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State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, will hold his next local coffee hour 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the at the William P. Faust Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Citizens are welcome to visit with LeBlanc and discuss issues and/or concerns. The local coffee hour takes place the second Monday of each month.

Residents who have any comments or concerns, can also contact LeBlanc toll-free at (888) 737-5325 or at (517) 373-2576 or send an e-mail to richardleblanc@house.mi.gov.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, also will hold district coffee hours Monday, Jan. 9, in Westland and Redford. No appointment is necessary.

Anderson will be at the William P. Faust Public Library 9-10 a.m. and at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Constituents who would like to address an issue with the senator but are unable to attend may contact him by mail, at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Offices closed

Residents who have business at the Offices of the Wayne County Clerk's Vitals Statistics Division in Detroit and at the Westland Satellite Office at 3100 Henry Ruff Road will find them closed Monday-Tuesday, Jan. 16-17, due to the Martin Luther King holiday and a mandatory furlough day.

Services affected by the closings will be birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, assumed names, notary publics and concealed weapons.

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Lucky 13

Westland pastor accepts
'The Biggest Loser' challenge

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Many people are leery of the number 13, but not so with Allen Shuh. Thirteen may be his lucky number as he tries to be *The Biggest Loser*.

Known as Buddy, the Wayne resident is appearing in the show's 13th season. He's been in California with his brother, Ben, since October. An author and the connections pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland, his appearance of the popular reality weight loss competition show has created "buzz" among his friends and family.

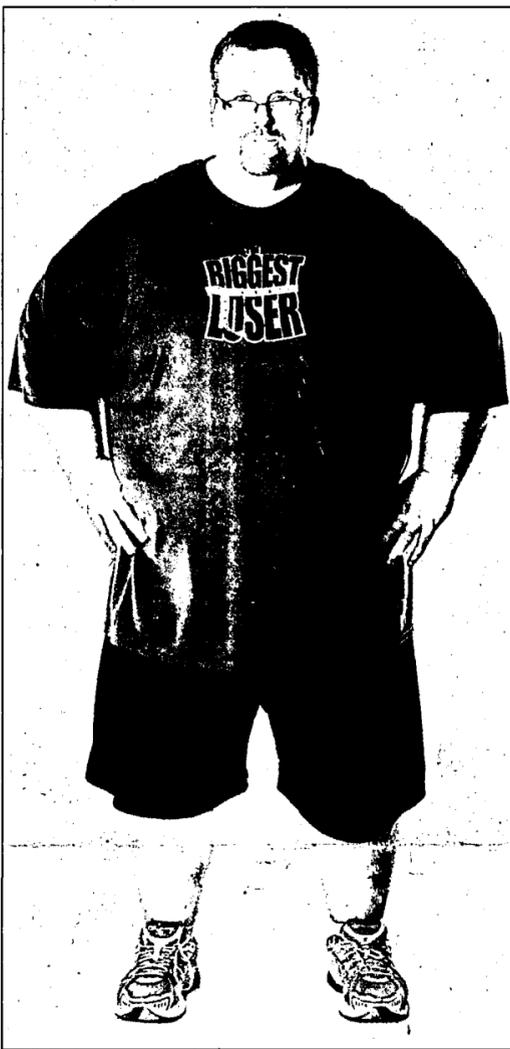
"He's a custom fit for this, he's very much a people person," said Mike Majeski, pastor of Journey Community Church. "He's one of this likable kind of guys. He can adapt and connect with people. He feels things very deeply, and if he's emotional, it's going to show."

"It will be a cool thing to see how it works out, it's high adventure," said the Canton resident.

"He's really a great guy, I'm really thrilled he got selected for the show," added longtime friend Keith Anleitner. "I can't wait to see how it turns out for him."

The 42-year-old Shuh tipped the scale at 403 pounds as he began the

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CHRIS HASTON/NBC PHOTO

Allen "Buddy" Shuh weighed in at 403 pounds at the start of NBC's 13th season of *The Biggest Loser*. By time the first show aired on Jan. 3, he had lost 22 pounds. Shuh is the show's co-pastor at Journey Community Church, which meets at the senior Friendship Center in Westland.

THE BIGGEST LOSER

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays on NBC

Details: "The Biggest Loser" returns with a bang for Season 13 when the contestants arrive at the ranch and get one of the biggest surprises ever in the series' history. They arrive in teams of two — including mother/daughter, father/son, brother/sister and husband/wife, all eager to

change their lives together. But they're shocked to discover that they will not only be split up, they will also be competing against the person they came with. They'll be pushed out of their comfort zones in a way they have never been before — and one team won't even make it on to the ranch — as the season of "No Excuses" begins.

Following the initial challenge, each of the pairs will be divided into two new competing groups of individual players who will be trained by either Bob Harper or Dolvett Quince, both fiercely competitive and determined to whip their contestants into shape, and deliver the season's \$250,000 grand-prize winner.

Changes at drop-off center make recycling easier

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

Recycling has gotten easier for Westland residents and businesses that aren't eligible for the city's curbside recycling program.

Instead of having to sort recycled materials

to be dropped into separate containers at the drop-off center, a new solar powered compactor accepts all the newspapers, cans, plastic, glass and cardboard.

"The solar compactor is there. We have single stream recycling," said Westland Department of

Public Services Director Kevin Buford. "All of the other recycling receptacles are gone. It's been working out fantastic."

The streamlined drop-off recycling is the second phase of the city's two-year old recycling program that offered biweekly curbside recy-

cling to single family homes. The curbside service isn't offered to residents living in apartments, condominiums or other multiple dwelling developments or businesses, so the drop-off center is offered as an alternative for recycling. "From most people, we

got a good response. A few people wanted more signs and we put them up," said Buford. "There are people who have been coming to the drop-off center for years and they were used to separately."

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W-W board reviews legal counsel bids

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board may be getting closer to selecting a general legal counsel for the district.

According to board President Carol Middel, copies of request for proposals from 12 law firms are being shared with board members so they can determine who will be interviewed for the position.

"The whole board will decide who they want to come in," said Middel in an interview after the bids were opened last month. "I hope they will have their homework done in January and the interviews in February."

The school board, at the urging of Vice President John Goci, voted to table the selection of the law firm of Lusk and Albertson, the district's longtime legal counsel, at the board's orga-

nizational meeting last July. At the time, Goci expressed interest in bidding out the contract "to see what the market has to offer."

A board committee, made up of Middel, Goci and Trustee Thomas Buckalew, meet in August to look at the qualifications for the position in developing an RFP.

According to the minutes of that meeting, Goci said that his criteria "included an legal firm that answers to the board" and "a firm that will give the board better advice and not move forward on cases without the board's approval."

Goci also indicated that he wanted an attorney "that does not 'pad' their bill" and "that would advise the board ahead of time if the cases are winnable or not

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Westland publisher awarded arts grant

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Westland-based publisher has received a \$4,500 grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Dzanc Books, a nonprofit, was created in 2006 to advance great writing and to impact communities nationally with efforts to advance literary readership and advocacy of creative writing workshops and readings offered across the country.

"It's an operational grant. It helps us with a few different things. It helps with funding of salary and printing costs," said Dan Wick-

ett, Dzanc executive director and publisher. "It helps us get writers to reading events or to bring in authors from other areas."

Specifically, Wickett cited two programs the grant would help:

- DWIRPs (Dzanc Writer in Residence Program) where a writer is sent into a school one day per week to meet with the same classroom of children from September through May, getting them more involved in the creative writing process.

A book of the children's work is produced at the end of the

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SHUH

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weight loss competition. Born on an Army base in Lanstuhl, Germany, and raised in Michigan, Ohio and Florida with his four siblings, he was captain of both his football and wrestling teams and was voted "most athletic" his senior year.

He played football while attending Ohio State University, and later received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. When he stopped playing sports, he stopped exercising, and that, coupled with a poor diet, led to his weight gain.

By 2005, he hit the 300-pound mark, the same year that he learned that the daughter his wife was carrying had critical health issues and might not live long enough to be born. She was born in 2005, and lived for 5 1/2 half months before dying. Since that time, Buddy gained another 100 pounds which he attributed to that experience.

The Shuhs nicknamed their infant daughter Bella, and he wrote about those times and the faith that helped he and his wife in his book, *Story of Bella*, that's been published by Zoe Life Christian Communications in Canton.

"He had that human element of death and I think they went for that," said Anleitner, a Garden City school administrator. "That and because he's an articulate, likable guy."

By the time the show premiered on Jan. 3, Buddy had lost 22 pounds and his brother 15 pounds. Ben decided to be eliminated on the first show, but Buddy has stuck with it and has continued to lose weight. That was apparent when he was home during the Christmas holidays. Both men

agree Shuh had lost more weight and he looked different, according to Majeski.

"The first time Buddy became aware of the show, it probably piqued his interest because that once on there, he knew it would help him," said Majeski. "He's forever wanting to connect the dots, he's always wanting to make sense of what happened today and how it connects to yesterday."

"He realized he needed a life change, he recognized that he had an issue with food. He decided it would be good for him, his family and his church," Anleitner added.

His decision to head to California wasn't an easy one. Wife Shelby was "very pregnant," but the couple "felt confident and good about him doing this," Majeski said. The show gave him time to come back for the birth of his child in November.

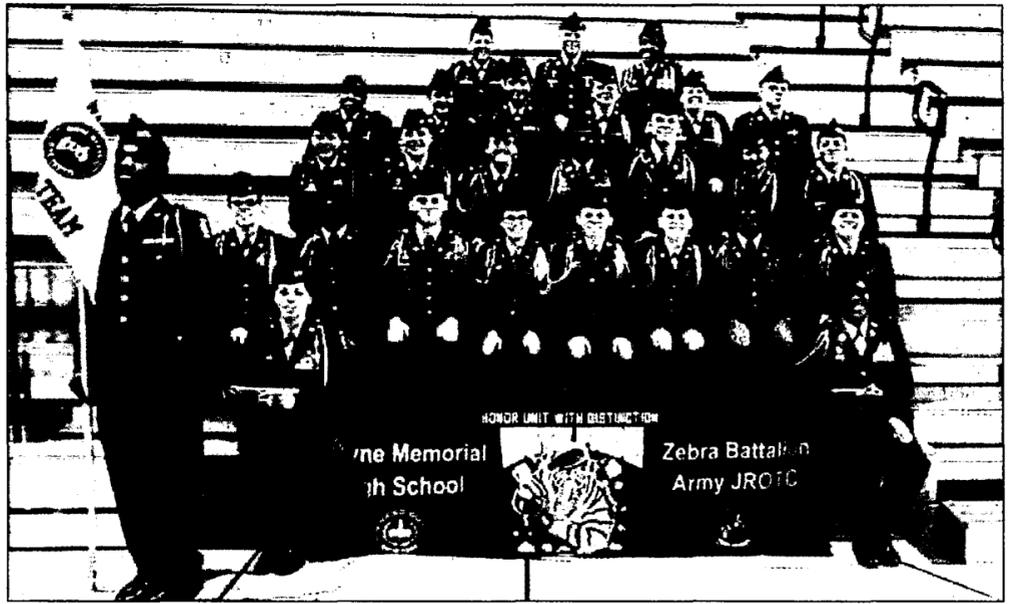
"They (Buddy and Shelby) said it felt OK and that it's going to work out and it has," he said. "The church is standing with Shelby and the kids to ease the load. We miss him on our end."

Both men plan to keep watching the show and rooting for Shuh. Majeski knows that the experience could open new doors for his fellow pastor.

"We're excited about what will come, and it'll be interesting to see what effect this will have on the church," he said. "Will people come to see us and check us out because this is Buddy's church? This could launch him into another career."

"I'm so excited to see such a great guy on the show, I hope he wins," added Anleitner. "It's kind of encouraging to watch the show, it's pretty motivating."

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Back-to-back champions

The Wayne Memorial High School JROTC Zebra s once again demonstrated "Wayne Pride" by recently winning the Michigan-wide Drill Competition at Detroit's Cass Tech High School. This is the second consecutive year the Zebras won the competition. They will compete this spring at the Brigade and National Championships. Helping cement the state championship was Cadet/PFC Stephanie Rainey who placed fourth in the LET 1 cadet competition. Four cadets placed in the top 10 in the Varsity competition - Stephanie Hyams, Crystal Fletcher, and Saleaha Davis. The Armed Platoon, led by C/LTC Brian Browning, and the Color Guard, led by C/1SG Devin Person and color sergeant C/MAJ Lillian Reid, were both awarded second place. The inspection squad placed second, and the Armed Squad sealed the victory with a first-place finish. C/CSM Aimee Papineau led them to victory with outstanding command voice and precise movement.

RECYCLING

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Along with saving on electricity costs, Buford noted that the single stream collector compact recyclables on a four to one ratio.

"That allows more material to fill the container up and we get more value from the load," said Buford. "It's definitely a better program."

The single stream collection allows the elimination of rental charges for multiple collection containers and reduces the number of loads that have to be hauled away.

Recycling saves the city money by reducing

tipping fees at the landfill but also can generate revenue based on the market for recyclable materials.

During the first two years of the curbside recycling program, the average participation rate is over 71 percent. As a result of the curbside program, over 23 million pounds of trash was diverted from the landfill to the recycling center.

In addition to saving on \$266,000 in landfill costs, the city received over \$209,000 in revenue from recycled materials during the first two years of curbside recycling.

The city also will be generating revenue from recycled electronics which can be dropped off

in a separate container. Vintage Tech, an Illinois firm, will recycle computers, cell phones and other electronic devices and pay the city a per pound fee like other recyclers.

"The trailer for e-waste is not getting full as quickly as we would like but the trailer is huge," said Buford. "It's a semi tractor trailer. We've just got to fill it. Once we get the check, it will be nice."

Located behind the DPS building, 37137 Marquette, the drop-off center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays.

Restricted to Westland residents, the drop-off center accepts clean newsprint, plastics #1

through #7, tin or aluminum cans, used motor oil and scrap metal. No yard, medical or hazardous waste is accepted.

Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze and Transmission fluid can be dropped off during regular hours of operation.

With the success of the recycling program, Buford said he could envision a time when the city might want to look at reversing the current collection schedule picking up recycling weekly and trash biweekly.

"Most families are recycling more than waste," he added. "But that's a decision for the mayor and council."

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GRANT

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school year with a copy going to each child and the school. Dzanc has one writer in residence program set up in Ann

Arbor during the current school year and are looking to expand the number of schools participating in next fall.

Dzanc will be reprinting — in e-book form, hence the large E — titles from a growing number of Michi-

gan authors this spring. These are titles that were published in the past and have gone out of print. Dzanc will scan the books, convert them to Word files, clean those up and then convert them to e-books to make the books available again to the reading public.

"One thing we've been concentrating on recently is finding Michigan authors for this program," said Wickett.

Dzanc Books focuses on publishing literary fiction — novels and short stories — and currently has 30 titles in print. The firm publishes about eight titles each year but also works with other publishers to publish books under different imprints.

The name Dzanc is the first initials of Wickett's three children and founder and publisher Steven Gillis' two children. Gil-

lis was already a publisher author when two met in 2005 and joined forces in the publishing firm. Wickett had a website focusing on emerging writers.

"I am pleased that our local publishing house which features Michigan authors is receiving this grant," said state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland. "Dzanc Books exemplifies the principle of 'Buy Local' and 'Buy Michigan.' In addition, they have given back to our community through their literacy programs

and their 'Writers in Residence' program in our public schools."

Dzanc has published books by more than 12 Michigan authors. They have plans to publish 24 books in 2012.

"I congratulate Dzanc Books for receiving this grant and look forward to seeing the new books they bring out in 2012 as well as watching them grow as a vibrant Michigan-based company," LeBlanc said.

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2012 NAIAS chair brings plenty of experience to table

By Jay M. Grossman
Eccentric Staff Writer

Meet Bill Perkins. The chairman of the 2012 North American International Auto Show is a true company man



who started with General Motors in 1972 and worked his way to the top. Today, as president and CEO of The Bill Perkins Automotive Group, Perkins employs nearly 150 people and oversees operations at Merolis Chevrolet in Eastpointe and Taylor Chevrolet in Taylor.

For the next two weeks, however, his focus is on the auto show. Part of his preparation for running the NAIAS included traveling the globe in 2011, attending the Salon International de l'Automobile in Switzerland, the Shanghai International Motor Show and the IAA in Germany.

Perkins, who lives in Bloomfield Township and is married with two children, shared some of his thoughts on the NAIAS, one of the most prestigious auto shows in the world:

Q: Talk a little about the Charity Preview night.

Perkins: One of the things we are so very proud of is that every year — without fail — our city and our

THE SHOW

Charity Preview will be on Friday, Jan. 13. Tickets are available for \$250 (\$240 of which is tax deductible) and can be purchased at charitypreview.com or (888) 838-7500. The show opens to the public on Jan. 14.

industry comes together to raise over \$2 million in one special night that we call Charity Preview. The people of the automotive industry and southeast Michigan are among the most generous people in the world. Charity Preview follows an absolutely amazing week in Detroit. It's glitzy. It's glamorous, and it's a well-deserved celebration of our industry. The bottom line is it benefits nine children's charities right here at home in southeastern Michigan. Since the Detroit Auto Dealers Association established the Charity Preview in 1976, more than \$84 million has been raised for children's charities — \$33 million of which was raised in the last seven years alone.

Q: Who's performing?

Perkins: This year we have Julian Pavone, the "World's Youngest Drummer," and Selected of God Choir, known for performing in Chrysler's current ad

campaign. These two performances will occur during our ribbon cutting ceremony. Often the manufacturers bring in surprise performers. One year it was Kevin Bacon of the Bacon Brothers. Another, it was Hall & Oates. You never know who might appear, so come to the event and be surprised.

Q: How long have you been involved with the auto show?

Perkins: Officially I have been involved in the show for five years. I started out working closely with the Detroit Auto Dealers Association in various executive board positions. Last year I was the vice chairman, during which I really was immersed in the show in preparation for my year as chairman. It was a complete apprenticeship, and this year, as chairman, I am fully prepared and eager to make this the best show ever.

Q: What's your favorite part?

Perkins: For me, my favorite part is the press days. Being a car guy, you learn a lot about what is new and what the manufacturers are doing.

Q: What are you driving in

2012?

Perkins: I'm driving a Tahoe. You may want to know I drive used cars, not new cars.

Q: Will there be attractions and activities for the entire family at the show?

Perkins: There is always a lot for families at the NAIAS, and this year is no exception. WXYZ Channel 7, the sponsor of Family Day on Jan. 20, is presenting musical performances, giveaways and a chance to meet Channel 7 on-air talent.

Q: How does the NAIAS stack up with other auto shows around the world?

Perkins: NAIAS is one of the top three shows in the world. We will have more worldwide production and worldwide concept vehicle introductions than last year's show — and more than any other show in North America. We're anticipating more than 40 combined worldwide and North American vehicle introductions, which demonstrates the confidence the global automakers have in the North American International Auto Show, and in the City of Detroit.

Constan has perfect voting record for 2011

State Rep. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, did not miss a single one of the 613 votes taken during the 2011 House session.

Constan was one of 61 lawmakers out of the 110 House members who did not miss a vote last year. It marked the fifth consecutive year that Constan took part in all votes in the House.

"My job is to make sure the people of the Michigan's 16th District are represented. It is a job I take seriously," Constan said. "Making sure that the voices of our community are heard in Lansing is an honor and a privilege. Every vote taken in the Legislature is a chance for me to represent my constituents and help move Michigan in the right direction. Missed votes are missed opportunities."

In addition to his voting record, Constan introduced eight pieces of legislation during the 2011 ses-

sion and co-sponsored another 177. Those include new laws that prohibit harassment and bullying in Michigan schools and tougher penalties against people who cause accidents in school bus zones or work zones.

"Michigan citizens deserve legislators who work tirelessly on their behalf, and that is what I strive to do," Constan said. "I have made a point of being present for each and every vote during my five years in office because I realize that dedicated representation is vital to the people of our community."

Constan added that he values the communication he has with constituents and is looking forward to hearing from them during the upcoming legislative session.

"I feel optimistic about Michigan's future and will do all I can to benefit the state and its people," he said.

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sites will be in community centers, libraries and other locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties from January through mid-April. Training includes tax law and tax computer software and is available at local colleges and universities, plus online.

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W-W fifth-grader wins free braces

A fifth-grader in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools has been selected as the winner of free braces of recent promotion of the Troy-based Alternative Revenue Development in conjunction with Bloomfield Hills-based Great Expressions Dental Centers.

Katelynn Richards of Wayne, who attends Adams Upper Elementary School, won the grand prize in the online contest that saw hundreds of entries from residents of not only the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, but also Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Dearborn Heights School District #7 and Westwood Community School District.

The grand prize, provid-

ed by Great Expressions, was a free orthodontic package valued at \$5,300. The promotion ran in October and November in conjunction with national Orthodontics Awareness Month.

"Winning the promotion, especially at this time of year, has been great," said Michele Richards, Katelynn's mother. "We've entered things in the past and never won, so to win is great, but to win a prize such as this is just a bit overwhelming."

"I'm looking forward to being able to use it to keep a beautiful smile on Katelynn's face for a long time," she added.

"This was our first foray into a promotion with a sponsor and our UNITE school districts," said ARD President and CEO

Sam Curcuro. "Great Expressions provided a fantastic prize and we knew that whoever the lucky family was, that they were going to be very pleased."

"There is no better gift around the holidays than a happy beautiful smile," added Michael Galperin, vice-president of marketing of Great Expressions Dental Centers.

Great Expressions Dental Centers is one of the leading, privately-owned dental practice management companies in the United States with 151 affiliated dental offices in seven states, including 51 offices in Michigan. For more information on Great Expressions Dental Centers call (888) SMILE-80 or visit www.greatexpressions.com.



Joe Holt, senior vice-president - schools for Alternative Revenue Development (from left), joins Michele Richards of Wayne, her daughter Katelynn Richards, her teacher Jenna Matt, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, and Michael Galperin, vice-president of Marketing, Great Expressions Dental Centers, in presenting Katelynn with the grand prize of free braces.

Award honors commitment to school-based clinic

When the Wayne-Westland Community Schools made the difficult decision to close several schools, a popular and often-used community resource faced an uncertain future.

The school-based clinic at Lincoln-Jefferson Elementary school served an economically distressed area of the community, providing medical and counseling services many nearby residents wouldn't otherwise have access to.

Staffed by the Oakwood Healthcare System, it relied on space at the school to serve patients -



Welday

and Cheryl Welday, a long-time community volunteer, didn't want to see it go away.

Welday led a fund-raising effort that has since brought in more than \$60,000 to help fund the renovations to move the clinic to the nearby Adams Upper Elementary School, where it can continue to serve the same clientele. For her efforts, Welday was honored

with the inaugural Apple Award from the School Community Health Alliance (SCHA).

"She is a worthy recipient of this honor," said Lisa Rutledge, corporate director of Community Outreach for Oakwood Healthcare. "She has been an invaluable part of this project. Her tireless efforts will help bring healthcare services to many students and families that need it."

The Apple Award was created this year to recognize a person who shows dedicated support for a Child and Adolescent

Health Center (CAHC). Welday received the award at the annual SCHA meeting in Mount Pleasant in front of more than 100 staff members from CAHCs across the state.

"The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is proud to recognize Cheryl Welday for her dedication to the field of school-based health care," said Michele Strasz, director of the SCHA-MI. "She has tirelessly advocated time and effort to assure access to high quality healthcare in school-based and linked health centers in her community."

"She saw the benefit first hand of school-based health care on the health and educational achievement of the students her community serves," Strasz said.

A CAHC is like a doctor's office in the school. They provide students with quality primary and mental health services in a safe, easily accessible location on or near a school campus. There are nearly 70 state-funded centers and programs in Michigan that serve more than 200,000 children of all ages in all different types of settings. They

are strategically located in medically under-served communities where access to health care for youth is an issue.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, superintendent said the clinic has provided a vital service in the community.

"It's been a great partnership," he said.

For more information on the School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan, visit www.scha-mi.org. To learn more about the Oakwood Healthcare System, visit www.oakwood.org.

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Cook-off has tuition scholarship as prize

If you're a high school senior and graduate who is creative and love to cook can turn that combination into an opportunity to create your own tomorrow with a culinary education.

That could start with a tuition scholarship to the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Michigan. Enter either the high school senior category - the Art Institute's Best Teen Chef Competition - or high school graduate category - the Art Institute's Culinary Scholarship Competition - and match your skills against others who share your passion.

The Art Institutes Best Teen Chef Competition, now in its 13th year, is an opportunity for high school seniors in the U.S. and Canada interested in pursuing a culinary career to experience the excitement and discipline of the industry.

This year, for the first time, The Art Institutes are offering this opportunity to high school graduates with culinary ambitions as well.

Each participating Art

Institute's school will name one first-place winner in each category. A second-place winner will also be named in the Best Teen Chef category at each participating school.

The winners will earn tuition scholarships - \$4,000 for the Best Teen Chef winner and \$1,000 for the second-place winner in the high school senior category, and \$1,500 for the first-place winner of the high school graduate category.

"Students need both inspiration and education to be successful in the culinary field. The emerging culinarians who enter our culinary competitions show their inspiration as well as their passion for pursuing a culinary education," said Chef Steven Simpson, department chair of Culinary Arts for the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Michigan. "I'm very excited that this year we will offer the opportunity to earn a scholarship to high school graduates as well."

To be eligible to enter

the competition, entrants must submit a completed entry and release form by Feb. 3, to the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi. Deadline for complete entries into the competition is Feb. 24. Selected entrants will progress to Local Cook-Off Competitions at the International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Michigan on April 21.

To learn how to enter the Art Institutes Best Teen Chef Competition for high school seniors and the Art Institutes Culinary Scholarship Competition for high school graduates and to view the competition rules, visit www.artinstitutes.edu/culinary or <http://www.multivu.com/players/English/51391-art-institutes-best-teen-chef-and-culinary-competition>.

The Art Institute of Michigan is one of the Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu), a system of more than 45 education institutions located throughout North America.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

Attorneys J.B. Bleske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law, attorney Bleske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bleske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bleske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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and who would save the district money."

In a follow-up meeting on Oct. 13, Gary Martin, the former deputy superintendent for business and administrative services, told the committee that over the last five years the district's legal expenses are actually declining. The \$155,000 that the district spends per year on an average for legal fees is 1/10th of 1 percent of the district's overall budget.

The committee also reviewed the content of

the RFP which was issued on Oct. 24. Twelve firms responded by the Nov. 30 deadline. The RFPs were opened publicly in mid-December with representatives of the business office, Middel and Buckalew in attendance.

"We got more bids than I thought," said Middel. "We asked for 12 copies from each firm. We're looking at the matter now to determine who we want to see and when. Depending on how well it goes, we'll make a decision in February. I hope it doesn't take too long, but with that number and some of the responses were quite thick." Lusk and Albertson

has continued to represent the district on the interim basis. The firm has handled such issues as labor, worker's compensation, bonds, finance contracts, student expulsions, discipline, special education, environmental and specialty matters and charges \$195-\$220 an hour.

According to school Superintendent Greg Baracy, there's no retainer fee for Lusk and Albertson.

"We pay strictly for the work they do for us," Baracy has told the board.

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Airport's holiday cheer helps W-W Salvation Army

The sights and sounds of the holiday season that filled Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) spread into the community, thanks to the initiative of the Wayne County Airport Authority, Delta Air Lines and other airport community employees.

From Dec. 19-22, hundreds of holiday travelers and employees in the McNamara Terminal took the stage for the airport's third-annual Sing Because You Care holiday karaoke event, which raised a record \$4,287 for the Wayne-Westland Corps of the Salvation Army. Performers were asked to contribute at least \$5 per song; some gave much more, and hundreds more passers-by contributed as they enjoyed the holiday entertainment.

This season's Sing Because You Care karaoke event was again hosted by world-famous karaoke D.J. and DTW-based Delta flight attendant Nico Fuentes, who was joined this year by performer and DTW-based Delta flight attendant Debbie Jones. Support for the event was provided by the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"Credit for the continued growth of the airport community's holiday events belongs to our outstanding team of airport community employees who take it upon themselves each year to make these programs a success," said WCAA Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "The Airport Authority is proud to support our family members' efforts to extend warm holiday wishes to the families traveling through the air-



PHOTO BY FRAN WOOD

Dianna Surowiec of Redford and Joe Scafero of Livonia were among Airport Ambassador volunteers who distributed 2,000 holiday bracelets to young passengers.

port and throughout the community we serve."

Holiday karaoke was just one of several initiatives by airport and airline employees to spread holiday cheer throughout the airport and the Detroit area. During the peak holiday travel period between Dec. 17 and Jan. 1, DTW's Airport Ambassador volunteers logged a total of 67 extra service hours as elves by helping Santa spread holiday cheer throughout the airport terminals.

In addition to helping holiday travelers find their way through the airport, the elves distributed 2,000 holiday bracelets to young passengers.

As part of the Airport Authority's annual holiday music program, representatives from Faith Christian Choir, Fordson High School, Airport High School, John Glenn High School, Wayne Memorial High School and the St. Francis of Assisi Handbell Choir delighted travelers with

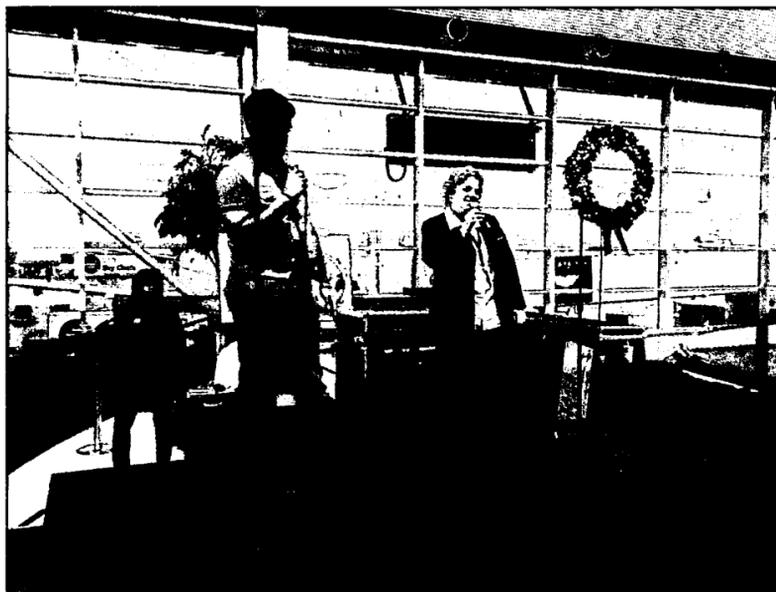


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Debbie Jones (right), Delta flight attendant and co-host of the event watches Airport Ambassador Volunteer Shermin Manalel of Livonia (left) and Delta Airport Customer Service Agent Annamaria Barile perform during the third-annual Sing Because You Care holiday karaoke event at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

performances inside both airport terminals.

Additionally, Airport Authority staff from both DTW and Willow Run Airport once again opened their hearts and cupboards to fight holiday hunger. The staff collected nearly 430 pounds of non-perishable food items that were then delivered to Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan, one of the oldest food banks in the U.S., for distribution to local families in need.

Earlier in December, airport community members joined the Detroit chapter of Silverliners, an organization of former Eastern Airlines flight attendants, to send young cancer patients and accompanying family members off onboard its

annual Fantasy Flight to the North Pole.

Participants were entertained with clowns, magicians and other festive airport employees at their departure gate. Following an hour-long "flight," the special passengers received a personal welcome from Santa and his elves upon arrival at the North Pole. This year's flight was supported by \$506 in contributions from members of the airport community.

At the North Terminal, American Airlines hosted a send-off event for 13 Detroit-area families of fallen soldiers bound for Texas as part of the annual Snowball Express event, while Southwest Airlines offered travelers free photos with San-

ta throughout the holiday season as part of a national partnership with Microsoft.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's leading air transportation hubs, having welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2011. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, DTW offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 destinations on four continents.

DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport. For more information about Metro Detroit's airports, visit www.metroairport.com.

Bloom Asset Management launches financial blog

Bloom Asset Management, one of the largest financial advisers in metro Detroit, has launched a new financial blog at blog.bloomassetmanagement.com.

The blog will allow the firm's financial advisers to post their insight on the stock market, investment strategies, taxes, estate planning and other financial topics on a regular basis to expand the financial educational tools available on the company's website.

According to Rick Bloom, a principal at Bloom Asset Management, the blog will strive to be unique vs. other

financial blogs.

"There are plenty of blogs on the web that discuss the stock market, but we want to use our expertise to educate people on financial issues that impact their day-to-day lives," Bloom said.

In addition to the new blog, Bloom Asset Management's website also features a variety of other educational tools, including financial articles in the firm's Bloom University section, videos on the basics of investing, the latest issue of the firm's financial newsletter, the firm's Investment Committee Minutes and links to

Rick Bloom's Observer & Eccentric column and his Daily Business Updates on the Michigan Radio Network.

Bloom Asset Management (www.bloomassetmanagement.com) is a registered investment adviser that has provided professional money management and financial planning services for individual investors and businesses in the metro Detroit since 1984. The company is consistently ranked on *Crain's Detroit Business*' list of Largest Money Managers. The firm also provides legal services through Bloom, Bloom and Associates.

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Sponsored by the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 and Carenet Homecare Services Inc., Health-O-Rama is a free outreach health and wellness program a physical examination, blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, flu shots and therapy and rehabilitation exercises. Social services and community resource information The Health-O-Rama program will be conducted by certified registered nurses, therapist, therapy assistance's, medical social workers and in-home physicians. No appointments needed. Service will be provided on a first come basis.

Vendor show

The Garden City Cooperative Preschool will be holding a vendor show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the preschool inside Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford.

The participating vendors include Mary Kay, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Willow House, Pampered Chef, Avon, Creative Memories, Lindt Chocolates, Lia Sofia and Country Gourmet.

There is no admission and free parking. Proceeds will help students meet their fund-raising goals for the preschool.

Face to Face

The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is offering a free Face to Face on Facebook workshop for businesses 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 13, at Panera

Bread, 26580 Ford, Dearborn Heights.

Bring your laptop or use theirs. Drop in anytime during the two-hour program for some tips and hands-on instruction for using Facebook for your business.

The Garden City Chamber also is part of a 5 Star After-Hours 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Malarkey's Irish Pub, 35750 Warren Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland, so members can connect and network with business people affiliated with the Westland, Redford, Wayne and Dearborn Heights chambers.

For more information on the two events, call the chamber at (734) 422-4448.

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State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, holds district hours 10:30-11:30 a.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Constituents who would like to address an issue with Anderson but are unable to attend can contact him by mail at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48933, by phone at (866) 262-7306 or by e-mail at SenatorAnderson@senate.michigan.gov.

Tax preparers

The Accounting Aid Society seeks volunteers for the upcoming tax season to learn to prepare

taxes and file credits for middle- to low-income families in southeast Michigan.

Accounting Aid Society estimates that it will need 674 volunteers who will help 20,613 families receive \$24.4 million in refunds and credits. Tax sites will be in community centers, libraries and other locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties from January through mid-April. Training includes tax law and tax computer software and is available at local colleges and universities, plus online.

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Community Chat

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Man arrested for drunken driving

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Drunken driving

An accident at Ford and Middlebelt on Jan. 3 resulted in the arrest of a 54-year-old Garden City man on numerous charges.

Reportedly, the man crashed into the back end of a vehicle stopped for the light, but then left the scene without stopping or identifying himself, said Garden City Police Chief Robert Muery.

The driver of the other vehicle called police as he followed the fleeing vehicle through neighborhood streets, police said.

Police intercepted the vehicle at Maplewood and Craig and were able to get the vehicle stopped on Hubbard north of Maplewood.

The investigation revealed the fleeing driver had not had a valid license since 1990 and currently had several suspensions.

After officers reportedly noted signs of intoxication, the driver was arrested for operating while impaired.

The matter will be referred to the prosecutor's office for felony charges because the driver has seven prior alcohol-related driving offenses on his record, police said. There were no injuries in the accident.

No license

A 36-year-old Inkster woman was arrested after an officer stopped her Jan. 4 at Warren and Inkster roads for a cracked windshield. The woman was unable to produce a license, and a computer check revealed she had never obtained a Michigan driver's license, police said.

Also, the Secretary of

State had placed three suspensions on her "non license," police said. The driver was also lodged on an outstanding warrant from Inkster, police said.

Improper plate

A vehicle stopped for an improper license plate Jan. 3 led to the arrest of the driver, a 40-year-old Detroit man at Inkster Road and Marquette for driving on a suspended license and possession of narcotic paraphernalia, police said.

The investigating officer initiated the stop after Secretary of State records reportedly indicated the plate, which was on a Mercedes Benz, was actually registered to an 1984 Oldsmobile.

The driver was unable to provide an operator's license and a computer check revealed two current suspensions, police said. Additionally, the officer reportedly found that Detroit Police Department held a felony warrant for the man for child abuse.

The driver was arrested for driving while license is suspended, police said.

During a search after the arrest, the officer found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke crack cocaine, police said. The man was transported to the police department, issued violations for driving while license is suspended, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, improper plate and no proof of insurance, and held for bond, police said.

The Detroit Police Department declined to pick up the man on his warrant.

Warrant arrest

A 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested Jan. 1 on an outstanding

warrant after officers responded to investigation reports of a man trying car doors in the lot of the CVS store at 27435 Ford, police said.

A computer check revealed the warrant out of Dearborn Heights and the man was taken into custody and searched, police said. The search produced a Blackberry cell phone from the man's pocket which he claimed he had found, police said. The phone was seized pending attempts to find an owner.

The man was turned over to Dearborn Heights Police.

Home struck

A homeowner on the 600 block of Gilman reported to police that, sometime during the first 30 minutes of the New Year, her home was struck by a bullet. Police recovered a .45 caliber slug from the south side of the residence.

The homeowner reported hearing a lot of gunfire in the area as the clock struck midnight.

Minor in possession

An officer conducting a traffic investigation Jan. 1 at Merriman and Rosslyn arrested a 17-year-old Westland man for consuming alcohol after the youth walked into the road. The officer noted the young man's unsteady gait and the odor of intoxicants, police said.

After a few minutes of conversation, the man, who was not connected to the officer's previous investigation, became belligerent and was placed under arrest, police said. He was lodged at the police department until sober and issued a violation, police said.

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Student, volunteers wrap gifts, raise \$21,000 for clinic

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Andrew Carlone and his mother, Tami Carlone, have no idea how many presents they wrapped this holiday season as volunteers at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

But they know that it helped raise money for a great cause.

Andrew recently presented a \$12,500 check to the Hope Medical Clinic, part of \$21,200 raised by the Carlones and other volunteers who wrapped gifts at Laurel Park Place every day between Black Friday and Christmas Day. The volunteers received donations from shoppers for wrapping gifts for the shoppers. The Hope Medical Clinic provides medicine and other prescriptions for families in Wayne County. The clinic needed to find a new location after the W.C. Frank Furniture store explosion next door to their office one year ago. The clinic is currently in Wayne, but is expected to open an office on Palmer in Westland in the spring, according to Mary Dekker, clinic coordinator for the Wayne satellite clinic.



Andrew Carlone's gift wrapping raised money for charity.

The clinic has been operating for 30 years and is based in Washtenaw County.

Serving the community

Andrew Carlone, a junior at Northville High School, serves as a youth administrator with the U.S. State Department. "Part of the agreement of being a youth ambassa-

dor is to do some service in your community," his mother said.

Andrew said he and his mother spoke with church members at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville and they came up with the gift-wrapping idea.

"I went to a Bible study at church and one of the ideas was to wrap," Andrew said. The U.S. State Department pro-

vided \$1,000 for the gift-wrapping supplies, Tami said.

Andrew specifically requested that the money assist those who need insulin for diabetics and inhalers for those with respiratory ailments.

"I think it's fantastic," Dekker said. "It's a big boost for us, especially with a new location for us. We have more patients who need help. It



Mary Dekker, of Hope Medical Clinic, accepts a check from Andrew Carlone.

will help those who don't have health insurance." Approximately 1,000 patients have visited the Wayne satellite, Dekker said.

A gratifying experience

Tami and Andrew said the community service gave them gratification for helping others in need.

Tami said 420 people volunteered from the church and local schools, including Livonia Franklin, Churchill, Mercy,

Ladywood and Garden City high schools.

"It took us away from our traditional Christmas stuff," Tami said. "We didn't overdecorate, overshop or overeat. It put our focus on an organization that really needed it."

Andrew was pleased with the fundraising effort.

"It feels good to raise all that money," he said. "We got a lot more than I expected."

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Volunteers needed for Rouge River stonefly search

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The search begins at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. No searching is done in Dearborn; volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit.

Volunteers must pre-

register by Jan. 20 on the FOTR website at www.therouge.org or by calling (313) 792-9621.

Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Friends of the Rouge volunteers have been looking for stoneflies every winter since 2002. Last year, 95 volunteers participated, but very few

stoneflies were found. The lack of stoneflies was attributed to extreme cold during and around the date of the hunt. The search date was moved to a week later in hopes of finding more of the sensitive creatures.

Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go in the water; vol-

unteers search through samples on the bank. Children five years and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of up to six people can be accommodated.

The Annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge. It is supported by the Fred A. and Barbara M.

Erb Family Foundation and conducted in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. A report on the results from the Fall Bug Hunt held Oct. 15 was just completed.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge

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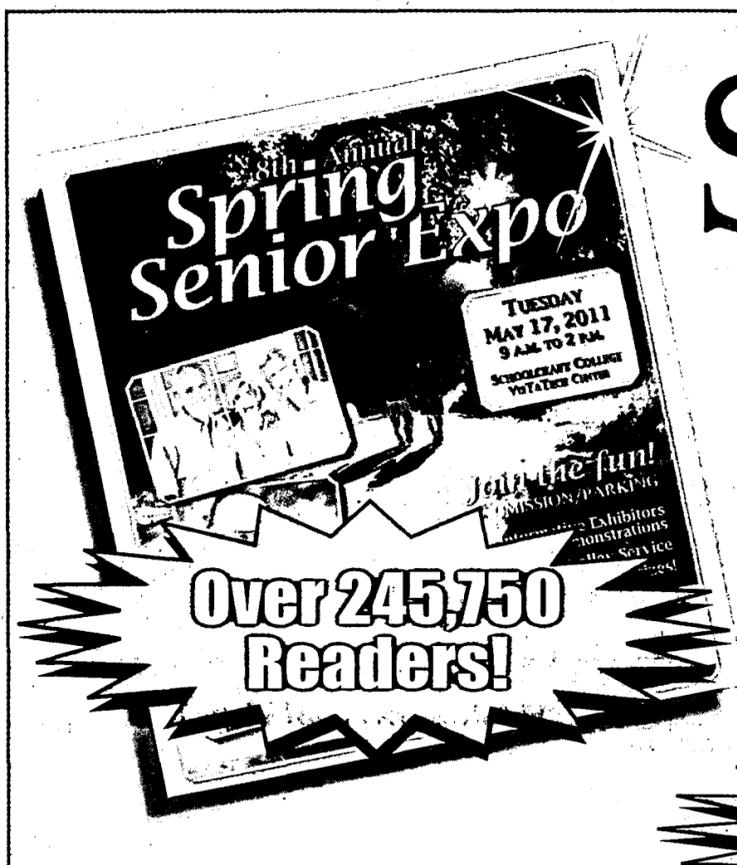


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Leasing a car has advantages, drawbacks

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm going to buy a new car in the next few months. I'm not sure what I'm going to buy and I'm not sure if I should lease or buy the car. In the past, I've done both. I'm not sure which one works better. Do you have some advice as to which one is better.

A: There is no one right answer as to which is better. The real issue is which one works better for you. Leasing and buying both have their advantages and disadvantages, therefore, there's not one option that works for everyone. The key is your individual situation. I believe even before you go look-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ing for a car you should know how you are going to finance it. Because of residual value, some cars are generally better to lease than other cars. You can have two cars with the exact same sticker price but the lease payments are totally different due to the residual value. Determining whether you are going to buy or lease prior to visiting the showroom will help you in choosing the proper vehicle.

A key question is how

long you plan to own the vehicle. Leasing is very competitive, particularly for people who own their cars three years or less. On the other hand, if you own your car for five years or more, it's almost always better to purchase it.

Another important issue when determining whether to buy or lease is how many miles a year you put on your vehicle. If over 15,000 miles, many leasing companies add a surcharge. Excessive mileage is one factor that can significantly increase the cost of leasing.

As far as I'm concerned, these are the two most important questions you need to answer to make an informed

decision. If you only plan to own your car for a few years and you're not putting excessive miles on, another factor to take into consideration is that leasing offers the convenience of just turning your car back over to the dealer without any issues. Of course, there can be some issues with wear and tear on the car, but generally, those are minor at best. The major advantage is that you don't have to worry about selling the car when you want a new one. I believe that is one of the main advantages for people who lease vehicles. The fact that you can get rid of your car without a hassle is undoubtedly a benefit of leasing; however, it's hard to quantify

and attach a dollar benefit to it.

Is there one financing method that works for everyone? No. The decision is based on your goals for your car and the type of car that you buy. As I mentioned, it's generally a good idea to know the type of financing that you plan to use prior to visiting the showroom.

Whether you choose to lease or buy, it always makes sense to shop your financing around. By default, most people end up financing through their dealership, but they don't always have the best deals. If you take the time to shop around and get competitive financing, you will be surprised by how much

you can save. In shopping, don't forget to contact your credit union and your bank.

Finally, while this doesn't apply to as many people as it used to it still does for many, the old-fashioned way of paying cash for a car is a great alternative. After all, if you have the money and you are just keeping it in the bank earning, at best, 1 percent interest, paying cash would be a sound financial move. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

AROUND WESTLAND

Spaghetti dinner

The monthly spaghetti dinner at the Dyer Senior Center in Westland will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and desert, as well as entertainment, for just \$6.

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

The time also has changed for its popular game night due to early darkness. It'll be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.

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

Health-O-Rama

Elderly residents living in Garden City, Westland and Wayne and all members and families of Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 are invited to a free Health-O-Rama 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 21, at the Wayne Masonic Temple, 37137 Palmer, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

Sponsored by the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 and Carenet Homecare Services Inc., Health-O-Rama is a free outreach health and wellness program a physical examination, blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, flu shots and therapy and rehabilitation exercises. Social services and community resource information The Health-O-Rama program will be conducted by certified registered nurses, therapist, therapy assistance's, medical social workers and in-home physicians. No Appointments needed. Service will be provided on a first come basis.

PATH class

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is hosting a free health workshop - The Personal Action Toward Health

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The PATH workshop provides information and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, bronchitis, asthma, and depression. Workshops are conducted by trained leaders who hold informal, small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials.

Facilitators discuss ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from physical activity. Participants also learn about self-help devices that can enhance daily activities. They are encouraged to practice the acquired skills by making weekly action

plans and helping each other achieve their goals.

The PATH program is appropriate for people who are newly diagnosed as well as those who have been managing a chronic condition for years. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call Garden City Hospital Community Health at (734) 458-4330. To learn more about PATH, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (734) 222-9800 or www.nkfm.org.

Bowling benefit

St. Damian Parish in Westland is hosting its 11th annual 9-pin No-Tap Cosmic Bowling fundraiser Friday, Feb. 3, at MerriBowl Lanes on Five Mile, east of Merriman, in Livonia.

The event starts with check in at 9:15 p.m. and bowling begins at 9:45

p.m. Advance tickets are required. The cost is \$20 per person and includes three games of bowling, snacks, pizza and pop. There also will be many raffles.

Lanes can be reserved for either four or five bowlers, and There is room for 160-200 people. Contact the parish office at (734) 421-6130 weekdays to purchase tickets or for more information. Proceeds will help defray the costs of the youth groups' upcoming events, including a youth conference, retreat and summer mission trip.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to serve as friendly visitors for its patients. The

service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw and Livingston. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate one-two hours of their time per week.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Volunteers receive training and on-going coaching, and social opportunities are available as well.

The next new volunteer orientation is fast approaching. It will take place at its office in Canton at 5730 N. Lilley Road, Suite A. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for an interview at jgalat@cchnet.net or call (888) 983-9050.

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When it's cold outside sometimes the only thing a kid can do is have **BIG TIME FUN**. Here are some fun things to do with your friends and family outside or indoors. In either case, get ready to have loads of fun and laughter.

OUTSIDE FUN:

Get a group together and have your own winter game competition. You can design your own obstacle course using small snow mounds for hurdle jumping, a track for short distance sprinting, and snow balls for shot-put throwing.

Create years of fun memories with the whole family. Build a headless snowman and take funny photographs of you and your family using your head as a substitute for the snowman's head.

Create a colorful ice sculpture using food colored frozen water made in plastic or Styrofoam cups. A little water poured between the ice blocks will help everything stick together like glue.

INDOOR FUN:

Create a night of giving. Take one evening and go through your closet and pull out clothing that you no longer want and give it to charity. Especially look for clothing that is good for the cold winter months.

Have a Home Movie Buffet. Invite some friends over and let your creative mind go to work. Ask mom and dad to help create fun treats for everyone to sample. How about strawberry hot chocolate or peanut butter and honey mini sandwiches? Yummy. Put on your favorite movie and top it off with some fruit flavored popcorn. (Learn how to make fruit flavored popcorn below).

COOKING WITH SCOOP

Here is a fun tasty treat to try at home with mom and dad.

Ingredients

- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 (3 ounce) package fruit flavored gelatin mix
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- 3 tablespoons water

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Grease a 1/4 sheet pan. Generously butter a heavy 2 quart saucepan.
2. Distribute popcorn evenly in the baking pans and put in the oven to keep warm.
3. Combine butter, sugar, gelatin, corn syrup and water in a saucepan over medium heat about 250 degrees F.
4. Pour mixture evenly over popcorn and stir until the popcorn is coated. Put popcorn in oven. Bake for 5 minute then stir and bake for 5 more minutes.
5. Pour out popcorn onto a large piece of foil. Let cool and enjoy.

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Caroline Loder
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Community: Livonia
My tradition is every winter my family and I do puzzles. For instance, this winter we already finished a hot air balloon puzzle and we are doing a jelly bean puzzle right now. Next, we will do a button puzzle. When my grandparents come over they like to help too. They actually do their own puzzles every winter at home too.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bradley White
Community: Canton
Jan 12

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Community: Garden City
Jan 29

Scoop, the newshound, will be offering contests on a monthly basis. Look for Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights page monthly in this newspaper!

Family Buggy rides into sunset with fond goodbyes

By Susan Steinmueller
Observer Staff Writer

Lee and Teddi Landes are among the diners who have been saying a fond farewell to The Family Buggy in Farmington Hills.

"It's just something special. People are happy here," said Teddi Landes of Livonia as she enjoyed a meal with her husband last Tuesday. "It has a homey feeling. The food is more like home cooking."

She said that she has been going to the restaurant since it first opened in Detroit.

"It's like home," said Lee Landes.

The Family Buggy is closing for business today (Jan. 8) after 44 years in various locations, including Detroit, Livonia, Rochester Hills and its current long-time location on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

For owners Don and Peggy Payne of Farmington Hills, it's also a fond farewell. Over the years, customers and staff have become like family, they said.

"I'll miss just working with all the kids who work here and seeing all the customers," said Peggy Payne. "That's going to be the hard part because we won't see them."

However, said Don Payne, the economic environment gave them no choice but to end their 44-year run.

"It's obviously with mixed emotions," he said, but after three years of putting money into the business to make it work, he said he had to make the decision.

"I don't own the building, and I have twice the space I need," he said.

Payne, 70, of Farmington Hills also said he's ready to retire.

Overwhelming response

Both said they've been overwhelmed with the response since announcing the closing in October. People have been lining up and filling the 240-seat restaurant to capacity day after day, he said.

"We've just been showered with a ton of love from our customers," he said. "We've had some



Family Buggy restaurant server Kristen Wilkes is quite familiar with this customer, the Buggy's mascot teddy bear.

wonderful notes and letters."

Payne spoke from a booth at his restaurant last Tuesday evening. Christmas lights still twinkled on a tree by the fireplace and cast a warm glow on antique items on shelves.

Some diners sat at their table with a life-size stuffed teddy bear, which customers can request to have at their table.

Payne said that it was while growing up in Benton Harbor that he first got the idea of going into the restaurant business. He said when going out to eat, he thought about how things could be run better.

He also learned lessons about working with people from his high school band director, Bernie Kuschel, who is honored with a plaque in the restaurant. Payne said he was able to pass that along in working with

and training his own staff members.

Payne graduated from Michigan State University in 1963 with a marketing degree and in 1965 with a restaurant management degree. He met his wife at MSU, who gave up teaching to join him in the restaurant business.

He served in the National Guard but was never called up to serve, he said.

He went to work for Stouffer in Cleveland and was transferred to Top of the Flame in Detroit. He then helped construct and set up The Maple House Restaurant in Troy. It was from their owners that he bought an unsuccessful Detroit restaurant and renovated it into his first Family Buggy.

From the beginning, he strived for a woody, warm feel.

"I like the idea of the barnwood and antiques," he said. "If you put in modern decor, it starts getting dated."

The restaurant opened in 1967. It started off slowly, but after Detroit food critic Molly Abraham wrote an article, "all of a sudden, we had all the business we needed."

The restaurant never had a chef with culinary training but specialized in good food, he said. For example, "in all the chains, you don't get real mashed potatoes, you

don't get gravy. That's the difference between a lot of restaurants and ours."

The Marty Salad

One of the most popular items has been the Marty Salad, with a sweet dressing recipe he invented himself.

For economic reasons, the Paynes closed the Detroit location in 1986. For over two decades, he operated the Farmington Hills restaurant as well as locations in Rochester

Hills and Livonia, which have since closed.

In 1981, Payne served as president of the Michigan Restaurant Association.

Payne credits hiring "wonderful people" as a big reason for The Family Buggy's longtime success.

"We hired nice people with a good attitude who would be good team workers, and we trained them all ourselves," he said. "We've got a ton of

people who have never left because they love The Buggy."

Brass plaques line a wall with the names of those who have worked for him for five years or more.

Manager Marge Barbarich, who has been there for 34 years, said "We've got children of people who worked in Detroit who work here."

Since announcing the closing in October, former employees have requested to come back and help. Among them is an executive in China, who, on his time off, is putting in time at his old job, cleaning lettuce and doing other prep work in the kitchen.

Payne, a cancer survivor, said he'll now have more time to write inspirational letters and poems to cancer patients and survivors.

He'll also have more time for his two grandchildren. The couple's two daughters, Colleen Villa of North Carolina, and Janet Payne of Farmington Hills, a teacher at Duncle Middle School, each have an 8-year-old daughter.

"We'll still be in touch," he said of his customers and clients.

A sale will be held of the memorabilia in the store, he said. Already, people have bought many of the gift store's items as souvenirs.

There may be a reunion picnic of some sort for employees, he added. In the meantime, he expects there will be long lines today.

"We have the nicest customers. It makes you feel like you're going out on top," he said. "It's really been heartwarming."

He said he'll always be grateful to them, and to his staff.

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Family Buggy "family," from left, hostess/supervisor Beth Emigh, of Westland; owner Don Payne and Supervisor Marge Barbarich, of Livonia.



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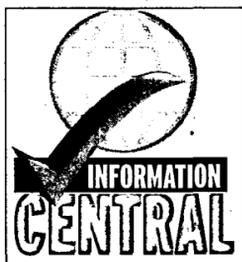
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Where there's a will ...

It's a subject that most people put off for as long as possible—death and wills. In a recent survey on findlaw.com, more than 60 percent of Americans do not have wills; 25 percent of 25-34-year-olds do, and less than 10 percent of 18-24-year-olds have wills.

As the Findlaw site notes: "A will is a basic component of estate planning. Among other things, it specifies how your assets will be distributed after you pass away, and who will receive them. Without a will, the laws of the state and the decisions of a probate court may determine how your estate is distributed, who will care for your children, if they are minors, and so forth."

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you start on your family's future security. Some books you might want to look at include *Handbook to*



Wills, Funerals, and Probate by Theodore Hughes; *Making It Legal* by Frederick Hertz; *Estate Planning Basics* by Denis Clifford and *My Wishes* by Benjamin Berkley.

The offices of State Rep. Richard LeBlanc and State Sen. Glenn S. Anderson have graciously provided the library with free copies of the publication *Planning for Your Peace of Mind: A Guide to Medical and Legal Decisions*. This booklet has information for what you need to have done in case of your death or sudden illness. It includes a stat-

tutory will and a patient advocate form. Copies may be found in the copier room of the library.

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HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Friends of the Library monthly meeting: 2 p.m. Jan. 10

The Friends of the Library is an independent group of local residents and library users that helps support and promote the Library and its mission. They plan book sales and other fundraising activities for the library.

Natural Solutions to Sleep Problems: 7 p.m. Jan. 10

Sleep is a necessity of life. When sleep is interrupted, the body's ability to repair itself, and help keep it immune from diseases and infections is affected. Insomnia can cause a person to feel anxious, depressed, or irritable and may affect your daily home and work activities in a negative way. Learn the hormonal and neurological causes of this problem and natural solutions to help you overcome it—without medication. This is the first of a four-part series presented by Dr. Brian Brackney, DC and member of The Foundation of Wellness Professionals. To reserve your seat, call the library at (734) 326-6123 or sign up online at www.westlandlibrary.org/ events.

Library Board of Trustees meeting: 7 p.m. Jan. 11

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Screenwriting: 7 p.m. Jan. 12, adult

Screenwriter and novelist Drew Tierney leads

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Friday Night Movie: 7 p.m. Jan. 13

Come join us as we continue our Friday Night Movies for month of January. Tonight's movie is *Moneyball*, about "Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing computer-generated analysis to draft his players" (imdb.com). This movie is rated PG-13. Snacks and refreshments are served. Trivia and prizes before the movie. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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January 24, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium
(1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466-2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2011-11-50 (Tabled on November 29, 2011): Chase Bank, 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH 43240, seeking to erect two wall signs and one ground sign on property located on the south side of Plymouth (32201) between Cranston and Hubbard, resulting in excess number of wall signs and a ground sign excess in height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2012-01-01: J & M Livonia, LLC, P.O. Box 251244, West Bloomfield, MI 48325, seeking to construct a building addition onto an existing multi-tenant retail center, on property located on the north side of Plymouth (34706-34730) between Stark Road and Belden Court, resulting in deficient parking spaces, and deficient landscape area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Graves' play rescues Rockets

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It turns out that crunch time is ShaKeya Graves' time, as the Canton girls basketball team found out Friday night.

The Westland John Glenn junior guard grabbed the wheel in the fourth quarter and steered the Rockets to a 44-39 victory over the host Chiefs in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

With the game tied 39-39 following a driving layup by Canton junior center Kiara Schneider with a minute left, Graves dribbled the ball while letting the clock tick down — before cutting to the right side of the key along the base lines.

Graves then lofted an eight-footer that swished through the twine with 14.5 seconds left, drawing a foul in the process. She hit the free throw, giving her seven of her game-high 19 points in the final quarter.

Westland John Glenn coach Eric Kovatch credited Graves with letting her natural ability take over in that situation.

"That's just ShaKeya Graves being ShaKeya Graves," Kovatch said. "She was feeling it, she took the game under control and she made a play. That was nothing designed, that's just her being the basketball player that she is. (It was) instincts, she has the best instincts in the state."

Canton senior point guard Robyn Mack (12 points, four rebounds, three steals) missed her bid to tie the game and the Rockets added two free throws to close it out.

"That's on me," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I probably should have ran a kid at her, and made her throw the ball to some other player instead of letting her dribble for 50 seconds. So again, that's my fault."

Graves, who also had three steals and three assists, was low-key about her game-winning play.



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Westland John Glenn's ShaKeya Graves (3) takes the ball to the basket against Canton defender Kiara Schneider in Friday's KLAA South Division game.

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Ocelot men clip Kirtland

Karl Moore's 20 points and 12 rebounds propelled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to a 75-67 victory Wednesday night at home over Kirtland Community College.

Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill and Westland John Glenn's Lydell Mason each added 12 points and 10 rebounds as the Ocelots improved to 8-3 overall in the MCCA Eastern Conference opener.

LenDerrick Witcher also scored 12 points to go along with six boards, while Mohamed Elhaj dished out 12 assists.

"After our game with Glen Oaks (98-98 overtime win) we're starting to learn how to close out games," said Schoolcraft coach Randy Henry, whose team led 33-27 at half-time. "We had to play great defense down the stretch and show patience on offense."

Kirtland (9-2, 0-1) got a game-high 21 points from John Edwards.

MSU's Krug earns All-GLI

Michigan State University junior defenseman and captain Torey Krug (Livonia) was named to the All-Great Lakes Invitational Tournament team following a 3-2 overtime loss in the championship final last Friday to Michigan at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

The 5-foot-9, 180-pound Krug, a first-team All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association pick as a sophomore, has appeared in 19 of MSU's 20 games, scoring five goals and adding nine assists with a plus-11 rating.

MSU, off to an 11-7-1 start, including a 6-5-1 mark in the CCHA, began a six-game home stand this weekend at Munn Arena in a two-game set against Miami (Ohio).

Tigers' Jones leads clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones will be the featured instructor at the pitching clinic hosted Sunday,

Jan. 22, by the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program.

Jones will be joined by former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, owner and scout of Indy Pro Showcase, along with the Stevenson coaching staff.

Session I (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session II (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Stevenson field-house.

The cost is \$40 (checks should be made payable to the Stevenson High School Baseball).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

About time Wayne stops Pats for first division win

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne Memorial girls basketball team ended four years of futility in the KLAA's South Division on Thursday night.

The Zebras got a game-high 22 points from sophomore guard Ashley Bland and controlled the backboards for most of the night in a 53-46 win over host Livonia Franklin.

Senior guard Holland Boertje added nine of her 11 points in the third quarter, while senior forward Tiara Childers chipped in with eight points and eight rebounds as Wayne earned its first division triumph since the 2007-08 season.

"I'm extremely happy," said Wayne fifth-year coach Leslie Williams, whose team improved to 2-5 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA South. "It feels good to get this under our belt. I told this team they have a lot of potential. I just need them to realize it and believe in themselves,

go out and execute and get it done."

Wayne made 7-of-9 free throws during the final two minutes to hold off a late Franklin rally.

Wayne, however, committed 25 turnovers, including six during the fourth quarter while trying to protect the lead.

Williams sat the talented Bland out three critical minutes of the fourth quarter in order to regroup herself.

"It's a little frustrating, though, when we don't take care of the ball on offense like we should because I know we have the potential to handle it and take care of it because she's a good guard," the Wayne coach said. "She's a sophomore, so she's young. But we've got to mentally be able to handle pressure, handle game-type situations and capitalize on them."

Franklin (1-6, 0-1) took a 24-18 lead with 2:21 remaining in the first half on a pair of free throws by Katelynn Devers,

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BOYS HOOPS

Glenn's Daniels does in Canton

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Not much separated Westland John Glenn and Canton in a key KLAA South Division boys basketball opener.

Neither team could get more than a four-point lead throughout the 32 minutes, but host Glenn won the fourth quarter and was able to sneak out a 48-45 victory.

Junior guard Nick Daniels was the trump card as he poured in a game-high 25 points, including 11-of-13 from the foul line, as the Rockets improved to 4-2 overall.

After Glenn failed to put the game away during the final 24 seconds by missing four straight free throws, Daniels

was able to can a pair from the line with only 2.49 seconds remaining to give Glenn a three-point cushion after Canton's Josh Mayberry had scored on a layup with 11.49 seconds to play to cut the deficit to one.

Daniels then came up with a key steal at mid-court to deny Canton (5-2) a last-ditch 3-point attempt.

"It was a backyard brawl," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "Jimmy Reddy (Canton's coach) played for me three years in high school. He's one of my real close friends and he's a tremendous coach. His guys play great defense and they're just really good. We were real

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Cards deal MU 91-80 setback

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

The way Travis Schuba was knocking down 3-pointers early Wednesday night, it appeared the Madonna University men's basketball team was well on its way to a 100-point evening.

Heck, after scoring 12 points in the first four minutes against visiting Concordia, it looked like Schuba may surpass the century mark all by himself.

However, a few tweaks on the defensive end and a series of knockout plays by a big guy named Rocko propelled the Cardinals to a 92-80 victory.

Despite the setback, the Crusaders (10-7) are still sitting pretty in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings at 4-1, just one game behind first-place Dav-

Led by Rocko Holmes' 24

points and 13 rebounds, the Cardinals improved to 8-8 and 4-2.

"Because of the success we've had so far this season, we're going to get our opponents' best effort now," MU head coach Noel Emenhiser said. "I think in the past, teams kind of looked at us lightly, knowing that maybe they didn't have to play as well to beat us."

"Teams aren't going to take us lightly anymore and we're going to have to match that. We have a little bit of a target on our back. We can't forget how hard we worked to get to this point."

Schuba was a one-man scoreboard-changer at the game's outset. After getting fouled on his first triple attempt 15 seconds in (he made all three free throws), the 6-foot sharpshooter canned three straight treys

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ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Madonna's Matt Jenkins (1) and Concordia's Rocko Holmes tangle in the paint for a rebound during Wednesday night's Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

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to give the Crusaders an early cushion.

Relying on the inside power game of Holmes and plenty of high-voltage perimeter shooting from John Schaefer (30 points), the Cardinals repelled Schuba's hot hand and seized a 44-38 halftime lead.

"It's tough to shoot the way Travis shot in the first few minutes the whole game," Emehiser said. "Clearly, he did some things well at the beginning, but they made a few adjustments on him.

"The key for us, though, was we didn't defend the way we need to. Giving up 92 points, we won't win too many games doing that."

Schuba finished with a team-high 25 points, draining 7-of-12 field-goal attempts and all six of his free throws. Bobby Naubert, Schuba's backcourt running mate, also had a stellar game, netting 19 points, seven rebounds and eight assists.

Concordia hit the court running after halftime, surging on a 9-0 run to expand its lead to 53-38 with 17:35 left. Holmes scored six of the points on bulldozing, Charles Barkley-esque plays in the paint.

"He's so strong that when he gets you in a bad spot, he keeps you there," Emehiser said of Holmes. "He finishes around the basket and he can make jump shots. That's why he's one of the best post players in the league."

Playing with ramped-up intensity, the Crusaders clawed back to within 62-58 with 11:21 remaining on an and-one basket by Eoghann Stephens.

However, as fast as you can say, "Good-bye, momentum," the Cardinals regained an 11-point bulge and were never threatened thereafter.

"I loved how hard we worked tonight," Emehiser said, when asked about the game's bright spots. "There's not one ounce of quit or one ounce of laziness in these guys. They work hard and they believe



ED WRIGHT PHOTO

Travis Schuba launches a second-half jumper during Wednesday night's loss to Concordia.

in each other, which is something we can build on. We just need to fix a few details."

Concordia outrebound-

ed Madonna, 44-36.

The Crusaders were frigid from the field, hitting just 38.2 percent of their shots.

Lady Ocelots dial up another home victory

Following a 25-day lay-off, the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team shook off the rust and kept several winning streaks intact Wednesday night with a 74-51 win over visiting Kirtland Community College in the MCCA Eastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 10-2 overall made it 69 straight wins at home, including 51 straight in the conference. They also won their 20th straight Eastern Conference game.

Double-doubles by Shanequa Braggs (18 points, 13 rebounds) and Shawnicka Thomas (14 points, 15 rebounds) paced the Schoolcraft effort.

Domonique Jones and Amber Sammons chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively, while Diamond Tolliver dished out a game-high 12 assists.

Schoolcraft led 36-19 at halftime while holding the Firebirds to 7-of-35 shooting from the field (20 percent).

Kirtland (5-5, 0-1) pulled

to within 44-31 with 14:32 remaining, but the Ocelots steadily pulled away for the victory, their 91st conference win in the last 94 games.

Josie Wiltsie led the Firebirds with 18 points, while Abbye Gulvas added 15 points and 10 boards.

Schoolcraft shot 34-of-79 from the floor (43 percent).

CONCORDIA 76, MADONNA 61: Brooke Adams came off the bench to score 26 points in 20 minutes of action to give Concordia University (14-2, 5-1) the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday over visiting Madonna University (5-8, 2-3). Hannah Sabol added 10 points for the NAIA Division II ranked Cardinals, who outscored the Crusaders 37-23 in the second half after leading by only one at intermission, 39-38.

Shantelle Herring scored a team-high 16 points off the bench for MU, which shot only 20-of-53 from the field (37.7 percent), but 10-of-22 (45.5 percent) from three-point range.

Both Adams and Herring each went 4-for-5 from beyond the arc. Michelle Lindsey added 15 points and Erin Bentley chipped in with nine for MU. The Crusaders were outrebounded by a 49-30 margin.

Grand theft

Blazers 'steal' victory vs. Regina

It wasn't quite the Great Train Robbery, but it was the next best thing Friday night for the Livonia Ladywood basketball team.

The host Blazers came up with a total of 20 steals as they opened Catholic League Central Division play with a 60-49 win over Warren Regina.

Junior guard Sara Even was the mastermind scoring a team-high 13 points to go along with six rebounds and six steals.

Junior guard Andie Anastos contributed 11 points, six rebounds and six steals, while senior guard Briana Combs finished with 11 points and five steals as Ladywood improved to 5-

3 overall and 1-0 in the Central.

Lauren Kozlowski also chipped in with six points and four steals as the Blazers rallied from a 33-32 halftime deficit by outscoring the Saddletites 17-9 in the third period.

Regina (5-3, 0-2) got a game-high 28 points from post player Becca Sabol.

Ladywood made 17-of-25 free throws (68 percent), while the Saddletites hit 16-of-31 (51.6 percent).

LUTH. WESTLAND 33, LUTH. SOUTH 24: On Friday, senior center Amanda Terranella's 16 points and 14 rebounds carried host Lutheran High Westland (4-3, 1-1) to a MIAC Red Division win over Newport Lutheran South (2-4, 0-1).

Terranella also had four steals and three assists, while Aldreanna Fikes also snared 10 rebounds for the victorious Warriors, who led 15-10 at halftime and 28-17 after three quarters.

"It was our first game back from break," said Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade, whose team was 14-of-41 from the floor (31.8 percent). "We played sloppy, but a win is a win. We'll take it and work on getting better as the season continues."

Sammy Diroff scored nine points for the Saints, who went 7-of-17 from the foul stripe. **S. LYON 35, STEVENSON 31:** Gabrielle Williams popped in 17 points Friday as the Lions (4-3, 0-1) upended host Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 0-1) in a KLAACentral Division clash.

Sophomore center Charlesann Roy paced the Spartans with nine points, while senior guards Molly Knoph and Jordan York

each added seven. Stevenson led 21-16 at halftime, but was outscored 19-10 over the final two periods.

"We were flat on both ends," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "Actually our defense was worse than our offense. We got good looks, but we had lots of turnovers and got only five offensive rebounds."

"Not to take anything away from Gabrielle Williams, but we did not play well. South Lyon played aggressively."

Stevenson was 8-of-12 from the foul line, while South Lyon made 5-of-12. **PLYMOUTH 45, CHURCHILL 18:** Alyssa Dillon's 16 points propelled the Wildcats (5-2, 1-0) to a KLAASouth Division triumph Friday at home over Livonia Churchill (2-3, 0-1).

Jada Woody chipped in with nine points, seven rebounds and four steals for Plymouth.

BOYS HOOPS

Clarenceville corrals North for 2nd victory

So far it's been ring out the old and bring in the new Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball team in 2012.

The Trojans, who started the season 0-5 in 2011, made it two straight Friday night with a 55-52 win at Macomb Lutheran North.

Damien Quarles, who missed the first four games of the season with a broken thumb, sparked Clarenceville with a team-high 19 points, while Sam Brown and DeAnthony Price chipped in with nine and eight, respectively.

"We played a solid game," said Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson, whose team stands 2-5 overall. "We shot better from the floor. We took better shots and played smart. We played under control and conducted ourselves the way we were supposed to."

It was 22-all at halftime and North led 36-35 after three quarters. Clarenceville then outscored the Mustangs 20-16 in the decisive fourth period.

Zack Roosen scored a game-high 20 points for North, while Dan Brosekey added 10.

The Trojans connected on 12-of-14 free throws, while North was 18-of-33. **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 59, LUTH. SOUTH 25:** Zack Four scored 17 points and Nick Andrzejewski chipped in with 13 to lead Lutheran High

Westland (3-2, 2-0) to a convincing MIAC Red Division win Friday over visiting Newport Lutheran South.

The Warriors jumped out to a 12-2 first quarter lead and went on a 25-8 second period run to put the game away.

Michael Roebke led the Saints with eight points.

BAPTIST PARK 62, HVL 30: Three players scored in double figures Friday as host Taylor Baptist Park Christian (2-1, 1-0) rolled to a MIAC Red Division victory over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-3, 0-1).

Blake Speck paced the victorious Wildcats, who led 32-16 at halftime, with 18 points. Anthony Kaminski and Noah Bruck added 14 and 10, respectively.

Ryan Schaffer and Thomas Gutierrez each tallied eight points for the Hawks, who went 8-of-18 from the foul line.

C'VILLE 38, CRANBROOK 34: Livonia Clarenceville (1-5) found a way to record its first victory of the season on Wednesday night by pulled out a triumph over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (4-3).

Sam Brown led Clarenceville with 14 points, while Damien Quarles added 11, including nine free throws in the final quarter.

Sterling Morrow paced the Cranes with 11 points. Clarenceville trailed 16-14 at halftime and led 22-20 after three quarters before outscoring Cranbrook 16-14 in the final eight minutes.

"We played hard, but couldn't make shots," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said. "We did everything right but put the ball in the hole. But a win's a win."

Both teams struggled at the foul stripe. Clarenceville was 16-of-31 (51.6 percent), while the Cranes hit 16-of-27 (59.2 percent).

WAYNE

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who shared team-high scoring honors with teammate Alexis Smith (16 points apiece).

But Wayne clawed back to take a 25-24 advantage at intermission thanks to a free throw from Nichols with 13.5 seconds remaining.

Boertje then took over in the third quarter as Wayne outscored the Patriots, 16-10. Twice during the quarter, the Zebras led by as many as 11.

"That's our senior leader," Williams said of the 5-foot-9 Boertje. "She gets it done for us. She's a go-to person. I was sorry to see her foul out. I told the girls to play above and beyond the conditions out there. When it comes to playing on the court, it's time to detox for whatever is going on with you. It's time to detox, get

it all out and let it all out. Leave it all here, go home and have a good night."

A pair of triples by Devers during the final two minutes brought the Patriots to within three points on two different occasions, but Wayne held on by making a total of 17-of-30 free throws on the night.

The Patriots stayed close by making 14-of-19 from the foul stripe.

But a total of 24 turnovers, including seven in the final quarter, hurt the Patriots' cause.

"We do well on getting rebounds," Franklin coach Bob Ostrowski said. "The shot charts show that, but what's on the flip side of that is turnovers. Even though we get a rebound, we might not get a second shot because we'll turn the ball over and that's definitely something that we've got to improve."

Devers, Smith and Julie Magdowski (10 points)

accounted for 42 of the Patriots' 46 points.

"We're trying to get more shot production each quarter from the team," Ostrowski said, "and make sure other girls step up and take their shots within that offense. It's starting to improve a little bit. On the shot chart we were taking eight or nine shots a quarter only. This one we were up to as many as 14 or 15 shots a quarter in three quarters, and only nine in one quarter. But it's starting to produce better."

Franklin shot 27.1 percent from the floor (16-of-59), while Wayne hit 18-of-53 (33.9 percent).

"What really hurt us was our defense, the turnovers and like I said — even when we get a rebound, we don't get the putback," Ostrowski said. "We were up early by six points and then we get into a situation where we get in with turnovers again. We don't handle the pres-

sure as well I like to. That's just something we have to continue to build on."

Sarah Lovelady, a 6-foot sophomore, and freshman Quandra Nichols combined for 20 more rebounds with 11 and nine, respectively, as the Zebras controlled the backboards.

Lovelady, however, went down with a knee injury late in the game on a drive to the basket and did not return.

"We had our big person (Sarah Lovelady) show up as well," Williams said. "She's a sophomore, too. We're very young. She showed up for us. She did some things I had never seen her do. I was really impressed with the way she stepped up and helped us. Second chances did it for us tonight. The second half we were in the double (free throw) bonus and it helped us out a lot. And the fact that we made free throws helped us out more."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Berkley, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Frank. Rd., 7 p.m.
Ypsi Calvary at HVL, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13
Luth. W'sld at Calvary, 6 p.m.
Hazel Park at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
HVL at Franklin Road, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 9
Truman at C'ville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Ypsi Calvary at HVL, 5:30 p.m.
Frank. Rd. at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Lakes at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12
HVL at Franklin Rd., 5:30 p.m.
Cranbrook at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Parkway at HVL, 7 p.m.
DC at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Calvary, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13

John Glenn at Wayne, 5:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Jan. 9

Franklin vs. South Lyon at Kensington I.H., 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11

Franklin vs. Stevenson at Det. City Arena, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13
Stevenson vs. Trav. City West at Howe Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Churchill vs. Salem at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
Stevenson vs. Trav. City Central at Howe Arena, 3:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. W.L. Northern at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Stevenson Invitational, 9 a.m.
Luth. W'sld Tourney, 9 a.m.
Garden City Novice, 9:30 a.m.

Warren Lincoln Dual, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 10

Churchill at Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12
CC at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13
Wayne Inv. prelims, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
Wayne Inv. finals, noon.
Lakeland Invitational, 1 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 9

Liv. Blue vs. W.L. Gold-Maroon at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13

Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14
Plymouth Tournament at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.

PREP SKIING
Monday, Jan. 9

Ladywood vs. Hartland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 14

Ladywood Invitational, 2 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Monday, Jan. 9

Delta at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 11
Lourdes at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
S'craft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

DUAL MEET RESULTS

LIVONIA BLUE 135.35
PLYMOUTH 134.88

Jan. 5 at Plymouth
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.1; 2. (tie) Haley Olson (Blue), Reagan Engstrom (P), Katie Salanga (P) and Sarah Uhljan (P), 8.7 each.
Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 8.95; 2. (tie) Sarah Hogan (Blue), Olson (Blue), Engstrom (P) and Meagan McKennan (P), 8.3 each.

Balance beam: 1. (tie) Olson (Blue), Engstrom (P) and Salanga (P), 8.8 each; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.5; 5. Brenna Connelly (P) and Hogan (Blue), 8.4 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Jane Mc-Curry (P), 8.75; 2. Connelly (P), 8.7; 3. Kitz (Blue), 8.6; 4. Andrea Irvine (Blue), 8.45; Hogan (Blue), 8.4.

All-around: 1. Kitz (Blue), 35.15; 2. Engstrom (P), 33.85; 3. Olson (Blue), 33.85; 4. Hogan (Blue), 33.8; Uhljan (P), 32.90.

LIVONIA RED 132.30

Jan. 4 at Salem
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Vault: 1. (tie) Brittany Ramirez (Salem) and Andrea Melotti (Salem), 8.95; each 2. Morgan Soper (Salem), 8.75; 3. Brooke Allgeyer (Salem), 8.65; 4. (tie) Ade Jepserson (Salem) and Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.55 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Ramirez (Salem), 8.9; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 8.7; 3. Melotti (Salem), 8.65; 4. Soper (Salem), 8.5; 5. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 8.45.

Balance beam: 1. Melotti (Salem), 9.5; 2. Soper (Salem), 9.4; 3. Rose Prebala (Red), 9.25; 4. Jepperson (Salem), 8.85; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.55.

Floor exercise: 1. Soper (Salem), 9.1; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 8.8; 3. Prebala (Salem), 8.75; 4. Ramirez (Salem), 8.7; 5. Grenier (Red), 8.55.

All-around: 1. Soper (Salem), 35.75; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 34.90.
Livonia Red's dual meet record: 0-2 overall.

Livonia Blue's dual meet record: 2-0 overall.
SALEM 141.00

TBA - time to be announced.

Stone cold

Lions' defense stops Spartans, 33-30

By Jeff Theisen
South Lyon Herald

The first game of the new year was anything but kind to the previously undefeated Livonia Stevenson boys basketball.

South Lyon forced 20 turnovers and defended home court with a 33-30 victory on Friday.

"Turnovers hurt us big time," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "We tried to run some things offensively, and it's like we had four guys running it and the one guy that we needed to make sure ran it, wasn't. Miscommunication offensively is going to cause a turnover more times than not. It definitely did tonight."

The game was extremely close throughout, with South Lyon leading 8-6 after the first and the teams headed into the half tied at 18.

The defenses really locked down in the third as each team mustered just five points to stay tied at 23 heading into the final stanza.

Stevenson (4-1, 0-1) took the early lead in the fourth with consecutive buckets by Mike McDermott sandwiched around a South Lyon three-pointer.

Up 27-26 with six minutes to play, it would be

the last time the Spartans would hold the lead.

South Lyon's Luke Short hit a pair of free throws, and Connor Weidman followed with a bucket. After the teams traded a free throw, Short hit another pair of free throw for a 33-28 lead with under two minutes to play. It was the largest lead of the game.

Devin Kelly responded with an inside bucket with just more than a minute to play, but it would stand as the final points of the game.

South Lyon (4-2, 1-0) missed four free throws to ice the game, but Stevenson turned the ball over twice in the final minute and missed a desperation three-pointer just inside midcourt as time expired.

John Campbell and Kelly paced the Spartans with six points each.

Short led all scorers with 11 points followed by eight from Joe Remstad.

"If someone told me you are going to hold South Lyon to 33 points and you are going to lose, I would've put my house on it," Sinawi said. "For whatever reason, we weren't clicking offensively. Give credit to South Lyon. They always play hard and we know that. Tonight we didn't have it."

PLYMOUTH 36, CHURCHILL 31 (OT): Josh Priebe scored 11 points and Tyler Gambin chipped in with nine — all on three-pointers — to give the Wildcats (3-3, 1-0) a KLAASouth Division win Friday at Livonia Churchill (2-3, 0-1).

Churchill jumped out to a 21-11 halftime lead, but scored just 10 points over the final two quarters and the 4-minute overtime after the two teams were deadlocked at 29-all at the end of regulation.

Churchill went 8-for-16 from the field in the first half, but slipped to 4-of-19 the rest of the way.

Duane Scott paced Churchill with a game-high 13 points.

"They held us without a basket in the third quarter and locked us down," said Churchill coach Jim Solak, whose team was outscored 6-2 in OT.

WAYNE 58, FRANKLIN 47: Junior forward Juawn Snipes scored a team-high 16 points as Wayne Memorial (4-2, 1-0) started KLAASouth Division play Thursday night with a win over visiting Livonia Franklin (1-5, 0-1).

Senior guard Dezmon Burleigh chipped in with nine points for the Zebras.

Wayne led 28-24 at halftime and 41-36 after three quarters before outscoring Franklin 17-10 in the decisive fourth.

"We were attacking the basket and made free throws," said Wayne coach Mike Schuette, whose team shot 12-of-18 from the foul stripe. "And I thought our big people — Jordan Lowry, Darnell Givhan and Snipes — did a great job on the boards." Meanwhile, Franklin's big downfall was free throw shooting (6-of-25).

Tommy Smith and Jake Barham led the Patriots with 16 and 10 points, respectively.

RESCUE

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"I knew my team was counting on me," she said. "I was just hoping it would go in."

The win against the Chiefs also "gives us a lot of confidence that we can win, go to the Final Four, that we can win on the road against any team we play," Graves added.

Other players chipping in for the Rockets included sophomore guard Kai-ra Barnes (10 points), junior forward Kierra Jordan (nine points) and senior forward Joslyn Massey (six points, eight rebounds).

Samulski said the second hard-fought loss of the week (following a two-point defeat at Inkster) should help accelerate the learning curve

for the bulk of Canton's roster.

"You got to remember that you only got one kid on this team that's got any big-game experience, and that's Robyn," Samulski said. "Rach (Winters) has got a little, Paige (Aresco) has got a little, but after that they're all new to this whole situation out here. "So you got to keep that in mind, that there's a lot of new kids, they're trying to figure out what you got to do to beat good teams."

Canton (5-2, 0-1) got off to a quick start, building a 6-2 lead midway through the opening quarter.

The Chiefs led 9-7 after one quarter and went up 14-11 with three minutes left in the half after Schneider (13 points, seven rebounds) scored five points within a minute.

She hit a bank shot and

a tack-on foul shot, then followed with a layup.

Graves answered with five points of her own, helping the Rockets (5-2, 1-0) lead 20-18 at the half.

Late in the see-saw third, Mack fed Aresco (five points) for a layup to put Canton up 29-27.

That edge quickly disappeared as Graves drained a triple and the teams entered the fourth tied 30-30.

Canton went up 34-33 with less than five minutes remaining in the contest — thanks to a Mack jumper — and had a 37-35 lead with 2:20 left.

Graves hit a spinning jumper inside the paint to even things at 37-37 and Jordan broke the tie on a layup.

Schneider's subsequent bucket made it 39-39, but that was all the Chiefs could muster.

Charger icers skate by Mott, 5-3

Third-ranked Livonia Churchill enjoyed a two-to-one margin in shots on goal en route to a 5-3 boys hockey victory over Waterford Mott in a game played Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers, who improved to 6-1 overall, outshot the Corsairs 42-21.

"It felt like it wasn't a 5-3 game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "We made some costly mistakes defensively, but offensively we were pretty good."

Churchill jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Evan Gibboney (from Tommy Carey) and Riley Brown (from Kevin Louwers and Mike Gambino).

At 5:37 of the second period, Mott's Scott Cuthrell scored the first of his two goals from Austin Sereno to cut the deficit to 2-1.

But the Chargers responded with two straight tallies to take a 4-1 lead-

ing during the same period on goals by Carey (from Jake Otto) and Brown (from Mike Rybinski) at 7:25 and 9:34, respectively.

The Corsairs (6-4-1) cut the deficit, however, to 4-2, going into the third on Cuthrell's power play goal from Austin Maas at 11:29.

Churchill's Devin Smythe made it a three-goal cushion again at 7:09 of the third from Carey and Jake Otto.

The Corsairs' Chris Corona completed the scoring with 4:39 remaining.

Mott goaltender Jon Furton stopped 37 shots, while Churchill's Alex Estes came up with 18 saves.

NORTHVILLE 3, STEVENSON 2 (OT): Two short-handed goals carried the Mustangs (7-3-1, 2-2-1) to the KLAASouth Division victory Wednesday over Livonia Stevenson (8-3, 4-3) at the Novi Ice Arena.

A.J. Bradley, who finished the night with two goals and one assist, tallied the game-winner on a short-handed effort with 1:31 left in the 5-minute OT to give Northville the win. Stevenson led 1-0 after one pe-

riod on Mario Tomei's goal from Thomas Ross and Nate Sink.

Ben Grabill then scored for the Mustangs on a short-handed goal in the second period to make it 1-1.

Bradley's third-period goal gave Northville a 2-1 advantage, but Sink tied it for the Spartans with 7:55 left in regulation from Tomei and Ross.

"It came down to special teams and give Northville credit because they made us pay," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We've got a lot of work to do and need to clean things up." Stevenson goaltender Connor Humitz made 18 saves, while Northville's Jimmy McGlynn had 31 stops.

SALEM 6, FRANKLIN 2: Mark McGee's hat trick included two unassisted goals Friday night as the host Rocks (4-4, 3-2) upended Livonia Franklin (2-6-1, 0-6) in a KLAASouth Division Conference crossover at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Michael Manser, Austin Sartorius and Jack Driscoll also added goals for the Rocks, who led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after two.

Josh Leonard scored for the Patriots with 5:33 left in the second period from Ryan Pace and Josh Priebe. Tyler Hewitt added a goal in the final minute of the third period from Tyler Satkowiak and Danny Donahue.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

KLAASOUTH MEET
Jan. 4 at Wayne Memorial
WESTLAND GLENN 44
NOVI 27

103 pounds: Dan Denova (N) pinned Cyle Snea, 3:39; **112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) won by major decision over Andrew Park, 11-2; **119:** Keven Huynh (WJG) p. Tony Lery, 2:59; **125:** Quinn DuPraw (WJG) p. Evan Davis, 3:30; **130:** Alejandro Albuerno (N) dec. Jesse O'Neal, 10-5; **135:** Giddian Albuerno (N) won by major decision over Deandré Moore, 12-4; **140:** Kaven Schizar (N) won by technical fall over Justin Hard, 15-0; **145:** Keven Wacker (WJG) p. Ben Wright, 3:24; **152:** Anthony Long (WJG) p. Mike Gurney, 5:27; **160:** Travis Mann (WJG) p. Ben Landry, 2:50; **171:** Danny Croft (WJG) p. Faraman Kiren, 0:55; **189:** Jake Dobrass (N) dec. Chris McCowan, 7-3; **215:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) won by major decision over Justin Michael, 12-2; **285:** Jim Laller (N) p. Dylan Morantes, 3:37.

WESTLAND GLENN 51
SALEM 21

103: Joe Taylor (Salem) pinned Cyle Snea, 1:32; **112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) p. Alex Arble, 0:20; **119:** Keven Huynh (WJG) won by major decision over Cade Mc-

Cabe, 16-6; **125:** Cody Korpus (Salem) won by major decision over Quinn DuPraw, 11-2; **130:** Jesse O'Neal (WJG) p. Joshua Streeter, 0:17; **135:** Brett Quinn (WJG) p. Mitchell Marshal, 4:39; **140:** Riley Doxtater (Salem) p. Justin Hard, 3:26; **145:** Keven Wacker (WJG) won by major decision over Matthew Lang, 8-0; **152:** Anthony Long (WJG) won by major decision over Conner Thornbury, 14-0; **160:** Travis Mann (WJG) dec. Tyler Gross, 9-2; **171:** Danny Croft (WJG) p. Alex Brown, 1:22; **189:** Jacob McCabe (Salem) won by major decision over Chris McCowan, 13-0; **215:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) p. Tay Agostin, 3:04; **285:** Dylan Morantes (WJG) p. Ali Ajami, 0:41. **Glenn's dual meet record:** 8-1 overall.

Jan. 4 at Livonia Churchill
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 54
LIVONIA STEVENSON 19

103 pounds: Jack Nawa (LF) decided Marco Lytwyn, 7-6; **112:** Nick Robertson (LF) pinned Emmanuel Austin, 3:02; **119:** Danny Martinez (LF) won by void; **125:** Gabe Martinez (LF) p. Darren Tran, 1:07; **130:** Corey Davis (LS) p. Anthony Berreze, 1:14; **135:** Kody Roy (LS) p. Ken Steele, 0:55; **140:** Jordan Atienza (LF) p. Jacob

Tennis, 0:32; **145:** Tyler Solinkowski (LF) p. Connor Vaughan, 4:38; **152:** Nick Frazier (LF) dec. Samer Shebak, 9-1; **160:** Avery Opperman (LF) p. Joe Carroll, 1:48; **171:** Allen Steele (LF) p. Jacob Kelley, 1:25; **189:** Joe Scott (LS) dec. Matt Home, 8-2; **215:** Jacob Range (LS) won by major decision over Matt Home, 8-2; **285:** Omar Haymour (LF) won by void.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 60
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 24

103 pounds: Marco Lytwyn (LS) pinned Zach Smith, 0:48; **112:** Josh Perez (LC) p. Emmanuel Austin, 1:52; **119:** Noel Shepard (LC) won by void; **125:** Jon Locklear (LC) p. Darren Tran, 1:48; **130:** Corey Davis (LS) p. Jake Hale, 3:34; **135:** Justin Baker (LC) p. Jacob Tennis, 2:29; **140:** Kody Roy (LS) p. Ben Leck, 5:25; **145:** Connor Vaughan (LS) p. Cam Valentine, 3:00; **152:** Samer Shebak (LS) p. Dan King, 0:58; **160:** Jacob Kelley (LS) p. Matt Siemasz, 2:45; **171:** Joe Carroll (LS) p. Nathan Dietrich, 2:25; **189:** Brad Scott (LS) won by void; **215:** Joe Scott (LS) p. Joshua Meserall, 0:50; **285:** Jacob Range (LS) p. Manny Haddad, 5:12. **Dual meet records:** Franklin, 5-2 overall; Stevenson, 1-1 overall; Churchill, 2-5 overall.

HOOPS

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fortunate to get it done."

After a sluggish first half, Paul Baumgart, Canton's 6-foot-7 senior center, finished with 15 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks.

Mayberry, a junior guard, added 11, while Kyle Adams, who had the task of chasing the crafty Daniels around the court all night long, finished with seven.

"I just told the guys that I thought Kyle Adams did a helluva job on him (Daniels)," Reddy said. "But you look at it and he's got 25. We made it tough on him, but we fouled him too much. He shot 14 free throws. We've got to keep him off the foul line. But then again, we've got to do a better job of helping and getting in better position on the help-side."

A triple by Adams followed by a soaring layup by Baumgart gave Canton a 41-38 advantage with 2:49 remaining. But Glenn was able to go on a 10-4 run to end the game thanks to eight points from Daniels during the final 2:11.

Canton committed a total of 15 turnovers on the night, including five in the final quarter (to Glenn's one), with the most critical coming on a five-second violation with 1:58 to play.

"We got a couple of leads, but could never extend it," Reddy said. "That's a telling stat (five turnovers) in the fourth quarter. We had some bad physical mistakes, and made some mental mistakes. In a one-possession game, that's going to cost you. You've got to credit John Glenn. They made one more play than us."

Glenn also got to the free-throw line with more frequency (20-of-32), while Canton was just 5-of-11.

"That hurts us," Reddy said. "We haven't gotten enough to the line this year. Tonight, we got 11 and made only five. When it's a one-possession game and you're shooting less than 50 percent at the line, that's going to kill you."

Glenn led 19-18 at the half, but Canton pulled even after three quarters at 32-all

thanks to six points each from Mayberry and Baumgart.

"Baumgart's a great player, he really is," Young said. "He's going to Lewis (Ill.), a Division II (school). He's very difficult to guard. He's very long. He's got a great touch out to the 'three.' Even if you guard him well, he goes right over top you and scores. We take pride in being long and using our length ... he's the real deal, a very, very good player."

Baumgart was only 2-of-9 in the first half, but was 5-of-10 from the floor in the second half.

"He's a really good player, really skilled," Reddy said. "He got going in the second half — missed a lot of shots in the first half — but he's got to do a better job of playing inside-out. The outside jumper will be easier to make if he goes inside early. And we're trying to get him to do that. But he had 15 (points), 15 rebounds and five blocks, so he had a heckuva game tonight."

Glenn shot only 12-of-38 from the floor (31.5 percent), while Canton ironically made 19-of-42 (45.2 percent).

But Daniels proved to be a major thorn in Canton's side.

"He's a great player, great kid," Young said of his junior standout. "He's got very unique talents. He can score and get to the basket. He's got great feel for the game. He's hard to guard."

Senior point guard senior guard Marquise Graves, who sparked the defense, chipped in with eight points, while Desmond Cervera and Eric Covile (despite foul trouble) each added six.

Glenn was 9-of-16 from the foul line in the final quarter, but at one point missed five in a row.

"We need to knock down free throws," Young said. "We need to get key stops and rebound a little better, especially at the guard spot. But it's January 6. The good news is that we've got time. It will be nice to get back into school next week and start getting into a routine and start to build on it. It's great win for us and our program."

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Shaping up: Get fit with yoga, aerobics

Time to get moving is now

Two fitness trainers will run exercise classes — including one free series — at local churches this month.

Joe Mason, a certified personal and group fitness trainer, will offer a four-session mixed exercise class, Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 31, and Feb. 7 and 14, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton. The class, which will run from

10-11 a.m. will include 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise and 30 minutes of yoga, and is perfect for beginning and intermediate skill levels. It's free — with just one string attached: Participants pay a \$15 "penalty" for each class they miss. The money will be donated to the church.

The class will focus on back muscles, spinal column health, balance, flex-

ibility and strength.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise mat, light hand weights, and bottled water to class. A beach towel for additional padding is optional.

Mason's other classes are "Sunsoaked Yogafit" from 10-10:55 a.m. and "Mid-day Aerobics Workout" from 11 a.m.-noon, both on Mondays and



Wednesdays, Jan. 23-March 21. Each class costs \$56, with a portion of the proceeds going to

the church.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and expect to practice yoga barefoot and on a relatively empty stomach. They should bring a yoga mat and bottled water to class; beach towel is optional. Appropriate for all levels.

Preregister for classes at the parish office. For more information call St. John Neumann Parish at (734) 455-5910.

Drop in for \$6 per session at Jeanie Weaver's classes, held Monday and Thursday through Feb.

27 at the Metropolitan Adventist Junior Academy gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, one block north of Five Mile, in Plymouth.

A boot camp-style core strength and functional fitness class starts at 5:30 p.m. It consists of a medium- to high-intensity workout.

The 8:45 a.m. class focuses on strength, balance and core exercise of beginning to medium intensity.

For more information call Weaver at (248) 446-9176 or e-mail to jeanie-weaver@charter.net.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

January

FUNDRAISER

Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, in Ferndale, will donate 10 percent of all sales on Jan. 11 to Susan B. Komen for the Cure and a Komen 3-day team led by Mike Hull, a Royal Oak resident whose mother, Jean Vuichard died in October 2011 after battling breast cancer. She would have been 47 on Jan. 11. A program, including a raffle and sale of breast cancer items, will run from 5-9 p.m., but supporters can stop in any time. Children also are welcome. For more information see www.the3day.org/goto/inhonorofjean or e-mail to WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com

HEALTH FORUM

Find help with diet, nutrition and exercise and learn what you can do to help reduce your chance of breast cancer and diabetes at a health forum, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. When to eat, what foods to eat, and how often to eat will be discussed. The free program is presented by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals and Dr. Carol Ann Fischer. Call (734) 756-6904 for reservations.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

• Get Up and Move, an invigorating exercise program, aims to help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or get you started for the first time. It meets at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and Thursday, Jan. 12, 19, and 26. Fee is \$30 per month; for more information call (734) 458-3242.

• Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind through yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. Wednesday-Thursday classes are held at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Tuesday classes meet at the

hospital in Garden City.

• Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at the hospital. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

• Diabetes Self-Management series meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, 24 and 31. Learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Call (734) 458-4330 to register. Garden City Hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

ST. MARY MERCY

• Debra Madonna, a certified massage therapist, will present "Benefits of Massage for Mommy and Baby," from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, in classrooms 1 and 2. The presentation is free. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

• Judy Swancutt, a registered dietician, will explain what can be done to encourage healthy weight management, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the hospital auditorium. She'll give her presentation, "Why Diets Don't Work," to the Diabetes Support Group. The group is open to anyone with diabetes and their support family. The program is free. No registration is needed.

• Sandra Seykell, a registered dietician, will talk about "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes" 10-11:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13 in classroom 10 at the hospital. The free program for patients with pre-diabetes, metabolic syndrome, a history of gestational diabetes, or a family history of Type 2 diabetes, will offer an overview of diabetes, self-risk assessment, lifestyle changes and diabetes risk reduction. Call (734) 655-8955 for more information or to register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan in Livonia.

WEIGHT LOSS

Learn why you've had trouble keeping your New Year's resolution to lose weight and keep it off, at a presentation by Dr.

Stephanie Rose, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, Suite 104, in the Echo Court building, Farmington Hills. Seating is limited for this free program. Call (248) 888-8183 for reservations.

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. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, 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 are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to

update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS

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 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish 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 also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

FITNESS CLASSES

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

FOOD ADDICTS

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having

trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (248) 320-6842; www.foodaddicts.org

HEALTH EDUCATION, SUPPORT & EXERCISE

Classes for cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac wellness, diabetes exercise and yoga are offered by the Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center. For information call (734) 458-3242. CPR (Adult & Infant), childbirth and child care education, support groups for cardiac patients, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; hearing loss; and Alzheimer's caregivers, are part of an array of offerings of Garden City Hospital's Community Education. For more information call (734) 458-4330. Free blood pressure and \$5 cholesterol testing are available 10 a.m.-noon on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens 10 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 458-4330 for dates. Most insurances cover new CPAP and BIPAP supplies every year. Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free mask fitting clinic for users, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Try a new style of mask and learn how to get one. No appointment needed. For information call (734) 458-3330.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Western Wayne Chapter; provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact afcrack@comcast.net or (734) 664-3297.

INCEST SURVIVORS

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

METRO FIBROMYALGIA & CFS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519; www.Metro-FibroGroup.com.

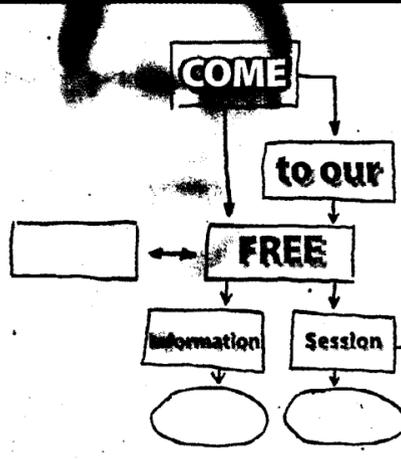
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

RECOVERY, INC.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

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Quell public speaking jitters: Join a Toastmasters club, speak freely

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The day will come when you find yourself at a lectern with an audience on the other side. Will you be ready?

Or does the mere thought of speaking publicly bring on butterflies and weak knees?

Members of local Toastmasters International clubs say the organization can help you become more comfortable in front of listeners, sharpen your speaking skills, boost leadership abilities and make you a more effective communicator.

"There have been a lot of people come through the club who are very nervous in the beginning and very confident after four or five speeches," said Kim Purohit, a Livonia resident and member of Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters, a club that meets twice a month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Marilyn Albee, a Plymouth resident with ties to three Toastmaster clubs, has watched new members gain confidence with each speech they deliver. She and her husband, Al, are members of Laff Out Loud Toastmaster Club that meets monthly at Denny's in Plymouth, as well as an advanced club in Warren and a group in Dearborn.

"My husband tells the story of the first time he ever got up to speak. He practically left fingerprints in the lectern, holding onto it to keep from collapsing. I've known people who couldn't make it though the ice breaker," Albee said, referring to the introductory speech that new members make. "I remember one girl leaving the room and throwing up, she was so nervous. We get them back and they become good speakers. It takes time and practice."

Unlike a speech class that has limited sessions, Toastmaster clubs meet weekly, twice monthly, or monthly for years.

"We have one member who has been a member for 28 years," Purohit said.

Dues average \$40 every six months. New members receive manuals — one for leadership skills and one for public speaking — that guide them through a series of projects. Each speech project teaches a different set of skills, from organizing a speech to improving body language. Members also learn to deliver impromptu speaking through a component of each meeting called "table topics."

Next level

After mastering the basics, members can move on to advanced projects. Advanced manuals are devoted to different kinds of speeches, such as storytelling, sales, entertainment, informational and technical.

"There are all sorts of different speeches for different situations in life," Albee said. "Most are five to seven minutes, but some of the advanced speeches can be as long as 45 minutes if you're doing seminars and those kinds of things."

Other members serve as evaluators to help beginners improve their speeches. A grammarian keeps track of proper word usage and someone counts all of the "uh" and "ah" sounds that fill pauses.

Both women stressed that critiques are instructive without being intimidating. Albee, who serves as education vice president for Laff Out Loud, a specialty club that stresses humor, said new members are paired with mentors.



If nerves undermine your ability to speak before a group, join a local Toastmasters Club and improve your poise, speech-making and leadership ability.

TOASTMASTERS

Here's a sampling of local clubs:

- Canton Communicators Club, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Canton Coney Island Restaurant, 8533 N. Lilley, Canton; canton.freetoasthost.com
- Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters Club, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, in Livonia; dearborndynamic.freetoasthost.org
- Friends of Farmington Club, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Sunday, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall South, 23815 Power Road, Farmington. Next meetings are Jan. 8 and 22; (248)473-5451
- Great Lakes Real Orators Club, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, 24125 Drake, Farmington; (248) 478-1700, glro.freetoasthost.com
- Laff Out Loud Club, 6:30 p.m. second Thursday, at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; laffoutloud.freetoasthost.biz
- Michigan Works Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m. first Friday, in the Woodland Square Mall, 30246 Plymouth Road, Livonia; michiganworks.toastmastersclubs.org
- Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club, 7 p.m., second and fourth Monday, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 15941 N. Haggerty, Plymouth; mcspeakeasy.freetoasthost.ws
- Saturday Sunrisers Club, 8:45 a.m. every other Saturday, at Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, in Livonia. This month's meetings are Jan. 14 and 21; satsunrisers.freetoasthost.org
- Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club, 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Bailey Recreation Center, behind Westland City Hall, 36651 Ford Road, Westland; easytalkers.freetoasthost.org
- West Side Professionals, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, Eastern Michigan University, Livonia offices, 38777 W. Six Mile, suite 412, Livonia; President@WestSideProfessionals.org, www.westsideprofessionals.org
- Wind Baggers Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, except for first Thursday of the month, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Farmington Hills; www.windbaggers.org

"It's work at your own pace," she noted.

Joining

Purohit was impressed by the supportive atmosphere when she first joined Toastmasters.

"There was no pressure," she said. Purohit, who became a Toastmasters member in 2003, is working on her advanced speaking ability. She has mastered "bronze" level work and is pursuing her "silver" level designation.

Albee became a member in 1991, a year after her husband, who worked as an insurance adjuster before retirement,

joined at the request of his boss.

"A lot of people come because they need it for their jobs," Purohit said. "People in sales or in technical jobs are doing presentations and it gives them an opportunity to practice that."

"Sometimes people come because they are curious or they are nervous about interviewing for a job. They are out of work and they want to feel more comfortable when they interview."

When it started in 1924 at a YMCA in Santa Ana, Calif., the organization was designed to train young patrons in public speaking and in leading meetings.

The group evolved into an international nonprofit educational organization, headquartered in California, with members in 116 countries. Although each chapter uses the same basic meeting format and manuals, club meeting times, places and membership varies.

"Each one has a little different culture," Albee noted. "We really try to make everything fun. That's not to say we don't take improvement on speaking seriously, because we do, but the atmosphere is filled with humor."

For more information about Toastmasters International, visit www.toastmasters.org.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Gardening seminars

The Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne County will

present four seminars for the gardening public, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28, in the Wayne County Extension Office auditorium, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, Wayne. Cost is \$10 per session or \$30

for all if registered in advance. Master gardeners will teach each session:

- All About Herbs kicks off the series on Feb. 7. Learn how to choose plant and harvest herbs for culinary and other

uses culinary and other uses. Taught by Pat Mann herb specialist from the Greenfield Village Herb Associates.

- Composting/Hoop Houses, on Feb. 14, will teach the basics of backyard composting. Bruce

Forrest, Advanced Master Gardener and community garden expert, will explain what should and shouldn't be composted and will describe different types of compost containers. He'll also talk about building a hoop

house to extend the growing season.

- Urban Chicken Farming, on Feb. 21, will be taught by an urban chicken farmer. Local ordinances will be discussed as well as coop design and construction.

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Consumers want old-fashioned quality

I have written many times about the lack of quality products built today and the shortened life span in major home appliances. It's a subject that millions of homeowners across this country are getting a crash course and one that I will speak about when I do a seminar on Thursday evening, Jan. 12 at the Novi Public Library. The following e-mails I received lately show a trend in the choices consumers make after they find out what is going on in the world of major home appliances.

Ted writes: "After having purchased not one, but two Maytag wash-



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

ers in the past eight years (the first of which broke after only 3 1/2 years of use, and the second of which — a Centennial model — had no water level control, did not get the clothes clean or rinsed out properly, and twisted them into tight wrinkly knots), I decided I am fed up with the quality of "today's" washers and I

went on Craigslist to find an older one.

"I remembered hearing you on the radio once, saying that they just don't build washers like they used to. Well, I found an older (mid '80s) GE washer and bought it for \$40. We've had it for about eight months now and we are so pleased with it. It has a continuously flowing lint filter and it gets the clothes clean without twisting them into knots or ripping them like the Maytag did. Although it is a little bit smaller and twice as heavy we don't miss the Maytag at all. We do about seven-nine loads a week, as we have a large family with four kids.

"Okay, so now the question: Since I didn't get an owner's manual with this machine, I was wondering what to do to it to make it sure it keeps run-

ning. Does it need periodic maintenance? It's already 25 years old and my wife is so impressed with it that I want to keep it as long as possible. I bet they don't make parts for it anymore, but it runs smoothly and isn't showing signs of needing repair. I want to keep it that way. Do these machines have a reputation of lasting a long time? And if I do need it worked on, do you know who I could call who would be familiar with this machine? I'll not be buying a modern one again."

Evelina writes: "I have an old built-in Maytag dishwasher (model WU482) that I purchased new in 1987. It's been great. However, it needs a pump/motor assembly (it runs really loud).

"I am in the DTE Appliance Repair Plan and

they sent a technician out who said he would have to order the part, but expressed concern that DTE would cover the repair costs due to the age of the dishwasher. He also stated the part might not even be available due to its age. I would much rather repair the Maytag than replace it if I can get the part. Do you know of a source for this part if the technician can't find it? I'm willing to pay to have this repaired if DTE won't."

"This dishwasher looks new on the outside and nearly new inside. The repairman was impressed with its condition when he looked at it too. It still washes, dries, and cleans really well, even though it is really loud. I know a replacement won't be the same quality. Do you think this is the right decision if

the part can be obtained? I look forward to your column in the *Livonia Observer* and have taken your advice. I use Tang in my dishwasher and make sure my dryer lint trap is washed and the vent line is clean. You are such a great advocate for the consumer and are glad you continue to fight the good fight."

These are just two examples of many e-mails I receive from homeowners who are not happy potential customers of new appliances. The prices go up and the quality goes down and who knows what the future holds for this appliance industry. Stay tuned.

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

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NECK PAIN

When you have a pain in your neck, it is logical to think that the discomfort comes from the upper bones of the spine, called the cervical vertebrae. However, that is not the case.

If the cervical vertebrae are fractured or misaligned, the usual effect is on the cervical nerve or the upper spinal cord resulting in numbness or weakness of the arms.

Neck pain comes from strain on the muscles that originate in the cervical spines or the scapula and which attach to the back of the skull. Because of the attachment the stiff or aching neck will be felt as a headache.

Injury or arthritis rarely cause neck ache. In contrast, tension often plays a role. Some event, episode, or state of mind causes the body to hunch the neck forward, and change the normal lordotic curve into a kyphotic curve. The result is strain on the neck muscles which you feel as an ache or intense pain.

Lying in bed doesn't always help because a high pillow will perpetuate the kyphotic curve thus continuing the strain. Heat helps as it causes the neck muscles to relax. The best therapy is counter traction in which the head and neck are placed in a sling and a weight between 25-30 lbs. applies an opposing pull to the neck muscles. In instances in which the neck pain re-occurs, home manual traction represents the best way to stop the attack early and effectively.

Gleaners collects donations at Kroger

Kroger customers can help the Gleaners Community Food Bank ease hunger in southeastern Michigan by contributing food at Kroger stores each Saturday in January. The food collection effort is part of Kroger's annual "Bringing Hope to the Table" campaign.

Gleaners volunteers will position empty carts inside the vestibule of each Kroger store to gather donations. Volunteers also will hand out lists of suggested foods and personal items.

The collections run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stores in

Wayne County kicked off the drive Jan. 7 and will collect again on Jan. 28. Other dates are Jan. 14 in Macomb County, Jan. 21 in Oakland County, and Jan. 28 in Livingston and Monroe counties.

"Many people give to the less fortunate during the holidays, but donations taper off in January and February when the demand for food typically rises," stated Rick Going, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "Kroger customers have generously supported hunger relief efforts in the past and we hope they will contribute food and

personal items to Gleaners in January because every product helps someone in need."

Suggested donations include canned meats such as beef stew and tuna, hearty soups, canned spaghetti or pasta, noodles, macaroni and rice, baby food or formula, cereal, oatmeal and granola bars, peanut butter and jelly in plastic jars, pancake and baking mixes, powdered milk, and Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks.

Gleaners asks that customers avoid donating items in glass containers because they often break in

transit.

Personal items needed include toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, diapers, soap, shampoo and disposable razors.

"Gleaners helps relieve hunger daily by providing more than 85,000 meals to people in southeastern Michigan communities," stated Gerry Brinson, senior vice president of advancement for Gleaners. "We are able to serve so many because of the enthusiastic efforts of thousands of donors and volunteers who want to make a difference for others."

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Milestones



Harold L. and Roberta E. (Pettit) Gooding of Farmington Hills

60th wedding anniversary

Harold L. and Roberta E. (Pettit) Gooding of Farmington Hills marked their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 29, 2011. The couple married in 1951 in Gaines. Their children are Suzanne (Don) Prucha of Oxford, Pamela (David) Cavanaugh of Farmington Hills, Cathy (Tom) Muirhead of Milford, Doris (Ron) Beyke of Clover, S. C., Mary (Chris) McKenna of Fowlerville, and Patricia (Don) DuFore of Fowlerville. They also have 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary with a family gathering.

Lundy-Byberg

Mrs. Denise Lundy of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan Kay, to Andrew Warren Byberg, son of John and Helen Byberg of Brighton. Susan also is the daughter of the late John Lundy. The bride-to-be is a 2002 Salem High School graduate with a bachelor of science degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University. She currently works for State of Georgia under the Division of Aging Services. Her fiancé is a 2003 Stevenson High School graduate with a bachelor of



science degree in computer and electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. He currently works for NASCO, Inc. A September wedding planned in Plymouth.

Haas-Douglass

Christine Haas and Kenneth Douglass were married Nov. 5, 2011 at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit. Church. The bride, daughter of Thomas and Cathy Haas of Livonia, attended Franklin High School and earned BA and MA degrees in communication and works in human resources at Bright House Networks. The groom, son of Jeff and Linda Douglass of Westland, also attended Franklin High School and works at Owens and Minor in medical distribution and supplies. He is pursuing a business degree. The bride's attendants were Kimberly Haas, her sister; Leslie Mason, her sister-in-law; and friends Dawn Stowe, Meagan Polesky and Jamie Proctor.



The groom's attendants were Jeff Douglass, Jr., his brother; Jessie Mason, his brother-in-law; and friends Aaron Whitworth, Jon Dymtro and TJ Young. A reception was held at Model T-Plex Museum, in Detroit. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica and have made their home in Livonia.



Turner-Tison

Bethany Turner and Jeffrey Tison announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Anne Turner of Grosse Ile, formerly of Livonia, is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bowling Green State University and currently teaches first grade in Fort Pierce, Fla. Her fiancé is the son of Martha Solorzano and James Kadingo of Tempe, Ariz. A March wedding is planned in Key West, Fla.



Bender-Huemme

Courtney Marie Bender of Novi and Gabriel Stephan Huemme of Redford Township announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Colleen Bender of Detroit, graduated from Ladywood High School in Livonia and earned a bachelor's degree in communication and Spanish in 2007 from Aquinas College and a master's degree in administration in 2010 from Central Michigan University. She is employed as a social worker for the State of Michigan Department of Human Services in Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Nancy Huemme of Redford Township, is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and earned an associate's degree in 2006 from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He is studying business and technology at Davenport University and is a residential staff member at Broe Rehab in Farmington Hills. An October 2013 wedding is planned in Redford.



Jeter-Cotschall

Elizabeth Catherine Jeter and Bryan Justin Gotschall announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Tim and Tina Jeter of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2009 graduate of Western Michigan University. She works as an early childhood specialist for The Learning Experience in South Lyon. Her fiancé, son of Brian and Susan Gotschall of Correctionville, Iowa, joined the military after high school graduation. He served two tours in the Middle East and currently works as a U.S. Army recruiter in Westland. A May wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

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BOBROWSKI, WALTER

Age 87 of Livonia. Cherished husband of Marie. Loving father of Robert (Gloria), David (the late Joyce), Michael (Patricia (Peter) Goodreau of IL., and Walt (Peggy) of CT. Proud grandpa of 7 and great-grandpa of 7. Dearest uncle to many. Also survived by many loving family and friends. Honored WWII Veteran and member of VFW Post 6896. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Monday 3-9pm with 7pm Rosary and military honors. Funeral Service Tuesday at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd. (Livonia) In-State 10am, Mass 10:30am. Memorial Contributions may be made to The Capuchins and/or Assoc. of the Miraculous Metal. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



HOWELL JR., CHARLES E.

Age 66, of Holly, died Wed., Jan. 4, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Sat., Jan. 7, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Jim Combs officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 and 7-9 PM. Mr. Howell was born on Feb. 14, 1945 the son of Charles and Alice (Lamoraux) Howell. He was the owner and operator of Howell Landscaping for 43 years. He was a Past-President of the Holly JC's and was a member of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, and the MDLA. He loved fishing, golfing, camping, boating, teaching Junior Rifle class, and being outdoors. Surviving are his wife Diane; 2 daughters, Debbie (Jeff) Swanson of Ortonville and Colleen Bailey of Holly; 4 grandchildren, Ian and Danielle Swanson and Jessica and Amber Bailey; brothers and sisters, John Howell of FL, Florence Thompson of Romeo, Suzie Johnson of Attica, James Howell of Almont, Russell Howell of Romeo, Emily Izzo of Southfield, Patty Cole of Sandusky, and Christopher Howell of Hazel Park; brothers and sisters-in-law, William Coleman of Waterford, Margie Caunt of Milford, Tammy Hendrickson of Pontiac, Allen Coleman of Highland, and Raymond Coleman of Holly. Memorial donations may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center or Oakland County Sportsman's Club. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com



McMURTREY, WILLIAM R.

Age 87, beloved husband of Gloria for 65 years, and father of Kathryn and Marcia McMurtrey, departed this "mortal coil" (as he no doubt would phrase it) on Christmas Eve, 2011. He was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Tom, and Harold, and by his daughter, Deborah. A Hoosier and proud of it, he was born to Samuel T. and Iva L. in Clinton Township, Ind. In his youth he worked as a paperboy, on the railroad, and as a movie theater manager. In 1943, Bill served in the field artillery of the US Army. He entered the Livonia Public School system in 1949, first, as a teacher at Bentley High School and then as a principal of Riley Junior High. He became a well-respected and admired educator and school administrator. To know William was to love him. His tender heart, keen intellect, and dry sense of humor, are and will always be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be scheduled and held in the Spring.



BRAGALONE, ROBERT

Age 31 of Canton, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Robert was born on May 2, 1980 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the loving father of Brooklyn Rose; beloved son of Jodie and David; dear brother of Kimberly and David; and cherished grandson of Samuel and Ethel Bragalone. He is also survived by Brooklyn's mother Megan Coon; great aunt Colleen Reardon; his aunt Stephanie Thomas; and many other loving family members and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his grandmother Rosalind Thomas; and his aunt Renee Thomas. Memorial service will be held at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012.

HOYER, LEONARD A.

January 5, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Jeannie. Dear father of David (Shannon) and Steven (Jennifer) Hoyer. Grandfather of Joseph, Molly, Ryan, Haley, Kayla, Deanna and Anthony. Brother of Douglas (Sharon) Hoyer. Visitation Sunday, 12noon until 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be held on Monday 1pm. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

FAUGHT, DOROTHY RITA

Passed away at home on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at the age of 87. www.ertelfuneralhome.com



JOHNS, KEVIN S.

Age 49, Jan 4, 2012. Beloved husband of Jennifer. Loving father of Emily and Hannah. Son of Elizabeth Rowe and the late Harding Johns. Brother of Diane (Paul) Zilla, Dennis (Deb), Marcia (Larry) Sweet, Marlene (Dewey) Gregory and Keith (Becky). Son-in-law of David and Cheryl Teter. Visitation Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Kevin Johns Trust Fund at Chase Bank. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



FLAMINI, KEITH

Age 58, December 30, 2011 of Garden City. Loving father of Alicia (Bradley) Jonckheere, Jennifer (John) Jacobs, and Keith (Susan) Flamini Jr. Loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Beloved son of Mamie "May" and the late George Flamini. Dear brother of Dorothy (Craig) Teddy, George (Terri), Tim, and the late Donald Flamini. Funeral Service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GRAY, PAUL D.

December 29, 2011, age 68 of Livonia. Loving husband of Betty. Cherished father of Elizabeth (Haisen) Quan. Proud grandpa of Elijah Quan. Dear brother of Wylan (Marvin) Ganote, and Roz (J.M.) Finley. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. The family will gather with friends Saturday January 14, 2012 from 11AM until the 12 Noon Memorial Service at Fairlane Alliance Church, 905 Mason, Dearborn MI 48124. Memorial contributions may be made to SEND International. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

KISCADEN, PAUL

Age 57 of Livonia. Beloved Son of Mahlon and Leone. Loving Brother of Barbara (Joseph) Mendelson. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held Friday 3-8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Funeral Service Saturday Gathering 10am Service 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville (W. of Haggerty). Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



QUINN, YOLANDA

Born January 6, 1912 Died March 20, 1995. Remembered with love on the 100th anniversary of birth, by her family.

SCHULTZ, JANET A.

Of Plymouth, December 20, 2011. Age 60. Loving mother of Matthew and Phillip. Dear sister of James (Cynthia) Allison. Memorial Service Saturday, January 14th at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth at 11:00 am. A Memorial Gathering at the church will begin at 10:00 am. Arrangements by Czapke Funeral Directors (734) 285-9000.

SUND, A. RUSSELL

Dec. 24, 2011, age 87, of Howell, formerly of Livonia. Loving father of Gail (Tom) Garrity, Gary (Jennifer) Sund & the late Sandy Sund. Grandfather of ten. Dear friend of Lynne Bunce.

WIETING III, HARRY NYE

Age 86, passed away January 1, 2012. Born in New Haven, Connecticut October 26, 1925. Harry attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. Harry attended the University of Michigan earning a degree in business. He was also a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Harry worked for United Technologies Corporation and retired as a Vice President of the automotive division. In retirement he resided in Leland, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Mr. Wieting is predeceased by his mother, Marion Cluff Wieting, his father, Harry Nye Wieting Jr. and three sisters, Georgia Klingbeil, Ruth McKisson and Marion Jamieson. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Wyckoff Wieting, daughter, Gretchen Kay Wieting Sherwood, son, Cary Nye Wieting and daughter-in-law, Patricia Watson Wieting. There are five grandchildren: Roderick MacKenzie Sherwood IV, Hunter C. Wieting Sherwood, Harry Wieting Sherwood, Julia Kay Wieting and Harrison Nye Wieting. A family memorial is planned this summer in Michigan.

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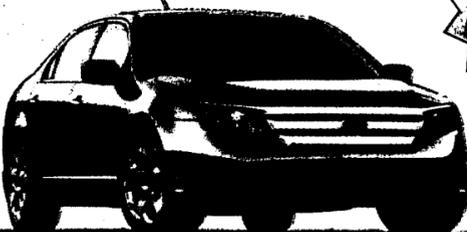
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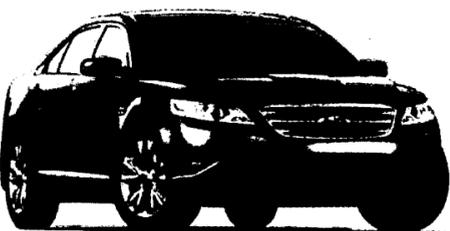
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Tips For Looking Good On Paper And In Person

When Lynn Hazan, president of recruitment firm Lynn Hazan & Associates, found a candidate who had excellent experience on paper, she wanted to learn more about him. As it turned out, he was difficult to work with in person: He missed a scheduled talk with her, sounded annoyed with the staff on the phone and was unresponsive with follow-up materials. Ultimately he was not a good fit for the client.

This situation isn't uncommon. With all of the advice available about résumé and cover letter do's and don'ts, almost anyone can look like the perfect candidate. But just because a job candidate looks good on paper doesn't mean he will be a good fit for the company.

"While education, past work experience, qualifications and skill set will always be a major influence in hiring, there are many other factors that are used to determine if the candidate

will be a good fit for the organization," says Samantha Lambert of Blue Fountain Media, a media design company in New York.

"I can immediately tell if a candidate spent time researching us and personalizing his job application as well as if he pumped out his résumé to any job that looked somewhat appealing. You can tell a lot from email correspondence with a candidate, but nothing is as substantial as meeting him in person to gauge his compatibility with the company culture."

Eszter Szikora, marketing communications manager at an information technology recruiting firm in Sunnyvale, Calif., remembers when his company was seeking to hire a senior recruiter.

"The candidate had excellent references and a pitch-perfect résumé with plenty of experience -- all the qualifications we required. On paper, she

was the dream candidate to fill this job. However, when our team started to interview her in person, we quickly realized that she did not fit into our energetic, fun, multicultural environment," Szikora says.

"We ended up hiring someone who was not the picture-perfect candidate on paper. She did not have that much industry experience but she had the drive and the personality to succeed. Sometimes it is better to hire someone who really wants the job and has the right attitude than someone who has all the skills you need but simply does not fit the environment."

Ideally, the perfect candidate looks good on paper and in person. To achieve that goal, here are some tips from Lambert and Lynn Sarikas, executive director of the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston.

On paper:

1. Make sure your name and contact information are up top and clear so the hiring manager can contact you, Lambert says.

2. Always include a customized cover letter. "Don't expect the hiring manager to review your résumé and think about how your experience relates to what they need," Sarikas says. "Demonstrate the value you add by preparing a customized cover letter that clearly identifies how you can address their business needs. It is about them, not you. Use key words from the job description. Make them want to talk to you."

3. Don't be afraid to write something catchy in the subject line that will make you stand out among the competition and intrigue your reader, Lambert says.

4. Take the paper to the next level. "Use your networking skills to build a network within your target companies. Then, when a position becomes available, ask your contact to share your résumé and cover letter with the hiring manager. Increase your chances of being seen by leveraging your network," Sarikas says.

5. Remember: "The goal of your résumé and cover letter is not to get you

the job, but to get you an interview. Make the hiring manager want to talk to you," Sarikas says.

In person:

6. Lambert suggests that you arrive early to explore the office, use the bathroom and get a glimpse of what the average day at the company looks like.

7. "Bring a notepad so you have the questions you want to ask as well as an opportunity to take notes," Sarikas says. "Bring extra copies of your résumé just in case it is needed. Be prepared with a list of references just in case you are asked."

8. "Do your research on the company and especially on the person that will be interviewing you," Lambert says.

9. "Dress professionally and conservatively; your best suit, polished shoes, impeccable grooming, etc. Make the best possible first impression," Sarikas says.

10. "Prepare at least five talking points as to why you would be the best fit for the position," Lambert says.

11. "Be yourself. Let them see the person behind the résumé. Your personal brand should be consistent across your cover letter, résumé and interview. Answer questions honestly and thoughtfully. Give them strong examples. Show how you can add value to the company and help solve their business problems," Sarikas says.

12. "Do not ask about compensation and incentives unless an offer has been extended," Lambert says.

13. Focus on what you can do for the company, not what they can do for you, Sarikas says.

14. Always thank the interviewer for his time and demonstrate your sincere interest. Be sure to follow up within 24 hours with a handwritten thank-you note. Customize the note by referring to something you learned or discussed and again confirm your interest, Sarikas recommends.

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