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Westland welcomes Santa, Mrs. Claus

It's not the Christmas season until Santa arrives. So, with much fanfare Wednesday night, Westland welcomed the jolly man and Mrs. Claus to kick off Deck the City Hall and Tree Lighting.

Facing chilly yet bearable winter weather, the evening nonetheless drew a crowd, which welcomed Santa and watched Mayor William Wild flip the switch to light up city hall.

The evening included seasonal music, arts and crafts for kids and goodies to eat. Residents donated toys for

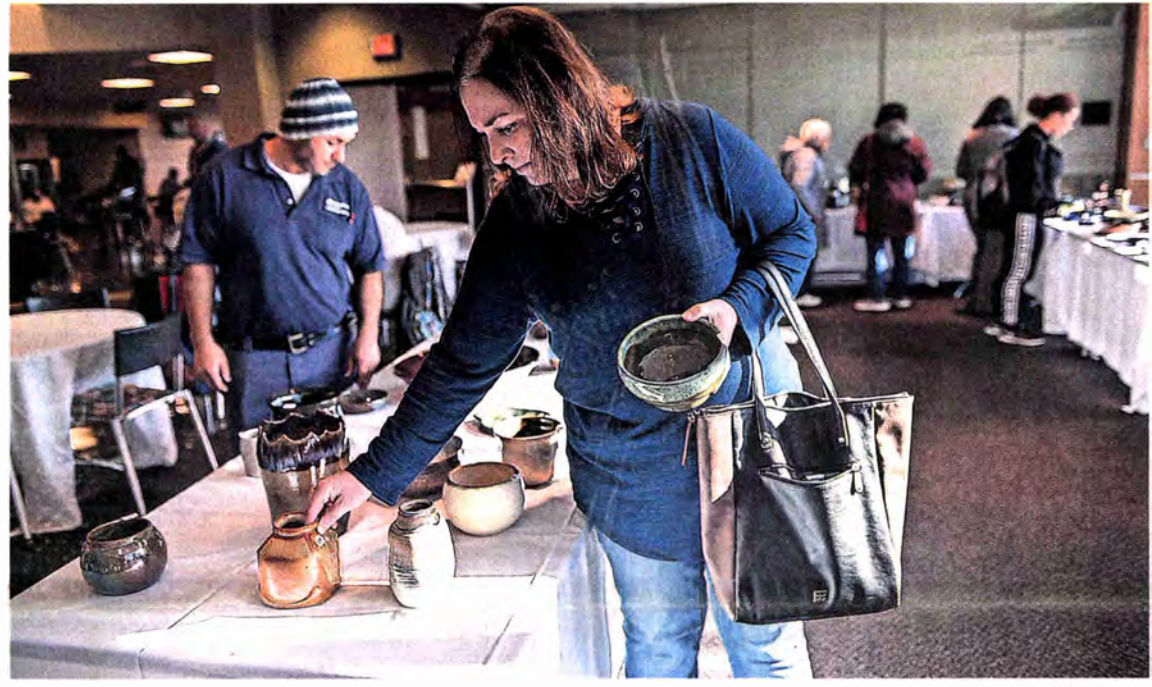
the Goodfellows effort to give those in need this Christmas. Families also could make monetary donations to support Shop with a Cop.

Residents can also join the All American Holiday Decorating Contest.

Residents can sign up their home — decked out in holiday decorations — for the contest that runs through Dec. 24. Winners in "Traditional," "Most Creative" and "Most Over The Top" categories will be announced Jan. 9 during the Westland City Council meeting. Vote every day on online.



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Mayor William Wild presents Santa and Mrs. Claus the key to the city.



Tracey Ampersand of Livonia looks at ceramics offered at the Empty Bowls fundraiser.

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Pearl Harbor remembered in Plymouth ceremony

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World War II veteran Charles Minthorn still remembers the wreckage of U.S. ships after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that catapulted the United States into war.

Minthorn, a Plymouth resident, worked at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Pearl Harbor and operated small boats during his service in 1943-45. On a cold day marking the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Minthorn fought back tears when asked why he came to a ceremony at the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park.

"I came here because it's my duty," he said.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
World War II veterans Gene Overholt and Charles Minthorn stand for the opening prayer.



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World War II veteran Jack McClellan served in the Army Air Corps, flying in B-29 aircraft in the South Pacific.

FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER HELD AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE



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Ceramics are made by Schoolcraft students.



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Brandyn Chambers ladles a bowl of chicken and vegetable soup.

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Maddy Piontek knows keeping students in need well-fed is an important goal, especially leading into exams and the holidays.

The Livonia student and vice president of the Schoolcraft College Student Activities Board points out the college's student food pantry has helped feed about 100 students in need. Those without access to quality food, she said, are in danger of not succeeding at school.

"When students have food insecurity, they have a higher chance of dropping out," she said. "This helps students so they can get their degree and so they have all the resources they need."

That's why the Student Activities Board hosts an annual fundraiser this time of year to help stock the pantry full of supplies. Students helped out Wednesday at the "Empty Bowls" event in the college's

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Vietnam veterans' rifle salute.

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Veterans gather to remember the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

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Ed Ruehle salutes after leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Not far away, U.S. Army veteran Gene Overholt recalled serving in France, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands as a communications soldier relaying information from combat zones to military headquarters. He was still in high school when he got a draft notice that ultimately landed him in the Battle of the Bulge.

His service in World War II forever changed his life. He spent four years at war and got out in 1946.

"It made a man out of a boy pretty quick," said Overholt, a Plymouth resident. "It was a life change."

Minthorn and Overholt were among a group of Plymouth-Canton area veterans and their supporters who paid tribute to those who served, suffered injuries and died at Pearl Harbor.

Don Dignan, chaplain of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, said a prayer as a U.S. flag flapped in the wind.

"War is not what we seek," Dignan said. "Peace on Earth is a valued quest for all mankind."

Yet, he and others know there are times when war is inevitable — and the attack on Pearl Harbor ushered in one of those times.

"War was unavoidable," said Steve Monaghan, who was a flight officer in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. "Free-

dom was threatened."

Deborah Davis, regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution's Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, read a prayer poem and said it was common during World War II for people to carry wartime poems with them. She read one and spoke of the sinking of the USS Arizona and those who died on it.

During the solemn ceremony, the crowd said the Pledge of Allegiance, sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and listened as Monaghan made mention of those who became

prisoners of war or who were missing in action during war. Some veterans laid wreaths at the memorial while others fired a rifle salute. A lone trumpeter played "Taps."

In addition to the VFW Post 528 and the DAR chapter, other groups participating in the ceremony included the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 and the Plymouth Passage-Gayde American Legion Post 391.

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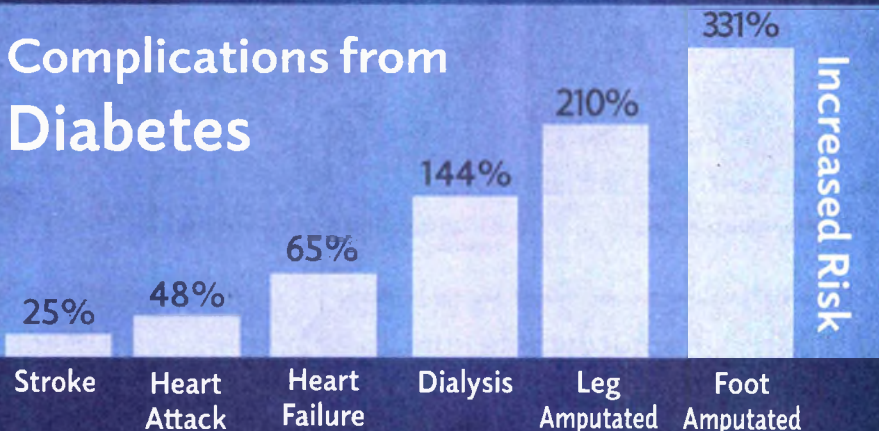
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Empty Bowls at Schoolcraft College.



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Schoolcraft's own bread comes with the soup.

BOWLS

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VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus on Haggerty. The fundraiser aimed to raise money for the pantry by selling a soup and bread lunch, as well as ceramic pots, bowls and plates crafted and donated by the college's ceramic students.

"We sell the bowls and the soup, and the proceeds go to our food pantry," said Brandyn Chambers, the president of the Student Activities Board and a Westland resident.

The fundraiser has taken place at the college for almost two decades, with the proceeds from the event the last five years going to the on-

campus food pantry in the VisTaTech Center, said Elizabeth Machniak, the administrative assistant for student activities.

"Before we had the food pantry here on campus, we would donate the money to soup kitchens, like St. Leo's Soup Kitchen (in Detroit)," she said. "We've had the food pantry here at Schoolcraft since 2011.

"We're building on it every year. People get to know about it."

Piontek said the money raised will go to the pantry at the Livonia campus, though she said there is a separate pantry at the college's other campus, the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

The college accepts donations for the pantry from students via bins

located across the Livonia campus.

Piontek said the pantry tends to see an increase in traffic this time of year: December is a big month for students looking for a little assistance, she said.

"During the holidays, we have higher needs for it," she said.

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Sgt. Robert Fruit



Sgt. Stephen Vidaurri



Officer Curtis Johns



Officer Ryan Damico

Westland Police Dept. swears in officers; promotes two

The Westland Police Department has three new officers and two veteran officers promoted to sergeant.

"Recently Sergeants Jeffery Kavanaugh and Harlan Epperson both retired from the Westland Police Department," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "Both men served our community with honorable police careers. With their retirements, we welcome three new police officers and the promotion of two veteran officers to the rank of Sergeant."

Ryan Damico is one of the new officers. He is a Westland resident and formerly served as a Westland Police Explorer. He graduated with an associate's degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in 2013. He also

served three years with the Romulus Police Department as an officer prior to accepting the position with the Westland Police Department.

Curtis Johns is a Newport resident and attended the Detroit Police Academy and served the city of Detroit for two years. He left the Detroit Police Department to serve on the Flat Rock Police Department for 13 years. Johns has received specialized training in accident investigation and is a trained evidence technician.

Jacob Broda is a Livonia resident and has served as a Westland Service Aide for two-and-a-half years. Broda is the first Public Service Aide to successfully test and promote through the program into an officer position. He graduated with an associate's degree from Schoolcraft College in

2015 and from the Wayne County Regional Academy.

The two veteran officers to receive promotions to the rank of Sergeant are Officer Robert Fruit and Officer Stephen Vidaurri.

Fruit started his law enforcement career with the Highland Park Police Department for five years, after which he came to Westland and has served for 16 years. Fruit has worked assignments in the Westland Police Community Police Unit, Alcohol Enforcement Bureau and the Traffic Bureau. Fruit holds certifications as a Drug Recognition Expert, is a Standardized Field Sobriety Training Instructor and is a certified Accident Re-constructionist. He has received two distinguished awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving and two life-saving awards.

Sgt. Stephen Vidaurri began his career in law enforcement with the Detroit Police Department for two-and-a-half years, after which he moved to Westland where he has served for 19 years. He has a bachelor's degree for Olivet College. Vidaurri is a 13-year member of Westland PD's Tactical Response Unit, a motorcycle officer, a field training officer, a member of the Honor Guard and was assigned to Westland's Special Investigations Unit and served as a Firearms Instructor.

"I am proud to welcome these new, highly qualified individuals to Westland. Our community looks forward to their service and dedication to the residents," Mayor William Wild said. "I wish Sgt. Fruit and Sgt. Vidaurri the best of luck in their new positions."



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Westland police seek suspect in multiple robberies

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Westland police say they're looking for a man they say has robbed several stores in the area the last few weeks.

Police believe the same suspect is involved in three armed robberies that took place Monday: one at the Rite Aid at 35363 Ford, the Family Dollar at 31296 Michigan Ave., as well as the Family Dollar at 1963 S. Wayne Road. All three robberies took place within a two-hour window.

Police also believe the suspect robbed the same Family Dollar on Nov. 27. The man is also believed to have committed similar crimes in other surrounding communities.

The suspect is described as a male in his 40s, standing between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds and had a mustache. He was wearing a black coat,



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
Police are looking for this man, whom they suspect robbed several stores.

tan pants and a white hat at the time of the first Family Dollar robbery.

Anyone with information about this suspect is encouraged to contact Westland police at 734-722-9600.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Living Nativity

The Living Nativity, a 15-minute outdoor walking tour depicting the story of Christmas will offer translation in Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish and Albanian. The lighted outdoor walking path passes through scenes of costumed characters of shepherds, angels, wise men and the manger. Real Life Farm's Don Fraser has provided the sheep, goats, donkey and calf. This year, for added realism, a camel named Humphrey will join the cast from his home in Grand Rapids. Scenes are added and changed each year, providing a new experience for people who have attended in the past.

There is no reservation necessary. Guests can visit any time during the evening. For those with mobility issues a golf cart is available to enjoy the tour. The free event is 4:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, on the church grounds at 1240 N. Beck Road, one-half mile south of Ford Road.

Jingle Bells Batman Smells

Barefoot Productions Theatre brings to the stage author Barbara Parks' character Junie B



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Friendship Church in Canton will host a Living Nativity on Dec. 18.

Jones and the holiday spirit in "Jingle Bells Batman Smells." The show is at 2 p.m. Dec. 11. The cast is from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.justgobarefoot.com or 734-404-6889. Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Park Players perform

The Park Players Theatre Company presents "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani at 7 p.m. Dec. 16-17 in The Allen DuBois Little Theatre at Canton High School. Tickets are \$10 and available at www.tpptc.booktix.com or at the door beginning one hour before each performance.

Breakfast with Santa

The St. Robert's Mens Club will host Breakfast with Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the gym, 27101 W. Chicago Road at Inkster, Redford. The event offers All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast; Santa's Big Raffle: 1st Prize: Big Sled of Toys; 2nd Prize: 20" Bicycle and \$1 instant pictures with Santa. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for ages 2-12; and free for children under 2. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Franklin High library teen book fair

The high school library will have a book fair through Dec. 13 at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville Township. Teens are encouraged to participate in the Harry Potter Magical Holiday Ball dressed in a favorite character and dance until they drop. The store and cafe will be open. A percentage of Barnes & Noble sales will benefit the Franklin High School library. If you can't make it and wish to donate, visit bn.com/bookfairs. Enter Bookfair ID12026894 at checkout.

Wayne County General Hospital reunion

All retired and former employees from Wayne County General Hospital are invited to attend the 32nd annual reunion in the party room at the Hibachi Buffet and Grill, 6539 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The event is set for 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. Buffet price with without a drink is \$12.75 and with a drink \$14.59. Reservations are not required.

Holiday decorating contest

"All American Holiday Decorating Contest" is underway and runs

until midnight Saturday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the city of Westland website to nominate themselves or a friend in one or all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture with their submission.

You can also enter the contest by posting your picture publicly on Twitter or Instagram, tagging @CityofWestland and using the hashtag #westlandholidaypride. Anyone can go onto the website, view the entries and vote for the holiday decorating display they think should win. Voting will close at midnight on Christmas Eve. Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the first council meeting of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 9.

Youth Christmas concert

The Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestras of Michigan will host its Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at William F. Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School, 26255 Schoolcraft, Redford. Tickets are \$7 at the door, \$3 senior citizens.

The LYSO is a non-profit youth organization celebrating its 57th year in Livonia. It is comprised of school-age string players, winds, brass and percussionists, and dedicated parent volunteers.

Secondhand Prose closes for renovations

Canton Public Library's Secondhand Prose Bookstore will be closed for renovations from Dec. 23 to Feb. 1.

In December hardcover books and children's book will be sold at reduced prices. A special \$6 Fill-a-Bag Book Sale will take place Dec. 16-19. Friends of the Canton Public Library support the library through advocacy and fundraising for resources beyond the scope of the operating budget.

Wayne Memorial Parent Night

Wayne Memorial High School will host an 8th-grade parent night for those transitioning to 9th grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held on Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

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Main Street Cafe has holiday gifts

Schoolcraft's Main Street Cafe is now offering dozens of edible holiday gifts through Dec. 16. The cafe features specialty items that are prepared by the students and chefs from the college's Culinary Arts program. Holiday shoppers can find such edible gift items as freshly baked holiday cookies, holiday theme flavored and decorated cupcakes, fudge samplers, charcuterie trays, savory gift baskets, and other specialty desserts and more. Gifts range from \$1.75 to \$48.

Main Street Cafe is in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus and is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. In addition to the special holiday sale items, Main Street Cafe also provides delicious carry out food prepared by Schoolcraft College chefs and students, including full meals, side dishes, breads and desserts.

On-site advising for students

Many students at Schoolcraft College plan to transfer to a four-year institution, but their busy school and work schedules make it hard to visit the college or university they want to transfer to and meet with an academic advisor. However, a unique program enables students to meet with advisors from colleges and universities on the Schoolcraft College campus to get the information they need about the transfer process and requirements.

According to Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, associate dean of advising and partnerships at Schoolcraft College, the on-site advising model that brings representatives from four-year institutions to Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia to meet with

students is unique and is a real benefit for students interested in transferring.

"The visits were slow for most of the colleges during the first couple of weeks of the fall term, but now it's picked up as word has spread about this service," Kattuah-Snyder said. She said the colleges that had the most students visiting with them on campus included the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University. However, there were eight other colleges and universities that were part of the program this fall, and the program will continue in the winter term as well.

"This is long overdue, and I'm very happy that we now have the space on the campus to do this," Kattuah-Snyder said. "Today's students are very practical, and although we provide them with sound advice, some students won't believe us until they hear it directly from the four-year college representative."

The schedule of upcoming university advising visits is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/advising or by calling 734-462-4429.

Winter registration now available

Registration is open for community members interested in taking any of the hundreds of winter 2017 classes available through Schoolcraft College's popular Continuing Education and Professional Development program. CEPD classes are offered in a variety of areas, including computers and technology, cooking, entrepreneurship, event planning, financial planning, meditation, painting, senior fitness and yoga, to name a few.

One area growing in popularity is English as a second language, and CEPD is offering 15 different courses designed to help non-native speakers of English improve their speaking and listen-

ing skills to help them in their daily lives.

Photography classes have always been popular, and this winter CEPD will offer a new program — The Schoolcraft Certificate of Photography — that provides a comprehensive learning experience for amateur photographers and those individuals working in the industry.

Online registration is encouraged and continues until the day before the class meets. Registration is also available by walking in to the Registration Center located in the McDowell Center on the main campus in Livonia. For more information about registration, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448.

'Peace and War'

Each year, student members Schoolcraft College's Omnicron Iota Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honorary scholastic society select a theme for their Honors in Action project as part of the international society annual competition for two-year colleges.

This year's theme for the project will be "Peace and War: How does conflict impact people and the way in which the world works?" This theme aligns with the international PTK society's focus: "How the World Works: Global Perspectives."

As part of the HIA project, student members of Schoolcraft College's chapter will perform academic research on the topic and from that research perform an action that shares the results of the research with others and identifies actions or initiative that can be implemented to advocate and/or affect a specific cause.

"Our students will also report on the results of this research and work that will be submitted to the Phi Theta Kappa headquarters for judging on an international

scale," said Todd Stowell, director of Student Activities. The international Phi Theta Kappa awards ceremony for the HIA projects will help held in Nashville in April, 2017.

Divorce support group

The Divorce Support Group at Schoolcraft College, facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, MA, LLP, LPC, PLLC, will meet from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Hinkle Center in the McDowell Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia.

The Divorce Support Group is open to anyone contemplating, in the process of, or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. There is no fee to attend the group, and registration is not required.

Attorney Patricia A. Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer legal questions in a private

setting on a first-come, first-served basis that evening.

For more information about these and other services available to students and community members through the Hinkle Center, call 734-462-4443 or email hinklecenter@schoolcraft.edu.

Schoolcraft sponsors FAFSA, financial aid sessions


Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the first and most important step in determining what types of financial aid students might qualify for to help in covering the costs of a college education. Students and their parents who would like to receive professional help completing the 2016-17 or 2017-18 FAFSA are invited to attend one of two open house format informa-

tion sessions on Monday, Dec. 12, or Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 3-4 p.m. in the McDowell Center on the college's main campus in Livonia.

Participants should bring several items to complete the online FAFSA process during the Open House sessions, including:

- » Student (and spouse, if married) 2015 federal tax return & W-2s
 - » Parents' 2015 federal tax return & W-2s (for most students under the age of 24)
 - » Student driver's license (if applicable)
 - » Student and parent's FSA ID (more information at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>)
 - » Current savings/checking and investment information
- For more information about financial aid resources at Schoolcraft, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/aid or call 734-462-4433.

Ask Dr. Stewart



Dr. James Stewart is a general dentist from Livonia, MI. Today, he answers a question about toothbrushes.

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Bill in response to facility's closure passes House

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New legislation would require the state to notify local officials if another emergency shutdown of a facility takes place, such as what happened at Livonia's Ashley Court facility earlier this year.

The changes, proposed by State Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, is an amendment to other language that just changed some wording in previous legislation. The new changes would require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to notify either the local clerk or the local fire chief of the municipality where the shutdown facility is located. "It just makes sense, especially in communities that are so densely populated like ours," Cox said. "We want to make sure those situations can be mitigated."

The legislation is a result of the shutdown of Ashley Court, 32406 Seven Mile in Livonia, which took place in May. The state ordered an emergency shutdown of the assisted living facility, requiring all its residents to evacuate the premises within a six-hour window. The closure caused some chaos in the area, drawing in Livonia public safety officials to help manage traffic as people came to pick up their loved ones and move them to a new facility. Several residents were transported to other facilities by the Livonia Fire Department.

The day after, several local officials, as well as Cox, held a press conference regarding the shutdown. There, she expressed concern over the lack of notification over the shutdown then. The bill was approved unanimously by the state



FILE PHOTO
Legislation is working its way through Lansing that would require the state to notify local officials if another shutdown of a facility, like Ashley Court, were to take place.

House of Representatives and was set for a Senate hearing Wednesday morning. Cox said she was hopeful it would be

passed through the Senate's Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee as well as the full Senate before head-

ing to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk during the lame-duck legislative session. Since the shutdown, the facility on Seven Mile

east of Farmington Road has remained quiet, though a white banner has been put up this fall concealing the name of the former adult foster care facility. As of last week, there was no license on file with LARA to operate and house residents at the facility.

Notifying local officials, including safety officials, is a move that can help answer some questions, especially if surrounding residents have questions about a shutdown. Cox said it was routine during her time as a federal official to at least notify the local police department if an investigation was taking place, even if the local agency was not involved. "There's a very big advantage to letting them at least know," she said.

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Grants to enhance youth health programs



SUBMITTED
James Gajewski, executive director of Hope, and Mia Moyad, social work manager, accept a grant check from Gary R. Ley, executive director of GCH Heritage Foundation.

GCH Heritage Foundation, a local, private foundation, presented two grants totaling \$89,000 to local health care providers that are introducing new programs designed to address unmet health needs with children in southeast Michigan.

Hope Clinic, which has sites in the city of Wayne and Ypsilanti, received \$47,000 to provide a year-long "Family Health Practices Program" designed to provide families with education and services to develop a safe and healthy family lifestyle. "The patients and clients served by Hope are typically low-income and belong to households that struggle to make ends meet. This grant will assist us in implementing an encompassing program aimed at addressing health issues in the home — not just in a clinic," said James Gajewski, Hope's CEO.

One specific impact area will be to replace Hope's aging laundry service for their clients. This program is designed to meet the growing challenge for health care providers to focus on "population health" and not just single patient interactions.

Development Centers, serving Detroit and

surrounding communities, is the recipient of a \$42,000 grant for the implementation of "Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program" which will prepare early childhood clinicians to address and mitigate the effects of trauma on children through age 5 and their families.

Research indicates that families living in urban poverty often encounter multiple traumas over many years and repeated exposures to traumatic events that are left unaddressed can lead to severe and chronic negative outcomes.

"Funding from this grant will be spent on professional development and outreach activities specific to ensuring the unique needs of these families and young children are addressed," said Robert Shaw, president of Development Centers.

"Our organization admires Hope Clinic's and Development Center's outstanding work with family health services which give young children a chance for a healthier start in life," said Gary Ley, executive director of GCH Heritage Foundation. "We are excited to support both creative programs."



SUBMITTED
Dr. Robert Shaw, CEO of Development Centers, receives a grant check from Gary R. Ley, executive director of GCH Heritage Foundation.

SHE'S THE KARATE CHAMP!



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After a long year of competition, Karina Williams, junior at Ladywood High School in Livonia, took first place in the Michigan Sport Karate Circuit. She is a karate student of Sensei Vincent Toia and Sensei Bill Justice of Extreme Isshinryu Karate in Livonia.

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Michigan elector receives death threats over Trump support

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Michael Banerian knew this year's presidential election would be divisive, if not downright brutal.

He never expected to receive death threats over the results.

Banerian, 22, a Bloomfield Township resident, is youth vice chair for the Michigan Republican Party. He's also one of Michigan's 16 Electoral College voters who will cast a vote Dec. 19 for President-elect Donald Trump.

While it's a pretty straightforward process, as Michigan electors are required by law to vote for the winner of the popular vote, Banerian said he's received numerous threats from people who want him to switch his vote to Hillary Clinton.

Dec. 1, he responded to



Michigan elector Michael Banerian has received death threats because of his support for Donald Trump.

the threats by filing a police report in Bloomfield Township.

"I began receiving threatening messages a couple of days before the election and they trickled in the weeks following that," said Banerian, who's about to graduate from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in political science. "All of these threats, death wishes and generally angry messages were a

direct response to my support for Donald Trump and being a Republican in general."

Bloomfield Township police declined to comment on the case Wednesday, saying it's still under investigation. Banerian said hundreds of people left intimidating messages on his Facebook page since the election and he's also received an average of six to seven angry post-election letters to his home each day. Nobody has threatened him in person.

"Unfortunately, one of the threats I received was from a student I went to high school with," Banerian said. "I didn't know him well then and I haven't spoken to him in four years."

The nation's Electoral College vote is under a microscope after Clinton won the overall popular vote, while Trump won the 270 electoral votes

necessary to win the presidency. It's a similar scenario to the 2000 presidential election, in which Al Gore won the popular vote and George W. Bush won the Electoral College vote.

Banerian said the Electoral College is still a sound system for presidential elections, since it gives a voice to the smaller states. He also expects Trump to deliver on his major promises once he's formally elected as the nation's 45th president.

"My expectations are that he follows through on some of his biggest promises of the campaign," Banerian said. "I expect a full repeal of Obamacare and a subsequent replacement. I also expect a major tax reform, unlike anything we've seen in decades."

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Donald Trump autographed this necktie in 2010 for a Plymouth Township resident.

Autographed Trump tie is prized possession

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Kim Harber has a Donald Trump story that will literally have you in knots.

About six years ago, the Plymouth Township woman went to New York with a friend for a vacation weekend. They were strolling around Manhattan when they found themselves standing in front of Trump Tower.

"I wanted to buy something for my husband, so we went inside to see what we could find," she said.

It didn't take long before the two women came across a collection of Trump ties. Harber picked one out and took it to a salesperson — who told her Donald Trump himself was going to be in the building later that day and that he might be willing to autograph the necktie.

The two women returned to the store later that evening, where an autographed tie was waiting for Harber.

"I looked at the front

of the tie, turned it around and, on the back, it was signed: 'To Dan, kick ass, Donald Trump.' I loved it and my husband did, too, when I gave it to him," she said of the tie.

Mind you, this was back in 2010. Harber had no idea the man who signed her husband's necktie would one day become the nation's president. Her husband, Dan Harber, a local cardiologist, continues to wear the tie frequently — especially on Election Day.

"It's a prized possession," Harber said. "It's been a great conversation with his patients ... my kids both think we should frame it and hang it on the wall."

Harber said her entire family supports Trump and hopes he has a successful presidency.

"All four of us voted for Mr. Trump," she said. "We were surprised and elated he won. The tie is just icing on the cake."

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The history class listens to one of 10 ideas for a revolutionary trail.

BRAD KADRICH

Students bring revolutionary feel to Detroit trail project

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Eighth-graders from Detroit Country Day Middle School recently returned from a class trip to Boston, where they got to experience the Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile trail marking important parts of the American Revolution.

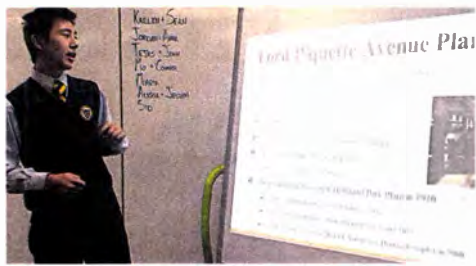
Now that they're back in town, the students are making pitches to establish similar paths that mark the revolutionary aspects of the Detroit area.

Kevin DuRoss, the history department chair at DCDMS, said the project stems from the trip to the Freedom Trail, which includes 16 historically significant sites, including museums and meeting houses, churches, and burying grounds. The trail teaches visitors about the people and events that shaped the American Revolution.

"They did a project about the Freedom Trail, so then they experienced what it is," DuRoss said. "They walked it and experienced it."

When they got home, the students broke into two-person teams to develop "trails" of their own, built around Detroit's own revolutionary history. The presentations centered around various parts of Detroit's history — art, music, the auto industry, sports teams, etc.

"We should have some sort of trail focusing on what makes us special," DuRoss said of Detroit. "We aren't the home of the Revolution, but what



Sean Li handles his part of the pitch for his trail, "The Making of Detroit."

BRAD KADRICH

are we?" Students tried to answer that question, putting together slide presentations and designing trails of their own, centered around Detroit's history. The trails they designed had to have some sort of "revolutionary" trait, and had to include at least six stops.

Kids made 5- to 6-minute presentations in front of representatives of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's office.

"The project got kids to look at things a little differently," DuRoss said.

"It becomes an opportunity for them to experience what it means to be a revolutionary," the teacher said.

Kids had to pick their topic, do the research and put together a Google slides presentation.

Eighth-grader Madison Coopes said she found the whole project, including the Freedom Trail in Boston, "totally cool."

"You didn't just learn about the monuments, you got to go in them," said Madison, who acknowledged the project

taught her things she didn't know. "I never knew there was a race riot in Detroit. I've been learning about it and how it has changed race relations."

Eighth-grader Olivia Sappington said the experience of the Freedom Trail played well as she began to think about the presentation she was putting together with Coopes.

"I can go deeper into things and show how they are revolutionary," Olivia said. "Then I can connect it to how Detroit has been revolutionary."

Adrian Tonon, director of customer service in Duggan's office, spent time Thursday listening to a number of presentations from the students. He said he would take what he heard back to the office and talk about the ideas with city planners.

Tonon said the more important part was actually listening to the students.

"It's all about our youth," Tonon said. "A lot of talent comes out of this school. To be here, to hear the ideas they have, is crucial."

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JOAN CAROL (NEE VIALL) Entered into eternal rest on December 5, 2016 following a long illness. Joan was born November 1, 1937 and spent her childhood in Shaker Heights, Ohio. She attended Miami University where she met her late husband, John V. Bonander. Together they raised their children, James Bonander and Karen (Bonander) Can?eld in Troy/Birmingham, MI. She loved her time sailing with her family, sharing fellowship with her faith communities in Birmingham and later Hickory, North Carolina, and time with her family. Joan leaves her children and their spouses, Patricia Carroll Bonander and James Can?eld; and her grandchildren, John Patrick (J.P.), William (Billy), and Elizabeth (Libby) Can?eld. The family will hold a memorial service in Akron, Ohio in the spring.

FRIEDMAN

JOAN Age 79 of Farmington Hills, passed away December 6, 2016. Daughter of the late William and Betty LaCasse. Loving mother of late Steven and Scott Friedman. Joan is survived by her sister, Carol Charlier; loving son, Jeffrey (Jody) Friedman; grandchildren, Jammie and Michael; great-grandchildren, Skylar, Daniel, and Aiden. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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ESTHER M. Age 89, of Canton, passed away December 8, 2016. Loving mother of Margaret (Kim) Dutcher, Eileen (Keith) Evans, Carol (Max) Schneider, Robert (Marge) Scheppele, John Scheppele, Diana Scheppele, Valerie Raspbury (Tony Lonigro), Kenneth (Anne) Scheppele, Michael (Barbara) Scheppele, and Stephen (Elaine) Scheppele. Dear grandmother to 18, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Robert Scheppele. Funeral Monday from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 12 noon. Visitation Sunday 1-6 p.m. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Michigan Humane Society, or Plymouth Community Band. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit schrader-howell.com.

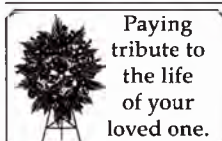
STROPES

CLAIRE MARIE (nee LENEHAN) age 89, passed away at her home on December 2, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Don Stropes, loving mother of Mike (Holly), Steve, Greg, Jeff (Sandi) and Pat (Ruth), grandma of Kelly (Josh), Katie, Emily, Maggie, Caroline, Danny, Jake and Heath, great grandma of Luke and Owen. Claire was born on July 23, 1927 in London, Ontario, Canada. The only daughter of Leo and Marie Lenehan, she was one month old when the family moved to Detroit where she was raised. For the last 64 years, Claire called Redford Township her home. She will be remembered for her infallible memory, quick wit, and unwavering love for her family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society in Claire's honor. (Michiganhumane.org)

VENSKE



FRANCES ELAINE (nee MARTENS) passed away December 7, 2016. The memorial service will be Monday, December 12th at 11 a.m. at St John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. The family will greet friends at church on Monday beginning at 10 a.m. until the service. Inurnment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans' Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250. Envelopes will be available at the church. To view the full obituary and leave a tribute of Frances, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com





The 2017 Ice Festival in Plymouth is set for Jan. 6-8.

FILE PHOTO

Warm up with Plymouth Ice Festival in January

Downtown Plymouth will host the 35th annual Plymouth Ice Festival Jan. 6-8. The Plymouth Ice Festival has a long-standing history of turning downtown Plymouth into a magical winter wonderland filled with ice sculptures and family activities. More than 100,000 individuals and families from all over attend each year.

This year's event will bring back favorite activities like the Ice Playground, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition. New attractions include the Winter Wonderland Michigan Market and horse-drawn carriages.

The market area will showcase small Michigan merchants from throughout the state displaying their unique goods and wearables to festival attendees. The market location will be on Forest Avenue, between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing Street.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition presented by Genesis Credit Union will host two carving competitions for various Michigan colleges and universities. Saturday, Jan. 7, will be the individual contest starting at 9 a.m. Competitors will have three hours to carve their masterpieces. On Sunday, Jan. 8, the ice-carving competitors will take part in the team competition starting at 8 a.m. Teammates will have to work together to build and

sculpt their ice carving. The winners of each contest will be announced and receive trophies each day at 1 p.m.

Opening ceremonies for the event begin at 7 p.m. with the inaugural ribbon-cutting, immediately followed by a live ice carving demonstration sponsored by IHA. Once the live ice carving is completed, there will be music with the IHA entertainment DJ that night and again Saturday evening.

Once again, families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross Country Skiing Zone presented by Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help guests suit up and set them off on the cross country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

The Ice Playground interactive area is full of games carved out of ice and has plenty of opportunity for pictures while the kids play with the ice.

The EG Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue will have cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd. There will be live entertainment from Big Ray and the Motor City Kings on Friday, Jan. 6, and Fifty Amp Fuse on Saturday, Jan. 7.

For more information, go to plymouthicefestival.com or follow on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

How to protect senior citizens from financial scam artists

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Nobody wants to lose their retirement nest egg to a con artist, yet it happens all the time.

According to the National Council on Aging, approximately five million older Americans are abused every year and the annual loss by victims of financial abuse is estimated to be at least \$2.6 billion. Nor is it a problem that's going away anytime soon, as an average of 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 years old every day.

Carol Guyton, a senior vice president with Bank of America, is something of an expert when it comes to spotting scams involving the elderly. Guyton has worked 32 years in the banking industry, mostly in the consumer area. Here are some tips and warning signs she provides to customers to avoid being the next victim:

Q: What are the most common scams and fraud risks that older customers face?

Guyton: The most common scams prey on people's trust. It could be a con artist who tells the person they owe a large sum of money and the con artist is willing to work with the person if they will make a "good faith" payment by withdrawing funds from their bank account. Another scam is get-

ting the victim to wire or send money on the pretext that the



Guyton

person's child or another relative is in the hospital and needs the money. Also, money is solicited for fake charities. This often occurs after natural disasters.

Q: Is there a specific time of year this fraud is more frequent?

Guyton: No, these types of scams are active year-round.

Q: What systems and safeguards are in place to protect elder customer's accounts from unauthorized access?

Guyton: Bank employees are trained to recognize "red flags" such as:

» Sudden changes in a client's bank accounts or banking practices.

» Withdrawals of unusual or unexplained large sums of money.

» Changes in a client's behavior.

» New signers are added or new joint accounts are opened.

» Confusion about account balances or activity or claim that some property is suddenly missing.

Q: What are the signs that loved ones or family members should look for that may

indicate an elderly person is a target of fraud?

Guyton: I have personal experience in this area. I tell families when an elderly person is suddenly very close and trusting with individuals the family doesn't know or are not comfortable with, this is a huge warning sign. An example could be new neighbors or someone they've met over the phone. I would encourage those with elderly family members to carefully observe and ask questions about who they talk to on the phone and whether they've received any visitors.

Be sure to let the person know you are only asking to make sure everything is in order. Also, if the relationship is close enough and applicable, ask to browse checkbooks and bank statements from time-to-time.

Q: What are some of the more popular scams?

Guyton: Financial scams involving Medicare or health insurance ... online counterfeit prescription drugs ... funeral and cemetery scams ... investment schemes ... reverse mortgage schemes ... and, of course, lottery or sweepstakes scams. Unfortunately, it's a growing list.

For more information on how to avoid scams against seniors, go to the National Council on Aging's Savvy Savings Seniors page.

Hopgood reappointed to Senate Education Committee

Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) has been reappointed to serve on the Senate Education Committee, a committee he has served on during his entire first term, from 2010 to 2014.

"Both of my parents were educators, and they instilled in me the importance of equal access to education and opportunity," said Hopgood, who is also a member of the Michigan Special Education Task Force and MiSTEM Advisory Council. "As a member of the Senate Education Committee, it's



Hopgood

important we that we put students' needs first and continue to listen to the people who know best — and that's our parents, students and educators."

Hopgood has also served on the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee for K-12, School Aid and Education for the past six years. He was previously a member of the House Education Committee for all six

years of his term when he served as State Representative of the 22nd District from 2002 to 2008.

Hopgood is the first Korean American to hold state office in Michigan. A Democrat, he was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 2010 where he represents citizens of the 6th District located in Wayne County that includes the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Rockwood, Romulus, Taylor, and Westland, and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, Van Buren and part of Brownstown.

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Travelers explore hidden gems of Balkans

Jay Young
Correspondent

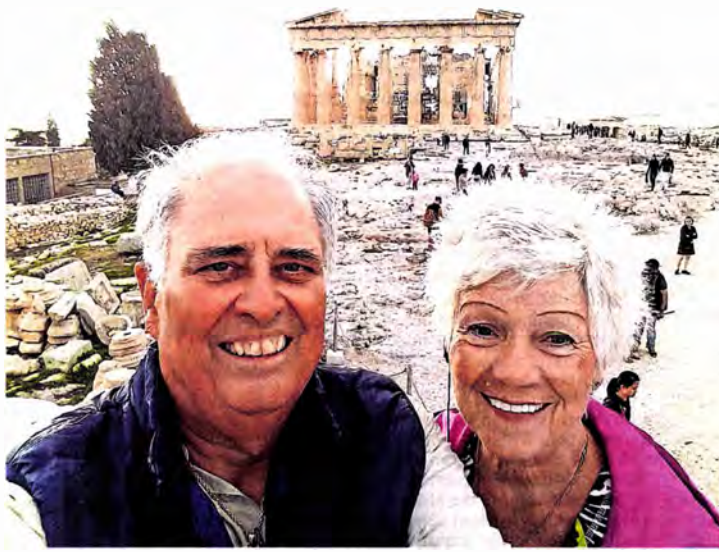
Question: What do Melania Trump, "Shark Tank" entrepreneur Robert Herjavec and "Game of Thrones" have in common? The answer begins in the Republic of Slovenia, the birthplace of the future first lady of the United States.

We recently returned from a three-week trip with Grand Circle Cruise Line, starting in the tiny country of Slovenia, which achieved its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. About half the size of Switzerland, Slovenia borders Italy and Austria on its north and west and Croatia and Hungary to the east and south. It is an intriguing mixture of the best of those cultures.

Landing in the capital of Ljubljana, we visited its fascinating mix of churches, museums and public markets before traveling about 20 miles to beautiful Lake Bled, Slovenia's leading mountain resort. Situated in the Julian Alps, the area encompasses sweeping alpine panoramas, a fairy tale island located in the center of the lake and a popular spot for weddings, a cliff-hanging medieval castle and a four-mile promenade around the lake.

In day trips from Bled, we visited Postojna Cave, the country's most famous natural attraction with its endless display of stalagmites and stalactites, and the 13th century Predjama Castle, which served as a stronghold for robber barons throughout its fascinating history.

Our next stop was Zagreb, the capital and largest city of Croatia and home country of Herjavec's immigrant parents. Zagreb is a city with a rich history dating from Roman times. Our



Jay and Linnea Young take a selfie on the Acropolis in Athens, Greece, with the Parthenon, the temple dedicated to Athena, in the background.

tour included medieval landmarks, such as the Cathedral of the Assumption, a colorful open-air market called Dolac and the Museum of Naive Art, displaying artworks by untrained peasants.

A day trip from Zagreb led us to the lovely Baroque city of Varazdin, a former capital of Croatia and home to several aristocratic families who built magnificent palaces and churches there. They later contributed furnishings to its centerpiece, a moated castle, which now serves as a museum.

From Zagreb, we traveled south to Plitvice Lakes National Park, the largest national park in Croatia and one of the oldest in southeast Europe. Founded in 1949, more than one million visitors each year come to view waterfalls and 16 interconnected lakes, which range in color from turquoise to green, gray or blue, depending on the mineral content of

the water.

Arriving at Split, we embarked on our Grand Circle Cruise Line ship, the Athena, which would take us down the Adriatic coast to several Croatian islands, Montenegro, Albania and Greece.

Split is the second largest city of Croatia and largest port on the Dalmatian coast. Dating from the 4th century B.C.E., when it was founded by Greeks, it has seen many rulers, including the Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, Ottomans, French and Habsburgs. Split is best known today as the site of the huge Imperial Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Occupied from 300-313 A.D. by Diocletian, a Croatian native, the palace is built like a fortress with walls running 590 feet by 705 feet. Ironically, although Diocletian was a great persecutor of Christians, his Temple of Jupiter was later con-

verted into a Christian baptistry and his mausoleum became a cathedral.

That night, we set sail for our first Dalmatian island, Hvar. Blessed with having a large fertile coastal plain and fresh water springs, its hillsides are covered in pine forests, vineyards, olive groves, fruit orchards and lavender fields. Unique to the island are stone walls defining agricultural field divisions of the Stari Grad Plain, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Our next stop was the island of Korcula, reputed to be the birthplace of Marco Polo. The most populous Croatian island not connected to the mainland by a bridge, we learned it was ruled for centuries by the powerful city-state of Venice and is today known for ship building and fishing.

Our next destination was the grand city of Dubrovnik. Regarded as

one of the world's most exquisite walled cities, it is one of the most prominent tourist destinations on the Adriatic Sea and the setting for the "Game of Thrones" HBO television series.

Dubrovnik's character reflects its storied past as an independent city-state called Regusa, whose fleet of ships carried trade between much of Europe and the Middle East. Although demilitarized to protect it from war in 1991, it was besieged by Serb and Montenegrin soldiers for seven months and suffered significant damage from shelling. Under UNESCO supervision, Dubrovnik was repaired with amazing speed and the only visible reminders of the war are pockmarked bullet holes in some structures and new bright orange roof tiles.

The next morning, we cruised into beautiful Kotor Bay, Montenegro. One of the youngest republics in Europe (it achieved independence from Serbia in 2006), Montenegro is even more of a crossroads of cultures than Croatia. The result is a unique nation of rugged beauty with a historic link to Serbia that defies many of the preconceived notions of the Balkans.

The highlight of our visit was a boat trip to a beautiful baroque church, Our Lady of the Rocks, situated on a man-made island in the middle of the bay. My wife and I renewed our wedding vows in this gorgeous place on our 45th wedding anniversary - truly a memorable event.

If Montenegro was magical, our next stop, Saranda, Albania, was sobering. Saddled with a paranoid Communist government, the country was isolated from the international community from 1945-85. During that time, under dictator En-

ver Hoxha, hundreds of mosques and Islamic libraries, as well as Christian churches, were destroyed and the country was proclaimed the "world's first atheist state." A sad reminder of those days is the 750,000 concrete bunkers scattered throughout the country in preparation for an imaginary invasion that never came.

Our next port of call was the Greek island of Corfu and an excursion to Achillion Palace, the magnificent villa and gardens built by Elizabeth, Empress of Austria, in 1890. A popular figure, she retreated to Corfu to escape the constraints of court life in Vienna and immersed herself in the world of the ancient Greeks. Tragically, she was assassinated by an anarchist in 1898.

Our last stop before passing through the Corinth canal and disembarking at the port of Athens was the ruins at Delphi. Thought to be the center of the Earth by the ancient Greeks, the Oracle at Delphi was often consulted before important decisions were made and contained treasures built by the great societies of the day to honor Apollo and other Greek gods. The nearby museum contains unmatched holdings, including the bronze sculpture of the Charioteer.

Like the puzzle we started with, during this trip we put together pieces of history, culture, natural wonders and delightful people we didn't know existed, as we discovered the hidden gems of the Dalmatian coast.

Canton resident Jay Young is former director of community services for the Livonia Public Schools district. Retired in 2007, he and his wife Linnea like to travel and do volunteer work in this country and around the world.

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All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with: Calcium hypochlorite and feeder systems on municipal pools for 3 year period, Department of Parks and Recreation, name of bidder and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES)
Petitioner) NO. J-2015-JC-137
vs.)
JAMES LEE HICKS, SR.)

Respondent)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
James Lee Hicks, Jr.) DOB: 8/27/03
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age)

MOTION AND ORDER FOR SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition for Temporary Custody and Motion for Summons by Publication and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent, James Lee Hicks, Sr., is unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon James Lee Hicks, Sr. It is therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent be served by publication of the following Notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the *Redford Observer*, a newspaper published in *Redford MI*.

TO THE RESPONDENT: JAMES LEE HICKS, Sr.
Pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-121 and § 37-1-123, you are hereby summoned to appear on the **25th day of January 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, and defend the above-entitled action in the Campbell County Juvenile Court, at LaFollette, Tennessee, and answer the Petition filed by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, and to serve your answer upon the Petitioner. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of the Campbell County Juvenile Court located at the Juvenile Court of Campbell County, 580 Main Street, Jacksboro, Tennessee 37757. Since your whereabouts is unknown and the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you, a copy of this summons shall be published in the *Redford Observer* newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.


ISSUED this 9th day of November 2016.

AMANDA H. SAMMONS
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
Apryl C. Bradshaw, BPR# 031072
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
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Cops renew call for help in double pedestrian fatality

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Canton police are renewing their plea for the public's help in identifying a driver accused of fleeing the scene of a double pedestrian fatality on Michigan Avenue, near Lotz.

The incident involved three vehicles — two of the drivers stopped — and it left dead 54-year-old Martin Jude Lesinski of Westland and 45-year-old Robert James Locklear of Inkster.

Police say the two men were not in a designated crosswalk when they were struck and killed shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said the driver who fled the scene was

driving what was believed to be a dark blue or black minivan, possibly a Dodge Caravan.

Police say the two men were walking north across the east-bound lanes of Michigan Avenue. Police say Lesinski was struck by the vehicle that fled the scene.

Lesinski was then struck by another vehicle, a Buick Lacrosse, whose driver did stop at the scene.

Locklear, meanwhile, was struck by a Ford Expedition. That driver also stopped at the scene.

Speed, alcohol and distracted driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the two drivers who remained at the scene.

Police say Lesinski died at the scene. Locklear was taken to St.

Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he later died.

No injuries were reported by the drivers or passengers of the vehicles which stopped.

The driver of the Dodge Caravan was described as a man, 36-40 years old, clean-shaven with short black hair. He was wearing a dark, possibly black, suit with a red tie. Police say he briefly got out of his vehicle before he fled the scene.

Anyone who has information about the driver or who saw the crash is asked call the Canton Township Police Department at 734-394-5400.

The crash remains under investigation.

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Joe Legato
GUEST COLUMNIST

We see the vibrancy of a community with the rebirth of the farmers markets, where locals sell handmade goods and veggies they grew nearby. Each week, we get to know each other better and form deep ties with our neighborhood. As a third-generation business owner, I have made some close bonds with my customers over the years. They know my family story; they even bring presents for my kids around the holidays. There are several

nationwide surveys that have studied the economic effects of small business on a community vs. the effects of national chains. Many of these studies show us when \$100 is spent at a local business, about \$45 of that initial amount stays within that local economy. When the national chains are examined, it is found that only \$23 stays in the local economy. If you take that same \$100 and spend it online, virtually nothing stays in the local economy.

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service from that retailer or a dining experience that is totally unique. For example, often when you come in for an appliance part at my store, we will walk through the replacement to make sure it is a repair you want to tackle. Or when you need to purchase a new appliance, we listen first to your needs and then address your wants. This ensures we find the right fit for you and not just push a product because that is what we want to sell. With every sale, we strive for excellence because there is a name and a family attached to our store. Our integrity is on the line with every person who walks through the door.

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Werth

John Werth, Northville Township's public safety director for nearly nine years and a more than 30-year township employee, will be honored Thursday, Dec. 15, on the occasion of his retirement.

Werth's service will be celebrated during the last regular Board of Trustees meeting of the year, which begins at 7 p.m. at township hall. Officials will also mark the 50th anniversary of the township police department.

Werth is retiring as public safety director, effective that day. He

will be succeeded by Todd Mutchler, current police chief.

Werth, 54, began with the police department in May 1985. He worked as a patrolman and a detective and was promoted to sergeant in 1996 and to police chief in 2001.

While with the department, Werth spent time on loan to the Michigan State Police as part of the western Wayne County narcotics and auto theft units. He became public safety director, overseeing

the police and fire departments, in February 2007.

Mutchler retired from Canton Township as public safety director earlier this year after a 28-year police career and became chief in Northville Township. He and Werth were in the same class at Eastern Michigan University's School of Police & Fire Staff and Command, graduating in 2000.

"We've got a perfect person to pass the torch to and move it forward," Werth said of Mutchler.

A press release from the township said Werth wanted to retire without fanfare, but "we're not going to honor his wishes.

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Zoning Board of Appeals
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 16:02: Applicant Michael Bennett, 8850 Inkster Rd, Redford Twp. MI 48239, located on the east side of Inkster Rd. between Joy Rd. and Cathedral St..

Requests a variance to erect a 20' x 22' storage building at back of lot.

Zoning Ordinance 152N, Sec. 3.3.11-1 allows one private garage and one storage shed. Section 3.11-1.2 limits storage shed to 144 sq. ft. Applicant has applied for storage structure of 440 sq. ft. that would require a variance of 296 sq. ft. of Section 3.11-1.2

THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Department of Public Services Conference Room, 12200 Beech Daly Road, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., December 14, 2016. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.

Jennifer Lawson, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

The Charter Township of Redford (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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Equity-indexed annuity usually not best choice

Q: I hope you can help me with my situation. I am in my mid-40s and in the process of getting a divorce. Because of some tax issues, the divorce will not be finalized until early next year. The terms of the agreement are complete and I will be receiving our home, which is paid off, as well as an IRA worth about \$250,000. In addition, I will receive two CDs, each worth \$100,000. I am currently working and my salary will more than cover my income needs as well as alimony, which I have to pay my husband. Under the terms of the deal, I have to pay him alimony for the next five years. I plan to



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work for another 20 years and I am putting the maximum away in my 401(k) plan. Originally, with the money in the IRA, I was going to turn it over to Fidelity or Vanguard and have them invest it. However, a friend of a friend suggested I put the money into an equity-indexed annuity. He told me you get stock market returns and, at the same time, you cannot lose money. I know nothing about investing, but I am somewhat suspicious.

The money is for my retirement, so I do not anticipate needing it for at least 20 years. I am not opposed to some risk; I also do not want to lose it. Do you think an equity-indexed annuity would be good for me or should I go to Fidelity or Vanguard?

A: I love the fact that you are suspicious, because that is an excellent trait for an investor to have and I wish more people had it.

In reviewing your situation, I do not think an equity-indexed annuity is for you. Yes, with an equity-indexed annuity your principal is protected, but you do not get stock market returns. With equity-indexed annuities, they do not

consider dividends when they compute returns. Dividends can be considerable and make up a substantial part of an investor's stock market return. In addition, most equity-indexed annuities have a participation rate that also reduces return. For example, if you had a 60-percent participation rate and the market, not including dividends, was up 5 percent, your return would only be 3 percent (five times 60 percent).

In your situation, considering that you are planning to work for at least another 20 years, one of the risks you have to contend with is purchasing power risk. We all know \$100 today doesn't buy what \$100 bought 20 years ago. In

addition, 20 years from now, \$100 will buy considerably less than it buys today. As investors, it's important that our returns keep up with the increased cost of living. Unfortunately, the equity-indexed annuities don't accomplish this.

In certain situations, equity-indexed annuities can fit into someone's portfolio, but not in the case at hand. A long-term investor who is willing to assume some risk of principal fluctuation can do much better over a 20-year period than in an equity-indexed annuity.

One of the other reasons I'm opposed to most equity-indexed annuities is that they require you to lock up your money for long periods of time. I

am not a fan of those types of investments for most people. We live in a world that is ever-changing and it is important to have flexibility. Unfortunately, variable annuities do not give you that flexibility. Many of these products have penalty periods for 10 years or longer.

Fidelity and Vanguard are very good companies and have a wide range of services that probably will fit your situation. Contact both companies and talk to their representatives to see which one best suits your situation.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser.

Joe Gagnon meets Indiana Amish family

Many of you will remember my three-day stay at an Amish home in Michigan this past February, and I want to say thank you for all your comments and questions since that time.

A few days ago I picked up Dan and Rosie and drove them to see her mother and family in Brene, Indiana. It was a two-hour drive from Union City, and not a trip they take very often because the horse and buggy just won't cut it. Here in Michigan the buggies have a cover installed, but in Indiana those buggies are wide open and a bit chilly to ride in especially when the temperature is at 32 degrees.

We left on a Saturday morning at exactly 5 a.m. and my only concern was hitting a deer while using my darling Valorie's new car. We arrived at day-break and emotions ran high as Rosie was welcomed. The drive through Amish country



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encompasses hundreds of homes all as neat as a pin and horse and buggies travelling the roads and parked in special stalls at most businesses. The big difference between the Amish community in Michigan and in Indiana is most noticeable in their homes. In the Union City area, Amish are allowed to have outdoor portable gasoline engines to drive water pumps so that water can flow to sinks and bathrooms inside. In Brene, there is no running water propelled by a motor, not even a sink. There is an old-fashioned pump to pull water from a storage tank and that tank is filled by a windmill which they can activate any time the wind blows. Dishes are done in large chrome bowls, one

for washing and the other for rinsing. Beautiful hardwood floors are washed daily and, even so, the men do not remove their boots when entering the home. I just can't imagine me trying something like that.

Lunch, pipes

The 1 p.m. lunch is their large meal for the day and with 21 people sitting at a beautiful large oak table, the food is served family style and there is more than ample supply. After lunch, the men sit for a bit, puff on their pipes and then head outside to work around the farm. The women get busy and clean up, and then everything is spic and span all over again. Then the time comes for questions and answers, and, believe me, they should all be working for the FBI. Mostly they wanted to know how I became a friend of the Amish in Union City and when I left that day, I knew I was their friend

as well.

The conversations we had went all over the board. They certainly love their lifestyle and according to their principles and strict discipline with the Bible, they will certainly land in heaven. They are happy that their children do not hear or see what happens in our world, and they know little about all the bad things we see on nightly news broadcasts. They know their children are well schooled and even though only through grade 8, their academic standards can match most school districts across America, and yet they still worry about government interference, which they want no part of. They only want to be left alone and have few complaints if any.

They are the hardest working people, and seldom will you see an Amish man who is overweight. Take the example of eating a big meal at 1 p.m. and then going out-


side to work it off. I wanted to take a nap. They are very straightforward but if you can get one to smile, it just goes like you can't believe.

The children are all serious but at the same time very curious. Valorie has been with me several times to the home of Dan and Rosie and the eight children of the families all gather around her like glue. They study her makeup, jewelry, clothes, hair and all that is Valorie.

Next June, I will take one of the men in the family and his 11-year-old son fishing with me up to northern Canada. They are very excited to go but were afraid they couldn't go because they have no passports nor are they allowed any picture ID. I checked with immigration at the border in Sault Ste. Marie and learned that they are the only people who can cross the border without a passport.

You can hear Joe Gagnon at 8 a.m. Sunday on WTKA 1050 on the radio dial. His new email address is appldoct@gmail.com.

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U.S.-CANADA WOMEN'S HOCKEY

They'll find a way to meet Team USA

Compuware team can't make game, but they have a Plan B

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Compuware U12 AAA girls hockey coach Drew Maliszewski made a phone call as soon as he found out Dec. 17 would be the day the U.S. Women's Select Team faces Canada.

Maliszewski immediately realized the girls on his team — many from Livonia, including his daughter Emily and goalie Katie Nowak — would miss the big game at USA Hockey Arena in

Plymouth due to a weekend showcase tournament in suburban Chicago.

"When we found out about the game and the date, we complained a little bit and tried to get our showcase changed," Maliszewski said. "They weren't willing to change it, so we were stuck not going (to the U.S.-Canada game)."

That indeed is very disappointing, he added. But no worries. The girls have a Plan B ready to roll.



Although unable to catch the Dec. 17 U.S.-Canada women's game, players on the Compuware U12 AAA team — like goalie Katie Nowak (left) and Emily Maliszewski of Livonia — still hope to meet players during the week. Also pictured is their coach, Drew Maliszewski.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Chargers bury GC with hot second half

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During halftime Thursday night, trailing 32-31, Livonia Churchill head coach James McCulloh talked to players about taking the basketball to the hoop in the second half against Garden City.

But then the visiting Chargers started hitting shots from the popcorn stand and everywhere else during a torrid third quarter, outscoring the Cougars 27-11 to take a commanding 58-43 lead en route to a 77-50 non-conference boys basketball victory.

"It's funny, because in the locker room we talked about attacking the rim," McCulloh said shortly after recording his first win as Churchill varsity coach. "So we decided to attack the rim and those (outside shots) would open up."

"We finally came together and congealed to where we were being efficient with what we were doing."

He added with a smile that getting the win "feels great. These guys worked so hard all fall, during tryouts and leading up to this game. You can tell that they wanted it."

Quick strike

Getting the third quarter going with a trey from the right wing was senior guard Alan Hammett, who drained two more later in the quarter from way beyond the top of the arc. He finished with five triples for the night and 17 points.

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Garden City's Jacob Sadowski (right) tries to get a hand on a field-goal try by Livonia Churchill's Genesis Barnes.

LIVONIA CITY WRESTLING MEET



Livonia City Meet MVP Nathan Atienza of Franklin (left) tussles with Churchill's Jamison Irwin in a first-round match-up at 160.

PATS PIN DEFEAT ON RIVALS

Franklin victorious, but wrestler lost to injury; Atienza earns MVP honors

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For the second consecutive year, Livonia Franklin captured first place at the annual Livonia City Wrestling Meet.

The Patriots — led by tournament MVP Nathan Atienza, who went 2-0 at 160 — racked up eight first-place finishes and 215.5 points, well ahead of runners-up Livonia Churchill and Clarenceville (tied with 128 points).

Tourney host Livonia Stevenson placed fourth with 104 points, unable to garner any firsts.

But for veteran Patriots head coach Dave Chiola, Wednesday's victory at Livonia Stevenson was bittersweet due



Battling in the opener at 125 pounds are Churchill's Josh Mussen (left) and Stevenson's Jacob Jackson.

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PREP WRESTLING

Panthers coach Rankin optimistic

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It would be an understatement that Redford Union wrestling coach Rob Rankin can't wait to see how his squad performs as the 2016-17 wrestling season gets underway.

The seventh-year coach has a strong nucleus of returnees, led by state qualifier Kenny Vadnais, along with some promising newcomers.

"We should be pretty deep at most weights and we have a legitimate shot at placing five at the state meet," Rankin said. "We can win our (team) district and be a threat at the regional."

The only senior the Panthers lost to graduation off last year's Division 2 district runner-up team was James Beaubien.

Vadnais, a district runner-up and fourth-place finisher at the regional, finished 41-11 last season at 135 pounds. He is expected to wrestle this season at 140.

Vadnais is joined by a pair of senior captains including Larry Elliott (130), who last year fell in the blood round of the regional, along with Taz-Don Moore (152).

Also returning is junior Tavian Groves (160), who went 28-1 last season before his season was prematurely cut short because of a kidney ailment. Sophomore Gabriel Mendez (112) also returns after winning 20 matches.

Three freshman are also expected to help the Panthers challenge in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division including Sean Rankin (125), along with twins Amir and Samir Rasheed (140-145).

"We have a lot of depth and experienced wrestlers," said Rankin, who guided the Panthers to a 35-12 dual meet record last year. "We're as deep as we've been in a long time."



Redford Union's captains include (from left) Larry Elliott, Kenny Vadnais and Taz-Don Moore.



Returning this season for the Clarenceville wrestling team is senior state qualifier Greg Lutz (left) and regional qualifier Jacob Weiss, a sophomore.

Lutz leads Trojans

Returning state qualifier Greg Lutz leads the way this season for Livonia Clarenceville, which finished 24-18 a year ago while capturing the WWAC Red Division and Division 3 team district crowns.

Lutz, a senior, finished 35-16 a year ago at 135 while earning a trip to the Division 3 finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills. He was also the Livonia City Tournament MVP. He'll move up to either 145 or 152 pounds this season.

Other leading returnees for the team regional runner-up Trojans include sophomore Jacob Weiss (103-112), who went 33-13 last year and was a regional qualifier at 103, and junior

Joseph Sanchez (125), who went 36-13 a year ago.

The Trojans opened their season Wednesday night, tying for second place at the Livonia City Tournament at Stevenson.

"This is the biggest group of kids we have had out ever," Clarenceville fifth-year coach Nick Elam said. "We had 32 wrestlers come out to conditioning and into the first two weeks of practice. We also have two titles to defend this year. There are 17 returning wrestlers and 15 new wrestlers spread out through all the grades. We have first-year seniors, juniors, sophomore and freshmen. It is an exciting time of year and we are looking forward to getting the season started."

Thurston outlook

The Eagles, members of the WWAC Red Division, launch their season Saturday at the Garden City Christmas Invitational tournament led by sophomore Chimela Osiogiog at 152 pounds.

Second-year coach Zak Holstein will also lean on a trio of newcomers, including junior Trejon Purry (160), freshman Ricky Odum (171) and junior Hassan Alatabi (189).

Depth is the biggest issue for the Eagles as Holstein is carrying only 14 wrestlers.

"We are looking to improve upon last year," Holstein said. "I think being such a new program again, you're looking to improve every year. You're looking to get better than you were the previous year. That's what we're looking for right now."

PATS

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to a broken wrist suffered by sophomore Marino DiPonio in the 145-pound weight class.

"He's one of our top guys and one of our team leaders and he broke his wrist in his first match and might be out for the year," Chiola said. "That's just devastating. It's really hard to be in a good mood or hard to enjoy the rest of the tournament because of that."

"One of my favorite kids, coached him since middle school. He just rolled his wrist out and broke it."

That happened in the first-round match against Livonia Churchill's Connor McAnalley, but the rest of the Patriots focused on the task at hand.

"I'm really happy with the way a lot of the kids wrestled," said Atienza, a senior who just signed his national letter of intent to wrestle at Michigan State University. "I think we looked good as a team."

"I love having the city meet start it off; it's a good way to gauge how we're stacking up against everyone else in the city. It provides a good example to see where we have to work the rest of the season, to see where we need to improve."

Coming through

Chiola, despite the injury to DiPonio, praised the younger wrestlers on his team for stepping up in their matches.

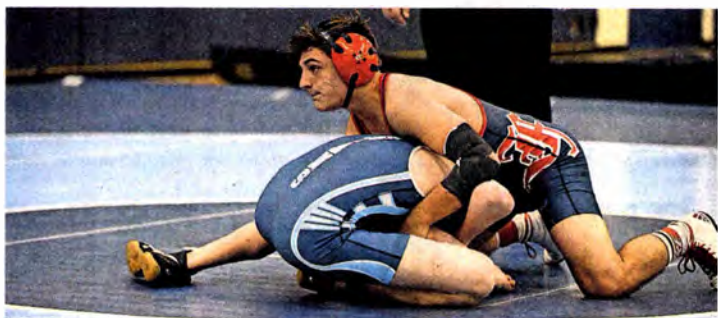
"This is probably the youngest team we've ever brought here," Chiola said. "We only wrestled two seniors and three juniors. We had a lot of underclassmen; we had some kids wrestling out of (their) weight. So really a team effort."

In addition to Atienza, Franklin firsts were scored by Russ Rusnell (103), Howie Whitaker (112), Johnny DiPonio (130), Evan Jaynes (135), Jacob Johnson (152), Manee Willie (215) and heavyweight Devin Visnaw.

"Jacob Johnson who was a JV 171-



Clarenceville's Greg Lutz (top) gets an edge against Connor McAnalley of Churchill during their 145-pound bout.



During a first-round match-up at 130, Franklin's Johnny DiPonio (top) gains an advantage against Stevenson's Max Davidek.

pounder last year, lost 20 pounds over the summer," Chiola said. "He wrestled at 152 varsity and won. Devin Visnaw was my JV heavyweight last year, never even wrestled a varsity match, and then he won it at heavyweight."

"And just a couple guys got into the

finals. I thought we wrestled really aggressively. We're still not where I want to be, but for this point of the season their conditioning looks good."

According to Trojans head coach Nick Elam, the showing against Division 1 schools was a positive.

"It's a great opening match for us," Elam said. "We're a Division 3 school and (we) get to go up against some of the bigger schools and see where we rank at."

"This year we had five guys seeded first and had three guys come away with championships, the most we've had in probably 15-20 years."

Elam said standouts included Greg Lutz (first at 145), Max Woodcock (first at 189) and David Means (first at 171).

"(Means) came away with some big victories today," Elam said. "We tied Churchill for second place, that's awesome. I wish we could have had another point, but I'll take it."

He added that 112-pounder Jonathan Sanchez and 140-pounder Joseph Sanchez "had very strong nights as well, coming in second place."

Clarenceville freshman Will Vernier (140) won his first varsity match and wound up third in his weight class.

Registering first-place finishes for the Chargers were Ethan Englehart (119), Josh Mussen (125) and Drew Bush (140).

LIVONIA CITY WRESTLING MEET

Dec. 7 at Livonia Stevenson

TEAM SCORES: 1. Liv. Franklin, 215.00 points; 2. (tie) Liv. Churchill, 128.00 points; Clarenceville, 128.00 points; 4. Liv. Stevenson, 104 points

MVP: Nathan Atienza, Liv. Franklin.
103 pounds: 1st. Russ Rusnell (F) 12-3 major decision over Anthony Marchione (CH); 3rd. Anthony Gazzarato (S) pinned Thinh Tran (CL), 2:27

112: 1st. Howie Whitaker (F) p. Jonathan Sanchez (CL), 1:42; 3rd. Daniel Bragiel (CH) p. Jonah Coffman (S), 3:15

119: 1st. Ethan Englehart (CH) p. Connor Pieknik (F), 0:52; 3rd. Jacob Weiss (CL) p. Logan Shoppert (S), 5:48

125: 1st. Josh Mussen (CH) dec. Logan Evanchuck (F), 10:4; 3rd. Jacob Jackson (S) dec. Darin Topolewski (CL), 8:6

130: 1st. Johnny DiPonio (F) dec. Joseph Sanchez (CL), 8:2; 3rd. Max Davidek (S) p. Eesa Hattar (CH), 0:32

135: 1st. Evan Jaynes (F) dec. Brian Walrad (CH), 4:3; 3rd. Ryan Baldwin (S) dec. Dylak Hunter (CL), 4:2

140: 1st. Drew Bush (CH) dec. Tyler Vanvliet (F), 8:7; 3rd. Will Vernier (CL) dec. Shadi Beidou (S), 4:0

145: 1st. Greg Lutz (CL) dec. Tanik Alcodray (S), 15:11; 3rd. Connor McAnalley (CH) won by forfeit.

152: 1st. Jacob Johnson (F) p. Adam Gardner (CL), 2:38; 3rd. James Snapp (S) p. Josh Parrish (CH), 0:14

160: 1st. Nathan Atienza (F) p. Zack Richards (CL), 1:31; 3rd. Jamison Irwin (CH) p. Evan Bowen (S), 0:28

171: 1st. David Means (CL) p. Jared Wilkinson (S), 1:16; 3rd. Nick Zajdel (F) maj. dec. Preston Dixon (CH), 15:4

189: 1st. Max Woodcock (CL) p. Jack Yardley (F), 0:58; 3rd. Dante Lamb (S) dec. Chris Luke (CH), 11:9

215: 1st. Manee Willie (F) dec. Parker Nowak (S), 5:2; 3rd. Nick Dlugos (CH) p. William Brown (CL), 0:22

289: 1st. Devin Visnaw (F) p. Devlen Kuschel (S), 3:15; 3rd. Christian Haddad (CH) p. John McNamara (CL), 0:56

BOYS HOCKEY

Novi goalie Legace thwarts Stevenson, 3-2

Brad Emons
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Manny Legace Jr. is starting to carve out his own legacy as a goaltender for the Novi High School boys hockey team.

The senior, who served as primarily a backup the past two years, continued his stellar early season play for the Wildcats as he turned away 44 out of 45 shots Friday night at Novi Ice Arena in a 3-2 upset win over Livonia Stevenson, ranked No. 2 in Division 2 and last year's MHSAA runner-up.

Legace is the son of former NHL goaltender Manny Legace, who logged a total of 347 regular season games with the L.A. Kings, Detroit Red Wings, St. Louis Blues and Carolina Hurricanes before retiring from pro hockey in 2012.

Manny Legace Sr., who was a member of the Wings' 2002 Stanley Cup champs, now serves as a goaltending consultant for the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets and runs Detroit Hockey Academy.

"He was here today," Legace Jr. said. "He gives me a lot of advice. I wouldn't

say I take a lot of his talent, but I take a lot of my knowledge from him. That's where I get a lot of it from."

Novi, which improved to 3-3-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the KLA Central Division scored all three of its goals in the opening period.

Derek Dubois opened the scoring for Novi at 2:05 of the opening period, when his close-range backhand slipped past Stevenson goalie Will Tragge. Assists went to Ryan Fonda and Anthony Luongo.

But the Spartans answered shortly after on a power-play goal from senior captain Justin Alton, from Kyle Lynch and Alex Walkuski, to make it 1-1.

But then the course of the game shifted radically, when Stevenson's Vince Decina was sent off for a five-minute checking from behind penalty at 7:04 of the first.

And the Wildcats made them pay with a pair of power-play goals, the first coming at 7:50, when Loungo batted in a rebound from Zach Perpich and Fonda, followed by Cam Czapski's fifth of the year, from Perpich and Brandon Kour, just 27 seconds later to make it



Legace Jr.

3-1. "We took the five-minute; it was a penalty," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We hit the kid from behind. Those are the rules and Novi did what good teams do, they capitalized on it."

Novi made the most of its six first-period shots on goal. The Wildcats had just 11 total shots on the night.

"Honestly, our power play hasn't been working that well lately and we only had an hour practice yesterday after the Brighton game (Wednesday)," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We worked on special teams and we got pucks to net and I think we got a couple of rebounds there. When you're struggling on the power play, you try and get pucks to the net and get rebound goals like that. It was good."

Legace then took over the game, making 19 saves in the second period alone before the Spartans finally got one through at 8:14 of the third, when Morgen Gray scored off a nice feed from Brendan Hall with Logan Dunham also assisting to cut the deficit to 3-2.

"The second goal was a tough one, but my team was playing so well," Legace said. "They were putting everything they had into it, blocking every shot they possibly could. I knew even when they got that goal we still had a good chance of winning still."

The Spartans didn't help their cause by taking a costly penalty with only 5:37 left and, with just under a minute to go, Kour scored an empty-netter to close out the win after the Spartans pulled Tragge for the extra attacker.

"When you get chances and you're going against a good team and a good goaltender, you have to capitalize on your chances," said Mitchell, whose team slipped to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the KLA Central. "And we were not able to do that tonight and those were the breaks. The sun comes back up tomorrow and we'll come back, move on and go forward. We learned from this and grow moving forward. Again, it was a very good high school hockey game and all the credit in the world goes to Novi."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Stevenson not done, thanks to Dunn

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Devin Dunn wasn't going to let the season opener for his Livonia Stevenson varsity boys basketball team.

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep led 43-35 at halftime, controlling the boards at both ends of the court.

That just fired up Dunn — who scored 21 of his 34 points in the second half and Stevenson went on to post an 86-76 victory.

"Devin took over the rest of the game by attacking the basket," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "It was a good tough first game of the sea-

son and, even with the win, there are still a lot of things we need to improve upon."

He cited defensive rebounding, protecting the basketball and "playing through the ups and downs of the game."

Dunn had some help on offense, however. Nader Kandalaf scored 17 points, while Ian Knoph added 14.

Tariq Derrickson and Joshua Johnson scored 24 and 20 points, respectively, for Notre Dame Prep.

Groves clips Eagles

Drew Shekell poured in 21 points Friday as host Birmingham Groves (1-0)

downed Redford Thurston (1-1) in a non-league game, 62-53.

Marcus Pittman added 13 for the Falcons, who led 34-19 at halftime and 45-29 after three quarters.

Demitrius Dowd scored 15, while Malik Hill and Dequan Gadson both added 13 for the Eagles, who went 11-0-17 from the foul line.

"I thought Groves played well," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "They're an experienced team and it showed tonight. I'm proud of my players. They never gave in and actually had the game down to six points in the fourth quarter. We showed a lot of heart and that is going to help us going forward."

FRANKLIN WINS AGAIN: A 20-point, 15-rebound night by Mark Mettie sparked Livonia Franklin to Friday's 57-33 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford. That gave the Patriots two wins in two games.

Keyon Brown and Johnny Cantrell both scored 12 points.

On Tuesday, Mettie had 20 points and 12 boards and Brown 12 points in a 51-47 win over Trenton.

WARRIORS TOP PCA: On Thursday at Lutheran Westland, tough defense by the Warriors handed Plymouth Christian Academy a 65-46 defeat.

After a close first quarter, which ended with the Warriors up 12-11, a 19-point surge in the second opened a 31-21 halftime lead. The Eagles could not mount a comeback after that.

Zach Burk led the way with 21 points, while Luke Smith was stellar with 17 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks. Chipping in 12 points was Kyle Farley. Also solid with 11 boards and 2 assists was Kory Barikmo.

PCA's top performers were Max Okalo (10 points) and Ian Hay and Brian Schilientz (eight points each).

"Our guys were very committed to winning this game on the defensive end of the floor," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "We extended our lead in the second quarter and kept it at double digits from there."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Strong defense sparks Spartans, Chargers to victories

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A big second quarter Friday night lifted Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls basketball team to a 52-32 victory over Farmington.

A balanced offense helped the Spartans, with Sarah Tanderys leading the way with 10 points. Elisa LeBron contributed nine points and six rebounds, while Grace Lamerson chipped in six points, six boards, five steals and four blocks.

Other Stevenson players who helped the cause were Diane Senkowski (six points, five rebounds) and Casey Baldwin (six points, five steals).

"We had 45 rebounds tonight and 27 steals," Spartans coach Karen Anger said. "I'd say that's a great defensive

night for us. Another great team win for my girls tonight."

Twelve players got on the score sheet for Stevenson, which will face Livonia Churchill on Tuesday.

Chargers edge Cougars

In a non-conference game that went down to the wire Thursday night at Livonia Churchill, the Chargers eked out a 41-40 victory over Garden City.

Shae Smith led Churchill with 13 points, while Annie Yost and Kennedy Carrier helped the cause with nine and eight points, respectively. Scoring seven was Macy Reese.

The Cougars were led by Alea Montgomery (nine points), with Brittany Radtke adding eight. Contributing six points each were Tatum Spears, Alex Leleniewski and Alecia Ascencio.

"We need to find a way to put a complete game together," said Garden City coach Michele Tyree, whose team has dropped four consecutive close games to open the season.

Churchill (1-1) bounced back after trailing 25-16 at halftime, outscoring the Cougars 11-0 in the third.

"I am very proud of how my team fought tonight," Churchill coach K'Len Morris said. "We didn't shoot well from the three, but my girls found ways to be effective and come back and win. I think defensively we came out and dominated the third quarter and that was the difference in the game."

"Shae was a huge spark off the bench for us tonight. ... But I liked how our scoring was balanced between the guards and the posts (24, 17 points, respectively)."

FRANKLIN FALLS: Dearborn Edsel Ford was led by 21 points as the Thunderbirds defeated Livonia Franklin 80-56.

Olivia Wagner led the Patriots with 12 points, while Hannah Strasser and Brooke Garbarino contributed nine each.

Franklin only made 17 of 36 free-throw attempts.

PCA WINS BIG: Plymouth Christian Academy improved to 2-0 on the season Thursday with a resounding 50-18 triumph over host Lutheran Westland.

The Eagles took control early with a 17-0 first quarter, and went up 31-5 at the intermission.

According to PCA head coach Rod Windle, it was his team's full court press and "lights out shooting" in the first half (44 percent) that put the Warriors into a hole.

Balanced scoring spearheaded the Eagles, with Kennedy Home reaching double figures with 11 points.

Other PCA scorers were Aliya Pries, Taylor Mistele and Jordan Reed with eight points each. Lydia Chapel (six), Robin Albert (four), Hannah Shultz (three) and Sarah Fernandez (two).

HAWKS PREVAIL: Samantha Golchuk scored 15 points and racked up 17 steals Thursday to pace Huron Valley Lutheran to a 42-16 win over West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

CLARENCEVILLE FALLS: Allison Sullivan scored a game-high 14 points Thursday to propel host Southfield Christian (2-1) to a 38-12 non-conference victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-2). The Trojans, who trailed 22-8 at halftime, got four points apiece from Myla Hoskins-King and Aiyana Allen.

CHARGERS

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Senior forward Evan Cummins (19 points) then scored on a slam and a jumper and, within 90 seconds of starting the quarter, the Chargers (1-1) had reeled off seven consecutive points to go up 38-32.

Garden City senior guard Jacob Sadowski (11 points) briefly stopped the bleeding with a bucket, but senior guard Trajan Stinson (13 points), junior forward Taji Hall and Hammett both hit a 3-pointer over the next minute to put the Chargers up 47-34.

Stinson said his team knew it had to pick things up in the second half. "We had to come out and execute on defense and just play team ball," he said.

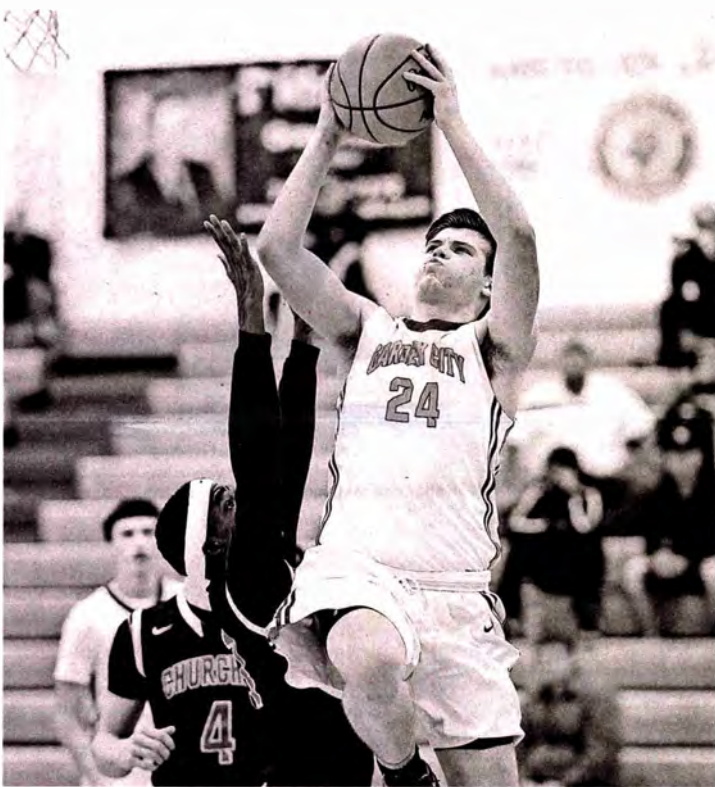
"We had contributions from all over the team in terms of knocking down threes," McCulloh added. "And it's something, we were 10-of-28 (in triple tries). Evan Cummins hit one, Alan hit five, Trajan Stinson hit three, Taji hit one."

"These have all been guys that have struggled in terms of getting shots in rhythm. Since we were running our offense, they were able to catch it where they felt comfortable and then be able to turn those into buckets."

Costly mistakes

There was little the Cougars (1-1) could do after that, watching their miscues (Garden City committed 22 turnovers, compared to just 10 by Churchill) too often lead to baskets by the Chargers.

"They were just all on top of us, we couldn't do anything about it," said Sadowski, who had to sit out much of the first half due to early foul trouble. "They were just pressuring us. ...



Garden City's Cameron Walter (right) takes it to the basket against a pair of Livonia Churchill defenders, including Evan Cummins (left).

(We) still got to play, but everyone looked like they were mentally done."

According to Garden City head coach Rick Morton, the first half was a positive. "We had good defensive stops, we were attacking them offen-

sively," he said.

But then came the third quarter and everything went haywire from a Cougars perspective.

"Then they had that run at the beginning of the third quarter and we

were kind of out of it after that," Morton said. "We'd turn the basketball over and every turnover we had ended up being a big play for them."

Chance to learn

Morton said there were things that his squad can learn from the loss moving forward into Tuesday's game at Taylor Truman and beyond.

"We can learn some things from today and apply them next week at Truman and the week after that," Morton said. "Hopefully, we'll be better in February than we were tonight."

"We can't do anything unless we value the possession of the basketball. This team likes to get up and go sometimes, but sometimes we have issues where we don't handle the basketball."

"I compare it to tennis; we don't want any unforced turnovers. I thought at times when there was some type of pressure we turned the basketball over."

Sadowski was a consistent contributor when he was on the floor, with two blocks and three assists to go with his 11 points.

Other Garden City players with solid nights included junior forward Eian Castonguay (11 points), junior forward Cameron Walter (10 points, six rebounds), junior forward Housam Hazime (seven points) and sophomore forward David McDaniel, with six points off the bench in the second half.

Meanwhile, Morton said another lesson is to go hard for a full game.

"We're going to have ebbs and flows and streaks," he said. "We need to make sure we're battling for 32 minutes because maybe we can turn it into our favor."

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PREP BOWLING

Redford Union squads both stand 1-1 following season's first week

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Brendan Kerkhof posted a 232 game and Dennis Jackman added 211 as the Redford Union boys bowlers evened their record at 1-1 Tuesday with a 22-8 Western Wayne Athletic Conference win over Dearborn at Belleville's Lodge Lanes.

The Panthers split their first two

Baker games, 175-174 and 160-223, before winning both regular games, 865-792 and 940-702.

On Monday, Belleville defeated the Panthers, 29-1, in a WWAC match at Taylor's Skore Lanes, taking both Bakers, 222-171 and 175-168, along with both regular games, 1,037-899 and 945-849.

The Panthers were led by Kyle Keating, who rolled high games of 196 and 208, along with Kerkhof, who added

183.

RU girls split

The Redford Union girls rebounded Tuesday with a 24-6 WWAC win over Dearborn, winning both Bakers, 153-122 and 161-157, along with both regular games, 729-635 and 684-682.

Brianna Clapham and Mia Sopko led RU with high games of 201 and 193, respectively, as the Panthers evened

their record at 1-1.

In Monday's WWAC match with Belleville at Lodge Lanes, the RU girls fell, 28-2, losing both Baker games, 170-156 and 208-174, along with the two regular games, 721-608 and 731-670.

Top RU girls scorers included Sopko (160-157) and Sara Pigeon (147).

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PREP HOCKEY

Spartans, Chargers roll in KLAA twinbill; Canton wins in overtime

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Despite everything Livonia Franklin sophomore goalie Will Augustine could do to keep his team in Wednesday's varsity boys hockey game against Livonia Stevenson, the Spartans had too much firepower.

Six different Spartans put pucks past Augustine, but he was brilliant — stopping 54 of 60 shots at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

At the other end of the ice, Stevenson goalie Derek Dudek only needed to turn aside six shots by the Patriots. Stevenson tallied two goals in each period, with single markers by Jake

Beaune, Alex Walkuski, Seth Lause, Teo Gomulka, Brendan Hall and Logan Dunham.

Beaune and Morgen Gray each helped the cause with two assists.

Chargers roll

In Wednesday's nightcap at Eddie Edgar, Livonia Churchill built a comfortable 4-0 lead after two frames and went to post a 5-1 victory.

The Chargers enjoyed a 51-15 edge in shots on goal. Andrew Broyles only gave up one in the third, to briefly cut the Churchill lead to 4-1.

Scoring two goals each for the Chargers were John Doyle and Jordan Venegoni. Recording the other goal was

Josh Friend.

Doyle added two assists for a four-point night while Venegoni chipped in with a helper to go along with his pair of goals. Tyler Haydu drew a pair of assists.

CANTON 7, SOUTH LYON 6 (OT): On Wednesday, Emerson Taylor's power-play goal with 41 seconds in the final period forced overtime and his power-play goal with 2:02 in extra time gave the Chiefs (2-2, 1-1 KLAA South) the Kensington Conference crossover victory over host South Lyon Unified (1-2-1, 0-2 KLAA Central) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Taylor finished with a hat trick, while Brendan Kacic and Grant Davison both added two goals for Canton.

Matt England scored twice for SLU, while Nick Allerton chipped in a goal and two assists. Grant Gardiner and Sean Millane both contributed a goal and assist, while Zach VanBoven had the other SLU goal.

Other assists went to Garrett Weyh (two), Aaron Caicco, Anthony Bagnasco and Ashton Jones.

Bailey Dugan was in goal for the Chiefs, while Jared Paugh was

SLU's goaltender.

LADYWOOD 8, LIGGETT 1 (GIRLS): On Tuesday at McCann Arena, Livonia Ladywood made it four straight wins to open the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League season.

After the Blazers and host Grosse Pointe University Liggett played to a 1-1 tie after one period, a five-goal second put the game firmly in Ladywood's control. Scoring two goals each were Cecelia Werner and Devon Kelly.

MERCY 5, PCS PENGUINS 4 (GIRLS): Farmington Hills Mercy scored twice in the third period Tuesday to edge the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins in a MMGHSJHL contest at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Hannah Roegner was the catalyst with three goals, with single markers by Libby Bartels and Maddie Renne.

The Marlins improved to 4-1 while the Penguins lost for the first time after starting the season with two wins.

PCS PENGUINS 10, BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2 (GIRLS): The Penguins scored five times in the first period and four more times in the second on Dec. 2 at Arctic Edge to win in a rout.

Cathryn VandenBosch scored five of the PCS goals, while Michelle Cinnio added three. Other players to score for the Penguins were Brooke Gauthier and Marnie Waggoner, who also had three assists. Jessica Marek chipped in two helpers.

U.S.-CANADA WOMEN'S HOCKEY PRIMER

THESE GIRLS GOT GAME

Area players pumped to watch U.S. women's heroes such as Keller, Darkangelo play Dec. 17 in Plymouth

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Whenever the subject of girls hockey comes up at Canton High School, Jessica Carpenter shoots straight and hits hard.

"I feel a lot of people think that girls can't check," said Carpenter, 16, of Plymouth. "They think guys hockey is so much more aggressive and a lot tougher than girls hockey."

"So whenever people ask me about hockey, I always try to prove them wrong, saying girls can be just as aggressive as guys can."

Carpenter is a pretty tough cookie herself, playing defense for the Compuware 16-Under girls hockey AAA team.

She and her hockey-playing siblings, including Honeybaked AAA players Julia and Jenna (not to mention 10-year-old Carly), are raising their sticks and raising their voices about the growing phenomenon that is women's hockey in North America.

And soon they'll be cheering loudly and proudly for their heroes on U.S. Women's Select Team — scheduled to face Canada at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at USA Hockey Arena in an exhibition game that essentially is a teaser for next spring's Women's World Championship (March 31 through April 7, 2017, at the same venue).

In the house

The game provides the Carpenter sisters and other girls who play and love hockey an opportunity to get an up-close-and-personal glimpse of U.S. women's hockey standouts such as Farmington's Megan Keller and Brighton's Shiann Darkangelo.

"It's a really great opportunity for us," said 14-year-old Julia Carpenter, a center for the Honeybaked 14U team, coached by her dad Larry Carpenter. "It'll be important for girls our age to see their role models get to play on the ice, not just on TV."

Hockey fans of all ages might be in for a surprise when they see the high quality of action unfolding in front of them.

"In the past, you can't catch them on TV," Larry Carpenter said. "So you have to watch them when they're streamed over the Internet, maybe catch the finals when they play in the Olympics."

"So to see them in person, it's just so exciting to have them there. It's high-quality hockey and it's great to have people realize that women can play at that high level and deliver such a fun, entertaining game."

He added that even Detroit Red Wings fans "will be amazed at the quality of the hockey."

Agreeing wholeheartedly with them is Reagan Carey, USA Hockey's director of women's hockey.

"For those who haven't seen elite women's hockey, I think they'll be absolutely surprised and they'll be excited to watch one of the most competitive games in sports they'll ever see, let alone hockey," Carey said. "The rivalry between the U.S. and Canada is unmatched; they'll compete hard and they're out to win on both sides."

"So we're looking forward to bringing that energy and exposure to our sport for these fans. I guarantee they're not going to walk out of there disappointed."

Buzz building

The arena on Beck Road in Plymouth is certain to be packed and filled with energy that afternoon. Bringing it will be clusters of girls teams from area organizations such as Compuware, Honeybaked (based out of Suburban Ice in Farmington Hills) and the Livonia Hockey Association.

Larry Carpenter estimated that a contingent of up to 200 Honeybaked players, coaches and families will watch the game.

"Of course, we got tickets as soon as they were available," he said. "The girls had skated with Kendall Coyne and Megan Bozek (among 14 players from the silver medal-winning 2014 U.S.



Carrying the puck behind the net for the Compuware 16U girls AAA team is Plymouth resident Jessica Carpenter.

FAST FACTS

What: The U.S. Women's Hockey Select Team faces Canada as part of the Winter Champions Series.

When: Puck drop is set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Where: USA Hockey Arena on Beck Road in Plymouth.

Tickets: \$15, available through www.usahockeyarena.com.

Camp: From Monday, Dec. 12, through Thursday, Dec. 16, there will be 37 U.S. players skating in scrimmages and practices that will be free to the public. Blue vs. White scrimmages are 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Local players include defenseman Megan Keller (Farmington) and forward Shiann Darkangelo (Brighton).

Why now?: USA Hockey is hosting the exhibition game to help boost awareness about high-level women's hockey and also to determine the roster that will compete March 31 through April 7, 2017 in the IIHF Women's World Championships, also to take place at USA Hockey Arena.

Women's Olympic team). When we found out that they were coming, we knew we'd be going."

With a grin, 13-year-old Jenna Carpenter (who also plays on the Honeybaked 14-U team) said she is "really excited to see Megan Bozek play, because she's my favorite USA Women's Hockey player."

Jessica Carpenter added she'll be keeping tabs on Keller, an alum of the Honeybaked program and — when not playing for Team USA — a Boston College defenseman who she calls a personal idol. Jessica said she and her sisters also want to someday play at BC.

"It's really cool, because you dream about being in the highest level of hockey and the USA team is one of the places you want to be when you're older playing hockey," Jessica said. "It's really cool to see these girls coming to our hometown."

The Carpenters and others might be happy to learn that Carey also is a fan of Keller's. Carey described the 20-year-old as a "fairly consistent member of the National Team the last few seasons. She goes to Boston College and has been a terrific player for us on (defense)."



TIM SMITH

All pumped up to watch their idols on the U.S. Women's Select Hockey Team face Canada are sisters (from left) Jessica, Julia and Jenna Carpenter of Plymouth.

Representing

Teams wearing Compuware and Honeybaked jerseys are sure to rub elbows with girls players from Northville High School, Farmington Hills-based Little Caesars and the Livonia Knights. All of those organizations have bought large blocks of tickets for the game.

"We've got five of our girls teams that have bought tickets in some quantity," the Livonia Hockey Association's Mike Featherngill said. "I think we'll have over 250 players and parents in our section at that game."

According to Featherngill, the 16U, 14U, 12U and 10U Knights will be represented at the Dec. 17 game. Players from the Livonia Stars and Livonia Hurricanes introductory girls hockey programs also are raring to go.

He said the U.S.-Canada contest provides inspiration for girls who want to live the dream of playing college, pro (yes, leagues are starting to gain traction on the East Coast) and, perhaps, international hockey.

"It proves that they have a higher level that they can continue to play at after they stop playing in their local associations," said Featherngill, who has a daughter on the 12U Knights. "There's not a lot of role models for them to look up to as far as older hockey-playing girls other than what we would consider beer leagues for guys and for women, too."

"Outside of that, there is a professional women's hockey league, but it's only really big on the East Coast right

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MIKE FEATHERNGILL
Livonia Hockey Association

now. So this gives them some exposure to a higher level of hockey with some older girls and shows there's still an opportunity to keep playing past whatever they want to do in high school."

It's tough hockey

Girls hockey is "growing immensely" at all levels, he added. In the Livonia Hockey Association alone, there are about 575 boys and girls playing for various teams. Out of that number, an estimated 120 girls players are skating this winter.

The exhibition game and 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship, hopefully, will give fans visual proof of what the Carpenters already know: girls hockey players are no pushovers.

"Our league is really competitive. We always go to Canada and we play against their teams and they're really tough teams," Julia Carpenter said. "I think we play against them really well."

Julia, also a Canton High School student, added that she isn't a star player for Honeybaked 14U, but likes to get into the dirty areas to score goals.

"I like being the one that makes all the little things happen in order to get a goal and stuff," she said. "It's a little more aggressive than I thought, but I like it to be aggressive."

For the Carpenters and many other hockey families in the area, the Dec. 17 contest serves as an appetizer for the main course — namely the main course of high-level women's hockey still about four months away.

"We live two miles from USA Hockey Arena. Literally, in our backyard," Larry Carpenter said. "We know the rink inside and out, we've been in that rink so many times."

"It's just the excitement of the entire community to have (the) tournament come to Plymouth is probably — outside of our own teams — the best part of hockey we've experienced so far."

They aren't alone in having that take, either.

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TEAM

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"I'd like to pop in on a scrimmage, for sure," Maliszewski said, referring to one of three Blue vs. White afternoon scrimmages (5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). "I'll tell our girls about it, too. Since they're not able to go to the Canada-U.S. game, this would be a good opportunity."

"We skate Monday (at 7:20 p.m.), so maybe we can catch it before practice."

Another plus for the team will be getting a chance to meet USA Hockey managers, coaches and players throughout the week. One of them is Kristen Wright, manager of girls player development.

"She's come to our practice before," he said. "Our girls are excited to see some of the national program directors

"This area has a good group of girls programs. The more you see upper-level girls play, like Team USA, our girls have dreams of making it to college. You see what hard work can get you."

DREW MALISZEWSKI

Compuware U12 AAA girls hockey coach

and skaters come out."

At least being able to check out a scrimmage or practice is a huge deal for Emily Maliszewski, 12, who attends Holmes Middle School.

"I'm excited to meet them. I want to play for them when I get older," said Emily, who plays center for the U12 squad. "I think I could learn a lot from watching them play. I can learn better positioning."

Emily said she really doesn't know any of the current U.S. women's play-

ers by name yet, but she has "watched them play before on TV."

Also thrilled about meeting and watching the U.S. players is 12-year-old Katie Nowak of Livonia, a goaltender and daughter of U12 assistant coach Jim Nowak.

"I really want to ask what the goalies like to do for warmups," said Katie, a student at Riley Upper Elementary School.

But missing the Dec. 17 game, which is certain to be intense and exciting

given the rivalry, is disappointing.

"I'm sad that we're going to miss it," Katie said.

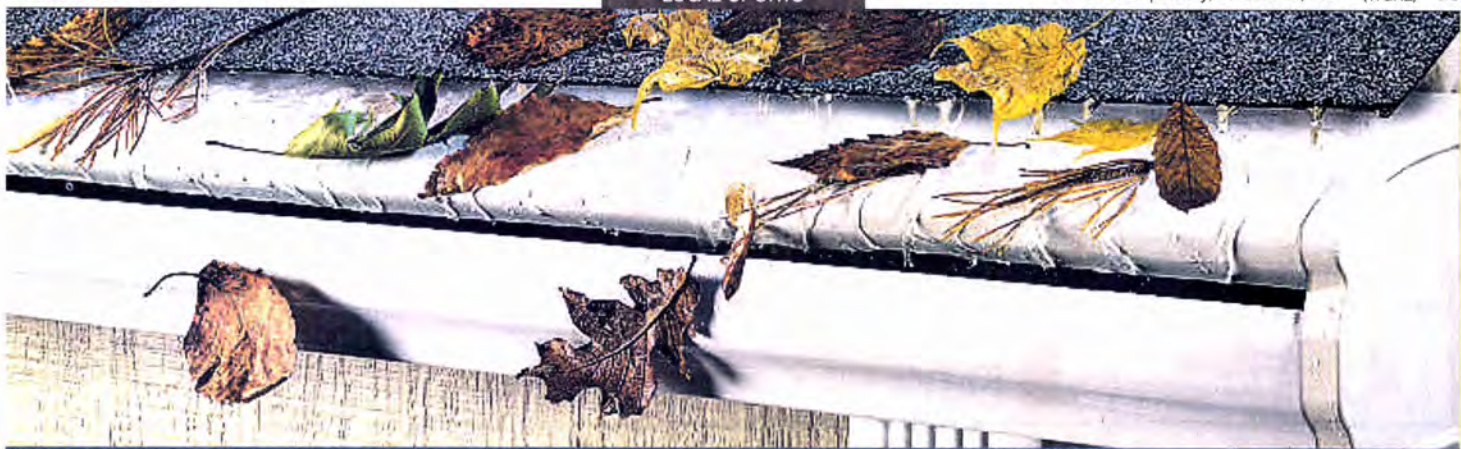
Both players and the rest of their teammates will have a second chance, though. That's in early April, when USA Hockey Arena will host the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championships.

And coaches Maliszewski and Nowak won't let another opportunity get away from the girls.

"This area has a good group of girls programs," Drew Maliszewski said. "The more you see upper-level girls play, like Team USA, our girls have dreams of making it to college. You see what hard work can get you."

"It's nice for them to see that and to see role models, instead of a bunch of dads telling them what to do all the time."

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Whether you feel stuck in a rut at work or are just looking for challenges to help you grow professionally, you're not alone — but it is up to you to take the first step toward revitalizing your career.

"Whatever you do, don't let yourself become stagnant," says Gayle Katz, a marketing professional and author of the "Grounded Girl's Guide" e-books. "If you're unhappy, uninspired or not challenged, make a thoughtful change. Ultimately, that will propel you further faster so you can be engaged and excited each day, have purpose and know you're on your way to accomplishing your dreams."

Consider these five tips to help you with your career development.

1. Accept responsibility by taking control of your career. "It isn't the job of your boss or your HR department or your company to have you be inspired — it is your job," says Ben Brooks, CEO of Pilot, a tech startup that helps managers retain their best talent. "In reality, we have a lot more flexibility in our jobs than we realize. Balance doing things on your own with involving your manager, and



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do both to optimize your job to be more inspiring."

2. Research solutions and involve people who can help. You still don't have to embark on your journey alone. If you're feeling stuck, identify the right person to approach within your company, keeping in mind that it isn't necessarily your boss.

"Schedule time with that person in order to start a discussion about how you can begin the process of learning or how you can continue to grow," Katz says. "Make sure to bring the ideas that you researched. Ask them for their thoughts and feedback. Make sure to come away from the

meeting with specific topics you can consider learning."

3. Brainstorm ways to integrate your passions into your work. Bianca Jackson, a career happiness expert, recommends thinking about how you can solve a company problem related to your own interests. "For example, if you're a Snapchat expert, you can help the marketing department include Snapchat in their social media strategy," she says.

4. Pursue learning opportunities whenever possible. You should never stop learning. Take this time to stretch yourself professionally.

"Think what would make you better at your job or give you a more nuanced perspective. Then, look for opportunities to invest in yourself and gain the skills that will help you get a deeper connection to your work," says Martha Schmitz, a senior adviser at Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors candidates and employees. "By challenging your brain to learn something new in one area, you may feel reinvigorated in all aspects of your job as you figure out ways to apply your new learning."

5. Remind yourself why you chose your job in the first place.

Once you identify the reasons, you can try to integrate elements of that initial passion into your current responsibilities.

Erin Jump Fry, CEO of the Indianapolis-based bakery Fancy Fortune Cookies, says that when you get bogged down in the more mundane tasks, it can be easy to lose sight of what makes you passionate about your business — a problem she has experienced herself.

"That's when I remind myself to return to my earlier days with the company, when I spent much more of my time on creative tasks," she says. "When I actively participate in generating marketing ideas, I find the enthusiasm to implement them. When I get personally involved in styling our photos, that fires me up about our branding. When I take time to work on new product ideas, I notice I become much more engaged with promoting them on our social media sites. Stay connected creatively to your job and what it was that attracted you to do it in the first place."

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Car Report

BRANDS ACCELERATING INTO THE FUTURE: FORD WITH MOBILITY FOCUS, NISSAN WITH SERVICE CONNECTIVITY



By Dale Buss

For Ford, its new mobility strategy is more than just featuring a new float in the America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, as it did this year.

And for Nissan, a new global service-connectivity strategy is attempting to move beyond a relatively passive platform that really hasn't advantaged the company's dealers all that much, despite the massive amounts of maintenance and condition data that are generated by every Nissan and Infiniti it has sold for the last several years.

Each company, like all its rivals, is addressing the challenges and opportunities that are being created by the rapid digitization of the automobile, which ranges from new uses for "telematics" systems to new definitions of the very nature of automotive transportation.

Ford, for instance, has been preparing for a different future for a couple of years now, since CEO Mark Fields abruptly pivoted toward self-driving as more of a growth engine for the company than as an afterthought.

This evolution is given more urgency by the fact that, after seven years of significant increases, it looks as though the US auto market finally has leveled off, likely the precursor to at least a gradual sales decline over the next few years.

So dramatic has the transformation in his viewpoint and priorities been that, at the Los Angeles Auto Show, it was Fields—not Elon Musk or the chief of a Japanese, German or Korean automaker—casting a vision of a future of "smart cities" full of mobility innovations.

And Fields said he wants Ford to provide the tools for a utopia where illegal parking is unknown, where eco-friendly bicycles help commuters get from parking lots to their final work destinations, where software and vehicle-to-vehicle communications help commuters avoid the choking traffic situations of today's

rush hours.

"We really are on the cusp of a mobility revolution," Fields said at the show last month. "From our vantage point, cities carry the biggest rewards and risks."

It wasn't that long ago Fields began describing a Ford Motor Co. that just as easily could be renamed Ford Mobility Co., a company whose traditional business of building and selling vehicles for individual consumers and businesses is gradually supplanted by one in which services that accomplish sustainable mobility goals—through ride-sharing, new apps and

other solutions—make up just as important a part.

For example, earlier this year Ford bought Chariot, a crowd-sourced shuttle service that operates in California and soon will expand across the globe. Ford also has incentivized employees to come up with electric-powered bicycles as part of an urban-mobility future. And Fields has said that Ford plans to launch its own self-driving vehicle by 2025.

"Working together with cities is good for our business," he said in L.A. "We'll see substantial revenue opportunity in providing mobility solutions to millions of commuters in the US and the growing work force in several major cities globally."



Ford projects its vehicles will have no steering wheel, gas, or brake pedals.

Meanwhile, Nissan has joined the ranks of auto brands intending to use connectivity between itself and the owners of its vehicles to lock them in as service customers instead of losing them to third-party chains and other competitors.

For Nissan and its dealers, the company's plan to use wireless links to vehicles to provide information about the car's diagnostics and location could be a big boost to revenues because it opens up a new, largely untapped arena.

The ability to monitor each individual vehicle for its condition and needs—and to communicate with the owner on an ongoing basis—will essentially serve as "a giant customer retention and after-sales marketing program, while making sure that no outsiders such as Google or Apple get their hands on the data," reports Forbes.

"Nissan has a clear plan to develop its aftersales business by leading the industry in delivering the latest technology

to our customers around the world," said Kent O'Hara, Nissan Corporate Vice President and head of the Global Aftersales Division.

"This strategy is about giving our customers more choices and new services to make the ownership experience better. It will also help us expand our connected-car, big-data and personalization innovations to improve the customer experience and open up new revenue streams for the company."

O'Hara added, "We'll know what's wrong with that vehicle, we'll know where the vehicle is, we'll know what parts are needed for the vehicle ... and we can provide convenient service and alternative transportation options."

In fact, Nissan expects the new connected-car strategy to yield 25 percent of aftersales revenue by 2022. It will begin the new services in Japan and India next year, then follow in other countries through 2020.



Nissan said it will begin its wireless service in Japan and India in 2017, followed by other countries through 2020.



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