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Local man to stand trial for robbery

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on charges of robbing a credit union and three banks.

Harold Livingston, 42, waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court on Thursday before Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

A not guilty plea has been entered for Livingston, who is charged with four counts of bank robbery and four counts of armed robbery.

Livingston is charged with the Nov. 20 robbery of Credit Union One, 29450 Warren Road, west of Middlebelt.

A man reportedly entered the bank, produced a note demanding money and fled with

in excess of \$9,000.

Westland Police arrested Livingston the same evening driving around Norwayne, using a description of a vehicle provided by witnesses at a separate attempted bank robbery earlier in the day.

In the attempted robbery, police said the suspect was scared off when bank employees recognized him as a sus-

pect in previous Westland bank robberies.

Bank employees contacted police, providing a description of the suspect's vehicle. Photographs and descriptions of the suspect in previous robberies had been released by police.

Being held in lieu of \$750,000 cash/surety bond, Livingston has also been

charged with robberies at: Chase Bank, 31311 Cherry Hill, on Aug. 27; Bank of America, 121 N. Wayne Road, on Sept. 24; and TCF Bank, 360 S. Merri-

man, on Oct. 18. Livingston is scheduled for arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court on Dec. 19.

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Diane Fritz of Westland and granddaughter Karli Rohraff enjoy the food prepared by culinary students at John Glenn High School.

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Foundation showers Salvation Army

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Westland Community Foundation played Santa Claus last Tuesday evening, delivering cases of food, gifts and gift cards to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

The foundation used its annual Christmas celebration, held in the media center of John Glenn High School, to gather up items for the

Corps to distribute to needy families in the communities served by the corps.

"So far the Salvation Army has more than 300 families that have applied of assistance," Salvation Army Capt. Derek Rose said. "Our volunteers are out there raising \$195,000, but we could not do what we do without people like you."

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Glenn Shaw Jr., founder of the Westland Community Foundation, thanks the people in attendance at this year's Christmas party.

Visioning to address Wayne budget

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne City Council will have to wait until Tuesday to decide the dates for two strategic visioning sessions that will ultimately help officials decide how to deal with a looming budget deficit.

The city is working with Winchester Consulting Group to hold the two sessions that will bring together representatives of the city, employee unions, residents and the business community to brainstorm ideas on the direction Wayne will take for the next five years.

According to consultant Lisa Nocerini, the process the city is undertaking isn't about bigger or smaller government, it's about better government.

"The best thing you can do is not point the finger," she said. "These aren't town hall meetings where people stand up and yell. The goal is to protect the taxpayers and the high quality essential services they rely on."

Nocerini spoke to the council about the visioning process during study session last week, explaining the two-step process that ultimately will give the city council a framework for addressing the budget crisis.

She has recommended that the council hold the sessions on Saturdays several weeks apart. The first session would provide participants with a review of the current budget and a synopsis of the future budget going out five years, including assumptions for such things as property tax growth or decline and the impact of the personal property tax.

Breakout groups

Participants will be divided into groups for breakout sessions to go over the information and identify areas where revenue can be increased and expenditures decreased.

"In Redford, they had areas they knew that needed to be cut and how to get there, here it is an opening book," said Nocerini, referring to a visioning process that Winchester Group handled in Redford Township.

At the second session, the working groups will focus on

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State Wayne honored as Wayne 2013 Business of Year



Under the leadership of Phoenix Theatres President Cory Jacobson (left), the State Wayne Phoenix Theater has been part of some of the best community events in Wayne during 2013, said Wayne Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paul Strom. FILE PHOTO

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

In a year that included hosting a movie premiere and sold-out showings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Phoenix Theaters, operators of the State Wayne, has been honored as Wayne Business of the Year.

"This business has been part of some of the best community events in Wayne during 2013," Wayne Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Paul Strom said. "They set a great example of giving back to the community financially and

otherwise."

Presenting the award at the annual chamber luncheon to Phoenix Theaters owner Cory Jacobson, Strom said the company provides an example of positive collaboration in the Wayne community.

Phoenix Theaters took over management of the city-owned theater in August 2012. Accepting the award on behalf of his staff, Jacobson thanked Wayne for supporting the theater.

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FOUNDATION

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Cold winter weather greeted guests, leading foundation President Glenn Shaw Jr. to note that "someone told me they check the weather every year and this is always on the coldest night of the year."

"We have people get here early so they can the parking spaces up front," he said.

'Big fundraiser'

Guests were asked to give an unwrapped new toy as admission to the seventh annual event and in exchange were treated to hors d'oeuvres prepared by culinary arts students at William D. Ford Career

Technical Center, music by the Salvation Army Band and singing by the John Glenn High School choir.

"It's a big fundraiser for the foundation," said Sharon Scott who was there with her husband, retired Westland Fire Chief Ted Scott. "We've been coming since it started, I'm on the board."

Fellow board member Diane Fritz has been bringing her granddaughter, Karli Rohraff, to event since she was 2 years old. They brought puzzles and items from Bath & Body Works as gifts for the children.

"It's important to help those in need and this is a good learning experience for her," Fritz said.

Shaw used the occasion to thank the many people who

help the foundation in its charity work. Kudos went out to Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy who opens the high school for the event each year, and businesses like the State Wayne Phoenix Theater and Skateland which help the foundation get passes to give to older children.

Many thanks

At the top of the list was the Motor City HOG Chapter which helps out with its annual toy run. In addition to the toys donated by riders, the chapter gave the foundation the \$3,600 raised through the entry fees.

Shaw also acknowledged the defunct Westland Summer Festival Committee which donated \$2,000.

Thanks also went out the

SIMPLY DIAMOND

With the loss of the Electric Stick Poker Room, the Westland Community Foundation is hoping to replace the estimated \$16,000 made at charity poker events. It's joining with the Westland Chamber of Commerce and Partnership for the Arts and Humanities to host Neil Diamond tribute concerts Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Village Theater of Canton. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee and an 8 p.m. performance. Matinee tickets are \$25. Evening event tickets are \$75 and include a 6:30 p.m. reception with food

Palace Foods "which provides many cases of food below cost and finds other ways to help us and support us," Shaw said.

from top area restaurants. Event sponsorships include \$2,500 for a Diamond sponsor and \$1,500 for a Sweet Caroline sponsor as well as program sponsorships of \$700 for Cracklin' Rosie, \$400 for Hello Again, \$250 for Song Sung Blue and \$75 for Solitary Man (Woman). Proceeds will benefit the three organizations. For tickets, sponsorships or more information, call Westland Community Foundation at 734-595-7727, Westland Chamber of Commerce at 734-326-7222 or Partnership for the Arts and Humanities at 734-765-7061.

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identifying where to make cuts in the budget. According to Nocerini, this is the time for all parties "to come together and talk."

Once the visioning

sessions are done, the city will form a budget task force to develop "a healthy budget and a thriving community."

"You can also create other task forces - housing, business, economic development and marketing," she said. "They should be a mix of government, business and

residents."

As for finding participants for the visioning sessions, she recommended putting a notice in the newspaper, using Facebook and every source of outreach available. Pointing to the Redford sessions, she said the best notification was through the Observ-

er newspaper.

Nocerini also recommended that the sessions be held two weeks apart and that they be done before the end of January. However, a previous commitment and work schedule for Councilman Albert Damitio and James Henley respectively have the council looking at possibly holding the sessions Jan. 11 and the first week in February.

Need a location

As for the location, Mayor Al Haidous had

pointed out that the city can handle up to 100 people at the library or the Senior Activity Center, however, several council members favored a location where the breakout groups can meet away from each other.

"I agree on the separation of the groups, a lot of people don't want to talk in a large room with large groups," Councilman Skip Monit said. "They feel intimidated."

The council is looking at the possibility of using Wayne Memorial High School and informally

agreed to contact the school district about the possibility once the session dates are set.

"The possibilities are endless, but first you need the ideas," said Nocerini, who plans to be a part of the sessions which "will give me the opportunity to get to know the community. When you go for grants, you need community input."

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BUSINESS

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"In our first full year, attendance is up 20 percent over the prior year," Jacobson said. "All the other theaters in the metro area were down or marginally up."

That increase in attendance comes despite a lot of new competition down the road, he said, in a nod to the MJR Westland Grand on Wayne Road.

"We really need your continued support. We need to push attendance higher to make us profitable," Jacobson said.

Phoenix, which had theaters in Livonia and Monroe, converted the State Wayne's four

screens to fully digital projection.

A particular highlight of the past year was the premiere of *The Infiltrators* in October. Tony Award winner and Wayne Memorial High School grad Greg Jbara was featured in the film and among those attending the premiere.

The event, a benefit for the Wayne Memorial Champions mentoring program, drew more than 800 people.

"The line was nearly three city blocks long. In 30 years in the theater business, I've never seen anything like it," Jacobson said. "It was my proudest moment and a great event. It shows what you can do when we work together."

Another draw at the State Wayne is the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, shown at 11:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month.

"People travel here from Cleveland and Chicago," said Jacobson, adding that unlike many newer theaters, the State Wayne still has a stage—ideal for the shadow cast which acts out the film in costume.

Earlier this month, the theater hosted Rotary parade participants and watchers for refreshments, trophy presentations, visits with Santa Claus and a free screening of the movie *Frozen*.

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Kids, heroes team up for holiday shopping

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

It was all about kids and cops and carts and (gift) cards and fire-fighters and National Guardsmen, too, at Walmart in Livonia Thursday.

"Awesome," was the way Ethan Mowinski, 9, of Westland described his experience shopping with Livonia reserve police officer Chrissy Anderson at the Walmart on Seven Mile.

He was one of 61 kids who received a \$50 gift card to shop alongside a "hero" in an expanded version of the annual Shop with a Cop program. This year's event included not only police officers from the Redford, Livonia and Westland police departments, but Redford firefighters and National Guardsmen from Selfridge.

Redford dispatcher Kim Considine helped match kids from Redford, Livonia and Westland, who were chosen by the Goodfellows from families who need some help this holiday season, with heroes to help them shop.

Mowinski and Anderson had their choices made pretty quickly. He knew what he wanted - a Mega Blocks set - and he also got a Marker Maker for his younger cousin.

"I do it every year," Anderson said of the shopping event. "I look forward to it."

Meanwhile in the next aisle, Westland Police Sgt. Randy Thivierge was helping Emma Snead, 10, add up the cost of her choices. "You've got \$12 and you've got \$4, so you're at \$16," he said.

Emma was shopping along with brothers Evan, 7, and Isaac, 4. "Sweet," Evan said of the shopping expedition while Isaac tested out the propeller on a "Planes" toy.

Thivierge said he was leaving the choices up to the kids. "I'm just helping out the cause," he said.

Decisions, decisions

Redford Police officer Nick Dudek also was letting his shopping partner make the decisions. "She knew what she wanted," he said of Kiah Jones, 8, of Livonia.

Kiah picked out a Cooties game, girls winter boots, a My Little Pony doll, "Narnia," and "Olive, the Other Reindeer" videos as well as something for her mom. "Don't tell her," she said.

The best part of the experience? "Having fun," she said.

"Everything, mostly," was the best part for Harley Reffett, 10, of Redford. She, along with Redford Fire Department Engineer William Blacha, had picked out something for her brother, her mom, her dad, herself and even her four dogs - don't tell them but they are getting rawhide bones.

"It was great. We got everything we needed," Blacha said of his first time shopping at the event.

Jael Smith, 10, of Westland, was also finding everything she needed. She had a Slinky, Magnetic Creations, a brush, a Ninja flashlight and marbles among her items.

"She's good at it. She's thrifty," her shopping



Damien Shaw of Westland with sisters Madisyn and Autumn pose with Livonia Reserve Police Officer Pete Spanopoulos before the shopping begins. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

partner, Adam Pielecha, a Redford paramedic/firefighter, said.

"Found something, bud?" Redford Police officer Eric Kapelanski asked one of his shopping partners, David Smith, 8, of Westland, as he looked at Ninja Turtle items.

His older brother Josiah, 11, picked out the new "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book. "I heard it's a great book."

Livonia Police Officer Mike Lewallen helped Nasir Dais, 7, of Westland pick out police Legos. "He picked it out on his own, I swear," he said. Dais also picked out a remote control Corvette, which he was having wrapped by Walmart employees.

It's a wrap

Walmart employees were also wrapping gifts for Jalen Gonzales, 10, of Livonia. He said he didn't know what he wanted until he got there, but picked out stuff for his grandma, his sisters and himself.

After the wrapping, the kids also got their pictures taken with their hero shopper which Walmart is developing and

giving them for free, store manager Matt Vanlente said.

Vanlente said the event has gone well and even expanded this year to include firefighters and National Guardsmen as well as helping 21 more kids than last year.

Livonia Goodfellows President Bill Heaton said the program was



Westland Police Officer Kameron Sleep stands in line for gift wrapping with Jalen Gonzales of Livonia during the "Shop with a Cop/Hero" event at Walmart in Livonia. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

split evenly between the three communities of Redford, Livonia and Westland.

"We have a good partnership with Bill and the Goodfellows," Vanlente said.

The kids seemed to think it was a good partnership as well.

Redford 5-year-old Alyssa Mease picked out a toy puppy and a Barbie. "Very good," was her assessment of the event.

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District hires AD, 3 administrators

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools didn't have to go far to find two of three new school administrators whose appointments were approved by the school board at its meeting last week. They were already working for the district.

Receiving board approval were Kevin Weber of Westland as principal and Kesha Reeves of Southfield as assistant principal, both of Wayne Memorial High School, and Kimberly Cieszynski of Plymouth as assistant principal at John Glenn High School.

Weber has been with the district since 2004, working as a special education teacher until 2011 when he became an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial. He had been serving as the acting principal since Valerie Orr resigned to become principal of Monroe High School.

Weber has a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University where he majored in emotionally impaired/communications and a master of science degree in educational leadership from Concordia University.

"He has been acting principal since September and has done a fine job," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy in recommending Weber for the position. "He is more than qualified for the job and has a proven track record."

"It was an odd twist of fate that had me move here," Weber told the

board. "I've had 10 tough years serving the Wayne-Westland community and look forward to many more."

An 'opportunity'

Cieszynski also comes from the Wayne-Westland ranks, working in special education in the district since 2003. She also worked as a substitute teacher in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, a child advocate with First Step and a program assistant with the Beacon Day Treatment Center. She also completed a general education internship with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and a special education internship with Beacon before joining the Wayne-Westland district.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Michigan State University, a master of arts degree in working with the emotionally impaired from Eastern Michigan University. She plans to complete work on an educational specialist degree in special education administration from EMU in June 2016.

"I want to thank the board and Dr. Baracy and the John Glenn administration and my special education colleagues for their support," Cieszynski said. "You've supported my dreams, thank you for the opportunity."

Reeves comes to the school district from the West Side Academy in Detroit where she was an assistant principal and athletic coordinator. She worked for the Ford Motor Co. Barteck and Carlson Marketing Group before becoming

an integrated science teacher at West Side and Detroit City High School.

She has a bachelor of science degree in secondary education and a master's degree in educational leadership, both from Wayne State University and an educational specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Michigan.

"She brings some great experience to the district," Baracy said.

New AD

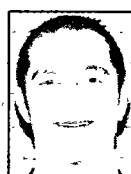
The school board also approved two other appointments. John Young of Pinckney has been named athletic director at John Glenn High School and Matthew Connolly of Royal Oak has been named field supervisor of maintenance and operations.

Young takes over for Greg Ambrose who has been serving as athletic director for Wayne Memorial and Glenn for three years. Ambrose will return to Wayne as become the full-time AD.

"He comes to us with a vast array of experience," Baracy said. He has an extensive player and coaching background.

Young was an assistant baseball coach at the University of Michigan, the associate head baseball coach and assistant marketing director at Bradley University, assistant baseball coach at Michigan State University and an athletic supervisor/director with the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

He has a bachelor of science degree in physical education and social



Kevin Weber



Kesha Reeves



Kimberly Cieszynski



John Young



Matthew Connolly

education, also from U-M.

"I love your resume," board secretary John Goci said. "High school athletics is very important to a high school career."

'Gets job done'

Connolly has been with the school district since 1988, working as a substitute custodian in maintenance and operations and a custodian at Monroe, Schweitzer and Hicks Elementaries and Stevenson Middle School.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I've known Matthew a long time. He's an outstanding person and a great worker," board President Carol Middel said. "He's always there to make sure the job gets done."

Connolly thanked Tony Spina, executive director of maintenance and operations, Hicks Principal Andrew Rosinski and the office staff.

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Are we taking public education for granted?

Dare to Care about Public Education is a series of articles written by the educational community of Garden City Public Schools intended to bring attention and understanding to issues of concern surrounding public education.

Public education — are we taking it for granted? Are we under the assumption it will always be available to the masses on an equitable basis? The first public school was founded in Boston, Mass., in 1635. However, education was only available to the wealthy until the 1840s when reformers, such as Horace Mann, contended that common school resulted in a united society with less crime and therefore produced good citizens.

Due to this reform, public education was provided to all children through grade 8. In the 1900s public education extended to older students with the development of the public high school. From 1900 to 1996, the percentage of teenagers in the U.S. who graduated from high school increased from 6 percent to about 85 percent.

I am a product of public education. I attended public education kindergarten through 12th grade and then graduated from a state college. Both of my siblings did the same. My older sister was the first of my mother's family to graduate from college. Our father was the first in his family to graduate from college. My maternal grandfather was my only



Dr. Michelle Cline
GUEST COLUMNIST

grandparent who graduated from high school. My two grandmothers and grandfather had to drop out of school, due to needing to find a job to support their families.

I am sure if you reflect on your own family you will find a similar history. You may be a family where you are hopeful for the next generation to be the first to attend college.

My family and I have taken for granted that our future generations will have access to a free, equitable education. I no longer believe that is the case, especially if current trends continue at the state and federal levels. Citizens of this state and nation must become aware of the vulnerability of public education to the forces (state and federal legislators and wealthy businessmen) that are working against it.

Charter schools

Michigan, along with many other states, supports the development of charter schools. Some states also support the use of a voucher system. While the rhetoric about charter schools is positive and it gives family choice, the truth is not as positive as reported and not everyone does have a choice to attend a char-

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ter school.

Many citizens do not have a deep understanding of how charter schools work. Charter schools are designed with profit ideology. This is an ideology that purports competition will raise the level of quality and success. When there is competition, there has to be a winner and a loser. Which children will be the losers in education?

Most charter schools are supported by for-profit organizations and they design the schools to be profitable for investors. Many of the corporations that support charter schools have been very successful in getting their investors a substantial return on investments that are supplemented with public tax dollars.

Charter schools receive tax dollars in the same manner as your local public school, but are not required to perform under the same regulations. Charter

schools are not required to provide transportation to and from their school. Parents can choose to have their children attend the school, if they have the means to transport them or if the charter school is within walking distance of their home.

Children of poverty, rarely have this option, as they are lucky if the family has access to a car and if they do, most likely the timing of the start of school does not coordinate with the work schedule of the parent who needs the car.

The cost to educate a child with special needs is at least four times greater than the cost to educate a child who does not need additional supports and services. One can imagine this fact does not fit into the ideologies of profit. It is harder to compete and be successful, if special needs and services are required, and it is less likely an investor will receive financial gains when those supports negatively impact the profit margins.

Cut in funding

Since I took the position of superintendent for Garden City Public Schools in 2008, the funding for each student (FTE) has been cut by \$572 dollars. To a district our size, it has meant a sizable reduction each and every year (which amounts to \$2.6 million less this year) to educate our students compared to the funds the district had to educate the same number of students in 2007. At the same time health care costs and retirement costs have skyrocketed, leaving less money for students.

As a public school district, Garden City Public Schools' goal is to educate our community and beyond about the realities of public education. We realize public schools have a great deal of work to do to meet the demands of creating informed citizens with skills to be successful in the 21st century. Our theme this year is to "Ride the Wave" of Public Education. We are working to assure our students are equipped

with the skills and resources they need to work and live in a global society.

We also know the average citizen has not been given the background knowledge to understand the issues that public schools face daily. This is the introduction to a series of articles we will be publishing regularly. We will also share with you stories of our successful GCPS graduates. Please help us inform you and then please share this information with others.

If we are not careful, we will find ourselves dealing with an educational system that mimics the 18th and 19th centuries, where only the wealthy were afforded an education. Do not take public education for granted. Join Garden City Public Schools, get informed, and Dare to Care about public education.

Dr. Michelle Cline is superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools and a resident of Garden City.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Jazz Winter Wonders Concert

The Schoolcraft College jazz studies program, under the direction of Riccardo Selva, will present an evening of jazz performances featuring the talented musicians of the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, in the VisTaTech Center main campus in Livonia.

The concert program — featuring both large and small jazz groups performing traditional, contemporary, and holiday jazz arrangements — is free and open to the public. Donations, accepted at the door, help fund scholarships for students in the jazz studies program.

Sounds of the Season Concert
Schoolcraft College's music ensemble,

including the Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and Wind Ensemble, will present a special holiday concert for the community at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the VisTaTech Center, main campus in Livonia.

This annual event — featuring a variety of spirited seasonal selections from a wide range of musical eras and a variety of genres — is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted at the door and help fund scholarships for students in the various Schoolcraft College music programs.

Schoolcraft College is a public, predominantly two-year college, offering classes at the college's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile; the Radcliff Center in Garden City; the Public Safety Training Complex in Livonia; and online at www.schoolcraft.edu.



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For example: Rheumatoid arthritis can go into remission. By the term "remission," doctors mean that all evidence of inflammation is gone, the patient is free of any indication that the arthritis is active. However, remission does not mean that the person is whole. The damage is irreversible. In patients with a past history of rheumatoid arthritis that means that changes in the hands such as deformities of the digits or loss of rotation of the shoulders is not reversible. Rheumatoid arthritis can leave, but the damage it has already done, remains.

If a person has osteoarthritis of the knees, then the arthritis will never go away. Do not believe what any television or newspaper ad says. Osteoarthritis represents a wearing down of cartilage, that can't be replaced any more than tread on a tire can come back after 50,000 miles of wear. And just like the tire, every step on an osteoarthritic knee wears the cartilage even more.

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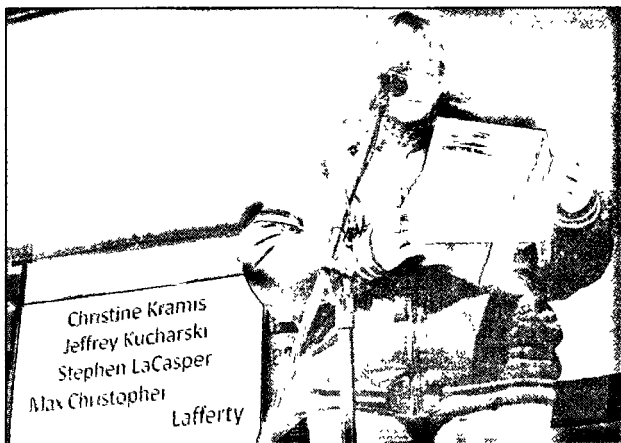
Candle ceremony honors those gone too soon

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

They came to mourn, to shed tears and to share laughs over those gone too soon.

The Compassionate Friends' Sunday evening candle-lighting service in Plymouth drew dozens of people to Kellogg Park, where, with poetry, song and a "circle of light" echoed around the world, they remembered relatives and friends who died before their time.

"There are several times a year I try to make it his day," said Kevin Moss, who lost son Wiley Moss, 22, in 2010. Wiley was happy, generous and "the best kid ever," said his father, who attended with a family friend.



During the vigil, Rhonda Temple reads the names of deceased children, including that of her daughter, Alyssa Temple. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I miss him every day," said Kathy Rambo of her son Jason, who died in 2001 at age 19. Moss, of Novi, and Rambo, a Canton Township resident who read a poem, *Candles in the Dark*, during the ceremony, were two of those who raised candles and braved bitter cold to honor their loved ones Sunday. It was The Com-



Vicki Johnson of Livonia is hugged by Philip Schreiber, boyfriend of her daughter, Michelle Lynn Johnson, who passed away Valentine's Day 2012. Michelle, who battled esophageal cancer, was in her early 30s. Michelle was described by her mother as loving, giving and very brave. "She wanted to live," her mother said. "I miss her terribly ... terribly." BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

passionate Friends' 17th annual worldwide candle-lighting, and also the 17th event in Plymouth.

'This helps me'

The event included the reading of three poems, recorded music — *Calling All Angels* by the pop group Train, *I Light This Candle* by Alan Pederson, and *To Where You Are* by Josh Groban — and the reading of nearly 400 names of the deceased, who were also remembered on ornaments that decorated TCF-sponsored Christmas trees in the park.

"You never get over the loss of a child. This helps me through the grieving process, to help others," said Rambo, a co-leader of the western Wayne County TCF chapter.

There were similar events Sunday, organizers said, at 7 p.m. local time in every time zone across the globe, adding up to a rotating 24-hour vigil.

Kevin Moss, attending his fourth Kellogg Park TCF ceremony, said it was an opportunity to remember his son and be



Jamie Fidler signs the song "Calling All Angels," by Train, during the ceremony. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sad and happy at the same time. His ex-wife, Lisa Moss, had gotten him involved with The Compassionate Friends, he said, and is still involved herself.

Wiley was "crazy in a good way," "awesome" and "looked after everybody," he said.

Moss recalled that when Wiley was on his high school's homecoming court as a sophomore, an overweight girl had also been elected to the court as a prank, but that his son went out of his way to dance with her, make her feel comfortable and help her get the most out of the event. "I

got this," Wiley told his father at the time.

Wiley was the life of the party, Moss and his friend agreed. "He's got them laughing up there," Moss reflected.

Paying forward

Jason Rambo was "energetic" and "full of life," his mother said.

"In those 19 years, he just loved life," she said.

Gail Lafferty, an event organizer, agreed with Rambo that reaching out to others who are grieving helps them with their own mourning. Lafferty lost son Max, 18, the day after Christmas in 1995.

"The holidays are hard for us," Lafferty said. "People were there for me. ... This is kind of paying it forward."

The western Wayne County chapter of The Compassionate Friends meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia. The group's phone number is 734-778-0800 and its website is www.tcfilivonia.org.

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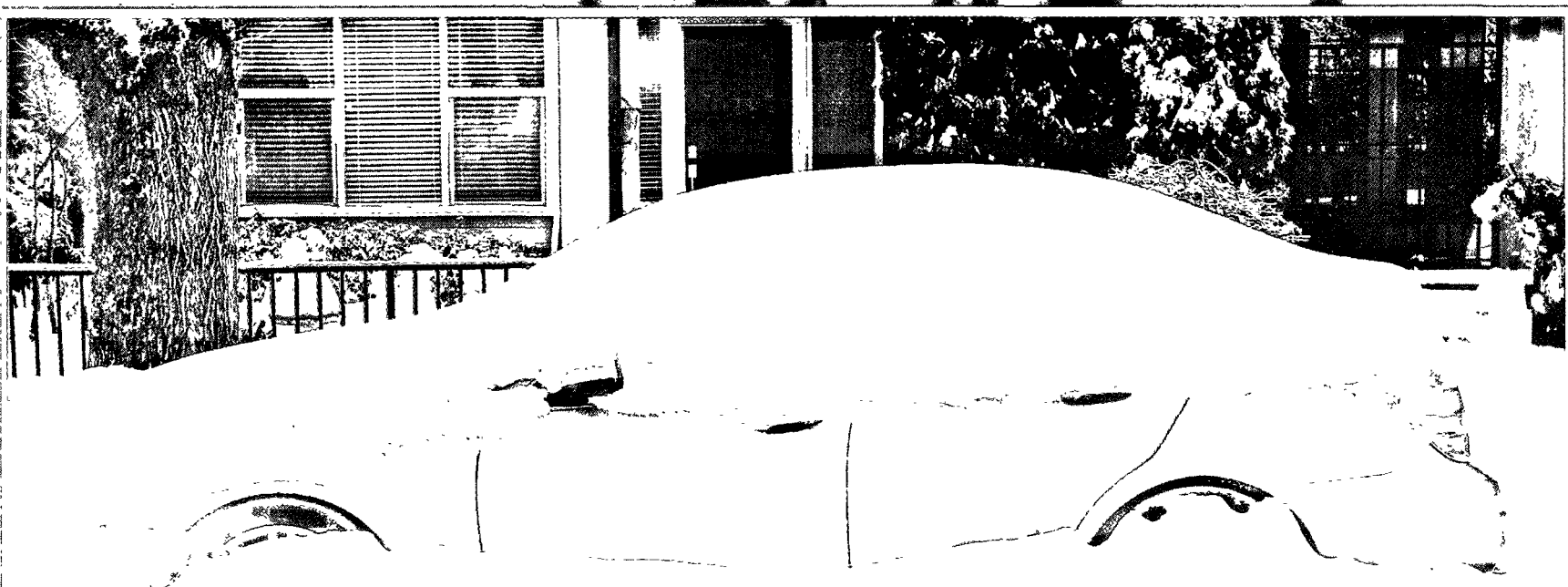
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Filing an amended tax return after mistake

Q: Dear Rick: I just received notice from the individual who prepares my tax return that a mistake was made on my 2012 return. Deductions that I was not entitled to were used. The bottom line is I owe an additional \$4,000 in taxes. They have prepared an amended return for me, free of charge, and have informed me they will pay any interest that the IRS may assess. Since it was their mistake they should be responsible for the tax as well. Do you agree? What will happen if I don't file an amended return? Should I just



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

wait until I hear from the IRS?

A: I do not agree. If they had correctly prepared your return, you would have owed that additional tax liability. The fact that they made a mistake did not cause you any harm with regard to the tax liability. The harm comes in that the IRS will assess you interest and that is what they have offered to compensate you. I believe their response to

you was fair. You may wish to discuss what happens if you are assessed a penalty. It would seem to me they are liable for that as well.

As to whether you should file the amended return, it is a slam dunk—yes. It is our responsibility as taxpayers to file accurate returns. When a mistake is made, it is our obligation to correct it and that is why you file amended returns.

In addition, it makes sense to file an amended return because if you do not and if for some reason the IRS discovers the error, you could cause yourself more tax problems. Not only can they

assess you additional penalties, but it could also cause them to further scrutinize your 2012 return and potentially past returns.

I have no idea what the chances are of the IRS discovering the error. My general belief is that if you discover an error and it is material, such as in your particular case, then it absolutely makes sense to be proactive. I believe you are in much better shape in dealing with the IRS if you come forward and correct your error as opposed to them discovering it.

Therefore, I believe it is in your best interest to

file the amended return.

It is important to recognize that whether we use professional tax preparers ultimately you are responsible for your tax return. Make sure to hire someone taking continuing education on a year-by-year basis. Someone who hasn't updated their skills in a couple of years is out of date. In the last 10 years there have been more than 4,000 changes to tax laws. If you do the math, that's over one each day. Obviously, not all those changes to the tax code affect individuals, however, many do. In addition, throughout the year there are new rulings and interpreta-

tions of the tax code.

As 2013 winds down, it's wise to start your search now for a professional tax preparer. Talk to family and friends to see whom they have used or get a referral from another professional. Filing your tax returns is too important to just trust to anyone. Don't hire the cheapest tax preparer, hire a competent one.

Good luck.

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

Think fire safety first to ensure festive holiday season

'Tis the season to water your Christmas tree daily and use caution with candles and electric lights to keep this joyous time of year safe.

"A dry tree is extremely flammable and could rapidly become a towering inferno in your living room. You would have only seconds to escape a potentially deadly fire — don't risk the loss of family, friends or your home," State Fire Marshal Richard Miller said.

"Assess your electrical lights and cords for possible deficiencies. Shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches are also the most common causes of tree and house fires this time of year."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one of every three home

Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems and one in six are caused by a heat source too close to the tree. Statistics show that Christmas tree fires are much more likely to cause death than average home fires and the risk of fire is higher with natural trees than artificial ones.

If buying a "real" tree, Miller said to make sure it's as fresh as possible with needles that don't readily fall off. Make a fresh cut of 1-2-inch at the base of the trunk to allow it to absorb water. Place the tree in a non-tip style holder with wide feet. Use only holiday lights that have been approved by a testing agency, such as the Underwriters Laboratories, and have a UL-tested label on them. LED lights are cooler and use less

electricity than conventional lights.

Never use lighted candles on the tree. Keep lit candles away from decorations, presents, furniture, draperies or anything that can burn. Keep candles up high away from children and pets. Use battery operated, flameless candles. Never leave home or go to bed with lights on or candles lit.

Additional holiday fire safety tips:

» Make sure the tree is away from doorways, fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other heat sources that could cause it to dry out prematurely or catch fire.

» If you use an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled "flame-retardant." This indicates the tree will resist burning and should extinguish

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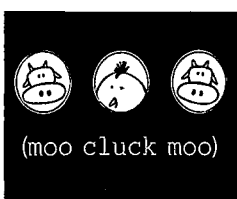
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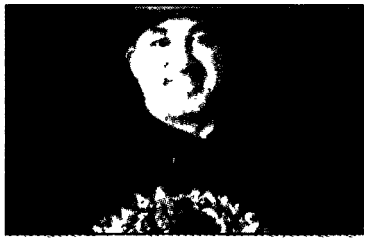
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The library offers me the opportunity to find books and resources that keep me up to date with the latest and greatest information out there. I can find recipes and books about baking for myself and for my students in order to bring learning to life!

Donating blood with the Red Cross

The American Red Cross blood program started in 1940 and supplies about 40 percent of the U.S. blood supply. One blood donation can help save the lives of up to three people. The majority of donated blood goes to people receiving treatment for cancer, as well as people who have suffered traumatic accidents, burns or those undergoing surgery. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood transfusions save the lives of 4.5 million Americans per year.

The American Red Cross estimates that 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood. In order to donate blood, a person must be healthy, at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), and weigh at least 110 pounds. Other factors, such as travel to certain countries, history of intravenous drug use, or diagnosis of certain diseases, may make a person



ineligible to donate. On Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the library. All interested donors may sign up at the American Red Cross website or by phone. To register, navigate to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: wplccp or call 800-RED-CROSS. Anyone over 17 (or 16 with a permission slip) can register to donate blood. Please note that blood drive will be taking place at the Red Cross bus located in the library parking lot.

The library carries a variety of materials related to the biology of blood and the history of medical relief organizations like the Red Cross. For adults, check out *Blood and Guts: A History of Surgery* by Richard Hollingham or *Cham-*

pions of Charity: War and the Rise of the Red Cross by John F. Hutchinson. For kids, check out *Blood: Physiology and Circulation* edited by Kara Rogers, *Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross* by Dorothy Francis, or the DVD video *All About Blood and the Heart*.

If you'd like to learn more about the Red Cross and blood donations, visit the library's website - www.westlandlibrary.org - give us a call at 734-326-6123, or stop by the Reference Desk.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighted Activities

Teen - **Minecraft Club**, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 16, ages 12-18: Play Minecraft on the Westland Teen's multiplayer server or try a cool Minecraft craft. You

don't need your own login to play. We'll get you started.

Read with Buddy, the Therapy Dog, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16, ages 4-12: Do you love to read books? Want to practice your reading? Would you like to read a book to a new buddy? Stop by the Youth Department on and read to Buddy, a certified therapy dog. Buddy will not care if you mess up, but he might be sad if you forget to pet him. This is a drop-in program; no registration required.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. Dec. 16: 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. Refreshments provided.

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Tween - Holiday Craft: Fleece Pillows, 6 p.m. Dec. 17, fifth-eighth graders: It's time to cuddle up with something soft and warm. How

about a fleece pillow that you make yourself? No sewing necessary. Choose from a selection of patterns and make a gift for someone special. Registration required.

My Money and Me, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17: This final program in a four-part series developed by Mark B. Robinson CI-MA® AIFA® in association with Michigan State University Extension. Tonight's program is "Manage Your Future Now." Participants will examine the definition of "risk" and "safe" and how our various interpretations of them may affect our future. The session concludes with instruction on the importance of being informed, aware and adaptive.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. Dec. 18, 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 student to participate.

Father Christmas, 7 p.m. Dec. 18, ages 7-11: Learn about the original spirit of Christmas from the character named Father Christmas. He will teach us about the first St. Nicholas and how he cared for the needy by providing them with food and shelter. We will also look at how different countries celebrate Christmas. Presented by the Magic Theatrics Co. Parents desiring photos of their child with Father Christmas can bring a camera for photos after the program. Snacks, refreshments, and a craft provided afterward, as well. Help celebrate the spirit of Christmas by donating a canned or dry good which will be given to Gleaners Community Food Bank; donation not required to attend.

Adult Book Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Dec. 18: David Ebershoff's

19th Wife blends two stories from different centuries to examine the pitfalls of religious extremism. He begins in the 1870s with Ann Eliza Young, the real 19th wife of Brigham Young, a founder of the early Mormon faith. Ebershoff then takes us to the modern day life of fictional character, Jordan Scott, the 20-year-old son of another 19th wife. Multiple perspectives of faith are navigated with insight and sensitivity as history and a mystery simultaneously unfold. Limited number of copies will be available at the Reference Desk.

eReader and Tablet Support Group, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 19: Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/Tablet expert will be on hand

to answer the difficult questions.

Teens - DIY Holiday Gifts, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 19, ages 12-18: Make some book-themed holiday crafts to give as gifts (or keep for yourself). Not crafty? We'll have some super easy options that still look impressive. No registration.

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John Owens, communications director at Forgotten Harvest, settles into his new office on the ninth floor in the Charter One Building. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The development and finance committee gather in the Superior room of the new Forgotten Harvest offices. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
Correspondent

"Tis the season to remember that gifts come in all forms. Forgotten Harvest, our region's only food rescue organization, received an early holiday gift last month in the form of 8,000 square feet of fully furnished office space.

The gift-giver was Grant Thornton LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm with offices in the Southfield American Center building on Franklin Road. Grant Thornton consolidated its offices and wound up with an entire floor of unused space, so the company subleased half of it and gave the other half to Forgotten Harvest for use through November 2017.

The nonprofit company runs lean, with 80 employees responsible for collecting 875,000 pounds of unused food each week from manufacturers, grocery stores, restaurants and other sources, and distributing it to emergency food agencies throughout Metro Detroit. Nevertheless, Forgotten Harvest's staff had far outgrown the available space in its Oak Park warehouse and distribution center.

"We were bursting at the seams," said Forgotten Harvest President and CEO Susan Goodell, a resident of Birmingham. "There were so many people crammed into a small space. We



Staff members of Forgotten Harvest move into their new home in the Charter One Building in Southfield. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

couldn't even think. There were often literally several meetings going on at once in the same room.

"We have individual work spaces now. Having this space is really allowing us to work more efficiently."

What's more, Goodell says, it's a luxury for a nonprofit to have such nice offices. "It's absolutely beautiful," she said. "There's even artwork on the walls."

Generous donation

Since the offices are so beautiful, and since Forgotten Harvest is so committed to efficiency — 96 cents of every dollar donated to the organization goes directly toward food rescue — Goodell felt the need to let visitors know where the office space came from. The Forgotten Harvest sign includes an "offices generously donated by Grant Thornton" note.

Goodell said she met a former Grant Thornton

partner a few years ago, and since then the organization has provided continued support in the form of volunteers.

"Grant Thornton really wrapped their arms around us," she said.

Jim Trouba a partner at Grant Thornton and Forgotten Harvest board member, said his organization chose to get involved with Forgotten Harvest through its GT Cares program. "We were impressed by not only the mission of Forgotten Harvest, but with the commitment of its people and the significant number of people in our community that they help."

The donation, Trouba said, just made sense, especially in light of Forgotten Harvest's mission to reduce waste.

The Southfield office frees up a good deal of space in the Oak Park warehouse, which provides food storage, houses the organization's fleet of 35 refrigerated

trucks and provides work space for logistics staff.

From the warehouse, Goodell explained, local trucks depart with some of the food on hand in storage such as repackaged items that were cast-offs from manufacturers and donated nonperishable goods.

The truck then picks up donated food from 10 to 12 businesses and then drops off food at three different emergency food providers.

Other trucks go outside the Metro Detroit area, as far as Ohio, to retrieve donated food and bring it back to the warehouse.

Forgotten Harvest has 455 partner businesses that regularly donate food.

The Oak Park facility is also where Forgotten Harvest prepares some of the produce it grows on its 92-acre farm in Deerfield Township, which then goes to the Inkster processing center for canning.

The processing center is a recent development made possible through a partnership with Ferndale-based Garden Fresh Gourmet, which owns the Inkster facility.

The arrangement enables Forgotten Harvest to supplement its inventory during winter — one of the two times of year when the food supply is depleted because less fresh food is available.

The other time of year that's challenging for Forgotten Harvest is summer, Goodell said.

More than 250,000 children in our region qualify for free or reduced-cost breakfasts and lunches at school because of low family income, but in the summertime, that resource isn't available.

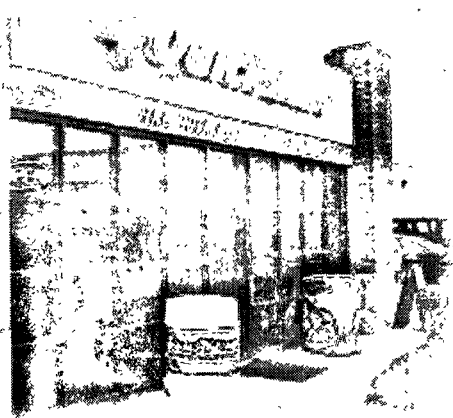
In response to that need, Forgotten Harvest developed a summer feeding program that provides sack lunches to 3,000 children each day.

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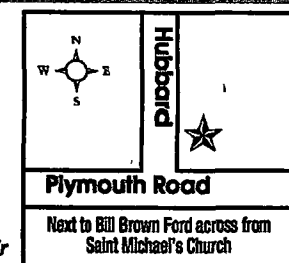
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Executive's harvest: success

'Humble' Goodell helps breed success for food rescue

By Pamela A. Zinkosky
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The leader of Metro Detroit's only food rescue organization is poised, accomplished and well-respected. Her name graces multiple awards. She holds a Johns Hopkins University diploma. She has better than 25 years of nonprofit management experience and can claim many firsts and milestones in food rescue. But the word that best describes Susan Goodell, president and chief executive officer of Forgotten Harvest, is "humble."

Goodell, 50, a Birmingham resident, had humble beginnings. She grew up on a sheep farm in Maine, and to this day loves to work with the fibers her family farm produced. "I like to weave," she said. "That's



Susan Goodell is leading the way to help feed the needy as CEO of Forgotten Harvest. MANDI WRIGHT | GANNETT MICHIGAN

my quiet time to reflect and think about what's next."

Goodell's work life is anything but quiet. At the helm of Forgotten Harvest, she's responsible for "rescuing" more than 45 million pounds of food annually from restaurants, grocery stores, caterers and food manufacturers, and getting it to 280 emergency food providers throughout Metro Detroit. And not that she would take credit for it, but that's up from 23 million pounds of rescued food two years ago and less than a

million pounds before she joined Forgotten Harvest in 2001.

Since moving to Michigan in 1994, Goodell has worked with many nonprofit organizations, but Forgotten Harvest, now occupying newly donated office space in Southfield, has provided the most hands-on work, she said. Not only does the charity provide a very basic human need — food — but it's also an extremely lean organization, with 80 employees working to combat hunger throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and 96 cents on the dollar used solely for food rescue and distribution.

"Every day is different," Goodell said. "The tasks that need to be done are so different." On any given day, she could be drumming up publicity for Forgotten Harvest, discussing government policy in her seat on the Michigan Food Policy Council, meeting with food providers or working with

staff on logistics and fundraising.

"I love being engaged in every aspect of what we do," she said. "I absolutely love this work. Every day is like your birthday."

Figuring out why and where there's food waste and putting that food to good use fascinates Goodell. She noted that, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report, about a quarter of all food produced in this country goes to waste.

Manufacturers cast off imperfectly formed sausages and discolored or broken beans. Bakeries discard day-old bread.

Restaurants toss surplus meals.

"We provide that critical link between where there's too much and where there's not enough," Goodell said.

Helping people

What really makes Goodell tick, however, is seeing the end result of Forgotten Harvest's

efforts. "I am personally motivated by the people we serve," she said.

"Certainly for all of us there comes a time when you're at your desk thinking about the mountain of work that needs to be done and wondering 'Why am I doing this?' When that happens to me, I go out and see the people whose lives we make better."

Goodell paints a picture of what she sees at the food agencies, which receive 875,000 pounds of rescued food weekly from Forgotten Harvest.

People are lined up outside the building, pushing wheelchairs, garbage cans on wheels, strollers, wagons and anything else they might use to transport food. They've likely walked a mile or more to get there. They tell stories about how they found themselves in this situation. Many times a health issue triggered the strain on finances or loss of a job — something that could happen to any one

of us.

"It's shocking to realize how vulnerable we all are," Goodell said. "It's just so compelling. You know this work is so important."

While seeing the fruits of her labor inspires and energizes her, Goodell is far from complacent.

Even at 150,000 pounds of food per day making its way to people in need, courtesy of Forgotten Harvest's 35 refrigerated trucks and 65 mobile pantries, and a projected 5 percent increase in that number over the next five years, there's still a food shortage in Metro Detroit.

"There's significantly more need than we can fill," Goodell said. "Seven hundred twenty thousand people in our region are living in poverty."

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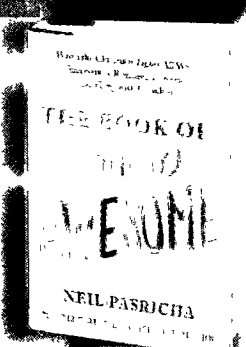


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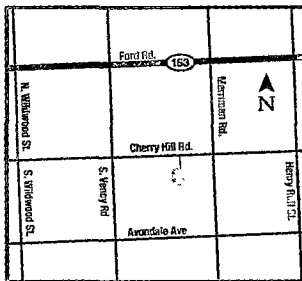


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» There also will be Christmas Break Sticks and Pucks Sessions from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Sunday and 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20-Jan. 5. The cost is \$8 per person, goalies are free.

The arena is in Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. The rink will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

No Coffee Hours

Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights, will not hold their normally scheduled Coffee Hour event in December. Coffee Hours will resume again in January.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will not host his monthly coffee hours in of December. Coffee hours will resume in January.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator may contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, by phone at 866-262-7306, or email at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

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Zumba class

Zumba fitness is back at Merriman Road Baptist Church, on Merriman just south of Ford, Garden City. The class is for women age 18 and older. Class time is 8-9 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 24. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Girlfriends of Grace Ministry at Merriman Road Baptist Church, the class will be held on Thursdays at the church. Donations will be taken at the door to cover the cost of the instructor.

For more information, call 734-421-0472.

Fibromyalgia Group

The Metro Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome support group meets from 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, south of Ford Road, Garden City.

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For more information, call Ruthann at 734-981-2519 or visit MetroFibropGroup.com.

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Woman guilty of larceny from dementia patient

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Westland woman has pleaded guilty to one of two counts of larceny in a building following allegations she stole jewelry from dementia patients while working as a health care employee at Crystal Creek, a Canton assisted living center.

Gail Lynn Good, 45, could face penalties ranging from probation to four years in prison when she is sentenced Jan. 14 by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylinski.

Authorities agreed to drop a second charge of larceny in a building after Good agreed to

plead guilty to one count, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records.



Good

Good was charged after Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said police investigated allegations in late September and early October that gold necklaces, one with a diamond, had been stolen from elderly women who have dementia.

The case unfolded while Good was working at Crystal Creek, on Lillie north of Warren. She has been released from

custody while she awaits her sentencing.

Baugh has said relatives of the victims notified the assisted living center's administration, which then contacted police.

Baugh said the necklaces had been taken to jewelry shops in Westland, where one was recovered but the other already had been melted down.

Baugh had described the jewelry shops and Crystal Creek as cooperative while Canton police investigated Good, who was arrested on the job in October.

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By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland man has been ordered to stand trial on charges that he sexually assaulted a 9-year-old neighbor girl at a local apartment complex.

Zachary Jankowski, 17, was arraigned Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court on multiple felonies stemming from an incident Sept. 1 at the River Bend Apartments.

The preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court was held after Jankowski was found mentally competent to stand trial.

Jankowski faces six felony charges, including two counts of first-de-

gree criminal sexual conduct, one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct, kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment and assault. A not guilty plea was entered for Jankowski, who is being held in lieu of \$100,000 cash/surety bond.

Police reported that the girl and Jankowski were acquainted as neighbors at the apartment complex at Merriam and Warren Road.

The girl was lured or grabbed and taken into a nearby changing room where she was raped and also choked, police said. The girl then reported the incident to her mother and police were contacted.

Jankowski was arrested the same evening. He was still 16 at that time and was initially taken into custody as a juvenile. He turned 17 on Sept. 24.

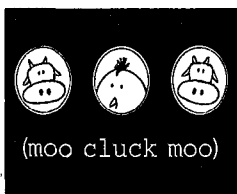
The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office obtained a court order that moved the charges against Jankowski from the Family Division Court to the Wayne County Circuit Court Criminal Division where he is charged as an adult.

A jury trial has been scheduled for March 3 before Judge Vera Massey Jones.

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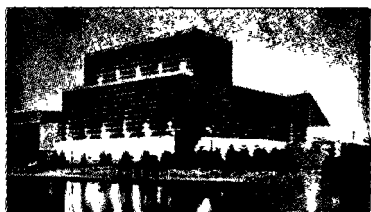
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Mall walkers boost holiday fitness, friendships

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mall walking is a great way to keep holiday calories at bay and keep seasonal stresses to a minimum at the same time.

"We have a very enthusiastic group here," said Dan Jones, general manager of Twelve Oaks in Novi. "A big part of mall walking is the social aspect."

Twelve Oaks opens to mall walkers two hours before regular opening. Jones is more of a visit-the-gym-before-work guy, but also appreciates fitness opportunities at work.

"I certainly get a few laps in," he said. "It's great just to go and take a few laps and stretch my legs a bit."

Twelve Oaks opens at 8 a.m. Monday-Saturday for walkers, 9 a.m. Sunday, with walkers asked to use only the lower level before 9 a.m. First-timers should register at the Customer Service Desk in the Center Court after 10 a.m.

At Westland Shopping Center, Garden City Hospital is the official partner for Westland Walkers. Westland's doors open 7 a.m. by Olga's (Arcade 2), Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday. Mall walkers at Westland are using the mall entrance south of Arcade 2 (Olga's) during construction.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia also offers mall walking, beginning 8 a.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

'Camaraderie'

Jack Morrison of Plymouth Township has been a mall walker for about 20 years at Laurel Park Place. "For the camaraderie and the very small exercise I get," the retired brick



A trio of walkers hits the upper level of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. The three — Tom Grabowski, Dave Axelrad and Dave Butler — were among a few dozen walkers at the mall by 8 a.m. on that sub-zero morning. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

salesman said.

Morrison also likes the people he's met walking. "Everybody is lovely. It's the people we've lost," he said of those who've passed away. "We've met so many lovely people and now they're gone."

Friend Mel Karfis of Livonia, a retired ironworker, has also walked at Laurel Park some 20 years. "For the exercise and the camaraderie," Karfis said of mall walking. He has both family and friends who walk at Laurel Park.

"I've learned a lot of things. Our group is very well-informed," Karfis said. "It's like one big family in a way."

Walker Jim White of Livonia, who's exercised about 15 years at Laurel Park, said of Morrison, "he's the patriarch of this mall."

White, a retired banker, said, "I've got to keep my health up" of walking, which he does with wife Mary Ann and his friends. "It's like we're having our own town meeting here," White said. "You don't dare miss." Absences of regulars are quickly noted.

Over at Westland

Shopping Center that same Thursday morning, friends Linda Young and Carmen Vella were walking. The Livonia residents are regulars at the Westland mall.

"I stopped smoking four years ago, gained some weight and wanted to lose it," said Young, a retired Walgreens supervisor. "And good for the heart. That's what the doctor says."

The women walk outdoors in warmer weather, aiming for three miles daily. Vella is a home-maker.

Young's been walking there since her retirement four years ago. "I was very active at work," she said. She wanted to keep that up.

"Nice mall, clean, safe," Young said of Westland. "I enjoy it. It gives you a good chance to look at the specials."

At Westland, Charles Monroe of Garden City was also doing fitness walking that morning. The Ford Motor Co. retiree has done mall walking eight-nine years, beginning at Wonderland in Livonia.

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Party fun doesn't have to mean weight gain

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Linda Main, a registered dietitian, has some common sense advice for holiday revelers headed out to parties.

When facing the buffet, it's best to first have eaten some complex carbohydrates and protein at home, said Main, director of food and nutrition services at Garden City Hospital.

"A lot of times, people arrive hungry and it's hard to resist the items in front of you," said Main, a Canton resident who's been at GCH 27 years. She suggested such items as a yogurt, half a peanut butter sandwich or half a turkey sandwich before heading out to the party.

Once at the party, you should look over food selections, the dietitian said. "Decide which options are most important

to you. Don't feel you have to eliminate your favorites," said Main, noting portion size is key.

"Alcohol tends to lower our inhibitions" and can lead to overeating. "Try to limit consumption of alcohol," she said. She agreed alcohol provides only "empty calories," and that women should have no more than one drink a day, men two.

Hosts can help with healthy food options. These include veggies with a low-fat dip, a fruit tray, bottled water and diet pop, she said. Smaller plates also reduce the tendency to overeat.

Caroling, game playing or decorating can also help, "something that draws the focus away from eating."

Main recommends people not try to lose weight during the holidays but stay at the same weight and, if needed,

focus on weight loss after the holidays.

In winter, you can continue with exercise, she said, even if it's just a 15-minute daily walk. Yoga and exercise classes help and are good for stress, and there's mall walking (GCH partners with Westland Shopping Center for Westland Walkers) or exercise DVDs to use at home.

Main's hospital has a nutrition clinic available at 734-458-4330. She noted they get more weight management referrals in early January.

Main added not to berate yourself needlessly if you overeat once during the holiday season. "Realize it was just one incident and put it behind you and move on," she said.

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WALKERS

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"To stay healthy, stay active," said Monroe, who walks at Westland three-five days weekly. "Sometimes you have things to do."

Monroe agreed the other walkers are friendly. "Oh, yeah, I'm a people person," he said. "They're nice."

Exercise, fun

Florence Marini of Novi was walking the upper level of Twelve Oaks on a recent Monday morning.

"I've been walking here just three years," she said. "My husband's been walking here eight years. He likes the longer route (on the lower level) and I began basically to keep him company."

Some mall walkers track their distance, but she doesn't.

"I worked for 40 years; I don't want any regimen," the retired Kroger cashier said. She likes her fellow Twelve Oaks walkers: "Everybody's friendly."

The security staff is also friendly and helpful. "I feel comfortable, secure," Marini said. "It's all controlled, the weather and everything. It's free, although I do patronize it. For my husband, it's like going to work. He needs that 'get up in the morning.'"

They socialize at the Novi mall near I-96 on weekends. Marini has her mom, 92, at home who needs help.

"Starbucks is our bar," she said with a smile.

Downstairs at Twelve Oaks was Janet Trusty of Wixom, who's walked

there three-four years. She works in the office of a family-owned business.

"We do the exercise class in front of Macy's," Trusty said of that Monday-Wednesday morning class. "Then we're out of here."


Liz Smith of Commerce Township, a retired warehouse staffer, walks and takes the class for "exercise. And it's nice and warm in here in the wintertime."


The women sometimes walk outdoors at Twelve Oaks in warm weather. "A lot of nice people," Smith added.

Walker Janice Cavins of Wixom is Trusty's twin sister, and retired in May from the city of Wixom. She was in California five months with her daughter, and just started Twelve Oaks exercise.

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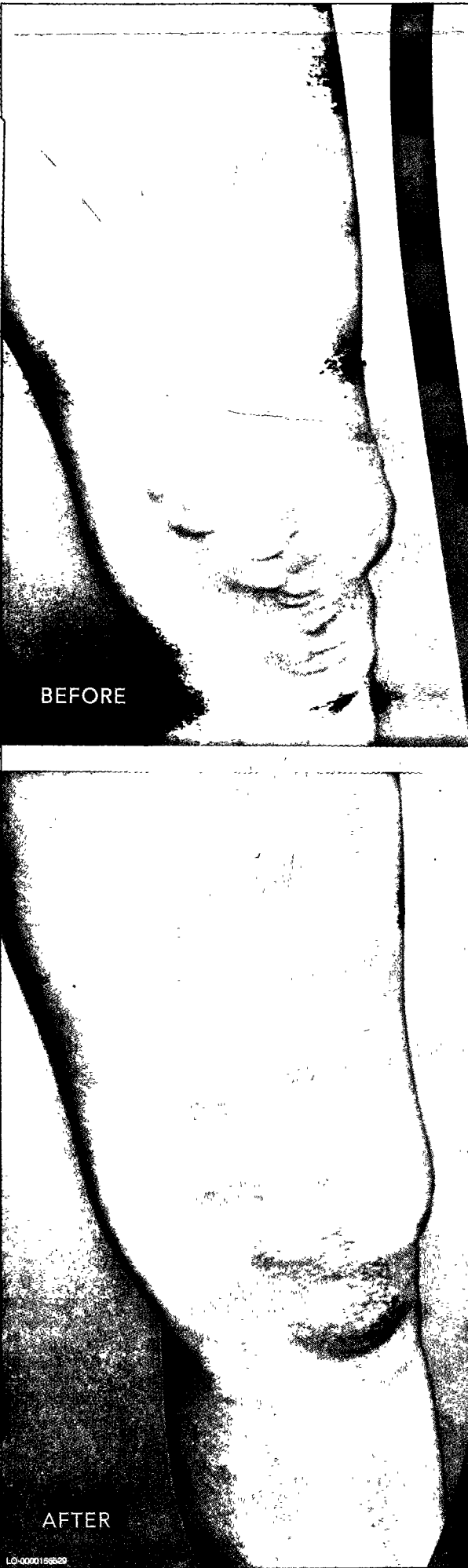
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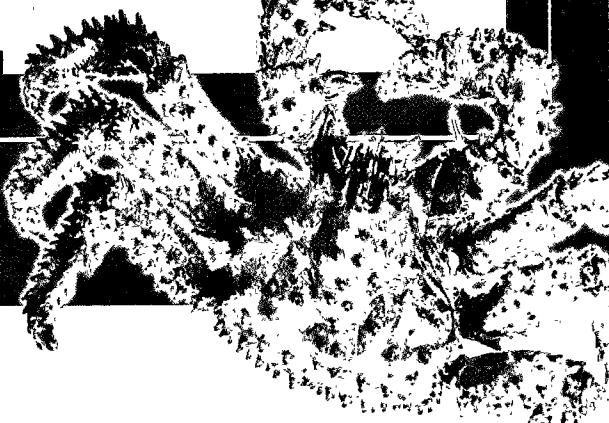
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Franklin grapplers pin down 9th City crown

Atienza MVP; Churchill finishes strong 2nd in Livonia tourney

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Although Franklin earned its ninth consecutive Livonia City Wrestling meet championship Wednesday night, the Patriots had somebody breathing down their necks for a change.

Unlike years past, Franklin had to hold off Churchill for the team title, 202.5 to 182 points.

Host Stevenson turned in a solid third-place showing with 146.5, while a depleted Clarenceville squad was fourth with 45.

The Patriots reached the finals in 11-of-14 weight classes and came away with five individual titles, paced by tournament MVP Jordan Atienza.

"We knew that coming in," Franklin

coach Dave Chiola said of the close margin of victory. "We're going to be like this all year. We have some really good kids, but a lot of holes. We're just going to have to do what we can do to fill them. Today we had to throw a 190-pound kid into heavyweight to fill a hole. We have a big team-oriented mentality and that's going to carry us through a lot of this."

Churchill, ironically, had more champions (six), but could muster only one second while Franklin took six runner-up finishes.

"We had some surprises, but they were bad surprises," Chiola said. "Other than that, everybody pretty much did what we thought."

Atienza, who went 58-1 as a junior last year en route to a runner-up finish at 152 pounds in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals, earned his fourth straight Livonia City title. He also was named MVP for the second straight year after

winning on a technical fall against Stevenson junior Connor Vaughan at 171.

While building a 14-2 advantage the second period, there appeared to be a few anxious moments as Atienza had to take an injury timeout.

"He's got a bad ankle to begin with and just tweaked it," Chiola said. "It's nothing new. He wrestles through those pains all the time. That's never going to deter him or keep him off the mat."

Other Franklin champions included Jeremy Nelson (119), Nathan Atienza (130), Nick Robertson (135), Nick Frazier (160).

Nathan Atienza, just a freshman, was impressive as he won by a 10-2 major decision over Stevenson's Trevor Demers.

"People ask me all the time if he's as good as Jordan ... he's so different than Jordan," Chiola said. "I think he's a



Churchill's Jake Mercieca (left) locked up Franklin's Josh Retting in the 285-pound final. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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BOYS SWIMMING PREVIEW

Can Spartans continue to ride the wave?

Arakelian leads talented returning Stevenson cast

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach Jeff Shoemaker doesn't want to get ahead of himself following a record-breaking season in 2012-13.

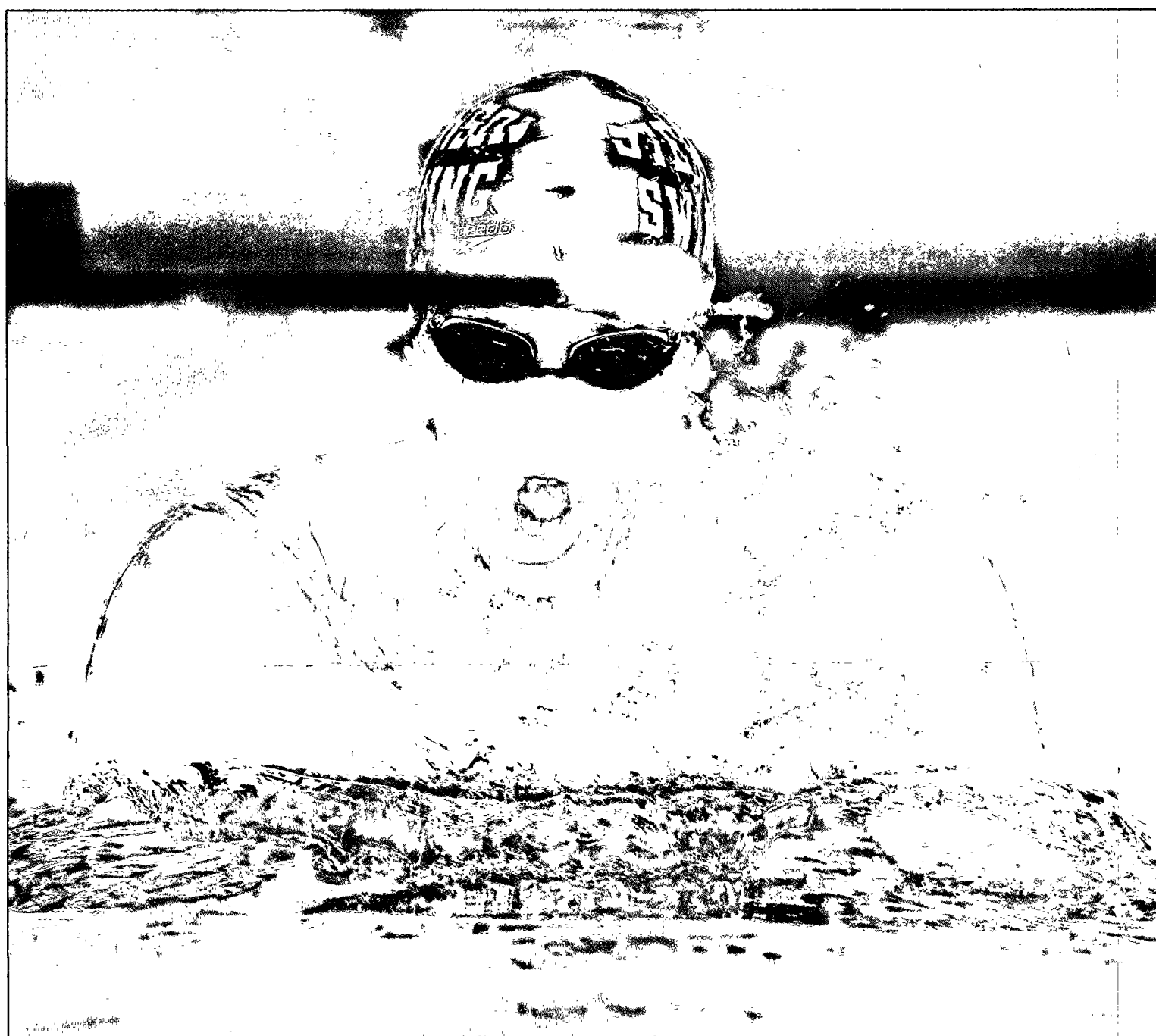
The Spartans return a bulk of a talented cast that finished third in the MHSAA Division 1 finals led by senior Nick Arakelian, who broke a state record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:27.75.

Saline edged Birmingham Brother Rice for the team title, 313-309, while Stevenson took third with 191.

Shoemaker is confident the Spartans — who return one first-team All-Observer performer in Jackson O'Dowd (50 freestyle), along with second-teamers Matt Laporte (200 freestyle), Jake Goeddeke (50 freestyle), Parker Belmore (100 backstroke), Tommy O'Donohue (100 breaststroke) and Grant McNamara (100 breaststroke) — can put another strong state meet quad on the deck come March.

"I don't know yet, I don't want to speculate anything," Shoemaker said. "I would say one of our goals is top five for sure, and if we could bring another trophy home, it would be nice."

Shoemaker, however, said the Spartans and everyone else will be swimming for second



Stevenson's Nick Arakelian set Division 1 state record last year in the 500 freestyle and was runner-up in the 200 IM. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Stevenson's Lutz gets 4 goals in 9-1 victory vs. Norsemen

Senior winger Dominic Lutz scored four more times, raising his season total to 21, in a 9-1 Livonia Stevenson boys hockey victory Wednesday night over visiting Grosse Pointe North at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, the defending MHSAA Division 2 state champions, jumped out to a 5-0 first-period lead and never looked back in raising their overall season record to 7-1.

The loss drops the Norsemen to 0-6 overall.

Lutz scored on a pair of power play goals and ended the game with 24 seconds left in the final period with a short-handed goal.

Senior linemates Tyler Irvine (one goal, five assists) and Devin Kelly (one goal, three assists) also combined for 10 points.

Other Stevenson goal scorers included Ben Kowalske, Dante Seychel and Shane Leonard (power play).

Ray Chartier, Jr. and Drew Hunter chipped in with two assists each, while Stephen Olschanski and Alex DeFlorio collected one assist apiece.

Stevenson goaltender Cullen Barber had to make just eight saves in the mercy rule win.

CHURCHILL 5, DEARBORN 2: Senior Andrew Sparks enjoyed a four-goal night Friday as host

Livonia Churchill (2-5-1) turned back Dearborn Unified (2-5) in a nonleague game at Edgar Arena.

Senior defenseman Drew Puihes also had a goal and assist for the Chargers, who led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.

Dylan Smith also had three assists in the victory, while goaltender David Turel, C.J. Cromie, Spencer Kovacs and Parker Hodges also drew assists.

Dearborn, which outshot the Chargers 31-25, got a third-period power play goal from Trevor Tom and an even-strength goal from Matt Haining in the final period.

Turel made 29 saves, while Dearborn's Bryan Donaldson had 26.

NOVI 6, FRANKLIN 0: On Friday, Brentdan Wexler had two goals and two assists the host Wildcats (4-4, 3-2) blanked Livonia Franklin (2-5, 0-4) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Novi Ice Arena.

Bryan Fegert also scored twice, while Christopher Kennedy and Niklas Tewillager added one apiece for Novi, which led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.

Franklin goalie Matt Monendo made 32 saves, while Austin Petty had 27 to post the shutout for the Wildcats.

TRENTON 10, CHURCHILL 2: Phillip Pugliese racked up two goals and two assists Wednesday as

the host Trojans (4-3) routed Livonia Churchill (1-5-1) in a non-conference encounter at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Mitchell Galea and Justin Dunn each added two goals and an assist for the Trojans, who led 3-1 after one period and 7-2 after two.

Also getting into the scoring act for Trenton was Quinn Preston and Andrew Sawyer, one goal and two assists each; Grant McClellan, three assists; Griffin Sway and Nicholas Bondy, one goal apiece.

Churchill, outshot 49-14, got a first-period power play goal by Parker Hodges (from Drew Puihes and David Turel) along with a second-period goal by C.J. Cromie (unassisted).

Turel started in goal and made 34 saves while allowing seven goals. Back-up Chris Adams played the final 17 minutes allowing three goals and making 12 saves.

Nick Ramirez and Garrett Carroll combined for 12 saves for the Trojans.

PLYMOUTH 5, FRANKLIN 1: In a KLA South Division game Wednesday, the Wildcats (3-2, 2-2) downed host Livonia Franklin (2-4, 0-2) thanks to three second-period goals at Edgar Arena.

Plymouth's Charlie Supernois scored from Ben Chafin just 35 seconds into the game. The Wildcats led 1-0 after one period with a 10-6 shot advantage as the Patriots failed to capitalize on a fourth-minute

power play after a double minor to Zak Fadden.

The Wildcats then scored three times in the second — John VanDenBeurgue (from Kyle Melnick and Ben Chafin at 2:19); Josh Smith on a power play (from Zach Taviere and VanDenBeurgue at 4:09); and Alex Bump (from Supernois at 11:25).

Corey Ferrier netted his first of the year with 54 seconds left in the second from Dylan Smith and freshman Kolby Dewhirst to give to give Franklin hope going into the final period despite being outshot 15-5.

But Smith notched his second of the game with only 6:20 remaining from VanDenBeurgue to close out the scoring.

Franklin goaltender Matt Monendo finished with 32 saves, while Plymouth's Jared Maddock finished with 15.

"We weren't ready to play tonight," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "Guys were late, distracted and ill prepared, and that falls on the coaching staff."

"Our guys need to understand that if we want to compete with highly rated programs, we need to bring it when the lights go up. For us, it boils down to toughness and composure, neither of which we displayed tonight."

"We've got another tough tilt Friday (against Novi H.S.), but win or lose, as long as we bring it, I'll be happy."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Madonna trio earn All-America honors

Three Madonna University players were named to Monday to a pair of NAIA All-America teams recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as well as Tachikara.

Seniors Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran High Westland) and Evia Prieditis (Milford) were tabbed by both groups to their respective All-America first teams, while fellow senior Stacey Catalano (Utica Eisenhower) was named to the honorable mention by both organizations.

MU has now had a player selected to an All-America team 46 times in the 27-year history of the program.

Freeman—who was a finalist for NAIA National Player of the Year—saved her best season for last, leading the WHAC in total kills (551), kills per set (3.9), blocks (166) and blocks per set (1.2).

Her total kills rank fourth nationally, while her blocks are good for sixth in the country and her .389 attack percentage is seven nationally.

Freeman earned AVCA Region Player of the Year and WHAC Player of the Year honors this season.

For Prieditis, 2013 marks the second straight season she was named to an All-America team as MU's setter earning second-team honors from both groups in 2012.

The 2013 WHAC Setter of the Year (a repeat award from 2010 and 2012), Prieditis closed her career by leading the conference and ranking fourth nationally in assists per set (11.39). She also paced the WHAC for the third time in her four years in total assists (1,629), which ranked her fifth nationally in 2013.

Prieditis sits third in the MU record books with 6,540 career assists and becomes the 10th player in Madonna volleyball history to garner All-America honors in multiple seasons.

Catalano, an outside hitter whose all-around play helped anchor the Crusaders' title runs in both 2012 and 2013, ranked second on the team in both kills (449) and digs (469).

The Crusaders were 41-2 record, advancing to the NAIA National Championship quarterfinals after capturing the WHAC regular season title for the 14th time in the 17 years.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Churchill at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19
 Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 S. Lyon East at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 16
 St. Catherine at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 South Lyon at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at RU, 7 p.m.
 G.P. North at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19
 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
 Belleville at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Dec. 16
 Stevenson vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Churchill at Novi (Ice Arena), 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Franklin vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
 Franklin vs. Churchill at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Monday, Dec. 16
 Thurston, Stevenson "B" at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Franklin Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 W.L. Central Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
 Oakland Co. at Southfield, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 21
 Franklin Patriot Inv., 9 a.m.
 Oakland Co. at Southfield, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Wayne at Garden City, 5:30 p.m.
 Thurston at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20
 Stevenson, Novi CC, Brother Rice at Saline Quad, 6 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Monday, Dec. 16
 Clarenceville vs. Southgate at Skore Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Salem, Wayne vs. Plymouth at Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18
 Clarenceville vs. Belleville at Taylor Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20

John Glenn vs. Plymouth, Wayne vs. Novi
 at Town 'N Country, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
 Howell Inv. at Whitmore Lanes, 1 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASICS
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 Livonia Red vs. Northville at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19
 Livonia Blue vs. Canton at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Dec. 17
 Stevenson Quad, 6 p.m.
 South Lyon Quad, 6 p.m.
 Salem Quad, 6 p.m.
 South Lyon East Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21
 Carlson Invitational, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, Dec. 17
 (Madonna Univ. Classic)
 Rochester vs. Windsor, 5 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Taylor (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18
 (Madonna Univ. Classic)
 Rochester vs. Taylor (Ind.), 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Windsor, 5 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Thursday, Dec. 18
 (Concordia Univ. Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Cardinal Stritch, 5:30 p.m.
 Concordia vs. Olivet Nazarene, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19
 (Concordia Univ. Tourney)
 Madonna vs. Olivet Nazarene, 5:30 p.m.
 Concordia vs. Cardinal Stritch, 7:30 p.m.
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GIRLS GYMNASICS

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET
Dec. 12 at Brighton-Howell
TEAM SCORES: 1. Howell, 141.00 points; 2. Brighton, 139.35; 3. Livonia Red, 131.78.
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
Vault: 1. Margo Mekjian (B), 9.45; 3. Paige Blythe (H), 9.35; 3. Kacy Wolfram (B), 9.3; 4. Anna Martini (B), 9.15; 5. Claire Walters (B), 9.0; 6. Julia Twigg (Red), 8.85.
Uneven bars: 1. Mekjian (B), 9.325; 2. Marisa DeCamp (H), 8.775; 3. Walters (B), 8.55; 4. Wolfram (H), 8.35; 5. (tie) Jackie Dzurigot (Red) and Alyssa Walker (H), 8.275 each.

Balance beams: 1. DeCamp (H), 9.0; 2. Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.85; 3. (tie) Walker (H), Blythe (H) and Mekjian (B), 8.8 each.
Floor exercises: 1. Blythe (H), 9.45; 2. Mekjian (B), 9.15; 3. (tie) Martini (B) and Samantha Rauch (H), 9.075 each; 5. DeCamp (H), 9.0.
All-around: 1. Mekjian (B), 36.725; 2. Blythe (H), 35.7; 3. Martini (B), 34.8; 4. Walters (B), 34.55; 5. Wolfram (H), 34.35.
Dual meet records: Howell, 3-0 overall; Brighton, 2-1 overall; Livonia Red, 2-2 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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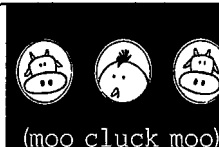
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Chargers hold off Garden City

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's Mr. First Half (Jonathan Hovermale) and Mr. Second Half (Donte Jackson) combined to be the whole package during Friday night's non-conference basketball game against visiting Garden City.

Hovermale got the Chargers rolling with 13 first-quarter points (he finished with a game-high 20), while Jackson erased a scoreless opening 16 minutes with 16 points down the stretch to spearhead Churchill's 48-45 victory.

Garden City nearly pulled off a dramatic victory, but Kevin Brown-Bayko's running left-hander from five feet out with 3.2 ticks left and his team trailing 46-45 hit backboard and rim — but not net — before being secured by Churchill's Joan Andoni, who drained a pair of free throws at the other end to extend the Chargers' lead to three.

Joe Pummill's half-court heave at the buzzer was on line, but just a little too hard as it banged off the backboard and the front of the rim.

The result left both teams with a 1-1 record.

The Cougars carried a 25-23 lead into halftime thanks to Bryan Widmer's buzzer-beating triple from the left wing.

Churchill coach Jim Solak inspired his team during the

intermission with a speech he referred to — with a smile — as “not real pleasant.”

“Yes, coach got in my face a little bit (at halftime) and that definitely pumped me up,” admitted Jackson, who was 0-for-5 in the first half. “I got a steal and a layup right away in the third quarter and that seemed to get me going.”

Jackson's biggest contribution came during the opening two minutes of the fourth quarter when he knocked down back-to-back threes followed by a short runner to turn a 40-33 Charger deficit into a 41-40 lead.

“That two-minute stretch by Donte was probably the best two-minutes of his career so far,” Solak said. “We challenged them at halftime, and they responded — especially at the defensive end.”

The Cougars made just 1 of 10 fourth-quarter shots while being outscored 15-5.

“I'm proud of the way our boys played and battled,” GC coach Ron Pummill said. “Hovermale hurt us in the first half and No. 21 (Jackson) got us in the second. We had our chances with the ball at the end and we got a good look; the ball just didn't drop.”

Brown-Bayko was the real deal at both ends of the court for the Cougars. In addition to netting a team-high 17 points, he helped lock down the Chargers' two main threats once

they got on their runs.

“Kevin is our longest and most athletic defender, so we usually switch to him to the player who starts going off on us,” Pummill said. “Offensively, we ask him to be strong with the ball, make good decisions and go to the basket when he can. He did it all tonight.”

Hoverdale, who is just a sophomore, had a nice season for a lot of players in the game's opening three minutes as he scored 11 points, ripped three steals and pulled down a couple of rebounds.

GC countered Jackson's eight-point explosion at the outset of the final stanza with a long three by Joe Pummill, which gave the Cougars a 43-41 advantage with 4:05 left.

A Hovermale fade-away jumper at the 3:40 mark knotted the game at 43-all before Pummill came through again with a pair of free throws at the 3:36 mark, which gave the visitors their final lead of the night.

A deep triple by Jackson with 2:10 left gave the Chargers a 46-45 lead and they never trailed again.

“Our kids grew up real fast tonight,” Solak said. “The nice thing for me is I think they realize they won this game with defense.”

The Cougars were hampered by 18 turnovers compared to just 10 miscues by the Chargers.

Churchill made 9-of-14 free



Churchill's Jerod Davis (23) goes up between Garden City's Travis Kidd (left) and Kevin Brown-Bayko (right). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

throws. Andoni avenged a poor shooting night at the line in the Chargers' opener by canning 5 of 6 freebies.

GC was 3-of-9 from the stripe.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks get convincing 60-36 win vs. Eagles

Thurston no match for Class D Huron Valley

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

It was bitter cold outside Thursday night, but nice and toasty in the Redford Thurston gymnasium — especially when the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran girls basketball team's pressure defense turned up the heat.

Fueled by a full-court zone press, the Hawks forced 26 Thurston turnovers on the way to posting a 60-36 victory.

HVL improved to 2-1 while Thurston slipped to 0-4.

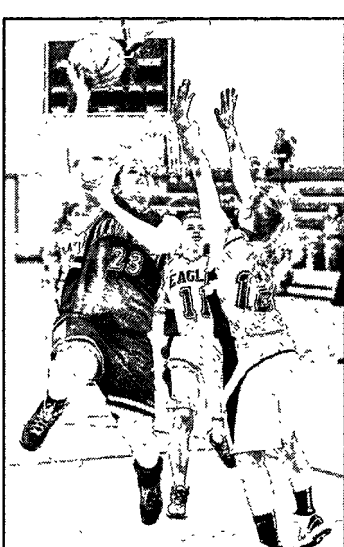
The winners' premier ball hawk was senior guard Sarah Setian, who registered six steals to go with 12 points.

“We ran the court tonight better than we did in the first two games,” said HVL coach Kris Ruth. “Sarah did a nice job of leading our pressure up top. We need to work on playing defense with our feet, but other than that I thought the girls did a nice job.”

With four freshmen and one sophomore in the playing rotation, and with just one senior on the roster, the Eagles are learning on the fly, so to speak.

“I told the girls after the game that every time they step on the floor, I want to see them take a step forward,” said Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski. “Tonight, with the 26 turnovers, we didn't take a step forward. We didn't necessarily take a step back, either, but we didn't show improvement.”

“We're such a young team; games like tonight are going to happen. We just have to



Huron Valley Lutheran's Julie St. John (23) goes for a shot against Thurston. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

keep pushing and practicing hard. The girls' effort has been great. They'd run through a wall if we asked them to. But they need more experience.”

Hawks junior forward Julie St. John led all scorers with 19 points. St. John carved up the Eagles' interior defense with slicing drives and hustle-based put-backs.

Brooke Kuehn added 12 points for the Class D Hawks.

Sydney Taylor had a huge night for the Eagles, chalking up 12 points, five steals, six rebounds and two assists. Megan Abela contributed five points and six rebounds for Thurston.

HVL held a tenuous 13-10 lead after the first quarter before expanding its cushion to 31-20 at the half.

“We came unglued a little bit in the second quarter,” Ostrowski observed. “They grabbed the momentum in the second quarter and never took their foot off the gas pedal.”

HVL sealed the Eagles' fate by opening the third quarter with a 10-2 run.

The Hawks canned six of 13 free throws. Thurston was just 1 for 10 from the stripe.

HVL launched an amazing 72 shots, connecting on 27.

“We're good at taking a lot of shots,” Ruth said, smiling, “but we have to get better at making them.”

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Clarenceville's Dooley does huge number on Northwest

Livonia Clarenceville's Kimani Dooley was on target in Thursday's 70-57 non-conference boys basketball win over visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The 6-foot-4 senior forward tallied a game-high 29 points and junior guard Jermell Johnson added 19 as the Trojans, who led from start to finish, improved to 2-0 overall.

Northwest (0-2) stayed close behind a team-high 24 points from Nick Grunewald.

Clarenceville led 34-21 at halftime and 51-38 after three quarters.

“We were tremendous offensively getting rebounds and attacking the rim,” Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said. “We had a quality defensive effort led by (senior forward) Jalen Bryant.”

Both teams connected on six 3-pointers.

Clarenceville was 12-of-18 from the foul line, while the Crusaders were only 5-of-12.

FRANKLIN 61, S. LYON EAST 53: Senior Nick Guest scored 10 of his 22 points in the final period Friday as host Livonia Franklin (1-1) downed South Lyon East (1-2) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

Guest, who went 6-of-6 from the foul line, got help from seniors Adam Monroe and Nick Mardeusz, who added 12 and 10, respectively.

Mardeusz scored all 10 of his in the opening half as Franklin was deadlocked at 32-all. But the captain re-injured a fracture in his foot suffered in a car accident the previous week and did not return.

“Nick was doing so well against their pressure and he kind of fed us into the second half,” said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault, whose team outscored the Cougars 17-10 in the fourth.

Junior Trent Willenborg and Luke Trent paced East with 17 and 16 points, respectively, while Derek Blunder added 11.

THURSTON 73, STEVENSON 53: Otis Kemutambah poured in a game-high 21 points and Brandon Marshall chipped in with 16 Friday to lead host Redford Thurston (2-0) to a non-conference win over Livonia Stevenson (1-2).

Thurston led 32-21 at halftime and 47-37 before outscoring the Spartans 26-16 in the final quarter.

Juniors Noah Campbell and Jallen Webber scored 20 and 14, respectively, for Stevenson.

Thurston was 13-of-23 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 18-of-32.

BELLEVILLE 68, WAYNE 31: On Friday, George Spencer's 15 points sparked the host Tigers (1-1) to a convincing non-conference victory over Wayne Memorial (0-2).

Carlos Pernell and Jackie Muhammad tallied 11 and 10, respectively, for the Zebras.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 63, ADVANCED TECH 55: Nick Flaney scored 26 points to go along with six steals and six rebounds Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (2-0) downed Dearborn Advanced Technology Academy (1-1) in a non-conference game.

“Nick had an awesome performance tonight,” Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said of the 6-foot senior forward, who made 8-of-16 shots from the



Kimani Dooley (5) led Clarenceville in scoring with a game-high 29 in a win over Lutheran Northwest. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

floor and 9-of-15 foul shots. “He handled the pressure and took care of the ball when it mattered most.”

The Warriors, who led 18-9 after one quarter and never trailed, also got 15 points and three steals from P.J. Gusé, while Jacob Davenport added 10 points and eight boards.

Matthew Matthew had 16 points, while Terrell Oliver and Matteo Mitchell added 14 and 12, respectively.

“This was a nice win for us,” said Hoeft, whose team made only 18-of-37 free throws (48.6 percent).

“There were moments where we had our mental lapses and let them back in the game. However, this team is resilient. We fought off every run that they threw at us, and we made our free throws in the

clutch. This was a good send off to the Christmas break.”

EDSEL FORD 75, STEVENSON 71: Chad Gaillard and Donovan Farrell each tallied 23 points to power Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-0) to a season-opening victory over Livonia Stevenson (1-1).

Juniors Noah Campbell and Jallen Webber tallied 22 and 21 points, respectively, for the Spartans, who trailed 40-29 at halftime and 59-55 after three quarters.

Edsel Ford was 9-of-16 from the foul line, while the Spartans were 7-of-13.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Buckley's big night spurs Clarenceville to victory

Livonia Clarenceville's Ayanna Buckley proved to be a force — and then some — Friday night.

The 6-foot senior center racked up 23 points, 22 rebounds, seven blocks and four steals in the Trojans' 45-34 girls basketball triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Clarenceville, which led from start to finish, also got 11 points, including three triples, from Mikala Kieling to earn its first victory in four starts.

Haley Garr and Elizabeth

Rouse scored eight and seven points, respectively, for the Crusaders, who trailed 24-18 at halftime and 31-26 after three quarters.

Clarenceville was 7-of-27 from the free throw line (25.9 percent), while Northwest was 12-of-25 (48 percent).

CHURCHILL 55, GARDEN CITY 46: Juniors Natalie Spala and Hannah Pummill scored 15 and 14, respectively, leading Livonia Churchill to a non-conference win Friday over the host Cougars (3-1).

Sophomore Molly Pummill and freshman Annie Yost added 11 and nine, respectively, for the Chargers, who led by as many as 20 points in the second half.

“We got hot in the third quarter,” said Churchill coach Matt McCowan, whose team led 29-19 at halftime and outscored GC 16-12 in the third quarter. But we've got to learn to close out games better. We

need to be more patient and play better defense.”

Abby Joseph paced Garden City with 13 points, while Lindsey Michalak and Hannah Vera-Burgos added 10 apiece.

Garden City was 12-of-22 from the free throw line, while Churchill was 6-of-8.

NOUVEL 45, JOHN GLENN 20: Rachel McInerney scored 10 points Friday night as host Saginaw Nouvel Catholic (2-1), last year's Class C state runner-up, pulled away in the second half to beat Lutheran John Glenn (0-2).

The Rockets, who dressed only seven players due to injuries, got a team-best nine points from Victoria McCloud.

Glenn trailed 19-11 at halftime before the Panthers went on a 13-0 third-quarter run.

BELLEVILLE 51, WAYNE 30: Daniela Perez and Brianna Smiley each tallied 12 points Friday propelling the host Tigers (1-1) downed Wayne Memorial (0-3) in a non-conference encounter.

Senior guard Ashley Bland scored a game-high 22 points for the Zebras, who couldn't overcome a 27-12 halftime deficit.

Wayne was 7-of-8 from the foul line, while

Belleville was 3-of-8.

S. LYON EAST 77, FRANKLIN 51: Sydney Jones scored 18 points Friday night as host South Lyon East (4-1) cruised to a victory over Livonia Franklin (0-4).

Gabi Bird and Payton Jones chipped in with 15 and 12, respectively, for the Cougars, who led 40-27 at halftime and 65-38 after three quarters.

Senior Julie Magdowski paced Franklin with 14 points. Stephanie Evans added 11, while Travlonia Calloway had five.

East was 15-of-21 from the foul line, while the Patriots were 5-of-9.

KETTERING 50, LADYWOOD 17: Lilla Schoof led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points as Waterford Kettering (2-0) rolled to a non-league win Friday at Livonia Ladywood (0-4).

Erika Selakovski scored five for the Blazers, who played without their two top point-guards, both out with concussions.

The Captains led 7-2 after one quarter and 31-8 at halftime before going on a 13-0 third-quarter run.

Ladywood was 5-of-13 from the foul line, while Kettering was 10-of-17.

CRANBROOK 44, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 33: Jaimee Beckett notched a game-high 25 points leading Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (2-2) to a non-conference triumph Thursday at Lutheran High Westland (1-3).

Katie Payne added eight points for the Cranes, who led 19-16 at halftime.

Leah Refenes paced the Warriors with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Bethany Hoehne added 10 points.

The Warriors hit 15-of-36 from the floor (41.7 percent) and committed 18 turnovers.

EDSEL FORD 51, FRANKLIN 43: On Wednesday, Kennedy Rankin tallied 16 points, while Jaida Futch and Mackenzie Keating each added 11 as Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-3) turned back Livonia Franklin (0-3) in a non-conference game.

Julie Magdowski and Tyonna Tate led the Patriots, who trailed 23-18 at halftime, with 15 and nine points, respectively.

Franklin made only 9-of-23 free throws and committed 24 turnovers.

The Thunderbirds made 16-of-20 from the foul line.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 107
GARDEN CITY 77
Dec. 10 at John Glenn
200-yard medley relay: 1. John Glenn (Josh Ferguson, Jeremy Billings, John Kukulka, Andrei Manaila), 2:05.55; 2. Garden City (Adam Crunk, Jeff Ball, Michael Snyder, Jordan Potter), 2:14.35; 3. Garden City (Dakota Darocha, Ryan Pask, Kipper McDermott, Bryan Browne), 2:27.91.
200 freestyle: 1. Jason Burdick (WJG), 2:14.81; 2. Patrick Selix (GC), 2:19.82; 3. Josh Ferguson (WJG), 2:33.4.
200 individual medley: 1. Jacob Deering (WJG), 2:28.28; 2. Josh Eddings (WJG), 2:49.0; 3. Tyler Demaree (GC), 2:53.94.
50 freestyle: 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.1; 2. Toby Down (GC), 25.25; 3. Manaila (WJG), 27.61.
1-meter diving: Dave Cunningham (WJG), 170.00 points; 2. Darocha (GC), 127.90; 3. Pask (GC), 113.60.
100 butterfly: 1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:03.54; 2. Down (GC), 1:17.14; 3. Eddings (WJG), 1:25.17.
100 freestyle: 1. Hodges (WJG), 54.11; 2. Manaila (WJG), 1:03.03; 3. Billings (WJG), 1:05.62.
500 freestyle: 1. Deering (WJG), 5:40.93; 2. Burdick (WJG), 6:12.18; 3. Selix (GC), 6:12.18.
200 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Manaila, Eddings, Deering, Hodges), 1:46.77; 2. Garden City (Crunk, Selix, Chad Berger, Down), no time available; 3. Garden City (Tyler Demaree, Jeremy Downer, Potter, Chris Witt), no time.
100 backstroke: 1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:06.38; 2. Ferguson (WJG), 1:20.2; 3. Darocha (GC), 1:27.02.
100 breaststroke: 1. Demaree (GC), 1:20.02; 2. Ball (GC), 1:21.12; 3. Billings (WJG), 1:25.91.
400 freestyle relay: John Glenn (Burdick, Deering, Hodges, Kukulka), 3:58.3; 2. Garden City (Snyder, Selix, Berger, Toby Down), 4:34.48; 3. Garden City (Witt, McDermott, Downer, Demaree), 4:57.61.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 1-0 overall; Garden City, 0-1 overall.

BOYS SWIMMING CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Ethan Burke Churchill



Grant McNamara Stevenson



Parker Belmore Stevenson



Tommy O'Donohue Stevenson



Jake Goeddeke Stevenson



Bradley Bielicki Stevenson

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Aaron Rieder, 10th year
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division)
Last year's overall dual record: 2-8
Last year's finish: fifth, KLAA South; 10th, Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Franklin Qiu.
Leading returnees: Ethan Burke, Soph., diving (first-team All-Area); Jackson Norwood, Sr., butterfly-freestyle; Patrick Dahlin, Sr., distance freestyle; Daniel Saltzman, Sr., backstroke-freestyle; Jose Melendez, Jr., butterfly-freestyle-IM; Kyle Reppenhagen, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Ryan Soules, Sr., freestyle-breaststroke.
Promising newcomers: Kevin Taylor, Fr., freestyle-IM-breaststroke; Tyler Opdyke, Fr., freestyle-breaststroke; Justin Baker, Sr., diving.
Rieder's 2013-14 season outlook: "Things are looking up. With a solid core returning, and the new addition of some qualified and experienced swimmers, the team should be stronger than last year. We are hoping to be stronger at both the division and conference meets this season. It will take hard work and dedication, but I feel that this group of student-athletes is up to the task."
LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Kevin Hafner, 14th year
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (South Division)
Last year's overall dual record: 0-8
Last year's finish: sixth, KLAA South; 11th, Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Justin Larkins (honorable mention All-Area).
Leading returnees: Jacob Forgacs, Jr.,

distance freestyle; Alex Herrick, Sr., IM-butterfly; Ryan Cossin, Jr., IM-breaststroke; Ethan Nordstrom, Soph., butterfly-freestyle; Austin Klotz, Jr., butterfly-backstroke; Paul Sturgis, Jr., freestyle; Gavin Lambert, Soph., butterfly-freestyle; Athava Dixit, Jr., breaststroke; Andrew Niemiec, Soph., freestyle-IM; Francis Mina, Sr., freestyle.
Promising newcomers: Alec McCreadie, Jr., freestyle-IM; Bryan Hives, Fr., freestyle; Matt Lepper, Fr., freestyle.
Hafner's 2013-14 outlook: "This is our largest team during my time as head coach. We have a good amount of experience returning. We have a few strong swimmers who will lead us and some good depth to support the guys at the top. It should be an exciting season for the team as we hope to be competitive in the South Division meets this season."
LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Jeff Shoemaker, 14th year
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (Central Division)
Last year's overall dual record: 8-3
Last year's finish: first, KLAA Central and Kensington Conference; third, Division 1 state meet.
Notable losses to graduation: John Ferrara (first-team All-Area, 100 backstroke, 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Brandon Shatter (second-team All-Area, 100 freestyle; second-team, 200 freestyle relay); Jesse Damesworth, David Ptashnik.
Leading returnees: Nick Arakelian, Sr., distance freestyle-IM (first-team All-Area, 500 freestyle; 200 medley and 400 freestyle relays); Jackson O'Dowd, Soph., sprint freestyle (first-team All-Area, 50 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay; second-team 200 freestyle relay); Grant McNamara, Sr., breaststroke-distance freestyle (first-team

All-Area, 100 breaststroke; Matt Laporte, Jr., distance freestyle (second-team All-Area, 200 freestyle); Parker Belmore, Sr., backstroke-freestyle (first-team All-Area, 400 freestyle relay; second-team All-Area, 100 backstroke); Jake Goeddeke, Sr., sprint freestyle-backstroke (first-team All-Area, 200 medley relay; second-team All-Area, 50 freestyle; 200 freestyle relay); Tommy O'Donohue, Sr., breaststroke (second-team All-Area, 100 breaststroke); Bradley Bielicki, Sr., IM-butterfly (first-team All-Area, 200 medley relay); Eric Ferrara, Jr., distance freestyle; Michael Chen, Sr., distance freestyle; Alex Lee, Jr., sprint freestyle; Matt Della Mora, Sr., breaststroke; Timmy O'Donohue, Sr., breaststroke-IM; Brian Atiyeh, Sr., diving; Chas Eisenhardt, Sr., diving; Blake Beck, Soph., distance freestyle-butterfly.
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Shoemaker's 2013-14 outlook: "For this season our goal is the same as every year — win the conference and see how well we can do at the state meet. We have a good state meet team returning and were hoping for another tremendous finish to the season. We have a roster of 30 and 17 are seniors."
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Bob Harding, eighth year
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division)
Last year's overall dual record: 6-1
Last year's finish: second, KLAA South; seventh, Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Josh Wakeford, Aaron Alholinna, Brad Alholinna, Jacob Burdick.
Leading returnees: Cody Hodges, Sr. (captain), sprint freestyle; John Kukulka, Sr. (captain), IM-butterfly-backstroke; Jacob Deering, Jr., distance

freestyle-IM; Dave Cunningham, Jr., diving.
Promising newcomers: Justin Wozniak, Fr., diving; Dylan Schweringer, Fr., freestyle.
Harding's 2013-14 outlook: "We're facing the loss of 11 seniors from last year's team. The team has accepted the challenges of filling these lost positions and working for the continued success of the swimming program. This year's team will be led by captains Cody Hodges and John Kukulka, while juniors Jake Deering, Jason Burdick, Dave Cunningham will play major roles in the team's success."
WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Mike Greuber, 17th year
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington (South Division)
Last year's overall dual record: 5-3
Last year's finish: fourth, KLAA South; ninth, Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Adam Pugh, Daniel Malcolm, Alec Gibson, Tyler Collison, Mason Webb.
Leading returnees: John Stover, Sr., distance freestyle; Zackary Williams, Sr., freestyle; Collin Malcolm, Sr., freestyle-butterfly; Devin Gibson, Jr., freestyle; Michael Gibson, Jr., freestyle-butterfly; Noah Karson, Jr., IM-butterfly; Jacob Griffith, Soph., freestyle-breaststroke; Daniel Mills, Sr., freestyle-breaststroke; Mack Beene, Jr., freestyle; Ethan Drouillard, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Uriel Figueroa, Jr., diving-breaststroke; Jared Ketcherside, Jr., freestyle.
Promising newcomers: Arthur Aigeltinger, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Blake Barber, Fr., freestyle-breaststroke; Devlin Robinson, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Kyle Swindlshurst, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Matt Tenerovich, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Drake Carpenter, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Jamie Cananza, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; James Marshall, Sr., freestyle-backstroke; Justin Gross, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Jason Kitts, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Matt Fischer, Jr., freestyle-backstroke; Quinton Williams, Fr., freestyle-backstroke; Jacob Hill, Jr., freestyle-backstroke.
Greuber's 2013-14 outlook: "This year's team has a good blend of experience and new talent. We are really looking to improve on last year's success. The kids are working really hard right now and as a staff we are waiting to see where that will take us. We have quite a few kids that qualified for the MISC meet last year. We're confident they can take the next step to state qualifying times this year. We know we are in a very talented division and conference, so it is up to us to step up our game in order to compete at a high level."

SWIM

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place.
"Saline lost a lot," he said.
"Brother Rice will be heavily favored. They'd really have to screw up not to win the state meet. They could score the most points ever by any team. They're going to walk away with it by far, unfortunately."
Stevenson's most notable loss to graduation is John Ferrara (Oakland University), who was state runner-up in the 100 backstroke (50.28) and added a fifth in the 200 IM (1:54.54). He was also a pivotal member Stevenson's two second-place relay teams.
Meanwhile, the 6-foot-3 Arakelian, who is headed next year to join older sister Caroline at Queens (N.C.) University, also finished runner-up in the 200 individual medley (1:48.22) and led the Spartans to runner-up finishes in the 200 medley (1:34.42) and 400 freestyle (3:07.07) relays (both school records).
As a junior, Arakelian broke four individual school records including the 100, 200 and 400 freestyles, along with the 200 IM.



Stevenson sophomore Jack O'Dowd as a state placer in four events last year. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Over the summer, Arakelian ranked as the 24th scorer overall (29 points) at the Speedo USA Swimming Junior Nationals held Aug. 5-9 in Irvine, Calif.

Arakelian's top finishes included a ninth in the 200-meter IM (2:03.93) and 10th in the 400 IM (4:24.44). He also placed 12th in both the 200 and 400 freestyles in 1:52.45 and

3:57.87, respectively, along with a 14th in the 1,500 freestyle (15:45.92).
"He looks magnificent, he looks really good," Shoemaker said. "He's got his goals set and

is raring to go. He's swimming super fast. He's gotten bigger, believe it or not."
Last year, Stevenson also posted automatic All-American times in five events and broke four Kensington Conference records (while winning eight of 12 events).
O'Dowd, a sophomore, was 10th at the state meet in both the 50 (21.72) and 100 (47.19) freestyles.
Also earning state meet points were McNamara, who was 10th in the 100 breaststroke (59.88); Belmore, 11th, 100 backstroke (53.47); and Tommy O'Donohue, 13th, 100 breaststroke (1:00.88).
Stevenson also returns three of four legs of its seventh-place 200 freestyle relay team (1:27.46) including O'Dowd, Belmore and Jake Goeddeke.
But despite the wealth of core talent thanks to a senior-laden team, Shoemaker does have one concern.
"The only thing I question is our depth," the 14th-year coach said.
See capsule outlook of area boys swim teams.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Dec. 11 at Stevenson
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Franklin, 202.5 points; 2. Churchill, 182; 3. Stevenson, 146.5; 4. Clarenceville, 45.
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
103 pounds: Josh Mussen (Churchill) pinned Dyland Brigham (C'ville), 2:17; **3rd place:** Rocco Ciarrattaro (Franklin) p. Jack Sullivan (Stevenson), 0:52.
112: Ethan Englehart (Churchill) p. Jared Bowers (Franklin), 0:39; **3rd:** Jake Oestervind (Stevenson) won by technical fall over Joseph Sanchez (C'ville), 17-2.
119: Jeremy Nelson (Franklin) p. Will Eckerle (Stevenson), 1:58; **3rd:** Brian Walrad (Churchill) won by void.
125: Josh Perez (Churchill) decisioned Adam Ross (Franklin), 11-4; **3rd:** Taylor Droste (Stevenson) won by injury default over Kevin Marzolo (C'ville).
130: Nathan Atienza (Franklin) won by major dec. over Trevor Demers (Stevenson), 1-2; **3rd:** Spencer Blanchard (Churchill) won by void.
135: Nick Robertson (Franklin) p. Emmanuel Austin (Stevenson), 1:19; **3rd:** Jimmy Kelly (Churchill) won by void.
140: Sandro Lytwyn (Stevenson) dec. Zack Leck (Churchill), 8-6; **3rd:** Collin Smith (Franklin) p. Jordan Beverly (C'ville), 8-6.
145: Chase Gardner (Churchill) p. Austin Steele (Franklin), 1:12; **3rd:** Tyler Statham (Stevenson) p. Kareem Stewart (C'ville), 3:29.
152: Domanick Slagle (C'ville) dec. Madji Hatem (Stevenson), 14-11; **3rd:** Kenneth Steele (Franklin) p. Jarad Merrow (Churchill), 0:46.
160: Nick Frazier (Franklin) won by major dec. over Cameron Fyffe (C'ville), 15-3; **3rd:** Ryan Delp (Churchill) dec. Derek Gilsbach (Stevenson), 14-12.
171: Jordan Atienza (Franklin) won by tech. fall over Connor Vaughan (Stevenson), 18-3; **3rd:** Nate Dietrich (Churchill) p. Connor Nolan (C'ville), 1:49.
189: Baker Hadwan (Churchill) p. Mitchell Retting (Franklin), 1:18; **3rd:** Frankie Metvier (Stevenson) p. Mitchell Hardy (C'ville), 3:45.
215: Brad Scott (Stevenson) p. Dan Huber (Franklin), 1:40; **3rd:** Alex Lemoncelli (Churchill) won by void.
285: Jake Mercieca (Churchill) dec. Josh Retting (Franklin), 5-0; **3rd:** Tyler Denski (Stevenson) p. Richard Miller (C'ville), 1:47.

TOURNEY

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better mat wrestler. I don't think he's as good on his feet right now, but the maturity he has on the mat is just well above and beyond. We're ecstatic with him and we love his attitude. Hard worker just like Jordan. Just great wrestling parents and they listen to coaches. You couldn't ask for anything better from brothers."
Meanwhile, Churchill was led by senior Josh Perez (125), who also garnered his fourth straight city title with a 11-4 decision over Franklin's Adam Ross.
Other first-place finishers for the Chargers included Joshua Mussen (103), Ethan Englehart (112), Chase Gardner (145), Baker Hadwan (189) and Jake Mercieca (285).
"The kids really wanted it," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "They were really pumped up to do it. We're a very young team and they were up for it. We're really wanting it. They knew what they had to do."
"For the most part we had a good showing on who we thought going to be there. Our 103-pounder (Josh) Mussen came through like champ. (Ethan) Englehart came through at 112. Those were two



Franklin freshman Nathan Atienza (front) captured the 130-pound crown against Stevenson Trevor Demers. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

pivotal weights where we weren't sure they could take a first, but they both came through. But it wasn't quite enough."
The Chargers, in fact, seemed disappointed when the final team totals were announced.
"They were not happy," Altounian said. "That's something that is a little bit different attitude than what we've had in the past. They're not happy taking second. They want to be first. Hopefully they'll keep growing every week and hopefully at the end of the year they'll be clicking

on all cylinders."
The host Spartans came away with two individual crowns led by Sandro Lytwyn (140) and Brad Scott (215).
"I'm very pleased with Sandro Lytwyn's performance," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "He won the tournament in Ypsilanti and he's wrestling great right now. For a young season, he's doing very well. And then Brad Scott did a nice job with a quick fall in the finals. Connor Vaughan did real well, too. He wrestled a tough kid. (Jordan) Atienza is just outstanding. It's a good measuring stick for us."

Stevenson also had five runner-up finishes, but were missing three key performers out with injuries including Marco Lytwyn and Jake Tennis.
"We put seven in the finals — I think we improved a lot from last year," Vaughan said. "But you can't win anything if you're coming in second place all the time. I'm fairly pleased, but we could have done better. We could have gotten a few extra bonus points with some falls. It got a little bit tighter than years past. It's exciting to go down to the end no matter who is wrestling."
Clarenceville's lone champ was Domanick Slagle (152), who decisioned Stevenson's Madji Hatem in the finals, 14-11.
"Slagle really wrestled well this tournament," Clarenceville coach Nick Elam said. "He won his first match — got the job done. His second match it was a little bit sloppy, but he did everything he needed to finish it off strong."
"Overall, we've had a lot of injuries this year and given up a lot of voids. We had four voids coming into today and seven total starters out, so we had a lot of young guys in today. They got a lot of experience and that's good for the future."

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John Glenn wrestling squad takes second in Rocket Duals

Westland John Glenn opened its wrestling season Dec. 7 with a 4-1 record en route to a runner-up finish in its own 12-team Rocket Duals.
Clarkston, which defeated Glenn in the finals, 54-21, took first place followed by the Rockets, Southgate Anderson, third; Melvindale, fourth; Livonia Franklin, fifth; and Utica Eisenhower, sixth.
Glenn reached the finals with victories over Eisenhower

(53-18), Southgate (43-30), Roseville (46-28) and Wyandotte Roosevelt (63-16).
"I thought our kids wrestled well in some matches and not so good in others," Glenn coach Bill Polk said.
"We need to develop consistency as a team. I was surprised with some of the heart and determination some of our young guys showed. I'm sure we will only get better as the season rolls on."

Going 5-0 on the day for the Rockets included freshman Jon Siemasz (103 pounds), senior Kevin Huynh (125), junior Nate Irvine (215) and senior Jordon Brandon (285).
"Our team captains, Huynh and Brandon, led by example in every way on Saturday," Polk said.
"I am excited to see some of our young guys improve and be an impact shortly. I am also pleased with some of our re-

turners as they improved from last season and showed hard work pays off."
DUAL MEET RESULTS
ROMULUS 42
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 33
Dec. 12 at Belleville
103 pounds: Dyland Brigham (C'ville) won by void; **112:** Joseph Sanchez (C'ville) won by void; **119:** double void; **125:** Baskett (R) won by void; **130:** Gibson (R) won by void; **135:** Black (R) won by void; **140:** Hunt (R) won by void; **145:** Kouba (R) pinned Jordan Beverly, 0:47; **152:** Domanick Slagle (C'ville) p. Barnett, 1:20; **160:** Cameron Fyffe (C'ville) dec. Madison, 7-3; **171:** Brown (R) p. Evan Hendricks, 2:40; **189:** Mitchell Hardy (C'ville) won by void; **215:** David Curvin (C'ville) p. Davis, 0:18; **285:** Bruce (R) p. Richard Miller, 3:32.

DEARBORN 65
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 12
Dec. 12 at Belleville
103 pounds: Alhassan (Dbn.) pinned Dyland Brigham, 3:45; **112:** Ghamlouche (Dbn.) won by technical fall over Joseph Sanchez, 18-3; **119:** double void; **125:** double void; **130:** double void; **135:** double void; **140:** double void; **145:** Aljabori (Dbn.) p. Jordan Beverly, 0:58; **152:** Domanick Slagle (C'ville) p. Wehrbe, 1:15; **160:** Alhassan (Dbn.), 2:59; p. Cameron Fyffe, 1:59; **171:** Jomma (Dbn.) p. Evan Hendricks, 3:34; **189:** Ahmed (Dbn.) p. Mitchell Hardy, 2:19; **215:** David Curvin (C'ville) p. Alasadille, 2:55; **Yoonas (Dbn.)** p. Richard Miller, 1:59.
Clarenceville's dual meet record: 0-2 overall, 0-2 Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

Dieting? Add seasonal produce to meals for topnotch health

TOPS Club Inc, the nonprofit weight-loss support group, offers its favorite picks for winter fruits and vegetables that are packed with nutrients and make it easier to avoid high-fat treats.

The organization suggests these foods to add dazzle to dinner in a healthy way:

» Look for squash in butternut, sweet dumpling, acorn, spaghetti, banana, Hubbard, and buttercup varieties. Surprisingly, the rich taste of winter squash contains only 80 calories per cup. Winter squash is a source of complex carbohydrates and fiber, and also contains potassium, niacin, iron, vitamin C, folate, and cancer-fighting beta-carotene. Try it baked, boiled, microwaved, sautéed, or steamed. Squash halves can be baked as a boat containing fillings such as vegetable and bread stuffing or fruit mixtures. Squash can also be added to enhance pasta and rice dishes, adding extra fiber, vitamins, and minerals.

» Kale, a member of the cabbage family, can be used as a stand-in for spinach or collard greens in many dishes. Bursting with nutrients, kale contains potassium, vitamin A, vitamin C, iron, calcium, and beta-carotene. Kale also has two grams of filling protein in a serving. Look for dark-colored bunches of kale and avoid brown or yellow leaves. It makes a delicious addition to smoothies, soups, stir-fries, casseroles, or even simply sautéed as a side dish.

» Clementines are a refreshingly sweet variety of mandarin orange often referred to as "seedless tangerines." They are much easier to peel than other citrus fruits and are a good source of vitamin C, potassium, folic acid, and fiber. When picking out clementines, choose those that are slightly soft, blemish-free, strongly fragrant, and heavy for their size, meaning they're full of juice. Peel the skin and eat the fruit's segments or add them to salads.

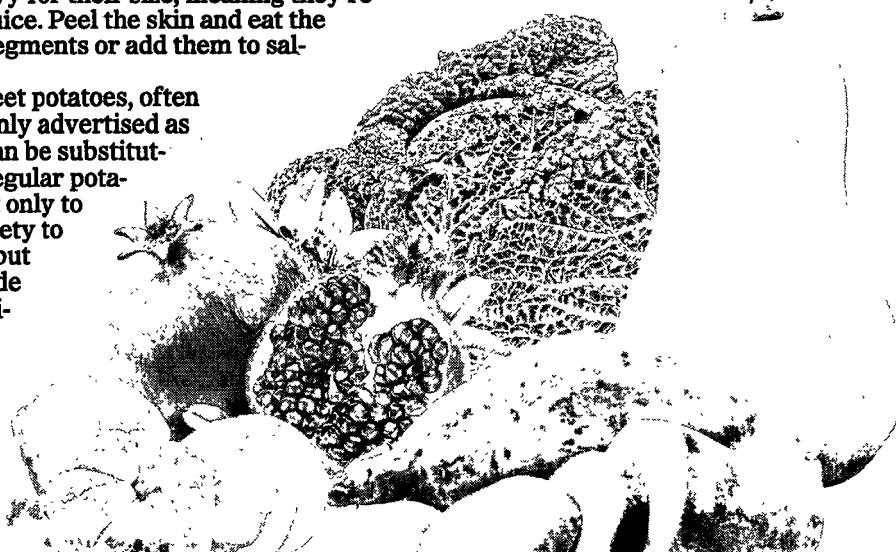
» Sweet potatoes, often mistakenly advertised as yams, can be substituted for regular potatoes, not only to add variety to menus, but to provide a healthier option.

Sweet potatoes have almost twice the recommended daily allowance of vitamin A, 42 percent of the RDA for vitamin C, and four times the RDA for beta-carotene compared to white potatoes. When eaten with the skin on, sweet potatoes have more fiber than oatmeal and carry a reasonable 130 to 160 calories. And sweet potatoes digest slowly, causing a gradual rise in blood sugar so people feel satisfied longer.

» Pomegranates are known for their bright, tart taste and pinkish-red pulp and juice. They contain arils, which are full of nutritious juice surrounding a small white crunchy seed. You can eat the entire aril, containing fiber-rich seeds, or spit them out. One glass of pomegranate juice contains the same disease-fighting polyphenol content as four glasses of cranberry juice or 10 cups of green tea. They are an ideal source of potassium, vitamin C, and niacin. When buying a pomegranate, look for round, plump, and heavy fruit. The arils are tasty eaten raw or sprinkled over salads, oatmeal, yogurt, and fruit salad.

TOPS Club Inc promotes successful weight management with a "Real People. Real Weight Loss" philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members — male and female, age 7 and older — in thousands of chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is \$28 per year in the U.S., in addition to chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677.



Regional network aims to enhance stroke research

Nine hospitals in southeast Michigan have formed a network that will help researchers address stroke prevention, treatment and recovery. The new Michigan StrokeNet is one of 25 regional stroke networks across the nation.

The University of Michigan Health System's Stroke Program is coordinating the network. Hospitals involved are University Hospital (U-M Health System), Ann Arbor; St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Ann Arbor; St. Mary Mercy, Livonia; DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital, Detroit; DMC Harper University Hospital, Detroit; DMC Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Detroit; DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit; and C.S. Mott Children's Hospital (U-M Health System), Ann Arbor.

Philip Scott, M.D., and Devin Brown, M.D., of U-M's Department of Emergency Medicine and Department of Neurology serve as co-principal investigators.

U-M is already the home of the national clinical coordinating center of the NIH-funded Neurological Emergencies Treatment Trials network, which coordinates studies on the emergency care of a range of brain-related issues.

"The new system is intended to streamline stroke research, by centralizing approval and review, lessening time and costs of clinical trials, and assembling a comprehensive data sharing system," said Petra Kaufmann, M.D., the associate director for clinical research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

NINDS, which will fund and manage the NIH Stroke Trials Network — NIH StrokeNet — has a history of successful stroke clinical trials over the past 40 years, leading to advances in treatment and prevention of the

disease, including the first treatment for acute stroke, announced in 1995.

Each of the 25 networks will receive infrastructure funding for research and education support, with \$50,000 per year allocated to train the next generation of stroke clinical researchers.

NIH StrokeNet investigators will propose, develop and conduct stroke protocols to be administered within the network and train the future generation of clinical researchers in stroke.

Improving clinical trials

The network concept evolved from an NINDS planning effort in which stroke experts were asked what is most needed to reduce death and disability due to stroke in the United States. They called for a nationwide stroke network that would allow for a more seamless transition between early safety and efficacy trials and clinical trials.

"Our goal for the NIH Stroke Centers Network is to initiate four to five NINDS-funded exploratory Phase I and II stroke clinical trials, and two to four Phase III trials over the next five years. This is a major challenge which we believe the stroke research community will embrace," said Scott Janis, Ph.D., NINDS program director of the NIH StrokeNet.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted, causing brain cells in the immediate area to die because they stop getting oxygen. Stroke can also occur when a vessel breaks and bleeds into the brain. The number of new strokes reported each year is 795,000, making stroke the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S.

For more information about stroke visit stroke.nih.gov. For more information about stroke research and care at the U-M Health System, visit www.uofmhealth.org/medical-services/stroke and for information about participating in clinical research studies at the U-M Health System, visit www.um-clinicalstudies.org.



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Dealing with Sports Injuries Therapy or Surgery?...That is the Question.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



J. Holland
Rehabilitation
Therapist

Playing organized sports is a great way for children and teens to improve social skills, build relationships and develop better overall physical coordination. However, as with any physical activity, there is always an increased risk for injury. Garden City Hospital's Director of Rehabilitation Therapy, Jennifer Holland, discusses the options for treating shoulder problems.

Q: Our son has suffered a partial rotator cuff tear from playing football. We've spoken to an orthopedic surgeon who recommends surgery as the best solution. Our friends have encouraged us to try physical therapy before considering surgery. We're not sure what to do. Can you shed some light on the matter?

A: Your physician has received formal training, has the most knowledge about your son's personal situation and is the best resource for determining a course of treatment. However, if you are not comfortable with a diagnosis, I always suggest getting a second opinion. In the event you want to explore a more conservative alternative to surgery, you may want to try physical therapy (PT) first. People with smaller tears usually improve with physical therapy. In some cases, patients have vastly improved with a combination of physical therapy and steroid injections. If shoulder strength and function do not improve after three to six months of physical therapy, surgical repair may be considered.

The rotator cuff is composed of four muscles, each of which has a tendon that attaches to the upper arm bone. These tendons form a cuff around the head of the upper arm bone. The rotator cuff tendons may tear as a result of injury, chronic over use, or a combination of both.

The treatment goals for a torn rotator cuff are to recover lost strength, improve the function of the shoulder, and treat any underlying tendinitis. Conservative treatment is adequate in the vast majority of cases, although younger athletes with larger tears, particularly affecting the dominant arm, may be candidates for surgical repair. Following shoulder surgery, your physician will determine a rehabilitation plan for your unique situation.

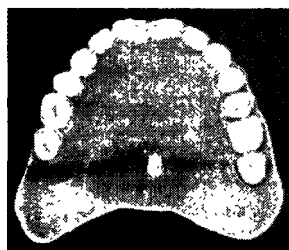
It's important to note that symptoms of rotator cuff tear often include pain and weakness of the shoulder, although some people have few or no symptoms. In addition, the severity of the tear does not necessarily correlate with the severity of a person's pain; in other words, a person with a partial tear may have severe pain while a person with a complete tear may have little or no pain. However, if left untreated, the condition and symptoms may worsen.

Cold winter weather often has an intensifying effect on old sports injuries. There's no need to suffer from the chronic discomfort associated with age or injury. From aquatic therapy to strength and conditioning, the Garden City Hospital Center for Sports and Rehabilitation offers a complete series of treatment options for everyone and every issue. For more information or to make an appointment, visit GCH.org or call 877.717.WELL.

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JOURNEY OF HOPE

COUPLE EMPOWERS AFRICAN TRIBE
WITH FOOD, LITERACY PROJECTSBy Sidney R. Bonvallet
Guest Columnist

Clouds of dust rolled over our vehicle as we pulled into the remote village of Bennde Mutale. We were in the homeland of the Venda people of South Africa, back to do the mission work we began more than a year ago in these five villages.

Helping Hands Touching Hearts, a 501(c)3 charity has served for five years with a mission to empower impoverished people through sustainability with education, health and hope. Wayne, my husband, C.J. Christopher, my daughter, and I were here to build chicken coops, plant gardens, work with the schools and implement other projects to relieve the burden of poverty that has gripped these people.

We made our way to the huts of Aida and Humbilani Baloyi, where we would make our home for the next two months. It was a complex of two mud huts, called rondavels, a patio and fire pit, a small rectangular building the family occupied, an outdoor shower and outdoor toilets. Wayne and I stayed in one rondavel and C.J. stayed in the other just across the patio from us.

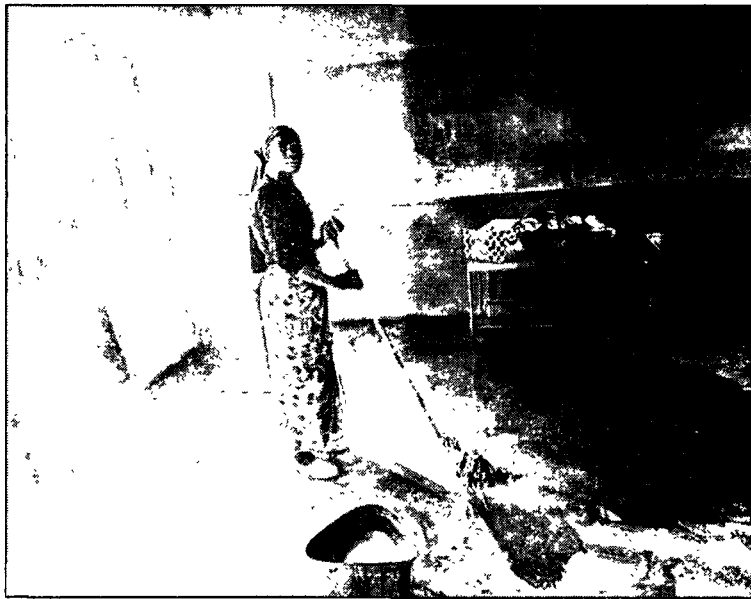
We culturally traveled at warp speed from the 21st century back to the ancient ways of life in this small Venda village. We very quickly learned to carry our water from the well, cook our food over an open fire pit and cope with the lack of modern technology. Although it was a little difficult for an 83- and 73-year-old couple, we managed quite well. This was life at the most basic level.

We discovered that the Venda are a graceful and contented people, in spite of the harsh environment. The women gather at the well to socialize while they draw water and together they go to the river to wash their clothes. Women carry the wood and water for the family, cook meals and care for the children. The men farm, tend the goat and cattle herds, feed the chickens, build the mud huts and do the repairs.

There is an easy flow to life and the sounds of nature strike a primitive harmonious tone. We reveled in the sounds of the mourning dove, a distant lion roaring, roosters "waking the dead" with their insistent crowing, children laughing and bells clanging.

Sustainable projects

C.J., Wayne and I revisited Gilbert Mbedzi, the principal of Fhetani High School. When Mbedzi started, there was only a 44-percent graduation rate. He has consistently raised the bar until it is now at 92 percent, but he will not be happy until it is 100 percent. HHTH brought him the photocopier we promised last year, as well as a computer. Now he can go



A woman helps clean the school in the village.



Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills gathers eggs with Prince, a member of the Venda tribe.



Sidney Bonvallet, her husband, and daughter lived in these mud huts for two months while working with the Venda tribe.

to the nearest town with Internet and download lessons, exams and teaching material to upgrade the children's educational opportunities.

We soon learned there was no industry in this area of 90-percent unemployment. HHTH took on this challenge with several sustainable projects to lift the hearts of the Venda people in these villages. We built chicken coops for two villages and supplied laying hens to provide fresh eggs for the children. These two projects are already producing 25-30 eggs each a day, which supplements the children's poor diet. Another project was started with 60 baby chicks that have now grown to adulthood and will be laying soon.

Two gardens were planted, leading us to another exciting possibility. We found there were six men who wanted to grow a large garden for the community. HHTH believed in their dream and backed their project, which created six jobs in the village. They cleared 13 acres of thorn bushes and trees

by hand with saws, panga knives and axes. HHTH provided them with the equipment, tools, seeds, water pump and fertilizer for their venture.

It did not take long for us to realize the harsh reality of AIDS as we worked in the villages. So many children are orphaned, with no one to care for them or supply their basic needs. HHTH identified the orphans who needed shoes, measured their feet and gave them each a new pair of shoes.

Because malaria is still a dangerous threat, we distributed 250 mosquito nets. One person dies every minute in this area of Africa and these nets save precious lives.

When we drove away from the village for the last time, it was with a contented and grateful heart. We had installed so many sustainable projects that were up and running. The Venda people are willing to work hard to improve their lot in life. They want something better than poverty for their children and to get them the education that



Thompo, a young Venda tribe member, holds a baby chick

will create a whole new order.

Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills is the founder and president of *Helping Hands Touching Hearts*. She

accepts donations for her work at www.clotheavillagenow.com. For more information, call her at 248-514-3022.

Donate to a 'giving tree' or pet food pantry this season

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

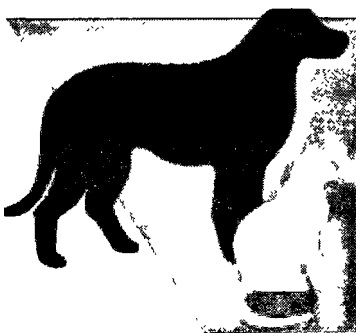
Laura Zain tries to feed as many animals as she can with her Pantry 4 Paws Pet Food Assistance Program at Tail Waggers' 1990 in Livonia.

That includes pets that have been turned away for assistance from other animal welfare organizations.

"I got a call from a lady from Matrix Human Services. They have 40 senior citizens that own animals," said Zain, founder and director of the nonprofit animal welfare group.

The seniors needed help feeding their pets, mostly larger dogs, including pit bulls and rottweilers.

"After being turned down by other organizations — that said they didn't have a food pantry — they turned to Tail Waggers. We made up tote bags for individual seniors, stuffed them and started a file on each one. It wiped us out of

**PET PROJECTS**

food, but how could we turn them away?"

Now Tail Waggers' is looking for a helping hand to restock its shelves. The goal is to collect enough food so that dogs and cats in the community can have a little something special under the tree during the holiday season. The organization accepts both dry and wet food for cats and dogs, and gift cards to pet supply stores, Target and Walmart. It espe-

cially needs treats this month.

"I tell people (to buy) boxes of Milk Bones," Zain said. "I stay away from rawhide and stuff from China."

She prefers "main brand" popular cat and dog treats made in America, that are less likely to be recalled than their Chinese counterparts.

Zain said Tail Waggers' pet food pantry feeds hundreds of animals, and distributes "thousands of pounds" of food each month. Participants, who are struggling financially, may return for more food when their pet supplies run low. The pantry program aims to keep families and their pets together during financially challenging times.

"We base it on the honesty system for the most part. We write down what we give them, but we've never had a problem. I don't feel we're ever being abused and makes it easy for us to continue wanting to give to the community."

"And we really hook these

people up. We don't just give them a four-pound bag. I had a lady reach out to us, she was feeding her animals salami," said Zain, noting that the client was unemployed. "She cried when she saw how much cat litter and food she was getting from us."

Tail Waggers' is located at 28402 Five Mile, at Harrison between Middlebelt and Inkster Road. Food donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Zain also encourages local businesses to collect food for the pantry program. Collection sites are given a sign, personalized flier and bin, along with exposure on the Tail Waggers' website.

Families in need of pet food assistance can contact the Tail Waggers' office at 734-855-4077 or email tailwaggers.1990@yahoo.com.

Helping MHS

Canine College in Farmington Hills is sponsoring its "Giv-

ing Tree" program for the second year to help the Michigan Humane Society care for homeless animals.

The Giving Tree is located in the lobby of Canine College at 23717 Research Drive, and is covered with ornaments made of paper that feature a photograph of a homeless pet at the Michigan Humane Society Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. Each ornament also includes a wish list of needed items.

Animal supporters can stop by, choose an ornament from the tree, buy the items on the wish list, place them in a holiday stocking and staple the ornament to the stocking. Then they return the gift to Canine College for placement under the tree.

All holiday stockings must be returned to Canine College by Dec. 18 for delivery to MHS on Dec. 20.

For more information, call 248-427-8245.

Galas raise \$1 million each for DIA, Alzheimer's Association

At a time when Detroit and the Detroit Institute of Arts need the most community support and dollars to save our cultural institution, 800 donors rallied to help raise \$1 million at the recent DIA Night of Illusion Gala.



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

What was no illusion is that the \$1 million was 30 percent over the DIA's goal.

Still wracking your brain for the perfect holiday gift? A DIA membership is just the ticket. Memberships start at \$65 for individuals, \$60 for senior citizens, 62 and over, and \$110 for families. For more information, call 313-833-7971 or email membership@dia.org.

Local artists

Speaking of art, The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center annual Shop & Champagne preview night was a fun evening of mingling, strolling delicacies, bountiful bubbly and, of course, shopping for one-of-a-kind art including colorful fiber scarves and hats, pottery, jewelry, sculptures, paintings, ornaments and stocking stuffers of handmade soaps. The items, including works by Westland artist Mary Kernahan and Louise Malinowski, a Redford resident, will be Center's Gallery Shop through Dec. 21.

Local sponsor

It was a sweet ending to 2013 for the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The 29th annual Chocolate Jubilee, held at the MGM Grand Hotel, was attended by more than 750 patrons. The event,



Susan Lampinen of Pleasant Ridge and Jim Vella of Canton enjoy the DIA Night of Illusion Gala.



Attending the Alzheimer's Association's Chocolate Jubilee, from were Taylor residents Eileen Vernor (left) and Geoffrey Drutchas and Scott Colburn Boots & Western Wear owners Marge Colburn of Farmington Hills and Sarah Colburn of Ferndale.



Plymouth residents Steve and Sandy Zanella are among the 800 DIA supporters who attended Night of Illusion Gala. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

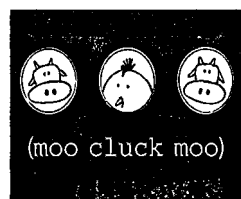
combined with some major gifts, raised \$1 million for the organization.

This year's Country Western theme was espe-

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Jr. Naturalist

The Junior Naturalist club meets 10-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. It's for ages 5-11 and is a "drop-off class." Topics are animal tracking, Jan. 12, 2014; owl prowling, Feb. 9, 2014; maple sugaring, March 9, 2014; signs of spring, April 13, 2014; beginning birding, May 11, 2014; and bug and wetland exploration, June 8, 2014. The fee is \$10 per class in advance and \$12 per class paid at the door. Register online at <https://re-reg.fhgov.com>. For more information, call 248-477-1135.

Master Gardeners

Bob Bransky, amateur photographer, will talk about basic photographic techniques, lighting and hints for taking photographs, at the general membership meeting of the Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County, Jan. 2, 2014, at the MSU Extension, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, visit mgwwc.org.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

50 Shades of Green exhibit runs through Jan. 5 2014, at 1800 N.J. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, and includes flower displays, ideas for holiday tree decorating, art inspired by the color green and holiday items for sale in the garden store. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily; open until 8 p.m. Wednesday. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve. 734-647-7600



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Christmas Day	Midnight Mass	12:00 am
	Morning Mass	10:00 am
	Confessions	9:30 am

Volunteers vital to therapy choir mission

During this holiday season, there is a great deal of giving and receiving going on. It is a time to enjoy the good feelings associated with sharing gifts. Customs of giving and receiving have been handed down through the ages.

With 2014 approaching, it is a good time to turn our attention to volunteering. When we volunteer, we are giving the gift of ourselves. And, volunteering is not limited to a holiday season. It can be ongoing. One wise man said, "There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them." The second wise man said, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted. And behold, service was joy." And then the third wise man said: "Volunteering is like a paying job, only better. It is better because of the generosity and focus on others, rather than ourselves."

The Bible tells us of Jesus Christ giving sight to the blind, life to the dead, and much more — all free of charge! Some may believe that one person can't make a difference. I say, think of Mother Teresa who opened hospices for the dying. Or, think about how our Meals on Wheels program began with one person taking a meal to a needy family, by bicycle, in World War I.

Volunteer Voices

Another opportunity for volunteerism, perhaps less known, is The Therapy Choirs of Michigan's Volunteer Voices in Farmington Hills. TCM is a unique, a cappella choir, comprised of individuals with various types of disabilities such as: traumatic brain injury, developmental disabilities, mental health problems, and associated traumatic



Len McCulloch

challenges of life.

The Volunteer Voices component of TCM is available to any interested person, be they an able-bodied, or challenged. Good singing skills are not required. Volunteers can lend their voices or assist with many other tasks involved in maintaining and expanding TCM's mission of providing a therapeutic experience for its members and listening audiences through song.

Volunteer Voices members have included a member of the Rockettes dance troupe, the director of community programs at the Detroit Opera House, and the Royal Oak Police Department's chaplain, who also serves as TCM's chaplain. Many citizens from near and far, all ages, continue to respond to TCM's call for volunteers. There is a former member of a barbershop singing group and the mothers of young adults who struggle with Down syndrome, autism and related disabilities.

Helping TCM

Recently, school children from St. Edith School participated with the choir's holiday concert at the Sanctuary at Villa Marie, Livonia. Others, often anonymously, volunteer by helping with choir robes, transportation and, sometimes simply turning the page of a song book for a person who needs help. Audience members, perhaps without knowing it, volunteer simply by their presence and their listening. All shows are free donations are greatly appreciated.

The Finnish American Singers of Michigan is sponsored by the

Finnish Center Association and calls the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills its home. It presents Finnish and English chorale concerts. The group's president, Eileen Yankee, and her colleagues frequently volunteer to sing with the Therapy Choirs of Michigan. They have been beside the choir singing the national anthem at the Detroit Tiger Baseball game at Comerica Park and at TCM's Annual Capitol Concert in Lansing, which champions the cause of people with disabilities.

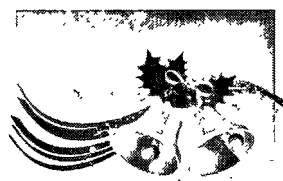
TCM members, past and present, and Volunteer Voices will perform at a special event March 5, 2014 at the Capitol in Lansing. At this event, a national proclamation will be issued declaring the first week of March as Choir Therapy Awareness Week in the United States. Needless to say, the TCM mission would not be possible without the work of Volunteer Voices. Its members demonstrate time and again how volunteerism involves giving and receiving. Everybody wins. This generates resiliency, which is a key component in mental health.

Resources

» www.volunteerconnections.com.
» Call 248-478-6639 for information about the Finnish American Singers.
» Visit TCM's website: www.therapychoirs.org.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, brain injury, addictions, traumatic stress and social work. He is a volunteer member of the American Red Cross Mental Health Disaster Team. His column, Our Mental Health, is archived at www.farmilb.org. McCulloch can be reached at 248-476-9329.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Send holiday entertainment items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Send photos as jpg attachments.

COMEDY

GO! COMEDY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, through Dec. 21

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: *The Worst Noel*, the fifth annual holiday sketch revue. Tickets are \$15 Thursday, \$20 Friday and Saturday, available at gocomedy.net

Also playing: *Frosty*, 10 p.m. Dec. 19, is an original late night show about Frosty the Snowman who returns to the town of Armonk from the North Pole to find the children he once knew have grown up and are home from college. Tickets are \$10.

Contact: 248-327-0575

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19, and 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: *A Christmas Story*; \$3 admission

Coming up: *The Polar Express*, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 21-22

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *White Christmas*; tickets \$5. Bring your camera to get a photo with Santa. Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted for St. Christine Food Pantry.

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORICAL

GARDEN CITY MUSEUM

Time/Date: Noon-3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, through Dec. 28

Location: 6221 Merri-

man, Garden City

Details: View a collection of more than 200 Santa Claus figures

Contact: 734-838-0650

GREENMEAD

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Location: At Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia

Details: Tours of the village buildings, which will be decorated for the holidays

Contact: 248-477-8568

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, through Jan. 19, 2014

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: A Red Ryder Christmas Story is an exhibit based on the film, *A Christmas Story*. The museum is filled with vignettes of scenes from the movie, including the infamous leg lamp and Flick's tongue getting stuck to the flag pole. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 6-17

Contact: 734-455-8940

LIGHTS

LIGHTFEST

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, excluding Dec. 25

Location: Along Hines Drive. Enter at 7651 Meriman, in Westland

Details: See 45 giant animated light displays along more than four miles of Hines Drive. \$5 per vehicle

Contact: 734-261-1990

WILD LIGHTS

Time/Date: 5:30-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday and Sunday, and 5:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-15, 20-23, 26-30; and Jan. 2-5, 2014

Location: Detroit Zoo, Woodward Ave., at the 1-696 service drive, Royal Oak

Details: More than two million twinkling LED lights adorn buildings, animal sculptures and trees on a half-mile trail through the front of the zoo. Tickets are \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the gate for ages 2 and up (under 2 free); parking is \$5 per car. Buy tickets at the Detroit Zoo main admissions or online at http://www.detroitzoo.org/events/wild-lights. They also are available at Kroger stores

Contact: 248-541-5717

MUSIC

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 21

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Too Hot to Handel features a jazz gospel version of *The Messiah*. Tickets are \$20-\$68.

Contact: michiganopera.org

FINNISH CULTURAL CENTER

Time/Date: 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Location: 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Far-

mington and Newburgh, Farmington Hills

Details: The Finnish-American Singers of Michigan present "A Musical Christmas Card" featuring carols and other seasonal favorites. Admission is \$10 for adults, over 12; \$5 for youth, 5-12; and free for children under 5. Price includes luncheon

Contact: 248-478-6939

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16

Location: VisTaTech Center on the main campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo present Winter Wonderland Concert, featuring both large and small jazz groups performing traditional, contemporary, and holiday jazz arrangements. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted.

Coming up: The Schoolcraft College music ensembles, including the Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and Wind Ensemble, will present a special holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the VisTaTech Center. The concert is free, although donations will be accepted

Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m.

Location: Petco, 45725 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Pets pose for a photo with Santa and receive goodies. Pet owners pay \$8.95 and receive a 4-by-6-inch photo of their pet with Santa, along with a keepsake frame. Proceeds help Tail Waggers' 1990 in Livonia and the Petco Foundation

Contact: 734-641-8422

THEATRE

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: *A Wonderful World of Christmas* tells the story of Billy, who believes in Santa Claus but his sister doesn't. When a mysterious, magical postman shows up to personally deliver Billy's letter to the North Pole, he invites the siblings to go with him. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater.

Contact: 248-719-3637; soy@ml.rr.com

TWO MUSES THEATRE

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Dec.

15, 21-22 for *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15 and 22, for *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)*

Location: Barnes & Noble Bookseller, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield

Details: The theater presents two plays, one a matinee for families and the other, a madcap retelling of traditional holiday stories at evening performances. Tickets range from \$10-\$25.

Contact: 248-850-9919; www.twomusetheatre.org

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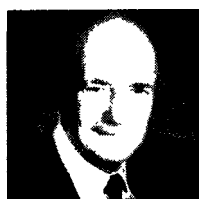
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CHUMBLEY, DONALD R.

November 28, 2013, age 80. Beloved husband of the late Joyce Willis Chumbley. Dear father of Karen (Paul Killick) Chumbley, Linda (Bill Trubey) Chumbley, Elaine (Dan) Flood, and Steve (Laurie) Willis. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Sophia Chumbley, Lindsay Flood, Nicholas and Daniel Willis. Don also leaves behind his dear friend of 15 years, Barbara Robler. Memorial Gathering, Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan. Share your memories at www.schrader-howell.com



McCALMONT, J. DAVID

December 9, 2013, age 91 of Naples, Florida, formerly of New York. Loving husband of the late Laura. Dear father of Derek McCalmont, M.D. (Patricia) and the late John Lorenz McCalmont. Beloved grandfather of John. Funeral Service Monday December 16th at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Visitation at church begins at 12:00 p.m. Memorial tributes to International Rescue Committee or the University of Michigan. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.

View obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com



SYDLOWSKI, JEANNETTE K.

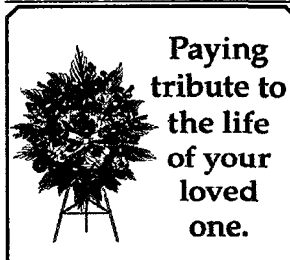
Age 81 of Northville. Cherished wife of Harry. Loving mother of Jane (Arnold) Johnson, Jerry (Julia), Julie and Joel (Jane). Proud grandma of nine. Dearest sister of Jim and Mark Kuchnicki. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan), Sunday 2-9 p.m. with 4 p.m. Rosary. Funeral Monday at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia. In state 10:15 a.m., Mass 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kay Lasante Clinic in Haiti. Please visit online guestbook, fredwoodfuneralhome.com.

FRED WOOD
Funeral Home



THOMPSON, HERMAN ELLIOTT

Age 82. Southfield resident passed November 30, 2013. Graduated from Pershing High School and honorably discharged from the US Army. Retired from Ford Motor Company after 35 years as a Journeyman Plumber. Married to Barbara Jemison-Thompson; two daughters Deborah Defoe (William) and Denise Hawkins (Theodore); one brother and five grandchildren. Services were held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Corinthian MBC, 1725 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. For more information and online condolence please visit www.pyefuneralhome.com.



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GLINSKI, KATHRYN

age 91, December 11, 2013 of Romulus. Beloved wife of the late Felix. Loving mother of Larry Glinski, Betty (Chuck) Moser, Glenn Glinski and Bonnie (Doug) Good. Proud grandmother of twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services carefully arranged with Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Rd., Westland. Interment Michigan Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the 1st Congregational Church of Wayne. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOME

RAY, MILDRED

Age 91, of Webberville, died Wednesday, December 11, 2013. She was born March 6, 1922 in Alma to Gerald and Hazel (Schaffer) McGill and married George C. Ray, who preceded her in death in 1971. She was a member of Hidden Springs Church. Surviving are her daughters: Carol Ann (Jerry) Gresham, Susan Jean (Terry) Shirkey, Debra Lynn Ray, five grandchildren two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Linda and four brothers. Graveside services 11 a.m. Tuesday at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia with Pastor Bob Miller officiating. A Memorial Service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, December 19th at Hidden Springs Church, Howell. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home, Fowlerville. www.niblackfuneralhome.com



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Candle Lighting Service 7:30 p.m.

December 22
A Franciscan Christmas with
Song and Spirit 10 a.m.

December 29
Relight Your Christmas Candle
10 a.m.

December 31
New Year's Eve Burning Bowl
6:30 p.m.

Friday Night Lights Presents

A Christmas for Everyone

Sunday, December 22, 2013



Christmas Worship

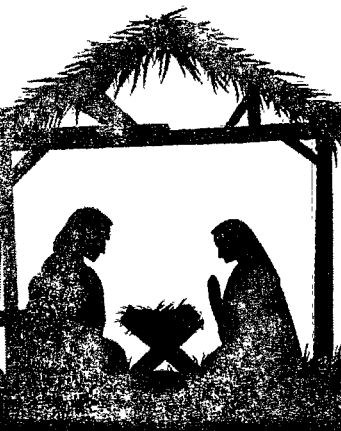
Christmas Eve - December 24

including carols, Holy
Communion, a hearty and
candle lighting.

4:00 p.m.
A service for children
younger than five years old
and their families.

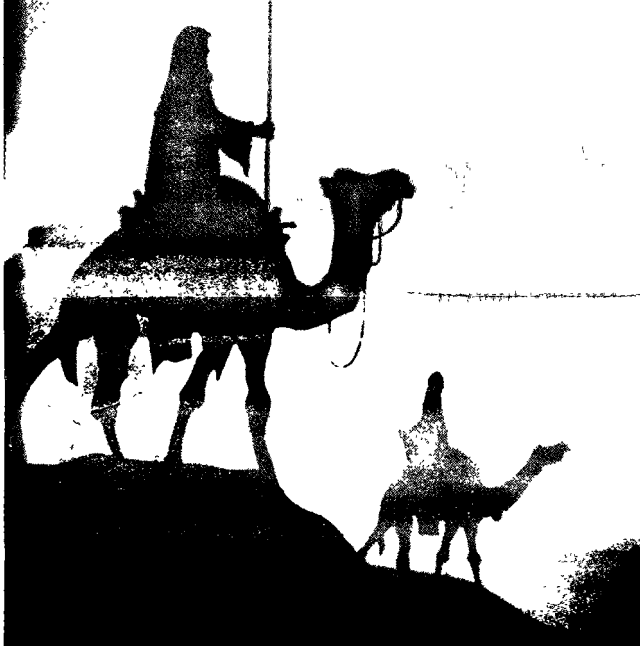
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December 22

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7:00 PM Service of Comfort and Hope

December 24 - Christmas Eve

11:00 AM Young Family Service

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

4:00 PM Family Service

Rev. William Adams III

6:00 PM Family Service

Rev. Carol Tate

8:30 PM Holy Night Service

Dr. Norman Pritchard

11:00 PM Holy Night Service

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Sunday, December 22, 2013 - 11 a.m.

Morning Worship

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Christmas Eve Service

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"O" Antiphons (Lessons and Carols) — Sunday, December 15 at 10 AM
Traditional Anglican Holy Eucharist service of Scripture and Christmas carols led
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A service dedicated to all who are challenged by this year's holiday season;
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Christmas Eve - December 24

Holy Eucharist at 5 PM

(suggested for families with small children and youth);

Festive Holy Eucharist at 8 and 11 PM

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Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25 at 10 AM

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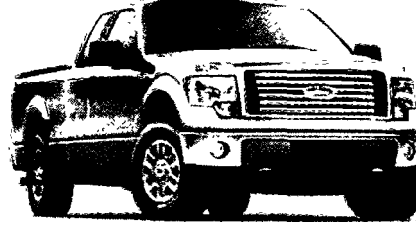
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So get set to put your experience to good use by doing these three things:

1. Concentrate on the job

If you spend your time demonstrating how you are the right candidate for the position, age need not even enter into the equation. "Never be defensive about your age or even focus on it at all," states Martha Finney, a Santa Fe-based employee engagement and career management consultant and co-author of "Unlock the Hidden Job Market." "Focus on who you are and how what you bring to the table would meet the company's strategic objectives."

Hennessy suggests highlighting your suitability right from the start by looking at the key action words from the job description (such as "analyze," "design," "inspect," etc.) and matching them to your history. "Focus on your past experiences including non-industry, volunteer and family obligations where you have demonstrated accomplishments under these action word categories. Use the exact same action word and apply it to your experience, always being sure to offer quantifiable results."

Proving your age is an asset in a job search



2. Have confidence in your past

Lavie Margolin, author of "Lion Cub Job Search: Practical Job Search Assistance for Practical Job Seekers," advises mature job seekers to get in the mindset that age is a strength. "As opposed to a recent college graduate filled only with potential, the mature worker can demonstrate a track record of accomplishment throughout his career."

Let your years of real-life experience shine by presenting evidence of qualities employers value.

- These may include:
- The ability to meet deadlines
 - Loyalty to a company, industry or cause
 - Flexibility and adaptability
 - Problem-solving skills
 - A strong work ethic
 - Leadership
 - Teamwork

To generate ideas, look at past performance reviews. Not only will this help provide concrete examples, but select words of praise can be incorporated into your application or interview to add credibility (as in, "My direct supervisor at company X noted in my evaluation that my thorough research on our three main competitors was instrumental to selecting the launch date of our newest product.").

3. Have equal confidence in your future

If worries over new methods or technologies are putting a dent in your confidence, take a class or two to get up to speed. Since one of the greatest fears about hiring older workers is that they are too set in their ways and unwilling to learn new things, this action also can show employers your enthusiasm for continual growth.

By law, age should not be a

consideration for employment, yet many job seekers receive subtle (and not so subtle) clues that it may be an issue. If concerns about age do come up, try to tactfully redirect the conversation back to your abilities. Another tactic is to show that you are comfortable and happy with where you are. "Stress the great stage of life you are entering, one with fewer family distractions that will allow you to be the most reliable and dedicated employee possible," Hennessy suggests. Also worth pointing out: "Younger workers may have less understanding of what they want to do exactly in their career," Margolin notes. "An older worker has a better understanding of his interests and how they fit best into the market."

Watch, too, that you aren't blaming age when there is actually a different problem. "Don't assume you're increasing your

chances of landing a job by applying for jobs that are beneath your experience level," Finney notes. "Overqualified for the position" isn't always code for "too old." Hiring managers wisely want candidates who are appropriate for the job level, so if you're experiencing a long string of application rejections, don't lower your sights, raise them. Only go after jobs that appropriate for your skill sets and experiences.

Finally, remember that employers want to hire likeable people who fit into company culture and can do their job. Treating interviewers as friendly equals and relating to them with relaxed confidence never goes out of style.

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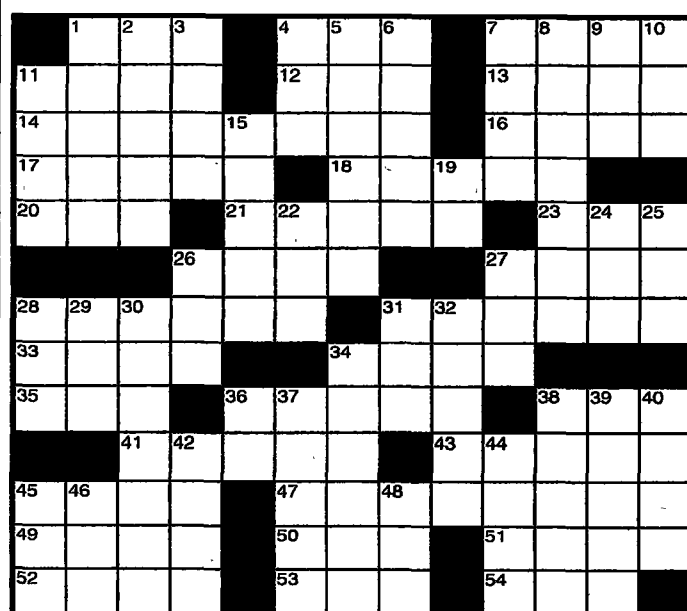
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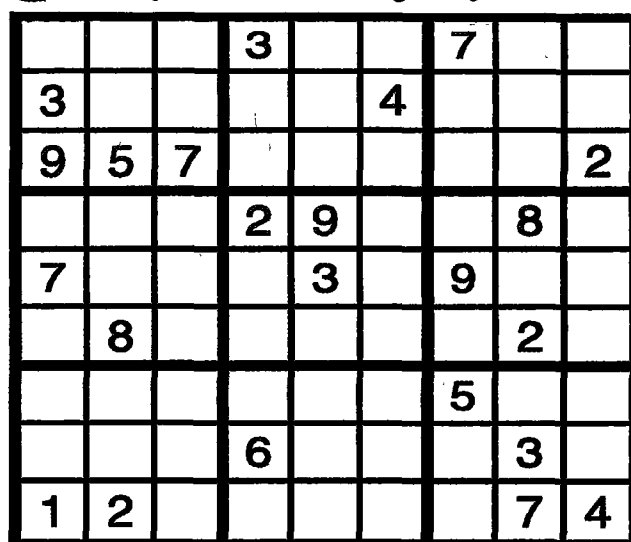
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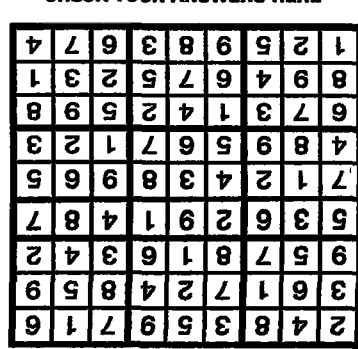
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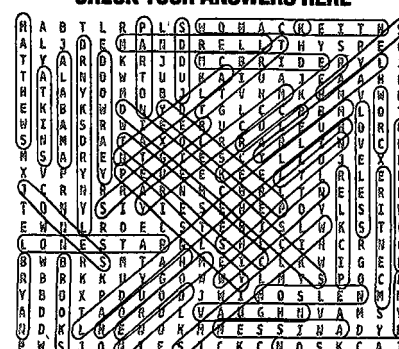
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New Acura MDX Is Worthy of Accolades – and Customers



By Dale Buss

to accompany the introduction of the MDX.

And the brand was absolutely right: the MDX nameplate and, by extension, the entire Acura franchise has taken a significant leap forward with the new Acura MDX and its reception by American consumers, competitors and the automotive press.

In fact, MDX was just named one of three finalists for the highly coveted North American Truck-Utility of the Year Award that will be presented at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January. The other two finalists are the Jeep Cherokee and Chevrolet Silverado, each of which represents a crucial entry for their respective brands. Car of the Year finalists are the Cadillac CTS, Mazda3 and Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

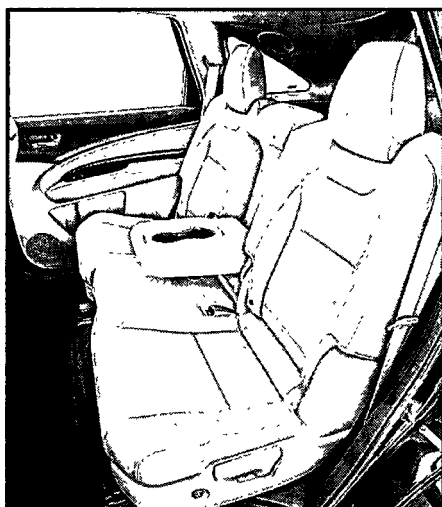
Another important evaluator, U.S. News & World Report, ranks the 2014 Acura MDX No. 2 in luxury midsize SUVs out of 19 models considered and rates it an "excellent pick" among seven-seat luxury midsize SUVs.

Acura MDX is a worthy choice because the vehicle represents the most refined effort yet by the brand to present a refined vehicle inside and out. In arguably the most important segment of the U.S. auto market, Acura has delivered in the completely redesigned new MDX a stiff competitor to rivals such as Toyota Highlander, Buick Enclave, BMW X5

and Audi Q5 and Q7. Highlights include a higher-quality and quieter interior, a new control interface and improved fuel economy.

But with this vehicle the sum is greater than those improved parts. The entire experience of driving the Acura MDX now rivals that provided by anything else in the segment, and it has become the strongest testimony yet to Honda's long-declared plans to shake up its Acura lineup and transform the brand and products into a credible rival across the board not only to Japanese competitors Infiniti and Lexus but also to European luxury brands.

Previous versions of MDX shared a platform with the big Honda Pilot SUV and previous generations of Honda Odyssey minivans. But with the new MDX, the company moved to a new platform that provides multiple benefits, including slight boost in interior room and major improvements in driving dynamics. Within the cabin are useful new features such as a second row that slides forward with the simple touch of a button to facilitate



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The 2014 Acura MDX is a Truck-Utility of the Year finalist.

third-row access, although the last row of seats isn't suitable for two adults for any sort of distance.

Meanwhile, a 7-inch touchscreen largely replaces the confusing array of buttons and knobs that dominated the center console of previous models. The new look of the controls also is cleaner and more modern. And in the category of creature comforts where Acura used to short-change luxury customers and undermine its brand, MDX now delivers with touches such as a steering wheel wrapped in thick leather and upgraded interior materials over previous models.

Another significant change for the 2014 Acura MDX comes under the hood. The previous version had a 3.7-liter V6; the new one comes with a 3.5-liter V6. Though the new engine provides 10 less horsepower than the old one, it makes up for that shortfall in other ways. There is more low-end torque thanks to fuel-injection technology, for one thing – Acura says the new model gets from zero to 60mph a half-second quicker due largely to a 275-pound reduction in curb weight.

Just as important is a 17-percent in combined mpg in the new ver-

sion, up to an estimated 20 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway with a newly available front-wheel-drive option.

Fortunately, the new MDX has proven to be a good vehicle for Acura's biggest-ever marketing campaign that it launched last summer to support the new SUV. The multi-channel initiative comprised a \$39-million effort that would be the biggest launch in brand history in terms of scope and dollars, Acura executives said at the time.

Under the tag-line "Made for Mankind," the ads took an oblique approach to promoting the MDX by highlighting the "synergy between man and machine" with images such as people scuba-diving in underwater caves, scrambling up large trees and teaching movements to a robot. The idea was to get viewers to connect emotionally to the brand and its expression in the new vehicle.

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