougars.

The result dropped Garden City to 4-9 overall and 2-4 in the division while the Pioneers improved to 8-5 and 4-2, respectively.

Dearborn blew the game open in the second quarter when it outscored its hosts 17-2. Halftime didn't dry up the momentum for the the Pioneers, who put the win on ice with a 20-point third stanza.

"Their speed just wore us down," lamented GC head coach Michele Tyree, whose team suffered a 51-19 loss to Dearborn in December. "I thought we played better than we did the first time we faced

them, but their defense is very aggressive and quick."

Tyree estimated that the Pioneers forced her team to turn the ball over close to 40 times.

Senior Lindsey Michalak was one of the few bright spots for the Cougars, scoring a team-high 12 points, including the majority of her team's first-quarter points. Kaylee Hower added six points and a team-leading six rebounds.

Amber Swisher and Cassie Leleniewski scored four points a piece while Tatum Spears added three.

Dearborn made nine of 13 free throws while the Cougars found net on half of their 20 attempts from the stripe.

Thurston soars

In a WWAC Red Division encounter played Friday night, Redford Thurston won its second straight game, 46-29, over Livonia Clarenceville.

Bryanna Burton was tough to contain for the Eagles, scoring a team-high 15 points.

The Trojans were led by Axia Whittaker's 10 points.

The win improved the Eagles' record to 4-6 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Panthers post victory

On Tuesday night, Redford Union out-shot Clarenceville, 33-14. Cassidy Sandelin led a balanced scoring attack for the winners with 10 points.

Stars edge Bishop Foley

St. Catherine of Siena earned a 44-40 victory over visiting Bishop Foley Tuesday night. The triumphant Stars improved to 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the Catholic League's East Division.

Becca Wyeth led the winners with 10 points. Ally O'Donohue, Gabby Green and Grace Gulowski scored eight points a piece for Siena.

Defense key for Mercy

The Marlins prevailed in a defensive struggle Tuesday between Catholic League Central Division contenders with a 32-23 win at Warren Regina.

Mercy had a 16-14 lead at halftime, held the Saddlelites to two points in the third quarter and won the second half, 16-9.

"It was one of those nights when points are at a premium and every possession is important," coach Gary Morris said. "Fortunately for us, we made a few more plays than they did."



Garden City's Mikaela Smolar drives to the basket during a game earlier this season. TOM BEAUDOIN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft clicking on all cylinders

Triple-double by Black, big game by Biles, key Schoolcraft's 94-65 win

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The disappointment of forfeiting six early-season wins is long gone as far as Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is concerned.

Saturday's 94-65 victory over visiting Delta Community College merely provided the Ocelots another opportunity to move back up in the conference standings and keep pushing toward what they hope is another crack at a national title.

"It's on us; we definitely have it in us," Schoolcraft head coach Abe Mashhour said about whether his team could turn the page from the forfeits. "It's just a matter of getting everybody to buy into their role and give everything they have for the team and not look for their own stuff, which sometimes we fell into the trap of doing in some of our games earlier."

Sparked by the first triple-double in the Schoolcraft career of sophomore guard Dre Black (Westland John Glenn), the Ocelots were in full-on share-the-ball mode against the Patriots.

Eleven of 12 Schoolcraft players registered at least one point in the victory, which upped Schoolcraft's forfeit-adjusted record to 9-10 overall and 4-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Schoolcraft led 47-33 at halftime and never had less than a 14-point edge the rest of the way.

Delta dropped to 3-16 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

"Dre was very good and that's exactly how we need him to be," Mashhour said. "I think some games, he was looking to score a little too much. When he's moving the ball, when he's passing the ball, we're much, much better offensively as a group and that's the most important thing."

Black registered 12 points along with 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

"This was my first one (triple-double); it feels great," Black said.

He didn't hesitate when asked which of the three categories (points, rebounds, assists) he felt best about succeeding in.

"Probably assists, because that means I'm just getting my teammates the ball at the right time to make a play," Black said. "We always try to get everybody in, that's part of our game plan, make sure the ball's moving at all times, no over-dribbling. You see good things happen."



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Battling for a rebound Saturday are Delta's Allante Wheeler (left) and Schoolcraft's Davon Taylor. Wheeler and Taylor faced each other during their high school careers, with Salem and Canton, respectively.

On a tear

Schoolcraft also rode the hot hand of sophomore guard Ja-Christian Biles, who has committed to play Division I men's basketball next year at University of Detroit Mercy.

Biles led all players with 25 points, connecting on 5-of-8 trey attempts — including four in a row during a torrid two-minute span in the second half.

"It was nice to see him get going again," Mashhour said. "It's been a while since he's been playing in good rhythm. Today, he got his rhythm a little bit."

After Biles drained his first triple of the streak, Schoolcraft was up 60-41 with 14:50 remaining. His fourth consecutive 3-pointer padded that lead to 69-41 with 12:45 to go.

Meanwhile, strong work on the glass by sophomore forward and Canton alum Davon Taylor (11 rebounds, five points and three steals) and sophomore forward Anthony Wartley Fritz (13 points, nine boards) helped keep the Patriots down and out.

Schoolcraft enjoyed a 46-31 rebounding edge, including 19 on the offensive end.

For Delta, it was a homecoming of sorts for freshmen Johnathan Swift and Allante Wheeler (both Salem grads). Swift scored 21 points and pulled down eight rebounds, while Wheeler scored six.

Mashhour said Taylor was pumped up during the week about facing two of his former

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals.

"(Taylor) was talking with me yesterday about that (facing the ex-Salem players)," Mashhour said with a slight chuckle. "He's excited; we're all excited to get back after it."

Don't look back

And that also means focusing on the rest of the regular season, not dwelling on the unfortunate loss of six non-conference victories from November and December.

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox is optimistic about the Ocelots having no problem doing just that.

The National Junior College Athletic Association slapped the penalty on Schoolcraft following an eligibility audit, during which it was discovered that there was a clerical error involving a player who had transferred from an out-of-state college.

Although that Dec. 23 decision hurt the Ocelots' chances of being at the top of the NJCAA Division II rankings, the forfeits do not impact Schoolcraft's spot in the conference because MCCA games began in January.

"No one even discusses it anymore, because at this point, we're looking forward to the state tournament, hopefully, and then the district tournament," Fox said prior to the Schoolcraft-Delta game.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Franklin ices stymie Novi, 4-1

Brendan Whitney and Corey Linsler each notched a pair of goals Saturday giving Livonia Franklin a 4-1 Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover victory over Novi at the Novi Ice Arena.

With the win, Franklin improved to 11-4 overall and 6-2 in the KLA's South Division.

After a scoreless opening period, Whitney scored at 0:28 of the second off assists from Chase Wallis and Trevor Lassaline followed by Linsler's power play goal at 13:11 from Kolby Dewhurst.

Novi's Jake Cyr scored on an unassisted short-handed goal at 14:07 of the second to cut the deficit to 2-1, but Whitney notched his second just 34 seconds later from Wallis on a power play.

The Patriots put it away at 6:15 of the third on Linsler's second from Max McCrory. Franklin goaltender Jake

Penny made 5 saves, while Novi's Josh Richardson had 12.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 4-1 overall and 1-7 in the KLA Central.

Bulldogs nip Patriots

Brighton, raked No. 3 in the Division 1 pl, overpowered visiting Franklin (ranked No. 11 in Division 2), 6-2, Monday night at the Kensington Valley Ice Arena.

The Bulldog set the tone just 40 seconds into the contest when Lee Pida scored from Nick Foran. Approximately 16 minutes later, Brighton closed out the first period with a 2-0 advantage thanks to Tim Erilla's net-finder from Ben Person.

"Our guys competed and although they're upset and disappointed with the outcome, they should be very proud of their effort," said Franklin head coach Dennis Gagnon.

AWARD

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ed proportionately by school classification, with 12 scholarships to be awarded to Class A student-athletes, six female and six male; eight scholarships will be awarded to Class B student-athletes, four female and four male; six scholarships will be awarded to Class C student-athletes, three female and three male; and four scholarships will be awarded to Class D student-athletes, two female and two male.

In addition, the final two scholarships will be awarded at-large to minority recipients, regardless of school size.

Every MHSAA member high school was encouraged to submit as many applications as there are scholarships available in its classification, and could have more than one finalist.

East Grand Rapids has five finalists this year, Grosse Ile has four finalists and Birmingham Seaholm and Marquette each have three. Fourteen schools each have two finalists: Ann Arbor Pioneer, Bellaire, Bronson, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Farmington Hills Harrison, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, Grandville, Hudsonville, Laingsburg, Scottville Mason County Central, Onsted, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Portland and White Cloud.

Multiple-sport participation remains the norm among applicants. The average sport participation rate of the finalists is 2.51, while the average of the application pool was 2.14. There are 62 three-plus sport participants in the finalists field, and all but one of the 28 sports in which the MHSAA sponsors postseason tournaments are represented.

Of 374 schools which submitted applicants, 45 submitted the maximum allowed. This year, 1,425 applications

A ceremony will take place during halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball Final, March 2, at the Breslin Student Events Center.

were received. All applicants will be presented with certificates commemorating their achievement. Additional Scholar-Athlete information, including a complete list of scholarship nominees, can be found on the MHSAA website at the following address:

The applications were judged by a 58-member committee of school coaches, counselors, faculty members, administrators and board members from MHSAA member schools. Selective of the 32 scholarship recipients will take place in early February.

Class C and D scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 2; Class B scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 9, and Class A scholarship recipients will be announced Feb. 16. All announcements will be made on the MHSAA website.

To honor the 32 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients, a ceremony will take place during halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball Final, March 2, at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

To be eligible for the award, students must have cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament.

Students also were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

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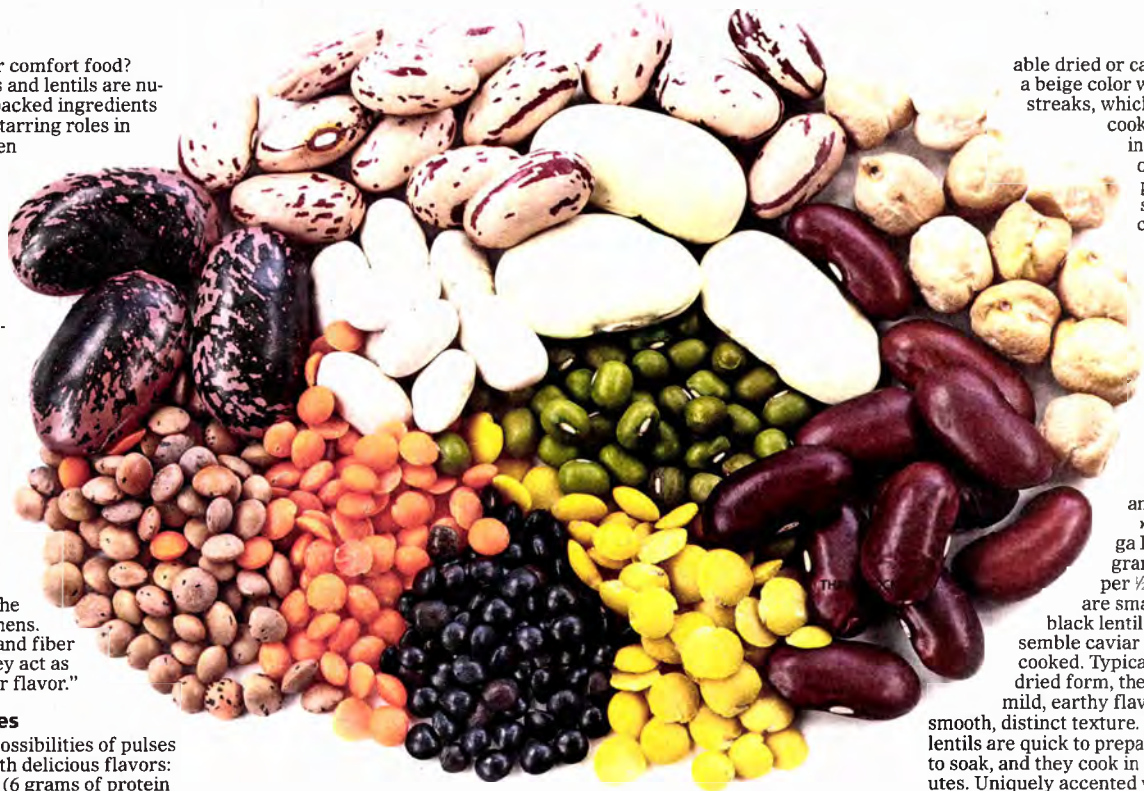
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CARIBBEAN COCONUT AND PIGEON PEA RICE

Serves: 8
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
½ pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes (about 2 cups)
½ cup chopped red bell pepper
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, divided
¼ cup finely chopped pimento-stuffed green olives, divided
1 tablespoon finely chopped Scotch bonnet chilies or habanero chilies, divided
2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Cumin, Ground
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Garlic Powder, California
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Oregano, Mediterranean
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Paprika, Smoked
1 cup medium grain white rice
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) pigeon peas, drained and rinsed
1 can (13.66 ounces) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
1 ½ cups water
¼ cup tomato sauce
½ cup toasted flaked coconut

Heat oil in 4-quart Dutch oven on medium-high heat. Add sweet potatoes, bell pepper, onion and 1 tablespoon each of the cilantro and olives, and 1 teaspoon of the chilies; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until bell pepper and onion are softened and sweet potatoes are lightly browned. Add rice, cumin, garlic powder, oregano, smoked paprika and sea salt; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until rice begins to look translucent.

Stir in pigeon peas, coconut milk, water and tomato sauce. Bring to boil on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes. Uncover and let stand another 5 minutes. Fluff rice with a fork.

Mix toasted coconut, the remaining cilantro, olives and chilies in small bowl. Serve rice with coconut mixture.

Tip: To substitute dried pigeon peas for the canned peas, rinse, soak and cook a heaping ½ cup of dried pigeon peas according to package directions until tender. Drain peas. Prepare recipe as directed using the pre-cooked pigeon peas.



TACOS AL PASTOR WITH COCONUT LIME SLAW

Serves: 6; serving size is 2 tacos
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes

Coconut Lime Slaw:
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon honey
2 cups shredded cabbage
¼ cup flaked coconut
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Pigeon Pea Tacos al Pastor:
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 plum tomatoes, chopped
1 cup finely chopped pineapple
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) brown pigeon peas, rinsed and drained
2 teaspoons ground oregano
1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
12 taco shells, warmed

For the Slaw, mix lime juice, olive oil and honey in medium bowl until well blended. Add cabbage, coconut and cilantro; toss to coat. Cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

For the Tacos, heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add tomatoes and pineapple; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until softened. Add pigeon peas and seasonings; cook and stir until heated through. Serve pigeon pea mixture in warm taco shells topped with Coconut Lime Slaw.



CRANBERRY BEAN, SAGE AND ORZO SOUP

Serves: 7; serving size is 1 cup
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes

1 cup coarsely chopped pancetta
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped carrots
¼ cup chopped celery
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 cup Albariño wine or another dry, white wine
4 cups (1 quart) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
1 can (14.28 ounces) cranberry beans, (also called borlotti beans), drained
½ cup orzo pasta, uncooked
2 thick strips lemon peel
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sage, Dalmatian
½ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ teaspoon sea salt
2 cups chopped kale

Cook and stir pancetta in 5-quart saucepot or Dutch oven on medium heat 4 minutes or until browned. Add onion, carrots, celery and garlic; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables soften.

Stir in remaining ingredients, except the kale. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Remove lemon peel; discard. With center part of cover removed to let steam escape, puree 1 cup of the soup in blender on high speed until smooth. Return pureed mixture to pot. Stir kale into soup. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until kale is tender and soup is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. To serve, ladle into soup bowls. Garnish with thin twists of lemon peel, grated Asiago cheese and Asiago Crostini (recipe follows), if desired.

Tip: Asiago Crostini: Place thinly sliced baguette in single layer on baking sheet. Brush lightly on both sides with olive oil. Bake in preheated 350°F oven 5 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with grated Asiago cheese. Bake 2 minutes longer or just until cheese is melted.

Tip: To substitute dried cranberry beans for the canned beans, rinse, soak and cook ½ cup dried cranberry beans according to package directions until tender. Drain beans. Prepare recipe as directed using the pre-cooked beans.



VEGETARIAN BOLOGNESE WITH BORLOTTI BEANS

Serves: 5; serving size 1 cup
Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes

2 cans (14.28 ounces) cranberry beans, (also called borlotti beans), drained and divided
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup finely chopped carrots
½ cup finely chopped celery
1 cup Albariño wine or one cup of another dry, white wine
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) petite diced tomatoes
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
¼ cup water
2 bay leaves
2 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Sage, Dalmatian
1 teaspoon plus ½ teaspoon garlic powder, divided
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground, divided
½ teaspoon plus ¼ teaspoon sea salt, divided
½ teaspoon red pepper, crushed
2 pounds summer squash, such as yellow squash or zucchini

For the Bolognese, mash 1 can of the drained beans with potato masher. Set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onion, carrots and celery; cook and stir 6 to 8 minutes or until vegetables just soften. Add wine and mashed beans; cook and stir 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in remaining beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, water, bay leaves, sage, 1 teaspoon of the garlic powder, paprika, ½ teaspoon each of the pepper and salt, and red pepper. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, for the Squash Spaghetti, trim squash ends. Cut squash into spaghetti-shaped strands using a julienne peeler or spiralizer until you reach the seeds. Discard squash core. It should yield about 1 pound of "spaghetti." Drizzle remaining 1 tablespoon oil over "spaghetti" in large bowl; toss gently to coat. Season with remaining ½ teaspoon each salt, pepper and garlic. Heat large nonstick skillet on high heat. Add "spaghetti," and cook and stir gently about 30 seconds or just until heated through.

To serve, place "spaghetti" in large serving bowl or individual serving bowls and top with Borlotti Bean Bolognese. Sprinkle with shaved Parmesan cheese and chopped fresh parsley, if desired.



PICKLED PEACH AND BLACK BELUGA LENTIL TOASTS

Serves: 12; 2 toasts each
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Pickled Peach:
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon yellow mustard seed
1 ripe peach, pitted and finely chopped
Black Beluga Lentil Toasts:
½ cup dried black beluga lentils
1 ½ cups water
1 teaspoon sea salt
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives, divided
½ teaspoon thyme
¼ cup crème fraîche
24 thin baguette slices, toasted

For the Pickled Peach, bring vinegar, sugar and mustard seed to simmer in small saucepan on medium heat. Reduce heat to low; cook 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes to cool. Pour over chopped peach in small bowl; toss gently to coat. Refrigerate 1 hour or until chilled.

Meanwhile, for the Lentil Toasts, rinse and drain lentils. Place lentils, water and sea salt in small saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat and uncover. Cool to room temperature in remaining liquid. Drain.

Mix drained lentils, oil, 1 tablespoon of the chives and thyme in medium bowl until blended. To serve, spread about 1 teaspoon crème fraîche on toasted baguette slice. Top with about 1 tablespoon lentil mixture and 1 teaspoon Pickled Peach. Garnish with remaining chives.

Tip: To substitute frozen peaches for the fresh peach, thaw 1 ½ cups frozen sliced peaches; pat dry and finely chop. Use as directed in the recipe.

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