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Federal funds tabbed for police

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Police services in a designated part of Wayne will receive a boost under the federal Community Development Block Grant program during 2014-15.

Last week, the council approved the CDBG plan allocating \$100,000 for code enforcement/police services. Most of the funds — \$78,000 — were earmarked for public facilities and street improvements during the prior fiscal year. It's a move aimed at bolstering the Wayne Police Department in the face of a general fund deficit and a hiring freeze cre-

ating three full-time officer vacancies.

"We funded code enforcement through the Building Department in the past to address blight in eligible areas," Wayne Community Development Director Peter McInerney said. "The police would work in the same way but enforcing the penal code. This is good news for us."

The bad news, McInerney said, was that there would be no funding available for road projects.

"As the road millage declined, we saw CDBG as a way to supplement that," he said. "We are making a recommendation to trade off the road

work for police work. The final decision is council's."

Allocation questioned

Councilman James Hawley questioned allocating the funds for police services, commenting that the Police Department was fully funded under the approved budget.

"We have a lot of buildings that need work. It's not as if there aren't other projects. Hopefully, we'll fully fund the Police Department next year," Hawley said.

"I wouldn't want to see them start a new program to use this money."

Wayne County, which administers the CDBG program,

is still in the process of reviewing areas of the city for low-moderate income eligibility, McInerney said. Under federal guidelines, routine police services in income-eligible areas could be funded with CDBG funds.

"We need to protect the Police Department budget. We are behind the eight-ball with the budget," Councilman Albert Damitio said. "This is a reasonable way to help protect as much as we can in 2014-15."

The fact that the CDBG budget can be amended in the future, if other funding solutions are found for the Police Department, answered the main question, Councilman

Skip Monit said, adding that he totally supported the allocation.

Councilman John Rhaesa questioned whether some money should be left allocated for public facilities and street improvements which had over \$78,000 earmarked in 2013-14.

For 2014-15, Wayne is expecting about a \$22,000 increase in its CDBG funding to \$127,738. Other budgeted expenses include \$15,000 for senior citizen services, \$4,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$8,738 for administration.

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Kevin McNamara (left) announced his candidacy for Wayne County executive on Thursday. About 200 friends and political supporters attended the event, including Trenton Mayor Pro Tem Bill Lavevre.

McNamara joins race to lead Wayne County

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Now it's a true race. Amid bagpipers and a raucous crowd of about 200 of his closest friends and political supporters, Kevin McNamara became the second candidate to make it official — he is running to become executive of Wayne County — and he thinks he can win.

While there had been speculation for some time that he would throw his hat into the ring, the longtime Wayne County commissioner made the announcement

Thursday night during a campaign kickoff party at Wayne County Community College's Downriver campus in Taylor.

McNamara, a 56-year-old Belleville resident and the son of former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, joins Westland Mayor William Wild as the first two to announce their candidacies. Wild made his announcement at a similar event Jan. 15. Both men are looking to succeed current Executive Robert Ficano, who has held the position for 12 years. Ficano has been mired in political

turmoil for more than a year and has not yet announced if he plans to run again.

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, the son of former Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, has set up an exploratory committee and is also expected to announce he is running for the office. They are all Democrats and would challenge one another in the Aug. 5 primary.

McNamara spent most of his 20-minute speech

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Kevin McNamara announced on Thursday that he'll run for Wayne County executive.

Ripple Effect readies Main St. presentation

By Sue Mason
Staff Photographer

Representatives of Wayne Ripple Effect are pulling out all the stops in making a presentation to the Michigan Main Street Program next month.

WRE will meet with the Main Street Board in Lansing on Feb. 5 in hopes that Wayne will be one of three communities to be picked for the select level in 2014.

The meeting will include a 45-minute presentation about Wayne and why it should be selected and a 15-minute question-and-answer session on the presentation and the community's commitment to the Main Street program.

"We have to answer two questions — why we need the Main Street program and what Michigan Main Street can do for us," said Cindy Schofield, a WRE volunteer. "We have to look at the past, what has brought us to this point and look to the future."

Organizers are looking at doing a dramatic presentation that talks about the history of Wayne and a Power-Point presentation that shows scenes from the past and in the future. But the hope is

also to have members of the Wayne Memorial High School marching band and cadets from the JROTC program there to show off the school's theme, Wayne Pride.

"It's the Wayne Memorial High School theme and that's what the city's theme is," Schofield said. "We've been told we need to make a statement that we and the community are behind this program."

Moving up

Wayne started at the associate level in 2012 and renewed in 2013. Moving up to select level would open the door to training in Main Street's four-point approach to support and improve downtowns and traditional commercial neighborhood districts and the ability to tap into \$200,000 in technical assistance.

Four communities have applied for the select level — Wayne, Alpena, Gaylord and Three Rivers. WRE is hopeful Wayne will get one of the three slots because it is the only urban community to apply.

But WRE needs to show

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Hammons arrested for drunken driving

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland councilman was arrested for drunken driving in Canton early Jan. 19.

Adam Hammons, recently elected for a second term as council president pro tem, was pulled over at 12:52 a.m. while driving his 2012 Ford Fusion on Cherry Hill near Highlands.

"I was attending a charity event on Saturday evening, Jan. 18, in Canton Township. I made a poor decision by drinking alcohol that night and driving home. I truly regret my decision," Hammons said. "I will take full responsibility for my actions and apologize for any embarrassment this event may have brought upon my family or the residents of the city of Westland."

A Canton police officer noted the eastbound vehicle was swerving within its lane. After he was pulled over, Hammons apologized, telling the officer his wife was try-

ing to call him, police said.

Following several field sobriety tests, the officer placed Hammons under arrest and he was taken to the Canton Police Department, police said.

The officer reported administering a Breathalyzer test which resulted in a .12 blood alcohol reading. Under Michigan law, a .08 blood alcohol level is considering legally drunk when driving.

Two subsequent Breathalyzer tests had results of .15 and .14, according to the police report.

The officer reported confiscating and destroying Hammons' driver's license. Police said Hammons was held until sober and released with an appearance ticket setting him for a Feb. 4 arraignment on a charge of operating while under the influence of alcohol in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Schoolcraft names building after president

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, has been so busy getting the school's new building ready for its bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that he didn't have time to think about a name for it.

That's why it came as a surprise for him when the SC Board of Trustees unanimously voted Wednesday to name the new building, the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, after him, calling it The Jeffress Center.

"I hadn't paid any attention to it," he said. "I was so busy getting the building ready, names

were just not on my mind."

Jeffress, 70, who didn't know of the board's intentions until the agenda was suddenly changed at the beginning of the meeting, said he was thrilled: "It's just a terrific honor. I really, really was taken by that."



Jeffress

He said it left him temporarily speechless, a first for him. "It's one of those legacy events," he said, adding he never imagined while growing up that he would one day have a building named after him. He said he's honored the board considers worthwhile his contribution over the years to the college and the community.

The building, current-

ly being refurbished, was purchased last year.

SC board Secretary James Fausone made the motion to name the building The Jeffress Center in honor of Schoolcraft's fourth president. "We have the opportunity to create a new name and brand for the building," he said. "By the fall, that building will be bustling with students, community education classes, foundation and Schoolcraft to U activities. Naming the building now is financially prudent, something for which our honoree is known."

Jeffress has served Schoolcraft College for more than 32 years. He became president in July 2001. Before serving as president of Schoolcraft College, Jeffress was the college's vice president of instruction and student services.

Under Jeffress' leadership, the college built and opened the VisTa-Tech Center in September 2003, remodeled the Bradner Library in 2005, built the Biomedical Technology Center in 2008 and created the Public Safety Training Complex in 2013.

The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance building was purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million. Last May, the



The Jeffress Center will house most of the operations of the Schoolcraft to U partnership.

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Schoolcraft Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for several improvements, including renovating the building, to get ready for the university partnership. Most of U-T's and WSU's classes will be held there.

Other improvements covered by the bond

include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, of-

fering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile Roads; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and www.schoolcraft.edu.

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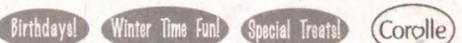
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the Main Street program that the city has the ability to pay for a Main Street manager. It's recommended that a community have a minimum budget of \$75,000 each year for five years. WRE has \$20,000 in money from the city and a matching grant, and is using a Wayne 500 campaign, tied in with Ray

Harroun, a Wayne businessman, who won the very first Indianapolis 500 in 1911.

They've been looking for 500 people to pledge \$500 and getting IRS approval for a 501(3)(C) non-profit designation will help, Schofield said.

'Wonderful response'

"We've received a wonderful response from the citizens and the business owners. We've received many donations

from business owners who tell us they're excited to see the revitalization and to see the changes coming to the downtown," she added.

Wayne Ripple Effect meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. More information about the organization also can be found on the Ripple Effect Facebook Page.

Schofield said anyone interested in the revitalization of Wayne is in-

ited to attend the Michigan Main Street presentation.

"Send us a message through Facebook and we'll be happy to give you details," she said. "State Rep. Robert Kossowski said he would be there and we're reaching out to other elected officials to show their support."

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Homeless find food and shelter at Warming Center



Soup kitchen head Ginger DuPrie gets a hug from shelter client Michelle Wade.

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

For Douglas Knight, getting proper identification would go a long way toward solving his problems.

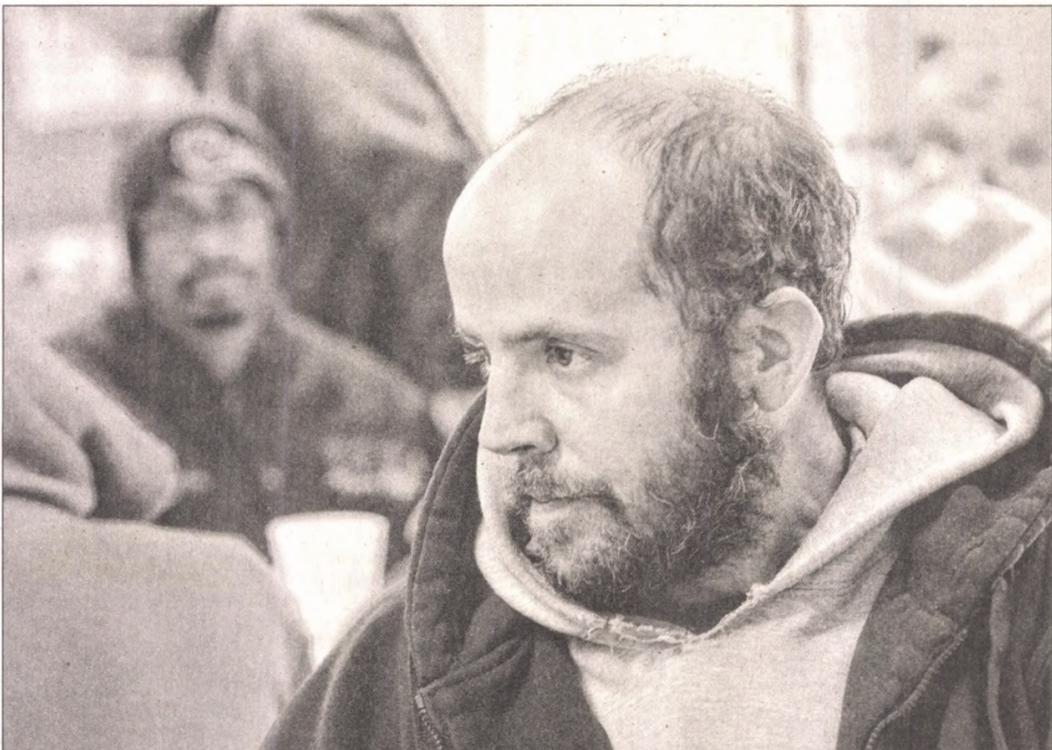
He's caught up in a catch-22. He needs identification, but to get a state ID card or even a copy of his birth certificate, he needs identification. He has nothing. In fact, he hasn't had anything since he became estranged from his family at age 16.

"In the split with my family, I have no address and now I'm in a vicious cycle," he said. "I need to have ID to get ID. I need an address. I need that to get identification; once I get that, it opens up my options more. If I had an ID, I'd have a job. No ID limits me to this."

The 35-year-old Knight is homeless. He's been that way for six months. He's lived in the woods, using garbage bags to ward off the rain, before finding shelter under a bridge. But with January's bitter cold, he's taken shelter at the Lighthouse Home Mission's Warming Center in Westland.

"I got laid off from my job. I worked for a cement company during the summer, but you can't pour cement in the winter," said Knight, who identified himself as a Westland resident. "I've filled out applications everywhere trying to get something, but there are no jobs."

Knight was among a large group of men and women who took refuge in the center Thursday to escape the cold. He didn't know about the center until another homeless person told him to go there. With nighttime temperatures dropping below zero, it's been a warm respite, especially with the overnight guests being allowed to stay



Douglas Knight has been homeless for six months and is no longer afraid of being seen by people who know him going through garbage cans. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"If they come in, they can stay. We don't rush them out. They can eat lunch and then stay and have a cup of coffee."

REV. RUBY BENETEAU

throughout the day.

Bending the rules

The center normally is open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m., but the Rev. Ruby Beneteau is bending the rules. Those without a home are able to stay there during the day and she is looking for places where they can go, if the center gets overcrowded. Generally, 60-70 people will stay at the warming center, which is open Jan. 1 to March 31. The numbers usually start low and slowly increase. That's not the case this

year. "We opened on Jan. 1 and we had 30 people," she said. "I think we're going to have more than that 60 or 70 this year."

Beneteau is concerned about the safety of people like Knight who come to the center - and with good reason. During a recent snowstorm, some people found a homeless man buried in the snow in a ditch along Palmer Road in Westland.

"They dug him out and brought him here," Beneteau said. "He didn't look that good in the morning,

but he was alive. If they hadn't found him, he would have been dead. And that's not the first time that's happened."

During the day, the center serves as a soup kitchen, providing warm meals from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In less severe weather, many of the homeless leave the center at 8 a.m. and come back for lunch, leave again at 3 p.m. and come back in the evening.

"If they come in, they can stay. We don't rush them out," Beneteau said. "They can eat lunch and

then stay and have a cup of coffee."

The Warming Center is the only such shelter in western Wayne County and is supported through donations and volunteers from seven western Wayne County churches, which prepare and serve meals to the homeless who sign in each evening. In addition to the hot meal, they can get a hot shower and a place to sleep - the men are put up on mats on the floor in the former chapel of the Full Gospel Temple, while the women stay in

the lunch room.

The accommodations aren't the best. Beneteau would like to have cots, but the mission can't afford them. She hopes someone would donate them, but that hasn't happened. The room where the men sleep is also where the mission stores food given out through the food pantry. It was nightmare at Christmastime when the room was full of food. The men slept around the pallets, she said.

Not much sleep

Robert Merville doesn't like the sleeping arrangements. His girlfriend doesn't like com-

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Police: beware of phony landlords

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

If you're looking to rent a house, Wayne Police recommend doing research before signing a lease and turning over any money.

Police recently took a complaint from a woman who paid an undisclosed amount of money to lease a home only to find as she was moving in that her new "landlord" didn't own the home.

"Basically, someone was using a fraudulent property management company to pose as a property owner," Wayne Police Sgt. Matthew Spunar said. "They advertised the home on Craigslist. Basically, they are renting vacant homes

they don't own or have any interest in."

The suspects will break open a lock box to get a key to a vacant home or break in, then change the locks.

"In this case, the lady responded to Craigslist. She viewed the house with a person who agreed to lease it to her," Spunar said. "She entered what appeared to be a valid lease agreement."

The victim was in the process of moving into the home earlier this month when the actual homeowner found out about the situation. The fake landlord was gone with the woman's money and she filed a police complaint.

When someone shows a vacant home and has

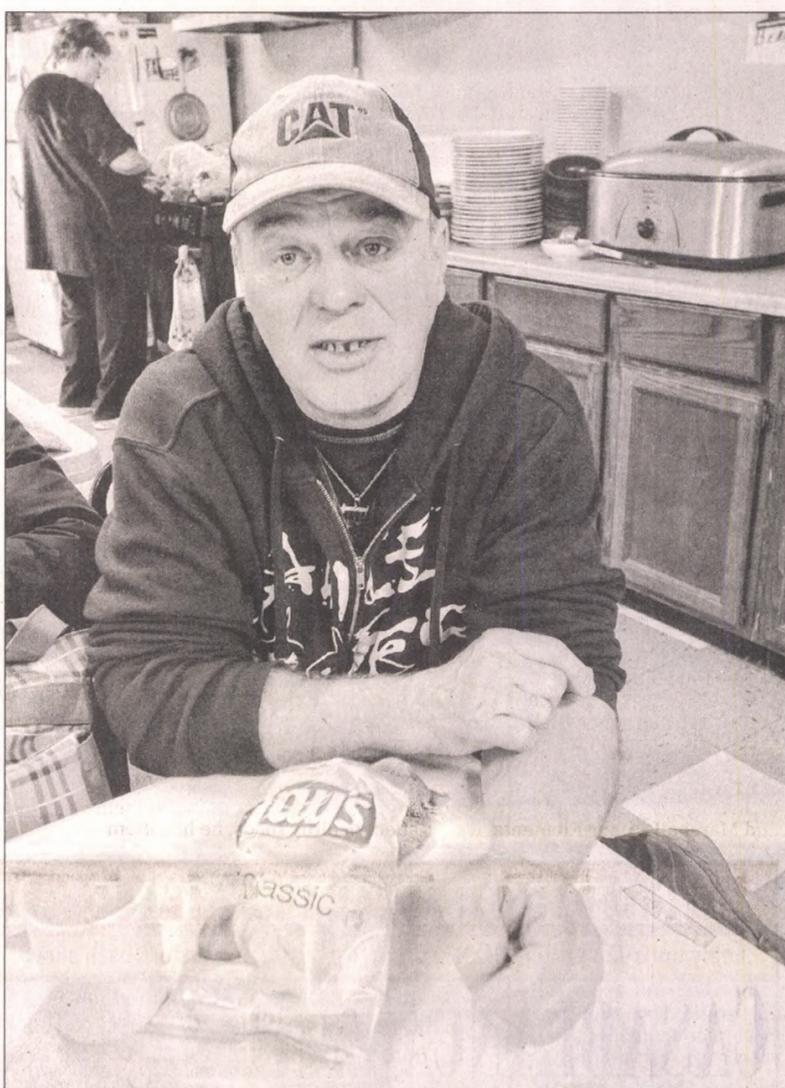
keys, Spunar said it's easy for a would-be tenant to believe the offer is legitimate.

"People should verify the legitimacy of the rental company. Verify the address — their place of business," Spunar said. "Research the company. You want to be leery if they want to meet with you at places other than their office."

In addition, Spunar recommended using the city website to verify ownership of the home.

So far, Spunar said only one incident of a fraudulent rental had been reported in Wayne and none in Westland.

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Robert Melville talks about the challenges of finding a job "where they treat you right." He and his girlfriend expect to be homeless by the end of the month. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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ing to the shelter because the lunch room isn't very quiet at night.

"Homelessness is about sleeping; you don't get any sleep here," Merville said.

They aren't quite homeless yet. They live in a trailer, but after losing their jobs cleaning rooms at a motel by Detroit Metropolitan Airport, they can't come up with the \$200 in rent to hang onto the trailer. They expect to be evicted by February.

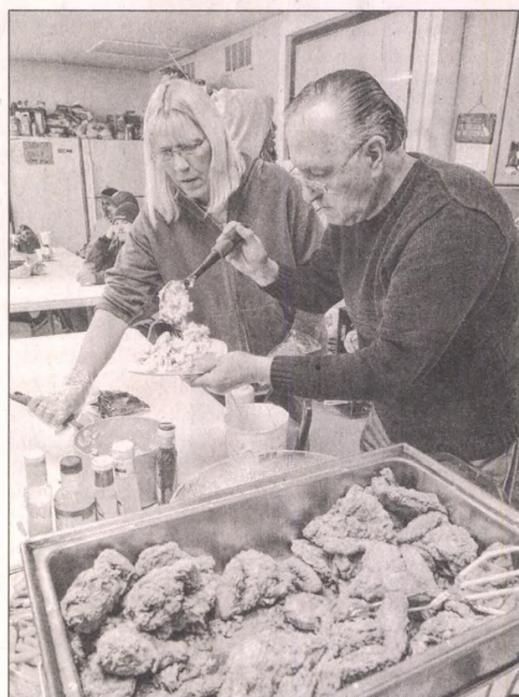
A friend he had been staying with at one time packed up and left town, but not before telling him about the Warming Center.

His need is for a job so he and his girlfriend can stay in the trailer, but they're hard to find.

"I'd like a decent job where you're treated right," he said. "I don't know what to do. I also need a decent bike to get around. I can't change the world, it's just getting worse."

Housing the homeless around the clock makes it hard for the people who work there. It's difficult to prepare for the opening of the soup kitchen each day and to clean up. Merville said that on occasion he has helped do the dishes, but laments he doesn't get paid.

This was the second winter Knight has been homeless. Last year, he would slip into abandoned garages around



Volunteers Sue Krusinski and John Bemlong serve lunch to Warming Center and soup kitchen clients.

Westland to seek shelter. He combated the cold with layers of clothing, a sleeping bag and blankets.

"I'm much skinner than this," he said. "In the end, I found a coffee shop where they gave me coffee and free doughnuts. I survived on doughnuts; I survived on doughnuts for a whole month."

Last resource

Knight has a backpack and in it his "last resource," his laptop computer. Using free Wi-Fi, he did a search to find out if he could die from

just living on doughnuts. He was scared.

With the Arctic weather expected to continue through this week, Bene-teau is hoping people will step up and donate. In the cold weather, the center provides the homeless with hats, scarves, gloves and socks. There's also a need for long johns, sweat shirts and sweat pants, especially adult small and medium, and tube socks, as well as canned goods and cash. When the center opens for the season, the utility costs go up.

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Hamilton youngsters worked on running in place as part of the Red Wings Foundation school assembly.

Students parlay pizza into Wings assembly

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

It was a packed house and a sea of red as the students and staff of Hamilton Elementary School filled the gymnasium for a winged wheel event.

A highly successful Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser last school year had earned the 471 students a hockey-themed assembly about dedication, commitment and a healthy lifestyle.

"They didn't know until we told them yesterday (Jan. 8)," Principal Katie Booth said. "We kept it a secret. When we made the announcement, you could hear them cheering in the hallways. They're excited to wear their red and white Wings clothes."

"Coaches" Zach Konnie, Sara Trunbull and Tiffany Kress put the kids through their paces with stick handling relay races, a Q&A about the Red Wings and a shootout with the teachers.

Stay healthy

The foundation holds the school assembly program, launched in 2010, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Kroger Company. The Wings staff will visit 115 schools this year, including Hamilton and Wildwood and Marshall Upper Elementaries

in April. The schools receive two full sets of floor hockey equipment complete with hockey sticks and nets to encourage students to stay active and healthy.

At the Hamilton assembly, the underlying message from the coaches was to eat right and commit to school. Using the Red Wings as an example, Konnie told the students the players come from all over the world, and as a team, they learn from each other and help each other.

"Did you know you can learn from each other like the Red Wings?" Konnie said. "The Red Wings go to Joe Louis to learn. They have 82 tests — 82 games in a season — and they work really hard. Instead of trying to get an A+, they try to get a W for win. And you get up every day and work hard to get an education."

When asked who would "set a goal and really work hard and achieve it," the youngsters told the coaches they planned to get better grades in school and learning their spelling words.

Konnie told students the Red Wings set a goal to be professional hockey players and did two things to achieve that — eat healthy and exercise. He also said children should get 60 minutes of exercise everyday, and after quizzing them about healthy foods, he had them



Second-grader Lukas Rager shows his puck handling skills during the relay race.

do some exercises — jumping jacks, toe touches, squats and running in place.

"When I go back to Joe Louis Arena, I'm going to tell the Red Wings that Hamilton School is going to eat healthy and exercise," Konnie said.

Taking aim

For students the fun came when six were picked to do a hockey-style shootout with six teachers. Dressed in pads and gloves, one student and one teacher worked the area in front of the net to prevent a score. At the end of the five shots, the shootout was declared a 2-2 tie.

In addition to the floor hockey equipment, there also were gifts for the students. They received a Detroit Red Wings folder and pencil pouch with pencils and rulers. The Wings also have set aside a section of seats at an upcoming game for Hamilton students and their parents.

Future City: Middle schoolers explore transportation needs of future

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

national competition, she said.

Urban planning might seem like something graduate students or college students would explore, but some local middle school students are getting a good head start on the subject.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will gather during the school day hours Monday, Jan. 27, for the Future City regional finals, focusing on science, technology, engineering and math. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The regional finals, with about 600 middle schoolers, have a theme this year of "Tomorrow's Transit: Design a Way To Move People In and Around Your City."

"The goal is to get the kids interested in STEM subjects. We're trying to get young kids interested in engineering," said Allison Marrs, membership and Future City program manager for the Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield.

The ESD manages the regional competition for Michigan, Berkley resident Marrs explained. This is the 21st year for national competition (www.futurecity.org) and the 19th year the ESD has managed Michigan competition.

"The winner of that competition goes on to Washington, D.C.," for

Learning together

The teams in Novi will have at least three students and as many as 30, an entire class. The students learn teamwork and presentation skills.

"It just kind of builds a lot of life skills along the way, in addition to getting them interested in engineering," Marrs said.

The teams build a physical model of a city 150 years into the future. "You would be very impressed with what the kids come up with," Marrs said. By exploring transportation issues, they're using civil engineering and other engineering fields.

"I'm so impressed with what they come up with," she said. "It forces them to do research and really go beyond the classroom."

Among participants Monday will be St. Valentine Catholic School of Redford. Eighth-graders were putting finishing touches on their model earlier this week, said Meghan Ciechanowski, eighth-grade teacher.

"They've been working on it since October," said Ciechanowski, an Eastpointe resident. St. Valentine will have 25 participants in eighth grade, including three presenters.

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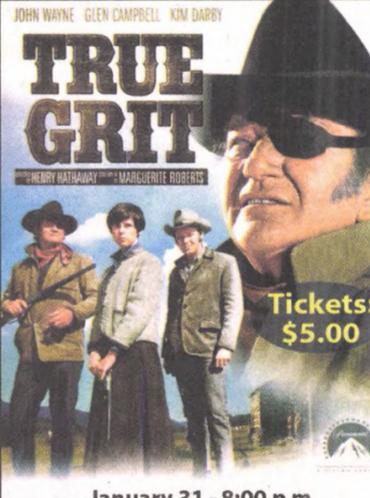


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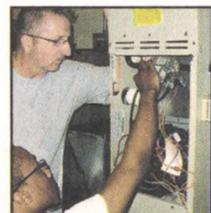
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Having courage to try something new

This is the fifth article in the series. Daring to Care often takes courage. As we inform you of our concerns for public education, we have to be willing to look in the mirror and ask, "If we truly care, what is our responsibility to improving public education?" One of the biggest obstacles to public education is the willingness and/or courage to progress. In some cases, progress can be stifled due to lack of funds. At other times, progress is inhibited by a lack of courage to try something new. In some public education communities, the individual willing to take the risk and try something new is ostracized.

Steve Jobs addressed this issue in one of his interviews; he said, "your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other



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people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other people's opinions drown out your inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

One of the world language teachers in Garden City Public Schools has "dared to care" about public education. She has the courage to try something new and reflect upon it and make adjustments as she goes. Lyndsay Johnson-LeMieux is a great example of an educator that is not trapped in the dogma of public education and is following her heart and intuition in changing her teaching practices and resources to compete in today's educational society. Below you will find one

reflection Lyndsay has written about the work she is doing in her high school classroom.

Pandora's Box by Lyndsay Johnson-LeMieux

Traditionally, students walk into a classroom, sit in a desk that is one in a row, get issued a book, listen and take notes. Textbooks are written by textbook companies and some materials are given to the teacher to use in class. Throughout the years, teachers have changed and improved upon the traditional model. Some aspects may remain the same, but everyone has tried to change something along the way.

This summer I was given the opportunity to break away from the traditional textbook and write my own. I was so excited to learn that I could finally do this, because I was never happy with my tradition-

al textbook and I always made my own curriculum anyway.

The textbook I decided to write is for my French 3-4 split class. It is a difficult class to teach and it has no resources beyond what I found myself so I felt a book would help the class run smoother. The book's overarching theme is traveling to Paris and immersing my students into the French culture. The book is interactive and runs on iPads. Students can pull up the book, flip pages, type responses, watch videos, follow website links, listen to recorded audio, and play with interactive keynote presentations all within the confines of my book.

I spent an entire summer writing this book and the book itself is really cool, but what I realized after the school year began and students started working with it is the book can be shaped to be exactly

what my students need and want. In August, I thought my book was ready to go, but a few weeks into September I quickly realized that my students wanted more. I have been constantly updating, rearranging, and adding to what I previously thought was done. You can't do this with a regular paper textbook. That book is what it is. It can't change themes because your students want to learn something different. You are stuck.

When I agreed to take on this project, I didn't realize that I was going to unleash Pandora's box. Now what has come forth isn't scary, but it definitely is unknown territory. My students have taught me so many things in this short amount of time and we will continue to shape the kind of class they want, not the kind of class I think they want.

Resources: iBook author

FUTURE

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"They're really excited it's all coming together for the competition," the teacher said. This is her second year doing Future City, which goes back many years at St. Valentine, including a 2003 trip to the championship.

The students work with a teacher, usually in science, and the ESD recruits mentors who usually visit their teams weekly with advice.

ESD judges, some 200, will look at the physical models and ask the students questions. Scoring will be based on presentation, following rules and more, with first-, second- and third-place winners. The first-place winner goes on to Washington, D.C., for nationals Feb. 15-18 during Engineers Week.

At nationals, there's a grand prize of \$7,500 for the team school or after-school STEM program, as well as a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala.

Local schools

This year's schools from southeast Michigan include: Crescent Academy International, Canton; Jain Society of Greater Detroit, Farmington Hills; MacArthur K-8 University Academy, Southfield; Marshall Upper Elementary School, Westland; and St. Valentine.

Competition in Michigan is split about 50-50 between boys and girls, with some teams made up of all-girl presenters, Marrs said. "That is another goal. The Engineering Society is really pushing girls to become interested."

The St. Valentine team has 15 girls and 10 boys. The students have used the computer and done extensive research, their teacher said. At St. Val's, they work with two volunteer mentors, a Redford Township staffer and a pro from Wade Trim.

"I would say they get a lot of research-based skills," Ciechanowski said. "It gives them a lot of skills in math and science. It's actually really cool to see all the different schools and models."

The teacher also cited collaboration and working toward goals. "I think they get a lot out of it," she said. Some St. Valentine students are interested in engineering careers.

"I can see that in the future for them," Ciechanowski said.

Marrs noted many businesses have engineering openings and that the Future City competition helps students even sooner than career years.

"I think it prepares them greatly for high school. It's really kind of a hands-on approach to learning," said Marrs, who has a communications background.

There are some 39 regions for Future City in the U.S., she said. The Jan. 27 regional event will feature about 19 schools and 26 teams. The students, teachers and mentors use SimCity software and consider safety, accessibility and sustainability in their work.

Teams use recycled materials at a total cost of less than \$100 per team.

In past years, a participant was chosen to meet President Barack Obama at a National Science Fair. "So they were very excited about that," Marrs said.

At St. Valentine, the transportation theme included instruction in how that has changed during students' lives.

"It's something they can relate to," Ciechanowski said. "I think they enjoy transportation as a theme. I think some of their ideas could be connected to real-world problems."

The Novi competition isn't open to the public, but many parents, mentors and teachers will attend.

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Livonia superintendent Liepa receives 'effective' rating

Superintendent Randy Liepa has received an "effective" rating for 2013 from the Livonia school board.

The board completed Liepa's annual performance review for the first time using an evaluation tool from the non-profit Michigan Association of School Boards.

The effective rating, the second highest of four ratings, was ap-



Liepa

proved by the board in an unanimous vote Tuesday.

"The effective rating is a reflection of the outstanding work he continues to provide, consistent with many excellent evaluations he has received in the past," President Mark

Johnson said.

"The amount of work that this man puts in for this school district is second to none, and we certainly recognize him for that," he said.

Johnson thanked board secretary Dianne Laura for transitioning the board over to the new MASB evaluation tool, which he said was a brand-new format for the board.

Laura said the evaluation tool, which includes student performance, is still new to the board.

"We're still getting used to it," she said, adding that's why she thinks Liepa fell into the second-highest category and not the highest category. "We're going to look at it and tweak it."

The four ratings are highly effective, effective, minimally effective

and ineffective.

Board Vice President Colleen Burton said the average length of stay for a superintendent in Michigan is just 3.5 years, a frightening fact for many districts. "I feel very blessed we have had Dr. Liepa with us for 10 years, and we have been able to benefit from his expertise in many areas," she said.



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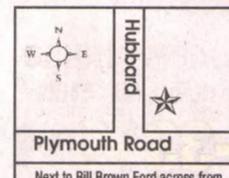
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MCNAMARA

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criticizing Ficano's leadership, whether it was for a failed jail project that has cost taxpayers about \$160 million so far, federal investigations of his administration or the fact that he has had a difficult time balancing the county's budget.

"Wayne County government is broken and it needs to be re-invented now," McNamara said. "In the 11 years he's been in office, he (Ficano) has only balanced the budget one time."

McNamara said he has spent the last couple of months meeting with business and municipal leaders, as well as regular residents, and their message has been pretty clear.

"They are all telling me the same thing - they want change and a seat at the table so they can have a say in how that change takes place," McNamara said.

McNamara has been on the Wayne County Commission since 2006 and currently represents



Kevin McNamara's son Cullan introduced his father to about 200 people who showed up Thursday at his campaign kickoff party in Taylor.

the communities of Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and the southern portion of Westland. He is chair of the commission's Public Services Committee, board chair of Wayne County Head Start, a board member of the Wayne County Airport Authority and is finance

chair of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Throughout the evening, there were many references to McNamara's father. McNamara said he isn't concerned about people who are critical of his father, who he says was not only a political mentor for him growing up, but also someone after whom he

would model his own leadership.

"Some people say my father ran a political machine. Well, he did run a machine," McNamara said. "He made county government work for people. The county always had a balanced budget when he was in charge. When roads needed to be fixed, he got them fixed. He always

got things done. That's the kind of machine that concerns me."

Among the large crowd that turned out to show support were several dozen current and former elected officials from around the county, including many who were seated on the stage behind McNamara.

"I came out because I wanted to hear what he had to say," said Wayne City Councilman Jim Henley, who also attended Wild's announcement.

Henley said he isn't sure who he is going to support at this point, but he definitely feels the county needs a new direction.

"Kevin has always been a big supporter to the city of Wayne. Everything he had to say this evening was true. The county is in dire need of new leadership," Henley said.

Jackie Kaifesh, a Romulus resident and a member of the Local 24 Hospitality Union, attended the event and said she supports McNamara because he has been a friend of the middle class throughout his political career.

"He really works with the unions and has always been a voice for the middle class," she said. "I sure hope he wins, because we really need a change."

Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham, who, along with McNamara's son Cullan, introduced McNamara to the crowd, first read a letter sent by former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in which she wrote that "Wayne County is in Kevin's DNA." McNamara agreed and said he has no political aspirations other than winning this race - and he is confident he can win.

"I feel like I have as good a shot as anyone - or better," McNamara said. "The biggest challenge for me is going to be getting my message out there. It is going to take some money to win this race. The stakes are very high and it's going to be a contested race."

Prospective candidates have until April 22 to file the necessary paperwork to run for the office.

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Preliminary exam in alleged road rage incident delayed

A preliminary examination for a Westland man charged with shooting at another vehicle in an alleged road rage incident has been delayed until Feb. 27.

Steven Lavigne, 22, had entered a not guilty plea in Westland 18th District Court to three counts of assault with intent to murder, three counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, three counts of felonious assault and one count of felony firearm.

Westland Police said an incident began about 5:35 p.m. Jan. 12 as a traffic altercation in the area of Michigan Avenue and Newburgh in Wayne.

The vehicles - an SUV and a motorcycle - continued north on Newburgh into Westland. It is alleged that as the vehi-

cles continued traveling a couple of miles, the motorcyclist tried to get the SUV to pull over.

When the SUV didn't stop, the motorcyclist allegedly continued to pursue the SUV eastbound on Palmer. In the area of Palmer and Stieber, it is alleged that the motorcyclist fired a shot at the rear of the SUV, striking it.

Police noted the bullet struck inches from where the driver's two children, ages 7 and 10, were seated in the rear seat of the SUV.

Police confiscated a gun from Lavigne, who was allowed to carry the weapon through a concealed permit license.

A \$30,000/10 percent bond for Lavigne was continued.



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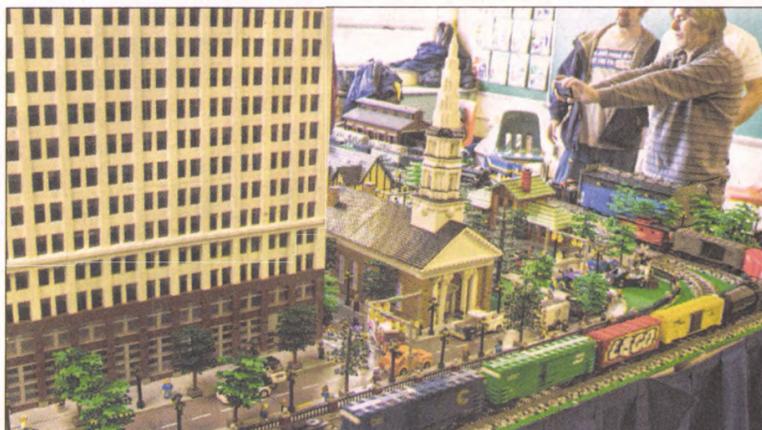
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The St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will hold its 28th annual Ole Toy and Train Show from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27201 W. Chicago Redford, in Redford.

There will be train collectors from four states with train and toy items to buy and swap plus more than 200 dealer tables. There will be door prizes given away every hour. Also, a new Lionel train set will be raffled off at the end of the show, with tickets available for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Admission is \$3 per person or \$6 per family. The show funds the school's sports activities programs.

As in the past, attendees will be able to have their trains tested by the Lincoln Park Train Club and see four trains in



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operation on the same layout. The show also features operating layouts by the Glancy Trains Modular Club, the Michigan LEGO Train Club, the Ford Group, and others. Additionally, Ed's Toy Train Parts is

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Salvation Army needs help with shortfall

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland corps of the Salvation Army has fallen short in its Christmas Red Kettle and mail campaigns, and leaders are hoping people will dig into their pocket or purse to help. Fundraising was extended to the end of January.

The Red Kettle goal was \$195,000, with \$171,000 raised as of last Thursday, said Capt. Derek Rose, corps commander with wife Capt. Joanna Rose. The mail donation goal was \$25,000, with about \$23,000 raised to date.

That adds up to a total deficit around \$26,000.

"A lot of it was weather," Derek Rose said. "Those key shopping days we weren't able to raise what we could have." Holiday Saturdays were especially bad for shopping, and the Salvation Army doesn't ring bells on Sunday for faith reasons.

There were also staffing issues, Rose said, with some 75 paid bell ringers hired but only around 25-30 working. He recognizes the cold weather and minimum wage as factors.

"We were providing a resource and people were choosing not to take advantage of it," said Rose, who heard some about the fast food workers striking in Detroit over minimum wage paychecks.

"We understand minimum wage isn't a lot," Rose said. "We were trying to do our best as a nonprofit. Things are still pretty rough in our own community."

Some of this year's

bell ringers heard from local residents worried about the Affordable Care Act and unsure of their health insurance, Rose said.

"People are concerned, not really having the information they need," he said.

Volunteer bell ringers also were down in number, Rose said. The fundraising goal has been met locally each year since the Roses arrived in 2008. "It is reflected in the wider metro Detroit area," he said of Salvation Army shortfalls, final numbers for which will be tallied in February.

Checks payable to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army can be sent to at 2300 S. Venoy, Westland, MI 48186. There's a secure website for donating locally as well at www.waynewestland-sa.org, with phone information available at 734-722-3660 weekdays during business hours.

"The Wayne-Westland community, Romulus and New Boston as well have always been supportive," he said. "We want to say thank you to everyone who has given. We are very much appreciative of everything that has been given so far."

Local offerings include after-school tutoring and a meal for students weekdays, community center offerings like basketball and karate, and a summer day camp, as well as overnight camp for kids in Leonard, Mich.

The local corps' social services assist with rent, utilities, clothing and furniture vouchers.

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

Pasta dinner

Due to school closing on Friday, the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6 and entertainment by the Waco Band.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinochle at 1 p.m. Fridays.

In February, the center will hold its game night at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 and its pasta dinner on Feb. 28.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Release party

US 12 Bar & Grill is hosting a Calendar Release Party starting at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30,

to celebrate the "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" 2014 calendar. All profits from calendars sales go to benefit Detroit Bully Corps and the 40 dogs in their rescue and rehabilitation program. Many of the dogs in their program come from the city of Detroit, including 10 puppies that were offered for sale on Craigslist when they were less than 24 hours old.

Models featured in the calendar will be on hand for autographs and photo opportunities with party guests. US 12 hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the fundraiser. To purchase a calendar, go online to us12barandgrill.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&Itemid=145

US 12 Bar & Grill located at 34824 Michi-

gan Ave. in Wayne.

Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club will sponsor a buy and swap, toys and trains show from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the church, 32500 Palmer, west of Merriman, Westland.

Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family. Food is available and the parking is free. There will be operating train layouts and more than 100 dealer tables with various gauges of trains. Tables are available at \$10 per table. To reserve tables, call 734-595-8327. Dealer set-up is at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.

Free throw championship

The Knights of Columbus St. Damian Council is hosting its first annual Free Throw Championship event

Sunday, Jan. 26, at St. Damian, 30055 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland. The event is free for children ages 9-14.

Registration is at 11 a.m. The contest starts at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Tony Vela at 734-525-8475.

Gospel meetings

Ministers Matthew Jensen and Alijah McCormick are holding gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Feb. 5, at the Wayne/Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The goal of these meetings is to inspire greater faith and commitment in Christ.

No collections will be taken.

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Canton's Man Church aims to improve lives

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Striking back against an epidemic of fatherless households, Connection Church of Canton has launched a men-only initiative aimed at inspiring men to become more responsible for the children, women and others in their lives.

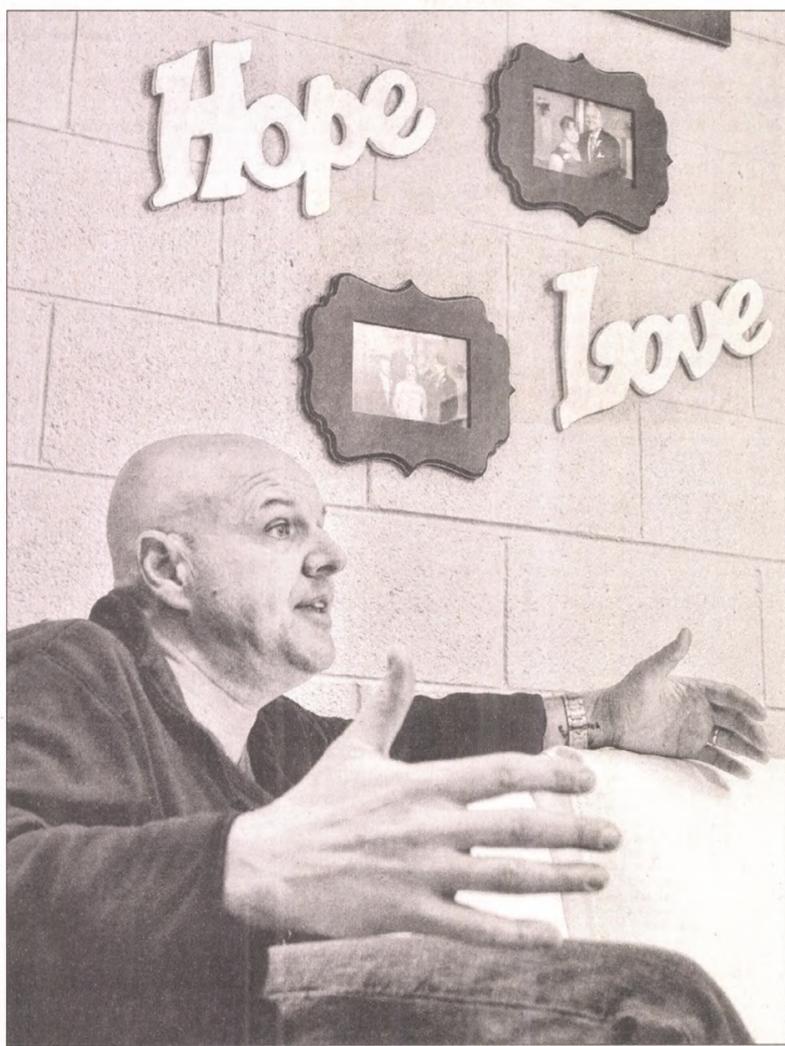
Simply called Man Church, the kickoff event drew 224 men and created a buzz across metro Detroit even before the group had its inaugural session Thursday evening.

"If men make the selfless choice to commit to their marriage and stay in their children's lives, the fatherless-home epidemic goes away," said Man Church leader Mikie Bartee, Connection Church's pastor of development. "It disappears."

U.S. Census figures reveal that fatherless households are four times more likely to be poor. Moreover, the National Fatherhood Initiative, citing the census, indicates 44 percent of children in mother-only families lived in poverty in 2011, compared to just 12 percent from married-couple homes.

"It's a man problem," Bartee said. "It's a solvable problem."

Man Church hopes to give men the tools they need to become more committed to their families and communities by hosting weekly gatherings 7-8:30 p.m. each Thursday at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon Road, north of Michigan Avenue. Sessions involve teachings and group



Mikie Bartee, Connection Church pastor of development, talks about the Man Church. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

discussions before men get what Bartee called "their marching orders." The effort evolved after the Rev. Rocky Barra, Connection Church pastor, cited a need to reinvent the men's ministry, though

Bartee said Man Church participants don't have to belong to any church. "They don't even have

to like church," he said. It's geared toward males 16 years and older and their sons age 12 and

up.

Man Church's goal is simple: Help men embrace responsibility and join with other men to solve problems. Bartee describes the sessions as "hard-hitting, efficient and on point. We will start on time, end on time and rally men around a cause. This ain't your grandma's church."

Early on, Bartee said he hasn't witnessed a push-back against Man Church for being a men-only group. He said Connection Church also offers programs for women.

Sitting in his office, Bartee revealed some of the projects Man Church members are likely to become involved in:

» Men with similar interests will be divided into 12-member groups that rotate monthly meetings among their homes to discuss ways they can better themselves, their families and their communities.

» On St. Patrick's Day, Man Church plans to work with Connection Church's Celebrate Recovery program to set up tents outside area bars and provide free rides home to patrons who otherwise may drive drunk.

"We want people to get home safe," Bartee said, avoiding potential drunken driving crashes that "disrupt homes and disrupt lives."

» Man Church intends to get involved in a program dubbed Minute

Men, already in place, that sends men to perform work such as car repairs or home projects for single mothers and low-income people. To that end, men received tools as gifts during the Jan. 18 kickoff party.

» In an effort to reach out to men - and women - in prison, Man Church participants may choose to go to prisons to help lead Bible studies. They also plan to serve as mentors to men when they are released, helping them to readjust.

» Members may become involved this summer in supporting efforts to build a school in El Cruce, Guatemala, where Connection Church already has helped build a church and improve drinking water resources.

» Man Church also is likely to raise money during the next Detroit Free Press marathon to aid World Vision, which helps bring clean drinking water to villages in Zambia.

» Already, 22 Man Church members have signed up for a crisis intervention team, which Bartee said will respond with supplies and assistance to places devastated by events such as natural disasters.

For more information on Man Church, send an email to Bartee at mikie@connectionchurch.info.

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Tea: It's been around for thousands of years

As our cold Michigan winter continues, it's nice to have a hot drink to warm up with. If you're not a coffee drinker or if you'd like to try something different (with less caffeine), try hot tea. Tea is consumed all around the world and has been part of the human diet and used medicinally for thousands of years. After water, it is the most popular beverage worldwide.

The tea plant is native to East and Southeast Asia, and most of the world's tea production takes place in China and India. Tea leaves come from a plant called *Camellia sinensis*. Different varieties of tea, such as black, oolong, white or green tea, are made from different ways the leaves are prepared and manufactured. Hot tea is celebrated around the world and has a role in daily life in countries, such as Ireland, England and India. It is also a focus of social gatherings in the Middle East. In North America, most tea is consumed iced, rather than hot.

Tea has also played a role in worldwide politics and global markets. For instance, tea holds its own unique place in American history through the 1773 Boston Tea Party. At the Boston Tea Party, a group of American patriots disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded three merchant ships carrying tea from England. In order

to boycott the high taxes imposed by the English and "taxation without representation" that Americans were subject to, Boston townspeople refused to accept the shipment. In rebellion, the disguised patriots boarded the ships after dusk and dumped all of the tea into Boston Harbor.

If you'd like to learn more about tea, its preparation, health benefits and history, check out these books - *The Story of Tea: A Cultural History and Drinking Guide*, *The Art of Tea-Leaf Reading*, *American Tempest: How the Boston Tea Party Sparked a Revolution and Superfoods Healthstyle: Proven Strategies for Lifelong Health*.

For more information on this, or any other topic, visit the library's website at www.westlandlibrary.org, give us a call 734-326-6123 or stop by the reference desk.

Highlighted Activities

Yoga for People with Arthritis, 2-3 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Jan. 27 - As part of Geek Fitness Month, join Lois Gannon, a yoga instructor with over 10 years of experience, as she talks about the benefits of yoga for people suffering from arthritis. She will conclude the program with a half hour yoga workout that can be done from a chair.

Teen Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27, ages 12-18 - Here's a chance for teens to have a say in how the library runs. Give an opinion on what you'd like to see and do at the library. Pizza is served at every meeting.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. Jan. 27 - Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writers Club. Sign up by phone at 734-326-6123 or online at westlandlibrary.org/events.

Noontime Book Club, noon Jan. 28 - What would you do if your life fell apart? Cheryl Strayed answers this question in her memoir, *Wild*, as she describes her hike on the Pacific Crest Trail. When Strayed was 22, her mother died of cancer. Soon after that, her family moved away and her marriage fell apart. She began making questionable life decisions involving drugs and promiscuity. Then, at 26, she decided that she would find herself by hiking the PCT from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon and into the state of Washington. And she did it alone. In her autobiography, she relives her encounters with wild animals, intense climates and reptiles. More a tale of self-healing than a hiking guide, Strayed not only completes her quest but also finds herself in the process. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 29, grades 5 and up - Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. No advanced registration needed,

however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

Tween Iron Chef Competition, 4-5 p.m. Jan. 29, grades 5 and up - Create your own veggie pizza for our taste test challenge. But beware! Just like on many cooking shows, you'll need to include a secret mystery ingredient. All materials will be provided. Space is limited so sign up in advance at the Youth Reference Desk.

Affordable Care Act Information, 6 p.m. Jan. 29 - Representatives from the AARP in Michigan will be here with the important information you need to know. Learn more about the new Health Care Law and how you can sign up for insurance using the Health Insurance Marketplace. Open enrollment for the Marketplace ends March 31. No registration is required.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. Jan. 29 - Join us for a discussion of Greg Bear's *Eon*. Perhaps it wasn't from our time, perhaps it wasn't even from our universe, but the arrival of the 300-kilometer long stone was the answer to humanity's desperate plea to end the threat of nuclear war. Inside the deep recesses of the stone lies Thistledown: the remnants of a human society, versed in English, Russian and Chinese. Deeper still within the stone is the Way. But, unlike Thistledown, the Way is not entirely dead, and the inhabitants hold the knowledge of a present war, over a million miles away, using weap-

ons far more deadly than any that mankind has ever conceived. Copies will be available at the Reference desk.

Managing Stress, 7 p.m. Jan. 30 - Join health professional Dessi Tzanakova as she talks about ways to identify stresses in your life as well as ways to lessen the impact of them when they do come. Drop-ins welcome.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Jan. 31 - Come join us for some of the best recently released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie is *Captain Phillips*, "the true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in 200." (imdb.com). This movie is rated PG-13. Trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Bichini Bia Congo Drum and Dance Group, 2 p.m. Feb. 1, ages 6 and up - Get your feet moving and your hands clapping with this high-energy musical program designed especially for kids. Bichini Bia Congo is an authentic Congolese drum and dance company that introduces audiences to Congolese tradition and culture through music, song and dance. An African American History Month Program.

Family Matinee Movie, 1 p.m. Feb. 2 - Join us for a family movie. Movies are rated G or PG and run approximately 90 minutes. No registration required. Children under 10 must

have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information.

Ongoing programs
Job Seekers and Health Care Help Lab, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-4 p.m. Friday - Have a question regarding formatting your resume, setting up an email account, attaching your resume to an online application, searching for a job, or any other job-related activity? Stop by the library, where computers are set up specifically for job seekers. A librarian will be available to help. Drop in. No reservation needed.

Throughout the months of January, February and March, Eugenia Dillard, eligibility specialist, will be available each Tuesday and Friday to answer your Healthcare Marketplace questions.

Chess Group, 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday - Like to play chess? Want to get better? Come to the library and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to Chess Masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

Computer Classes and one-on-one computer classes are offered all year long. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

Information Central was compiled by Tara Scott. The William P. Faust Public Library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. For more information, call 734-326-6123 or go online to westlandlibrary.org.

GARDEN CLIPPINGS

Coffee hours

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will host district coffee hours Monday, Jan. 27, in Livonia and Garden City. Citizens of the 6th Senate District are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary. Anderson will be at

the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, from 9-10 a.m. and at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator, but are unable to attend, can contact him by mail

at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306 or by email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc, D-12th District, and State Rep. David Knezek, D-DeARBorn Heights, will host a cof-

fee hour from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City.

Citizens, who can't attend, but have questions or concerns, can contact LeBlanc by mail sent to his attention at 500 Griswold St., Seventh Floor, Detroit, MI 48226, by calling 313-224-8855 or by email at District12@waynecounty.com.

Knezek can be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909, by calling 888-4KNEZEK or by email at David.Knezek@house.mi.gov.

Dueling pianos

Join the St. Damian Community Saturday, Feb. 8, for the dueling pianos show.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are on sale now at the St. Damian School Office as well as the Parish Office. Light refreshments will be served. There also will be a cash bar and 50/50. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 - calls will be returned in the evening - or by email klcrunk@quixnet.net. Put "dueling pianos" in the subject line.

Empty Bowls

The Garden City High School Key Club is holding its Empty Bowl Banquet and Auction at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the high school cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Receive a delicious soup and salad meal and bid items in the auction.

Proceeds will be used to bring Kids Against Hunger back to package food for the hungry around the world.

Reservations are due by Feb. 7. For more information, email Myrna Hathaway at hathawm@gardencityschools.com or call 734-762-8350. Admission will be collected at the door.

Comedy Night

The Lyman Foundation will be sponsoring a Comedy Night on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Albert's on the Alley, 5651 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. The doors open at 4 p.m., and the two-hour show starts at 5 p.m.

The headliner will be Steve Iott, a Michigander who has been seen on Comedy Central and A&E. He'll be joined by Garden City's own Kevin Kramis and some surprise guests.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by emailing LymanFoundation@yahoo.com, going to the Lyman Foundation website www.lymanfoundation.org or by contacting John Fleming. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact John Fleming by email at john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com or call at 734-604-0227.

Hockey night

The Lyman Foundation is hosting a Hockey Night with the Plymouth Whalers vs. Erie 7:05 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Compuware Arena 14900 Beck Road Plymouth.

This event will benefit the foundation which raises funds for Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased at plymouthwhalers.com. Enter promo code: "lyman" and select section 111.

Students from Burger School for Students with Autism will be on the ice to sing the National Anthem. The Whalers will provide "quiet areas" for students who need to "take a break" from the game. For more information, visit lymanfoundation.org or email lymanfoundation@yahoo.com.

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- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a non-refundable \$60.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Checks should be payable to Livonia Public Schools.
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Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Livonia Public Schools Board Office, 15125 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 3 copies (1 original, 2 copies) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 00 42 05), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit (Section 00 42 10).

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond (by a listed U.S. Treasury surety company) or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Livonia Public Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

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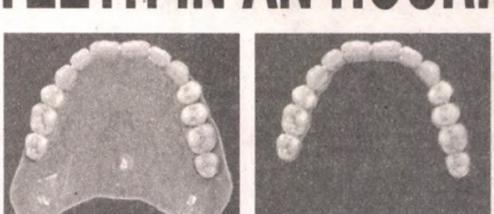
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Q: Dear Rick: About five years ago, I bought a traditional fixed-income annuity. When I bought the annuity, it had a guarantee of 4 percent. That is the rate that I've been receiving. It is my understanding the guaranteed rate will stay as is until mid-2015. My annuity person has recommended that I transfer it into a different annuity, which would guarantee about 1.5 percent, but has a 5-percent bonus. The annuity has a 10-percent penalty the first year and then goes down. After year 10, there is no penalty. It doesn't make sense to move the annuity. My feeling is I should leave it as is. What do you think?

A: I like the way you think. I agree 100 per-



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cent that it makes no sense to move the annuity. A 4-percent return on a fixed-income investment, in this low interest rate environment, is a very good rate of return. If I were you, I would leave the annuity as is.

In reviewing the situation, one thing to be aware of is that many of these bonus programs through annuities are gimmicky. To me, if you receive a 5-percent bonus and you are putting \$100,000 into the annuity, you would then have \$105,000 in which to receive interest on. Unfortunately, in many annuities it doesn't work

that way. In many bonus programs, particularly in equity indexed annuities, the insurance company will have longer surrender periods, lower participation rates and other provisions that in effect off-set any benefit of the bonus. In fact, in many situations, the bonus only lowers your return.

Therefore, if you are approached about buying an annuity with a bonus program, be extremely cautious.

In addition, it doesn't make sense in this interest rate environment to lock money up for 10 years. The new annuity that the salesperson wants you to purchase is paying 1.5 percent and your return isn't going to go up much from that over the 10-year period. In today's low-interest

environment, the key for fixed-income investments is to keep them short term. Down the road, whether it's next year or in two years – when interest rates are higher – then there may be opportunities to lock in for longer periods of time.

In reviewing your situation, it appears the annuity salesperson is more concerned with what is best for him or her instead of what's best for you, the client. Unfortunately, I see this all too often with annuity salespeople. They entice you with these bonus programs, but when you look into them, you realize how gimmicky these programs are. In some rare situations, it may make sense to move from one annuity to another. However, in the situation at hand, it

makes no sense to switch annuities.

Whether you have an annuity that can be moved without penalty or not, whenever you're approached about moving money from one annuity to another, be very cautious. Be mindful of the fees involved, how long you are committing your money and how the return is calculated.

Take your time and certainly don't let anyone pressure you into doing something that you don't feel comfortable with.

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

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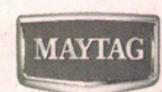


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DeMolay, 60, left a legacy with Glenn, WYAA



Keith DeMolay worked tirelessly for Westland John Glenn High athletics and the Westland Youth Athletic Association. MARY KONOPKA

Volunteered countless hours for Rocket programs, youth sports

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Keith DeMolay roamed the sidelines for years as the statistician for the Westland John Glenn football team.

And when the Rockets scored a game-changing touchdown – on cue – DeMolay would pump his fist and yell, “Son of a gun, son of a gun.”

The 1971 Glenn grad died Thursday at age 60 at Dearborn’s Oakwood Hospital from complications of cancer.

Not only was he a fixture at Rockets football, basketball and baseball games. DeMolay also worked countless hours behind the scenes for the school’s booster club, along with the Westland Youth Athletic Association. He also served as secretary for the Western Suburban Junior Football League.

Visitation for DeMolay will be from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. An-

other viewing will be 2-4 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 4 p.m., both Monday, at First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square Street, Wayne, where DeMolay was a longtime member.

‘Dr. Stats’

DeMolay was known around the baseball diamonds as “Dr. Stats.”

“I just (will) miss him being around the dugout and kids and the positives he gave to everyone,” Glenn baseball coach Lawrence Scheffer said. “He lived and breathed red, white and blue.”

Glenn’s former football coach Chuck Gordon, who guided the Rockets’ varsity team for 27 years, said DeMolay’s presence around the program will be greatly missed.

“First of all, he was a good friend,” said Gordon, who is now retired and living in Central Lake. “I’m not sure I’ve ever met anybody that loved John Glenn more than that guy did because he helped with stats in football, scorer’s table and the microphone at the basketball games, stats in baseball. He was

just always around that school. He was also instrumental in our (John Glenn) boosters for years and years, helping out in any way he could.

“He just had a positive, upbeat attitude. If you had a tough game or a tough loss, he could find a silver lining somehow, some way.”

Glenn booster

DeMolay served for years on the board of directors for the John Glenn Football Boosters and, at the same time, was heavily involved with both the WYAA Comets and Meteors teams.

Glenn varsity football coach Tim Hardin said DeMolay’s death leaves a huge void.

“He was a very, very selfless man,” the sixth-year coach said. “He did so much for our community and for our school. He was the fabric of our sports programs and impacted thousands and thousands of kids’ lives. And he was always willing to do so much for others, but never asked for anything in return.”

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Lions win rematch against Stevenson

Drazga tallies 20 to spur 50-42 win for S. Lyon cagers

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

South Lyon boys basketball coach Doug Host had a week to digest how to stop Livonia Stevenson’s one-two guard combo of Noah Campbell and Jailen Webber.

The two combined for 50 points – with Campbell scoring 36 – in Stevenson’s 67-65 win Jan. 16 on the road.

But the Lions turned the tables in the rematch Thursday, limiting the junior duo to a total of 12, and walked out of the Spartans’ gym with a 50-42 KLAACentral Division victory.

South Lyon, which ended a three-game losing skid, evened its overall record at 6-6, while Stevenson falls to 4-7.

Both teams now stand 3-3 in the KLAACentral.

Host agreed that his team got “torched” in the previous game by Campbell, who nailed nine triples.

“We were really just trying to work on him and Webber not touching the ball tonight,” the sixth-year South Lyon coach said. “We kind of switched our man defense a little bit. Actually, we did that the second half the last game and had some good success with it. The guys really executed well today.”

South Lyon – committing eight turnovers and hitting only 1-of-12 shots from the floor – got off to a rough start, falling behind 8-2 after one quarter.

But things opened up for the Lions in the second quarter, particularly for 5-foot-8 senior guard Carter Drazga, who scored 15 of his game-high 20 points, including three triples.

Drazga had 27 in last



Stevenson’s Devin Kelly (middle) takes the ball to the hoop and braces for contact against South Lyon’s Carter Drazga. MIKE IVEY

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Brighton holds off Stevenson rally, 6-5

Spartans almost come back from a 5-0 hole

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It’s not quite a crisis mode just yet for the Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team, but as Thomas Paine once said: “These are the times that try men’s souls.”

The Spartans, defending Division 2 state champs, dropped their second game in three nights Friday as defending Division 1 champ Brighton built a 5-0 lead and held on for a 6-5 victory at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson, coming off a 4-1 loss Wednesday to Division 2 No. 2 Trenton, slipped to 16-3 overall and 9-1 in the KLAACentral Division. The Spartans also missed a chance to clinch both Central and Kensington Conference titles.

The Bulldogs came out flying in the first period, building a 3-0 lead on Aaron Sturos’ goal at 7:30 followed by power-play goals by Sturos again and Joseph Clifford just 1:24 apart.

Brighton’s fast start was a far cry from the first meeting (Dec. 7) between the two teams, when Stevenson skated to a 7-1 win at Western Michigan University’s Lawson Arena.

“We came out ready to go,” said Brighton coach Paul Moggach, whose team is 12-5 overall and 7-1 in the KLAACentral. “We knew what we had to do and did it. I think it was our best period of the season. I think we were tenacious in that first period and that was the difference.”

Meanwhile, the two Brighton goals were set up when the Spartans took back-to-back penalties in a four-second span, causing a five-on-three man advantage.

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Trojan power play ices No. 1 Stevenson, 4-1

No. 2-ranked Trojans avenge Division 2 regional final loss

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There will more than likely be a shake-up at the top when the next Division 2 boys hockey rankings are unveiled as No. 2 Trenton upended defending state champ and No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson, 4-1, Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

Goaltender Nick Ramirez stopped 36-of-37 Stevenson shots as Trenton

improved to 12-3-1 overall. Andrew Sawyer and Mitchell Galea each scored a pair of goals, while Justin Dunn added three assists for the victorious Trojans, who led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after two periods. Stevenson's lone goal came with 6:29 left in the final period, when Devin Kelly scored from Alec Allen and Tyler Irvine to cut the deficit to 3-1. But Sawyer's late empty-netter sealed the victory. Stevenson goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum made 28 saves in loss. "Give Trenton all the credit in the world," said Stevenson coach David

Mitchell, whose team slipped to 16-2 overall with the non-conference setback. "It was an up-and-down game and Trenton got us on our heels a few times and was able to capitalize." Two of Trenton's four goals came via the power play. "Their top line went pretty much against our top line," Mitchell said. "They capitalized on the power play and we had a few power-play chances and didn't capitalize. And we had some other chances that we didn't capitalize and they did. Again, give them all the credit in the world. It was a good effort by them."

Trenton was able to avenge last year's 4-1 regional final setback. The state's two top-ranked teams could possibly meet again in the regional championship. "It's a ways away and there are more games before that," Mitchell said. "We're going to continue to play one game at a time and learn from this one and try to get better because we have a big one (6 p.m.) Friday against Brighton (at Edgar)."

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Pats break ice with 4-2 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It had been 59 days since the Livonia Franklin boys hockey team had tasted victory, so Wednesday night the Patriots figured to be long overdo.

Franklin, which hadn't won since Nov. 23, snapped a 12-game losing skid with a 4-2 triumph over host South Lyon Unified in a Kensington Conference crossover at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

"I'm very happy for our guys," said Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team improved to 3-12 overall. "We got good contributions tonight from Brendan Nutting and Nick Salisbury, both sophomores. Both scored their first goals as Patriots. We had excellent penalty-killing from Greg Bo and Corey Ferrier. It was an overall team effort."

After a scoreless opening period, Franklin jumped out a 2-0 lead in the second period as Salisbury struck first from Tyler Morrison at 0:35, followed by Josh Dudek's goal from Salisbury and Justin Makowski just 29 seconds later.

South Lyon's Nick Allerton countered at 7:30 of the second off assists from Dylan Cordes and Kyle Carmack, but Morrison made it two-goal cushion

again, 3-1, with a goal at 7:44 of the same period off an assist from Dudek. Joey Tairiol's unassisted goal at 6:04 of the third brought the Lions to within one, 3-2.

But Nutting's unassisted tally with only 1:13 remaining iced the victory for Franklin, which now stands 1-8 in the KLAAs South Division.

Franklin goaltender Matt Monendo made 22 saves, while Justin Zabinski had 20 saves for the Lions, who slipped to 1-14 overall and 0-8 in the KLAAs Central.

Chargers fall, 5-2

Nick Pratt and A.J. Mitter each tallied two goals and one assist Thursday as host Howell (10-4-1) downed Livonia Churchill (5-11-2) by a 5-2 count in a clash of KLAAs members at Grand Oaks Arena.

Jake Spisak also chipped in with a goal and assist for the Highlanders.

Dylan Smith scored at 8:55 of the first period from Drew Sparks, who later added a third-period goal at 8:17 from Smith and Parker Hodges.

Churchill goaltender David Turel made 24 saves, while Howell's Patrick Baldwin stopped 16-of-18 shots.

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COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

MU rallies for another WHAC victory

The old adage "It's not how you start, but how you finish," certainly applied Wednesday night to the Madonna University men's basketball team.

The Crusaders missed their first 11 shots from the floor and dug themselves an 11-0 hole, only to climb back with a 29-8 run to end the first half and go on a post a 61-49 win night over host Lourdes (Ohio) University at Tam-O-Shanter.

All 11 Madonna players who saw action scored. Senior guard Travis Schuba led the way with 15 points, while senior point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) and senior forward Matt Jenkins added 10 and nine, respectively.

Junior center Donald Owens

grabbed nine rebounds as second-place MU improved to 15-6 overall and 11-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Jake DuPree led Lourdes (12-9, 7-6) with 13 points, while Zach Steinmetz added 12 points and 14 rebounds.

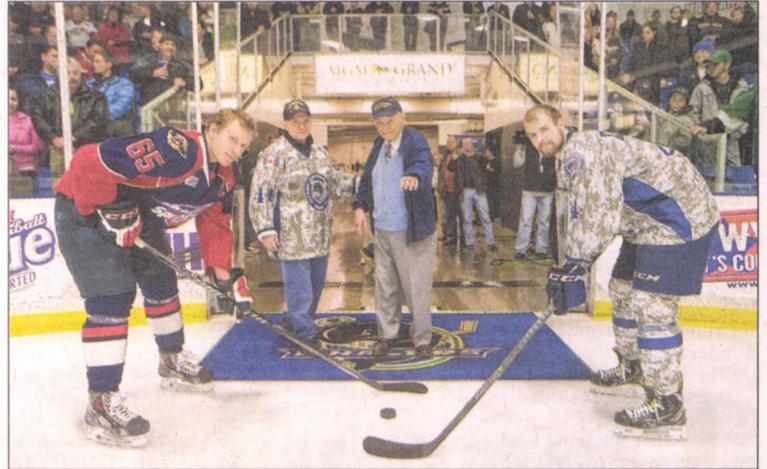
MOTT CC 84, SCHOOLCRAFT 62: Malik Albert tallied a game-high 22 points Wednesday as Mott Community College (14-4, 5-2) stopped host Schoolcraft College (10-7, 3-4) in an MCAA Eastern Conference game.

Marcus Johnson chipped in with 17 points, while Ruston Hayward and Jamal Reynolds contributed 12 and 11, respectively, for the victorious Bears, who scored 33 points off Schoolcraft turnovers.

The Ocelots committed a total of 28 turnovers on the night. Point guard Devonta Riley finished with 12 points, but did not have an assist to go along with seven turnovers. Freshman guard Josh Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) made eight turnovers.

Basel Ibrahim added 11 points, while Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) finished with 10 points and nine rebounds. Schoolcraft shot 22-of-46 from the floor (47.8 percent), but only 14-of-24 from the foul line (58.3 percent).

Cheering on the vets



The biggest cheers Saturday, Jan. 18, at Compuware Arena were saved for 91-year-old Frank Rogers of Westland. Rogers, a World War II veteran and a former POW, dropped the puck in a ceremonial faceoff during the Plymouth Whalers' Military Appreciation Weekend. From left are Windsor captain Slater Koekkoek, veteran Paul Jingoian, Rogers and Plymouth captain Nick Malysa. The Whalers lost 6-2. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Williams' put-back at buzzer gives Lady Crusaders win

Chelsea Williams proved to be money when it counted most in the clutch Wednesday night.

The 5-foot-9 junior forward from Livonia Franklin High scored a game-high 23 points, including the game-winning put-back at the buzzer, to give the Madonna University women's basketball team a 72-70 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over host Lourdes (Ohio) University at Tam-O-Shanter.

Williams, who made 11-of-20 field-goal attempts, gobbled up Lizzy Otten's missed 3-point attempt with only two seconds left and scored just before the horn to break a 70-70 deadlock.

Otten chipped in with 18 points, while Tori Duffey and Rachel Melcher added 12 and 11, respectively, for the Crusaders, who improved to

9-11 overall and 7-6 in the WHAC.

Tiffany Scott led Lourdes (4-16, 2-11) with 21 points, while Tiffani Blackman and Lauren Tilden each added 14.

Tarynn Hampton also added 13 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

MU, which led 35-32 at halftime, made 27-of-63 total shots from the floor (42.9 percent) and 11-of-15 free throws (73.3 percent).

SCHOOLCRAFT 70, MOTT 63: Sara Gammons tallied 19 points and dished out four assists Wednesday as host Schoolcraft College (7-10, 3-4) stopped Mott Community College (9-9, 3-4) in an MCAA Eastern Conference clash.

Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) added 17 points and nine rebounds, while Tabitha Mann (Salem) contributed 12 points and grabbed nine boards.

Schoolcraft won despite going 23-of-77 from the floor (29.9 percent). The Lady Ocelots were 17-of-23 from the foul line (73.9 percent).

Brittany Severn and Kaylee Rahmann each scored 17 points for the Lady Bears, who trailed 32-23 at halftime. Keshawn Jones added 11 for Mott, which committed 24 turnovers.

STEVENSON

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"We didn't have a start like we wanted to," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We got behind 1-0, took a couple of penalties, give up two power-play goals and kind of put us behind the eight-ball a little bit. But give Brighton all the credit in the world coming in here ready to play. They caught us off-guard. We had Devin Kelly (head injury) go down early, too, which didn't help. We had to shuffle things up a bit and by the time we got things situated, we were down 3-0."

Brighton increased its lead to 5-0 in the second period on a power-play goal by Robert Hohmann (at 4:26), followed by Dan Bosio's goal (at 5:33).

When it was 4-0, Mitchell decided to

make a change in net, pulling starter Andrew Rozenbaum in favor of Cullen Barber.

The Spartans then rallied, getting goals by Alex DeFlorio at 8:32 (from Dominic Lutz and Cole Christie) and Tyler Irvine (unassisted) at 13:31.

Brighton, however, was not done before the period ended, as Brian Dowd went top-shelf on a two-on-one at 16:00. DeFlorio countered with his second of the night with just 27.4 seconds left from Irvine and Lutz to make it 6-3 after 34 minutes.

In the third period, Ray Chartier nailed a wrist shot just inside the blue line from Dante Seychel and Jon McDonald at 7:38, then Seychel's goal with just 2:44 remaining from Lutz and Irvine made it a one-goal deficit, 6-5.

"Momentum is a big thing in any sport," Moggach said. "They gathered it a little bit and when they gathered it,

they brought it. They're a great hockey team and we knew five wasn't good enough, but I'd rather have five than not."

After pulling Barber for the extra attacker with 1:24 left, the Spartans couldn't tally the equalizer against Bulldogs goaltender Jimmy Milletics.

"I'm very proud of my guys and they way they battled back," Mitchell said. "To be down 5-0 and come back ... all the credit in the world goes to those guys in that room. Goaltending was not our issue. Andrew Rozenbaum has been our guy and he played fine, but at that

point we just make a change to make a change. You got to change something and Cullen played well when he got in there, kept us in it and gave us a chance to come back."

Kelly, Stevenson's third leading point producer, missed the final two periods. Three others were also out with injuries.

"We were a little short-handed, but injuries are part of the game," Mitchell said. "As Mike Babcock says, 'You've got to go with the guys you've got.' The guys we had tonight put forth a solid effort."

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A NO FURTHER ACTION REPORT FOR A SITE SPECIFIC CLEANUP CRITERIA CLOSURE

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed No Further Action Report for the Red Spot Paint and Varnish Co., Inc., a site of environmental contamination located at 550 South Edwin Road in Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. Contamination at the site was caused by releases at a former exterior aboveground storage tank (AST) area located on the property.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20120d(3) et seq to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has reviewed the proposed remedial action plan for a Limited Non-Residential Site cleanup category and finds it to be in compliance with the requirements of the Act and the administrative rules for the Act in place before December 21, 2002.

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the completed remedial action and to offer an opportunity for public review and comment prior to final action upon the No Further Action Report. Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on February 14, 2014. The MDEQ will carefully consider and address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

The proposed No Further Action plan for the site includes monitoring of groundwater on the site for three years. It also includes the placement of a restrictive covenant on the property that will prohibit use of on-site groundwater for potable purposes, will prohibit construction of wells to extract groundwater for consumption, irrigation or other use, and will prohibit construction of buildings without approval from MDEQ.

The No Further Action Report will be available for review beginning January 15, 2014 during normal business hours at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Southeast Michigan District Office, 27700 Donald Court Warren, Michigan 48092-2793. The review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Plymouth stymies Churchill in 2nd half

Wildcats hand Chargers KLAAs South Division loss

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Opportunity knocked Friday night for the Livonia Churchill boys basketball team, but host Plymouth was able to close the door.

The host Wildcats, who trailed 26-25 at halftime, had just enough in the second half to pull out a 51-47 triumph over the Chargers in a battle of KLAAs South Division teams.

Jason Reynolds led the victorious Wildcats, who improved to 7-4 overall and 3-3 in the division, with 16 points, while Deji Adebeyi and Randall Aikins chipped in with 13 and 11, respectively.

Churchill, which slipped to 5-6 overall and 4-2 in the KLAAs South, got a game-high 19 points from senior guard Donte Jackson, while sophomore forward Joan Andoni contributed 12.

Plymouth jumped out to a 13-2 first-quarter advantage before the Chargers stormed back with a 24-12 second-quarter run to take a one-point lead at intermission.

The Wildcats then outscored Churchill 13-9 in the third quarter to go up 38-35.

"We had a one-point lead and then came out flat in the third quarter," Churchill coach

Jim Solak said. "We had a couple of good looks, missed, then started to feel sorry for ourselves and let Plymouth go on a couple of big runs. Both the first half and second half Plymouth had a lot more energy than we did. It's disappointing because we played really well lately, so we just got to come back for (Westland) John Glenn Tuesday (at home)."

"It was a good win for our group," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup, whose team was 4-of-10 from the foul line. "Churchill was second in the division. They beat Canton. They gave Glenn a really good game, so this is a building block for us that we can play with anybody when we play the right way and when we play without mental lapses."

BAPTIST PARK 67, HURON VALLEY 54: Senior forward Ryan Schaffer's game-high 30 points went in vain Friday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-7, 1-3) fell to Taylor Baptist Park (9-1, 5-1) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Jordan Rundstadler added 11 points for the Hawks, who trailed by only two at halftime, 26-24, before being outscored 43-30 in the second half.

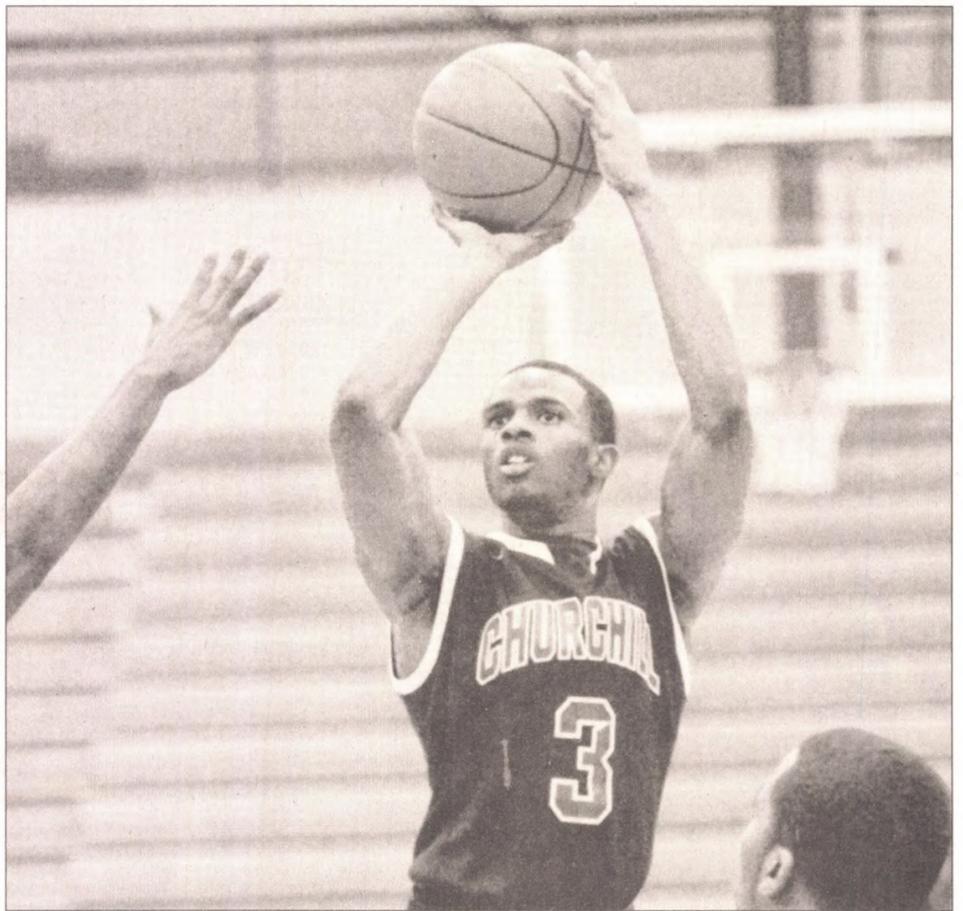
Baptist Park's top player Devante Schofield was limited to 15 points by the Hawks' Milan Monk, who finished with 11 rebounds.

"We played as well as we could on Schofield," Huron Valley coach Jim Ott said. "Milan did a good job, but Kaminski is a good player, too."

Baptist Park made 13-of-16 free throws on the night, while HVL made just 5-of-11.

GAMES POSTPONED: School closings caused several boys basketball games originally scheduled for Friday to be called off, including Lutheran High Westland at Newport Lutheran South (to be determined at a later date); Westland John Glenn at Canton (tentatively set for Monday, Feb. 10) and Wayne Memorial at Livonia Franklin (rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27).

Among the girls games rescheduled from Friday are: Ladywood at Marian (8 p.m. Sunday) and Franklin at Wayne (6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29).



Churchill's Jalen Davis takes aim in Friday's KLAAs South clash against Plymouth. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

KLAAs GIRLS BASKETBALL

Patriots secure 1st hoop victory

Franklin prevails against Wayne, 56-44

Word spread fast Wednesday night via Twitter following Livonia Franklin's 56-44 KLAAs South Division girls basketball win over visiting Wayne Memorial.

That's because the Patriots earned their first victory in 11 tries with a 56-44 win over winless Wayne Memorial.

Amanda Sanders paced Franklin (1-10, 1-4) with 13 points, while Tyonna Tate and Sarah Cramton each chipped in with 10.

The McNally twins, Jessica and Erin, also did their part with nine points and 12 rebounds, respectively.

Senior guard Ashley Bland led the Zebras (0-11, 0-5) with a game-high 19 points, while Shukeina Willis added 16.

Wayne, which couldn't overcome a 24-17 halftime deficit, made 16-of-21 free throws on the night.

Meanwhile, Franklin connected on 4-of-8 foul shots.

PLYMOUTH 55, CHURCHILL 25: Shelby Cheston scored 14 points, while Kylie Robb and Jady Woody chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively, to lead the Wildcats (10-2, 5-1) to a KLAAs South Division win Friday at Livonia Churchill (5-6, 2-4).

Freshman center Annie Yost scored a team-high 10 for the Chargers, who trailed 30-13 at halftime.

"Plymouth has good talent and they're very well coached," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said. "We came out early and held our own and started to drift away. We have to learn to be stronger with the ball. We just have to keep lunging away and keep working."

Plymouth was 6-of-11 from the foul line, while Churchill was 6-of-8.

STEVENSON 37, SOUTH LYON 26: Senior center Charlesann Roy finished with 10 points Thursday as Livonia Stevenson (7-3, 4-2) carved out a KLAAs Central Division win at South Lyon (2-10, 0-6).

The Spartans, who also got seven points apiece from senior Kyra Johnson and junior Arryn Dochenez, jumped out to a 20-7 halftime lead before the Lions cut the deficit to 28-20 after three quarters.

Jessica Mehr paced South Lyon and all scorers with 12 points, while teammate Breanna Bias chipped in with eight.

The Lions made all five of their free throw attempts.

"We were flat for most of the game, but a win is a win," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, whose team made 13-of-24 free throws.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL WRAP

Lady Trojans bounced by Novi Franklin Road

It's been a struggle this season outside the friendly confines of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference for the Livonia Clarenceville girls basketball team.

The Trojans are 5-0 in the WWAC's Red Division, but slipped to 2-5 in non-conference games following a 52-32 setback Thursday at home to Novi Franklin Road Christian.

Senior Kristen Massey poured in a game-high 30 points to lead the victorious Warriors (5-5), who led 18-8 after one quarter.

Ayanna Buckley, a 6-foot senior center, led the Trojans with 13 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocks.

Mikala Kieling added eight points, five rebounds and three steals, while Erica Katz chipped in with nine rebounds, five points and four steals.

Clarenceville (7-5) made only 4-of-10 foul shots, while Franklin Road connected on 17-of-28.

BAPTIST PARK 44, HURON VALLEY 39: Mikayla LaPlante scored 11 points, while Rachel Weathers and Rachel Eubanks each added 10 Friday as host Taylor Baptist Park (7-3, 5-0) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-3, 4-1) in a showdown for first in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Junior Julie St. John led the Hawks, who trailed 31-21 at halftime, with 13 points. Senior Dayna Schroeder added nine points and 12 rebounds.

"Their trapping defense gave us some trouble," said HVL coach Kris Ruth, whose team committed 29 turnovers. "We also did not control the defensive boards very well. We had opportunities, we just did not execute. We missed some key layups, and let them have way too many second chance points."

Huron Valley was 7-of-15 from the foul line, while Baptist Park made only 4-of-12.

"I was pleased to see us battle back in the fourth quarter," Ruth said. "Being down by 12 going and digging ourselves back in was a positive for tonight."

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 36, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 28: Thirty-five turnovers were the culprit Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (3-8) fell 36-28 to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (1-8) in a MIAC crossover.

The Warriors led 19-14 at halftime, but were outscored 22-9 in the second half.

Annie Sweet and Reagan Elrod scored eight and seven points, respectively, for the Lancers, who made only 2-of-12 free throws.

Leah Refenes scored a game-high 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Sabrina Morrison added nine points for Lutheran Westland.

The Warriors made only 11-of-29 shots from the floor (37.9 percent) and just 5-of-12 free throws.

In Tuesday's 40-26 MIAC Red loss at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Morrison scored a team-high 11 points as the Warriors fell to 3-2 in the division.

Parkway improved to 3-2 in the division with the victory.

DEMOLAY

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He's a good friend. I'm going to miss him dearly from a professional level ... he's irreplaceable. I don't know how you replace that guy for all the things he did for us."

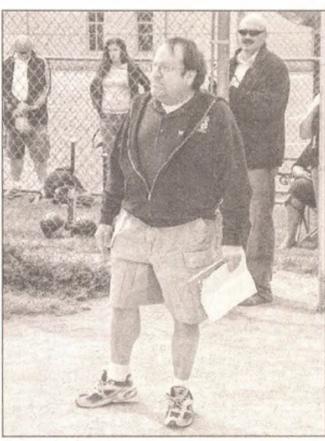
And like clockwork, DeMolay was always the first to call in his scores to the *Observer* or Detroit's daily newspapers, whether it be directly from the dugout, the football locker room or court-side.

Always there

"I'll miss him for what he did behind the scenes as far as the scorebook and how meticulous that is from his end, to calling the papers, to stats that he would give us and things he would do behind the scenes for the program and just having him being a fixture around our program," Glenn boys basketball coach Dan Young said. "Just being there with us on the bus and he was my guy that I could talk to and vent to. He was a great listener. And he's been a great friend. I'm going to miss him a lot."

In the WYAA, DeMolay wore many hats. He was in charge of baseball, basketball, girls volleyball and league director in football (for 20-plus years).

"I kept him around because he was such a viable tool as far as being a reference for information and he really taught me how to do



Keith DeMolay was a fixture at area baseball, basketball and football games at Westland John Glenn High School and with the Westland Youth Athletic Association. TODD KANGAS

everything," current WYAA football director Brian Dingman said. "At one time or another, he was president for just about every sport we have. He ran the Right Start basketball program, the younger kids, which is their first entry level into basketball. He did coach baseball early on when he was younger."

DeMolay's mantra was always "Paying it forward."

Giving back

"What I'll miss about him is not wanting of anything back," Dingman said. "It's very rare for a person to dump so much of them-

selves into a program. We'd go to lunch and he'd fight over paying the bill. I said, 'Keith, you've done so much and helped me out tremendously, let me buy you lunch.' He would either split it or he'd pay everything."

"He never asked for a grain of salt at all. He'd truly do a thankless job and never wanted to receive any accolades. In this day and age, he was hellbent on teaching citizenship. It wasn't about you as a person winning, it was more about the way you were carrying yourself on the field. You see there's tons of messages on Facebook from kids who played 30 years ago. That's what they took away from him. They said, 'He taught me how to be a man and how to show sportsmanship,' things like that."

DeMolay, who had just recently retired as a paraprofessional from the Wayne-Westland Schools, was a graduate of Central Michigan University.

"I've known him since I played for the Comets, like 1979 or so," said former Glenn standout Chris Scheffer, who later went on to play nose guard at CMU. "He's always been basically a part of the family for that long. He had a special place in my heart because he went to Central Michigan, too, like I did."

"He's been at Glenn almost as long as those bricks in that building."

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REMATCH

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Thursday's two-point loss to the Spartans.

"He does everything for them," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi. "He gets hustle points. I think he hit three 'threes,' but everything else was under the basket. It was him getting offensive rebounds or maybe getting a quick steal and a basket. We knew who he was. We planned for it, but unfortunately he worked harder than my guys tonight that were guarding him. He had a great game. Give him a lot of credit."

And because of Drazga's hot hand, South Lyon's 18-12 second-quarter run evened the score at 20-20 at halftime.

"Carter had a great second quarter," Host said. "One of the things that was exciting to see was when a team only scores two points in the first quarter, a lot times they'll start pressing and doing things you don't want them to do and it just digs a deeper hole. And particularly, we're coming off a three-game slide where could have had confidence and lost faith. But I was really happy. He made some tough shots, but they were within the context what we wanted to do. He really gave us a spark and played well."

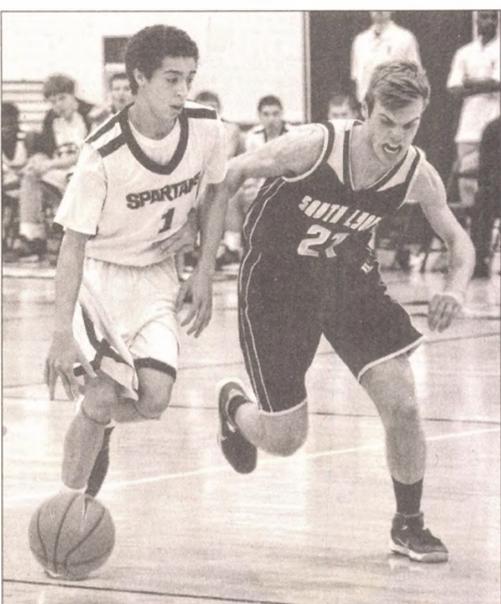
South Lyon seized control of the game in the third quarter, going on a 17-10 run capped by Tommy Averill's triple with 1:05 left to make it 37-30.

After Stevenson pulled to within one, 37-36, thanks to back-to-back baskets from Michael Bolin, the Lions answered with an 8-0 mini-run of their own to go up by seven.

Stevenson was unable to get any closer than five the rest of the way.

"Will Sanders (11 points) worked his tail off defensively against them," Host said. "And Joe Newman did a great job on Webber. Those two guys largely make them go. We wanted to make the other guys beat us tonight. They did a great job. The team was communicating where they were all the time. They were helping out as they came off screens and and stuff, so everyone was really locked into stopping those two."

No Spartans player scored in double figures, with senior Devin Kelly and junior Nick Hitchcock notching eight apiece, while Campbell, Webber and LaMonte Sharp each tallied six.



Stevenson guard Noah Campbell (left) tries to slip by South Lyon defender Will Sanders. MIKE IVEY

"I think they pressured him (Campbell) a little more earlier in the game, which maybe took him out of his game," Sinawi said. "But Noah Campbell was not Noah Campbell tonight. I'm not sure who that was playing in the No. 1 jersey, but it wasn't Noah. He was missing free throws. He was missing defensive assignments. He was really missing opens look where he'd hesitate and then dribble and pass it off. He didn't have a great game tonight. As he went tonight, we went tonight."

Stevenson made only 15-of-46 shots from the floor (32.6 percent).

"Jailen Webber only had six points as well, so they (South Lyon) good job shutting down our two best scorers," Sinawi said. "That's the difference. It's an eight-point ballgame. Drazga from South Lyon got his, but Noah wasn't Noah tonight and we're going to have to correct that next week."

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PREP BOWLING

Rockets girls orbit past Novi bowlers

Westland John Glenn has conquered all comers when it comes to girls bowling. Novi was the latest victim Wednesday, as the Lady Rockets won in the battle of unbeatens at Vision Lanes in Westland, 21-9.

Glenn improved to 9-0 overall and 7-0 in the KLAA's Central Division, while the Wildcats fall to 8-1 and 6-1.

Novi led 6-4 coming out of the two-game Baker set as Glenn won the first, 170-156, before falling in the second, 202-183.

The Lady Rockets dominated the first regular game, outscoring Novi 1,033-851 and also won the second, 953-842.

Jessica Pate was Glenn's top individual scorer, winding up with a 247-227-474 two-game series.

Other top scorers included Julia Huren (246-225-471) and Olivia Cabildo (239-

188-427). Emily Dietz and Ashley Kolb chipped in with games of 182 and 156, respectively.

Novi's top scorer was Sara Schultz, who rolled a 219-214-433 two-game set. Other top individual games were posted by Abby Ranks (216) and Megan Engels (188).

On Tuesday, Glenn buried Northville at Novi Lanes, 29-1, as Pate once again led the assault with a 257-248-505 two-game set.

Top individual games were posted by Huren (257), Dietz (204), Cabildo (192) and Kolb (178).

The loss drops Northville to 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the KLAA Central.

Rocks stop Wayne

KLAA Central Division boys bowling leader Salem (10-0, 6-0) won its first place showdown Wednesday

against Wayne Memorial, 22-8, at Vision Lanes.

The Rocks won the Baker set, 6-4, scoring 234-189-423 to Wayne's 174-197-368. Salem also took the regular games with a 1,048-1,078-2,216 to the Zebras' 1,024-1,020-2,044.

Top bowlers for Wayne included Conner Weber (236-229-465); John Willet, (211-232-443) and Nathan Van Meter (213 game).

On Thursday, Wayne improved to 7-1 overall and 5-1 in the Central with a 29.5-0.5 win over Novi at Novi Bowl.

Wayne swept the 2-game Baker set with a 267-248-515 total and added a 1,030-1052-2,082 total in the regular games.

Once again leading Wayne was Van Meter (233-236-469), Weber (245-204-449), Cody Gilbert (214) and John Willet (204).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Session 1 will consist of hitting, base running and infield work, while Session 2 will focus on pitching, outfield, defense and catching drills.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper

will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. if attending both sessions.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499 or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

CHS Hall of Fame

The 12th annual Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame induction dinner, put on by the Churchill Athletic Patrons, will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Italian-American Hall, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia.

Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m.

Among the inductees will be the 2006 Churchill Division 1 state runner-up cross country team (coached by Sue Tatro); football and baseball player John Stoitsiadis (1986); and former Churchill Principal Rod Hosman.

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, contact Rob Suida at 313-617-5448 or email rsuida@cmse-nergy.com.

WRESTLING RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 37 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 29 Jan. 22 at Churchill

103 pounds: Collin Reed (P) won by void; **112:** Brandon Harris (P) pinned Jared Bowers, 3:37; **119:** Mohamed Youssef (P) won by major decision over Jeremy Nelson, 8:0; **125:** Nathan Atienza (L) won by major dec. Spencer Schiftra, 12:2; **130:** Dylan Dwyer (P) p. Adam Ross, 4:50;

135: Nick Robertson (L) dec. Daniel Ahearn, 8:6; **140:** Colin Smith (L) maj. dec. Sterling Schiftra, 11:3; **145:** Jonathan Conn (P) p. Austin Stele, 3:10;

152: Kenneth Steele (L) dec. Samuel Campbell,

6:4; **160:** Nick Frazier (L) dec. Joseph Shaver, 5:1 (overtime); **171:** Jordan Atienza (L) p. Tarek Tamimi, 2:09; **189:** Hussein Youssef (P) dec. Dan Huber, 10:3; **215:** Joe Fortin (L) p. Ricky Burke, 3:51; **285:** Michael Jordan (P) p. Jeremy Castillo, 0:29.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 31-3 overall, 5-0 in KLAA South Division; Livonia Franklin, 11-6 overall, 3-2 KLAA South.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 47 GARDEN CITY 16 Jan. 22 at Garden City

103 pounds: Dylann Brigham (C'ville) pinned Ujkaj, 2:17; **112:** Darin Topolewski (C'ville) won by

major decision over Wilson, 15:3; **119:** Zack Richards (C'ville) won by void; **125:** Conroy (GC) won by major dec. over Seth Soto, 19:5; **130:** Arab (GC) p. Kevin Marzolo, 1:46; **135:** Joey Walker (C'ville) won by void; **146:** double void; **145:** double void; **152:** Alan Baumgardner (C'ville) dec. Desmit, 7:5; **160:** Cameron Fyffe (C'ville) won by major dec. over Wasson, 13:1; **171:** Domanick Slagle (C'ville) won by void; **189:** James Scott (C'ville) won by void; **215:** David Curvin (C'ville) p. Nichols, 5:41; **285:** Jackson (GC) won by void.

Clarenceville's dual match record: 7-11 overall, 2-3 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 97 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 81 Jan. 23 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Austin Klotz, Ryan Cossin, Alex Herrick, Jacob Forgacs), 2:00.9; 2. John Glenn (Josh Eddings, Jeremy Billings, Cody Hodges, Pete Augustino), 2:09.02; 3. Franklin (Nate Carey, Atharva Dixit, Dante Brown, Dustin Bowers), 2:12.8.

200 freestyle: 1. Jacob Forgacs (L), 2:09.77; 2. Ethan Nordstrom (L), 2:13.59; 3. Jason Burcicki (WJG), 2:14.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Jacob Deering (WJG), 2:23.27; 2. Cossin (L), 2:23.45; 3. Herrick (L), 2:27.69.

50 freestyle: 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.13; 2. Francis Mina (L), 29.03; 3. Bowers (L), 29.6.

1-meter diving: 1. David Cunningham (WJG), 164.55 points; 2. Jason Morhan (WJG), 79.05.

400 butterfly: 1. Klotz (L), 1:05.0; 2. Deering (WJG), 1:05.42; 3. Gavin Lambert (L), 1:08.87.

100 freestyle: 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.26; 2. Jeremy Billings (WJG), 1:04.09; 3. Drew Niemiec (L), 1:06.5.

500 freestyle: 1. Forgacs (L), 5:46.71; 2. Nordstrom (L), 5:58.81; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 5:59.18.

200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Deering, Burcicki, Augustino, Hodges), 1:49.78; 2. Franklin (Klotz, Dante Brown, Mina, Nordstrom), 1:53.13; 3. Franklin (Cossin, Lambert, Niemiec, Eddings), 1:55.18.

100 backstroke: 1. Eddings (WJG), 1:13.07; Josh Ferguson (WJG), 1:14.03; 3. Klotz (L), 1:14.14.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cossin (L), 1:14.49; 2. Herrick (L), 1:16.53; 3. Billings (WJG), 1:30.2.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Fogacs, Nordstrom, Brown, Herrick), 4:17.99; 2. John Glenn Burcicki, Ferguson, Deering, Jeremy Billings), 4:22.96; 3. Franklin (Lambert, Paul Sturgis, Niemiec, Mina), 4:54.86.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 2-3 overall, 0-3 KLAA

South.

PLYMOUTH 122 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 64

Jan. 23 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Keegan Kendall, Garrett Beauprez, Michael Wischer, Matt Weiner), 1:54.24; 2. Churchill (Daniel Saltzman, Kevin Taylor, Jose Melendez, Jackson Norwood), 1:54.34; 3. Plymouth (Bronson Knowles, Ben Yang, Aniketh V sai, Brandon Burger), 1:57.17.

200 freestyle: 1. Ben Yang (P), 1:58.56; 2. Jake Jarvis (L), 2:13.99; 3. Ryan Soules (L), 2:13.99.

200 individual medley: 1. Beauprez (P), 2:10.85; 2. Knowles (P), 2:19.29; 3. Melendez (L), 2:25.34.

50 freestyle: 1. Burger (P), 24.52; 2. Weiner (P), 24.91; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (L), 26.13.

1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (L), 220.85 points; 2. Justin Baker (L), 181.80; 3. Steve Hayward (L), 122.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Alex Johnson (P), 1:01.34; 2. Wischer (P), 1:05.1; 3. Tyler Opdycke (L), 1:07.9.

100 freestyle: 1. Ryan Heinze (P), 53.85; 2. Kevin Taylor (L), 54.33; 3. Burger (P), 54.99.

500 freestyle: 1. Beauprez (P), 5:18.96; 2. Jack Boczar (P), 6:02.13; 3. Jarvis (L), 6:04.61.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Heinze, Weiner, Burger, Johnson), 1:39.32; 2. Plymouth (Yang, Nathan Chimka, Cameron Zinn, V sai), 1:41.7; 3. Churchill (Saltzman, Taylor, Melendez, Norwood), 1:41.81.

100 backstroke: 1. V sai (P), 1:03.13; 2. Kendall (P), 1:05.0; 3. Tyler Galka (P), 1:14.07.

100 breaststroke: 1. Yang (P), 1:13.71; 2. Opdycke (L), 1:14.13; 3. Reppenhagen (L), 1:14.86.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Johnson, Weiner, Chimka, V sai), 3:41.86; 2. Churchill (Taylor, Melendez, Norwood, Saltzman), 3:42.57; 3. Plymouth (Wischer, Kendall, Heinze, Beauprez), 3:46.32.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 0-3 KLAA South.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 27
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Arbor Prep, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Calvary, 7 p.m.
Macomb at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley at Calvary, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Macomb, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Sunday, Jan. 26
Ladywood at Marian, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28
Luth. Westland at Calvary, 5:30 p.m.
Macomb at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Dearborn at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29
Franklin at Wayne, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Ladywood at Regina, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31
Luth. Westland at Macomb, 5:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Calvary, 5:30 p.m.

Wayne at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 29
Franklin vs. Churchill
Stevenson vs. Novi
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31
Ladywood vs. Country Day
at Southfield Civic, 5 p.m.

Franklin vs. Lapeer
at Grand Blanc (Perani), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
Grand Blanc Invitational
at Perani Arena, 1 & 3 p.m.

Churchill vs. Brighton
at Kensington I.H., 4 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Novi Detroit CC
at Compaware Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield Hills
at Berkeley Ice Arena, 9 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 29
C'ville, Fordson, Dearborn
at Edsel Ford, 5:30 p.m.

Luth. W'sld at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.

(KLAA Quad at Brighton)
Brighton vs.

W.L. Northern, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. South Lyon, 5:30 p.m.

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Howell vs. W.L. Central, 5:30 p.m.

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Grand Blanc vs. Lakeland, 5:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Wayne, 5:30 p.m.

(KLAA Quad at Milford)
Milford vs.

W.L. Western, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
Adrian Madison Tourney, 9 a.m.

KLAA Association Tourney
at Howell H.S., 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 28
Thurston at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Stevenson at Novi, 6 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31

Wayne County Diving Prelims
at Grosse Pte. South, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
Wayne County Invitational
at Grosse Pte. South, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASIICS
Monday, Jan. 27
Livonia Blue vs. Northville
at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28
Liv. Red at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

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Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

PREP BOWLING
Monday, Jan. 27
Ladywood vs. N.D. Prep
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Tuesday, Jan. 28
Clarenceville vs. Truman
at Romulus Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Warren Regina
at Hazel Park Bowl, 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Clarenceville vs. Trenton
at Woodhaven Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
Farm. Hills Mercy Tourney
at Drakeshire Lanes, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29
Ladywood Slalom race
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30
Ladywood Giant Slalom
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 30
Bedford Invitational, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
KLAA Association at Novi, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Jan. 29
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1
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Help Wanted - Medical

ATHLETES AND THE ARTS

Taking it in stride: Doctor raises awareness of performing artists' health needs

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Football players and marching band members share more in common than a playing field, especially when it comes to health and wellness.

"If you think about breath control, rhythm, endurance, innovation, cardiovascular training in sports, it's the same in music as well," said Dr. Steven Karageanes, D.O., director of sports medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. "In one study, heart monitors were placed on drum majors in marching bands and their heartbeat was as high as football players during drills. When you think about it, they strap on these instruments and run around on the field in formation, blowing and playing and drumming. It's pretty incredible."

The Plymouth resident is doing his part to ensure that medical professionals and the arts community understand the health needs of performers. He's a founding member of a nationwide initiative, Athletes and the Arts, which aims for a collaborative exchange of wellness, training and performance research between the sports and performing arts worlds. The idea is that performers can benefit from the wellness programs and techniques that have been developed for athletes.

"Twenty-five years ago, you had football coaches taught by their coaches. They were taught ...OK, you're going to do suicide drills and you're going to throw up and you'll love it. There was no research that was applied. Then sports medicine came along in the '80s and '90s and really showed that they could do things better.

"And now we're trying to do the same thing with the performing arts. Is it really good



Steven Karageanes talks about Athletes and the Arts at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.



Jon Batiste plays the harmonica at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

to practice four hour straight? We don't know yet."

Health hazards

Karageanes and jazz pianist Jon Batiste, artist-in-residence for the initiative, talked about health and the performing arts earlier this week at the hospital. Batiste, and his band, Stay Human, were in Detroit for a concert at the Jazz Café at Music Hall. Batiste grew up in a musical family in Louisiana and played drums and piano as a child. His father, uncles and cousins all performed music,

giving him insight into the stress and health hazards of playing music.

"A lot of the habits I developed were good and some weren't good. I went to Juilliard and the conservatory environment is very different," Batiste said, recounting the hours he spent practicing piano. "I went to Juilliard six years and never in any of my lessons was there any instruction about nutrition or any sort of quantifiable method to determine the pros and cons of playing long hours or playing

cross training into mental and physical skills to avoid burnout ... and get as many doctors out there to understand what is going on with musicians," Karageanes said.

Doctor/artist

Karageanes, who is married and the father of two children, shares a bond with performing artists.

In addition to sports medicine, he's also a filmmaker and actor. While attending medical school at Michigan State University, Karageanes auditioned for a sitcom and got a callback.

"They liked me and had me audition for a standup comedy show in East Lansing. I got a 15-minute gig. It was awesome. I killed."

While working as a medical resident in Chicago, he performed as an extra for films and television. In Michigan, he took writing and improv classes at Second City, graduating from its conservatory. Although he said he'd never trade medicine for acting, he wrote, directed and produced his first short film in 2007.

That led to more projects, including videos about Athletes and the Arts and the National Jazz Museum in Harlem. He shot a horror film in 2012 in Detroit and won the Action on Film Festival's \$100,000 challenge, which will enable him to shoot a comedy this spring in California. He also has been tapped to direct a stage show this summer at Go Comedy! In Ferndale.

"Performing arts to me is important and personal," he said. "It feels so right when I do this work, when I write, when I'm on the set. I feel peaceful doing it."

For more information about Athletes and the Arts, visit athletesandthearts.com.

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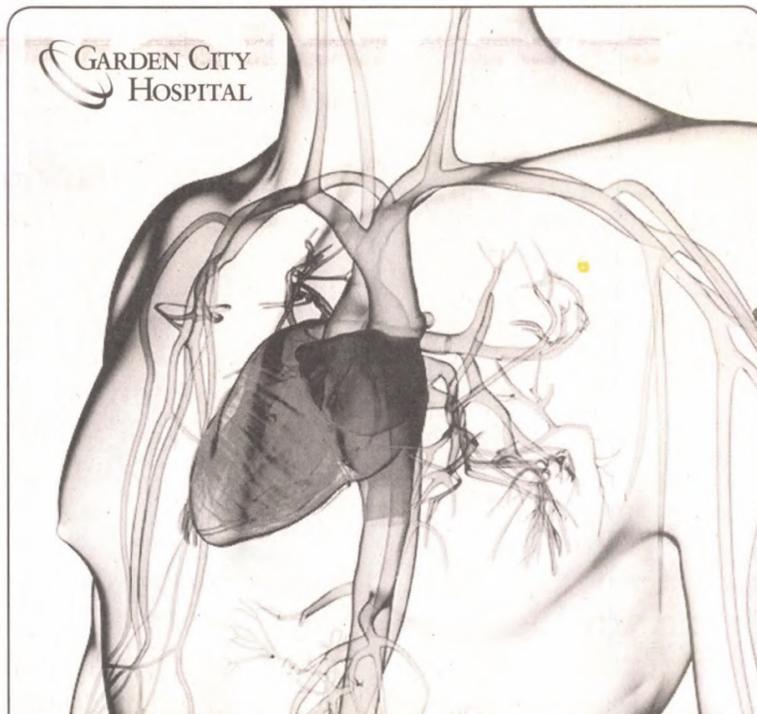
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JOHNNY GINGER

Detroit television star entertains fans in Livonia

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Detroit television icon Johnny Ginger was in his element earlier this week as he sang and joked his way through a free public performance at Marycrest Heights, a senior independent living center in Livonia.

He easily drew laughs, applause and eventually a standing ovation as he entertained with songs, a running gag, and jokes, bringing back memories of his wacky kids' shows, *Curtain Time Theater*, which ran from 1958-60, and *The Johnny Ginger Show*, from 1960-68, both on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

"I'm getting up there. I'm 80 years old now," he told the audience of mostly seniors, some of whom watched *The Johnny Ginger Show* as kids. "I feel OK but I don't like people telling you in a roundabout way that you're getting old. I got a half a calendar from my insurance company. That's not nice."

"I was in Florida and I was standing by the pool and a lady came up and she was admiring my alligator shoes and I wasn't wearing any shoes," he said, laughing with the audience at the joke.

"Back surgery. I looked around for a good surgeon and I went to this one office and there was a guy sitting there with a cane. They called him ... he was in there for five minutes, the guy came out, straight as could be. I said sir, you were in there for five minutes you were stooped over and you came out straight. What did the doctor do? He said 'He gave me a longer cane.'"

Singing for fans

Ginger, a former Livonia and Farmington Hills resident who now lives in Ohio, has performed at other Trinity Senior Living communities. He sang mostly songs at the Marycrest Heights facility, in-

terspersing the tunes with a continuous cell phone bit that elicited laughs each time the recorded caller — Ginger portraying a drunk — rang the entertainer's phone.

Anne and Brendan Dagle of Redford remember watching his television shows, but were happy to hear him sing.

"We're here to have fun and listen to the music we like," Anne Dagle said.

Claudette Bloom of Westland recalled seeing Ginger in concert many years ago and liked what she heard.

"My husband and I and another couple saw him probably back in the 60s. We really enjoyed him. He was wonderful."

After the show, Ginger autographed photos and CDs.

"The first (senior performance) I did was in Monroe. Then I started getting calls from other places," he said, recalling that one facility couldn't afford more than \$15 for his efforts. "I said is that \$15 a minute? No? Well, it was an assisted living center and I lived right around the corner, so I said I will do the show for nothing. They were so happy and they were right there with the show the whole time. It was just great."

"As an entertainer, that is all you want. You hear this," he said, clapping his hands, "and you hear ha ha ha and that's all you want. It's our food. I remember when I was a kid I would work in clubs and wouldn't get many laughs. I said, you know they say laughter is our food and I'd like to thank you folks for a light lunch tonight."

Detroit shows

Ginger did a stand-up act under the name Jerry Gale, before he auditioned for a 13-week children's show in 1957. He landed the show, which lasted 11 years beyond the audition, but was ordered to change his name to Johnny Ginger. During *Curtain Time*



Johnny Ginger sings to Jan Lukasik of Livonia. She attended his performance with Claudette Bloom (left) of Westland. Lorraine Minicilli and Pauline Gabrielson, both of Livonia, are seated next to Lukasik.

Theater he portrayed a "sad sack" stagehand and showed Three Stooges shorts. He traded the stagehand overalls for a bellhop uniform and the show was renamed *The Johnny Ginger Show* in 1960. He did character voices and wrote and performed his own sketches that were woven between Three Stooges films.

"The program manager had seen Jerry Lewis in *The Bellboy* and said, you're going to be a bellboy," Ginger explained the character switch. "The last two years I had built up this guy in coveralls, such a sympathetic character. I said you ruined this sympathetic guy. How am I going to do it now? Well, I pulled it off eventually".

After the show ended in 1968, Ginger hosted the *Captain Detroit* show on Channel 50.

These days, he not only performs for seniors, but has appeared in films as well. He portrayed Doc Robinson in the 2010 film *Alleged*, starring



Johnny Ginger goes all out while singing at Marycrest Heights, an independent living center for senior citizens in Livonia.

Brian Dennehy, and is set to act in a science fiction movie that will be filmed this spring.

"Entertainment — I love it all, as long as I'm getting paid for it. Ha ha."

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Skinned dog healed, ready to meet fans

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Patty, the terrier mix found stabbed and skinned in a southwest Detroit park last September, will meet supporters, well-wishers and fans at a fundraiser for the Garden City-based Providing For Paws animal welfare organization, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Adoba Hotel Dearborn.

"She has a huge following. Everyone loves her and we took a lot of video and let people know how she was doing," said Joann Dixon, president and founder of Providing for Paws, the organization that took charge of Patty after a Good Samaritan contacted Detroit police. "When (Patty's story) hit the news, people donated \$31,000 for her care. The outpouring from the community was wonderful ... coming together to cover all of her vet needs."

"She's fully healed now and ready to come out and meet people. That's why we're doing the fundraiser, because a lot of people want to meet her. Hopefully we'll raise more funds to help future Pattys."

"Patty's Coming Out Party" will run 3-7 p.m. at the hotel, 600 Town Center Drive, in Dearborn. It will include raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, cash bar, Patty-related items for sale, profes-



sional photos with Patty and an appearance by the celebrated dog.

Long recovery

Patty spent two months at Emergency Vet Clinic of Ann Arbor last fall healing from her wounds. Dixon said she worried that the injured areas might become infected because there wasn't enough skin to cover them.

"Our concern was getting her back to health. There's a scar and it's (the skin) a little tight. Skin grafts apparently don't work well on animals. They talked about using her own skin, but they didn't have a lot of skin to work with. They kept the wound clean and did hydrotherapy. The problem now is to keep the area soft."

Patty will have some help in that area. She lives with her new family, including two other dogs, in Redford. Dixon said one of the family members works at a veterinary practice.



Joann Dixon, founder of Providing for Paws, holds Patty.

"It's a nice, warm family," Dixon noted. "Patty looks great and it's unbelievable how well she healed."

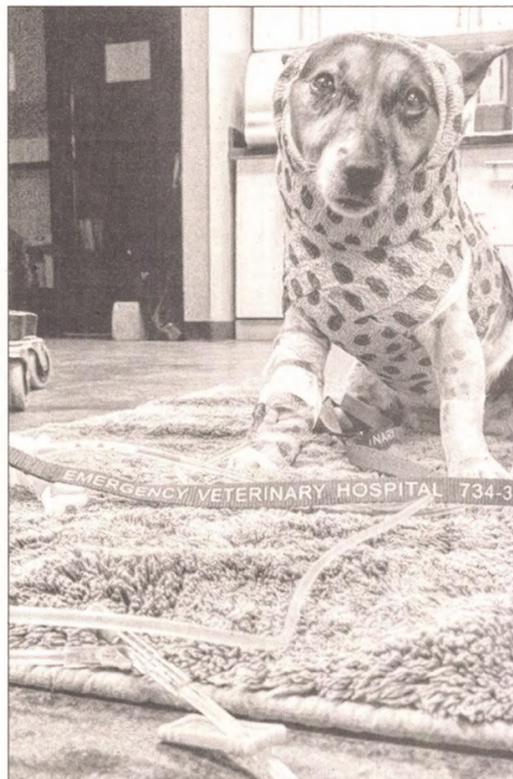
Dixon hopes someone will come forward with information about the crime. She said a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator is available.

Keeping pets at home

Providing for Paws, founded in 2011, is a community outreach organization that helps low-income families keep their pets out of high-kill shelters. It provides

financial assistance with vaccinations and spaying and neutering, as well as pet food for residents of six counties in southeastern Michigan. Dixon said most of its work is focused in Detroit, Wayne County suburbs and Macomb County, but has volunteers "everywhere."

"We also help with other supplies. If there are outside pets, we bring (owners) up to speed about laws and what is required. A lot of it starts with education. Most people want to take care of their animals ... most just can't afford it."



Patty recovering at Emergency Vet Clinic of Ann Arbor.

A handful, no matter how much we educate them, feel their pet belongs outdoors.

"Sometimes you can't change the mindset. It's the culture and how they grew up. You have to have a lot of patience. We see things we don't like, but you have to be patient."

Clients who enroll in

the organization's pet food program must get their animals spayed or neutered. They also can't acquire more animals while on the program.

For more information about Providing for Paws, and Patty's coming out Party, call 734-237-1812 or email info@providingforpaws.org

Climbing the walls? Mental health pros offer advice on cabin fever

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

It's been a long, cold and snowy winter, and it's not February yet.

Mental health professionals agree there are some common-sense steps you can take to fight the winter blahs, also known as cabin fever.

"It is the New Year," said Michele Potter, a licensed master social worker who earned her master's in that field from Michigan State University. "So many of us take that resolution to exercise."

Exercise is good for your brain, said Potter, a Plymouth resident and former Plymouth city commissioner. She said changing up your routine can also help.

"Rearrange your furniture. Try something new." That can be learning a new hobby like pottery or photography.

Volunteering can also help you feel better about yourself, she said. Shoveling an older neighbor's snow or grocery shopping for them will help.

"Reconnect with people," perhaps calling an old friend, she said. Even a manicure, pedicure or massage can help.

Potter, who practices at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth, agreed Michigan weather won't be cold and snowy forever: "You can wait a day. It'll change."

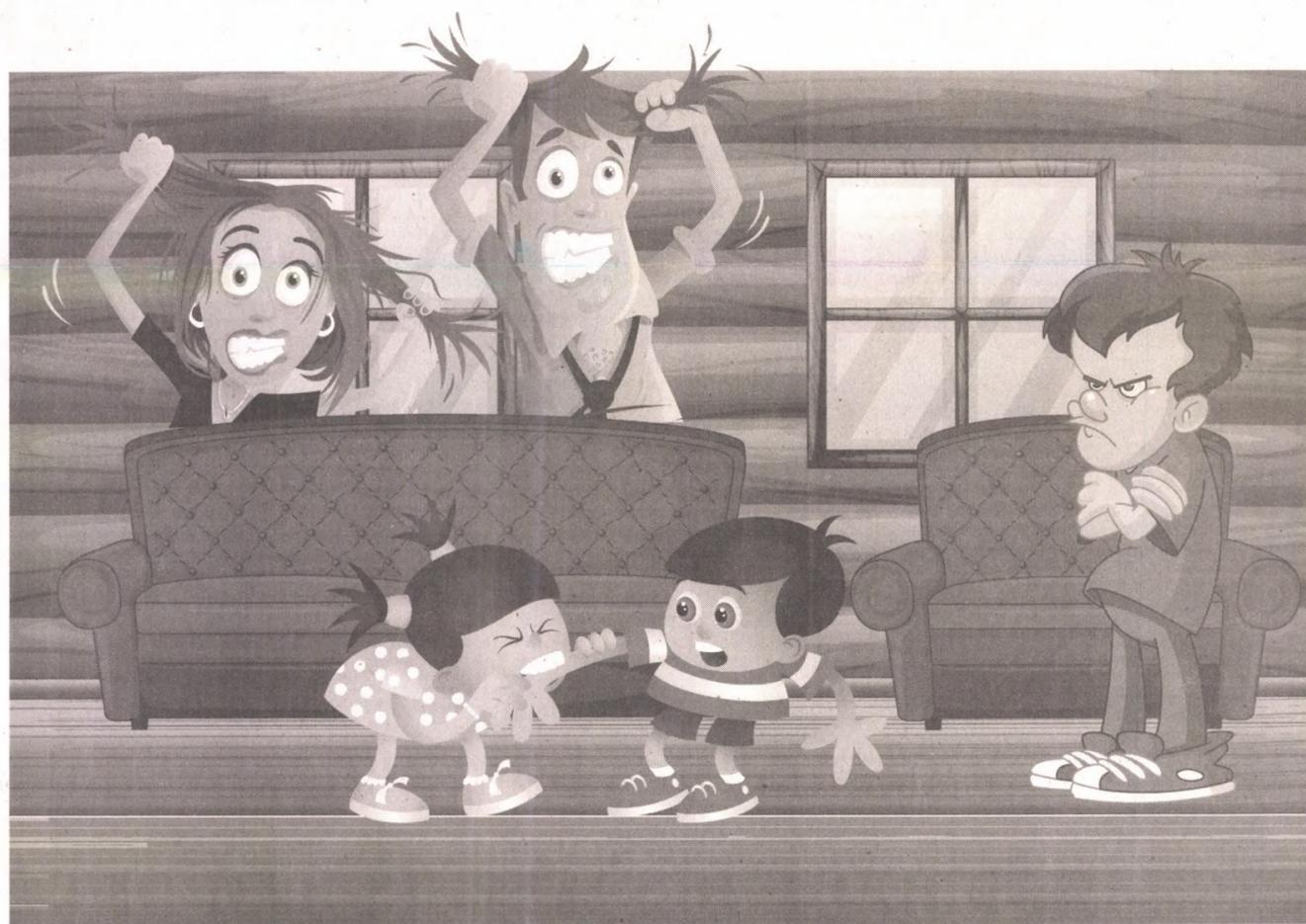
Janet Terry is clinical manager for behavioral health with Oakland Family Services' Pontiac office. The White Lake resident earned her master's degree from Wayne State University and is also a licensed master social worker.

"I haven't heard anybody complain about the cabin fever yet," Terry said last Wednesday. "All I've been hearing about is really the cold. Maybe it hasn't hit them yet."

She agreed with Potter on the benefits of exercise, even walking in your home or up and down your home stairs to get your circulation going.

Terry said you can plan a vacation, even if you can't take one right now. "It's almost a guided imagery," she said. "It's a Calgon Take Me Away, a nice thing to do for yourself."

You can host a "pre-



tend get-away" at home, Terry said, putting a beach blanket down in your living room and playing Caribbean music.

"Use a little bit of imagination," Terry said. Window shopping – if it's not stressful for you – or people watching at a mall, "getting out of that comfort zone, going to your local library" can help, Terry said. "They have videos, all kinds of things."

She agreed with Potter on fun learning, with Terry suggesting checking out adult ed offerings like yoga or cooking.

Remembering seniors

Terry said seniors can become isolated this time of year. "They tend to be a little forgotten."

You can check on older family members or neighbors, she said, especially if they're widowed. Meals on Wheels is great for checking up on seniors with its volunteer drivers, and many seniors enjoy senior center activities, if they're able to get out.

The social workers agree that being cooped

up can make family interaction stressful. "I always encourage communication," Terry said. "Why don't we talk about that and establish a new activity?" I really believe in talking about those things so the resentments don't build."

Potter suggested a "time-out" and "thinking before you speak in the heat of the moment" with loved ones. You can listen to music or watch a comedy before having that conversation.

"It's finding creative ways to keep the peace in the home," Potter said.

Terry said individuals can feel isolated at this time of year. "We're all watching a different TV set and not having that quality time," she said.

Feeling blue

Potter noted the scientifically-documented seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, does affect individuals. "The holidays are over, it's cold," she said. "The lack of sunlight can affect your mood."

If you're down more often than up, or have thoughts it would be best

if you didn't wake up, "then you definitely want to seek professional help immediately," Potter said.

Most Heron Ridge clients have employer-provided health care, although she's starting to see a few who can't find care and are paying out of pocket.

Terry's clients include those with substance abuse problems, and the Super Bowl, for all its revelry, can challenge them and cause relapse into drinking, much as the holiday season does. She and colleagues are working on boosting their refusal skills, encouraging Alcoholics Anonymous attendance and visits to Alano Clubs.

"It's about finding some healthy outlets and getting our needs met," Terry said.

Potter and Terry conclude with reminders that spring will arrive eventually. "That's one of the beauties we get, living in Michigan we do have four seasons," Potter said. "The snow will not always be here."

"And especially in Michigan," Terry said.

"It (spring's arrival) could be in March, it could be in May. Don't wallow in the winter doldrums."

You can even plant

seeds or tulips indoors, Terry added, while waiting for spring sunshine and warmth.

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JOINT STIFFNESS IN WINTER

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Arthritis compounds the stiffness. Osteoarthritis is hard enough on shoulders and knees. Those joints take an added hit from the effort to swing a winter jacket over the shoulders and the need to bend the knees while lacing the stays of winter boots.

If a person has rheumatoid arthritis, finding gloves that can fit over swollen and misaligned hands is difficult. Mittens keep hands warm, but allow no mobility for handling a steering wheel or unbuttoning coats. If the arthritis involves the feet, it is nearly impossible to find boots that fit, let alone a pair that one can slip on or off.

Individuals with either fibromyalgia or psoriatic arthritis are hard hit by a Michigan winter. The ongoing cold, grey days, the absence of light and heat bring on depression to people experiencing fibromyalgia. The winter absence of ultraviolet rays allows psoriasis to flare, including in that augmented inflammation tendons and joints which in summer are untouched.

Gout attacks increase in winter because even with boots and gloves, hands, wrists and feet turn cold, adding to the risk that the crystals of gout will precipitate.

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Emily Kuhn and Chris Turk announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Larry and Sue Kuhn of Redford, is the office manager at Meier Screw Products. Her fiancé, son of Chris and Yvonne Turk of Redford, is an operator at Aunt Millie's. An October wedding is planned at Fox Hills.



Chris Turk and Emily Kuhn

Southfield library hosting civil rights author

The Southfield Public Library will host author Danielle McGuire at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Library's Meeting Room. McGuire will discuss her book, *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape and Resistance - A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power*.



Author Danielle McGuire speaks during the Rosa Parks Day Of Courage at the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. GARY MALERBA FOR THE HENRY FORD

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Rosa Parks' spontaneous act sparked the 1955 bus boycott that gave birth to the civil rights movement. McGuire will discuss the truth of who Rosa Parks was and what really lay beneath the 1955 boycott.

McGuire writes about the rape in 1944 of a 24-year-old mother and sharecropper, Recy Taylor. The president of the local NAACP branch office sent his best investigator and organizer — Rosa Parks. In taking on this case, Parks launched a movement that ultimately changed the world, according to a press release.

McGuire is an award-winning author and assistant professor

in the history department at Wayne State University in Detroit. She is a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and has appeared on National Public Radio, BookTV, and her essays have appeared on the Huffington Post, TheGrio.com and TheRoot.com.

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Appliance owners need more information about recalls

Let me ask you a few questions. What happens when the vehicle you are driving suddenly speeds up and you can't shut it off? What happens when it catches fire while sitting in your garage? What happens when you turn the steering wheel right and you go left?

When things like this happen, you inquire and find out what is the cause of this particular problem. Multiple inquiries quickly reach the attention of the manufacturer and consequently a recall is announced to the general public. If not announced in a timely fashion, the manufacturer can suffer some serious fines. This is the law in this country and its intent is to protect the safety of each person driving a car today.

Can you just imagine how much money could be saved by automobile manufacturers if this kind of legal responsibility did not exist? Now let me ask another question. Is there any law that requires an appliance manufacturer to react in a similar fashion to the automobile company? I



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

say not even close.

In the 1970s, the federal government mandated that all appliance retailers must keep track of every microwave oven they sold. The reason was that there was a lot of controversy on the safety of these new inventions. There were false reports that a microwave could leak emissions of waves that could blind people, burn them, cause cataracts, and a whole list of ailments. And so the law was written to protect consumers if these claims proved to be true. I'm pleased to say that none of this was true and today the microwave oven has proven to be a very safe product in the American kitchen.

Appliance recalls

Now let's take a look at the appliance industry which provides no less than nine products in your home that are in constant use. Look at the brand names produced in

foreign countries that have little concern for your personal safety. It is reported that there are 195 million appliances under recall in this country and the homeowners have no clue that they are using a product that may catch fire and cause damage and death to their loved ones. This, folks, is an alarming figure and should cause every responsible person to react with necessary speed. Won't you be surprised to smell smoke in the middle of the night and find your dishwasher on fire or come home to find your clothes washer has deposited 5,000 gallons of water in the laundry room, and it wasn't even turned on when you left the house?

Awareness needed

Our media does very little to make us aware of an appliance recall. You might see a little blurb on the evening news one time, and newspapers are no better. Let the story deal with an automotive recall and the media makes a big splash. We have a problem that deserves some attention and solutions, if not just

for the future but also for 195 million homeowners who are living in harm's way, in the safety of their homes.

I want a law written in the State of Michigan and I have had some experience in this category. The law should read that all appliance retailers will record the model and serial numbers of products sold and when a recall is announced by a manufacturer it becomes the retailer's responsibility to make each customer aware. With today's high tech systems this should be an easy fix and a lifesaving service offered by the people who sell and profit from an appliance sale.

What I need now is a state representative who wants to put their name on a bill that can prove their worth. If a car dealer can do it, so can an appliance dealer who cares about their loyal customers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, *Observer & Eccentric*, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Farmington Garden Club

"Plants that make you itch & twitch and maybe even kill you," is the topic of the Farmington Garden Club's meeting, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, call Pat at 248-943-6026.

60-Minute Seminars

- Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County presents four hourlong seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 each or \$30 for all if registered in advance. Each runs 7-8 p.m.
- » Feb. 4 — Unorthodox methods of growing plants includes gutter gardening, spuds in a tub, cukes in a crate, and straw bale gardening, led by Paul Rodman, advanced master gardener.
- » Feb. 11 — Diane Post, advanced master gardener, teaches the basics of backyard composting, including the process, stages and methods.
- » Feb. 18 — Brian Hintz, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Canton, explains how to create a bird-friendly yard.
- » Feb. 25 — Scott Bates, owner of Grass Roots Nursery in New Boston, will talk about tub gardens. Register by emailing to mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

English Gardens

- » Get a basic overview of orchids at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.
- » Learn how to re-pot orchids at a free demonstration, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 and 8.

- » Learn how to get orchids to re-bloom at home, along with other tips in a free demonstration, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.
- » Get advice on planning a "four-season" garden at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.
- » The store's floral staff will demonstrate flower arranging, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Free Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

Heritage Park

- » The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topics are owl prowl, Feb. 9; maple sugaring, March 9; signs of spring, April 13; beginning birding, May 11; and bug and wetland exploration, June 8. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at recreg.fhgov.com.
- » The nature center at the park offers classes for preschoolers Monday-Thursday mornings through March 6. Each class offers a different nature theme each week and time outdoors if weather permits: Nature's Little Artists, for ages 1<AF>1/2<XA>4, 10-11:30 a.m. Monday; Little Trekkers, ages 1-4, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; Young Explorers, ages 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday. Preregistration is required for Nature's Little Artists. The fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for nonresidents. Little Trekkers and Young Explorers Preschool offer a drop-in fee of \$8 per class, paid at the door. Preregister at a discounted rate, also available online at recreg.fhgov.com or at the Costick Center. Heritage Park is located at 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills; 248-477-1135.

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KILGORE, HELEN STOUGH

Passed away on January 20, 2014. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 10, 1927. She was educated in the Detroit school system and graduated from Cooley High School in February of 1944. She was an athlete in high school and lettered in several sports. After high school, she enrolled in the University of Michigan where she met her husband James. They were married while they were both still in school. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She eventually graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a degree in elementary education. Her first job as a second grade teacher was in the Rawsonville, Michigan school system. Later, she taught in the Pleasant Ridge school system before retiring to raise her family. She returned to teaching in 1964 in the Avondale, Michigan school system until retirement in 1991. She and her husband James were avid sailors and enjoyed many years of cruising the Great Lakes on their live-aboard sloop. They also enjoyed many years of travel around the world. She is preceded in death by her husband, James A. Kilgore and a sister, Charlotte Stough. Helen is survived by her children, James A. Kilgore, Jr., David N. Kilgore, Dr. Sue Ann K. (David) Bauserman; a granddaughter Annalise Bauserman; and a sister Carol Lewis. Visitation is Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. until Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. at the Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (between Big Beaver and Watles Roads), Troy (248-689-0700). Interment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Share memories with the online guestbook at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

OBEY, JOSEPH G.

Passed away on September 13, 2013 at his home in Auburn, California. He was surrounded by his family and friends. Joe was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1942. He moved to Birmingham in the early 1950's. He graduated from Birmingham High and Western Michigan University where he was a proud brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Joe traveled the world skiing and was a member of the Austrian Ski Patrol. Joe made his home in California, where he raised his daughter Brittany. Joe is survived by his daughter Brittany Obey; brother Larry (Nancy) Obey; sister Jackie (Mic) Halpin; sister Pauline Obey; and many loving nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Bernice (Braaten) Obey. His sparkling blue eyes, easy smile, love of skiing, golf, art and costumes will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Joey.

SOERRIES, RAYMOND

Age 82, passed away peacefully January 21, 2014. Born one of 13 children to Frank and Marie Soerries of Hartman, Arkansas. Survived by his wife Rhoda of 58 years; seven children: Kenneth (Pamela), Keith (Kathy), Frank, Janell (Roy), Jeff, Margaret (Jamison), Raymond (Katie); 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Eulogy and Fellowship 3 p.m. on January 26th at Wixom Community Center, Wixom, Michigan.



May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

Beachum fills new philanthropy spot with Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, headquartered in Southfield, has welcomed Jeffrey S. Beachum back home to lead the nonprofit's fundraising initiatives as chief philanthropic director.

Beachum will oversee all development outreach in securing contributions from individuals, businesses and corporations throughout southeast Michigan. He will oversee the 34-member fundraising team in developing strategies, cultivating relationships and maintaining individual and corporate major donor portfolios.

Beachum spent the last 12 years as executive director for three not-for-profit organizations in Indianapolis, Ind. He has also served as a commercial real estate appraiser with Integra Realty Resources.

Beachum served for 12 years as a pastor/executive director of Salvation Army appointments in Plymouth, Mich., Minneapolis, Minn., and Crystal Lake, Ill. His last leadership appointment with The Salvation Army was for three years as the state director for youth programming for Indiana.

Beachum received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1983 and was ordained and commissioned as an officer and minister at The Salvation Army Seminary in 1989.

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Beachum

of chief philanthropic director to help balance the workload of our development and corporate relations departments, ensuring we continue providing the highest quality of service to our neighbors in need," said Major Mark Anderson, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division.

John Hale, who has been part of the development team since 2000 and previously served as executive director of development, is

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transitioning to his new role as chief operations director of development. In this role, Hale will lead the nonprofit in new areas of expansion, including social media, family stores in out-state areas and a new focus on out-state Salvation Army Corps development activities.

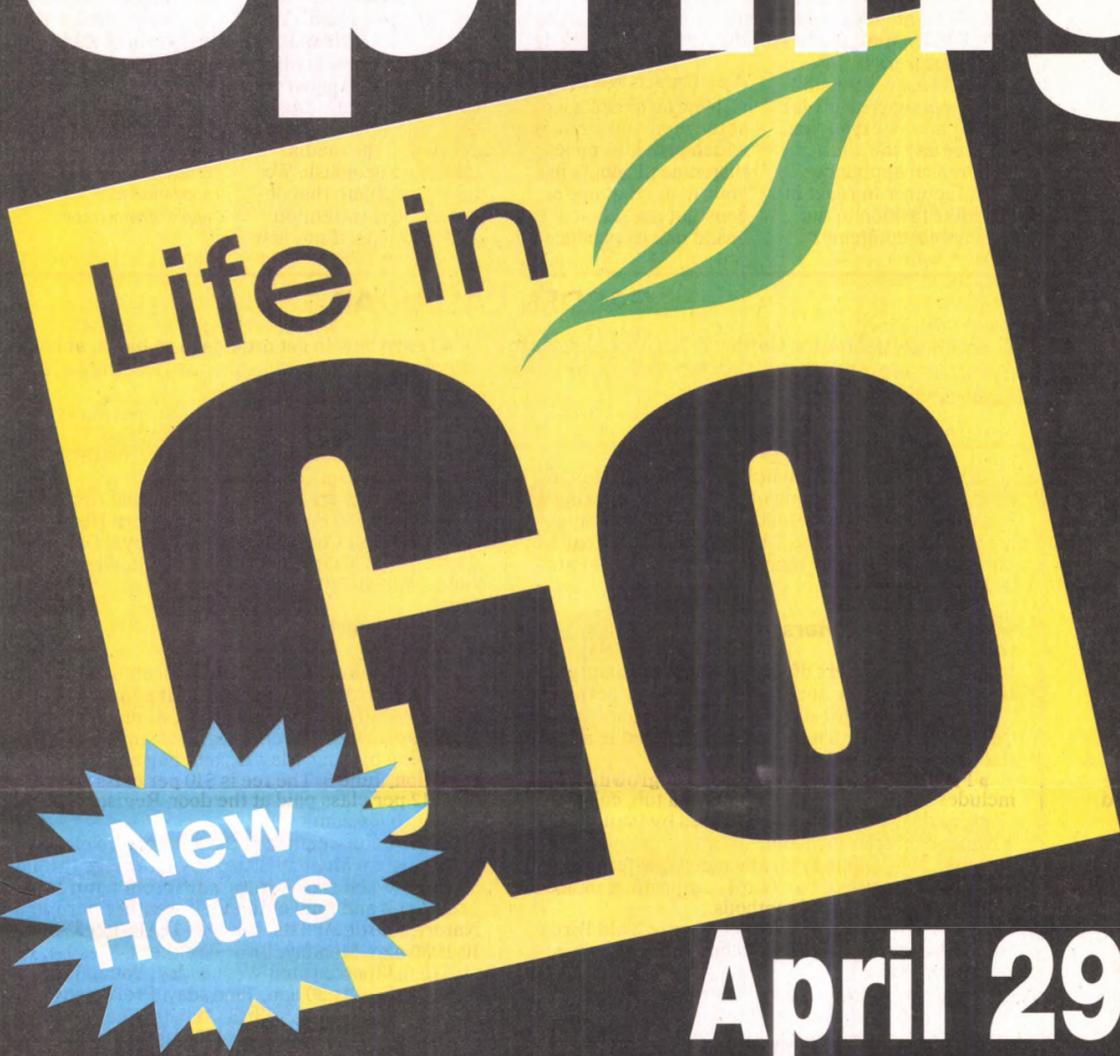
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5 Top Reasons Why Medical Office Managers Have the Best Job

By Angela Rose
Contributing Writer

Fast-paced healthcare environments are often stressful, yet it's the medical office manager's job to keep the operations of the practice, department, or facility running efficiently at all times. Doing so requires a special type of professional, one who excels under pressure, communicates effectively, and can balance the tangible as well as intangible needs of both patients and staff. Does this sound like you? If so, then you are well suited for this exciting career—and one of the best opportunities in the healthcare industry. Consider these five reasons why medical office managers have the best job.

1. Predicted Job Growth for Medical Office Managers is Impressive

In 2010, there were 303,000 medical and health services managers in the U.S., according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Employment of these professionals is expected to grow 22 percent between 2010 and 2020, which is faster than the average for all occupations. This is an

increase of 68,000 jobs. Why is there such an impressive surge in demand? The answer is simple: our growing aging population. Elderly Americans require more healthcare and healthcare facilities—along with more medical office managers to run them.

2. Medical Office Managers Earn Excellent Salaries

The median annual salary of medical and health services managers, including medical office managers, was \$84,270 in 2010, according to the BLS. The bottom 10 percent earned less than \$51,280, while the top 10 percent received more than \$144,880. Actual earnings vary by type of facility, size of facility, and level of responsibility.

For example, according to the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), median salary for medical office managers in practices with up to six physicians was \$86,459 in 2010. Professionals working in practices with seven to 25 physicians earned an average of \$115,000, while those employed by practices with 26 or more physicians made an aver-



3. Every City and State Needs Medical Office Managers

According to the BLS, 39 percent of medical and health service managers, including medical office managers, work in hospitals. Nine percent work in physician offices, while 7 percent are employed in nursing care facilities, 6 percent in home health care, and 5 percent in outpatient care centers. These establishments are located in virtually every city and state in the country. This means you can find a medical office manager job no matter where you live—and should you eventually choose to relocate, you can easily take your career with you.

4. You Will Use a Variety of Skills as a Medical Office Manager

To succeed as a medical office manager, you must use skills in organization and attention to detail. You will have the opportunity to exercise your communication abilities daily, along with conflict resolution and the management of a variety of personalities. You can expect to solve problems and handle issues that

arise between doctors, nurses, non-clinical staff members, and patients. Plus, you get to develop a basic understanding of all the non-clinical aspects of the practice in case you need to fill in. This means learning everything from reception and scheduling to coding and billing.

5. No Two Days are Alike as a Medical Office Manager

Medical practice management is not a boring job. On any given day, you may interview potential employees, negotiate a contract, and create staff schedules. It's your responsibility to juggle priorities, increase practice efficiency, and even manage the budget. Not to mention ensuring the organization complies with the latest laws and regulations. If you love a new challenge, then medical practice management is definitely for you.

About the Author

Angela Rose is an experienced professional who researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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Detroit Three Had Lots To Crow About at Motown's Auto Show



By Dale Buss

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And well they should be: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler each made huge impressions on global auto media and their followers, and each in very different ways.

Chevrolet executives were giddy after two of their most important new models swept the industry's coveted North American Car of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bestowed by a panel of dozens of automotive journalists who have regular exposure to new vehicles each year. Entries are judged on factors including innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

The Chevy Corvette Stingray was named Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck copped Truck of the Year honors, the first time Chevy has won both awards in the same year. Silverado was last named Truck of the Year in 2007 and the Corvette was last named Car of the Year in 1998.



Chevrolet's two winners: Silverado and Corvette Stingray.

Silverado outpointed the second-place finisher for Truck/Utility of the Year, the new Jeep Cherokee, with 219 points to 174 points. The third-place finisher, Acura MDX, garnered 97 points. Among cars, the Corvette outpointed the other two finalists with 211 points to Mazda3's 185 points and Cadillac CTS' 94 points.

Meanwhile, Ford executives were on the offensive as they introduced the world's most significant aluminium-framed vehicle, the new Ford F-150 pickup truck, and ticked off statistic after statistic about the company's burgeoning position and success in the U.S. and global automotive markets.



The new aluminium-based Ford F-150.

The new 2015 Ford F-150, to go on sale sometime this year, represents for Ford not only the crucial newest version of America's best-selling vehicle but also the manifestation of a huge technological bet encouraged by CEO Alan Mulally.

When the truck debuts, not only will it be the newest entry among the Detroit Three pickup truck segment but also, with the aluminium frame, the new F-150 could be perceived by truck buyers as a whole generation ahead of the competition.

Ford executives touted the new F-150 for advances such as a new body and load bed made almost entirely of an aluminium alloy that allowed the vehicle to shed as much as 700 pounds compared with the current version.

The new F-150 also will feature class-exclusive LED headlights and tail lights, a class-leading-size moon roof, a 360-degree-view exterior camera and an 8-inch "productivity" screen on the dash for infotainment purposes, among other advancements.

Chrysler was able to count at least two things that augured well for 2014: a robust new version of its Chrysler 200 sedan, and an indication that its charismatic CEO, Sergio Marchionne, will stick around for a while.

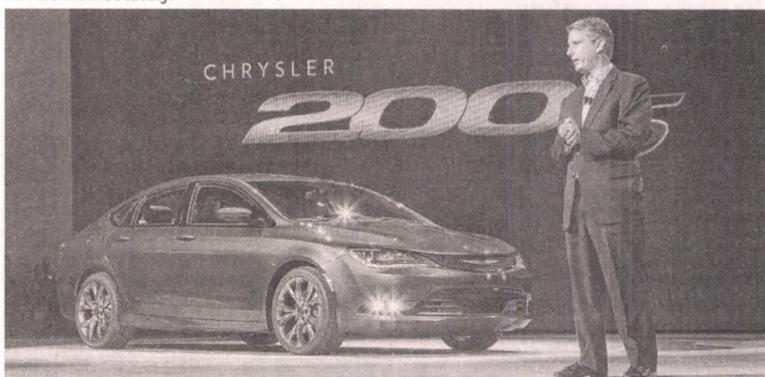
Marchionne indicated that he'll stay at least three years with the combined Fiat-Chrysler after serving as the master architect of the company as it has been cobbled together so far after the 2009 bailout. Marchionne's vision and charisma are widely credited as key factors in Chrysler's ability to come back even as Fiat continues to be hampered by the European market.

Meanwhile, the 200 was last fully redesigned when George W. Bush was president. Only the iconic Super Bowl commercial of 2011, starring Eminem, breathed enough life into the vehicle for it to survive this long in a segment that has gotten very competitive in the US market lately.

Chrysler brand president Al Gardner called the new 200 Chrysler's "flagship" sedan at the North American International Auto Show as Marchionne, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and other luminaries looked on. He promised the new model "will redefine the brand" as the company beefs up its Chrysler line up.

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Now that Marchionne is free to finish molding Fiat-Chrysler after the company recently purchased the final remainder of Chrysler owned by the United Auto Workers, Chrysler is expected to be able to shore up its Chrysler-brand product line. The new 200 should give it a good head start.



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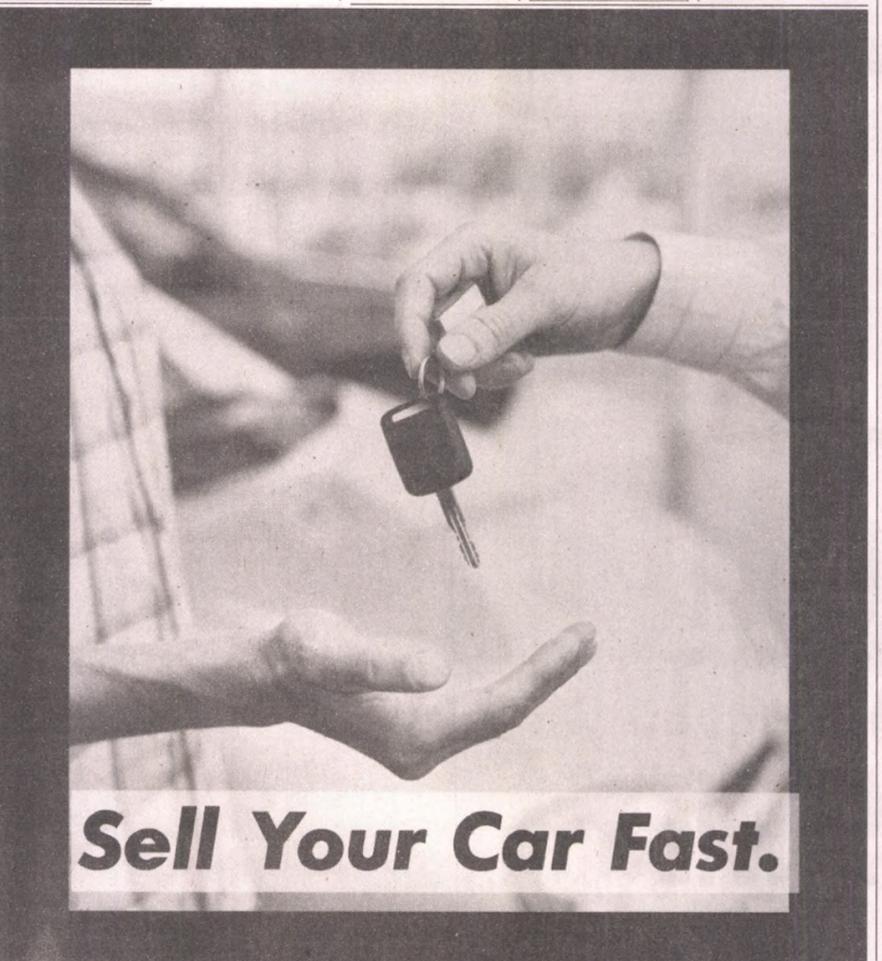
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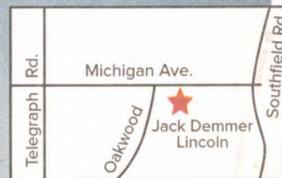
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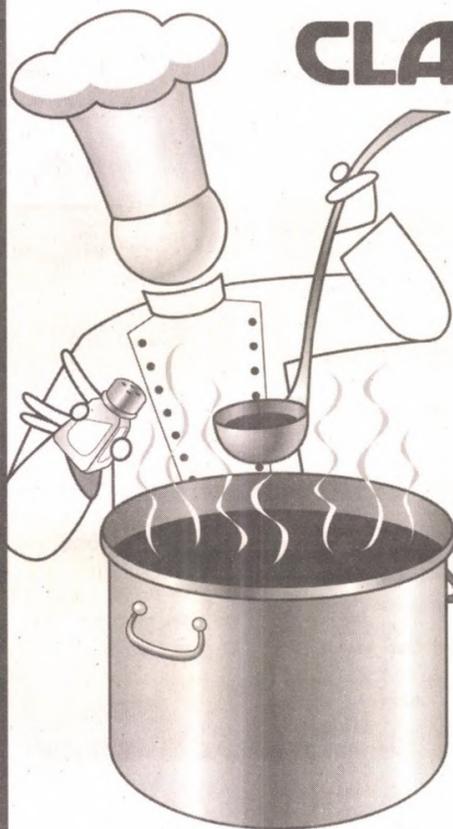
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