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W-W's Baracy announces his retirement

District superintendent will
leave position July 1, 2014

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be looking for a new top administrator following the announcement that Greg Baracy will retire as superintendent on July 1, 2014.

Baracy informed the school board Thursday of his intention to retire. The announcement comes as no surprise, but is a year earlier than expected.

He had notified the board in February 2012 that he planned to retire at the end of his current contract on July 30, 2015.

"The time was right," said Baracy of his decision. "After 41 years in education and 17 years as superintendent, it's time for me to enjoy the fruits of my labor. It's been a phenomenal ride and a true blessing to have served the students and parents of this district."

Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in Wayne-



Baracy

Westland's history. He grew up in the district and attended Wayne-Westland schools. He joined the district in 1987 as an assistant principal at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. He also served as its principal and as the vocational director for the district before becoming the deputy superintendent for general administration in 1992. He became superintendent in 1997.

Transforming the district
Under his leadership, the

district has undergone a transformation. He lists the passage of the \$108 million bond issue and the passage and renewal of the Sinking Fund millage as one of the top three accomplishments during his tenure.

"Bond and Sinking Fund were overwhelmingly supported by the community and allowed us to transform the Wayne-Westland schools into 21st century learning community," he said. "Every decision made was based upon serving the best interests of children, expanding educational opportunities and positively impact-

ing the community."

His list also includes the Baracy-Bennett bill that got the Wayne-Westland language into the State School Aid Act and an increase in student achievement.

The legislation, signed into law by Gov. John Engler, brought in some \$80 million in enhanced school aid to the district, helping it avoid a deficit and providing opportunities for students. Student achievement also improved even as the threshold con-

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Randy Rohraff, Ian Smith and Steve Misiak are shopping for a needy family. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

City employees provide holiday cheer for locals

AFSCME members
adopt two families

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

As has been a holiday tradition for many years, a couple of local families will have a merrier Christmas thanks to being adopted by some Westland city workers.

Members of the American Federation of State, County and Muni-

cipal Employees Local 1602, which represents public services and clerical staff, adopted two families.

"We get the names of a couple families from the Dorsey Center. We get a list of what they need," said Steve Misiak, a senior equipment operator. "Four of us do the shopping. We do the wrapping. They are usually single-parent families with kids."

The adopted families receive ham, turkey and canned goods in addition to clothing and toys.

"It's as much food or more as the gifts. We accommodate things that the moms might need like clothes," said Misiak, who has been involved with the program for about 13 years.

The bargaining unit holds a fundraising raffle and makes a lump sum donation to support the adopt-a-family program.

"People donate on top of that," said Misiak, adding much of the shopping is done at Meijer to take

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Santa Claus shares some of his letters

They got in just under the wire. With Christmas only two days away, the Jolly Elf of the North was making some of the final preparations for his yearly journey around the globe. He was actually in the process of checking his list for the second time before these Christmas letters from students in the Wayne-Westland and Garden school districts reached him.

Thankfully, Santa Claus is widely known for his patience and kindness, and he assured the *Observer* that the letters weren't too late for Christmas. Here are few. But there's more on the inside of today's issue.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas:

1. PS4
2. Slinky
3. Dirt Bike
4. No little sister.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Owen Boekhout, 11
Westland

Dear Santa,
I really good girl. I play with my brother and sister. I give best hugs and kisses. I want a bike, googles and a Minnie guitar.

Keelyn Smyth, 3
Westland

Dear Santa,
I have been good when I am making good Choices. I want a pet cat. I need a night lite. I'll Wear a necklace and a bracelet.

Thank you,

Borcklyn Eaton

Dear Santa,
I would like a purple Zoomer, please. I would also like a Barbie and her Dreamhouse as well as a Barbie Slugbug (VW Beetle). I would also like new boots and a 1 Direction Toothbrush.

Thanks you!!!!

Paityn Wright, 5
Westland

Dear Santa,
I have been good when I am being proactive. I want Skylander Swap Force & Legos. I need books and Magic Tree House 5-8. I'll wear new days of the week socks. And 7 year old boots.

Love,

Matthew Smith

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I am trying to be very good. Please bring me toys. I want a car and race track.

Joyce Shelide, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
I have been good when I am being proactive. I want a sparkling necklace and a pet. I need shoes And boots. I'll wear socks and scarf.

Thank you,

Myia Eddings

Dear Santa,
I was mostly good this year. I was nice to friends. I do my homework and I like playing with my family. For Christmas I would like magic stuff, Mousetrap, and Skylander Swap Force. Thanks, Santa!

Conner Smyth, 5
Westland



The countdown is on, and like Santa, youngsters have made their lists and checked them twice to make sure the Jolly Old Elf knows what they want to find under their tree on Christmas morning.

FILE PHOTO

Wayne employees OK continued wage freeze

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Under three new labor contracts, Wayne municipal workers will continue the pay freeze but will see a pay cut restored.

The council voted Tuesday to approve three-year tentative agreements with the Wayne Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association, which represents 14 Department of Public Services workers, the six-member Wayne Supervisors Association, and the General Employees Association, which has three members who work as clerks.

Wages will be frozen under the agreements which run through June 30, 2016. City workers had agreed to a temporary 2.5 percent pay cut in 2010 in a letter of understanding that also required it be restored when

that collective bargaining agreement expired.

Additionally, the employees have given up annual longevity payments except for the final year of employment.

There will also be a two-tier benefit system for new hires which has a lower pension multiplier and establishes a medical savings account in lieu of retiree medical coverage.

"We asked the unions to come to the table, and they were able to comply with what we requested," said Wayne Personnel Director Matthew Mulholland. "I want to thank the executive board of the unions and their members for their good faith effort accepting these sacrifices."

Wayne employees are represented by four other unions. Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said he appreciated the sacrifices of the three bargaining units and was hopeful agree-

ments could be reached with the other unions.

One bargaining unit, the Command Officers Association of Michigan representing police command officers, has filed for P.A. Act 312 binding arbitration over the issue of longevity pay.

Despite the employees' concessions, Wayne is continuing to face declining revenues with a projected \$2 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year.

The council is going to hold two visioning sessions 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Wayne Public Library and Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Community Center to help develop a plan for addressing the financial issues.

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Westland Mayor William Wild (far right) talks to people at the Dorsey Center awaiting distribution of turkeys donated by the UAW.

Gift cards, turkeys distributed for Christmas

Santa Claus won't make his official visit until next week but Westland Mayor William Wild has been lending an early hand with gift giving.

On Thursday, Wild joined Santa Claus at Westland Shopping Center to hold a raffle giving away \$500 in gift cards.

Then on Friday, Wild teamed up with UAW Vice President Jimmy Settles and Westland Councilman Bill Johnson to give out 400 holiday turkeys and other dinner fixings to families in need at the Dorsey Center in Norwayne.

"The UAW applauds the city's efforts to revitalize the neighborhood hardest hit by the recent recession and are glad to give back to families that are in the greatest need this holiday season," said Settles.

Built 60 years ago for workers in the Willow Run bomber plant, Norwayne recently received designation as an historical community from the state.

"We are grateful for Mr. Settles' generosity this holiday season as he comes to Westland in a charitable spirit to help a neighborhood in most need," said Wild. "Norwayne is Westland's oldest neighborhood and has the city's highest unemployment rate."

This is the second time turkeys have been distributed to families at the Dorsey Center.

Two hundred birds were given out at Thanksgiving as part of a UAW-Ford Motor Co. partnership.



Westland Mayor William Wild (center) poses with winners of gift cards at Westland Shopping Center Thursday.

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the rest of the week.

First United Methodist Church of Wayne and Westland will hold a Christmas Eve candle-light light service at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. The church is at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office, in Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Casino Trip

Join the Wayne Rotary in a night of fun Jan. 11 with its Firekeepers Casino Trip. The cost is \$35 and includes \$20 in slot play and \$5 food. The bus departs the Banquet Center at 35000 Sims Ave., at 3 p.m. and returns at 10 p.m. For more information, call Trish Hampton at 734-890-6934.

EMPLOYEES

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advantage of his wife's employee discount.

Misiak was joined in shopping and wrapping by co-workers Ian Smith and Randy Rohraff, both crew leaders, and senior equipment operator Mitch Weimer.

This year, the adopted families are a single mother with one child

and a single mother with three children.

"There is no formal process for picking the families," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell. "Usually, the families come from the housing (program) or the Community Development program."

When asked for names of families needing assistance, Campbell said she has also suggested families who have received Neighborhood Stabilization Program or Habitat for Humanity homes.

"We make sure the families are not receiving any assistance from the Goodfellows or Salvation Army," said Misiak. "We've got a system down pat. Generally, we get thank you notes from the families."

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BARACY

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tinued to become more rigorous.

"If you look at that now and 17 years ago, our achievement is higher, but the threshold has changed," he said.

In a letter to employees, Baracy praised his administrators, teachers and support staffs for their efforts, calling them a "truly a remarkable group of individuals." He also expressed gratitude for the "unprecedented support of the Wayne-Westland school community over the years."

"Without their support, we collectively could not have transformed Wayne-Westland Schools into a state-of-the-art school district providing students with the best educational opportunities possible," he said. "Wayne-Westland is well positioned to

face the challenges ahead and I am confident it will continue to excel."

Right direction

Board President Carol Middel said Baracy has been "like a juggler, keeping us righted and keeping us going in the right direction" in these hard economic times.

"He has worked very hard for this district," said Middel, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher. "Before he was superintendent, the buildings weren't in the best physical condition. He came in and was very responsive."

"He made sure the materials were available to students, that the buildings were warm in the winter and cool in the summer and that the textbooks and equipment were there for students to learn."

She added that the board had already begun to prepare for his departure. It has procedures

in place for a superintendent's search and she had recommended board members take classes through the Michigan Association of School Boards on doing a superintendent search.

"Any person who has served that long leaves a big, big hole to fill," she said. "It's a big position to fill for the next person because he's been there so long and made it his position."

Baracy said he is looking forward to a "fruitful retirement" that will include more fishing, hunting, and travel and tinkering with his 1926 Model T Ford, as well as spending quality time with his family.

"I have enjoyed every minute of my job," he said. "I've enjoyed every minute of every day of every week for what I was able to do for the children of this district."

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Wynona Stabenow hugs grandson Marine Cpl. Robert Stabenow, who surprised her while she was working at Taft-Galloway Elementary School.. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Her Christmas gift is a surprise visit by Marine grandson

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Going about her normal duties as a lunch lady and bus supervisor at Taft-Galloway Elementary School Wednesday, Wynona Stabenow got an early Christmas gift.

Wearing his dress uniform, Marine Cpl. Robert Stabenow came to the school to surprise his grandmother.

"This is my Christmas present," said Wynona Stabenow, crying as she hugged her

grandson. "I knew they were doing something. I knew she (granddaughter Tiffany Stabenow) was up to something. I didn't know what."

A Wayne Memorial High School graduate, Robert Stabenow joined the Marine Corps in 2010.

Recently stationed in Okinawa, Japan, he said he hadn't been home for a visit in just over three years.

The siblings had planned the surprise for a couple of weeks. "He texted me and

said he needed a favor," said Tiffany Stabenow. "We just came from the airport."

Robert Stabenow will be on leave until Jan. 8 when he will report to Camp Pendleton, Calif. Dressed in his immaculate uniform, Robert Stabenow wasn't worried about some pet hair transferred from his grandmother's clothing as she hugged him.

"I've got a lint roller in the car," he said.

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Office Max surprises school with classroom supplies

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Assembled in the gym Wednesday for the unveiling of donated school supplies, the Taft-Galloway Elementary School students were screaming with enough excitement for a One Direction concert.

For the teachers, the gift of \$10,000 worth of classroom materials from Office Max was more emotional.

"All of the supplies the kids need, they now have. They don't have to worry," said fourth-grade teacher Vicki Dietrich, one of several staff members in tears when the classroom supplies were unveiled. "The budget is so tight. We take a lot out of our pockets. I can't believe we have this."

Writing letters to Santa Claus recently Dietrich said some students asked for different classroom supplies that their parents can't afford.

"It's incredible. This is all we could want and more," said Dietrich, looking at the boxes of supplies stacked in front of the stage.

A better day

Each fall, the Office Max stores hold the A Day Made Better event, collecting donations from customers and a corporate contribution to assist a local school with supplies.

The 18 area Office Max stores decided to do something extra.

"We wanted to make a difference and make their Christmas," said store manager Vahn Klinke. "The kids were so excited."

Decked out in Santa hats, elf caps with pointy ears and reindeer antlers, the managers came to the school to present their gift.

The teachers were asked to come to the front to unwrap the supplies and take a closer



OfficeMax team leader Nancy Messieha displays some of the supplies donated to the school. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

look.

Principal Rebecca Desjardin got a couple of surprises - the amount of school supplies being double what she had been led to expect and a check for \$1,500 from Office Max.

"We wanted it to be a surprise. We tried to give them supplies that they would need," said Rainey Thorn, another store manager.

A real surprise

In fact, the entire donation came as a surprise. Taft-Galloway was selected as a recipient by Office Max staff and hadn't sought the gift.

"One of the store managers knew of the school and talked about the need here," said

Klinke.

The school has a large number of students qualifying for federal Title I assistance for disadvantaged students. The store managers also were aware that Taft-Galloway serves youngsters living at the Wayne County Family Center, which had earlier received a holiday party from the Office Max staff.

The pens, pencils, markers, notebooks, glue and other supplies will keep the students in good shape for this year and all of the next school years, said Desjardin.

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Public schools are failing: fact or fiction?

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.



Michelle Cline
DARE TO CARE

Public school teachers and administrators are under attack by state and federal legislators and wealthy businessmen. One cannot pick up a paper or turn on the news without hearing of or reading about how public schools are failing.

The rhetoric is daily and it is unfounded. There are claims that our students do not understand the basics, are not career or college ready when they graduate, and are not competitive with students from other nations.

The truth is we have the largest percentage of high school graduates in the world. Indeed over the past 30 years the number of 25-29-year-olds who have earned a high school diploma went from 78 percent to 90 percent. The high school dropout rate over the same 30 years has dropped from 15 percent to 7.4 percent.

Furthermore, according to the Trends in International Math and Science Study, the U.S. has never been competitive internationally with other industrialized nations, and in the past the economic health of individuals and communities was not dependent on it, nor were the majority of people's jobs. The middle class was built on a class of skilled labor independent of educational success, high school, or college completion.

The main reason we are not competitive internationally is due to the large percentage of children who live in poverty in the United States (23 percent). However, when the data for an international reading literacy test was analyzed and the data was adjusted to equalize the

poverty rates, the U.S. surpassed the two highest scoring nations (Korea and Finland) by 12 points. When all of the students of poverty scores were included we ranked 12th. The U.S. ranks 34th out of all industrialized nations when comparing the percentage of children living in poverty.

There is a national assessment called the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) that has been given to our students since 1973. From 1973 to 2008, the average scores on the NAEP have increased. In eighth-grade math, the average score has gone from 266 to 281. Eighth-grade reading has risen from 255 to 260. Fourth-grade math scores have increased from 219 to 243 and in reading fourth-grade grew from 208 to 220.

Where is the evidence of failure?

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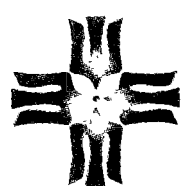
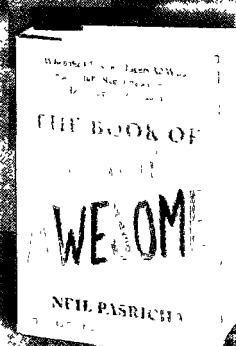


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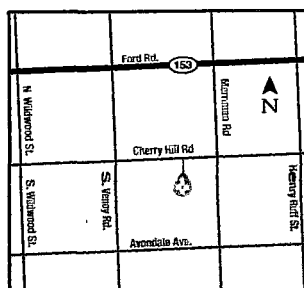
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STEM careers click for gaming, web students

Don't just buy a new video game, *make one*. That was the message from President Obama during the recent Computer Science Education Week, which aims to spark students' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers.

A national campaign called Hour of Code encourages students to learn about writing computer code. The campaign is embraced by President Obama and includes free tutorials from computer industry giants like Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Microsoft's Bill Gates.

Locally, students in Melinda Bush's Website Design/Interactive Media and Mobile Apps/Game Development classes at the Livonia Public Schools Career Technical Center are ahead of the curve.

They recently visited General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights, where military vehicles and equipment are designed and produced.

Students were offered an inside look at how the employees use the gamut of STEM skills to design and test military equipment.

Hrad Kuzyk, of the General Dynamics Land Systems Battle Lab/Combat Simulation Center, said STEM careers offer many benefits, including higher-than-average wages, consistent employment and a wide array of appealing occupations.

"No other field of study, in my opinion, can

compete with the variety of benefits offered by a STEM career," he said.

Connecting with STEM

Students were surprised to learn that video games are written and used to test the military equipment before going into production. They saw, virtually, how the equipment would perform and respond in a typical battle environment.

"My entire life, I've been told that video games are bad for you," said Cody Croletto, a senior who wants to go into software engineering.

"Now, it's been revealed that they're not bad, or evil. (In the military simulations) it was the closest thing they can get to a real-life experience."

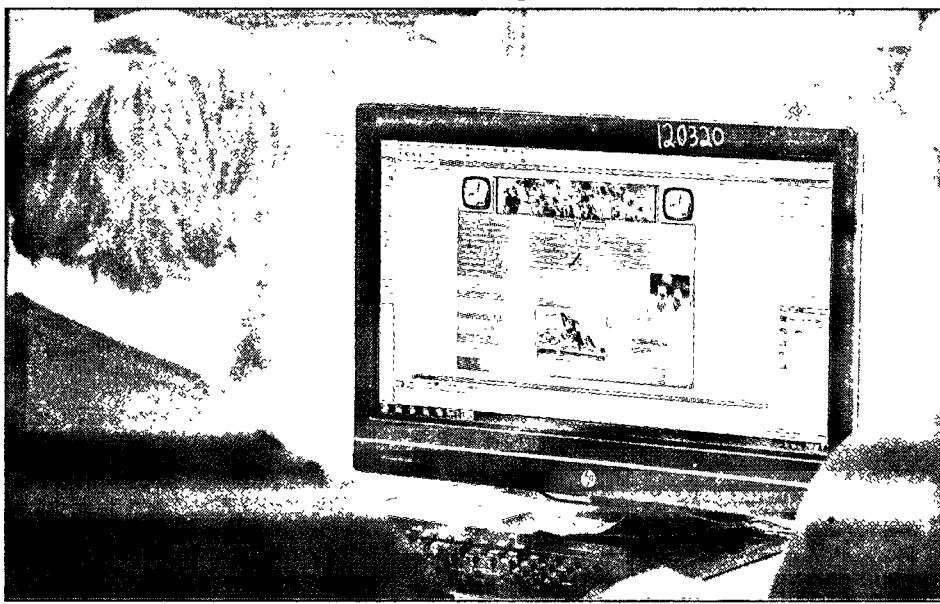
Junior Brandon Seht also said he was impressed by the simulations at General Dynamics.

"It's absolutely amazing that you can test to see how something will work, before it actually exists," he said.

Bush said practically everything we do in our lives entails some sort of computer code. From having fun, to life-and-death situations, "someone created that code."

And, that's exactly what students like Blake Becker are doing at the LCTC.

Using a program developed at Massachusetts Institute of Technology called Scratch, Becker created Alien Attack, a video game that works through the



Students at the Livonia Career Technical Center are learning how to develop websites, mobile apps and video games so they'll be prepared to enter this growing industry.

XBOX Kinect system. It's a fun, interactive game in which the player fires at the oncoming enemies.

Hot bed for mobile apps

Video game and mobile app writing is an

emerging sector in Detroit, said Bush.

"Detroit is becoming a hot bed for mobile apps," she said.

Her goal in taking the students to General Dynamics was to show them the different career paths within the

STEM fields – and that not all video gaming careers are just for fun.

Senior Andrea Salamay, who won second place in the recent Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation's Website Design Competition, said the

field trip was eye-opening.

She realizes that she will not be pigeon-holed into a specific job, with her planned degree in the computer science field.

"I found it very interesting that nearly everyone who worked there did jobs that weren't just specific to their degrees," she said.

"They had a lot of flexibility in what they get to do in their daily jobs, and I had never realized that was an option. It definitely made me excited to know that I will have a lot of different opportunities available to me once I get my degrees."

The field trip met the requirement for Bush to offer a work-based learning opportunity. She said this was especially relevant for students in her Mobile Apps/Game Development class, a new course offering at the LCTC this year.

W-W launches new mobile app

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Parents can keep tabs on what's happening in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools on their smart phones and tablets.

The district has launched a free mobile app, WWCS To Go, for Apple iOS and Android products.

The app has individual school calendars and newsletters, lunch menus, sports schedules, contact information and maps.

The mobile app is a new piece of technology the district is using to get the word out to residents about what's happening in the school district. In addition to its new revamped website, the district also has a presence on Twitter at @WWCS and YouTube, where videos of school board meetings and events can be found.

Parents also can access Parent Connect to check on their children's grades, class assignments and lunch ac-

counts. There's even links to the Family Resource Center and its Talented and Gifted Program.

The new app is part of efforts by the district's communications and technology departments to update the Wayne-Westland's communications strategy, according to Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah.

In announcing the development of the app at this month's school board meeting, he pointed out that by 2020 "most people will access the Internet via a mobile device."

The mobile app is in addition to its *Connections* newsletter that's mailed to 42,000 homes in the district and eblasts and Robocalls.

Parents can find a link to the app on the district's website at wwcsd.net/mobile-app or visit the Apple App Store or Google Play on a mobile device.

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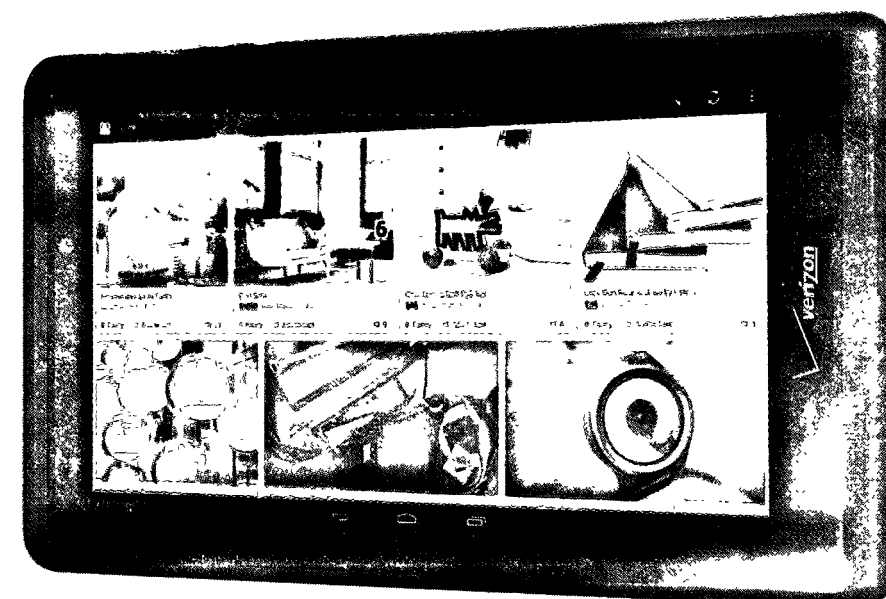
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Westland Police promotes one, swears in new officer

A new police officer was sworn in as a member of the Westland Police Department and a veteran officer was promoted during ceremonies during the Westland City Council meeting last Monday.

Officer Brian Humphrey, a 16-year veteran of the Westland Police Department, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He has served as both a Patrol Officer and a Field Training Officer. His role as a Field Training Officer is to train and evaluate newly hired officers. Humphrey was the 2008 Westland Police Officer of the Year. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division as a shift supervisor.

New to the Westland Police Department is Neil Egan who graduated with a bachelor's degree



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild welcome the department's newest police officer, Neil Egan.

from Saginaw Valley University. He worked the past three years for the Hamtramck Police Department. While there, he was assigned to their SWAT team. Neil, who completed his training/orientation last week, will begin his Field Training Program this week.

"The Westland Police Department has nearly 50 years of tradition based on hard work and professionalism. I am confident that these two men will serve this community well and will continue to uphold this expectation," said Chief Jeff Jedrusik.



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Mayor William Wild congratulate newly promoted Sgt. Brian Humphrey.



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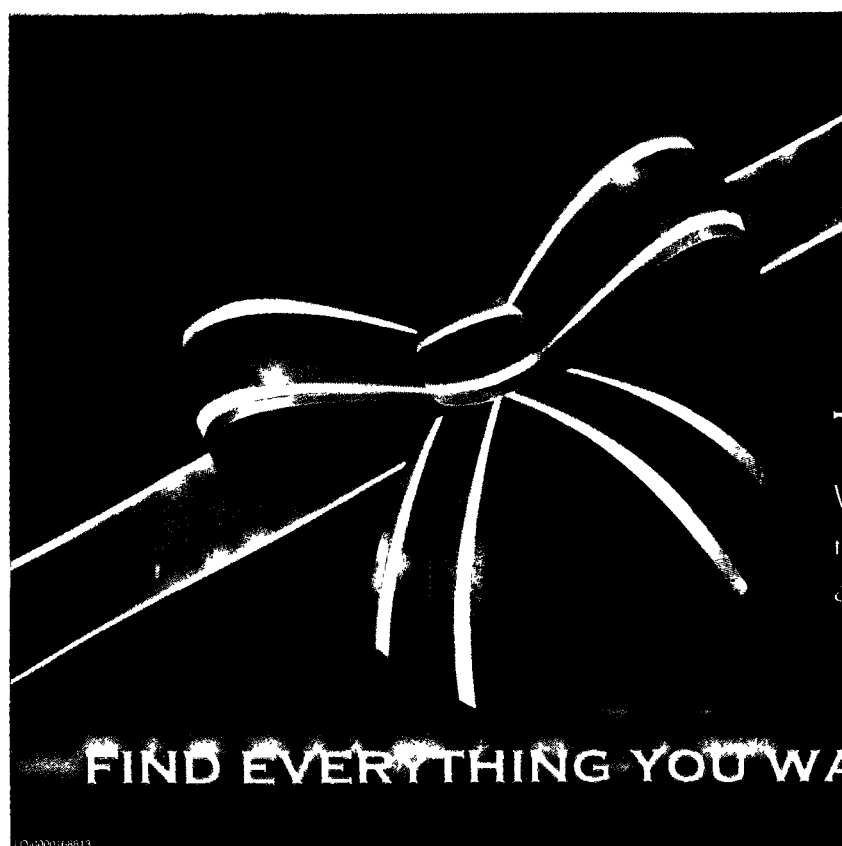


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Break-in

On Dec. 14, the manager of a business in the 5700 block of Woodward reported a locked storage shed had been broken into. The padlock was missing along with a Craftsman snow blower, valued at \$300, and a Toro lawn mower, valued at \$200.

Larceny from Vehicle

A resident in the 2000 block of Tanglewood told police she had left her vehicle unlocked parked at her home overnight Dec. 14. The next morning, she said she found her vehicle had been ransacked and a purse, containing a Visa credit card was, missing.

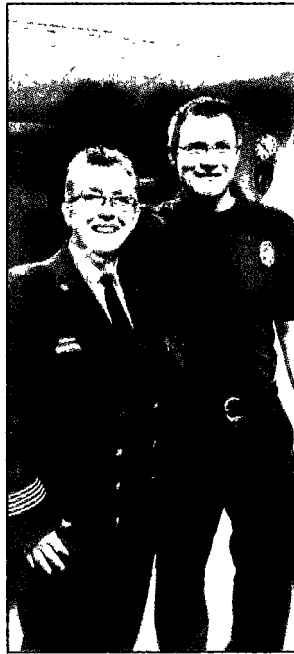
Stolen vehicles

» On Dec. 14, a patron of a business in the 35000 block of Michigan Avenue reported his 2005 Jeep Cherokee had been stolen after he left it parked and locked in the lot of the location overnight. The owner said he was current on his payments.

» Also on Dec. 14, a resident in the 4000 block of Heather Place reported her 2012 Chevy Cruze stolen from the parking lot. She said she started her vehicle, then left it unlocked and running, while she went inside to get her children.

When she returned, she said the vehicle was missing. The victim told police she has a prepaid lease on the vehicle.

PINNING ON THE BADGE



Welcoming Lee Rudowski to the firefighting ranks is Garden City Fire Chief Catherine Harman.



Debora Rudowski had the honor of pinning the badge on her son Lee Rudowski during a swearing-in ceremony Friday at the Garden City Fire Station. City Clerk-Treasurer Allyson Bettis administered the oath to Rudowski, who is an experienced paramedic who most recently worked at the Oakwood Main Hospital in Dearborn, where he was a as a paramedic in the emergency room. Prior to that, he worked for a private ambulance company. Rudowski, 28, completed the fire academy in 2010.

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Veteran chorale members share stories

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Bea Scaglione remembers seeing an ad in the *Farmington Observer* back in 1965 asking for people to possibly join a new chorale organization. She responded to the ad, met with several other women and behold, The Farmington Musicales group was born.

"We had enough people there at that meeting, just barely enough to fill out the charter and start the club," she said. "The first rehearsals were held in my living room."

Scaglione is one of many longtime singers in the western Wayne and Oakland County area who remain involved with local chorale groups and perform with decades of experience.

Many of those in the area have performed at Christmas time, a time of singing and creating joyful noises, especially Friday, which is Go Carolling Day.

A Christmas season favorite song for Scaglione is *Chocolate in My*

Stocking, a song about a young boy asking Santa Claus for nothing but the sweet candy.

"It's something that's new to audiences that's really cute," said the West Bloomfield resident and charter member of the Musicales.

"We did that piece for several years."

Like family

Kim Alderman has been involved with the Livonia Civic Chorus since her father brought her along to rehearsals when she was 9 years old. It wasn't until 1979, when she turned 18, that she was able to join as a full member and sing at concerts.

The 52-year-old Westland resident, the second-longest serving member of the chorus, said she sings with people she regards as a second family, which keeps her coming back every year.

"You also form those bonds with those people who are in the choir. It's just like your family members," she said. "It's the same in any kind of



Kim Alderman (second from right) performs in an ensemble with Carol Selleck, Geri Leiter and Carol Verkennis.

organization."

For some area chorale singers, those "second family members" become real family members. Highland Township resident Ilene Yanke met her husband singing. The Upper Peninsula native later moved downstate, living in communities such as Livonia before settling in Highland Township. She currently sings at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills and the senior center in Hartland.

Travel opportunities

One of the most memorable trips she remembers taking with the Finnish Center was an excursion to the Pacific Northwest. She remembers singing on a football field in Oregon and taking day trips to see the sights when the group wasn't singing.

The sights were enough to make her want to stay.

"If I had my choice after Michigan, I'd live there," said the second soprano. "It's taken us

places you would never have gone to if you weren't involved with the chorus."

Scaglione said the dedication to remain involved with area singing groups not only comes from a love of the music, but a love of the people she sings with.

She no longer performs in the chorus, but remains a member of the group and stays involved.

"We've had friendships that have lasted for all these years," Scaglione said. "Unfortunately, time moves on, people move on."

Scaglione said her most memorable moment came in 1976 with the Farmington Musicales who performed a lengthy folk music ensemble that detailed the history of the United States for the nation's bicentennial.

"Three of us who were studying folks music at the time ... came up with a program that told our nation's history through 24 folk songs. It was called '200 Years,'" she said. "We could have done an hour."

For Alderman, singing was a family affair. She's been in the Livonia Civic Chorus with her father, brother and other family members. She recalls performing with both her father and brother, and misses the quality time they all spent together. Her father died several years ago and her brother had to leave the chorus for other reasons.

"Those were special moments," said Alderman, who typically sings alto. "I was very upset when my brother dropped out, because that was the only time I could spend quality time with him."

Becoming a lifelong chorale singer isn't something that everyone is able to do, but Yanke offered some advice for those looking to get involved: patience.

"When people come to join, some have chorale experience, but others don't," she said. "Just be patient, it won't come over night."

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How to handle tax liabilities on inheritance

Q: Dear Rick: I just received an inheritance of a number of different things and I wanted to know what my tax responsibilities were. I inherited traditional IRA, U.S. Savings Bonds, a house and a variety of stocks. I cashed out the IRA and the U.S. Savings Bonds. I plan to hold on to the stocks and sell the house. Can you tell me what my tax liabilities are?

A: In reviewing your situation there are a variety of tax consequences. The first deals with the IRA. Since this was a traditional IRA and

since you cashed it out, the entire amount of the proceeds is taxed as ordinary income. It doesn't matter what the decedent contributed to the IRA. The bottom line is the entire amount of that IRA is taxed to you this year.

With regard to your U.S. Savings Bonds, you will be taxed this year on the interest that was paid on the bonds. U.S. Savings bonds grow tax de-



Rick Bloom

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ferred and the only tax consequences are when they are cashed out. Your 2013 tax return should report the interest you received as taxable income. The original purchase price of the bond is not taxed.

As to the house - just because you inherited it does not cause any tax consequences. The only tax consequence would be upon the sale. In that regard, when you inherited the property you received what is known as a stepped-up basis on

the property. That is the fair market value of the home as of the date of death. That is your cost basis for tax purposes. For example, if the deceased paid \$50,000 for the home and after his death the house was worth \$150,000 and eventually you sell it for \$151,000, the only tax liability would be the \$1,000.

With regard to the stocks, they're taxed the same way as the house. There are no tax consequences upon receiving the stock and your new basis is, once again, the fair market value on the

date of death. When you eventually sell the stock that is when your tax liability would accrue.

When it comes to inheritances, the general rule is there are no tax consequences when you inherit property. Typically, any estate taxes that would be owed are owed by the estate itself. For cost basis purposes we generally inherit property at the fair market value upon death. The exception to the rule is for tax deferred accounts such as IRAs, 401(k)s, annuities and U.S. Savings Bonds. When you inherit these items there

are different tax consequences.

One last note regarding inheritances and this is on the IRA. If you did not cash out the IRA there would have been ways that you could have deferred some taxes. However, once you cash out the IRA taxes are due.

Good luck.

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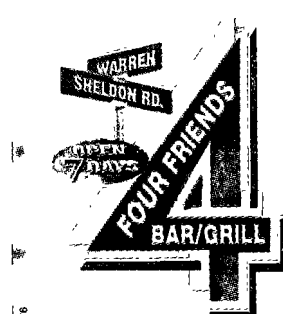
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'Guns' hang on to trophy in hockey benefit

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

From the ceremonial dropping of the puck to the final buzzer, the annual Guns vs. Hoses hockey game was "well-played" and "fun to watch."

That's the word from City Manager/Police Chief Robert Muery who brought the trophy to last Monday's city council meeting.

"If you were keeping score, the police department won," Muery said. "It was a nail-biter going all the way down to the end."

Held at the Garden City Civic Arena, the third annual game pitted the police department against the fire department in a benefit for the Burger Center for Students with Autism. The game was the rubber match of the series. The fire department was out there to regain the trophy, while the police department was playing to extend its winning streak.

'Proud of job'

The final score was 7-6, with the police department taking home the coveted trophy that Muery proudly displayed at the city council meeting.

"You'll probably see this six or seven time more before the next game," Muery said.

"I'm really proud of the job everyone did out there. The community came out and supported it, it was just heart-warming and the real winners were the students at Burger."



Hoses goalie Nick Winrow stops a point-blank shot during a close game Saturday night. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

"It was a good competitive game, but we didn't get the bounce our way," said firefighter Tom Wincel, who helped organize the game with Garden City Police officer Bruce Shippe. "We didn't play that good in the first and third periods, but we lit it up in the second period."

"It wasn't a blowout at least," he added.

Wincel said more than 100 people turned out for the game in spite of the winter storm that swept through the area Saturday. The number was up from last year.

"It was a very good crowd, but the weather probably deterred some people," Wincel said. "I think it was a success and look forward to next year and getting the trophy back."

Mite-y good

The benefit included an eight-minute exhibi-

tion game during the first intermission by the Westland and Garden City Mini-Mites teams and raffles during the second intermission.

"They didn't keep score, but they were all smiles and high fives as they came off the ice," said Wincel, whose son was goalie for the Westland team. "My son got all the shots on him. I think they (Garden City) won."

Councilwoman Jaylee Lynch acknowledged that Guns vs. Hoses was an "outstanding game," but also had a shout-out for the Garden City Mini-Mite team.

"These little guys impressed the heck out of me, they had such puck-handling skills," she said.

"They were out there playing and you'd thought they were part of the official game. Congratulations to the Garden City Hockey Club which taught them those skills."

The final numbers aren't in on how much was raised for Burger, however, \$1,000 was presented to Burger at the game, courtesy of the police department.

According to Muery, the presentation was made by "the hobo cops" who paid \$20 each to suspend the rule for beards during "December."

"It boggles my mind," Muery said. "We have 29 officers and at \$20 each. ... we're cops, not mathematicians," he said.

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There was plenty of action on the ice at this year's Guns vs. Hoses hockey benefit for the Burger Center for Students with Autism.



Garden City Fire Department's Hoses members Tom Wincel, Nick Winrow, Steve Kovalcik and Dan Cretu suit up to do battle Garden City Police Guns team.

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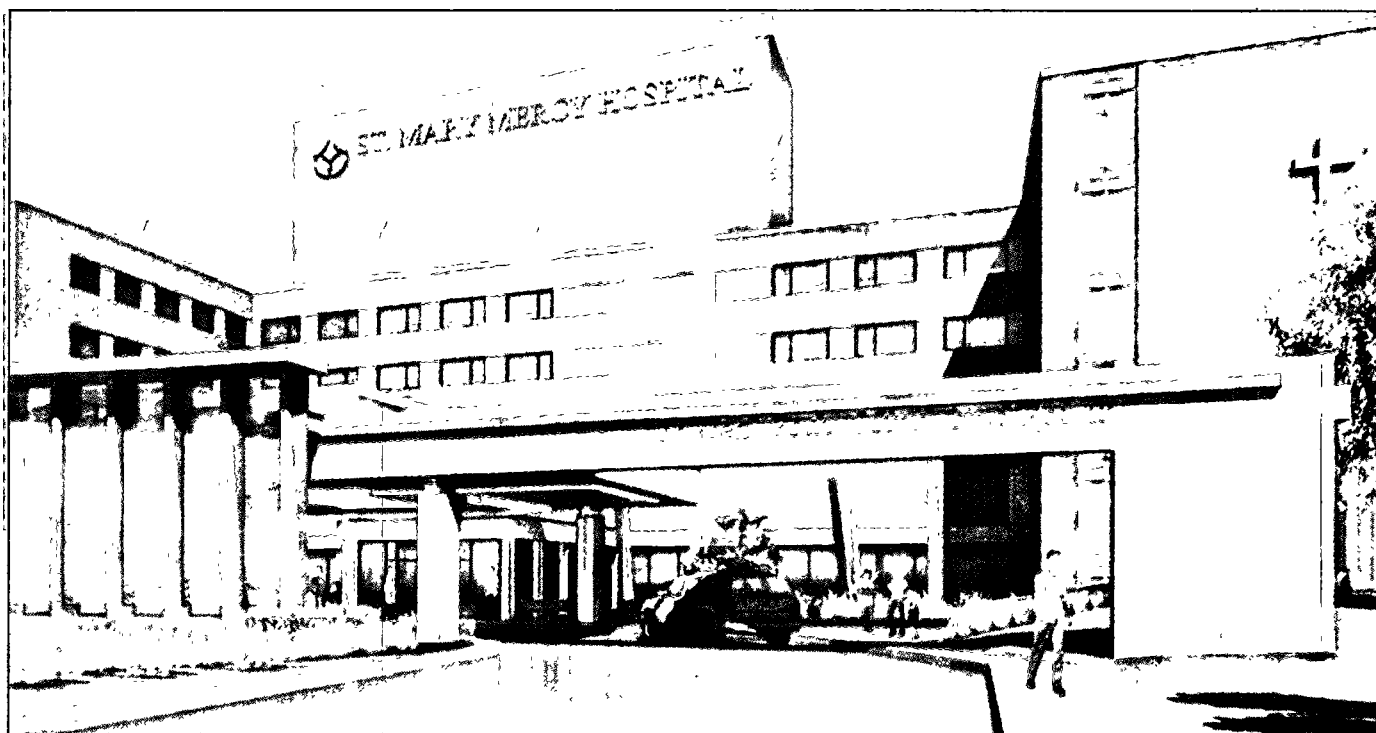
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St. Mary Mercy renovation continues

Starting Monday, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will close its North Entrance to update its look and mirror the architecture of the recent south addition. The renovation of the North Entrance is expected to be complete in the summer of 2014. A temporary North Entrance has been installed just adjacent to the construction area in the meantime.

The renovation of the entrance includes removing the existing canopy and rebuilding to extend over the entire patient drop-off area. The new canopy will include additional lighting, heating and identification signs to ensure patient and visitor safety. The design of the North Canopy will provide a contemporary update to the North Entrance and match the look of the new Emergency Entrance

at the South Wing.

This phase of the project also includes new landscaping at the North Entrance - at both the Five Mile and Levan Road entrances - as well as creating additional visitor parking spaces, which could start as soon as Spring 2014.

Room renovations

In addition to getting a new look on the outside, the North Wing's patient rooms are also being completely renovated, working from the top down.

Two floors, the fifth and fourth levels, are already complete while work on the third level has just begun. The changes being made to the patient rooms include more modern décor and converting semi-private rooms to private rooms.

The North Wing patient rooms mirror the private

patient rooms in the hospital's new south addition, which opened in November 2012.

"Our patients and visitors have been continually impressed with our updates, which is our objective. We not only want to improve the functional space, but modernize the aesthetics to reflect the quality care we deliver," said David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, which has won recent national awards in quality and safety from The Joint Commission and LeapFrog Group, respectively.

One of the hospital's patients, David Johnson, who was moved during the recent opening of the fourth level from a semi-private third level room to a private room, was amazed by the difference the renovation

has made to the rooms.

"It's overwhelming how nice it is," said Johnson. "I expected it to be nicer, but nothing like this. When you are met with the competence you have in your ER you know you're going to be in good hands going forward and this room just solidifies how much St. Mary cares about making patients feel better anyway they can."

During the North Entrance temporary closure, temporary changes in parking and traffic flow for visitors will also occur. Patients and visitors entering the North Entrance are encouraged to enter from Five Mile Road, rather than Levan. The traffic will be directed through North Lot 1, closest to the temporary North Entrance and patient pick-up area.

Start new year at the Wayne Public Library

Traditionally, adults in United States celebrate the new year by resolving to make each year better than the last. We mean well, we really do. We promise ourselves, "This will be the year!" Yet on average, our resolve fades long before the groundhog can figure out if it will be six more weeks of winter or an early spring.

This year, the staff of the Wayne Public Library would like to offer our assistance to help you make and keep those resolutions. Here are some tips and tricks our research indicates will get you off to a good start and keep you on a steady course to success.

Changing behaviors and creating new habits takes an awfully long time. Don't get discouraged. Choose one resolution.

Write it down, put it on a sticky note, on your phone, on your refrigerator or anywhere you'll see it on a daily basis. Record your progress, and take pride in each successful day. This time next year you can look back and say "I did it!"

How else can the library help?

Well, we've got the experts sitting right here in the books on our shelves. These authors can offer insights and strategies that will help you stick to your resolutions and meet your goals. So, if you want to lose weight, start a healthy diet, get organized, de-clutter, get your finances in order or stop procrastinating, a visit to the library is in order.

Attention parents and grandparents: If you choose to de-clutter this year, and your children are no longer interested in Legos, our children's librarian, Kelly, is looking for Lego donations, any size or color. They can be new or pre-owned, just drop them off on your next visit.

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Santa's origins date to 270 A.D.

Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, or Kris Kringle all represent the same jolly, gift-giving gentleman associated with Christmas Day. Santa Claus is known around the world, and his origin lies with a 4th century Catholic saint who lived in modern day Turkey.

St. Nicholas was born in 270 A.D. in the town of Myra, where he started as a bishop. St. Nicholas performed many good deeds for children, leading him to become the patron saint of girls and boys or the patron saint of children. In one story, during the nighttime, he secretly delivered purses filled with gold coins to the three daughters of a very poor man so that he could pay for their dowries. Stories like this one (gift-giving in the nighttime) contributed to his later image as Santa Claus. The day to celebrate him is traditionally Dec. 6, and this eventually became combined with Christmas.

Over the years, as Christianity spread, St. Nicholas's image combined with the seasonal traditions of many other cultures. For example, the Germanic peoples celebrated the Norse god Odin around Yuletide (Odin was typically depicted with a bushy, white beard), and the Dutch called St. Nicholas Sinterklaas, which later became Santa Claus.

Coca Cola is often credited with the creation of the modern day Santa image, although Santa had rosy cheeks and a red coat before Coca Cola depicted him. Illustrator and Michigan native Haddon Sundblom created ads for Coke in 1931 featuring a cheerful, more modern Santa Claus. These ads ran from 1931 to 1964. He drew from Clement Moore's description of Santa in the poem "Twas the Night before Christmas."

To learn more about Christmas lore, and tradition, stop by the library, call us at 734-326-6123, or visit online at www.westlandlibrary.org. The library will be closed Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.

Highlighted activities

Holiday Concert, 2 p.m. Dec. 22 – Take a break from the stress of the holidays with our 2013 Holiday Concert Series. Join us for a Holiday Sing-Along led by the

library's own Tara Scott and Cari Fry with accompaniment by Mary and Kathy Scott. We'll sing some holiday favorites together and mix it up with a few solos and duets.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Dec. 27 – Come join us for some of the best recently-released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie, *Elysium*, is "Set in the year 2154, where the very wealthy live on a man-made space station while the rest of the population resides on a ruined Earth, a man takes on a mission that could bring equality to the polarized worlds." (imdb) Movie and movie-related trivia and candy prizes. Snacks and refreshments provided for a suggested (though never required) donation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m.

Beginners Computer Lab, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 28 – Build confidence while practicing common tasks at your own pace. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

Family Matinee Movie, 1 p.m. Dec. 28, All Ages – Join us for a family movie - *Smurfs 2*. No registration required. Light refreshments. Children under age 10 must have an adult present. Call the Youth Reference Desk at 734-326-6123 for more information. Rated PG.

Lego Read & Play, 2 p.m. Dec. 29, Kids and Tweens – Come build with us! A nice big room with friends who like to build = fun! Lots and lots of Lego® bricks for building, along with books for inspiration! No registration.

Evening Snow Scene, 2-5 p.m. Dec. 30, second-fifth-graders – Learn about monochromatic colors and how tints add interest to a work of art. In this session we will paint an evening snow scene. Winter silhouettes will add contrast to this creative project. Register in person at the Youth Service desk, online at westlandlibrary.org/kids/ or by phone at 734-326-6123. Arrive on time. Your registration holds your spot until 2:10 p.m. after which time a waiting child will be seated.

Video Game Launch Party, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 4, Ages 12-18 – We're unveiling our new video game collection. Join us at our launch party where you can browse our new collection, check out games, enjoy snacks, and play a variety of games on the library's game systems.

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

Throughout the months of December, Eugenia Dillard, Eligibility Specialist with be available each Tuesday and Friday to answer your Healthcare Marketplace questions. Computer Classes are offered all year long and the library offers one-on-one computer classes. Contact the library at 734-326-6123 to find out more.

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



The Garden City location is one of the many Salvation Army thrift stores seeking donations.

Thrift stores seek donations

As the new year approaches, The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center is seeking year-end donations at the nonprofit's 34 convenient metro Detroit family thrift stores.

Now through Dec. 31, patrons are invited to drop off their gently used clothing, linens, home goods and more to receive a 2013 tax receipt, and Salvation Army officials say it's as easy as driving through the donation line at any of The Salvation Army's local thrift stores.

"We're always looking for donations," said Jacquelyn Idzior, director of operations at The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "Community donations are essential to keeping our thrift store shelves stocked, and helping us change the lives of community members in need."

Completely self-funded,

the ARC operates two voluntary, 6-month residential rehabilitation centers for men and women that draw their working budgets from the revenue of the nonprofit's 34 thrift stores.

The Garden City Thrift Store is located at 28982 Ford Road, east of Middlebelt. For hours, call 734-261-7175.

"It's easy to donate," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "With convenient drive-up, drop-off donation centers, our supporters don't even need to get out of their car. Each of our donation centers are staffed with representatives who move contributions from your vehicle to our stores."

Donations of gently used clothing, linen, household appliances, furniture, toys, shoes, purses and housewares are accepted at all Salva-

tion Army thrift store donation centers.

All donations to The Salvation Army are tax deductible. Donate before Jan. 1, 2014 to receive a tax receipt that can be applied toward 2013 taxes.

Stores will be open until midnight Dec. 31 for last-minute 2013 tax year contributions.

Salvation Army Thrift Store shoppers will also have the chance to step into the new year with a new look thanks to the Salvation Army's annual New Year's Day Sale.

All 34 metro Detroit Salvation Army thrift store locations will offer 50 percent off clothing, as well as hourly spot sales across several departments, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

For more information on the ARC and to find a Salvation Army thrift store near you, visit www.salarmythrift.com.

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The doctor gets left hip x-rays. The images do not show the expected loss of joint space and irregularity of head of the hip that are the features of osteoarthritis of the hip. Instead, in the hip bone, just below the head of the hip is a round absence of bone, what radiographers call "a lytic lesion." This finding is the hall mark of cancer. In a woman, this finding is in keeping with a spread of a lung, breast or ovarian cancer.

The doctor must tell the patient that she needs a biopsy of the hip lesion at once. For her to understand the urgency of the procedure and the serious condition of her health, he must tell her that the lesion is likely cancer. The doctor also needs to be prepared to accommodate the patient's shock and counter her sense of devastation with a counsel of hope.

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hrisin 5. I want a RC car
that can drive in snow,
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good. Also, I want a new
tire for my dirt bike sow I
can rid.

Cody Rupp, 9
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I have been a very
good girl. I might get
presents this year. If I do
it will be really nice. I
hope you get home safe
and have a fun Christmas.
I like Christmas. I think
you are really fun.

Jade Hunter, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
I have been good when
I am being proactive. I
want Lego's and a card
for my Mom. I need
books and a Christmas
Tree. I wear pants and a
robe.

Thank you,
Cole Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Emma
Dawson. I live in Garden
City, Michigan. I am 7
years old. What I really
want for Christmas is a
pet kitten that is gray and
black stripes. Have a
Merry Christmas!

Emma Dawson

Dear Santa,
I want legos for doing
things for my mom and
dad. Santa I like listening
and watch my sister. I
also want a looming kit
for helping my sister and
throwing garb and doing
things like that I rote
three more things like X
box one I don't want it to
play with I just want it for
my dad.

Colin Fraley, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I've been a good kid
this year. What I want for
Christmas is a tablet, Hot
Wheels Track, Easy Bake
Oven. And, you can sur-
prise me, if you feel that I
deserve it.

Jordan Johnson, 8
Westland

Dear Santa,
I was super good this
year. I was nice to every-
one, I always try my best
at school, I am a good
helper at home and I am a
great big sister. For
Christmas, I would like
everyone to be happy,
have joy, have fun and be
with their families at
Christmas. I would like
more rainbow loom band,
the new One Direction
CD, Just Dance 2014 and

some karaoke CD's.
Thank you very much!

Kylie Smyth, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until
Christmas! My name is
Giovanni Velez. I'm from
Garden City, Michigan.
I'm 7 years old. What I
want for Christmas is a
wii u. I'm in 2nd grade. I
hope you have a Merry
Christmas!

Giovanni Velez

Dear Santa,
How are you? My
brother and me have been
good. For Christmas I ant
a Wii Nabi and an Easy
Bake Oven. If I can have
these I would like it. My
brother you can get what
you want.

Carissa Noble, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in
the north poul I bet its
cold up there. I really
want to know that how do
you get around the world
in one night. What I really
want for Christmas is A
Ipod, army toys, weu,
Puppy and a dirt bike.

P.S. I am good for my
mom and dad and I do all
my chores.

Owen McGraw, 9
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I have been great this
year because I push in
chairs at school. This
Christmas I really want a
WiiU. I promise to share
it with everybody in my
family.

Your Friend,
Jon Heiple, 6

Dear Mr. C.,
My age is 7 years old. I
would like an xbox 360
controller with a mini tv
screen and a silver bell
from your sleigh. I live in
Garden City, Michigan.
Thank you!

Jude Scott

Dear Santa,
I love when you come
to my house. I wish for
you to bring me a puppy. I
want an American Girl
Doll and I want a reindeer
too!!!!

Faith Shaw, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
How are the reindeer? I
love Christmas it is my
favoret holiday. What I
want for Christmas is a
Kendal Fire tablet, Lego
mine craft, Lego the Ho-
bit Lake town, and Lego
city cargo and truck. I
have been a very good
boy this year.

Jack Hathaway, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I have been very good
this year because I help
my sister clean her room.



I hope to get a flutter
fairy this Christmas. I
will share it with my
sister and promise to take
turns.

Your Friend,
Niya Sengkeo, 6

Dear Santa,
My name is Bailey! I
am 7 years old and I am
from Garden City, Michi-
gan. I want an American
Girl doll. Thank you and
Merry christmas to you!

Bailey Forthun

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl
this year. What I would
like is a princess castle
with Cinderella, please.
Also, I would like a pink
Gameboy so that I can
play, just like my dad.

Thank you.
Autumn Loos, 5
Westland

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for
Christmas! My name is
Dalton Smith and I am 7
years old. I live in Garden
City, Michigan. For
Christmas I want a gun
for kids not a red ryder
bb gun and a big art box. I
hope you have a good
Christmas!

Dalton Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a PS3 and a
PLAY STATION 3 and the
movie The Heat and the
movie Here Comes the
Boom and the movie the
Longest Yard. I think I
should get it because I
was good this year. I hope
you are good. And I hope
you have a good Christ-
mas this year.

Reece Bramigk, 9
Westland

Dear Santa,
I have been great this
year working hard at
school. I hope to get an
Xbox1 and a PSP3 for
Christmas. Can I help the
elves make the toys this
year?

Your Friend,

Don Allison-Abengale, 6½

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I
am in second grade. My
name is Emily Bowers. I
live in Garden City, Michi-
gan. What I really want
for Christmas is a real
puppy dog and zoomer.

Emily Bowers

Dear Santa,
I would like to say
thank you to your elf,
Timmy, and for being
here to give all of the kids
presents. I want a toy
stuffed animal. I don't
care what kind of animal.

Tori Short, 8
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want a x box and
cheese and snow pants
and Angry Birds Space
pajamas. I'll wear boots
and a coat.

Riley Bevins

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for
Christmas! My name is
Karlie Kosniewski. I am 7
years old. I live in Garden
City, Michigan. For
Christmas I want a 3ds
and a guitar. Have a good
Christmas.

Karlie Kosniewski

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christ-
mas is a mega centorion,
fire vision football, crazy
cart, Dragon ballz fig-
ures, and air hogs at-
masphere. And I hope
your having a great time
santa.

Kaden Merchant

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am
fine. I would like a new
wrestling toy and a toy
car. I would also like a
flying air plane. Have a
safe trip around the
world.

Drevion Taylor, 6
Westland

Dear Santa,
My name is James A
you are the coolest santa.
P.S. How are the raindeer

I want g flicker, crayola
marker airbrush,
T.M.N.T. Figures, PS 3,
and x box one.

James Alford, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I want a little dog and a
little cat. I need shoes and
clothes.

Damaris William

Dear Santa,
This is a letter for you.
What I would like for
Christmas is a furby
boom, an Elf on the Shelf
and a purple xus. I would
like other stuff but there
isn't enough room. Thank
you and Merry Christ-
mas!

Madison Bell, 7
Garden City

Dear Santa,
These are a few of the
things I want for Christ-
mas ... Zoomer, switch-go-
Dino, and an equestrian
girl. I hope you have a
safe trip from the North
Pole. And one more thing
... remember when we
saw each other at the
mall?

Merry Christmas
**Abigail Kushman-Hilo-
buck, 8**
Westland

Dear Santa,
I was good all day. I
want for Christmas is
Sonic, Metal Sonic, and
Eggman. And Super Shad-
ow and Xbox. I want Lego
Marvel Super Heroes in a
xbox 360.

I have listened to my
mom all day. So has my
brother Gabe. He will like
a wiiu he will like to have
Jet Form Sonic Riders.
Thank you.

Eli Hernandez, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I want a Bay Blade and
toys. I need clothes and a
orange. I'll wear a shirt
and slippers.

Mason Gosselin

Dear Santa,
I have been a very
good girl this year. I want
you to be proud of me. I
was hoping you could
bring me a Doc McStuf-
fins Get Better Center. I
am excited for Christmas
to come!

Mackenzie Mueller, 6
Livonia

Dear Santa,
I am so excited for
Christmas! I live in Gar-
den City, Michigan. I am
seven years old. Can you
make me minecraft xbox
360. Thanks!

Aidan Miftiu

Dear Santa,
I want a bunny and a
Santa Teddy Bear. I need
a new bike and some
cookies. I'll wear a coat
and gloves.

Dereiona Peterson

Dear Santa,
How are you? And the
reindeer? For Christmas I
would like an ipad, a miny
calinder for my locker,
hair bows, Frozen the
movie, a cufe earring and
the One Direction movie
that's all I want for
Christmas & I hope you
have a nice Christmas.

Jenna Czarnik, 8
Wayne

Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa, be-
cause you are so nice!
Hope you have a wonder-
ful Christmas!

Grace Thomason, 5
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want a thing called a
keareo and I want a new
rc car for Christmas. I am
7 years old and live in
Garden City, Michigan.
Thank you.

Nathin Cramer

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
For Christmas I would
like a north face coat in
blue xm, marker maker,
ipoint pencil sharpener,
erasable pens, eraser that
says my mistake. I
earned this because doing
good chores like cleaning
around the house, putting
my clothes. P.S. Tell my
elf Chily gotta get mov-
ing. I'll leave 2 each for
the raindeers.

Kayli Heitjan, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I want an iPad, com-
puter, a Sofia book, some
movies, my dance party,
my homework, a new
backpack, my own house,
a coat, a Christmas tree,
my own TV, my own
clock, some shoes, and
my own snowman.

Juliah Davidson, 4

Westland
Dear Santa,
How are your rein-
deer? For Christmas you
must be buzzy delevering
gifts to all the kids in the
world. Have I been good
for Christmas? If I have
been good I want frooties
from tootsie rolls, wii u,
3DS thats all.

Abigale Coon, 9
Garden City

Dear Santa,
I want: Gifts, Books,
Toys, Flowers, Clothes,
iPhone and a baby.

Riley Martin, 5
Westland

Dear Santa,
My name is Zak.
Thank you for sending
me the letter a couple
years ago. And this is all I
want all characters from
teenage mutant ninja
turtles and sayrhito the
rainder for me.

Zak Kornetti, 8
Garden City

Dear Santa,
My name is Christina.
I hope you are fine. I
know you are really busy.
I'm glad you are taking
the time to read my letter.
My mom gave me what I
want for Christmas. I got
food for the reindeer. If
you do get me something
I would like a Monster
High doll, please.

Christina Sawa, 9
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want to be an elf and
I forgot to tell you when I
saw you that I want a
Kindle Fire HD. I hope
you get everything done
that you need to. I hope
you have a lot of good
kids to give presents too.
I hope also that I am on
that good list!

Brooklyn Morley, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
My name is Braeden
Samborski. I live in Gar-
den City, Michigan. I am 7
years old. I want a full
version of Minecraft and
Diablo and GTA 5.

Braeden Sanborski

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christ-
mas is a bell. I love the
story The Polar Express.

Jayden Hall, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I
live in Garden City, Michi-
gan. My name is Kaden.
What I want for Christ-
mas is Call of Duty Ghost.
I want GTA 5.

Kaden Spears

Dear Santa,
I just want to have a
good Christmas. And I
hope everyone else does
too. Everyone should be
safe and happy at Christ-
mas.

**Katrina and Keaira Page, 4
and 7**
Westland

Dear Santa,
What I would like for
Christmas is a keyboard,
a hover craft ball, and a
super lively dreamland.
Oh, and world peace too.
Thank you Santa.

Alyssa Rodwell, 9
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want a pink cat, little
toy dog, and can you
please let my mommy get
a new job.

**Simonye't Johnson-Mar-
shall, 7**
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want the Barbie Pony
Movie. Also a great pair
of boots and anything else
you might think that I
would like or need.

Ryan Allen, 7
Westland

Dear Santa,
I want Monster High
Dolls, Sims 3 games, an
iPhone 4 or 5 or an iPod,
and loom bands (rubber
bands to make bracelets).
AND A PUPPY!!! Please,
my dad doesn't care. I
already asked him. I have
a picture of the one I
want. Please, please,
please!!!!

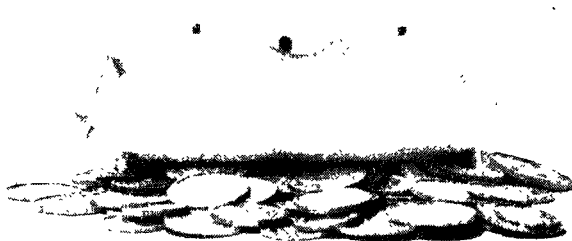
Michaela Landskroener, 8
Westland

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want
a giant swimming pool, a
bike, a stone call The
Onyx, an iPod, and my
own computer. I wish I
could read people's minds
too. I'd also like a heli-
copter and a million dol-
lars.

Joshua Stebleton, 8
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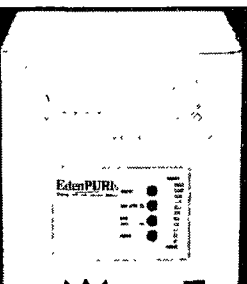
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Canton church youth group reaches out to help homeless at Detroit mission

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

About a dozen high schoolers from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton will again this year sleep outdoors in the church parking lot over-night Dec. 26, to learn about homelessness and experience it firsthand. The youths and others from the church on Sheldon north of Ford will also collect donations for Fort Street Open Door, housed in Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit.

"We do it because we can," said Nancy Glodich, director of youth ministry for Geneva and a Plymouth Township resident. "I think it reminds people that are so close to us in distance. Jesus tells us to find his sheep and clothe his sheep. That's what we're trying to do."

The suburban teens' effort is particularly important this year, as Open Door faces cuts of up to \$75,000 a year from a \$200,000 annual budget, due to Detroit's bankruptcy. Those are U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds which Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr has recommended be eliminated, said Ben Ogden, Open Door director.

"My job is in question by my choice," he said, noting he's the only full-timer there.

Visitors are welcome at Open Door, 631 W. Fort St., at Third. Ogden can be reached at 313-961-4533, ext. 34.

"We love people to come in," he said, noting a recent Wednesday lunch had some 40 homeless visitors watching a movie with volunteers. Visitors are welcome Tuesday through Friday. The Dec. 26 event has



Last January, Jessica Krone, Brenna Degener and Drew Degener showed off the room full of clothing donated through Geneva Presbyterian Church to help the homeless. FILE PHOTO

become a Geneva tradition for some 19 years and is based on the British custom of boxing up clothing and items no longer needed to give to the needy the day after Christmas. Canadians also observe Boxing Day.

On Thursday, Dec. 26, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 7 a.m. the following morning, Geneva high school students and their adult advisers will spend the entire night outside in the church parking lot. Donations of clothing for those in need are welcome beginning Dec. 26. The church is at 5835 Sheldon in Canton.

Donations sought

Donations of warm winter clothing, winter outerwear, blankets, sleeping bags and toiletries will be accepted through Jan. 10. Organizers have requested no furniture, appliances, toys or household items.

Donations may be brought to the Canton church during office hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or left in the drop boxes outside the church en-

trance. The clothes and other items will be delivered Saturday, Jan. 11, to Open Door.

Organizers hope to be able to fill a semi truck with warm coats, blankets and clothing.

Ogden, an Oak Park resident, noted the name Open Door Ministry is often used when working in conjunction with churches. Open Door is marking its 45th anniversary and grew out of a church fellowship group for those age 50 and up when Fort Street Presbyterian had more members and Detroit's population was larger.

"It was just congregants and friends of congregants," he said of the "Nifty Fifty" group of that era. They saw the need to help homeless people and reached out to other congregations.

Today, Open Door provides more than 20,000 meals a year. It operates a Clothing Closet for about 100 men and women a week, with more men seeking clothes there. Men are eligible every four weeks, Ogden said, while can come women every week

views, working with established and reputable job training programs such as Jewish Vocational Services.

"We try to stick to the ones that have a little more history," he said of job training programs, adding Open Door gives career clothing to about 30 people a week by referral. Homeless people can also shower and groom themselves there.

Open Door staff and volunteers work with the homeless. It's difficult to have 10 sleeping bags to give out and 100 needy people, he said.

Mental illness factor

About 25 percent of the homeless have a mental illness diagnosis, he said. Detroit drew people for wartime work in the early 1940s and as those

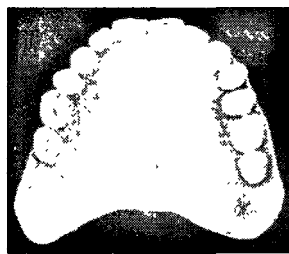
jobs disappeared when World War II ended, some politicians created welfare standards of the 1950s and '60s. Ogden chooses his words with care, but notes welfare becoming "too easily available," along with "gross degradation of the family unit. That obviously was an unsustainable model."

Also, former Gov. John Engler mandated closure of state-run mental health institutions, Ogden said: "The stress and strain of life can bring on mental health issues. A lot of those people got pushed out into the streets."

Ogden plans to visit Geneva in Canton during the Boxing Night, meeting young people there and answering questions.

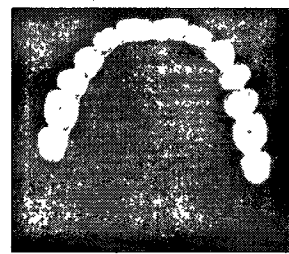
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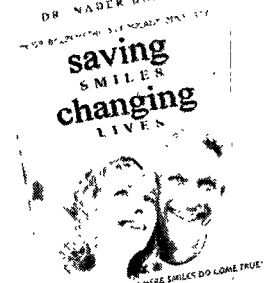
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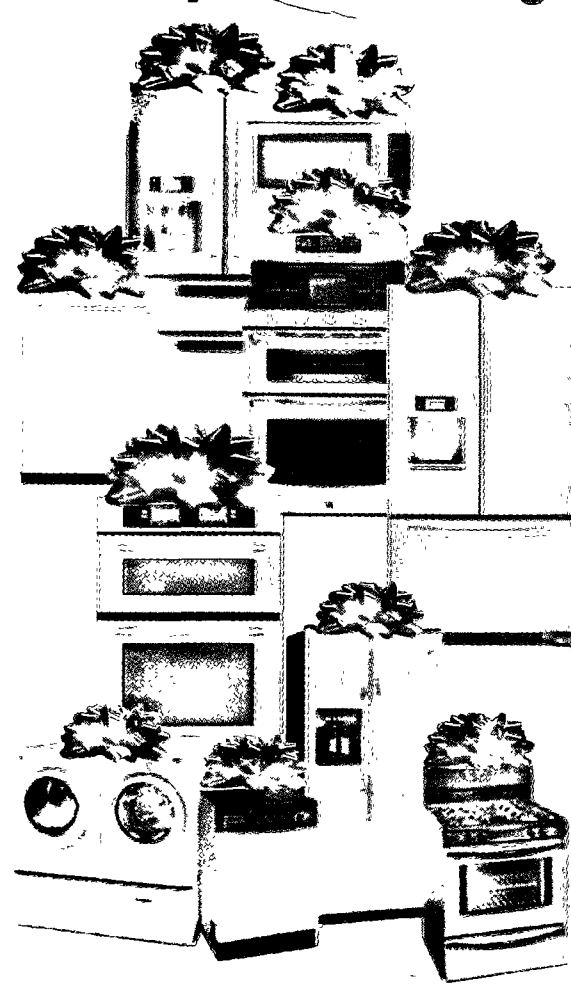


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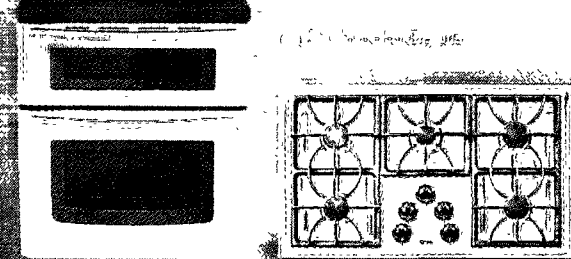
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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

TAYLOR-MADE SETBACK

Canton's Hunley gives Stevenson fits in KLAA crossover contest

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every direction Livonia Stevenson players turned Thursday night, they saw Canton senior center Taylor Hunley.

More times than not, the 6-1 Hunley was driving inside for another bucket as she spearheaded the visiting Chiefs to a 38-17 varsity girls basketball win — saddling the Spartans with their first loss of the season after four wins.

Hunley scored 22 points in the KLAA crossover contest, including all but one of her team's 13 points in the first half, which ended with the Chiefs (3-2 overall) up 13-8.

Canton really broke the game open in the third, outscoring Stevenson 10-2 over the first 5:30 to build a 23-10 edge.

Scoring eight of those points was Hunley, with senior forward Paige Aresco (eight points) finally breaking free of Stevenson defensive shadow Amy Freed to get on the board with a fast-break layup for the other points during that run.

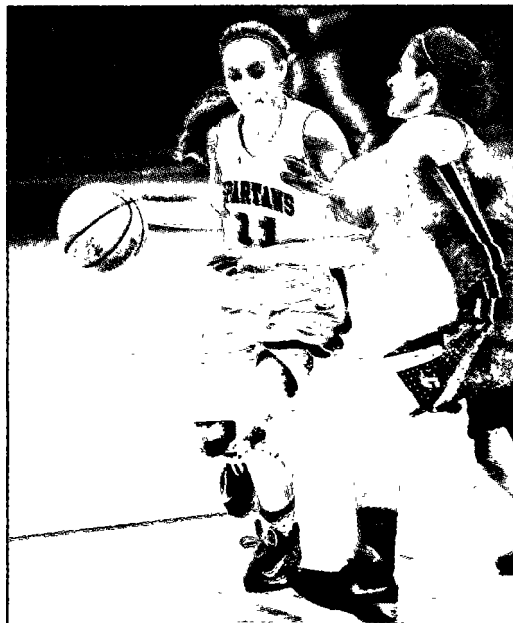
"She was awesome," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said about Hunley. "She finished around the rim, she just rebounded the ball outstandingly and got second shots."

"This is a tough place to score and Taylor early on kept us in there with her (baskets)."

Hunley — who also led the charge with nine rebounds — smiled when asked about her offensive surge, but stressed that it all comes from the team mind-set to defend, defend and defend some more.

"My coaches, Bob (Blohm) and Brian, before the game they made sure to say, 'Make sure you seal and get after it,'" Hunley said. "It's definitely nice to know we

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Livonia Stevenson's Arryn Dochenetz drives to the basket against Canton. DOUG BARGERSTOCK



Livonia Stevenson's Rachel Wilkinson fires up a jump shot over a Canton defender. DOUG BARGERSTOCK

Pay-to-play on the rise

The Michigan High School Athletic Association reports that the use of participation fees to help fund interscholastic athletics rose above 50 percent for the first time in Michigan high schools during the 2012-13 season.

A survey conducted by the MSHAA shows that 450 of its member schools — 55.3 percent — charged fees in 2012-13. The fee rate was 24 percent in the first survey taken in 2003-04.

Martin stars

Redford Township native Mike Martin, a standout football player at Detroit Catholic Central and the University of Michigan, is enjoying a solid season for the NFL's Tennessee Titans. Martin, a defensive tackle, has recorded 14 tackles — 11 solo — and one quarterback sack.

'Battle of the Fans'

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council will host its third "Battle of the Fans" contest this winter to award the top student cheering section in Michigan and promote the opportunity for a fun, positive cheering experience for fans supporting their teams.

A total of 27 sections submitted videos for the 2012-13 contest and 43 schools total have submitted applications during the contest's first two years.

Schools are invited to submit a short video, via YouTube, of their cheering sections in action. Video submissions should be between 90 seconds and three minutes long and explain how that section meets the following contest criteria: positive sportsmanship, student body participation, school spirit, originality of cheers, organization of the group, student leadership and fun.

The deadline for student-submitted video applications is noon Jan. 11. Five finalists will be chosen and visited on a home game night by MHSAA staff and Advisory Council representatives. The MHSAA will produce a video of that finalist after each visit, with the champion being selected by the Student Advisory Council based in part on activity on the MHSAA's social media sites.

This year's winner will be announced Feb. 21 and recognized March 21 at the Breslin Center.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Inconsistent play costs RU its first victory

Panthers fall prey to Ravens' big fourth quarter in 50-38 decision

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Flashes of brilliant play were off-set too often by stretches of inconsistency Friday night for Redford Union's boys basketball team, which tumbled at home against Old Redford Academy, 50-38.

The loss — played before a large and enthusiastic crowd in the RU gymnasium — left the Panthers with a 0-4 mark. The Ravens improved their record to 2-3.

The Panthers' most costly lapse occurred in the fourth quarter after they cut their deficit to 38-35 on a Jacob McKiddie leaner in the paint that got the crowd ramped up.

However, Old Redford sophomore guard Jalyn Gaiter answered at the other end with a long, top-of-the-key triple to seize RU's short-lived momentum.

Three minutes, a series of Panther turnovers and ill-advised shots later, the Ravens had extended their lead to 47-35 and it was all she wrote for the hosts.

"The things that hurt us the most tonight were timely turnovers, not executing

against their zone defense and not playing with a sense of urgency," RU head coach Randall Taylor said. "They have an athletic team, but they're not great. I thought we matched up pretty well against them."

Taylor said he has already scripted a to-do list for the Panthers once they return to their practice routine Dec. 26.

"We're going to work on defense, rebounding and understanding the game better," he said. "We need to do the little things better and develop a passion for the game, a passion for winning. We're trying to change these kids' mindsets from 'me' to 'we.'"

The Ravens built a 15-10 lead after one quarter and padded their cushion to 26-17 at the break.

The Panthers came out revved up in the third quarter, outscoring their visitors 15-10. Highlighting the quarter was a 9-0 spurt that featured consecutive 3-point bombs by Tyler Hathaway, Tyrone Robinson and Jerrime Koger, which closed an 11-point gap to 30-28.

RU trailed after three, 36-32, thanks to a buzzer-beating trey delivered by Wade.

Old Redford repelled the Panthers' fourth-quarter efforts by pounding the boards hard and knocking down 3-of-4 free

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Redford Union's J.C. Wade drives to the basket Friday night against Old Redford's David Simpson. TOM BEAUDOIN

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Jackson lifts Eagles to win

Sophomore's late heroics key 67-63 triumph over Central

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Redford Thurston sophomore Deaunte Jackson had a first half to forget and a second half he'll always remember Friday night.

Scoreless after 16 minutes, the talented 10th-grader torched the nets for 17 points in the final two quarters and overtime to propel the Eagles to a 67-63 tri-

umph over Detroit Central. The game was played at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Thurston will take a 3-1 record into the break. It returns to action Dec. 30 at Novi Catholic Central.

Jackson's most emphatic contribution unfolded with the Eagles trailing 57-54 and 15 seconds remaining in regulation when he was grabbed from behind by a Central player while going in for a break-away layup, but still managed to make the shot. His ensuing free throw deadlocked the

game at 57-57.

Central's foul was ruled intentional, so Thurston was given possession of the ball with a chance to pull out a last-second win, but it committed a turnover.

The Eagles soared in overtime, vaulting to a 63-57 advantage. Jackson also sparked in the extra four-minute session, scoring five points.

In addition to his big scoring night, Jackson contributed four steals and four assists.

Brandon Marshall added 12 points and four assists to the Eagles' cause.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

GC's shooting brings down Fordson

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The world's most effective proven zone-buster – the on-target jump shot – was an unstoppable weapon for Garden City's girls basketball team during Thursday's Western Wayne Athletic Conference game at Dearborn Fordson.

The Cougars frustrated the Tractors' aggressive zone with quick, crisp passes and soft, net-ticking jumpers that led eventually to their 49-36 triumph in a WWAC crossover showdown.

Garden City improved to 4-2, while Fordson slipped to 1-6.

After spotting the Tractors a 2-0 lead, the Cougars answered by netting the quarter's final 13 points to seize a commanding advantage they would never relinquish.

Triggering the early onslaught were pin-point 3-point makes by Lindsey Michalak and Abby Joseph. Garden City finished the game with seven 3-pointers.

"Our shooting was definitely on tonight," GC head coach Michele Tyree said.

"We told them to go out there and expect a physical game and that's what Fordson gave us. We told them to keep their composure and let the offense come to them. We were able to get some nice quality shots."

Joseph had a phenomenal night, scoring a team-high 14 points to accompany 19 rebounds and six assists. She nearly single-handedly outbounded the Tractors, who grabbed just 20 boards as a team.

"Abby did it all tonight," Tyree said. "Everybody contributed and almost everyone scored."



Garden City's Ashlynn Caviness gets fouled while shooting a put-back during Thursday's victory over Dearborn Fordson. CHRIS GUDECK

Our only player who didn't score, Rachel Spellman, played outstanding defense."

Junior guard Hannah Vera-Burgos scored nine points, including pivotal back-to-back triples in the second quarter that helped squash a Tractors rally.

Michalak finished with seven points and seven rebounds, while Desiree Krzydzinski netted five points.

Noor Moukaddas paced Fordson with 12 points. Mariam Faraj added eight thanks to a 6-for-8 night from the charity stripe.

The Cougars' only real issue against Fordson was their inability to convert free throws. They made just 8-of-25.

GC led 32-19 at the half and 40-25 with eight minutes to play. The Cougars finished the game with a 19-point fourth-quarter flourish.

Rocks bounce Glenn

Westland John Glenn suffered a 42-21 setback to Salem in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover game Thursday night.

Victoria McCloud led the Rockets with 10 points. Sierra Moseley added seven, while R'Mani Garrard and Janne Shorter scored two points each.

Franklin upended

Host Livonia Franklin was overwhelmed Thursday night by Novi, 61-31, in a KLAA crossover contest.

The Wildcats improved to 3-1, while Franklin slipped to 0-6.

Novi led 21-4 after one quarter, 42-12 at the half and 56-22 with eight minutes to play.

Tyonna Tate tallied a team-high nine points for Franklin, which had eight of 10 players score.

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PREP HOCKEY

Third-period barrage lifts Churchill over Patriots

Five different Chargers score goals in down-to-the-wire contest

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill's hockey team shared the puck and the accolades during and after Friday night's thrilling 5-4 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Five different players scored for the Chargers, who snapped a 2-2 deadlock with a three-goals-in-four-minutes explosion in the third period.

"It was a great battle between two Livonia high schools," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "We knew going into tonight's game that Franklin was going to come at us hard. Dennis (Gagnon) has built a well-disciplined squad with a solid goaltender and that really showed tonight. We were fortunate to get some quality shots on goal and we managed to hold them off at the end. Credit to Franklin, though. They came to battle."

Franklin's Trevor Linsner gave his team a 1-0 lead less than two minutes into the contest when he deposited the puck into the net after securing a pass from Ryan Pace.

Churchill answered with 3:29 left in the period on C.J. Cromie's unassisted goal.

The Chargers' Sam Spayd put his team on top, 2-1, with a goal 55 seconds into the second period. He was assisted by Joe

Wozniak and Cromie.

Undeterred, the Patriots deadlocked the game at 2-2 on Matt Van Hulle's goal, which was assisted by Pace and Nick Salisbury.

The third period turned into a scoring feast. Churchill snatched a 4-2 lead on goals from Drew Puishes and Justin O'Brien that came just over two minutes apart. Cromie picked up a helper on Puishes' goal, while Puishes assisted O'Brien's.

Greg Bo trimmed Franklin's deficit to 4-3 when he scored from Justin Makowski with 7:16 left, but Churchill regained its two-goal cushion when Parker Hodges scored on a penalty shot 10 seconds later.

The never-say-die Patriots cut the gap to 5-4 with 2:19 to play on Josh Dudek's goal, but the Chargers slammed the door after that.

Churchill goalie Chris Adams stopped 17 shots. Franklin goalie Matt Momendo had 26 saves.

"Divisional games have become first priority for us this season," Reynolds said. "We really believe we can contend for a division title, so tonight's win was an important one for us."

Pats edged

Franklin scored the first goal in Wednesday night's game against visiting Ann Arbor Huron, but the River Rats got the last laugh, pulling away with a 5-3 victory at Ed-

die Edgar Arena.

Dudek staked the Patriots to a 1-0 lead one minute into the contest, however, Huron answered three minutes later.

Dudek lit the lamp for the second time in the period at the 8:59 mark of the opening period thanks to helpers by Makowski and Pace to give the Pats a 2-1 advantage heading into the first intermission.

Huron seized the lead for good, 3-2, with two unanswered second-period goals. After the River Rats upped their lead to 4-2, Morrison scored from Kolby Dewhirst and Dudek to pull to within 4-3. Huron iced the win with a goal with 4:05 left.

Brian Hubbard turned away 17 shots for Franklin. Huron outshot the Pats, 34-22.

NOVI 7, CHURCHILL 3: Goalie Austin Petty made 39 saves Tuesday night to enable the host Wildcats (5-4, 3-2) to beat Livonia Churchill (2-6-1, 1-2) in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover at Novi Ice Arena.

Novi led 1-0 after one period and 4-3 after two before putting it away with three goals in the final period.

Drew Puishes scored a pair of power play goals in the second period for the Chargers with C.J. Cromie and Derek Klisz assisting on the first, while Nick Misiak and Dan Hudyt added assists on the second.

Andrew Sparks got Churchill's first goal from Evan Gibboney.

Bryan Fegert had two goals and one assist to lead Novi, while Ryan Baxter contributed a goal and two assists.

Other Novi goal scorers included Michael O'Reilly, Christopher Kennedy, and Brendan Wexler. Churchill goaltender David Turel had 15 saves.

G.P. SOUTH 4, LADYWOOD 2: Gennie Martin scored twice and goalie Isabella Strickler made 29 saves to lead Grosse Pointe South (6-2, 6-2) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win Dec. 14 over host Livonia Ladywood (0-6, 0-6) at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Tenley Shield had a goal and assist, while Anne Crowley also added a goal for the victorious Blue Devils, who led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.



Livonia Churchill's Nolan Cioch (left) races Livonia Franklin's Hunter Sellers to the puck during Friday night's game at Eddie Edgar Arena. DOUG BARGERSTOCK

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Widmer's big night leads Garden City to triumph

Senior guard does it all in Cougars' 55-43 win

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

The sport of basketball generally rewards aggressiveness, which is why Garden City senior guard Bryan Widmer cashed in big-time Thursday night at New Boston Huron.

Widmer enjoyed a career night as he lit up the stat sheet with 21 points, 10 rebounds and five steals to lead the Cougars to a 55-43 triumph.

The win was the third consecutive for head coach Ron Pummill's squad, which has been on a roll since dropping its season opener at Livonia Churchill. The Chiefs dropped to 0-4.

"Bryan played very aggressively tonight at both ends of the court," Pummill said. "Offensively, he was driving to the basket and when they laid off him, he hit a couple of threes. Defensively, a couple of his steals led to layups. He had a really nice game."

Senior forward Kevin Brown-Bayko sparkled for the winners, too, compiling 15 points and five steals. Julius Sanders contributed seven points.

The two teams were deadlocked at 21-21 at the half before the Cougars secured a tenuous 37-33 lead with eight minutes to play. GC ensured the win by outscoring the Chiefs 18-10 down the stretch.

"They were a more methodical team than us on offense; they'd make five to seven passes every possession," Pummill said. "We like to push it a little bit, but we kind of fell into their slow-it-down trap. It was kind of a messy game at times, but it was a really good win for us."

The Cougars hit 14-of-22 free throws. Huron nailed 6-of-11 free throws.

Trojans prevail

Kimani Dooley scored a game-high 20 points Thursday night to lead Livonia Clarenceville to a 66-50 victory over visiting Dearborn High. The Trojans never trailed

after surging to a 21-14 first-quarter lead.

Juwan Nelson scored 15 points for the winners.

Franklin nipped

Novi barely survived a stellar effort by host Livonia Franklin Thursday night, 46-45, in a down-to-the-wire KLAAs crossover matchup.

Nick Guest scored 11 points for the Patriots, while Adam Monroe chipped in with 10. Alex Perelli also played well, netting nine points.

Alex Marzejar led the Wildcats with 13 points. Max Yarkes scored 11.

The Patriots made 8-of-17 free-throw attempts. The Wildcats made all five of their freebies.

"I thought we controlled the game with our limited bench and I was really satisfied with our defense overall, but the times we did have breakdowns cost us," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "Offensively, Adam Monroe, playing ill, was solid and Nick Guest hit the shots we needed to keep us in the lead or in the game."

"I thought we handled pressure well with limited, but key, turnovers. It was a good game and we learned a lot about our team and mental focus."

Zebras victorious

Wayne Memorial broke into the win column for the first time this season when it outlasted South Lyon East, 70-61, in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association crossover encounter.

The Zebras led just 33-31 at the half. They extended their cushion to 53-43 after three quarters.

Jackie Muhammad and Brian Williams spearheaded the winners' balanced attack with 14 points each. Aaron Journey added 13 points and 12 rebounds, while DeAndre Carter registered 13 points.

Junior Trent Willenborg led the Cougars with 21 points. Jack Leckner netted 15 points, while Dorian Watson scored 11.

Wayne canned 16-of-22 free throws. East was 10-for-14 from the line.

Rockets win

Westland John Glenn defeated Salem, 65-59, Thursday night in a KLAAs crossover game. DeAngelio Kirksey and Mychael Bradley both netted 15 points for the winners, while Mo Foani poured in 13.

Allante Wheeler paced the Rocks' offense.

Chargers unplugged

Northville surged to a 16-5 first-quarter lead Thursday night against Livonia Churchill and never looked back on the way to a 49-35 victory. The Mustangs led 26-17 at the half and 35-27 with eight minutes to play.

Sophomore Jon Hovermale paced the Chargers with 14 points. Donte Jackson scored 11.

Senior Andrew Meacham paced the Mustangs with 28 points. Senior Malik Bazzzy netted 11.

Churchill drained 11-of-14 free-throw attempts. Northville was 5-for-8 from the charity stripe.

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have the potential to do that, beat some undefeated teams."

Costly indecision

Stevenson head coach Jen Knoph credited Canton's stellar defense, but emphasized her players are struggling with finding their identity on offense more than anything else.

Top scorers for the Spartans were senior guard Rachel Wilkinson and senior forward Kyra Johnson with eight and four points, respectively. Stevenson managed to connect on only 8-of-27 from the floor and barely stepped to the foul line (1-of-2) as the Chiefs played a strong, disciplined game all over the floor.

"We talked about how, when they're (Chiefs) running their offense, they're running it with a purpose," Knoph said. "Every possession mattered and every shot was by design. We looked like we were forcing

everything."

Knoph said the Spartans have gone up against strong defenses in previous games this season and prevailed. But the lack of a "true point guard" and some indecision against the Chiefs cost the team, she emphasized.

"They're all just wanting to get the ball out of their hands and hoping somebody else is going to take charge," she added.

Samulski said the winning record against a string of five excellent opponents will be valuable once the league portion of the schedule rolls around in January.

"That's why we play who we play in the non-league (schedule)," he said. "You want to challenge yourselves and see what we can get done. That's how you learn things about your team."

Chipping in with five points, five boards and four of Canton's 12 steals was senior guard Rachel Winters. Junior guard Alanna Brown helped the cause by forcing three Steven-

son turnovers.

PLYMOUTH 60, SOUTH LYON 35: The visiting Wildcats were led by Shelby Cheston (18 points) and Jada Woody (10 points) Thursday night in this KLAAs non-division matchup.

Plymouth improved to 5-0 for the second time in school history and looks forward to facing preseason top-10 team Farmington Hills Mercy at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30.

The Wildcats also were bolstered by Kendall Rose (nine points) and Kylie Robb (eight points).

After going up 15-7 following one quarter, Plymouth built a 30-13 halftime edge — with treys in the second by Robb and Courtney LaVallee.

Leah Kliczinski's four points in the third sparked Plymouth to a 49-29 advantage entering the fourth.

Plymouth first-year head coach Nick Brandon said the team's hot streak, although welcome, isn't surprising given the squad's work ethic.

"This team has really united with a common goal to work



Livonia Stevenson's Amy Freed takes the ball to the basket Thursday night against Canton. DOUG BARGERSTOCK

hard for each other every day," Brandon said. "And they are displaying that every time we play."

"We have so much work to do and many areas to improve in and the road only gets

tougher from this point, especially when we look at our next opponent."

Nine of Plymouth's 12 players got on the score sheet against the Lions, now 1-3.

"South Lyon is traditionally a very tough, well-coached opponent and I liked our focus and preparation heading into the game," Brandon said. "Going into Christmas, 5-0 was our goal at the beginning of this past week. And we worked toward that every day in practice."

SALEM 42, JOHN GLENN 21: Host Salem (5-1 overall) rolled to this KLAAs crossover win Thursday over Westland John Glenn.

Shara Long led the Rocks with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Helping the cause with eight points was Kelly Whalen, while Janyra Wilson and Maranda Armstead each scored seven.

For the Rockets, Victoria McCloud tallied 10 points.

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John Glenn vs. Muskegon, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28
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Clarenceville scorers: Sam Moore, 205-241-446; Alvin Tong, 148-117-265; Kyle Coughlin, 147-90-237; Jeremiah Wright, 115-105-220; Jamin Kreger, 98-98-196. Baker games: 106-135-241; Regular games: 713-651-1,364.
Dual match records: Belleville, 3-1 overall; Clarenceville, 0-4 overall.

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throws over the final minute.

"We have to rebound better and play consistent defense if we want to win games like this," Taylor said, echoing what he told his team moments earlier.

Koger led all scorers with 13 points. He also chipped in with four

steals. Hathaway added seven points and McKiddie contributed five rebounds.

Timothy Hughley paced the Ravens' balanced attack with 11 points.

The Panthers hit just 3-of-10 free-throw attempts.

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PREP BOYS SWIMMING

GC outstrokes Panthers in WWAC showdown

Shuffled lineup results in first victory of season for Garden City squad

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

In a Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys swimming and diving dual meet featuring two teams in search of their first win of the season, Garden City upended host Redford Union, 81-68, Thursday afternoon.

The Cougars rebounded nicely from Tuesday's 115-54 setback to Wayne Memorial and improved to 1-3. The Panthers slipped to 0-2.

GC head coach Julie Johnston utilized a revamped lineup against the Panthers, who were outnumbered 27-10.

"I knew Redford Union had a small team, so we mixed things up a little bit and let some first-year guys swim different events," Johnston said. "I thought the boys swam really well."

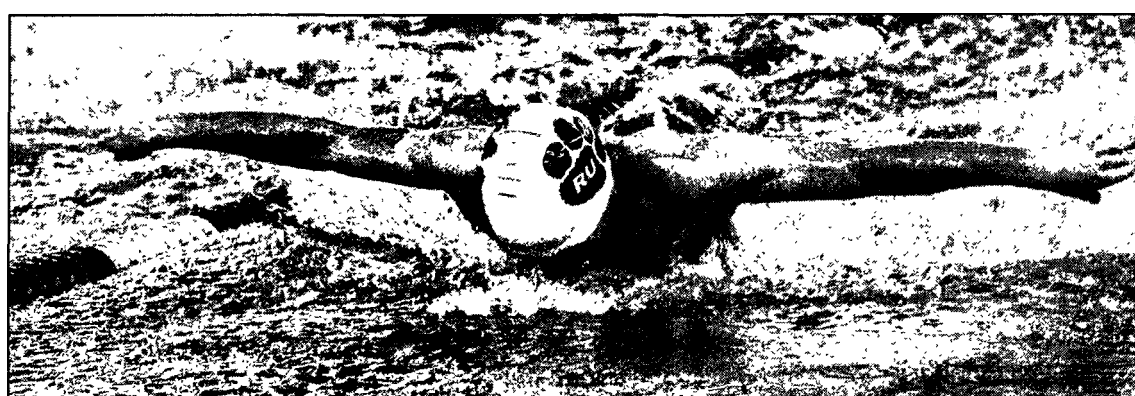
Johnston said freshman Romen Deron's performance Thursday afternoon epitomized her team's spirited effort.

"He nearly swam three events in a row – the 200 free relay, the 100 breast and the 400 free relay – and he did well in all three," Johnston said.

RU head coach Nicole Kevitch said her team's inexperienced squad has its sights set on improving as much as winning early in the season. "We had a couple first-year guys – Tyler Ouellette and Jimmy Smith – who went a lot faster than they did in our first meet," Kevitch said. "That's what we're looking for – steady improvement. We got Ty Too-toosis back and he almost placed third in the breast-stroke."

"Evan Thompson and T.J. Kargul are our two main first-placers and they both won their individual events today. Evan is just two seconds from breaking the school record in the 50 free. He's already qualified for the Wayne County meet and he's real close to getting the state cut."

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Redford Union's TJ Kargul won the 100-yard butterfly race Thursday against Garden City. ED WRIGHT

2. Redford Union, 2:14.35; 3. Garden City, 2:18.17.
200 freestyle: 1. Chris Witt (GC), 2:35.50; 2. Jacob Green (GC), 2:57.53; 3. Ryan Randall (RU), 3:10.87.

200 individual medley: 1. TJ Kargul (RU), 2:51.38; 2. Tyler Demaree (GC), 2:52.40; 3. Dakota Darocha (GC), 3:20.92.

50 freestyle: 1. Evan Thompson (RU), 24.51; 2. Adam Crunk (GC), 27.62; 3. Jeff Ball (GC), 29.41.

Diving: 1. Dakota Darocha (GC), 123.6 points; 2. Ryan Pask (GC), 108.75; 3. Shaquan Smith (RU), 94.5.

100 butterfly: 1. TJ Kargul (RU), 1:21.83; 2. Michael Snyder (GC), 1:30.33.

100 freestyle: 1. Evan Thompson (RU), 55.29; 2. Luke Hebnar (RU), 1:08.48; 3. Jim Smith (RU), 1:11.90.

500 freestyle: 1. Pat Selix (GC), 6:24.33; 2. Jacob Green (GC), 8:24.53; 3. Ryan Randall (RU), 8:24.47.

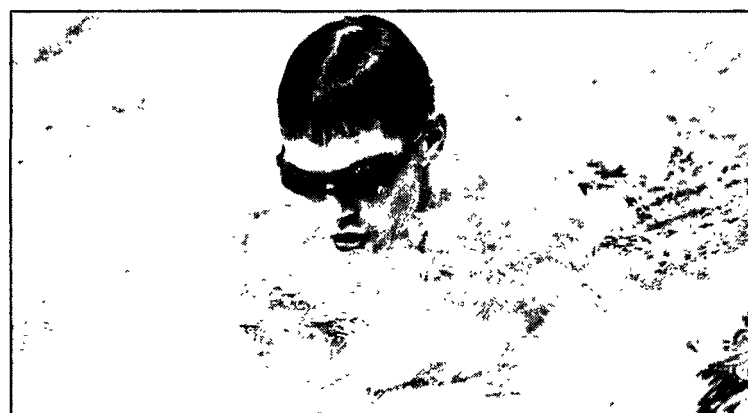
200 freestyle relay: 1. Garden City, 1:52.49; 2. Redford Union, 1:54.43.

100 backstroke: 1. Matt Wiseman (RU), 1:54.83.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jeff Ball (GC), 1:19.29; 2. Tyler Demaree (GC), 1:19.52; 3. Ryan Pask (RU), 1:26.89.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Redford Union, 5:55.33.

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Garden City's Ryan Pask, pictured during Tuesday's meet against Wayne Memorial, placed third in the 100-yard breaststroke event Thursday afternoon at Redford Union. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP WRESTLING

Cougars grapplers battling through tough times

GC spirited despite short-handed roster

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Garden City's wrestling team may be short-handed this season, but it's not short-hearted.

With just 10 of the 14 weight classes filled on a consistent basis, the Cougars have been behind the 8-ball in coach Mike Howell's inaugural year at the helm, but the adversity hasn't sapped the team of its spirit.

"We're missing some weight classes, so it's been a rough season so far – at least in the dual meets – but the guys we do have are showing a lot of heart," Howell said. "They're working hard in practice and scoring some points on the mat. It's just tough to win when you're voiding as many matches as we are."

Case in point: Wednesday night's home dual meet against Romulus. The match was knotted at 28-28 before the Eagles took advantage of a series of voids to put a headlock on a 49-28 vic-

tory. Garden City dropped a one-sided decision to powerful Belleville in Wednesday's opening match.

Heavyweight Jalen Jackson, 119-pounder Ryan Conroy and 103-pounder Robert Ujkaj drew heavy praise from Howell following Wednesday's action.

"Jalen went 2-0; he's been one of our most consistent wrestlers so far," said Howell, whose squad has registered a 3-6 dual-meet mark so far. "Ryan went 1-1 against some very strong competition and Robert beat a good Belleville kid, 17-12."

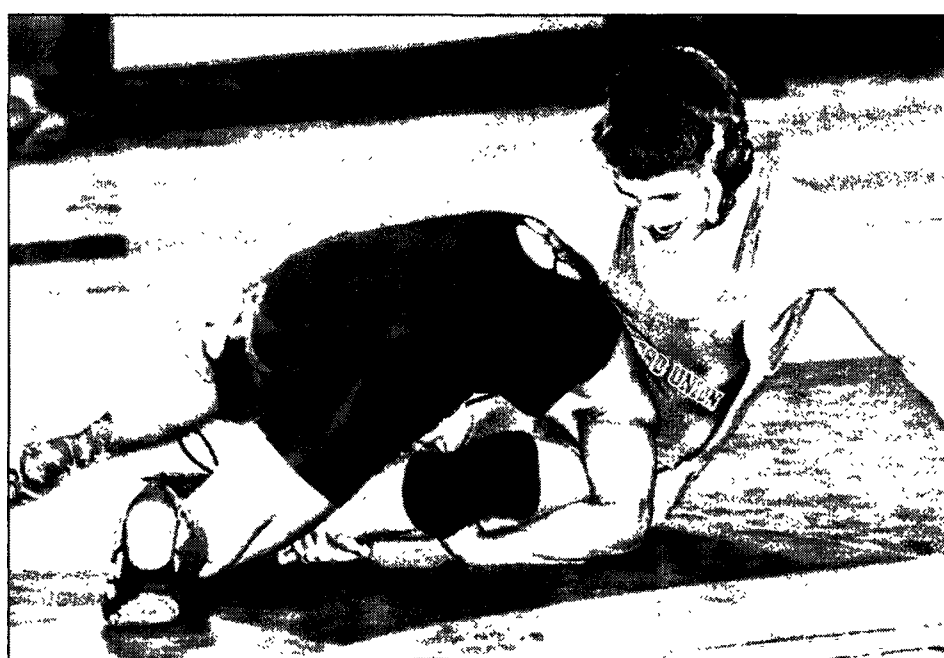
The Cougars' 215-pounder, Toreano Nichols, also went 1-1 in Wednesday's double-dual action.

GC's lineup will receive a boost next week when Christian North joins the squad. He will compete for a spot at 189, Howell said.

The Cougars return to action Dec. 28 at the Salem Invitational.

RU update

The absence of three of its elite grapplers –



Redford Union's Bryan Griffin attempts to escape the hold of his Belleville opponent Wednesday night. ED WRIGHT

Adam Chernavage, Julian Colon and Ricky Spicer – spelled doom for Redford Union at Wednesday's double-dual meet hosted by Garden City.

The Panthers battled Romulus hard before dropping a 52-22 decision. They were then roughed up a bit by Belleville, which is one of the premier teams in the

Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

"Missing our top three guys – our main three guys with experience – really hurt us against Romulus," RU head coach Rob Rankin said. "I'm pretty sure all three of those guys would have won their matches – if not pinned their opponents – which would have created a huge points

swing."

On the bright side, freshman 119-pounder Larry Elliott carved out an impressive 10-2 victory against the Eagles.

"I liked Alfonzo Hairston's effort at 145, too," Rankin said.

Junior first-year performer Brendan Mikulsky is showing tons of promise at 285. He pinned his Romulus op-

ponent before dropping a narrow 5-2 decision against Belleville.

"I love the way Kenny Vadianas (112) and Bryan Griffin are giving maximum effort," Rankin added. "Once they get a little more experience, they'll be hard to beat."

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

**DEARBORN EDEL FORD 57
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 18**
Dec. 18 at Clarenceville
103 pounds: Wyke (DEF) pinned Dyland Brigham, 1:45; 112: Sachin (DEF) p. Joseph Sanchez, 0:48; 119: Abou-Ghaila (DEF) p. Zack Richards, 1:23; 125: Naji (DEF) p. Seth Soto, 1:49; 130: Hussein (DEF) p. Bryce Cozart, 3:59; 135: Almadhagi (DEF) decisioned Joey Walker, 3-2; 140: Almutthafar (DEF) won by void; 145: Alan Baumgardner (Cville) p. Bankley, 1:22; 152: Kareem Stewart (Cville) p. Bahool, 3:45; 160: Cameron Fyffe (Cville) dec. Allen, 8-2; 171: Evan Hendricks (Cville) dec. Freas, 10-3; 189: Nycz (DEF) won by void; 215: Bumstead (DEF) won by void; 285: Martell (DEF) p. Ryan Groves, 4:50.

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS
ANNAPOLIS 54
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 18**
Dec. 18 at Clarenceville
103 pounds: Madewell (DHA) won by void; 112: Knapp (DHA) pinned Joseph Sanchez, 0:28; 119: Emanuel (DHA) p. Zack Richards, 3:38; 125: Cohan (DHA) p. Seth Soto, 3:23; 135: Hussing (DHA) p. Joey Walker, 4:24; 145: Alan Baumgardner (Cville) dec. Smith-Elliott, 8-2; 152: Beasinger (DHA) p. Kareem Stewart, 1:53; 160: Cameron Fyffe (Cville) p. Smith-Elliott, 1:13; 171: McCoy (DHA) p. Evan Hendricks, 1:39; 189: Matsinela (DHA) won by void; 215: Cain (DHA) won by void; 285: Ryan Groves (Cville) dec. Gross, 10-7.
Clarenceville's dual match record: 1-5 overall, 0-5 Western Wayne Athletic Conference.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crusaders win border battle in OT

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It resembled a USA-Canada hockey game more than a men's basketball game.

Bodies were flying all over Madonna University Activities Center court Wednesday night as host MU outlasted the University of Windsor, 78-76, in overtime in the Crusader Classic.

Senior guard Travis Schuba had the hot hand for MU, scoring a game- and season-high 33 points, including nine triples.

Senior point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), named the tournament MVP, chipped in with 13 points as Madonna goes into the holiday break with a 9-6 overall record.

The Crusaders led 35-33 at halftime, but fell behind by as many as eight, 52-44, with 13:13 remaining on a layup by 6-foot-7 forward Keron Brathwaite.

MU regained the lead, 59-58, on a layup by Donald Owens with 5:27 to go and opened up a nine-point advantage with just 2:16 left on a layup by Naubert.

But Windsor (12-8) scored nine straight points over the final 2:09, capped by Bradford Parkers' layup with only 10 seconds to go to knot the score at 70-70.

The Crusaders, trying to win on their last possession in regulation, turned the ball over and Josh Collins' desperation three-quarter court one-handed heave just rimmed out at the buzzer.

In OT, the Lancers got a layup from Parker with 2:09 left to take a 76-73 advantage, but MU answered on a 3-point shot by Jeff Schmitz followed by the game-winning layup from Naubert with only 1:06 to go.

Windsor had two cracks to tie or win during the final 14 seconds, but came up short as MU held on for the victory.

"We knew they were a big, tough team from what we had seen on film," Schuba said. "They outsized us and outweighed us a little bit, but in the end it's the team with the most heart that gets it done."

Schuba has been a marked man this year and his scoring average has dipped a bit to 14.5 points per game.

He is shooting better from 3-point range (42.4 percent) than his overall field-goal percentage (41.3).

"I'm just trying to move more without the ball, trying to get my teammates open the best ways I can," the Rapid City native said. "I've been a little frustrated with my shot not falling being covered so much that today was a big day for us and a big confidence boost for me as well."

The 5-foot-10 Schuba got off to a strong start with 16 first-half points.

"The first couple of shots fell and I really felt this could be me getting back on track," he said.

With the team's third leading scorer, senior forward Fred Williams (12.8 ppg) out for the second straight game with an Achilles tendon injury,

Schuba came up big.

The all-tournament pick was 12-of-23 from the floor, including 9-of-18 from 3-point range.

"When he gets it going, look out," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "What's funny is that you look a several of his shots, he could have made a few more. The most important thing he was doing was his timing and using his screens and getting to the spots on the floor where he can be successful."

"When he does that, the ball goes in. And when the ball goes in, there's a side of him that we need more often."

Windsor had four players in double figures led by the 6-6, 220-pound Parker, who had 22 points and nine rebounds.

Collins added 14 points, while Mike Rocca and Lien Phillip chipped in with 13 and 10, respectively.

"That's a good team (Windsor)," Emenhiser said. "They know how to use their size, athleticism and strength. And we're still working to be a little more consistent. We didn't hold onto the lead at the end, but I'm proud of the resiliency of our guys just to handle their push, handle their runs and respond with some of our own."

MU is now off until Saturday, Jan. 4, when it travels to face Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Siena Heights.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will offer a fundamentals camp 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 (cost \$150) at the MU Activities Center.

MU will also offer a pitching camp from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (cost \$150 per player).

For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call at (734) 432-5612. You can also visit MadonnaCrusaders.com.

Softball defense

The second annual Eddy Kettlehut Softball Defense Camp (all ages through high school) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 26, and 9-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market Drive, Canton.

The cost for the two-day camp, which features the former University of Detroit Mercy assistant coach, is \$90.

Also appearing will be Amy Dunleavy (Ferris State) and Kayce Nieto (University of Utah).

For more information, call 734-459-5921 or 248-891-1241; or email coachtomd@comcast.net.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is under way.

Games and practices will be at Marshall Upper Elementary School. League age groups include 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

To register, visit wyaa.org.

For more information, email wyaavolleyball2013@comcast.net.

Learn to skate

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will offer its Session III eight-week learn to skate classes beginning Jan. 13 through March 3 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

The cost is \$64 for residents and \$78 for nonresidents.

Among the classes offered includes: Youth (ages 4 and up) – 5 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. Mondays; hockey skills – 6:25 p.m. Mondays; tots (3-year-olds) – 5 p.m. Mondays. (No equipment is need for hockey classes.)

Registration will be from 6:30-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 1500 Hubbard, Livonia.

For more information, call 734-466-2918 or email Barb Gamber at bgamber@ci.livonia.mi.us.

Free-throw contest

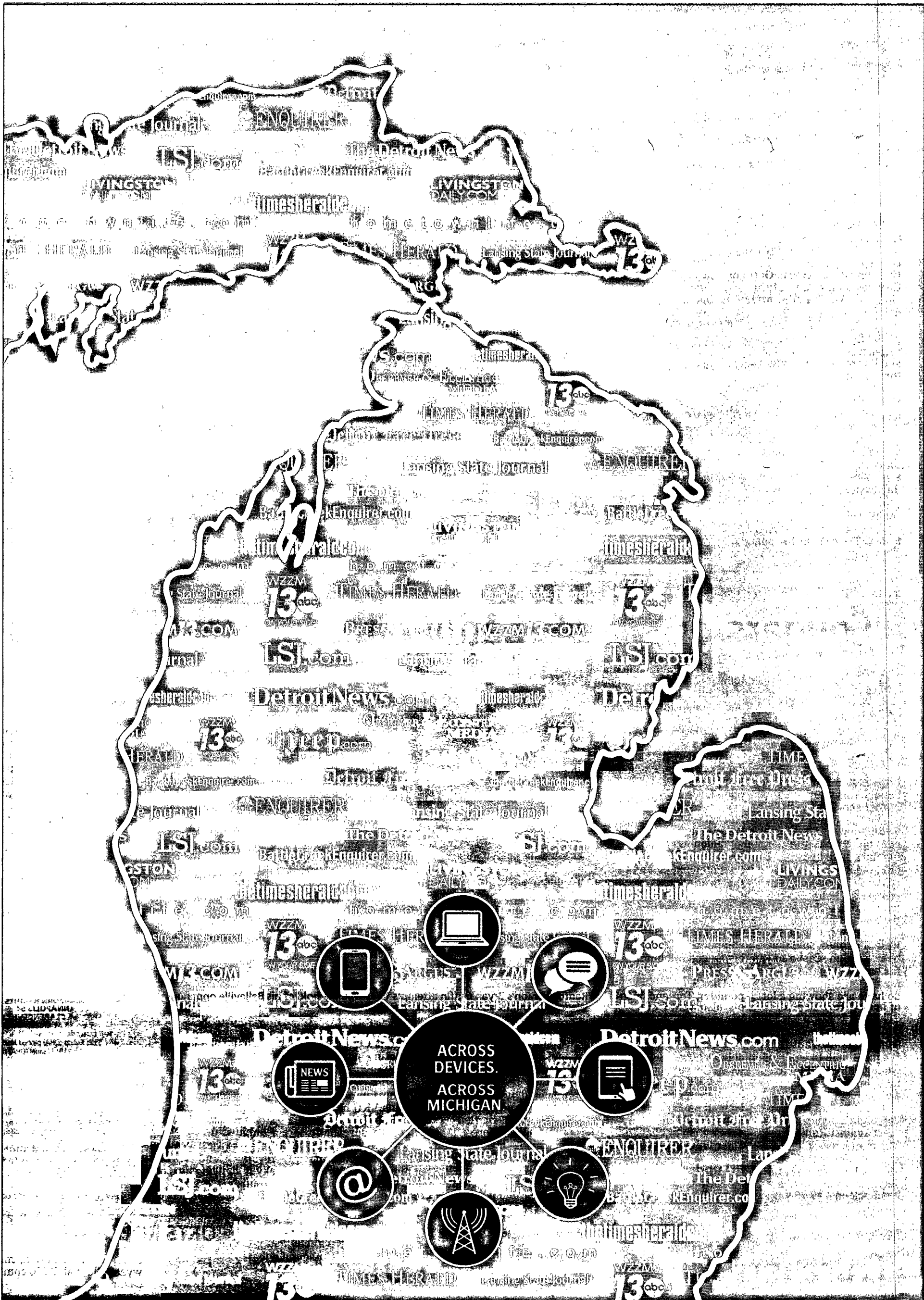
The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest is free.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation.

Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call David Lengel at 734-516-4930.



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HOLIDAY PLAYLIST

Fa la la la la we love these songs

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It's time for *Jingle Bells*.

Not just any *Jingle Bells*, but the version that was recorded in Denmark, released in the U.S. in the mid-1950s and re-released in the early '70s. Yes, that *Jingle Bells*, the one barked out by The Singing Dogs.

It just doesn't seem like the holiday season until I hear those canine crooners reminding me "oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh" in a chorus of deep woofs and staccato barks. I wouldn't let the dogs out as background sound during Christmas dinner, but the tune definitely ranks high on my holiday playlist, along with an obscure Slovak song (*Anjeli ludi*) that my family has sung since I was a kid, and Wendy Carlos' Switched on Brandenburgs, particularly *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major*, the "presto" section.

What's on your holiday playlist?

"I love music and my taste is generally very eclectic, all over the map, especially with Christmas music," said Launa Wakenhut, a Livonia resident and active member of St. Michael the Archangel Parish. "I love everything from *The Nutcracker Suite* to the holiday standards to novelty songs and, of course, carols and hymns, but I guess Christmas is never really complete for me until we're trimming the tree and I'm listening to Mahalia Jackson sing *Silent Night* and *Go Tell It On the Mountain*."

Italian song

Rick Selva, Ph.D. and director of jazz studies at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, said *Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle*, which translates roughly to "you descend from the heavens" tops his seasonal playlist. Selva once wrote an arrangement of the song for a church in Chicago.

"It's the *Silent Night* of Italy. It's beautiful," he said, adding that *Oh Holy Night* performed by Luciano Pavarotti also deserves a listen. "And Larnelle Harris does a version of *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* that is beautiful."

Tracey Schulz Kobylarz, Redford Township supervisor, ranks *Oh Holy Night* as her all-time favorite reminder of "the reason for the season."

"Santa Baby — preferably Madonna's version — is my all time favorite jingle tune," she added. "And my all time silly song for Christmas is *Dominic the Christmas Donkey*."

Song, film

Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president, has one favorite Christmas tune and one favorite holiday film.

"My favorite song is *Christmas Time is Here*, from the cartoon *A Charlie Brown Christmas*," West said. "Then my favorite movie is *White Christmas*. Both were introduced to me by my parents when I was young, and now I see my two daughters (9 and 6) connect to those songs and shows as well."

Need more music ideas for the family Christmas gathering this week? Here's a sampling of other holiday "must hear" suggestions from your neighbors:

Original soundtrack

There has NEVER been a holiday in my 51 years that has not had Charlie Brown and the Gang right there. So, there has always been the music and sound of Vince Guaraldi and his trio, in my life at some time.

No Christmas season can truly be, to me, unless I hear *Christmas Time is Here* both the instrumental and with voice versions. It sparks the light and warmth of the holiday season for me. (It's) from the original soundtrack of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Next, one of my favorite pianists/musicians is George Winston. In the early 80s Winston created a series of albums based on the 'seasons. On his *December* album is a very small (short) piece, also written by Vince Guaraldi. ... the simple Guaraldi piece is titled *Prelude* and is as delicate as a still winter's night.

Finally, the arrangement of *Silent Night* on their very first, *A Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* album, brings a tear to my eye every time. From the simple beginning, shift to vocal, building, and then the ending simply played on a child's toy piano. Finally, the sleigh bells that "fly" from right to left speakers, completes the mystery of the "silent night." Listen and you will believe, in anything you want to.

— Craig Hane, artistic director of Barefoot Productions in Plymouth

Local band

1. Rob Thomas, *A New York City Christmas*

2. Pentatonix, a five-person a cappella group, has a festive Christmas album called *PTXmas* which has a fun new release of the *Little Drummer Boy*. You can check out the video on YouTube — http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ_MGWio-vc It has over 16 million hits on YouTube!

3. Canton's own, TwentyForSeven's new version of *O Holy Night* is beautiful! You gotta love local!

— Tina Lloyd, Canton Farmers Market manager

Sung by mom

There's a song that the Trans-Siberian Orchestra plays. It's on my cell phone. I love it so much that I used it for my walk down the aisle. It's the *Christmas Canon*. It would not be Christmas if I didn't hear that. *Silent Night* — I remember my mom would sing it (at Christmas) a ton. She'd sing it to me and we'd try to play it on the piano. The third one would be *Joy to the World*. We always hear that at church on Christmas at St. Pat's in White Lake.

— Misty Lindquist, manager of Beaver Creek Restaurant, Westland

Animals sing

I'm not too big on the holiday season, but by no means am I a Grinch! I love to give gifts during the holiday season, but Christmas music typically makes me crazy ... especially when radio stations start playing it in November. However, one of my absolute favorite YouTube videos to watch during the holidays are made by Andrew Grantham, who runs the "Talking Animals" YouTube account. Pet owners submit videos of their pets to Andrew and he does whatever it takes to give the pets

Women To Work program offered starting in January

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

JVS will again offer a Women To Work program beginning in January to assist those who've been out of the workplace and are seeking employment.

The program, also open to men, will have an informational session 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, at the JVS office, 29699 Southfield Road in Southfield. Those interested are asked to call Judy Richmond, employment specialist/Women To Work coordinator, at 248-233-4232 in advance.

Following the informational meeting, sessions will be held at JVS 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 21, 2014 and lasting five weeks. There is no charge to participate.

The program assists women who've been employed sporadically or not employed outside the home for some time, said Richmond. "We don't have a really strict criteria."

She noted participants should be able to start paid employment as soon as possible. Women To Work sessions cover resume writing, interviewing, job search skills, social media, networking and more.

Those of all faiths are welcome, too. Richmond hasn't had much response from men in the past.

She said women who've been homemakers or caregivers have skills that make them employable. Organizing a PTA bake sale, for example, requires organizational skills.

"Women sometimes are very critical of themselves," Richmond said. "You still have those skills, you still have your education."

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Postcards, gifts, engaging services welcome visitors to church at Christmas

By Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Bryan Amann, director of spiritual formation at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, expects a surge in attendance at Christmas services this weekend.

"I guarantee we'll have people hanging off the rafters."

NorthRidge always holds Christmas services the weekend before the holiday, giving members a chance to spend Dec. 25 with their loved ones. In an interview earlier this week, Amann said first impressions count when it comes to welcoming — and retaining — newcomers, visitors and infrequent churchgoers to NorthRidge's four Christmas services.

"We hope people come and see that we're communicating from authentic life experience. It's not about rituals and rules. It's about your relationship with God. We give them a glimpse of what we're about," he said. That includes a worship environment with a coffeehouse in the lobby, cup holders in the sanctuary's movie-style seats, contemporary music, and a no-nag approach to visitors.

"We never ever intrude on people," he said, adding that newcomers who want to learn more about the church must request it.

No guilt

The congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth also reaches out to Christmastime attendees with a low-key approach that it employs year-round. Sue Booth, operations director, said the church aims to "create an overall atmosphere, a no-guilt zone, where guests feel immediately safe and welcome, where they feel like they're surrounded by real human beings who have shortcomings and who can laugh with and at themselves even in the midst of worshiping, where the message they receive is relevant and meaningful to their daily lives."



fewer and fewer people are going to church.

"The church isn't the one doing the marketing — we'll leave that to God and the Holy Spirit," Booth said.

Both St. John's and NorthRidge gave members information cards with holiday service times and encouraged them to pass the materials to friends and family.

Awareness campaign

Printed information, like postcards, helps Lola Park Evangelical Church in Redford reach out to newcomers. The church mailed approximately 3,300 postcards with Christmas service times to Redford residents earlier this month.

"Part of our problem is we're not on the main drag," said the Rev. Gregory Gibbons, pastor. "It makes it difficult and we live in a time when

fewer and fewer people are going to church. We look for ways to reach out, but the best way is going to be your own members inviting their own relatives and neighbors."

Visitors and children who attend Christmas service at Lola Park will receive a gift this year.

"It's not like we're giving them a brand new car," Gibbons said. "We have some DVDs on the basic message of Christianity. And for the kids, we've got some candy and fruit."

Christmas reading

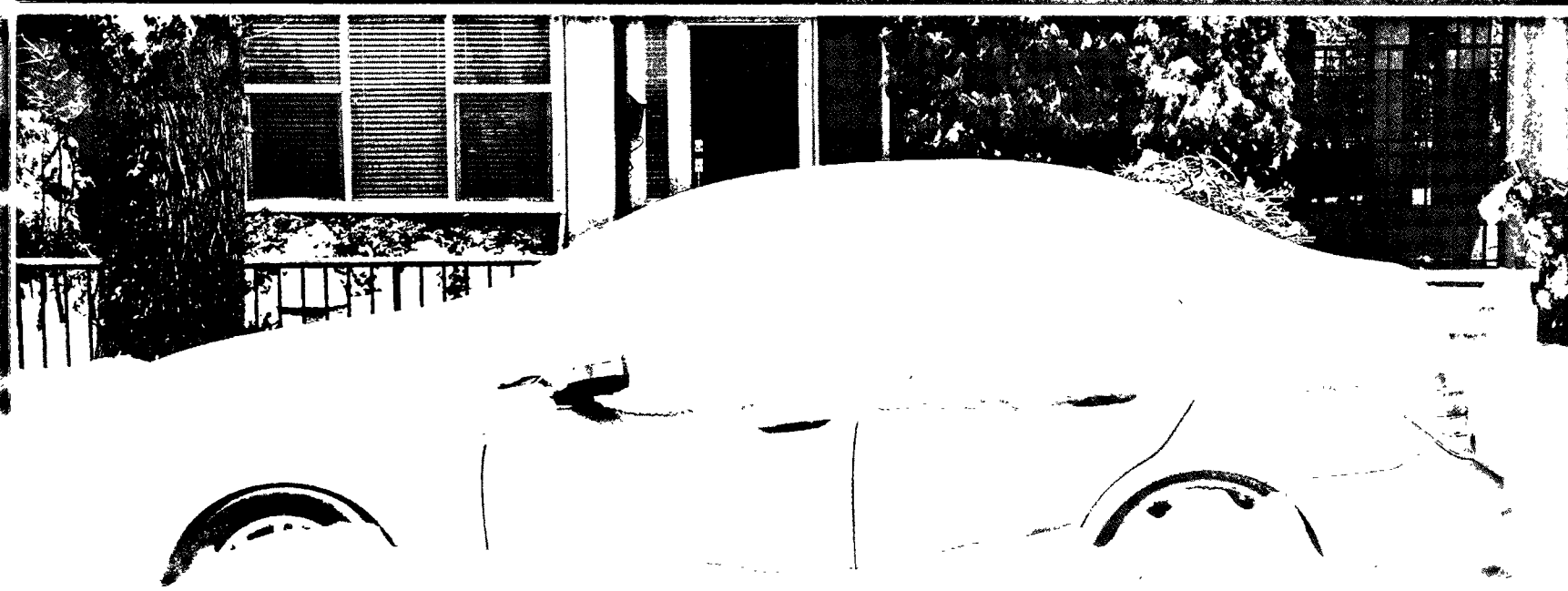
St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills plans to give the book, *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly to attendees at its seven Christmas Masses. The gift also includes a magnet that shows service times and a

letter of welcome from the pastor.

"We know at Christmas we'll get a lot of visitors and a lot of them have been away from church," said Celia St. Charles, pastoral assistant. "This is our way of saying welcome to church."

Kathy Weinberg, administrative assistant at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia, said postings on the congregation's social media pages this month may help draw infrequent attendees back to church.

"My effort has been using photos (on Facebook) of our congregation doing things. I know we have members who are not regular attendees or who haven't been here in a while," Weinberg said. "Perhaps if they see a photo of their kid dressed up as a shepherd they might say, 'I kind of miss being there.'"



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Grand Knight Dan Vecchioni (left) and Co-Family of the Year Norb and Sylvia Giczewski

Knights of Columbus chapter celebrates 50th anniversary

The Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council No. 5492 kicked off its 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration last month with a Mass, dinner and recognition presentations.

The anniversary Mass was held at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, in Dearborn Heights, followed by dinner and presentations at Romanowski VFW Hall, in Westland. More than 130 Knights and their families attended the event. Disc jockey Matt Hanchon provided music for dancing and Current Grand Knight Dan Vecchioni presented some of the awards.

Metro "Mac" Sokolik was recognized as a charter member of the council. Bob Richter of Northville and Rick Gignac of Livonia were recognized as co-Knights of the Year. Norb and Sylvia Giczewski of Livonia and Northville residents Bob and Deb Rais were recognized as co-Families of the Year. The council also recognized



Metro "Mac" Sokolik (seated) is recognized as a charter member of Dooley Knights of Columbus. Deputy Grand Knight Jerry Sulak is at his side.

widows of deceased members, military veterans and past Grand Knights.

The Council was founded Nov. 10, 1963 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and

met regularly at Romanowski VFW Hall. It moved in 2002 to its current home, St. Colette Church in Livonia. Its next 50th Jubilee event is a pasta dinner on Feb. 9.

Stories of skates, caroling recall past Christmases

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Joe Tseng of Farmington Hills has been a practicing dentist for years, but he goes way back when asked for his favorite Christmas memory.

"When I was young and my mother bought me a used pair of hockey skates," the Westland-based dentist said at a recent Westland Rotary lunch he attended with his wife, Terry. The skates were brown and had bells but young Tseng didn't care.

"Oh, a pair of skates," he said at the time. "I was so excited." He's continued to play hockey in a men's league into middle age.

The serious business of Rotary at Joy Manor that day was the Affordable Care Act, but there was also time to share favorite holiday memories.

"My best Christmas memories are going to my grandparents' house when we were little," said caterer Shari Kudek of Westland.

She and her five siblings would go to "Grandma's at her old house on Blackfoot in Detroit" where there were special Christmas plates and lots of decorations.

"The whole family was there which we don't do much anymore," Kudek recalled.



Mary L. Vellardita of Westland with her late parents, Matthew and Marie Vellardita

Holiday surprise

Antoinette Martin of Westland is a Rotarian and Ameriprise franchise owner. She was about 7 and shopping with her mom and siblings when she experienced what has become her best Christmas memory.

"She got the notice our house was paid off. That was the big Christmas," Martin said, recalling that her mom was in the car opening mail at the time.

"It wasn't until you got older you realized how big that is," Martin added.

These days, her family gets together en masse with Martin cajoling the adults into singing Christmas songs. One year, after they protested, her 2-year-old great-nephew asked

them to sing "another one."

"That's one of my better memories He wanted to sing even though everybody else was a pain in the neck," Martin said with a smile.

Westland resident Mary Vellardita is co-owner of a Westland print shop and a Rotarian.

She has fond memories of her dad, who passed in 2006, and her mom, who passed in 2010. Christmas in the early 2000s with them was good, with family togetherness.

"I love everything about Christmas," Vellardita said. "I love having an excuse to give people presents." She also enjoys church, and doesn't mind getting presents either.

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PLAYLIST

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highly comical human voices ... even if it means recording himself yelling into a trash can or speaking in a French accent with a mouth full of marshmallows! One of my favorites is last year's video, *12 Days of Christmas* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obGjx8Hry3M>. His videos typically put me in tears while trying to catch my breath from laughing so hard! I can't wait to see what he comes up with this year!

— Shannon Barrett, a Plymouth pet groomer and dance teacher

Rock tune

I try and listen for Bob Seger's *Little Drummer Boy*...that's my favorite of all time!

— Randall Masters, Westland resident and *Observer & Eccentric* editorial graphic artist

Elvis ornament

Favorites? Well, I can't carry a tune to save my life and I don't listen to a lot of music but I do have a few favorite artists ... Josh Groban and Elvis! Holiday music: Josh Groban holiday songs — *Noel* is a favorite to listen to on my way home from work to get the barking that is echoing in my head to dissipate! My husband and I love to have Elvis sing-

ing holiday songs while we put up the Christmas Tree Yes, we have an Elvis ornament on the tree that sings to us!

Movies that MUST be watched with grandchildren include *Elf*, *The Grinch* (Jim Carrey — Max the dog did a wonderful job! (HA)), *A Christmas Story* (love the part where the dog gets the turkey off the table).

— Deb Watkins, owner of Canine College in Farmington Hills

Memories of youth

Simply stated, my three-favorite Christmas "must hear songs" ...

Mary Did You Know by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green... *Joseph's Song* by Michael Card, and one I can't sing, but love, Nat Cole's version of *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*. That makes it complete, especially if there is light snow falling ... it does take me back to my youth Good times!

— John Delle-Monache of Northville, publicity chair for Base-Line Folk Society in Plymouth

Classic tunes

I love the holiday season and all the music brings joy to everyone. I grew up singing in church and playing the piano at an early age, so music and holiday songs have always been a major part of my life.

As for favorites, it

was really difficult to pick. Baking cookies with my Granny was always an annual treat, listening to traditional songs like *Silent Night* by Franz Gruber, and *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* by Mendelssohn and not-so-traditional songs such as *Christmas for Cowboys* by John Denver always were great fun memories.

Some other favorites are *Mary Did You Know* by Lowery & Greene — this song makes you think that children could grow up to be great leaders in many ways and in our time. I also love *Let It Snow* by Cahn & Styne, especially when we can enjoy watching it snow by the fire, and of course *Santa Claus Is Coming to Town* by Coots & Gillespie because you always want to be on the "nice" list.

— Sherry Cantrell, volunteer assistant to the Therapy Choirs of Michigan in Farmington Hills

Irish tunes

Mick's favorites are *The Wexford Carol* by the Chieftains, *Adeste Fideles* by Kevin Keagan and *Silent Night* by Paddy Homan. Mine are — *The Carol of the Bells* by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, *Handel Messiah 11-44 Hallelujah* and *I Wonder as I Wander* by Joan Baez

— Anna Gavin of Redford whose husband, Mick, plays and teaches fiddle

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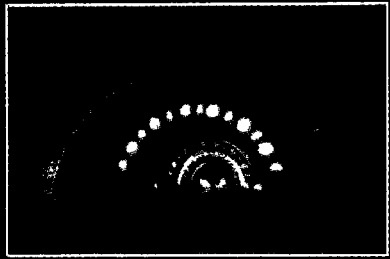
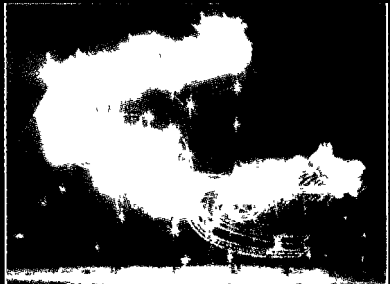
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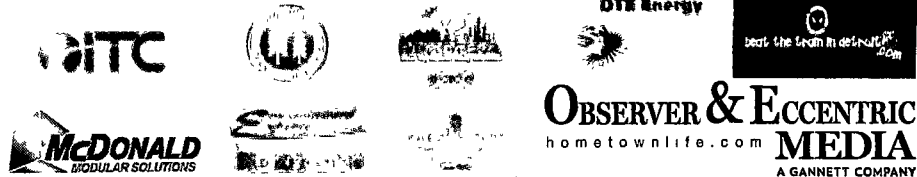
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RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, family Christmas Eve service; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day service

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Free gifts for all children and visitors

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Time/Date: 4 p.m. children's service; 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Children's service includes story, costumes, communion and singing; candlelight and communion at remaining two services

Contact: 734-422-1470

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 24

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Late night worship is candlelight service

Contact: 734-427-3660

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24

Location: First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne

Details: Candle service; barrier free

Contact: 734-721-4801

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: New Year's Eve service

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

JANUARY 2014

YOUNG FIVES PROGRAM

Time/Date: Jan. 6, 2014

Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Day Care, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: New Young Fives program begins. Preschool/day care runs 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 2 1/2-5.

Contact: Karen or Robin at 248-474-2488

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group of th Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass, followed by friendship and refreshments

Contact: Pat at 734-895-6246

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livonia.stmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; le@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

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

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in translation as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

» Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs,

alcohol, overeating, gambling.

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

» Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riverside-parkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available.

Contact: 734-421-8451.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Clarence and Kathy (Hagstrom) Probst of Livonia marked their 70th wedding anniversary Dec. 13.

The couple married in 1943 at the Wayne County building in Detroit.

They met in 1940 after Kathy moved to Clarence's Detroit neighborhood, near the old Olympia stadium. They dated for several years before Clarence entered military service. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-45 during WWII and was stationed in France. His unit was instrumental in the liberation of France and Dachau concentration camp in Poland.

The couple has three children: Kathy (Robert) Moore of Commerce;



Kathy and Clarence Probst have lived in Livonia 63 years.

Duane Probst of Morley; and Wayne (Tina) Probst of Wixom.

The Probsts also have eight grandchildren — four boys and four girls — and 15 great-grandchildren. All live in Michigan.

Kathy retired in 1997

after 40 years of employment with Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Clarence retired in 2000 after 50 years of employment at Commercial Steel Treating in Madison Heights.

Clarence and Kathy are active and enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren. They often are seen at various sporting events cheering on family members who play on Little League, high school, and college athletic teams. They donate money to local teams and charities on a regular basis. In particular, they recently were involved with Warriors for Warriors, a fundraising event aimed at cancer awareness at Walled Lake Western High School.

The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary with a family dinner.

BIRTH

AUDREY GRACE HALL

Audrey Grace Hall was born May 16, 2013, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi.

Proud parents are John and Jillian Hall of Livonia.



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GOODALE, MARGERY C.

A longtime Michigan resident and wife of Stephen L. Goodale passed on November 19 in Vero Beach Florida. She is survived by children Margo, Steve, Gloria and Nick; grandchildren Carey and Daniel and brother Dr. Archibald Carey. The family celebrates a life filled with a love of God, the arts and community service. Gery was a longtime member of the Birmingham Christian Science church and a pianist who performed in southeastern MI. A private service will be held in the summer of 2014. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Birmingham, Michigan or the Monitor Fund, CS Publishing Society, Boston, MA.



HILLIGAS, BETTY JANE

Age 70. Passed away December 17, 2013. She was born on June 29, 1943. Betty was known for her genuine, loving, caring nature and for her random acts of kindness. She was a beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Mike (Lori), Debbie (Chuck), Tammy (Billy), Cherie (Forest), Tom (Diane), Shelia, Mike (Terrie), and Patrick (Mary Jo). Cherished grandmother of Briana, Mikay, Kayla, Jacob, and Megan. Dear sister of Nora, Jerry (Jane), Carol (Tom), and sister-in-law Ginny. Preceded in death by her parents Earl and Hazel Fulcher; brothers, Leroy, Art, and DuWayne; and brother-in-law Clayton. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Memorial Service 1 p.m. Saturday, December 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 block W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial Gathering Saturday, December 28 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pulmonary Hypertension Association and American Diabetes Association. Betty left behind many friends and loving relatives and will forever be in our hearts.

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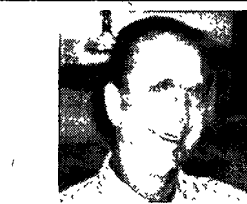
HUBERT, JOHN G. "MR. WONDERFUL"

formerly of Livonia, passed away in Safety Harbor Florida at the age of 87. Born and raised in Detroit Michigan, John was a decorated veteran of WWII, serving his country as a paratrooper in the 82nd airborne division. John parachuted into Ste. Mere-Eglise during the D-Day invasion of Normandy and was involved in Operation Market Garden. He was awarded two Silver Stars and the purple Heart. John was a Detroit Police Officer, engineer at Burroughs Corporation and a real estate broker in Michigan as well as Florida. John was involved in many school/community projects. John was preceded in death by first wife Betty in 1987. He is survived by children Linda Strockis (Dr. Vincent), Denise Newlands (Mark), John Hubert (Lisa), Jan Hubert-Ward (Steve); six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters Ann Horlacher and Ellen Peltier. John moved to Florida and married Elaine Turkowski. He is survived by Elaine and step daughters Terry Wynn (Greg), Cindy Telfer (Tom), Jody Carr (Brian), five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. John was a practical joker, always trying to make others laugh. He embraced family, friends and was a wonderful grandpa for foster children. We'll miss you "Mr. Wonderful," you are our hero. Internment will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Service Friday, January 3, 2014, 12:30 p.m. at the cemetery. Contributions in John's memory can be made to the Salvation Army at Salvationarmyusa.org



MARANTETTE, SARAH MOORE

Age 40, known as "Gucci" to family and friends, passed away on December 19, 2013 as a result of a brain aneurysm. She has made her home in San Francisco for the past 17 years. Gucci was the daughter of Nancy Newell Baity (Michael) of Harbor Springs, Michigan and David T. Marantette, III or Norris, Tennessee. Sister to David T. Marantette (Kaye), Katie Hall (Dan), Lauren Wasson (Paul), Julie Kinnaird (Ed), and loving aunt to six nieces and five nephews. A memorial service will be held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Sunday, December 29 at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the California Transplant Donor Network (www.ctdn.org) or the San Francisco SPCA (www.sfsPCA.org).



WILCOX, DANIEL

Died at the age of 71 on December 18, 2013 after six years of treatment for lung cancer. Dan was born in Detroit, Michigan and attended Cray Elementary and Cooley High School. He was a three year Vietnam era veteran of the US Army, serving at Fort Harrison, Indiana, and the Panama Canal Zone as a Military Policeman. During his Canal Zone assignment he took up his long to be favored sport of sky diving. After his Army discharge, he joined the Livonia Michigan Police Department in 1965 and served for a time as President of the Livonia Police Officers Association, and as President of the Michigan Conference of Police. He was also a founder of the Police Officers Association of Michigan and served on the board of directors as its first Secretary. Mr. Wilcox left the police department in 1977 and became a FAA certificated Master Parachute Rigger, and then moved to Deland, Florida with a sport parachute manufacturing company. He later became a parachute inspector for Martin Marietta Aerospace at the Kennedy Space Center, working on the large parachutes used to recover the Space Shuttle booster rockets. During that time he also started his own parachute manufacturing company that produced canopies to lower disabled ultra-light aircraft, and designed the parachute recovery system for the first all privately funded rocket ever launched from K.S.C. After the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster, Dan returned to DeLand where he opened a popular rental business; Dan Rents Tents. Dan sold that business and retired in 2008. Mr. Wilcox is survived by his sister Jean Ann Valentine of Sebastian, Florida, and seven nieces and nephews. He will be buried as an Army veteran at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. No other funeral or memorial services are planned. No flowers are desired. Tax deductible donations to the Livonia Fallen

Stress, conflict part of holidays, but there's joy, too

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The holidays are a joyful time for many, but aren't free of stress.

"We see it in our clients. My view of it is we have so many expectations surrounding the holidays," said Janet Terry, clinical manager with Oakland Family Services.

Trying to meet unrealistic expectations can cause problems.

"In that trying, the stressors occur," said Terry, who earned a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University and is a certified advanced alcohol and drug counselor.

All parents want to give to their children, she said, and that's been difficult with the economic downturn.

The holidays also bring family and work activities with alcohol served. "There may be a little more risk of some binge drinking," Terry said. Women should have no more than seven alcoholic drinks a week and Terry emphasized they never should "save up" and drink to excess.

The holidays also mean overeating for many and the excess drinking can start "as a little relaxation at the end of the stressful day," she said.

Positive experiences

The good part about the holidays is seeing family and friends, including some you don't see during the rest of the year. "There are a lot of positives that occur at that time," said Terry, whose family includes two daughters, two stepchildren and two granddaughters.

Remembering loved ones who've died is sad, but also brings good memories at the holidays. Terry recommends

doing things together as a family come holiday time, as well as delegating tasks. Religious rituals and the spiritual side of the season can uplift people, too.

"I think it goes right back to expectations," she said. "We need to get more realistic." Adding humor — the turkey falls on the kitchen floor or is otherwise a flop — helps relieve stress.

"Well, we still have all the fixings," she said. "We can still have a fantastic dinner."

Family activities

Volunteering is a great way to celebrate the season. Terry's office does an adopt-a-family as a staff, as well as Christmas baskets.

"You get so much out of it yourself," she said. Research shows volunteering enhances the volunteer's self-worth.

"The needs are there all year long," but surface at the holidays. Volunteering as a family all year for Meals on Wheels and including children sets a great example, Terry said.

She's pretty good about heeding her own advice.

"It's always a work in progress," said Terry, who has learned to delegate. "Could I always do better? Oh, yes. We all can."

She urges individuals to notice signs of stress, like irritability, memory issues, negative feelings or loss of energy.

She also recommends re-adjusting traditions for absent family members, bypassing those that no longer have meaning.

"Just focus on the stuff that's really important to the entire family," Terry said.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

» Christina Besh of Plymouth, the current Miss Wayne County, has organized a drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Don Hubert VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford Township. For more information, visit www.redcrossblood.org under the sponsor code misswaynecounty.

» St. Mary Mercy Hospital, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, in the north auditorium at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment signups also are available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

» 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Jan. 16, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Giving blood takes approximately one hour. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be 17 or older. To make an appointment, call 248-473-1800 or register online at www.redcrossblood.org. Enter the sponsor code costickcenter and follow the instructions to set up an appointment time.

DRUG SERIES

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 and 14, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Exhibition Room on the first floor, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. "What To Know," on Jan. 7, will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. "What To Do," on Jan. 14, will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. Call 734-485-8725, or e-mail info@dawn-farm.org.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Brent Lucas, from Envoy Medical, will present on the Esteem, the only implanted hearing aid, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afe-rack@comcast.net.

ONGOING

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis.



Blood drives will be held Dec. 23 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and Jan. 16, 2014 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

CHOIR THERAPY

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit www.therapychoirs.org for additional information.

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Lincoln Behavioral

Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings open to families. Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT

» St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426 for more information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

CPAP/BIPAP

The Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free CPAP/BIPAP mask fitting clinic, 5-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Most insurances cover new supplies. No appointment needed. For more information, call 734-458-7251.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who want to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes are also available. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Preregistration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call 248-937-3314.

DIABETES SUPPORT

» An adult diabetes support group sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will facilitate. Discussion topics will focus on understanding diabetes and self-management strategies. Call 734-454-0859.

» Botsford Hospital offers an ongoing, comprehensive class on diabetes management. It requires a physician prescription and includes a one-on-one appointment with a diabetes educator, eight hours of group classes with comprehensive diabetes management guidance, ongoing contact with the physician to ensure optimal blood glucose control, and follow-up at six weeks and again at six months. Daytime and evening classes available. Program certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health and nationally recognized by the American Diabetes Association and the American Association of Diabetes Educators. Insurance reimbursement available through Medicare, Medicaid, and many other insurance carriers. For more information, call 248-477-6100.

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!

And, Keep Your Family Safe from the Hidden Dangers of the Season

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Nguyen
Emergency Medicine

The holidays are an exciting time of year for children and families. From lighting candles to hanging fresh greens and stringing lights, GCH Health Expert & Emergency Medicine Physician, Dr. Hao Nguyen, offers tips on how your family can enjoy the season safely.

Filled with family gatherings, special traditions and delicious treats, the holidays are a wonderful time of the year, especially for kids. Unfortunately, for emergency room physicians it's also one of the busiest. Below are a few important tips to help protect your little ones from some common holiday dangers.

CHRISTMAS TREES - Look for a "Fire Resistant" label when selecting an artificial tree, and pick the freshest possible tree when choosing a real one. Properly set and frequently fill the stand with water on real trees. A dry tree is a fire hazard.

LIGHTS - Check all tree lights before hanging them on your tree, even if you've just purchased them. Make sure all the bulbs work and there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections. Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. Plug all outdoor electric into ground fault interrupters. Turn off all lights when going to bed or leaving the house.

DECORATIONS - In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations which are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to prevent pieces from being swallowed or inhaled. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them.

FIREPLACES - Remove all wrapping papers, bags, ribbons and bows from tree and fireplace areas after gifts are opened. These items are flammable and pose suffocation and choking hazards to small children. Before lighting a fire, remove anything flammable from the fireplace area and make sure the flue is open.

TOYS - Before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy received as a gift, read the instructions carefully. Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety or choking hazards for younger children. Be aware of "Button Batteries" and magnets found in toys, greeting cards and holiday novelties. If swallowed, they can create serious stomach problems and even death.

VISITS - The homes you visit may not be childproofed. Keep an eye out for danger spots like unlocked cabinets, unattended purses, accessible cleaning or laundry products, stairways, or hot radiators. Remember to clean up right after a party; you don't want a curious toddler coming in contact with alcohol or tobacco.

FOOD SAFETY & POISONING - Be sure to keep hot liquids and food away from the edges of counters and tables, where they can easily be knocked over. Wash your hands frequently, and make sure your children do the same. Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, and other holiday plants are poisonous, and should be kept out of the reach of young children and pets.

BE PREPARED - Keep a list with all of the important phone numbers you need in case of an emergency. Include your pediatrician and the National Poison Help Line: 1.800.222.1222.

Have a safe and happy holiday from all the Health Experts at Garden City Hospital. We're here for YOU in every emergency. For more helpful information, visit GCH.org.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
January 13, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the reprogramming / transfer of the following funds and the creation of a new project to replace a portion of the roof at Maplewood Center (31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan).

Qualifying the Project
The Maplewood Roof replacement project would meet the qualifying standards for CDBG projects as follow:

- National Objective – LM/C, Limited Clientele
- Eligible Activity – Public Facilities and Improvements (HUD Matrix Code 03)

The City will comply with all CDBG regulations pertaining LM/C project qualification, including documenting usage by eligible persons.

Proposed Funding Sources
The cost of the roof replacement is estimated at \$136,100. The City proposes to use the following estimated funding:

• Reprogram (transfer) 2010 balances:	
• Activity #10-07-04, Demolition -	\$66,040.88
• Activity #10-07-14A01, Countywide Housing Rehabilitation-	\$1,113.22
• Reprogram (transfer) 2011 balances:	
• Activity #11-07-10, Removal of Architectural Barriers -	\$53,220.00
TOTAL	\$120,374.10

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed re-allocations of these CDBG funds. Documentation regarding the proposed actions is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734)793-1663.

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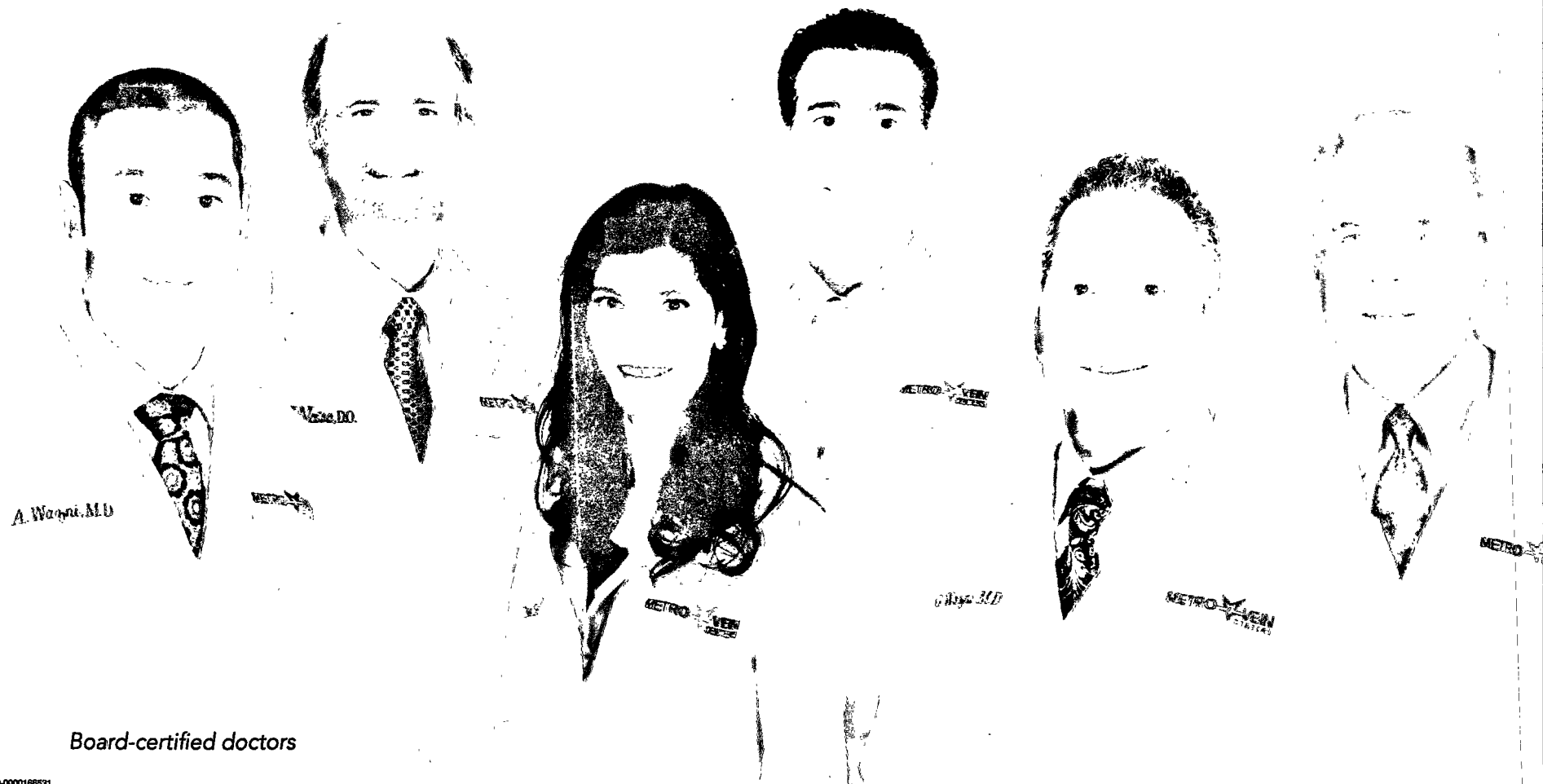
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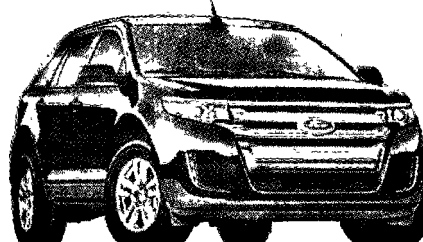
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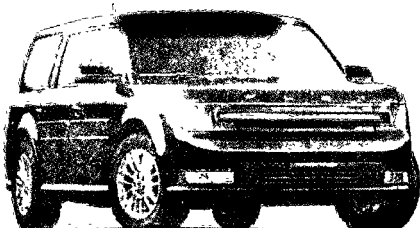
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MPG²**

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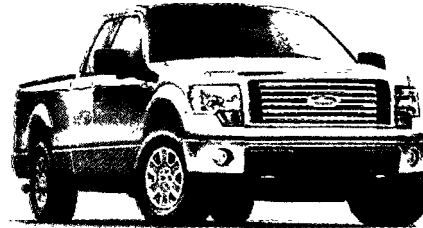
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MPG²**

This Vehicle Features:

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- 6-speed SelectShift® Automatic Transmission
- AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™
- Reverse Sensing System
- SiriusXM Satellite Radio
- Sync® with MyFord®³

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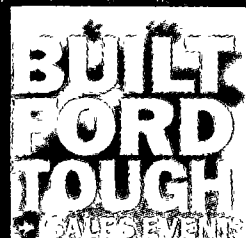
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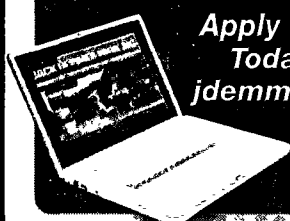
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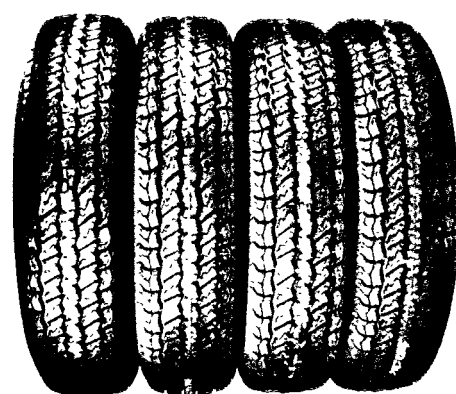
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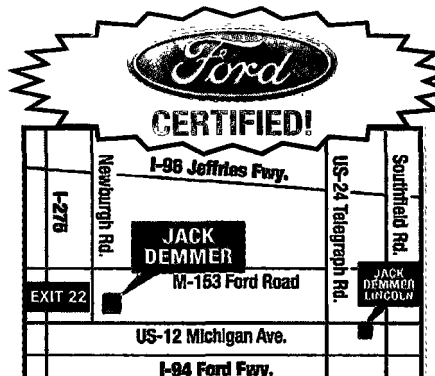
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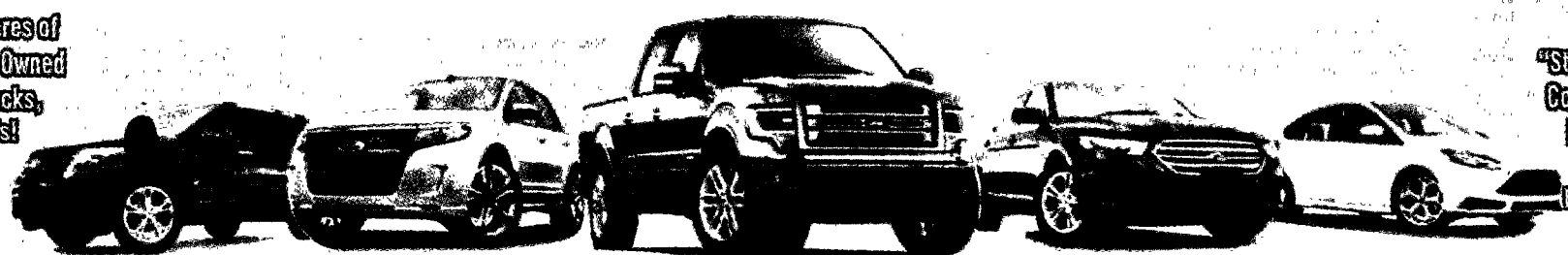
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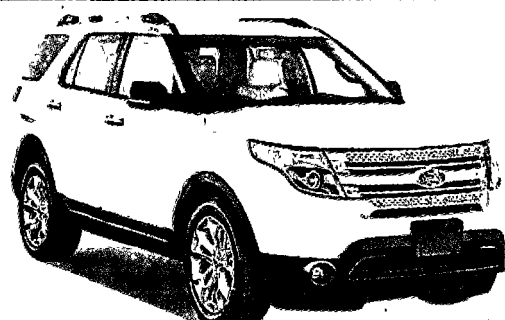


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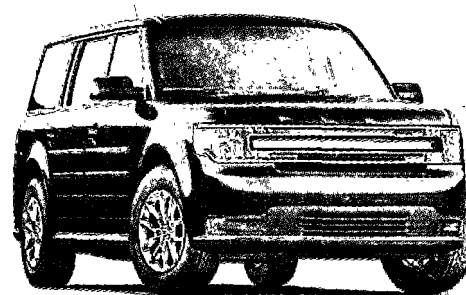
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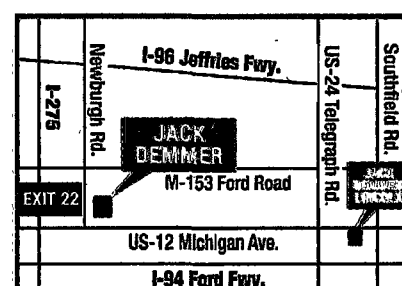
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But getting noticed by a recruiter for the right reasons is key. Regardless of the type of relationship you're looking to forge with a recruiter, here are some guidelines that will earn you a place on a recruiter's go-to list:

Work with a specialist.

A specialized recruitment company boasts more industry-specific opportunities and contacts than a generalist company. As a result, a specialist company is more likely to excel at helping you accurately assess your marketability and identify openings that are a good match for your skills and preferences.

Trust the recruiter.

The time to thoroughly vet your recruiter is before you engage with him. Take your time screening potential recruiters, checking out their reputation and talking through any questions or concerns you might have about how you'll work together.

Once you agree to let someone act as your advocate, step back and trust the person to do so without undue second-

How to get noticed by recruiters



guessing. Remember that recruiters have a vested interest in ensuring an all-around good fit, so have faith in their ability and desire to help you find the right situation and reach a satisfying agreement.

Honesty is always the best policy.

Recruiters are busy and appreciate candor. If you're unlikely to consider a job change, say so. Don't string the recruiter along just to hear what's going on in the job market.

On the other hand, if you're actively working with a recruiter, make sure the person has all the necessary information to represent you properly. This includes being honest about what you're looking

for in a new job and your salary expectations.

Also, if you're trying to set up a job interview on your own through your contacts, mention this. It would be embarrassing for the recruiter to recommend you for a job that you're already pursuing.

Be helpful.

If a recruiter unexpectedly contacts you about an opportunity that you're not interested

in, consider whether you know someone else who might be. Recruiters love to be referred to good prospects, and the fact that they can say, "Joe Smith said I should get in touch with you" helps break down barriers to new candidates. Furthermore, you never know when something could change with your employment situation. By being polite and helpful, you'll be in a position to enlist the recruiter's help, should you need it in the future.

Spare them the extras.

Recruiters appreciate job seekers who are respectful of their time and needs. They know exactly what they're looking for in candidates and how to assess a possible fit with a role, so let them ask questions and answer them concisely.

They don't need to hear your life history.

In addition, don't tell them to check out your professional networking profiles, instead of offering a formal résumé. And don't try to friend them on more social-oriented sites such as Facebook. They need to learn about your skills and accomplishments, not your favorite bands or movies.

Stay engaged.

Keep in mind that finding the right position doesn't always happen right away. That's why it's essential you remain an active participant in your job search.

Back up the recruiter's efforts by reviewing notifications of new openings from the recruitment firm. You might see a position that interests you that your recruiter has not yet considered. By staying informed about the job market and checking in regularly with your recruiter, you'll demonstrate that you're committed to working together to reach a good outcome.

Although staying in touch is important, especially returning emails and phone calls promptly don't call or email the individual every day. There's a difference between being proactive and being a pest.

Recruiters love an easy sell, and who can blame them?

Candidates who do all the right things make the recruiter's job much easier. By observing some of these fundamental rules of interaction, you're more likely to land at the top of a recruiter's dream list.

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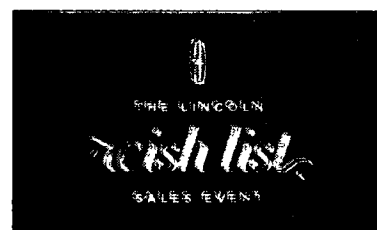
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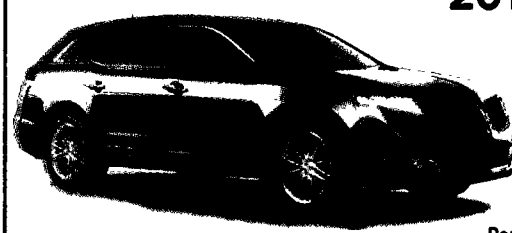


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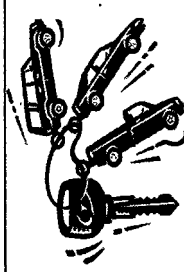
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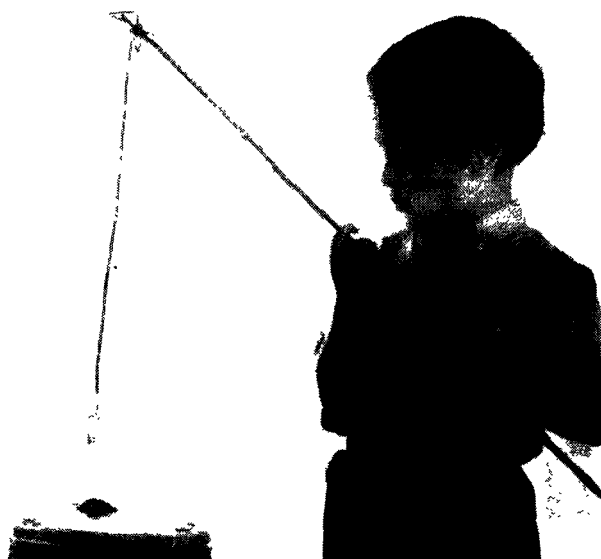
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