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DPS worker raises water, sewer issues

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A longtime Westland Department of Public Services worker is alleging the city has violated state and federal regulations regarding replacing lead water service lines to homes and mishandled raw sewage.

While recommending that some policies be written and additional training be provided to staff, City Attorney James Fausone's investigation into the allegations made by Frank Raymore found the city had not violated any laws. "I was asked by city officials to keep it in-house. At this time I did so," said Raymore, a 19-year city employee. "I

assembled and delivered detailed packets for the mayor and each councilmember. It was intercepted by the city attorney." Raymore spoke at a recent city council meeting after he said he got no response within his 14-day deadline. The 350-page packet was a whistleblower complaint that Mayor William Wild said

he immediately turned over to Fausone for review. "The city attorney insinuated that I was a disgruntled employee. My motive is clear. I couldn't with good conscience have kept quiet," Raymore said. While Fausone didn't use the term

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John Glenn honors Champion students



John Glenn Champion Adaze Ogbuaku makes her speech at the banquet honoring students. COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

If you've got a winning formula, why not stick with it? After watching the successful Champions of Wayne mentorship program flourish at Wayne Memorial High School, Glenn and Patty Shaw and the Westland Community Foundation decided it could work at John Glenn High School, as well.

In the program, students ask a John Glenn staff member to be their mentor for one semester. Together, they decide on a goal for the student, sign a contract and meet regularly to work toward the student's goal.

"The program at Wayne Memorial was working pretty good," Glenn Shaw said. "The (Glenn) program turned out to be even greater than we anticipated."

Like the program at Wayne Memorial, where more than 600 students are involved, the first semester at John Glenn (more than 400 students participating) turned out to be a successful one. According to statistics provided by the district:

- » More than 130 students achieved their goal.
- » 114 students showed progress in their cumulative GPA to this term's GPA.
- » 154 students did not show progress.
- » 248 students (some 61 percent) improved their grades in the fall semester, including one student with a cumulative GPA of 1.86 who achieved a 3.33 in the first semester.

At the banquet honoring the Champions, John Glenn sophomore Curtis Denney talked about the struggles he went through as a freshman, and how much the mentoring program has helped.

"Jumping into the Champions program has helped tremendously," said Denney, who called himself "a mess" as a freshman. "It has helped me set a goal for myself, which has led to me doing my homework, handling my attitude better and being an overall better student." Numbers provided by the district show Denney isn't the only student improving. Consider:

- » 25-33 percent of Champions students make their semester goal.
- » 65 percent of students still increase their grades even if they do not make their goal.
- » 95 percent of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial staff are mentors.

» ACT scores have increased 9.8 percent over the life of the Champions program at Wayne Memorial High School.

» Four Champions students have earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship in the past three years at Wayne Memorial High School.

Students in the program received a Champions of John Glenn T-shirt. Students who met their goal received a \$200 check, three tickets to the awards banquet and a string backpack. Toarmna Pizza donated about 140 pizzas as prizes for participation.

At the banquet on Feb. 10, Champions students, mentors, parents and Westland Community Foundation members celebrated the accomplishments of the students. The John Glenn High School marching band and cheerleaders performed as students and mentors marched into the room. Red, white and blue confetti fell as students got in line to accept their checks from Glenn and Patty Shaw.

The atmosphere was electric, according to Shaw.

"The success of these kids was phenomenal," he said. "The stories they told were amazing."



Teachers line up to congratulate John Glenn Champions students at the banquet. COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

Meeting on lead water lines Monday

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A special Westland City Council meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday to address resident concerns about lead water lines.

Representatives of the Great Lakes Water Authority and the Wayne County Health Department are slated to present information.

Department of Public Services employee Frank Raymore made allegations regarding lead water lines last week at the council and on local television.

"Yesterday (Thursday) we got about 15 calls to the mayor's office. Some live throughout the city but the majority of people live in the area Frank (Raymore) identified," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We've not seen anything (in water testing) to show high lead levels."

In the area — Palmer to Glenwood, Wayne Road to Wildwood — there are about 900 homes, Wild said with 11 home potentially having a lead water line.

"Our DPS crews are to start working to excavate and open the boxes at the 11 homes to make sure the lead lines have been changed out," he said. "We want residents to feel comfortable."

At Monday's meeting, Wild said he will ask the council to approve funding to have an outside company to water testing for residents in the identified area.

"We have 11 lines — Detroit probably has 100,000. Our water is pre-treated knowing we have homes with lead leads or lead solder on copper pipes," Wild said.

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City Hall art gallery set to open Feb. 26

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Staff Writer

The art is on the walls, but the Gallery at City Hall won't officially open until a ribbon-cutting and reception at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

Located in the gallery area in front of the meeting and banquet rooms at Westland City Hall, the art display is a partnership between the city and the Three Cities Art Club.

"We have a contract with the city for two years. Most of the time we have the gallery," club president Marilyn Meredith said. "Then there will be something like a month of art work by (Westland) Glenn high school students. It's their gallery. We will coordinate it."

Open to visitors anytime city hall is open, the gallery will feature works by members of the Three Cities Art Club.

"It will be a variety of our members' work — drawings, painting, photography," Meredith said. "I think there are 19 artists involved and about 80 works. That's probably way too many."

The agreement with the city calls for the art, much of which will be offered for sale, to be changed every three months. The gallery will be available

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Observer & Eccentric presents the 13th annual Spring Senior Expo, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for seniors features diverse demonstrations and workshops, local business exhibitors, prizes, free admission to expo attendees, free parking and free refreshments. Learn to live healthy, make wise financial decisions and enhance life to make it the best ever.

Businesses wishing to participate can take advantage of various exhibitor and sponsorship packages.

Prior to the expo, a Spring Senior Expo special publication will be inserted into all *Observers*, *Novi News*, *Northville Record*, *Milford*

Times, and *South Lyon Herald* newspapers on Thursday, March 31 and in all *Eccentric Newspapers* on Sunday, April 3. This special publication will feature articles, interests and resources for today's seniors. The publication will also include participating local business exhibitors and information on all demonstrations and workshops being offering for this year's event.

For those interested in greater involvement and exposure, there are speaking, advertorial and various sponsorship level opportunities.

To learn more about how to become an exhibitor or sponsor, contact Choya Jordan, at cbjordan@michigan.com.

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for other displays three months each year.

As Westland celebrates its 50th year as a city, the Three Cities Art Club is celebrating its 60th birthday.

"(Westland) Mayor (William) Wild, who has made it a priority to bring more cultural opportunities to Westland, has followed and supported our club for over five years in our annual art exhibitions at the Westland Library and our Festival of the Arts at Westland Mall which is co-sponsored by the Westland Rotary Club," Meredith said.

At the mall, in addition to displaying outstanding works of art, Three Cities Art Club invites performing artists including mu-



COURTESY THREE CITIES ART CLUB

A partnership between the City of Westland and the Three Cities Art Club has resulted in the Gallery at City Hall, which officially opens Friday, Feb. 26.

sic and dance.

"The art club has brought with them a lot of excitement and culture to Westland," Wild said.

The Gallery at City Hall is the brainchild of photographic artist Allen

nationally and internationally known, and with everyone eager to display their work — what a perfect match."

The premiere exhibition runs through April 30. In May, the art department of Westland John Glenn High School will take over for a month showing the best of their student's work created during the past school year. These works will be on display for the City of Westland's 50th birthday celebration.

The ribbon-cutting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 with a reception continuing through 7 p.m. This is a free event and the community is invited to attend. Westland City Hall is located at 36300 Warren Road.

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WATER

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disgruntled employee, he did note that Raymore "was clearly upset by being passed over for promotion." Raymore was disciplined over disputes with a supervisor, which went to arbitration in February 2015 with an order upholding but reducing the discipline.

During January 2015, Raymore met with the personnel director and DPS director to allege he was discriminated against over not being promoted. He later filed complaints with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over not being promoted.

The complaints were dismissed — the EEOC complaint in December 2015, the civil rights claim on Jan. 13. Raymore filed the allegations with the city on Jan. 27.

Regarding the specific allegations:

» Raymore cited

three instances where DPS crews encountered city lead water service lines, two of which were replaced and one that wasn't replaced, at least not immediately. He alleges that the city violated Department of Environmental Quality requirements by not notifying residents or doing water testing.

"What we've concluded is that the city didn't violate any state or federal law," said Fausone, noting the federal EPA was consulted as part of the investigation along with interviews of DPS staff and review of records.

Because Westland's water lead levels have never exceeded the level set by the EPA to require notifications, Fausone said the city isn't required to notify residents when pipes are replaced or repaired or to conduct follow-up testing.

The city has an unwritten policy to replace lead water lines — residents are responsible for water lines coming from the city right-of-way to their home. A 2013 city

document showed that of 44,000 water service connections, less than 1 percent were lead, with only about 15 remaining lead connections to be replaced.

Following the allegations, Wild said he went with DPS crews and found two of the three lead lines had been replaced. An effort was underway to verify the work at the third house.

"All three were rental homes and no one was home to talk to," Wild said. "People are nervous about lead. If we are doing something wrong, we will fix it."

» Raymore said that raw sewage from October 2015 sewer repairs at Ram's Horn restaurant, 7020 N. Wayne Road, was illegally transported, dumped and disposed of at the DPS yard on Marquette.

It's lawful for DPS crews to dispose of liquid waste into the sewer system at the DPS yard, Fausone said, with contaminated solids to be placed in a container for disposal by contractor.

In this instance, Fau-

some interviewed other staff who reported the work included vacuuming out the upstream manhole to remove primarily sand and water that was blocking passage of camera equipment.

» Additionally, Raymore said that at some time in the past DPS crews were directed to pump sewage north up the Inkster Road sewer line causing a manhole to overflow south of Michigan Avenue.

In his report, Fausone said he was unable to confirm how or why the discharge occurs. He did note that in severe rainstorms, DPS turns on pumps at the Annapolis pump station to assist sewer flow and avoid residential basement back ups.

Rehabilitation work currently underway at the pump station is expected to alleviate that problem, according to Fausone.

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Art center to host workshop for transgender youth

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

As the mother of a transgender son, Kelly Darke works hard to provide a nurturing, safe environment where her son can be himself.

Now Darke, owner of Mindful Art Center in Livonia, is trying to extend that same comfort to transgender kids at work.

Darke is hosting a youth art workshop at her center (12886 Farmington Road) Sunday, Feb. 28, as part of an ongoing art therapy effort to help transgender youth find their way through life.

"I want to provide a place where kids feel comfortable without any judgment and where they can meet other kids going through the same thing," said Darke, whose son, Grayson, came out as transgender in January 2015. "These are kids just trying to be who they are. I want to give them a place to do that."

Darke has been helping all kids — and adult clients — express themselves since getting her master's degree in art therapy from Wayne State University in 2009.

The Grosse Pointe Park native, who now lives in Westland, first worked for agencies, most recently TBI Solutions in Southfield, before opening Mindful Art Center in September 2014.

She said having her client list dictated largely by insurance companies eventually

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What: Transgender Youth Art Workshop
Where: Mindful Art Center, 12886 Farmington Road, Livonia
When: Sunday, Feb. 28. Clients in kindergarten through fifth grade meet 1-2 p.m.; clients in sixth grade and higher meet 2:15-3:15 p.m.
Why: Provide an environment where transgender youth can learn to express themselves without fear of judgment
How much: Art supplies will be provided; there is a \$5 supply fee. Space is limited to 20 people; RSVP by Feb. 27
Details: For more information, go to www.mindfulartcenter.com or call 734-502-7920

drove her into private practice.

"Most agencies work with insurance companies, so the insurance company dictated who I could see," said Darke, who also got her bachelor's degree at WSU. "In private practice, the client has full control. I'm an art therapist and I wanted to work independently."

Darke has always had a therapeutic bent toward her life. She said she's got a "long history" of art and painting and also has had a longtime fascination with psychology.

She believes the two can go hand-in-hand. In fact, she said, she has long used art as her "personal therapy."

"It's relaxing, it's satisfying, it's something I can do on my own," she said. "There aren't



Jessy Coccolone (left) paints cards as her step-mom, art therapist Kelly Darke, looks on.

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any rules; it is what I make of it. It's very personal. No one can tell you what it means."

It wasn't the career path she once thought she'd take. Darke said she originally thought about being a doctor. Then, she said, her brother suffered a nasty broken leg.

"When I saw him in the hospital with his leg, I almost passed out," she said, laughing. "That's when I thought, 'Maybe not a doctor.'"

Having always wanted to have her own studio, Darke decided to make the leap from TBI Solutions when her hus-

band, who also owns his own business, found the Farmington Road space for Darke's center.

At the moment, the center hosts only art therapy classes, but Darke said she's considering expanding the center's offerings to include workshops and art classes, including for adults.

At the moment, Darke is focusing on the workshop for transgender youth. But first she had to educate herself. After Grayson came out last year Darke, who also has a stepdaughter who is gay, spent

the next year educating herself, reading books and attending support groups for parents of transgender kids.

"For a lot of kids — and adults — when you have issues you can't quite describe with words, art can help you do that," Darke said. "Kids can use art and expression to do that. You can express yourself without any judgment. There's no right or wrong, so you're not being judged by that."

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

» On Feb. 10, a Westland woman told police that someone had used her Direct Express Social Security account to charge \$29.95 monthly for a "My Score Credit." She said the charge began June 30 and continued until she noticed it in February after her account went into a negative balance. She said she didn't authorize the deduction.

» A Westland man told police Feb. 12 that he had been contacted by his bank about

suspicious activity on his debit card. His account number had been used to charge \$67.38 at an Exxon gas station in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He said he didn't authorize the charge and had the card in his possession.

» On Feb. 12, a Westland man told police that he had been contacted by his credit union about suspicious activity on his debit card account. The card had been used for purchases in Florida, California and Massachusetts over several days. He said he

didn't authorize the charges and had the card in his possession.

» Also on Feb. 12, a Westland woman told police that she had been notified by her credit union about a suspicious purchase made at a Scheel's store in North Chesterfield, Virginia without her permission. She also had her debit card in her possession and didn't authorize the purchase.

» A Westland woman told police Feb. 14 that she was notified about suspicious

charges on her debit card at a BP gas station in Carpenterville, Illinois. The charges, \$68.88 and \$68.99, were made Feb. 1.

» On Feb. 15, a Westland man told police he received notice from his credit union that someone had made two purchases Feb. 8 at a Kids Footlocker store in North Riverside, Illinois. The total charges were \$390.50.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 400 block of Apple told police overnight

Feb. 10 that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle and stolen her wallet. It contained identification and a debit card.

Hit and run

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Hamilton students host annual Leadership Day

Students at Hamilton Elementary School invited members of the community to their annual Leadership Day.

The morning was planned and executed by K-4 graded students as part of their 7 Habits of Happy Kids program. Guests were treated to songs that were sung by the kindergarten classes, "What I Want to Be when I Grow Up" presentations and by first-grade students and an overview of the different jobs that fourth-grade students fulfill at the school.

After the presentations, guests were taken on a tour of the school.

Several elementary schools in Wayne-Westland Community Schools have become Leader in Me schools. The Leader in Me program is part of Franklin Covey's 7 Habits of Happy Kids program. The program teaches 21st century leadership and life skills that every student can be a leader.

Students have planned and



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First-grader Damian Crowe wants to be a marine biologist when he grows up.



The combined kindergartens sing the 7 Habits song.

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will execute Leadership Day from greeting guests and giving building tours, to giving presentations and answering questions about The Leader in Me.

Students make music at state solo ensemble

Band and orchestra students from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School performed at the District Solo/Ensemble Festival at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

At Wayne Memorial High School, 19 events qualified for the State Solo/Ensemble Festival, which will be held March 19 at Chelsea High School.

State qualifiers included Jessica Santiago, Sydney Matiska, Evelyn Fairchild, Khalil Burks, Mikayla Wallace, Sarah Craig, Jacob Clark, Malachi Sauls, Stephen Ambrus, Hannah Miller, Chloe Adams, Kiera

Matiska, Macey Wolf, Cheyenne Kittel, Arunika Alond, Brittani Ricks, Sarah McLeod, Taleyia Taylor, Toni Davis, Michaela Minnis and Raquelle Walker. At John Glenn High School, six events qualified for the State Solo/Ensemble. State qualifiers included Sarah Hayes, Jordan Weeks, Emily Smith, Lavinia Hangu, Haleigh Dudley, Katie Throne, Julia Engberts and Brendan Johnson.

Reading is fundamental
Wayne-Westland Community School's Family Resource

Center and the Red Wagon Summer Reading program was able to give children 500 books from Reading Is Fundamental thanks to a longstanding partnership with Macy's.

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In addition, the Family Resource Center and Red Wagon program will receive a multicultural Book Collection.

Kindergarten Round-Up
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Two former Westland council members pass away

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Two former Westland councilmembers — one who also served as the city's department of aging director — died last week.

Robert Wagner, 90, died Feb. 16 and had divided his time between Westland and Scottsdale, Arizona.

Having served on the city council for 16 years, including time as council president, Mr. Wagner later worked for the city heading services for senior citizens. He retired from that position.

"I served on council for a number of years with him. Bob was a pragmatic person and had a sense of humor," said

former councilman and mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin. "I liked the fact that even if he was in a different group, you could work with him when things needed to be get done like the budget or things to make the city a better place."

Mr. Wagner was a charter member and founder of the Bova VFW Post in Westland and a member of the Joe Arpaio Posse in Arizona. He retired in 1989 at which time he was working as Westland's controller.

Arrangements were handled by Elton Black and Son Funeral



Wagner



Newell

Home in Highland Township. No services were listed.

Mr. Wagner is survived by his children of Robert M. (Tieng) and Linda (Terry) Sletten; grandchildren Kari (Mark) Lawry, Michelle (John) Campbell, Amporn Wagner and Marinda (Jonathon) Mattus; and 11 great-grandchildren.

» Former councilwoman Deloris Newell, 73, of Westland died Feb. 16. She also served on the council during the 80s.

"Deloris was my neighbor before she moved. I knew her well. She was on the council when I was council president,"

Griffin said. "She was on the other side but I got along with Deloris. My motto is you have to work together."

Ms. Newell also has served as a member of the Westland Zoning Board of Appeals and Westland Economic Development Committee. She was a legislative aide to the Wayne County Commissioner Susy Heintz Avery.

She worked as a constituent co-coordinator for State Reps. Thomas Brown and Robert Law, both of whom represented Westland. In that position Ms. Newell was responsible for all constituent requests, working with local, state and federal government to resolve the issues. She later worked in public relations and marketing

for Strategic Communications Solutions.

Ms. Newell also served as Executive Director of the Western Township Utilities Authority, a \$94 million dollar project.

Arrangements for Ms. Newell, who was born in Cookeville, Tennessee, were handled by Uht Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Friday, Feb. 19. The Reverend Jack Baker officiated and burial followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Ms. Newell is survived by her husband Gary Sowpel; daughters Rhonda and Cassandra (William Jr.) Bishop; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter Michelle Mosier.

POLICE BRIEFS

Car window damaged

Livonia police were dispatched Wednesday afternoon to a home in the 18600 block of Gillman on the report of a broken car window.

The vehicle's owner said someone earlier in the morning broke out a rear passenger window. The car was parked out on the street at the time. The owner said they did not know who had broken out the window or what had been used to break the window.

Man caught taking wine

Police were called Thursday afternoon to CVS, 19120 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

A store employee told police the suspect was seen in the store going to the wine aisle. He was then seen selecting two bottles of wine and placing them in his pants. He then allegedly tried to leave the store without paying. He was stopped by a store employee when he tried to leave. He was detained until police arrived and arrested him. He reported-

ly said he took the wine because he was down on his luck and could not afford them.

Identity stolen

A resident who lives in the 29400 block of Six Mile came into the police station Wednesday afternoon to report her identity being stolen.

She said she filed her taxes several weeks before with a Detroit accountant. She said she received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service that day, saying someone had already filed taxes under her name. She said she didn't know

who had filed taxes using her information.

Fraudulent return reported

Police were called Tuesday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody at the store.

A store employee told police the suspect attempted to return a baby monitor and a blender at the customer service counter without a receipt. When security footage was reviewed, it was reportedly shown that the suspect went

into the store, selected the items and walked out without paying for them. She then reportedly came back in and tried to return them, but did not complete the return. She then reportedly tried to leave the store again with the items, but was stopped by a store employee. She was detained until police arrived and arrested her.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.
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Local students win big at regional health competitions

Health Occupations and Medical Assisting students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center competed at Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Region 5 Competitions at Grosse Ile High School recently.

They had 37 medal winners who will go on to compete in a variety of medical competitions at the State HOSA Leadership Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort.

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

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COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

Health Occupations and Medical Assisting students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center came away from the Health Occupations Students of America Region 5 Competitions with 37 medal winners who will go on to compete in a variety of medical competitions at the State HOSA Leadership Conference.

encourage all health science instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership. Local winners included:

- » Nursing Assisting

- » Mariah Miller, Bronze Medal.
- » Personal Care — Myeah Barnes, Gold Medal; Hailee Bolton, Silver Medal; and Marriam Bazzi and Diamond Crawley, bronze medals.



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- » Home Health Aide — Emonie Montgomery, Gold Medal; Hailey Ladd, Silver Medal; Olivia Ray, Bronze Medal.
- » CERT (Community Emergency Response

- Team) — Amanda McKay and Dylan Schweninger, Silver Medals.
- » Sports Medicine — Laya Suvada, Bronze Medal.
- » Physical Therapy — Samantha Best, Gold

- Medal; Jenna Scarpace, Silver Medal; Mariah Tolliver, Bronze Medal.
- » Job Seeking Skills — Desjah Hood, Silver Medal; Shulana Weaver, Bronze Medal.

- » Medical Photography — Charnetta Goree, Silver Medal; Jada Madlock, Bronze Medal.
- » Community Awareness — Jayla Walker, Alyzah Canty, Jade Davis and Jaylin Fisher, Silver Medals.

- » Public Health — Elizabeth Honke, Taylor Basner, Kaitlin McGrath, Payton Timba and Lauryn Williams, Bronze Medals.

- » Prepared Speaking — Monai Mauldin, Silver Medal.

- » Medical Reading — Hailey Bevier-Morgan, Silver Medal.

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St. Mary Mercy CEO sees pros, cons of Affordable Care Act

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

As president/chief executive officer of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, David Spivey sees varied sides of the Affordable Care Act, which became law in 2010.

"It's been challenging. The regulations are greater," Spivey told Plymouth Rotarians and guests at a Friday, Feb. 19, luncheon.

On the plus side, he noted, more people are covered by health plans, including through expansion of Medicaid.

"As business people, we deal with a lot of regulation every day," Spivey said. "We find ways to adjust." He does wonder if crafters of the ACA legislation studied economics in college, noting insurance rates are going up.

"We'll see where it goes moving forward," he said at the Plymouth Cultural Center lunch.

It had been almost 15 years since Spivey spoke to Plymouth Rotarians and he was eager to tout the hospital's enhanced reputation. "We've come a long way," he said.

Spivey noted "quiet" 1990s improvements at the hospital at Five Mile and Levan, prior to its joining Trinity Health as part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System in 2000.

He's proud of the 2009 addition of seven residency training programs for physicians. "It's really been a revitalizing aspect of the hospital I'm quite proud of," he said.

Spivey also lauded the

2012-14 renovation work that included a new emergency room and three patient floors with private rooms. "It's going to serve the community for many years to come," he said. Other health system sites, including Chelsea and the hospital on Woodward in Oakland County, also have been renovated.

"We're here to stay," he said of his employer, the fourth largest health system in the U.S.

Spivey also praised the MercyElite training facility created in 2014 for all athletes, including young ones. Schoolcraft College and the Livonia Recreation Center are among its partners.

"Hire people who know what they're doing. Give them the support they need," he urged, noting the sports facility included hiring away from a competitor.

This year includes Level II trauma certification through the American College of Surgeons, among the "halo effects in improving the organization" he cited.

He noted the recent merger of Oakwood and Botsford systems into Beaumont, to leverage size and scale much as other industries do. "Consolidation is definitely here to stay," he said.

Consumerism is a factor, as well. Some people now have high-deductible health insurance plans in which they pay \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year out of pocket for care.

"That's causing people to be more price-sensitive in their shopping for health care," Spivey said.

He added his hospital is solid financially, which boosts care. "It allows us to be able to give back to the community through community programming," he said.

Spivey concluded by noting the challenges of caring for an aging population. "Aging and chronic disease is something we've got to figure out and reverse some of the trends," he said.

By 2030, he noted, 19 percent of Americans will be 65 or older.



David Spivey, president/CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, discussed the Affordable Care Act, health care consolidation and other issues Feb. 19 at the Rotary Club of Plymouth.

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Dinner lauds youth who overcome obstacles

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The annual Growth Works, Inc., awards dinner is a time to pause and reflect.

"We've been doing it a long time," executive director Dale Yagiela said of the agency which helps young people in Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities. The 27th annual dinner, Feb. 18 this year at Fox Hills Golf Club, was "to acknowledge progress our participants have made," he said.

Staff and community partners were also lauded. Staffers, many of whom go back with Growth Works for years, are "really important to us," Yagiela said. "They're working with folks that need a lot of support, a lot of care. You need a good heart."

Yagiela has been with the agency since it began in 1971 as Plymouth Youth, Inc. The name change to Growth Works followed several years later.

Chemical dependency treatment for youth became key in the 1980s. The agency was operating alternative education for the Plymouth-Canton school district and found drug use often interfered with school success.

Yagiela praised hospital-based programs for youth who have substance abuse problems. Growth Works in the early 1980s began after care for youth coming out of such hospital programs.

In the middle 1980s, juvenile delinquency programming evolved into what now serves 17 western Wayne County communities. Youth have gone through the Wayne County Juvenile Court and been referred, Yagiela said.

"The intent is to rehabilitate them and keep



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Michele Baldori of Canton Memorial Scholarship.



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TaWanna Sperling and Marsha Sperling represented Rick Bergquist Memorial Scholarship winner Ka'Mariera Moorer of Taylor.

delinquency program." He sees the region as stronger in that regard than others due in large part to the CWV and its leadership.

"This isn't about punishing people. It's about helping them make better decisions," Yagiela said.

He's nearly 67 and has no immediate retirement plans. The agency's board is focused on its future.

"I can't envision myself not being part of this," Yagiela said. "But we're not close to getting that figured out yet."

Those honored at the Feb. 18 dinner were:

Rick Bergquist Memorial Scholarship honorees: Ka'Mariera Moorer of Taylor and Michele Baldori of Canton. This scholarship is given by the Bergquist family of Livonia. Moorer is away at Northern Michigan University studying and unable to attend; her family represented her at the dinner.

Youth and adult Program Achievement Award honorees: Emily Scott of Plymouth, Kevin Kreimes of Canton, Rob Lauer of Canton and Bruce Thacker of Milan.

Marsha Bianconi, former executive director of the Conference of Western Wayne, was honored as she retired from the Growth Works Board of Directors. Roy Brewer and Reginald Choyce of Wolverine Human Services of Vassar garnered Community Awards.

Growth Works board members honored were: Susan Brown, Tom Fieldner, Joan Gebhardt, Steve Harper, Paul Ordye, Neal Schultz, Jodynn Sellek, Bill Ventola, Janet Volante, Pete Wilson, Ken Brooks, John Zech, John Neptuk, Jack Kirksey and Ann O'Flaherty.

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Kevin Kreimes of Canton, Emily Scott of Plymouth, Bruce Thacker of Milan and Rob Lauer of Canton. All won Program Achievement Awards.

the community safe," he said. Now, Growth Works has ties in substance abuse work and court intervention with Washtenaw County as well.

"It's just doing more of the same. We're concerned about kids, crime, drug use and how they all intersect," Yagiela said. For Yagiela and col-

leagues, seeing young people get lives back on track is rewarding. "It's kind of what makes you stay with the work when you see that," he said.

"People can make a decision to change."

He praised the Conference of Western Wayne as "a real key partner in this since we started the

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'Anne Frank' cast bonds over Holocaust Center visit

Tony Targan
Correspondent

When Maureen Mansfield set out to direct *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the Farmington Players, she faced an interesting challenge: She and Gary Weinstein (both of Farmington Hills) were the only Jews in the entire cast and crew.

Nancy Cooper of Farmington, who plays Petronella Van Daan, had "never even met a Jew" before college, after growing up in a very small Ohio community in the 1970s. In fact, World War II ended over 50 years before some of the younger cast members were even born.

To bridge this cultural and generational gap, Mansfield embarked on a crash course in Jewish history. In addition to pronouncing the Hebrew text in the script, she also taught the cast about Jewish traditions in an effort to make them "honorary Jews."

The culmination of this lesson was a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, which was intended as both an educational and a bonding experience.

"I thought that the more they learned about

the Holocaust, the greater insight they'd have as to what their characters endured," Mansfield said. "There are so many layers to the story and each individual character can be better portrayed only by having a good understanding of what really occurred. The pain and devastation contained in the museum is astounding. The strength and courage we learned of is inspiring."

"When we left, we felt like we had experienced something difficult ... together. Most were horrified by what they learned ... all were moved. The trip intensified their commitment to bring the story of the annex dwellers to our stage. It has now become more than just another production. It has become a message that needs to be shared."

Assistant Director Kristi Schwartz of Canton said cast and crew left the center after their visit "in silence." "While we were all horrified with reliving the tragedy, sharing that experience bound us together like a family," Schwartz said.

The visit clearly has had its intended effect, especially on the younger cast members.



The Farmington Players production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" runs through March 5.

"When we went to the Holocaust Center, our guide described a Jewish belief that if even just one person is saved, then

you've succeeded," said Annie Schunior, 25, who

plays Miep Gies. "And Otto Frank survived. One life. But a triumph nonetheless. If they hadn't gone into hiding when they did, who's to say they all wouldn't have been killed? Maybe Anne's diary would never have been salvaged. Maybe the story of these eight people would have been lost forever."

Connor Green, a 19-year-old actor from Farmington, plays Peter Van Daan. The Holocaust center visit resonated with Connor because it reinforced "the theme of isolation."

"Throughout my life I can recount many, many times where I felt com-

pletely and utterly alone with no escape," Green said. "Like Peter and the rest of the Annex members, life can feel difficult to impossible if there is no escape from the same mundane life, no sentiment from the outside world, to feel utterly alone in this world can be the most horrendous feeling."

The show includes 12 performances through March 5. Tickets are available at farmingtonplayers.org or by contacting the Barn box office at boxoffice@farmingtonplayers.org or 248-553-2955.

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The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Doug Moore
Supt. of Public Service

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD MARCH 2016 BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 March Board of Review for the Charter Township of Redford will meet at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road Redford, Michigan 48239 in the Board Room for the purpose of reviewing the 2016 Assessment Roll. Appeals will be heard BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must call the Assessor's Office at (313) 387-2730 to schedule your appeal.

THE BOARD WILL MEET ON THE DATES AND TIMES INDICATED BELOW

Tuesday	March 8, 2016	Organization Meeting 11:00 A.M.
Thursday	March 10, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Friday	March 11, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Monday	March 14, 2016	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
Thursday	March 17, 2016	3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
Friday	March 18, 2016	9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2016 CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM, CONTRACT 16-C MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION

AEW PROJECT NO. 0263-0014

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Sealed bids should include four (4) copies (one original and three additional copies). Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

The City of Livonia seeks bids for the following:

The reconstruction and maintenance of designated concrete streets. Work includes removal of existing concrete pavement, subgrade corrections, placing new aggregate base and underdrain, construction of concrete pavement, minor drainage improvements, driveway restoration, sidewalk repairs, sidewalk ramp improvements, surface restoration, sprinkler repairs and traffic maintenance.

The approximate quantities for some of the major items of work for this project are as follows:

Pavt, Rem	40,973	Syd
Pavt Repr, Rem	918	Syd
Station Grading	129	Sta
Aggregate Base, 6 inch	180	Syd
Aggregate Base, 8 inch	41,767	Syd
Aggregate Base, 10 inch	2,114	Syd
Underdrain, Subgrade, 6 inch, Modified	24,551	Ft
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Conc Pavt with Integral Curb, Nonreinf, 9 inch	2,003	Syd
Pavt Repr, Nonreinf Conc, 7 inch	918	Syd
Driveway, Nonreinf Conc, 6 inch	4,433	Syd
Sidewalk Ramp, Conc, 4 inch	5,503	Sft
Sidewalk Ramp, Conc, 6 inch	3,540	Sft
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Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **2016 CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM, CONTRACT 16-C MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the **City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.**

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

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope (i.e. residential concrete street paving) in the State of Michigan and each totaled more than \$2,500,000 minimum per year minimum during the past 5 years (2011 thru 2015) in construction work. Failure to provide documentation supporting this requirement constitutes an invalid bid submittal.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

Published: February 21, 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF LIVONIA BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2016

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2016 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 8, 2016 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2016. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session			
Tuesday	March 8, 2016	Organizational Meeting	9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Thursday	March 10, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Friday	March 11, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Second Session			
Monday	March 14, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 15, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Thursday	March 17, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	2:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Friday	March 18, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Monday	March 21, 2016	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2016.

CLASS	RATIO	S.E.V. FACTOR (MULTIPLIER)
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Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Note: Appointments for the Board of Review may be made beginning Monday, February 22, 2016 by calling the Assessor's Office at 734.466.2220.

Linda Gosselin, Assessor

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM, CONTRACT 16-G

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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) 466-2655 at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:

The removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk 4, 6, and 8-inches in thickness, concrete curb and gutter, ADA ramps and other related items of work within the City of Livonia.

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The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed projects in the last five (5) years of equal scope (i.e. residential concrete sidewalk repairs and ADA ramps replacements) in the State of Michigan and where each year totaled more than \$500,000 in construction work.

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Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Dennis K. Wright
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Canton couple reveals today's Vietnam

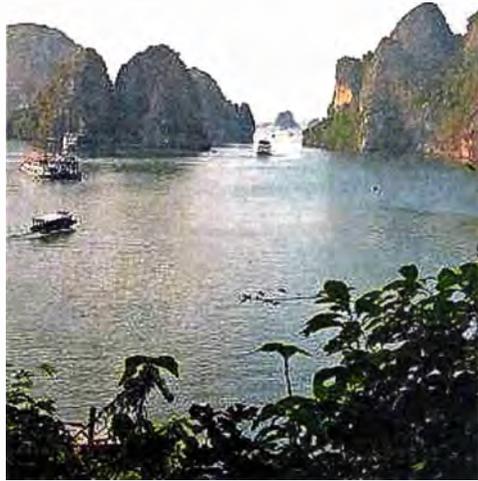
Jay Young
Contributing Writer

Although a close neighbor geographically to Thailand, Vietnam is different in several ways as we were to discover after a short flight from Bangkok to Hanoi. For example, Vietnam has been occupied by various foreign powers throughout its history, including China, for over a millennium, France and Japan. By contrast, Thailand was never colonized by a foreign power.

Although both countries rely heavily on motor scooters for transportation, the incessant noise from blaring horns in Vietnamese cities was in sharp contrast to the relative quiet in Thailand, where it is considered in poor form to use them. Vietnamese cuisine traditionally features a combination of five distinct flavors: spicy, sour, bitter, salty and sweet. This contrasted with Thai food, which although delicious, was somewhat less spicy.

Although our Overseas Adventure Travel guide emphasized the positive relationship that exists today between his country and the U.S., (diplomatic relations were established in 1995), it was a bit surreal to be in the capital city of a former enemy during the Vietnam War. This was particularly apparent when we visited the War Remnants Museum and the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison where many downed American pilots were held. The history of the war, as interpreted by the victors, was distinctly different in these museums from the way many Americans view the decade-long conflict and its aftermath.

A visit to Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum in central Hanoi, where his embalmed body is dis-



A view of Halong Bay, a UNESCO world heritage site in the Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam.

played, further emphasized the differences between this one-party socialist state and an open, democratic society. The communist principles he espoused are enshrined today in Vietnam's current government. However, after 10 years of a disastrous planned economy, economic and political reforms enacted in 1986 have resulted in the country now experiencing one of the highest economic growth rates in the world. This was evidenced by a mammoth Samsung factory on the outskirts of Hanoi, employing thousands of workers, and the source of most of the Samsung smart phones sold in the U.S.

After visiting the excellent Museum of Ethnology, where we learned about the 54 ethnic groups that make up the cultural diversity of this ancient land, we concluded our three-day stay in

Hanoi by enjoying a water puppet show. This 1,000-year-old art form, which the French called the "souls of the Vietnamese rice fields," involves puppets suspended in water. The plays are performed by master puppeteers, who must sit semi-submerged behind a screen while manipulating the water-resistant wooden puppets. Stories depict villagers, farm animals and dragons interacting in a variety of scenarios.

Twenty miles north of Hanoi is the rural village of Tho Ha, located on an island in the Nhu Nguyer River. Accessible only by an ancient ferry, the villagers specialize in the production of rice paper, a staple of many Vietnamese dishes. Although its production has been mechanized by some, we visited a family that still makes the edible, almost transparent "paper" by hand, drying it on bamboo

racks in the sun.

World Heritage sites

Leaving Hanoi, we drove for several hours to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Halong Bay and an overnight aboard a junk, a traditional Vietnamese wooden sail boat. With its clear, emerald waters and 3,000 velvety cloaked mountains rising dramatically from the sea, it is little wonder this place has been the inspiration for generations of Vietnamese poets. This region of the Gulf of Tonkin is populated by fishermen who live with their families on sampans. They go about their daily lives harvesting the natural riches of the sea amid a spectacular backdrop of innumerable caves, beaches, soaring cliffs and grottoes.

Following our overnight in Halong Bay we flew to another UNESCO World Heritage site, Hue. The former imperial capital of the Nguyen Dynasty during a time recognized as the golden age of Vietnam, Hue has been a main cultural, religious and educational center of Vietnam for centuries. The World Heritage designation is the moated, walled citadel, home of Vietnams' last emperors. We first took a ride on the Perfume River aboard a dragon boat to see the seven-story Thien Mu Pagoda and later toured the Imperial Enclosure inside the Forbidden Purple City, the area reserved for the emperor and his retinue.

Our next stop farther down the coast was Hoi An, an ancient, well-preserved port town that's changed little in the past 200 years. After many centuries of maritime trade, the town boasts a multicultural air. Traders from Persia, Arabia, China, Japan and India, as well as the first Christian missionaries to reach

Vietnam, all left their mark along its colorful, lantern-strewn streets. Many of Hoi An's historic homes have been maintained with their brick exteriors and dark, wooden interiors, and are open to the public.

We traveled from Hoi An through rice fields near Cat's Tooth Mountain to My Son Sanctuary, Vietnam's most significant archeological site from the Champa kingdom, which prospered from the 2nd to the 15th centuries. The red brick ruins reflected a heavy influence from Hinduism in the delicate temple carvings.

The next morning we flew to the town of Nha Trang and boarded trawlers to visit a local fishing village on Mieu Island. While there, we tried navigating in unique basket boats, which are large tightly-woven bamboo baskets sealed with tar and used to ferry people or produce between fishing boats and shore.

From Nha Trang we climbed through rugged mountain passes to the city of Dalat, named the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its mild year-round climate. It is famous as a university center and for hundreds of greenhouses where exquisite flowers are grown for export. Later, we visited the isolated village of Buon Chuoi and met the chief of the Chil people, a hill tribe that practices subsistence farming. One of the so-called Montagnards or highlander tribes, they were widely recruited as fighters during the Vietnam War.

We embarked on the final leg of our journey via a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. Today it is a bustling, modern seaport and the country's largest city, with a population of nine million (and six million motor

scooters!). After touring some well-known landmarks such as the Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, the historic Post Office and the majestic Opera House, we journeyed outside the city to discover Vietnam's famous Mekong River Delta.

While in the delta region we visited the village of Cu Chi, which sits atop a vast maze of underground tunnels stretching more than 125 miles. This huge network allowed thousands of Viet Cong fighters and villagers to hide and control a large area near Saigon during the war. The Viet Cong worked continuously over 25 years by to expand this three-level network. It included mess halls, meeting rooms, an operating theater, a tiny cinema, small factories and vast ammunition stores. We found this to be a very emotional experience after viewing the display of booby traps the Viet Cong used against American soldiers.

Our trip to Saigon and this diverse country was put into perspective following our visit to Chu Chi when we met for lunch with former Viet Cong soldiers who displayed no malice to us or our country. Forty years after the war the scars have mostly healed. Today the Vietnamese are friendly and welcoming. We must never forget the sacrifices our soldiers made there, but perhaps it's time to "turn the page" and visit this beautiful and fascinating land in peace and harmony.

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Canton resident Jay Young is former director of community relations for the Livonia Public Schools. Retired in 2007, he likes to travel and do volunteer work in various places in this country and around the world.



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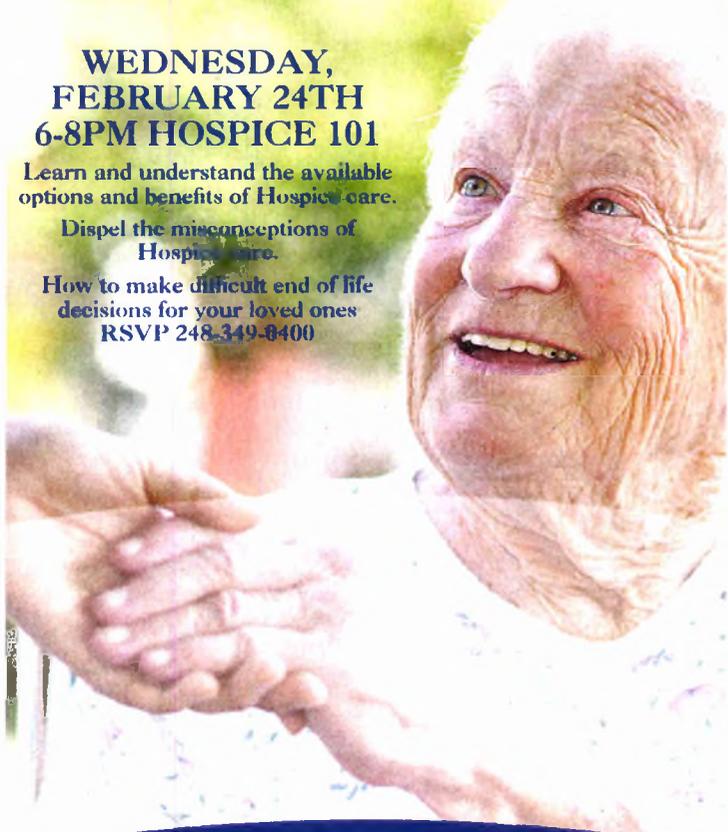
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'The Cross and the Light'

Show brings Broadway-caliber performance to local churches

Pam Zinkosky
Correspondent

The sounds of whips and cries of agony rip through the air. Tongues of fire envelop the room and the wind whistles loudly. Beautiful voices ring out. The crowd at turns cries, rejoices, sings "Hosanna," shouts out. And it's all happening at church. It's a retelling of an age-old Christian story - the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This is no ordinary passion play, but a Broadway-quality multi-sensory experience that uses state-of-the-art environmental projection to not only project visions on the walls up to 150 feet wide by 30 feet high, but also project sounds and even smells that captivate the audience. The musical production, called *The Cross and the Light*, is now in its fifth season and running in March at two metro Detroit Catholic churches and one in Florida.

The Cross and the Light is the vision of Farmington resident Kelly Nieto, a former Miss America runner-up, comedian, fiddle player, mother of five and convert to Christianity who gives all the credit for the performance to God. Nieto said she received a vision from God on Good Friday 2000 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. While praying the Stations of the Cross, she had a physical and spiritual reaction to Jesus' suffering and envisioned a live Stations of the Cross on the altar, she said.

After several Lenten seasons of amateur church productions of the passion, Nieto wrote music - God-inspired, she said - for the performance and brought it to the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit with a professional cast of about 80 people, then moved it to Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts with the addition of the resurrection and Pentecost.

A touring production

Last year, Nieto brought the production back into churches with a touring cast of seven - three women and four men, who each play several roles. Nieto also hired Northville resident Ryan Richert, who owns the Christian nonprofit production company Outside the Box Ministries Inc., as Box technical director, to add the environmental projection component that brings *The Cross and the Light* to life and also enables it to be set up in eight hours or less on location.

Richert, a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, supplies the technical knowledge and crew and rents the necessary equipment to run the environmental projection piece, which is also known as "video mapping," he said. He's been working with the technology for about four years, he said.

"People walk into (what may be) their own church and don't even recognize it," he said. "It's a new experience. It draws you in emotionally."

"I love how overtly evangelistic (*The Cross and the Light*) is," said Richert, who provides production support for up to 40 faith-based events each year through Outside the Box Ministries. "Most Christian productions do not get that specific about who Jesus was and what he did for us."

Nieto also "made it relevant to the 21st century" starting with the 2014 production, she said: "There are no costumes to separate us from that time." Jesus wears jeans. The high priests take a selfie in front of the cross. It allows us to see ourselves in the characters, she explained, noting that her 16-year-old son said he could see himself as Judas.

While more than 70,000 people have seen *The Cross and the Light* in Detroit, Illinois and Adelaide, Australia, and another 8,000 will see it this year in the Detroit area, plus 6,000 in Flori-



"The Cross and the Light" actors sing during the Pentecost scene.

da, there is some resistance to it, Nieto said. It's entertainment, which some view as inherently secular.

"Priests are afraid we're competing with them and we're not," Nieto said. "In order to reach beyond the choir, you have to entertain." But you can entertain with Biblical material and, since entertainment equals emotional engagement, which creates memories, it's one of the best ways to teach and motivate, she said.

"It's the visual, mystical piece of this that's so emotionally engaging," Nieto said. "We connect with people on a level that they don't even understand."

Vision turned business

Nieto's vision for *The Cross and the Light* gave rise to two businesses - Nieto Productions LLC, which owns the rights to and produces the musical, and Living Faith-Fine Arts Apostolate, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing students to view the performance. Nieto believes in inspiring today's youth, as they represent the future of evangelism. Living Faith has offered subsidized or free tickets to 16,000 students so far.



DiRita

Nieto

Richert

Nieto's successful business model is due in part to Northville resident and friend Diana DiRita, who in 2012 agreed to become Nieto's "house manager," a role she knew little to nothing about. "I'm from corporate America," said DiRita, who had left her global finance director job at Harman International to be home with her two children. "I didn't know what that meant."

DiRita, a parishioner at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township, said she knew Nieto's production was meant for a larger stage and that Nieto needed help. "It's beautiful and it's authentic and it's God's word," she said. "It's an authentic Bible story. It's not her version."

DiRita also knew that, in order to get to that larger stage, Nieto needed to copyright and protect her work - hence the limited liability company Nieto Productions. She also needed funding and strategic planning, which became part of DiRita's job description.

What amazed DiRita, she said, was that Nieto Productions always

"broke even" on ticket sales versus expenses, which included renting the venue, paying the cast and crew and marketing. "That is truly a miracle," she said. "Most production companies go belly-up and they have longer runs. Our longest run was one week. Why (did it do so well)? Because it is so good!"

In fact, EncoreMichigan.com, which reviews Michigan theater performances, nominated *The Cross and the Light* for two music awards. That goes to show, DiRita noted, that this is not just a Catholic performance and not even just a Christian performance. It appeals to the secular world.

Nieto said that satisfaction rates with *The Cross and the Light*, according to a research study of attendees, rival that of satisfaction with the iPhone. The study found that 86 percent of attendees were extremely satisfied with the performance, 77 percent said they would recommend it to others, 89 percent felt emotionally moved by it and 82 percent said they felt God's presence during the performance.

"I really believe we're ahead of the curve in terms of evangelism," DiRita said.

Site hosting

As part of Nieto's 2014 move back into the churches, she and DiRita developed a turn-key model churches could use to host the performance. In addition to bringing the performance and all the technical equipment, Nieto Productions provides a project management tool called Teamwork that guides sites through every phase of marketing, along with a press kit, customizable art work, audio and video tracks, online ticketing and everything else necessary to host the event.

Each church or site pays for the production and the tools that come with it and makes a plan

for funding it. Churches can sell tickets, find sponsors and donors, partner with area organizations or do any combination of these to cover the costs.

The theater business is expensive, DiRita said. The fixed cost for a site to rent the environmental projection equipment starts at \$25,000, depending on the number of performances. That doesn't include paying the cast and crew or any travel expenses.

That's why DiRita, who now fills the role of full-time, year-round managing director and chief financial officer for both the production company and Living Faith, has embarked on a \$500,000 capital campaign to fund the purchase, storage and maintenance of the technical equipment for the environmental projection. Owning the equipment, DiRita and Nieto noted, will cut in half the cost to the church or other host site.

DiRita is reaching out to the public, asking for individual donations as well as long-term benefactors and sponsors. She's also applying for grants and scheduling speaking events for Nieto as fundraisers.

Along with purchasing the necessary production equipment, the five-year plan for Nieto Productions and Living Faith is to develop *The Cross and the Light* movie, expand the theater production to reach more cities and turn the production into an off-Broadway show. Next year's goal is to have five different touring groups performing in 10 cities.

The Cross and the Light runs March 10-12 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Grosse Pointe Woods with shows at 8 p.m. all three nights; and March 17-20 at St. Malachy in Sterling Heights with shows at 7 p.m. March 17, 10 a.m. March 18, 8 p.m. March 18-19 and 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. March 20. Go to www.crossandlight.com for tickets.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Leadership program



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Livonia City Councilwoman Cathy White (right) has been selected as one of 24 Fellows to participate in the 2016 Michigan Political Leadership Program, run by Michigan State University. The 10-month weekend program recruits, trains and inspires future public policy leaders by preparing them with vision, commitment and skills for effective governance. It is considered among the premier leadership programs in the nation, with more than 600 graduates since its inception in 1992. "I am thrilled and honored to have been chosen to participate in this well-regarded program," White said.

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Celiac support

The next Tri-County Celiac Support Group general meeting is Monday, March 14, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road in Farmington.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. John Kao, MD from the University of Michigan's Celiac Center. Admission for members is free, cost for non-members is \$10.

Bellarmino festival

The parish community of St. Robert Bellarmino Church hosts its 2016 annual festival Thursday to Sunday, May 12-May 15.

Thursday night will feature carnival rides only. Friday, Saturday and Sunday will feature Carnival Rides, Game Tent, Food, Beer Tent, Vegas, Bingo, Live Entertainment and Grand Prize Raffle Drawing. St Robert Bellarmino

is located on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, serving the communities of Redford, Livonia and Dearborn Hgts. For information call 313-937-1520, Ext 142.

Movie night

Warren Night Church hosts Movie Night Friday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. Movie-goers will watch *War Room* together, a movie organizers call a "great film about the power of prayer." Free popcorn and refreshments will be available.

The church is located at 33445 Warren Road in Westland. No reservations are required.

Traveling Shakespeare

The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company will visit the Westland Library at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The program will feature scenes from multiple Shakespeare plays, including *King Lear*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and more.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Pigeon Creek's performance ties in with *Station Eleven*, the 2015-2016 Great Michigan Read selection. The novel by Emily St. John Mandel features a touring Shakespeare company that travels through Michigan after a global flu epidemic, bringing art and culture into the lives of small communities of survivors.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Reference desk at 734-326-6123 or visit the library's events calendar at westlandlibrary.org/events.

American Legion Lent

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, hosts its Lenten fish fry from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

The menu is fried cod, baked cod, shrimp and baked chicken. Dinners include fish or chicken, choice of side, coleslaw, bread or rolls and coffee. Price is \$8.50 for fish or chicken dinners and \$9 for shrimp. Bake sale desserts are also available.

Mom2Mom sale

St. Edith/St Colette hosts a Mom2Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 9, featuring 74 tables of great deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items.

St. Edith Church is located at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia. Admission is \$2 from 8:30-9 a.m.; \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, email m2msale@stecmops.org.

St. Patrick's Day dinner

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts a St. Patrick's Day dinner 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the church located at 555 S. Wayne Road (between Cherry Hill and Palmer) in Westland.

The menu includes a corned beef dinner, dessert, beverage and fun activities.

For more information or tickets, call 734-721-5023.

Fish fry

For the 10th consecutive year, St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its All-You-Can-Eat Lenten Fish Fry on six Fridays in Lent, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 18, from 4:30-7 p.m., in the St. Michael School cafeteria.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Icelandic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, butter, beverages, and ice cream, all at family-friendly prices: Adults, \$10; Seniors, \$8; Kids 3-13, \$5; and kids under 3, Free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 and \$10 per dinner, with two or three fish fillets, respectively.

Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner. St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard Rd., just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For further information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or see the website at www.livoniastmichael.org.

Wayne Memorial reunion

The Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1966 is holding a 50th year class reunion Saturday, May 14. For information and registration, visit www.waynehighalumni.com.

Poisoning prevention

The Redford Township Library hosts experts from the Michigan Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29. Experts say lead poisoning is the top environmental threat facing Michigan children. Material for all ages will be provided at this event, including coloring pages for children.

Register at www.redfordlibrary.org or call the youth desk at 313-531-5960, Ext. 105.

Burger Center speaker

The Burger Transition Center and Garden City

Schools present consultant, author and lecturer Hal Wright, who will speak on "Planning Your Child's Future, including supported independence." The event takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, at Garden City High School.

Wright is a parent of an adult with Down syndrome. He helps individuals, families and professionals to create plans that ensure an adult with a disability a rightful place in the community appropriate to his or her capabilities, needs and resources.

This is a parent-oriented event. RSVP is recommended and can be done by calling 734-762-8470, Ext. 329, or emailing palmer@gardencityschools.com

Bonamici recital

Native born Livonian Anthony Bonamici will perform a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, 24110 Cherry Hill, just west of Telegraph on the north side of Cherry Hill.

Bonamici left in the fall of 1994 to study in Russia at the famed Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory. As a child studying with Professor Donald Morlock, Schoolcraft College, he was giving recitals with orchestras and taking part in international competitions for piano and composition.

Bonamici has performed on numerous occasions with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and he currently performs in chamber concerts and recitals. He is also engaged in pedagogical activities, teaching piano and chamber ensemble classes at the State Russian Herzen Pedagogical University.

Tickets are available at the door for \$20. Pre-concert sales are \$15. Call 313-565-2424 or with credit card at dearborn-

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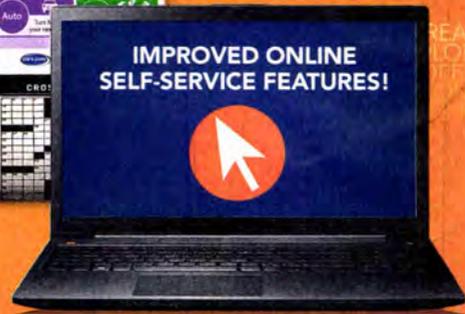
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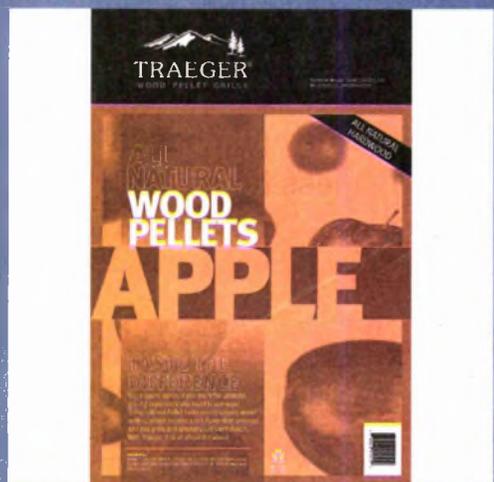
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REGIONAL WRESTLING

Rocket rally falls just short

Down 28 points, John Glenn nearly pulls off comeback

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

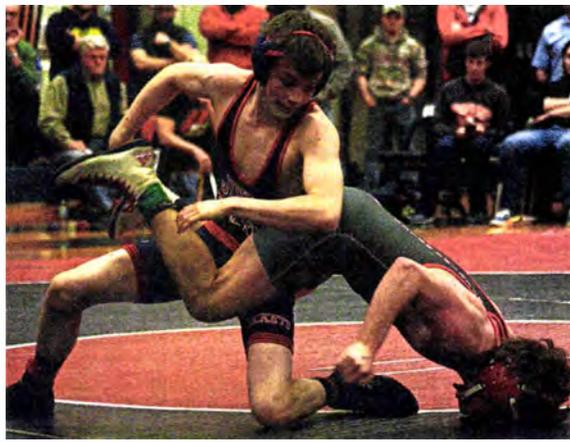
By the time Westland John Glenn wrestled the controls of the Momentum Train away from Temperance Bedford Wednesday night, the Rockets' trip to Mount Pleasant had already careened off the tracks.

Mount Pleasant — which is the new site of the MHSAA team wrestling championships — is the next destination for the Kicking Mules, who constructed a 31-3 lead before holding on to defeat the host Rockets, 31-28, in a thrilling

Division 1 regional final. John Glenn, which finished 27-5, was looking for its first trip to the team state finals since 2010.

Trailing by 28 points with five matches still on the docket, the Rockets re-fueled at the lower weights, picking up steam with a pin from 103-pounder Kyle Borthwell, a four-point major-decision victory from 112-pounder Isaac Lefler and a dramatic six-point fall from Anton Nicosia, who pinned his opponent with just 7.5 seconds left on the third-period clock to cut the Rockets' deficit to 31-19.

Needing pins in the final two matches to deadlock the score at 31-all, the Rockets were stymied at 125 when Bed-



John Glenn's Mike Mars had little trouble with Bedford's Brad Cook in the 125-pound match.

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Audia voted 'Athlete of Week'

Livonia Ladywood junior basketball player Ally Audia received 17,895 votes to earn the title of hometownlife.com's popular "Athlete of the Week."

Audia was nominated for the award after scoring 25 points in the Blazers' 40-39 victory over Dearborn Divine Child. She also made five of six free-throw attempts, the last two coming with just five seconds left in the game.

Farmington senior hockey player Jordan Hoke was a close second with 15,301 votes. Nolan Klapek (3,230), Olivia Weymouth (251) and Logan Ryan (225) rounded out the voting for the week of Feb. 8-14.

KLAA BOYS HOOPS TOURNAMENT

Spartans run with Chiefs for a half

Unbeaten Canton outruns Stevenson down stretch

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

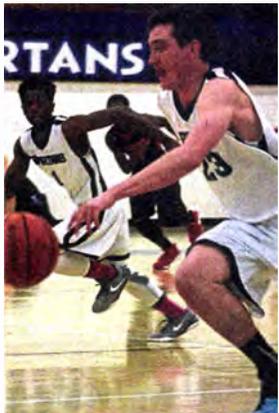
That rare (especially this late in the season) and impressive goose egg that sits just to the right of the hyphen in the Canton boys basketball team's won-loss record remained intact Thursday night at Livonia Stevenson thanks to a few dynamic plays and several subtle ones.

The Chiefs played stride-for-stride with the Spartans' dragster-like offensive tempo for just over a half before turning on the after-burners down the stretch to post a 71-62 victory in a first-round KLAA Kensington Conference tournament encounter.

Now 17-0, Canton will host Salem on Monday at 7 p.m. in a conference semifinal. The Rocks advanced with a Thursday-night triumph over Westland John Glenn.

Stevenson, which led throughout most of the first quarter and trailed just 32-29 at the half on "Parents Night," dropped to 9-8.

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Devin Dunn, with teammate Jeremiah Eason close behind, races up the court during a fast-break.

BOYS BASKETBALL



Lutheran Westland's Zach Burk contributed 20 points and 13 rebounds Thursday night against Macomb Christian.

ALL THEY DO IS WIN

Warriors move to 17-0 after dismantling Macomb

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland basketball players Zach Burk and Brent Croft had 20/20 vision Thursday night against visiting Macomb Christian and, as a result, the Warriors' sights are still set on a potential 20-0 regular season.

Burk and Croft both scorched the nets for 20 points to lead the Warriors to an emphatic 75-24 victory.

Lutheran Westland improved to 17-0 overall and 12-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, while Macomb dropped to 9-10 and 4-9, respectively.

The winners set the tone early by racing to a 20-6 first-

quarter lead. The Warriors stretched their advantage to 43-10 at the half before putting the game on ice with a 24-point third quarter.

"We were in control from the start," Lutheran Westland head coach Jim Hoeft said. "Our guys played with intensity despite the lopsided score. I was able to get some guys some rest in preparation for our big game against Parkway Christian on Tuesday."

"We are excited about the opportunity to win the conference outright on our home floor. We know it's going to be a battle, but our guys are up for the challenge."

The Warriors' perimeter shooting — which has been one of its strengths this winter — was ridiculously good again. Croft, who nailed eight 3-pointers in the Warriors' previous game, found net on

four of six triples against Macomb.

For the game, the Warriors shot an efficient 57 percent from the floor while connecting on 8-of-10 free-throw attempts.

Burk ripped down 13 rebounds and swished all but one of his five free throws. Kyle Farley took advantage of some extra playing time by scoring nine points.

Luke Smith was solid with eight points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots, while Ben Brown contributed six points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

LW point guard Kory Barikmo dished out nine assists. Macomb, which failed to score more than nine points in any of the four quarters, was led by Matthew Leone's 11 points. Noah Stall added six.

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Girls district hoops brackets

The MHSAA girls basketball tournament will tip off on Monday, Feb. 29, with several local teams in action.

In the Class A District 19 tournament hosted by Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Livonia Churchill will square off against Redford Thurston in a 5:30 p.m. contest. The host Chargers will face Livonia Stevenson in the following game, set to tip off at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The winner of the Churchill-Thurston game will advance to Wednesday's semifinal round against Garden City. The Crestwood-Stevenson winner will move on to Wednesday's 7 p.m. semifinal game against Livonia Franklin. The district championship game is set for Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

In another Class A tournament event, host Westland John Glenn will take on Wayne Memorial at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29. The two teams split their two-game set during the regular season.

Romulus and Taylor Kennedy will play a first-round game at 7 p.m. on Feb. 29. The winner of the Rockets-Zebras clash will advance to play Belleville on March 2 at 5 p.m. The championship showdown is scheduled for March 4 at 7 p.m.

In a Class C district hosted by Whitmore Lake, Lutheran Westland will battle Wixom St. Catherine's at 7 p.m. Feb. 29. A win would advance the Warriors into a March 2 semifinal tilt against Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

Redford Soccer Club registration

The Redford Soccer Club is hosting open registrations on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Redford Community Center.

More information can be acquired by calling 734-744-9094 or 313-995-4234; or by visiting the Redford Soccer Club's Facebook page.

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PREP WRESTLING

Regional champ CC eyes next mat test at CMU

Shamrocks demolish Rocks, Fordson for title

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

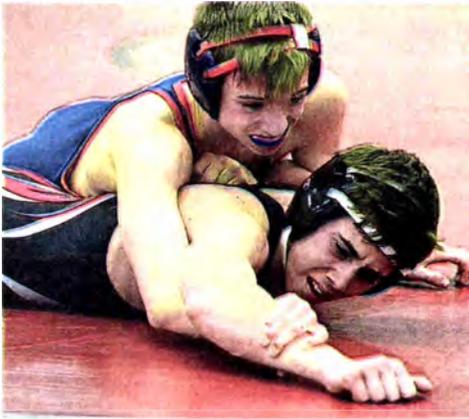
Whether it's in Battle Creek and now in Mount Pleasant, Novi Detroit Catholic's wrestling team usually finds its way to the MHSAA Division 1 finals.

The top-ranked Shamrocks will be making their eighth consecutive trip to the Elite Eight after demolishing two more regional foes on Wednesday night at Salem.

Following wins over the host Rocks (70-3) and Dearborn Fordson (71-6), CC has now outscored four postseason tournament foes by an aggregate total of 306-9.

Joining the Shamrocks Feb. 26-27 at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena will be last year's state runner-up Hartland, Davison, Oxford, Hudsonville, Grand Ledge, Temperance Bedford and Macomb Dakota.

"Our mindset in practice is we're going hard, we're getting our condi-



TOM BEAUDOIN

Franklin's Howie Whitaker (top), pictured during a match earlier this season, dropped an 18-12 decision during the Patriots' regional semifinal encounter with Dearborn Fordson on Wednesday.

tioning levels all the way peaked to the top and set ourselves apart from the rest of the teams in the state," said CC junior Ty Morland, who owns the team's best individual record at 39-1 in the 171- and 189-pound weight classes. "It's going to be a lot harder with teams like Davison and Hartland, so it will be a lot closer."

And when the 15-5 Shamrocks arrive next

Friday in Mount Pleasant for their quarterfinal matchup, it's a good bet they'll be seeded number one. Four of their losses came against out-of-state opponents with Davison the only in-state team to beat them. (Davison knocked CC out in last year's quarterfinal in Battle Creek.)

"Any time you beat a Hartland team by 17 points, no matter what our record may be ...

we're 15-1 in-state ... so I think our guys have earned it," Hancock said, "but no matter the seed, we'll be ready to wrestle three duals."

CC was more than ready to wrestle Wednesday night as Stone Moscovic (119 pounds), Kevin Davenport (125), Conor Cox (160) recorded two pins apiece, while Jackson Ross (215) Tyler Johnson (152), Aaron Rehfeldt (135), Cameron Amine (130) each finished 2-0.

The Shamrocks, who put 13 wrestlers into the individual regional tourney this Saturday at Saline, will be ready to make lineup adjustments on the fly for the team state finals.

"You have to make sure you're prepped to wrestle for three rounds," Hancock said. "And we'll make sure our roster is ready for eight teams. Our guys know what it's all about. It's a pretty experienced team. We'll finish this week, have a good individual regional and then get ready to go."

The trip to the MHSAA's new venue at CMU takes on special meaning for Hancock, who wrestled for the

Chippewas where he earned NCAA All-America honors as a senior in the 174-pound division.

Host Salem, meanwhile, ended its season with a 15-5 record as the Rocks rested four of its seven regional qualifiers.

In the other semifinal, Fordson downed Livonia Franklin, 39-24, but in the finals the Tractors (16-6) got only one win and that was a pin from 140-pound district champ Abe Ajami in 48 seconds against CC's Joe McGrath.

Henderson, who was filling in for the vacationing Salem head coach Pete Israel, believes the current elimination round system leading up to the MHSAA team finals is right.

"To avoid CC ... I don't think there's a better way," the Salem assistant said. "They got to be part of the state tournament. They train hard 365 days a year. They deserve their chance to get their regionals. I don't think it's unfair that teams are stuck with them."

MHSAA TEAM WRESTLING DIVISION 1-REGION 106 Feb. 17 at Salem H.S. (Championship final) DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 71 DEARBORN FORDSON 6
215 pounds: Jackson Ross (CC) pinned Khalil Makki, 3:35; 285: Dane Flynn (CC)

decided Hussein Berro, 9-8; 103: Rhett Newton (CC) won by technical fall over Majahid Ahmed, 19-3; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) p. Aseel Almuhalha, 5:55; 119: Stone Moscovic (CC) p. Aladean Naser, 1:27; 125: Kevin Davenport (CC) p. Yousef Mami, 2:39; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) p. Sulleman Nusolbeh, 1:24; 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) p. Harza Mrech, 1:51; 140: Abe Ajami (DF) p. Joe McGrath, 0:48; 145: Tyler Johnson (CC) won by major dec. over Sameer Mehalidi, 9-1; 152: Adian Wagh (CC) p. Ali Makki, 1:29; 160: Conor Cox (CC) p. Wajdi Sallan, 0:14; 171: Easton Turner (CC) p. Mohamed Zahwi, 2:35; 189: Tyler Morland (CC) p. Demarey Smith, 0:44. Dual meet records: Detroit, CC, 15-5 overall; Fordson, 16-6 overall.

(Semifinal matches) DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 70 SALEM 3

189 pounds: Connor Curmuto (CC) pinned Ahmad Mehson, 0:32; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by major decision over Tyler Moore, 13-5; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) p. Jake Giorgi, 1:05; 103: Devon Johnson (CC) p. Nathan Gaubatz, 0:53; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) won by void; 119: Stone Moscovic (CC) p. DaQuan Baker, 2:45; 125: Kevin Davenport (CC) p. Dustin Murphy, 0:07; 130: Cameron Amine (CC) won by technical fall over Akashdeep Rai, 15-0; 135: Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) won by major dec. over Russell Gaubatz, 16-6; 140: Bruce Haslitt (Salem) dec. Joe Urso, 12-6; 145: Aidan Wagh (CC) won by void; 152: Tyler Johnson (CC) dec. Seth Dunn, 4-3; 160: Conor Cox (CC) p. Cullin Stroschmidt, 0:44; 171: Easton Turner (CC) won by void. Dual meet records: Detroit, CC, 14-5 overall; Salem, 15-5 overall.

DEARBORN FORDSON 39 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 25

189 pounds: Emmanuel Willie (LF) decision Mo Zhawi, 12-8; 215: Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Khalil Makki, 5-1; 285: Hussein Berro (DF) dec. Devin Vinnaw, 10-4; 103: Majahid Ahmed (DF) pinned Ross Rusnell, 0:31; 112: Aseel Almuhalha (DF) dec. Howie Whitaker, 18-12; 119: Aladean Naser (DF) p. Logan Evanchuck, 3:17; 125: Yousef Mami (DF) p. Tyler Van Vleet, 2:27; 130: Evan Jaynes (LF) won by major dec. over Emilio Sanchez, 14-3; 135: Marino DiPonio (LF) dec. Hanzha Mrech, 11-7; 140: Abe Ajami (DF) won by void; 145: Sameer Mehalidi (DF) dec. Richie Garcia, 16-10; 152: Nathan Atienza (LF) p. Ali Makki, 2:35; 160: Wajdi Sallan (DF) p. Ethan Cooper, 1:44; 171: Andrews Garza (LF) won by void. Dual meet records: Fordson, 16-5 overall; Franklin, 14-9 overall.

HIGH SCHOOL POM PON



The Garden City varsity pom pon team poses for a photo earlier this year.

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Garden City pom program builds epic success story

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Built on a foundation made up of tradition, family, hard work and originality, Garden City's pom pon program has become a state power during the past decade-plus.

Winners of nine state titles since 2004, Garden City's latest gold-medal performance came Feb. 7 at Michigan State University when they out-pointed 10 other teams in the Class A competition.

Head coach Kristy Adams, who is a student at Eastern Michigan University and a former member of the Garden City varsity and middle school pom teams, said the team's long run of success is the result of several factors, most notably the girls' commitment to excellence.

"The number one thing that has made this program successful is tradition," Adams said. "The coach who coached me, Nikki Foster, still helps out as an advisor and she's there to answer any questions we may have."

"I think the coaches and members of the pom team over the years have done a great job of passing down the same values that have been here since the program started.

"It's a lot of hard work for the girls on the team; from the time we have tryouts in the spring until the end of the season in February,



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Members of the Garden City varsity pom team execute a routine during the Mid-American Pom state championships earlier this month in East Lansing.

they only have a few months off. It takes a lot of endurance and there's some pressure involved, but the girls really buy into what we're doing and that's what we're successful."

The months leading up to the state championships are filled with multiple-hour practices, during which the team works on a uniquely choreographed routine that has to wow the judges in approximately three minutes.

"You definitely have to be very meticulous," Adams said, "because you're being judged in 10 categories, from appearance to originality. If you lose even a few points in a category, it can mean the difference between finishing first or third."

Designing a routine is a lot like writing a book, Adams said.

"There are times you'll get to a point in the routine when you hit a wall — kind of like a writer with writer's block," she said. "When that happens, we try to move past that point, then come back to it when we have a better idea of what to do."

Adams said it's important to choreograph a routine that is unlike any other the judges will see at a particular competition.

"A lot of teams like to use current songs with their performance," she said. "We like to use older material, sometimes going back to the '80s."

Although the time commitment is intense for the girls on the team, it doesn't prevent them from experiencing other high school-related activities.

"We actually have four or five girls who were on the track team," Adams said. "And one of our girls is actually the lead in the school musical."

Given the youth of the state-championship varsity team, Garden City will be a force to be reckoned with for years to come.

"This year's team is one of our youngest ever," Adams said, noting that 11 of the 16 team members are either freshmen or sophomores, and there are just two seniors who will need to be replaced.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Clareneville sidelined by Blue Devils

Weiss, Brigham excel in loss

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

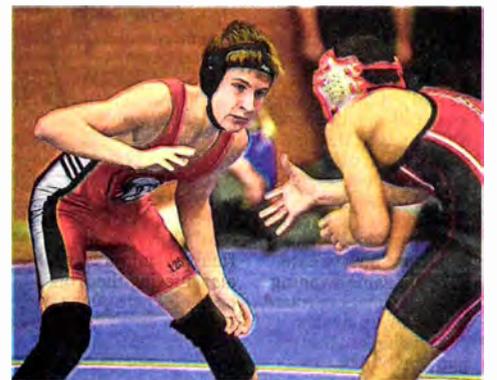
Livonia Clareneville advanced to the final round of the Division 3 regional in team wrestling Wednesday, falling to the host Blue Devils, 72-9.

The Trojans defeated Romulus Summit Academy in a semifinal match, 58-12.

Clareneville freshman Jacob Weiss (103) and senior Dyland Brigham (119) won both of their individual matches Wednesday.

The Trojans concluded a successful season in which they won their division of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and a district tournament.

Seven members of the Clareneville team returned to Richmond for a Division 3 individual regional tournament



TOM BEAUDOIN

Clareneville's Joseph Sanchez is pictured during a match earlier this season.

Saturday.

Brigham, senior Greg Lutz (135) and junior James Ascott (215) were finalists in their weight classes at the individual district Feb. 13 at Richmond.

Junior Joseph Sanchez won the third-place, consolation title at 125 pounds.

Weiss and juniors Dante Marzolo (152) and David Means (160) also qualified for the regional with fourth-place finishes.

The top four in each regional will advance to the state meet March 3-5 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lutheran Westland rolls to victory

Warriors too much for Macomb Christian

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The Lutheran Westland girls basketball team applied another coat of shining polish to its spectacular season Thursday when it overwhelmed Macomb Christian, 63-44, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division showdown.

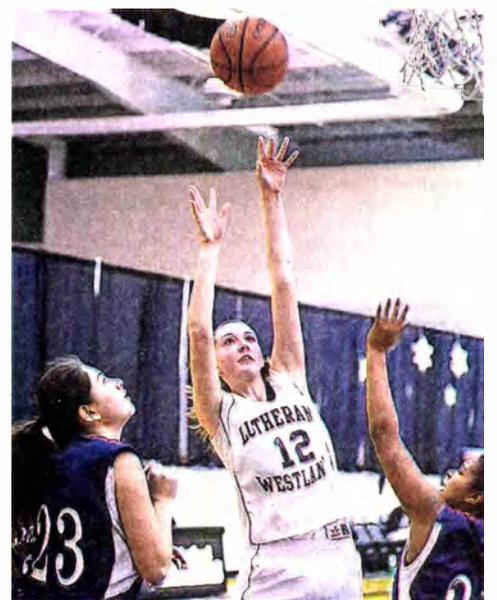
The Warriors improved to 15-3 overall and 10-2 in the division.

The winners rolled to a 34-14 halftime lead and never looked back.

Sophomore forward Rachel Reddeman had a big night for the Warriors, posting 18 points and 13 rebounds — both team highs. Junior guard Taylor Jones maintained her strong pace by adding 15 points and three steals. Jones drained all five of her free-throw attempts.

Eleanor Storck also posted a double-double, finishing with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Storck made six of her eight field-goal attempts.

"We played well as a team tonight," observed Lutheran Westland head



TOM BEAUDOIN

Lutheran Westland's Eleanor Storck scored 12 points Thursday night.

coach Sandi Wade. "Our offense really came together tonight, moving the ball well on the perimeter and getting it inside as well."

"We had a huge advantage inside tonight and we executed well in the paint. We have a big

game Tuesday against Parkway Christian. We have a goal of finishing 17-3 for the season before districts start. I'm proud of my girls and how they are playing."

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HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Livonia teams split with KLAA foes

Blue triumphs over Northville; 'Cats edge Red

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A string of steady performances across the board led Livonia Blue's gymnastics team to victories over Northville and Waterford on Monday night.

Led by all-arounder Bri Rhoad, Blue compiled 137.675 points to

prevail against the Mustangs (136.275) and Waterford (122.750).

Rhoad was especially dazzling during her floor-exercise routine, winning gold with a score of 9.075. She earned seconds on the vault (8.475) and balance beam (8.85).

Other standouts for Blue were Haden Florn, who earned an 8.75 on the vault; and Kyria Gowman, who posted scores of 8.65, 8.60 and 8.55 on the vault, floor and beam, respectively.

Hille shines in Red's loss

A marvelous performance on the balance beam by Mikaela Hille wasn't quite enough to lift Livonia Red's gymnastics team over Plymouth Tuesday night.

Hille won the beam competition with room to spare after scoring a 9.65, however, the Wildcats managed to edge Red, 141.05-138.50.

Senior Marissa McVey also sparkled for Red, winning the vault compe-

dition with a score of 9.2 while posting a team-best score of 9.05 for her floor-exercise routine.

McVey and Hille finished 1-2 on the vault. Mackenzie Boorman's best event was the balance beam, on which she scored a 9.05.

The Wildcats were bolstered by strong showings from Rebeca Simu and Haley Metz. Simu won the floor competition with a 9.375 while Metz captured gold on the uneven bars with a 9.0 tally.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Livonia Blue head coach Lisa Broomfield congratulates Megan Lord following a performance during a meet earlier this season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Churchill avoids Lion's den with 51-50 win

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

With his team down a point in the waning seconds, Livonia Churchill's Jeron Hampton got the ball just inside the top of the key and contemplated his next move.

Teammate Joan Adoni, who led all scorers with 22 points, was double-teamed on the play by a pair of South Lyon and was forced to give up the ball.

"Joan is always the person to go to, he's great with the ball, he finishes, he's clutch, but they shut him down and I had to step up," Hampton said. "Once I touched it I knew what I had to do."

Hampton, a 6-foot-1 junior, launched a running one-hander in the lane and got the tear drop shot to fall as it bounced off the front of the rim, then crawling off glass and through with seven seconds remaining for a 51-50 Churchill victory.

Afterwards, Hampton wasn't sure how to categorize his game-winning shot in the opening round of the KLAA playoffs.

"It's a bucket, that's what I call it," he shrugged.

The win improved Churchill's overall record to 11-6 and puts the Chargers into the Kensington Conference semifinals beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at home against unbeaten Northville (17-0).

South Lyon, which came into the game on a roll winning five of its last six, had one last-ditch attempt to win it, but Ben Call's twisting shot just outside the middle of the lane rimmed off as the final horn sounded.

"We're super proud of them on how they played today, and they played their hearts out," said South Lyon coach Doug Host, whose team fell to 6-11 overall. "Great game. That's how the tournament games ought to be. It came down to a basket and unfortunately it wasn't our basket."

Churchill trailed for a majority of three quarters before pulling ahead 42-41 with 6:37 left in the fourth on a basket by senior Jon Hovermale.

But the Lions would not fold and answered back with a four-point lead, 50-46, with just over four minutes remaining on back-to-back baskets



Churchill's Jon Hovermale (4) goes in for two against South Lyon defenders (from left) David Szwala, Carlo Zoratti and Spencer Deline.

by senior Josh Remstad, who finished with a team-high 19 points.

But South Lyon did not score during the final 4:11 and committed four costly turnovers in the final two minutes, while also missing the front ends of a pair of one-and-one free throw attempts.

After the final South Lyon missed free throw with 30 seconds remaining, Churchill coach Jim Solak called a timeout to design a play for the potential go-ahead basket.

"We like our chances in that situation because we've got Joan (Adoni) and Jonny (Hovermale) on the one side," Solak said. "Jeron is a freak athlete, so if we don't get it on the one side we always have a good option on the other, and that's what worked out for us tonight. Luckily we were able to run it through. You have to be ready because South Lyon is going to take away what you do."

Hampton scored 12 points, while Hovermale added nine, including a key three-point banker from just inside half-court following a steal to end the opening quarter pulling the Chargers to within three, 15-12.

South Lyon, which led 26-23 at halftime and 41-37 after three quarters, also got 11 points from Ethan Townsley (three triples) and eight from Call.

But the Lions made only 17-of-52 shots from the floor (32.6 percent), many of which were of the inside variety.

Meanwhile, Churchill was 19-of-47 (40.4 percent) from the field and 5-of-10 from the foul stripe.

"They played us as hard as anybody has played us," Hampton said. "They took us out of our composure. They set charges ... when I usually go to the rack, I had to change my game a bit."

And Solak shared Hampton's viewpoint.

"They're just so tough and fundamentally sound," the Churchill coach said of the Lions. "They don't take chances. They're well coached. They get to their spots and they just play good, fundamental team defense. They take away the lane. They like to draw charges. They're strong, tough kids, so you just got to keep playing and just got to keep moving the ball, reversing, reversing and just keep playing. Eventually it will be there and we just kept playing and luckily we made a few more plays."

The Lions, who had their four-game winning streak snapped, return to action in the KLAA consolation bracket beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at Plymouth.

"What South Lyon did the second half of the season is remarkable," Solak said. "We may never see that kind of play down the stretch again. I give them all the credit in the world. Doug does a great job his kids play hard and we're glad to be able to get it."

blowing sequences that only a coach (or a parent) can truly appreciate included Chris English's baseline mini-hook shot that settled into the three just as the third-quarter buzzer sounded. The shot capped a textbook "last-shot" sequence during which Canton ran off 20 seconds before a heads-up (and double-teamed) Ryan bounce-passed a perfect dime to the wide-open English.

White finished with 16 points (12 the result of four treys) while seniors Hamoudy Turfe and Obi Okoli added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"Our success this

SPARTANS

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The Chiefs' OMG plays included a second-quarter slam dunk by senior Logan Ryan, who undoubtedly impressed the college coaches who were in attendance with his 19-point/seven-rebound performance; and the high-arc, rainbow corner 3-pointer that 5-foot-6 freshman guard B. Artis White calmly nestled into the net with a pair of arms-extended Spartans sailing at him early in the third quarter.

Among the less-mind-

season isn't because of one guy, it's because they guys play together like the ultimate team," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We have a multiple guys who can hurt you. We literally have seven guys who can score in double figures on any given night, which makes us tough to guard."

"I wish we would have played a little better defensively tonight, but Stevenson does that to you. They play so darn fast."

The Spartans' primary catalysts were guards Devin Dunn (17 points) and Ian Knoph, who added 16, all of which came

in the first and fourth quarters.

Dunn attacked the basket with a fearless bravado, banking in one left-handed runner (he's right-handed) over the 747-like wingspan of Ryan.

"Devin played very well tonight," Stevenson head coach Kareem Smartt said. "He's not afraid to drive and he knows how to finish."

"Overall, though, we just didn't get a lot of shots to fall. And there was one stretch in the third quarter when we kind of lost focus and had four straight turnovers; that's when they kind of

opened it up on us.

"Canton does such a nice job of moving without the ball, which is why they get so many open looks. And having two big guys like Logan and Jalen (Cochran) inside makes it tough, especially with smaller teams like us."

In almost the blink of an eye, the Chiefs extended their three-point halftime lead to 39-31 after White dropped in one of his four triples just 86 seconds into the third frame.

Canton led 52-40 after three quarters and maintained at least a nine-point advantage through-

out the final quarter.

English finished with eight points for Canton. Cochran didn't score, but he contributed seven boards, two steals and a blocked shot.

Senior Gino D'Agostino scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds for the Spartans. Canton did a thorough defensive job against usual double-digit scorer Kyle Malkowski, who was held to just four.

Both teams turned the ball over 10 times.

Canton visited the free-throw line just six times, making three. Stevenson canned 10 of 14 freebies.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Clegg proves clutch as Zebras prevail in OT

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Camrèe Clegg took a chapter out of the Chauncey Billups playbook in Friday night's KLAA Kensington Conference girls basketball semifinal at Northville.

The 5-foot-5 sophomore guard from Wayne Memorial turned into "Ms. Big Shot" as she scored a game- and season-high 30 points to propel the Zebras to a 52-51 overtime victory.

With her team down a point, Clegg made the critical basket of the game with 30 seconds remaining in overtime when she slipped through a sea of Northville defenders and launched a jumper just inside the key to give the Zebras a 49-48 advantage.

After a Northville turnover on the next possession, Wayne's Jeanae Terry split a pair of free throws to make it 50-48. The Mustangs then missed again and Amara Chikwa's foul shots sealed the win with 5.7 seconds remaining.

Clegg, who had the ball on a string most of the night while taking advantage of high screens, scored seven of Wayne's 10 overtime points.

"That's my game, I like to do pick-and-rolls," Clegg said. "I knew it was going to come down to one final shot and that's how close this game was. So I just knew I had to put the team on my back and take control of the issue."

The Zebras, who had only won two games over a four-year span prior to the 2015-16 season, improved to 14-4 overall and earned a spot in the conference final where they'll take on KLAA South champ Canton in the rubber match between the two teams. (Game time is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Canton.)

"When I came to Wayne I was never concerned about the legacy or what happened before me," first-year coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "All I was concerned about was trying to turn it around. How many games they lost before or first championship, I'm just happy to be able to win. I'm just proud of the



Wayne's Camrèe Clegg is pictured during a game earlier this week.

way the girls fought."

Northville (15-3), the KLAA Central Division champion, trailed 27-18 at halftime and by as many as 11 during the third quarter before going on a 14-5 fourth quarter run to knot the game at 42-42.

Clegg's basket with 4:29 remaining in regulation put the Zebras up 41-34, but Northville charged back with a 8-1 min-run of its own.

"I think we just got way too excited, way too soon," Clegg said. "Our defense kind of broke down too many times, too many missed assignments. But we had to pick each other back up and that's what got us this win right here."

Northville's biggest issue on the night was protecting the basket-

ball. "Obviously they force you to speed up and really play their style of basketball," Northville coach Todd Gudith said of the Zebras. "And if you don't kind of take care of the ball, they're going to make you pay."

But despite 21 turnovers, the Mustangs took the lead for the first time, 42-41, with 1:54 remaining in regulation on a pair of free throws by Jasmin Prince.

Clegg, however, answered 51 seconds later by splitting two foul shots to even the count at 42.

Kendall Dillon, a sophomore guard, was clutch as well as she scored 12 of her team-high 17 points during the second half and OT. (Her three-pointer at the buzzer in overtime

capped the scoring.) Terry, a freshman, contributed eight points for Wayne, while Chikwe and 6-3 junior transfer Mya Garrett, who fouled out late, added six apiece.

Clegg took a majority of Wayne's shots going 12-of-32 from the floor, including a pair of triples.

"That kid is five feet ... whatever," Mitchell said. "But if you can measure that kid's heart you would have an eight-footer. She's just one of those kids in the entire time that I've been coaching her, she's come to practice every day with a great smile, happy, excited just to get better. And it shows with her play. Just a Lionheart. Her nickname is the 'Beast that Swallowed Tokyo' and a lot of times she plays like it."

And when the Zebras got down late in the fourth quarter and in OT, Clegg never wavered.

"I can always look into her eye and tell she's always composed," Mitchell said. "When you look at the kid she holds so much pressure on her, but you would never be able to tell. She's just one of those kids that plays through it and I get the same Camrèe every game."

Afterwards, Clegg said there are "probably more big shots to come."

"I average about 22 points a game," the 10th-grader said. "Thirty is my high game, so it came at a good time."

And it is over for the Zebras.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Garden City prevails on 'Senior Night'

Final-year players shine bright

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Of the multitude of things that go into making sure an athlete's "Senior Night" is special, most are planned (making posters, orchestrating pre-game ceremony), while one is earned (actually winning that night's game).

Garden City's five seniors all chipped in Friday night to make sure the Cougars earned a decisive 64-27 victory over visiting Taylor Prep.

Led by four-year varsity senior Lindsey Michalak's 19 points and seven rebounds, Garden City toppled the short-handed Tigers with a lane-sealing zone defense and a drive-and-dish offensive strategy that led to several uncontested layups.

In addition to Michalak, seniors Amber Swisher (eight points, two steals), Cassie Leleniewski (six points, three rebounds, three steals), Mikaela Smolar (seven points, two boards) and



From left are seniors Mikaela Smolar, Amber Swisher, Lindsey Michalak, Cassie Leleniewski and Sam Schwesing.

Sam Schwesing (four rebounds, two steals, air-tight defense) turned the night into one they won't soon forget.

"I'm going to miss the relationships I've built with my teammates," said Swisher, when asked about what she'll miss most about playing hoops at GC.

"I'll miss everything," Michalak added. "The friendships, the team in general, the coaches. This season started out kind of rough, but we've grown so much as a team. We weren't real close at

the beginning of the season, but now we're like best friends."

Michalak has committed to playing collegiate basketball for Concordia University of Ann Arbor. Swisher is set to play softball beginning next year at Jackson Community College.

Garden City head coach Michele Tyree said the group of five final-year seniors played key roles in the success the Cougars did experience this season.

"They've all been great at helping to orga-



Garden City senior guard Amber Swisher helps break the Taylor Prep press Friday night.

nize team-bonding events, like movie nights and sleep-overs," said Tyree. "They all hang out together and they've gotten pretty tight, which is nice."

After the Cougars broke a 10-all deadlock by scoring the final seven points of the first quarter, they rolled, stretching their lead to 33-18 at the half and 45-24 with eight minutes to play.

Relying on a quick, ball-movement offense, the Cougars shot over 50 percent — 19-for-37 —

throughout the first three quarters.

In addition to the seniors, other contributors were Alex Leleniewski (eight points) and Alea Montgomery, who provided five points and five rebounds in a reserve role.

All five seniors started the game and Tyree used time-outs and dead-ball situations during the game's final two minutes to take out the seniors so they could receive one final wave of appreciative applause from the

home crowd. Jasmine Hunt led Taylor Prep with 11 points.

Stevenson triumphs
Livonia Stevenson won its second straight game Friday night, thumping host Walled Lake Central, 43-25.

The outcome left the Spartans with a 9-9 record heading into Tuesday's home game against Milford. The Vikings tumbled to 1-17.

Stevenson led just 17-16 at the half before outscoring the Vikings 15-5 in the third quarter and 11-4 down the stretch.

Stevenson's scoring ledger was super-balanced. Diane Senkowski led the winners with seven points while Kelly Newman and Sarah Tanderys both scored six.

The Spartans went to the free-throw line 20 times, sinking eight, while WLC made four of seven freebies.

"We didn't play particularly well in the first half, but in the second half we played with much greater intensity and we attacked more on offense," said Stevenson head coach Tim Newman.

KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Rocks rally in second half to down Rockets

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Turning up the heat a notch in the second half helped host Salem defeat Westland John Glenn 65-60 in Thursday's Kensington Conference boys basketball tournament game.

The Rocks trailed 30-28 at halftime, as Chris Agnew of the Rocks made shot after shot

during the opening two quarters. Agnew wound up with 33 points, including 21 before intermission.

But Salem cranked up the defense enough to slow Agnew down after that and junior forward Cameron Grace got hot himself — scoring 15 points during the third as the Rocks outscored the Rockets, 25-20, to go ahead 53-50 entering the

fourth. Salem (11-6) held the fort from there and will move on to face Canton in Monday's conference semifinal. John Glenn's record dipped to 8-9.

"In the second half, our kids rose to the occasion, did a nice job defensively and shut everybody down a little bit," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Not completely, but they did a lot better

job in terms of changing their shot trajectory and not allowing penetration or fast-break baskets.

"I was proud of the way we played defensively and we handled their pressure; they had full-court pressure the entire game."

A big reason for the turnaround was the all-around performance turned in by Grace, who also had eight rebounds.

"He made some nice steals at the top and had a couple fast-break transition baskets," Brodie said. "Cameron gave us a spurt and we never looked back after that."

Chipping in 14 points was senior guard Calin



John Glenn's Dajion Parker is pictured during a game earlier this season.

Crawford, while senior center Kenny Topolovec registered eight for the

Rocks. tsmith@hometownlife.com

CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday	March 8, 2016	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Wednesday only

Monday	March 14, 2016	9:00am -4:30pm
Tuesday	March 15, 2015	9:00am -4:30pm
Wednesday	March 16, 2015	1:00pm- 9:00pm

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 16th.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is .03% for 2016.

The 2016 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 9, 2016 and March 10, 2016 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs put bite on Franklin

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

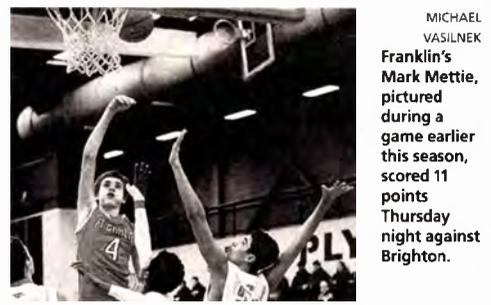
Brighton earned a 73-47 victory over Livonia Franklin on Thursday night in a KLAA non-tournament boys basketball game.

The result left the Bulldogs with a 9-8 record while the Patriots slipped to 2-15.

Joe Chinavare and Mark Mettie scored 11 points each for the Patriots. Bobby Mandrink also turned in a solid effort for Franklin, scoring 10 points.

Both Mettie and Mandrink went 2-for-2 from three-point range.

The Bulldogs never trailed after securing a 17-11 first-quarter lead. They widened the gap to



30-18 at the half and 47-26 with eight minutes to play.

Senior Jackie Hughes contributed six points and four assists for Franklin.

The Patriots made 13 of 18 free-throw attempts. They shot with

twice accuracy from three-point range (46 percent) than two-point territory (23 percent). Franklin, which was bolstered by Jax Gasaway's seven rebounds, committed 14 turnovers.

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ROCKETS

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ford's Brad Cook managed to elude a fall against John Glenn's defending 103-pound state champion Mike Mars, who will undoubtedly never be more disappointed in a dominating 6-0 victory.

Moments after the drama had been sucked out of the gym by the 125-pound result, John Glenn ended the match with a pin at 130.

As it turned out, Bedford would have won the match on criteria had the final score ended at 31-31, John Glenn head coach Bill Polk revealed in the wake of the gut-wrenching setback.

"Tonight went almost exactly how I anticipated it to go, except for maybe one match," said Polk. "Everyone knew their

job and what we had to do to win.

"Bedford has one of those traditional programs that is always tough to beat. Every time we've wrestled them the past 15 years, it's been like tonight. We've gotten them a couple times, but they gotten us the majority of the time."

John Glenn's only lead of the night came following the opening match when John Siemasz outlasted Austin Teague, 5-2, at 135.

One of the many pivotal performances turned in by the Kicking Mules came at 140 when Kurtis Ortman edged Peyton Beneteau, 14-12, in a tension-packed overtime showdown. Just five days earlier at the D1 district tournament at Wayne, Beneteau had handled Ortman rather easily, winning 15-0.

Bedford then reeled off a 28-point run that

almost hit the skids at 215 when John Glenn's Ja-Wuan Peete was within inches of pinning Austin Emerson when the third-period buzzer sounded, allowing Emerson to escape with an 11-6 win.

Rocket 285-pounder Avery Casey gave Tim Stevens everything he could handle before dropping a 5-1 decision.

"Keep moving forward," said Polk, when asked what he'll tell his team when they gather for a post-season meeting. "That's all we can do. Keep working hard and hopefully we can turn it around at this point next year."

John Glenn dispatched Southgate Anderson, 53-20, in Wednesday's semifinal round. Bedford man-handled Saline in the other semifinal match, 66-12.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Games, prizes and special activities for kids, including a bounce house. Chair massages, chiropractic screening and a talk on health and wellness for adults. Sponsored by Applied Modern Health Chiropractic
Contact: 734-421-1760

FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: "A Pattern of Evidence - the Exodus" is a documentary by filmmaker Timothy Mahoney. Dinner is available and features chicken gyros. Make reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 24
Contact: 248-553-3380

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Free showing of "Divine Mercy 101"
Contact: 734-427-1533

FISH FRY

Time/Date: 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, through March 18
Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: All you can eat, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for kids, ages 3-13, free for kids under 3, carry outs, \$9 and \$10
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext. 200

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" a five week series, is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy, leads the sessions. For more information and registration details visit goodmourningministry.net or call the church
Contact: 734-261-1455, www.livonia@michael.org

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

Details: Willie W. Payne, historian and author, will present a multi-media lecture on "Underground Railroad Michigan Connection." He will use music and photos of local Underground Railroad stops to narrate stories and describe places used to harbor runaway slaves. He will discuss how slave work songs and spirituals were used to communicate escape plans and how these songs also influenced blues, jazz and other music
Contact: 248-478-7272

LENTE DISCIPLINES

Time/Date: 10:10-11 a.m. Sunday, through March 20 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March 16
Location: Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Sunday series is held in the refectory; Wednesdays in the St. Andrew's room

Details: Sunday morning series explores the meaning of Lent. Wednesday sessions focus on Richard Foster's Celebration of Discipline
Contact: 248-626-2515, ext. 117

SOUP SUPPER, SPEAKER

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 18
Location: Resurrection Catholic Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton

Details: A meatless meal of soup and bread is followed by Deacon Paul F. Lippard's discussion of "Living Lent with Mercy." Stations of the Cross will follow. RSVP to the parish office
Contact: 734-451-0444; resofice@resurrectionparish.net

VENDOR SPACE

Location: St. Mel's Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights

Details: Vendor and craft tables are \$35 for the 2016 Spring Charity Craft & Vendor Show, which runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the church. Event includes bake sale, raffle, 50/50, with proceeds benefiting veterans and their families. See the Otto Miller JR Auxiliary Unit 396 Garden City, MI Craft & Vendor Shows Facebook page to view the contract
Contact: AmericanLegio-

nAux396craftshow@yahoo.com

MARCH

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 6
Location: Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Regional School, at the current site of St. Raphael Catholic School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City

Details: Preschool-eighth grade
Contact: 734-425-4420

VIDEO SERIES

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, through March 10
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice"
Contact: 734-721-5023

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livonia@michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE
Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at stbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday
Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223
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St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information
Recycling

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month
Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES
Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT
WORSHIP
» Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

» Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberator
Contact: www.facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

» Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 10-14
Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491
» Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available.
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

» Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Contact: 734-427-3660
» Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

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BEETLER, SYBIL L.

Age 77, of Northville passed away February 15, 2016.
Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com.



CARPENTER, KAREN THEODORE (DREPS)

61, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 29, surrounded by family and under the able and compassionate care of Allegiance Hospice Home. Her final moments were more quiet and understated than most of those that preceded them. In life, she was more commonly found in a room full of laughter, often the source or the cause of it herself. Family, friends, and students are welcome to join in remembering Karen at First United Methodist Church (275 W Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49201) on February 27 at 11 a.m. In keeping with her joyous and generous spirit, her family will also be hosting a charitable event in her honor this coming summer, to benefit causes meaningful to her. Details will follow. In lieu of flowers friends who wish may make memorial contributions to Karen Cares Special Education Scholarship or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org) Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home 221 W. Main Street Hanover, MI 49241 517-563-2255



DAVISON, GAIL

Age 71, February 10, 2016. Mother of Joseph Gilmore, Abigail (John) Buchanan, Meghan (Lyle) Skillen, and Brian (Adrienne) Gilmore. She is survived by her sister, Lynne (Charles) Clippert; brothers, Eric (Mary) and twin brother, Mark (Janet); and by a niece and several nephews. Her children were with her at the time of her death. She was predeceased by her mother, Caroline; father, Charles; and partner, Judy Currow. Gail was an attentive and loving grandmother of Chad Buchanan, Sam Buchanan, and Josephine Gilmore. Her greatest joy was watching and participating in life with her cherished grandchildren. Gail was diagnosed with glioblastoma over six years ago and lived her life with passion, enthusiasm, and a strong faith. She was a musician, articulate speaker, teacher, antique restorer, and skilled gardener. Gail was a loyal, faithful and active member of Nativity Episcopal Church where she served as Senior Warden of the Vestry. A memorial service will be held at Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Hills at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday March 5. In lieu of flowers, contributions to American Brain Tumor Association and Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Gail's physical remains have been donated to the University of Michigan for brain tumor research.



DEMERS, HARRY GORDON

Age 80, of Oscoda, Michigan, formerly of Westland, MI passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. He was born on October 2, 1935 in Detroit, MI to the late Meddie and Norma Demmers. Harry joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served during the Korean Conflict. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and was a sports enthusiast. Harry was proud to be a University of Michigan fan. When his children were younger, he enjoyed coaching their sports and attending their sporting events. Harry is survived by his loving wife, Beverly Demmers who he married on June 10, 1961; his children, Kenneth (Ann Marie) Demmers, Dawn (Matthew) Tykoski, Vickie (Allen) Vaughan and Michelle (Richard) Cooper; brothers, Marvin Demmers and Frank Demmers; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Lawrence Demmers, Sheldon Demmers and Don Demmers. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 11am at St. Mel's Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, MI. Interment will take place in Roseland Cemetery in Berkley, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the family and you may offer your condolences at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com.



MICHAEL, BARBARA JOAN (MOYER)

Age 83, of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died February 17 with her children by her side. Barbara is the daughter of the late John and Mary Ann Moyer. Devoted wife of the late Clifford Michael; and beloved mother of Laura Wallace, Mark (Janice) Wallace, Linda (James) Ratskin, Jeffrey (Tracey) Wallace, Lisa (Barry) Meier, and Loretta Wallace (Christopher) Nadeau. Proud grandmother of Jonathan, Steven, Lauren, Jacqueline, Preston, Andrew, Spencer, Megan, and Geoffrey. Sister of the late Elizabeth (Walter) Baran and late John (Marge) Moyer. To her children, she gave them a magical childhood, become their rock, coach, best friend; and always found the time to make them feel that each of them was loved the most. To her children and grandchildren, she leaves this world a better place, leaving a beautiful legacy of a loving family. Barbara requested a private memorial service. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

OKRAY, JERRY

Age 87 February 14, 2016 Loving husband of the late Anne. Cherished significant other for the last 10 years of Dolores Musselman. Dear father of Mark. Proud grandfather of Matthew. Also survived by a flock of loving nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly. Services were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are appreciated to the American Cancer Society. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com



SMITH, JOHNSON NANCY

February 16, 2016 Beloved wife of Hartland Smith and the late John Johnson. Dear mother of Barbara Arrigo, Thomas Johnson (Catherine), Beverly McCready (Chuck) and the late William Johnson. Also six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Sister of the late Ruth Eichstadt Sheridan. Services were held Friday at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Memorial tributes to the church, A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

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WILLIAMS, LENANN MARIE

Lansing, Michigan
Lenann Marie Williams, age 61, of Lansing, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer, on February 13, 2016. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 27, 1954 the daughter of Leonard and Jo-Ann (Shinoskie) Williams. Lenann was a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School, class of 1972. She spent most of her career as a banking professional. She was an avid crafter who took pride in her quilting, cross stitching, and needle point. Lenann was a flutist who had a great interest in community bands. She played in several bands in the Lansing area, including the DeWitt Community Concert Band, the Meridian Community Band and the East Lansing Kiwanis Band. Lenann also was a board member of the DeWitt Community Concert Band and a past board member of the Meridian Community Band. She was a selfless, amazing and devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and friend who will be dearly missed. Surviving to cherish her memory are her parents, Leonard and Jo-Ann Williams; two brothers, Leonard "L.J." (Antonio L. Chapparro) Williams III and Todd David (Betty) Williams; one sister, Karlen (Brian) Dunlavy; two nephews, Ryan Williams and Justin Dunlavy; two nieces, Marissa Williams and Rachel Dunlavy; Aunt, Jackie (Shinoskie) A celebration of Lenann's life will be held at the Gorsline Run-ciman Funeral Home, 1730 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers; memorial contributions in Lenann's name may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Online condolences and memories may be left at www.greastlansing.com.

In Memoriam



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One year ago, at age 71, Bato passed away unexpectedly on February 21, 2015 after a brief but painful battle with cancer. He was later laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Bato was originally from Montenegro (ex-Yugoslavia) where he married his wife, Slavka of 47 years. They immigrated to the USA in 1972 and Bato later became the first American citizen in his family. Bato and his wife raised their three kids, Darko, Daniela, and Dejana in Farmington Hills where Bato became a dear friend and neighbor to all in the community. A retiree of General Motors Willow Run, Bato loved traveling, hunting, and playing with all his grandchildren. Known for his sense of humor, generous heart, and high tolerance - Bato was loved by all those who met him and is now sadly missed each day. He supported his family with all they needed, rode his bike daily and always ate his wife's healthy meals - but he still couldn't beat cancer when it took him by surprise. He tragically passed away a month after being diagnosed, leaving his family with much sorrow and still mourning a year later. Supportive words are always appreciated and his family welcomes visitors for his yearly memorial. Share your memories with his family at their home today or online anytime at <http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com/obituaries/memories/?id=1407>

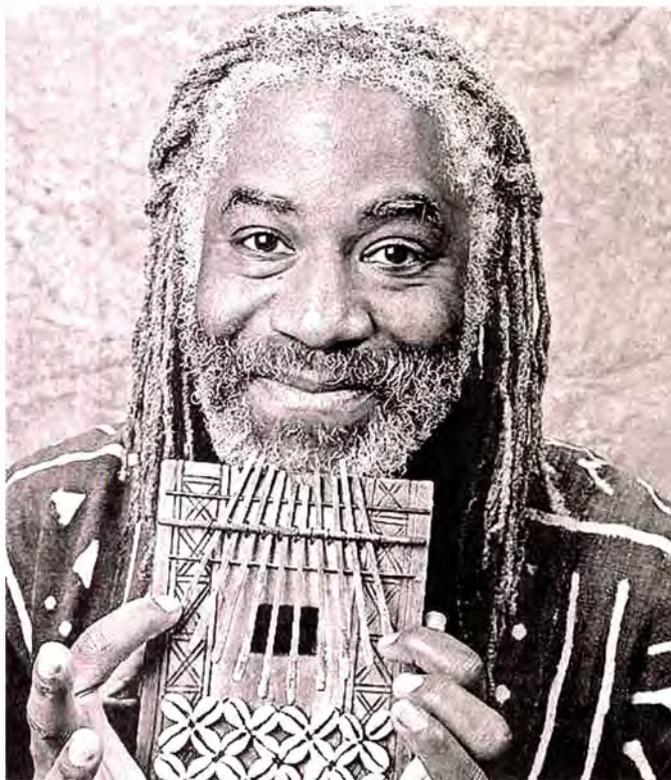
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STORYTELLING EVENT ENGAGES CHILDREN WITH TALES, MUSIC



Carolyn Graves of Commerce Township will serve as storytelling concert maestro.

Amy "Ami" Jackson sings, plays piano and tells stories.



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La Ron Williams of Ann Arbor is among the storytellers at the Detroit Story League's 6th annual Children's Concert in Livonia.



Chrissy Begle of Livonia is among the featured storytellers at the 6th Annual Once Upon a Time Children's Story Concert.

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If your kids fidget, zone out and fuss when it's time to listen, take them to a storytelling concert.

It will teach them how to experience live entertainment and will sharpen their listening and imagination skills, says Judy Sima, president of the Detroit Story League.

"It's cheaper than a movie and it is entertainment kids don't normally see. There aren't many places you can see a live storyteller. Most of the libraries have gone toward animal acts, jugglers and magicians."

Detroit Story League's 6th Annual Once Upon a Time ... Children's Story Concert will bring three storytellers to the stage at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, in the auditorium at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is for ages 4-10. Admission is \$3 and includes the concert, refreshments and a gift for each child.

Sima said the concert gives children a chance to experience live entertainment in a theater setting. Although libraries offer story programs, most are held in the children's area with listeners seated on the floor.

Carolyn Graves, who will serve as "maestro" for the upcoming event, says the "magic of storytelling" enables even the most unruly young audiences to pay attention.

"I was going into a classroom once and the custodian stopped me and said, 'oh, you don't want to go into that classroom.' But the kids were wonderful. They didn't wiggle. They were tuned in and as soon as the story ended they hit the ceiling."

Graves and Sima said most storytellers who perform for children include some audience participation, especially for early elementary school-aged listeners.

"I like to start a story and have them listen for a while and then get more participatory," Sima said. "I

think it's important for children to sit and listen and use their imagination," she added. "With storytelling you have to use your imagination."

Listening, participation

The three performers at the upcoming Detroit Story League concert all go beyond just telling stories. La Ron Williams of Ann Arbor sometimes uses musical or rhythm instruments to keep young listeners engaged.

"He has a wooden box he sits on. It has a hole on it and he plays drums on the box as he sits on it. He brings kids up to participate and it's a lot of fun. We're lucky to have him this year," Sima said.

Amy "Ami" Jackson of Detroit, a pianist and singer, has told stories for more than 40 years and is a founding member of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers. She tells stories that give listeners a chance to participate.

"Her voice is musical," Sima said.

"She is quite accomplished."

Chrissy Begle, Detroit Story League vice president, also will perform. The Livonia woman started storytelling while teaching preschool.

"She is so upbeat. She is a ball of energy," Sima said. "She does some participation stories having the kids sing along."

As maestro Graves will introduce the performers and keep the concert flowing. Off stage she's in charge of the League's story bureau, an outreach program that provides storytellers for events at churches, schools, nursing homes and other community venues for a \$50 fee.

"It goes into our fund for scholarships for upcoming storytellers. It's a win-win," Graves said.

For more information about the concert or to arrange for a storyteller for a community event, visit detroit-storytelling.org.

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Is a German shorthaired pointer the right dog for you?

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German shorthaired pointers are a little like potato chips.

"They're an addicting breed. You can't have just one," says Lynn Taylor, a Milford resident who owns five German shorthaired pointers and one Labrador retriever.

"They are very smart," she said. "It's a great breed."

It's also a breed attracting the national spotlight after one of its own, GCH Vjk-Myst Garbonita's California Journey — known as "C.J." — won Best in Show on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York. The 3-year-old male is one of three German shorthaired pointers to win the top title at Westminster since 1907.

Taylor, who was among the more than an estimated 3.5 million viewers watching the broadcast, said C.J.'s win at Westminster will bring more attention to the breed. She anticipates getting a few more calls and Facebook posts, espe-

cially since she'll have a litter of puppies for sale soon. She breeds some of her dogs and sells one or two litters annually.

But she says the breed isn't for everyone and that the Westminster win isn't a good reason alone to adopt or buy a German shorthaired pointer.

"They are high energy. They require exercise. Mental stimulation is important. So, when I'm selling my puppies, I ask my buyers what kind of lifestyle they have," she said. When one prospective buyer said she hoped to start exercising — buying a dog was motivation — Taylor rejected her request.

"That is not the answer I was looking for. You already have to be that way, outdoorsy, active," Taylor said. "You'll see Facebook posts where (German shorthaired pointers) are tearing stuff up. That is because they aren't getting stim-



SPORT DOG PHOTO
Riot, one of Lynn Taylor's German shorthaired pointers, retrieves a bird. Taylor, a Milford resident, owns five German shorthaired pointers.

ulation or exercise."

Active dogs

Taylor, who serves as secretary for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Michigan, works with her dogs in several AKC and UKC events, including hunting, dock diving, obedience and conformation. She rescued her first two German shorthaired pointers 10 years ago and then bought a puppy when she couldn't find another young pointer in rescue.

Bob Hoffmeyer, Club president and a Clarkston resident,

trains, walks or runs with his dog every day. The Club offers AKC-licensed field trials in Ionia, hunting tests and walking trials at Highland Recreation Area and water tests at Highland Dam.

"It's a versatile breed. They love the water and they love the land," Hoffmeyer said. "So, they may track fowl or a hare, a skunk or opossum, and then point at it. If you shoot at it, they will retrieve it for you."

Both Taylor and Hoffmeyer say German shorthaired pointers make good family pets. Hoffmeyer calls them loyal

and trainable. Taylor says they are independent and affectionate.

"They have a switch. They go outside and work hard and play hard, but when they come in they settle in and are wonderful lap dogs. Mine are cuddlers," she said. "The thing people don't understand is that switch. I can exercise them in the morning and at night we come in and they relax."

Taylor said breeders generally sell German shorthaired pointer pups between \$1,000-\$1,200. She said the dogs have a lifespan of 12-15 years.

Check out Taylor's website at highcaliberkennel.com

Find out more about the German Shorthaired Pointing Club of Michigan at gspcfm.org

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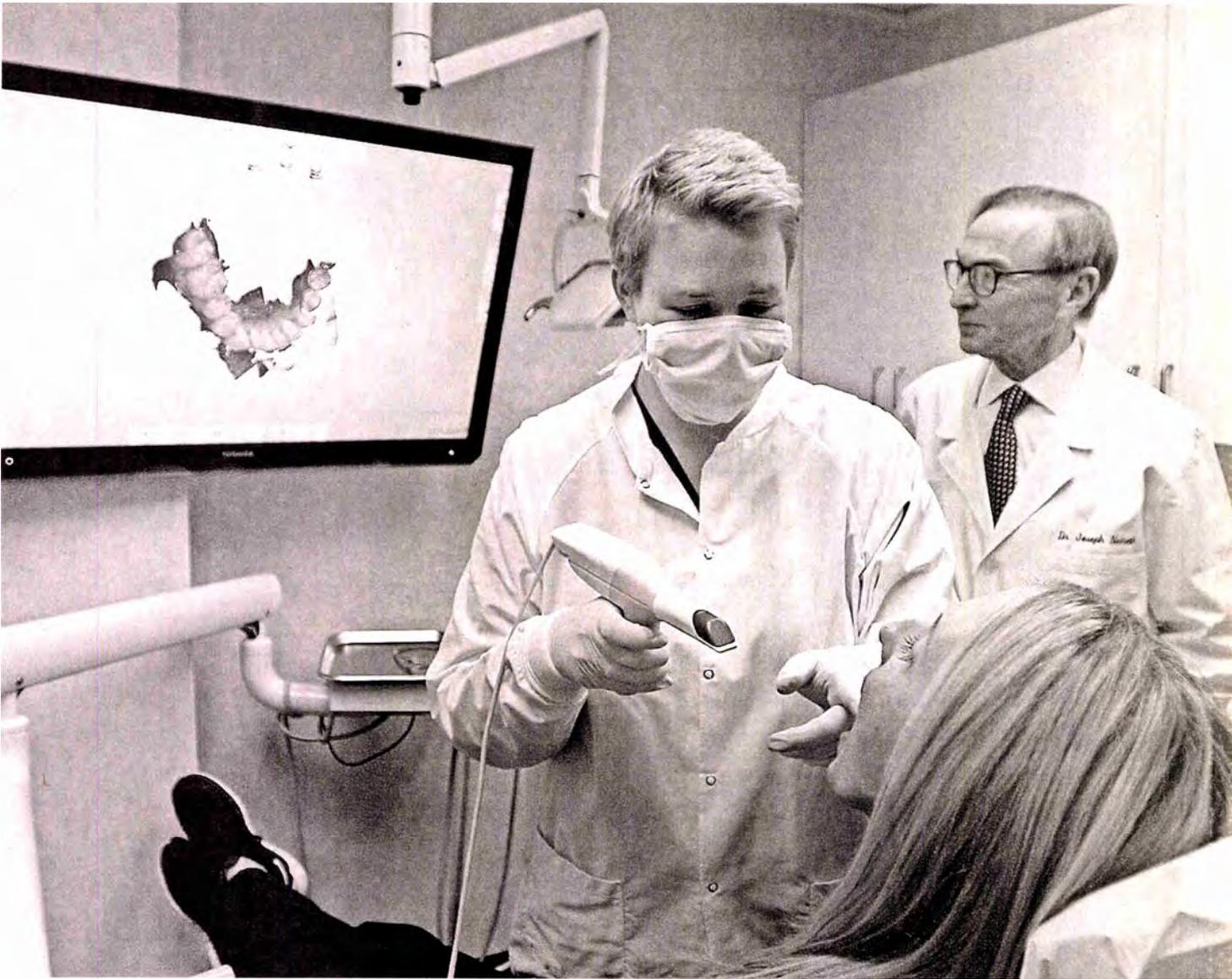
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Jessi Tatoris-Rogers, surgical assistant, demonstrates the Trios 3 digital impression device as Joseph Nemeth, D.D.S., a Southfield periodontist looks at its scan on a monitor. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Digital scans make 'goop' outdated

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Got a crown or denture? You've likely tasted "goop." "Traditionally, dentists use a tray and fill it with impression material, which is a kind of goopy goop, and put it into the patient's mouth in order to get an impression," said Joseph Nemeth, D.D.S., a periodontist. "It takes several minutes to set up in the mouth. It very often causes gagging. Patients have a fear of it and because they have a fear of gagging, it causes them to throw up sometimes."

"And the impression sometimes has to be retaken over and over and over."

Nemeth took goopy impression material off the menu at his Southfield practice last year and replaced it with an intraoral scanner that makes digital impressions. He's one of a handful of dentists in southeast Michigan using a scanner called Trios, that scans teeth and projects the digital image on a monitor for both the patient and dentist to see.

Nemeth uses the most updated version — Trios 3 — and says he was the first dentist in Michigan and one of few in the country, to embrace the technology.

"We had a 3-D scanner before this. It was okay, but it didn't do (teeth) shades. It took longer and the scanner was

big, bulky and uncomfortable. When we were told about this, it sounded like it was the way to go. We ordered one immediately.

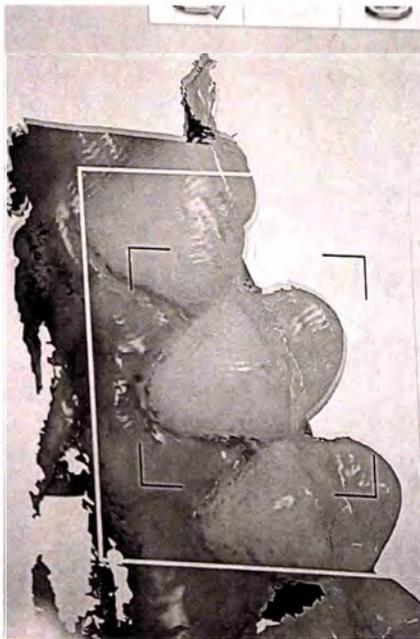
"It's revolutionizing dentistry. It's really a wonder." Nemeth said the system is more accurate than impression material, which can be distorted by varying temperatures. It's more environmentally friendly and sends the scan electronically, rather than by vehicle, to the dental lab, saving a few days in the process.

"You can see it on the screen. You can see your own mouth in real time as it's happening and you can rotate (the image) and turn it. You can see if you have cavities, if you have broken teeth. You can see if the shade of the tooth is right."

How it works

Jessi Tatoris-Rogers, a surgical assistant at the practice, recently demonstrated the technology in Nemeth's office.

Instead of placing a tray of impression "goop" into the patient's mouth, she moved the Trios hand-held device along the upper and lower teeth. Two pictures appeared on the monitor. One was a real-time scan of the patient's mouth. The other showed the individual images of each tooth coming together to form the lower and upper set of teeth.



Teeth are shown on a monitor that both the patient and dentist can see. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Joseph Nemeth, D.D.S., talks about dental technology. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Patients are thrilled, especially after the scan. We'll show them what we've done and people are amazed to see their mouth on the TV screen. Especially as big as it is," she said.

Nemeth said 3-D printers may be next innovation in dentistry.

"They're being perfected and we have one on order. It will allow us to print out whatever we want to print out that

we have scanned," he said. "Virtual reality is here in dentistry."

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A rare disorder or, as they are sometimes referred to, an orphan disease, is a medical mystery that needs our attention.

Increasing awareness of various infrequent and sometimes unheard of medical disorders may prompt more research into potential treatments and cures. The more attention a condition gets, the better the odds are that something can be done about it. Interestingly, the criteria for identification of rare disorders is that few people in the world have them and yet there are 7,000 separate identified orphan diseases in existence. Rare Disease Awareness Day on Feb. 29 will shine a light on them.

Examples of rare disorders include: Marfan syndrome,



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neurofibromatosis, Niemann-Pick disease, Turner syndrome, FG syndrome, Tourette's syndrome and Addison's disease, which was said to afflict President John F. Kennedy.

I've had the opportunity to meet with and speak to various support groups that exist for individuals with some of these conditions. It led me to a realization that the one thing they have in common is a lack of attention paid to the mental health issues associated with being in a "medical minority." While much attention needs to

be paid to the medical management of rare diseases including surgical procedures, medication trials and so forth, it can also be beneficial to address the psychological and emotional consequences of such conditions.

Therapeutic progress for individuals often can be seen when the question, "Why me?" evolves into "What am I going to do about it now?" To get past the "Why me?" often seems to entail a modification in identity which can now incorporate the medical diagnosis into the mainstream of one's personality. Then a question of "How can I build a life after tragedy?" can be asked and answered.

The February-March 2016 issue of *Neurology Now*, a free publication of the American

Brain Foundation's American Academy of Neurology, reported that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) created a network of medical centers dedicated to diagnosing rare diseases. Typically, the diseases they discover affect fewer than 50 people in the world with an array of symptoms that have stumped other physicians, sometimes for years. Many of these patients and their families have already been to dozens of doctors and have taken hundreds of tests, but remain undiagnosed or find only more dead ends. Through the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) Program, these individuals now can benefit from the expertise of a panel of physicians and receive unrestricted access to the latest

medical technology. Last September, the NIH launched the network at seven medical centers across the country, which dramatically increased the number of patients that can be accepted. To apply and get more information, visit UDN's website at: www.undgnosed.hms.harvard.edu/apply. For more information on rare diseases that affect 200,000 people at any one time in the United States, visit www.rare-diseaseday.org.

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