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Canton seeks better response time

CompStat program helps police, firefighters

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton police and fire officials have embraced a data-driven weapon they say has empowered their departments to better fight crime and save lives while striving to improve response time.

Every Tuesday afternoon, the top brass huddle inside a Canton Public Safety Department room to pore over computer-generated maps, statistics and charts that reveal "hot spots" where robberies, auto thefts, fires, home invasions, drug busts, suspected gang activity and other situations

are occurring.

It's a program dubbed CompStat, short for computer statistics, and officials say it has the potential to improve police and fire service for Canton's 90,000-plus residents and thousands of others who visit or work here.

"It's an accountability tool," said Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler, who has made CompStat a defining component of his administration since he started his job last January.

Canton already has response times that are impressive by national benchmarks.

'Seconds count'

Through Oct. 31, the fire department has averaged 5.52 minutes getting to situations such as house fires and life-threatening medical problems, compared to an average 6.99 minutes arriving at non-emergency calls, Fire Chief Joshua Meier said.

"In the fire business," he said, "seconds count."

Police officers have similar statistics for this year, arriving at crime scenes within 5½ minutes on average after receiving word from a dispatcher, Lt. Scott Hilden said. That's 30 seconds better than last year's



Canton officers are arriving at crime scenes within 5½ minutes on average after receiving word from a dispatcher, according to Lt. Scott Hilden. BILL BRESELER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Central Middle School students (from left) Matthew Slattery, Jocelyn Makela and Chantel Pawenski, teacher Sarah Modica and student Catia Neshov enter the first classroom of the day with the coffee cart.

COFFEE BREAK

Central program teaches students life skills

By Brad Kradich
Staff Writer

Millions of people start every day with the simple gesture of buying that first cup of coffee and most of them do it as a matter of rote, without even thinking about it.

At Central Middle School, though, teachers, students and staff put a lot of thought into it.

In fact, for students in the school's autism program and for the students who act as their mentors, the act of buying and selling coffee, tea or hot chocolate is turned into a life lesson every morning.

Using a program Principal Anthony Ruella says he swiped from a friend who teaches high school in New Jersey, students each morning travel the halls with a coffee cart featuring a Keurig machine and several choices of drink. The cart is staffed by a four-person team (two students, two mentors) who makes the coffee, accepts payment and makes change.

"It's one of the main activities for our peer-to-peer program, an opportunity for our students who don't participate in our center-based students with autism program," Ruella said. "They serve as peer mentors to students with autism in our center-based program. It's a way for those students to interact with students in the autism program around a life skill, content-based activity."

There are seven groups, made up of 13 mentors and some 15 students from the



Central Middle School students (from left) Catia Neshov, Jocelyn Makela and Chantel Pawenski make sure the coffee gets done properly.

school's autism program. The program has lessons both for the autistic students and the mentors.

"(Autistic students) are getting support and interaction from someone other than an adult," teacher Sarah Modica said. "The peer is like a role model. We have a variety

of mentors doing it for a variety of reasons and we're teaching them mentoring skills. They feel good about themselves."

Here's how it works: Teachers are given color-coded signs — "Some of our autism

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Canton gets upbeat news on medical costs

Township's general fund gets healthier

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's financial health already has improved by an estimated \$325,000, just two weeks after elected officials received a gloomy report on declining fund balances.

Medical expenses for Canton's active workforce are now projected to remain flat as 2014 approaches, saving the township's general fund an estimated \$250,000 from earlier figures, Finance Director Wendy Trumbull said.

Moreover, Canton is expected to receive \$75,000 for a therapeutic program that serves the disabled at Summit on the Park — money Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price said he fought to protect in county coffers.

With the latest infusion of money, Canton's general fund balance for 2014 is now projected closer to \$4.2 million, rather than earlier estimates of just over \$3.8 million.

"The dollar amounts change daily," Trumbull said Tuesday night, as the Canton Township Board of Trustees adopted a budget print

for next year.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said the budget reflects a road map that guides local officials.

Canton has started a multi-year budgeting process to have a better handle on projected revenues and expenses.

The latest spending projections include a \$26.1 million budget for the general fund, \$11.4 million for fire services, \$16.8 million for police and \$36.6 million for water-sewer expenses — the higher-ticket items.

The board approved those spending blueprints along with smaller budgets for funds related to cable TV, golf courses, Canton's vehicle fleet and retiree benefits, among other areas.

Canton officials still face financial challenges due to rising retiree health care costs and lower-than-expected property tax revenues, but LaJoy said the benefit of long-range budget planning is to address issues before they become crises.

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RESPONSE

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response time. "I think our response time is outstanding," Hidden said. "I would say our response time is probably better than most (police agencies)." CompStat began in the mid-1990s, when then-New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton launched a crime-reducing offensive. CompStat spread beyond The Big Apple and has received widespread support and its share of criticism. It involves having command staff and others report their successes – and failures – during CompStat meetings. One analysis in *The Police Chief*, a publication of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, said there is no doubt the program has made communities safer, though it said some field commanders have allegedly manipulated data because they felt unrealistic pressure to reduce crime.

Local approach
In Canton, however, Mutchler said CompStat has been molded to fit this community's needs. During the latest session

Tuesday, police and fire officials showed statistics and maps indicating how the program has produced results here. Police deployed more officers to The Crossings, a north-end apartment complex, amid reports of suspected gang activity, juvenile loitering and other problems. "The problem seems to be significantly going down," Lt. Dave Schreiner said. America's Best, a motel near Ford and Haggerty, had a much higher crime rate among five motels in the immediate area, CompStat revealed. In such situations, police can deploy more officers and work with business owners to find solutions. "They see we're having an impact," Schreiner said, "and they want to work with us." Deputy Police Chief Debra Newsome said CompStat can help as officers address troubles at local schools, including drugs, alcohol, tobacco, school bus-stop violence and social media bullying. She said timely intervention could even prevent a suicide.

Better deployment
CompStat has allowed police to better focus on locations and hours of

auto thefts – a tool that can lead to better deployment of officers. And Lt. Scott Hugheson said data have allowed police to focus on situations such as heroin use by suspects "with a needle hanging out of their arm" while loitering in the Walmart parking lot on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road. "It actually makes our officers a lot more street smart," Hugheson said. Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said CompStat offers crucial data on where certain crimes such as retail fraud are occurring. When police effectively combat retail theft, he said, other crimes tend to decrease. CompStat centers on analysis and deployment. To that end, fire officials say data they receive can help them decide where to place more – or less – resources, depending on where a greater number of fires and medical emergencies are occurring. Mutchler said the success of CompStat hinges on four criteria: timely and accurate information and intelligence; rapid deployment of resources; effective police tactics; and "relentless" follow-up efforts. He said some communities shrug off an intense focus on issues such as response time by police officers and firefighters. But he said he believes it's of utmost importance in Canton, where officials say a still-growing population can potentially bring more crime, more fires – more calls for help. Police, alone, are expected to answer some 60,000 calls for service this year. "If a child is choking, a home is being broken into or a car is being stolen, Mutchler said, the victim wants help now – not later. "What's the most important thing to them?" he asked. "It's response."



Eighth-grade English teacher Roby Jarczewski hands over the cash for her morning coffee.

COFFEE

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students don't use verbal language, so we use visual cues as a communication tool for those students," Ruella explained – letting the Keurig team know whether they want coffee. If the sign is out, the cart stops. The autistic students make the coffee (with some help from the mentor, if necessary), teachers pay them and the

students make change. "It works toward their academic growth and their socio-emotional growth," Ruella said. "It's somewhat academic, somewhat social. It gives them an anchor point to develop interactive skills."

Seventh-grader Jocelyn Makela has a cousin who is autistic and so understands the challenges those students face. When the opportunity for the peer-to-peer program came up, she jumped at it.

"I really want to help these kids, to teach them," Jocelyn said. "I just love those kids." Modica said the program teaches kids communication skills, social skills and even math skills. Everyone benefits, she said. "It's been really exciting, because it's a really great way for them to interact," Modica said. "It's a win-win-win for everybody."

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Veteran officer Rize ends decorated Canton career

Canton Police Officer Kevin Rize, who earned accolades such as Canton Police Officer of the Year during his 28½-year career, has retired.

Rize, who retired Thursday, was hired by the department in 1985 as a patrol officer. He has an expansive list of training and specialized assignments, including department instructor of firearms, proficiency driving, laser and defensive tactics.

Rize was selected for numerous assignments



Rize

during his career, including the special enforcement unit, bicycle unit and rapid response unit. He received more than 30 department awards, including being named Officer of the Year for 2008.

Rize also received a commendation from the Canton Fire Department for his role as a first responder to a 9-1-1 call reporting a woman in labor at her residence. He assisted with the baby as the mother gave birth, clearing the newborn's airway and stabilizing the situation until paramedics arrived.

Rize, who earned his associate's degree from

Schoolcraft College, retired along with Deputy Chief Robert Kerr, who was featured in an earlier story in the Observer.

"These two fine law enforcement officers had made significant contributions to public safety in Canton," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

"They both possess individual attributes that made them valued employees, contributing to the high level of police services provided to the Canton community. While they will be missed, we wish them all the best in their retirement."

Bagger Dave's scheduled to open Canton store next year

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Bagger Dave's, a burger tavern that's part of a growing restaurant company also affiliated with Buffalo Wild Wings, is expected to open its Canton eatery during the first quarter of next year.

Company officials confirmed the projected opening after receiving site plan approval Tuesday from Canton's elected leaders for a 7,151-square-foot building between Max & Erma's and Antonio's Cucina Italiana, on Canton Center south of Ford.

The company that operates Bagger Dave's - Diversified Restaurant Holdings, Inc. - reported third-quarter

revenue of \$26.4 million this year, up \$9.6 million from the same period a year ago.

The company said the sales growth was mostly fueled by 20 new restaurants as it continues a rapid expansion. DRH ended the third quarter with 50 restaurants operating, including 15 Bagger Dave's and 35 Buffalo Wild Wings, according to the corporate website.

On Tuesday, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a site plan for Bagger Dave's after the Canton Planning Commission had given the go-ahead to the restaurant.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet has said the Bagger Dave's building is intended to

house the burger tavern and two smaller tenants, which company representatives said aren't yet known. The eatery is expected to have outdoor patio seating.

Michael Ansley, DRH's president and CEO, said in a statement on the company's website that growth has been steady.

"Our Bagger Dave's brand continues to strengthen and we are poised to further expand," he said, citing factors such as "sound site selection and aggressive marketing."

DRH expects to end this year with 55 restaurants.

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Stuff the Truck diaper campaign nears

Organizers are hoping for a large turnout as the Canton Public Library hosts its two-day campaign this week to fill a truck with diapers to help the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank.

The library's Stuff the Truck campaign happens from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, when a truck will be parked in front of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center.

Diaper bank founder Marybeth Levine hopes to collect 250,000 diapers by

Thanksgiving to help vulnerable adults and children served by social service agencies across southeast Michigan. Diapers are not covered by government safety-net programs.

As of Friday afternoon, the website www.detroitareadiaperbank.org indicated the fall campaign had collected 212,846. To help with Stuff the Truck, drop off diapers of any size for children or adults or make a donation by check, credit card or cash and get a receipt for tax purposes.

Heise to host transportation town hall

State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting the final meeting of a three-stop "Neighborhood Town Hall Tour" Monday, Nov. 18, that will focus on transportation and road issues in Michigan.

"Michigan is home to the Motor City, so there are few topics that receive more attention than transportation and roads when I meet with constituents," said Heise, R-Plymouth. "My goal with this town hall is to listen

to residents and find out first-hand what their thoughts are on local transportation issues."

Heise will be joined by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, as well as a representative from Wayne County Roads, to talk about upcoming road projects that directly impact residents of western Wayne County, especially MDOT's plans to reconstruct portions of I-96 in Wayne County next year.

Heise intends to discuss road bills that he has introduced in the Legislature and his bills concerning the southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority.

The town hall takes place 7-9 p.m. at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile.

For more information on these events, or to contact Heise, residents are invited to call 855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

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THE WRITE STUFF



Jenifer Strauss uses this 150-year-old lamp to show the potential impact of story-telling. The lamp used to belong to an Upper Peninsula family which gathered around it to tell ghost stories.



Anna Brandel (right) shares her story with classmate Clara Yancy during a story-telling exercise at Wednesday's assembly at West Middle School.

Speaker stresses importance of stories

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Ever since she was a fourth-grader and given a journal by her mother, Jenifer Strauss has known the power of a good story.

And she struggles some students face in telling one.

As a sixth-grade teacher, Strauss saw the difficulty students often had in not only telling, but writing, a good story. She made sure to help her students then and now, as a public speaker traveling the country, she helps students learn the value of the spoken - and the written - word.

It's the message Strauss delivered Friday in her sixth appearance at West Middle School.

"Writing is essential for living in the world," said Strauss, who travels some 30,000 miles a year to convince kids of that fact. "With pressure put on schools, they don't always have the time to devote to it. (Kids) need to know that everything that happens to them can be shared, either verbally or in writing."

Strauss, a story artist who founded Let A Story Be Told, uses stories from her life to get the message of the importance of writing across to kids. She talks about how, in third grade, constantly marked-up papers returned by her teacher had her feeling down about herself.

That summer, her mother gave her two things: a box and a journal. She told her to go out and have an adventure every day and collect some memento from it to keep in the box, then to write about the adventures in the journal.

It's how Strauss learned to

tell and write stories, a life lesson she's been passing on her entire adult life. With Let A Story Be Told, she travels the country giving story performances, talking to kids about writing and story-telling and doing writing workshops and speaking engagements.

"It's about literacy ... that kids know that speaking, reading and writing are all part of their development," Strauss said. "Those aren't separate things. They're all essential."

It's the sixth year Strauss has been invited to West. The school had been using someone else to do this particular assembly, but teachers wanted something based more in story-telling. Principal Clint Smiley found Strauss after consulting with other educators and invited her to the school. She's been coming ever since.

"My daughter is in 10th grade now and I told her (Strauss) was coming and she said, 'Oh, I remember her!'" said Smiley, who also has a son who sat in on Strauss' assembly last year.

"You run into a lot of sixth-graders who say, 'I can't write, I can't tell a story.' There is not a better tie-in with what we do in our curriculum."

And that's the kind of thing Strauss likes to hear, because she thinks, along with good communication and writing skills, there's a very important element she hopes students take away from her performances.

"Kids need to know their stories are important," said Strauss, who does between 250-300 of these kinds of appearances in a year. "They need to know they matter."

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DESPITE ECONOMY, CUSTOMERS STILL GOBBLING UP LOCAL TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's the same this year as it has been at many area places selling turkey for Thanksgiving: customers are willing to shell out the money for fresh, local birds.

"People are always thanking me for being here. They say, 'I don't care if it's \$5 a pound. You can't beat your turkeys,'" said Christine Roperti, owner of Roperti's Turkey Farm, 34700 Five Mile, in Livonia. "I love doing it."

Several area sellers of the Thanksgiving fare say they've seen some impact with the economy taking a nosedive in recent years, but many continue to see customers come back, looking to splurge for the holidays on a fresh turkey for their family's dinner table Nov. 28.

Tom Toth, manager of Huron Turkey Farms, 18910 Merriman, in Huron Township in southern Wayne County, said the farm sees a wide array of customers from the Detroit area, including cities such as Livonia, Garden City and Westland, as well as Downriver, looking for a fresh turkey.

And for this holiday, he said many say the cost is worth it to have a local, fresh bird for Thanksgiving dinner.

"People don't mind spending \$70 for a turkey because it's once a year," he said. "Ours are dressed out the day before the person picks it up. You can't get it fresher than that."

Both Roperti and Toth said while individual customer numbers haven't changed in recent years, the number of companies purchasing turkeys for dinner or for



The turkeys will each add a few pounds in weight between now and the last days before Thanksgiving, BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

their employees has definitely decreased in recent years.

For that, Toth blames the economy and the fact that some companies see the turkey purchases as "extras" not crucial to their company, if they are still open.

"We lost a lot of those people because the companies don't want to spend that kind of money," he said. "Some businesses went out of business."

Economics has also played a factor in raising turkeys. Both farms said they've seen an increase in costs for feed for the turkeys.

A combination of corn, soybean and other natural ingredients that give the turkeys their flavor has increased over the years, although it was stable in 2013, Roperti said.

"Last year it went way up," she said. "This year, it's about the same."

Toth, who said he gets his feed from a farm in Ida, said a better crop this year has helped with feed costs. He believes last year's crop was way down for several reasons, including ethanol production.

"The feed prices have been extremely ridiculous the last couple

years. They made corn \$7 a bushel," he said. "This year, it's \$4 a bushel."

Demand for local increases

Despite costs, many local turkey sellers this year are seeing a bigger push toward locally-raised poultry, as well as fewer antibiotics and other substances used to enhance the birds.

Mike Liabenow, manager of meat and seafood at Joe's Produce, 33152 W. Seven Mile, in Livonia, said his department began carrying organic turkeys raised in Michigan this year for the first time.

While the price for those birds is more than other turkeys at the store, Liabenow said he's had customers request them in previous years for Thanksgiving.

"It's something that's been on the rise a couple years in the business," he said. "Everyone wants to keep everything in Michigan."

Roperti said many of her customers have expressed an interest in her birds for that very reason.

She said she'll see many customers drive up from Ann Arbor and Toledo for a bird, knowing it won't have any issues with bacteria such as salmonella, something that's talked about a lot with issues about poultry



Merida Roperti works the counter where customers pick up their bird, BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from stores in the news.

"This has been going on for four or five years," she said. "There's a lot of people from Ann Arbor that come here and get turkeys. So that's been going on a while."

Chef Steve Allen of Steve and Rocky's Restaurant, 43150 Grand River, in Novi, said his business is offering three options this Thanksgiving for people to enjoy turkey, which Allen himself raises. Those looking to dine in can eat at the restaurant Thanksgiving afternoons, those not wanting to cook can order a prepared meal and take it home and those wanting to cook themselves can purchase a fresh turkey and use whatever recipe they like.

Allen has also seen a push for more locally-raised turkeys for the

holiday from customers. He said a key to a tasty turkey is allowing the bird more freedom while it's at a farm.

"The more confinement, the more stressed they are," he said. "They can get sunshine if they want; they can get raindrops if they want."

Liabenow said he's seen customers still line up for the Thanksgiving fare with little regard to price. Business has been steady, but as the turkey farms begin to wind down at the end of the month, he and his co-workers will ramp up when that other holiday in December creeps up on them.

"Thanksgiving is easy, it's just turkeys," he said. "Christmas is everything."

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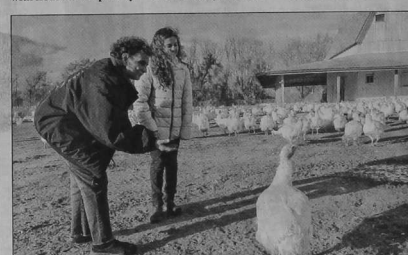
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Christine Roperti and granddaughter Merida Roperti in the barnyard with someone's future Thanksgiving dinner.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Thursday December 5, 2013 6:00pm

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2013 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1512, 41385 Crestwood, R-1 zoning district, requesting one variance to construct a three season's room. The required minimum rear yard setback is 60' (50' feet), the proposed season's room would reduce the rear yard setback to 48.30 feet. The variance requested is 1.61 feet of rear yard setback.
- Application 1513, 49471 Ann Arbor RD, C-1 zoning district, requesting one variance to construct an addition with a maximum height of 34.8 feet whereas a maximum height allowed is 20 feet. The variance requested is 14.8 feet of building height.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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Colbeck coffee

Date/Time: Friday, Nov. 22, 8-10 a.m.
Location: George's Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr., near Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville.

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, hosts coffee hours for his 7th Senate District constituents. Coffee hours provide residents with the opportunity to meet with the senator or a member of his staff to address issues related to state government. No appointment is necessary.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.senatorpatrick-colbeck.com or call 517-573-5713.

Grief workshop

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: Living Peace Church, 684 Deer, in Plymouth

Details: Facing life after the death of a loved one brings with it many emotions and fears. It's normal to feel overwhelmed, angry, and alone. The holidays are

often very difficult as you move through without your loved one. For this reason, Living Peace Church is sponsoring a Hope for the Holidays workshop. This workshop will be presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville.

Contact: Call Nancy at 734-895-7408.

Veterans Coffee Hour Q&A

Date/Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9

Location: McDowell Center Room 205, Veterans Services/Career Services Suite, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Details: Enjoy free coffee and donuts and get answers to questions about the benefits, services and resources available to military veterans, including medical benefits, employment benefits, special benefits for disabled veterans, state and local benefits for veterans and educational benefits. This event is free and open to all veterans and those who care for and

support them.

Contact: 734-462-4400, ext. 5346

Caregiver's Support

Date/Time: Second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park, 26000 Summit Drive, Canton

Details: It is both a special privilege and burden to be a caregiver for an elderly loved one. Friends meet monthly to discuss difficulties, share solutions, and know that they are not alone. There are no experts in caregiving, only those who have learned more, because they lived it. All are welcome.

Contact: For questions contact Tom at 313-618-7212, or thomassal@peoplepc.com.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:

- Monday, Nov. 18, St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth, 1-6:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 29, Summit on the Park,

Tons of tuna



During his East Coast tour with wife Nancy this fall, a trip that started at the 911 site, Richard Jowsey headed north, ending up in Massachusetts, where his "catch of a lifetime" happened. Though Jowsey, a Plymouth Township resident, has fished for 55 years, the 104-foot, 700-pound tuna was his biggest catch ever. Jowsey said he and three other men were fishing out of Gloucester, Mass., and it took them four of them more than three hours to land it.

welcome, when possible.

Contact: Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 to set up an appointment.

Zumba class

Date/Time: Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-1:45 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Details: Fitness enthusiasts are invited to join the Detroit Vibe Tribe for a Zumba Master Class. The Detroit Vibe Tribe includes Zumba instructor Susan Stokely, along with Christy Baas and Cindy DeBiasi. Zumba classes are known to blend easy-to-follow choreography using typically upbeat international rhythms along with today's popular music. Although this special event is labeled a master class, participants don't have to be an expert; all individuals are welcome and no prior Zumba experience is required.

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Wayne High students put on the hat for the 'Cat'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The timeless tale of a cat in a red and white striped hat and the mischief he gets two children into will come to life on the stage of the Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School this week as students present *The Cat in the Hat* with a twist—a first act that features parts of three other Dr. Seuss stories.

"*The Cat in the Hat* is a 45- to 50-minute production and we wanted to extend it, so we created an opening act incorporating three Dr. Seuss books," director Katie Sullivan said. "It will lead into the second act, *The Cat in the Hat*."

As a result, the production includes two casts, one for Act One and one for Act Two. In the first act, two children

are encouraged to read by their mother, who tells them that "if they read, it makes the story come to life." Depending on the length of the three books, some or all are part of the act, according to Sullivan.

Come to life

The girls do as their mother suggests and when they read *Horton Hears a Who*, they hear the characters speak. The same happens with *Green Eggs and Ham* and *I Can Read with My Eyes Shut*, which transitions into the intermission and the *Cat in the Hat*.

"They challenge was that we wanted to find a way to incorporate the other Seuss books, we had to find a way to transition from book to book to book and to the play. The cast had input."

The play was selected at the end of last year, when the students and Sullivan decided what would be staged for 2013-14. The selections were announced at a reveal party. Once the process started, work began on the script. Sullivan knew what she wanted, but it was the students that brought it to fruition.

"We wanted to move out and work with the children's theater," she said. "The performance is for children, but it doesn't talk down to them. That's a great skill to have in their arsenal. They're working with moving set pieces and lots of props. We've really worked with the Seuss book in hand to build the sets."

The play has a bigger cast than a normal production. With so many students auditioning,



Opening Act cast includes Abigail Drake, Esperanza Varela, Kaitlyn Frawley, Hannah Hamilton, Brianna Williams, Amber Defils, Danielle Robinson, Samantha Engle, Ashley Wilson, Sydney Waton, Hayley Schiete, Natalie Meyers, Amanda Speakman, Shirley Mouldin and Ayla Simoneau. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sullivan said it "felt terrible to not there more." That's why there are two separate casts for each act.

Cat and Kitten

Nathan Barker has been cast as the Cat. He's also taken on the role of assistant director. Megan Keiper, who plays Kitten 1, also is an assistant director. Justin Monit is once again serving as the technical director.

Keiper has the job of keeping in contact with the cast and crew and checking attendance at rehearsals. She also helps get the cast ready to perform and does stretching with the actors. Having a small part has made the job easier.

"I was asked to be an assistant director by Mrs. Sullivan, she told me I showed a leadership role and that she would be honored if I did it," said Keiper, a junior. "This is my first time as an assistant director, but I've been with Mrs. Sullivan for three years. I know how she works. I know what's expected."

Even though she's had a lot of people to track down and gotten some terrible excuses, she's



In the cast of Wayne High School's production of the "Cat in the Hat" are Nathan Barker and Alicia Highland (at left), Jordan Khalaf, Tirzah Ault, Cierra Eschenbacher, Casey Grauzer, Megan Keiper and Hailee Bolton.

loves being an assistant director and will like to do it again for the spring musical, *Shrek*.

Barker has been tasked with checking progress reports and handing out patron forms. He does have "quite a few lines" as the Cat, but has done well in memorizing them and keeping up his directorial duties.

"I offer up ideas on how things should go," he said. "I like acting so much and I love the idea of being able to help the cast and lead them in the right direction."

This is his fifth show, and like Keiper, he plans to put in a bid to direct the spring musical.

"The whole cast is a fun group of people, they keep me on my toes," he said. "And we have a lot of people new to the pro-

gram." Sullivan is hopeful for a good crowd at the production. There will be two matinee performances Thursday and Friday for senior citizens and elementary students, as well as performances at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-23.

Stockmeyer Auditorium is on the campus of Wayne Memorial High School, on Glenwood east of Fourth Street in Wayne. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and children and are available at the door.

"For the evening performances, we hope to have a great kid crowd," Sullivan said. "It's for younger students, but it also appeals to adults."

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Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa and Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress sign the articulation agreement for the dual degree sign language studies program.

Madonna, Schoolcraft join forces to offer dual degree program in sign language

Madonna University and Schoolcraft College have announced a unique dual degree program in sign language studies.

Beginning fall semester 2014, students majoring in sign language studies will be able to attend both schools at the same time and use their financial aid at both institutions.

Dan McDougall, director of Madonna's sign language studies program, outlined how this innovative partnership will save students time and money. "Our very specific plan of study outlines which classes students will take at each school: general education requirements will be taken at Schoolcraft and sign language courses will be taught at Madon-

na, which will save students thousands in tuition costs. Additionally, by meeting with their advisor on a regular basis, students can ensure they stay on track to complete their degree in four years so they can start their careers in a timely fashion."

According to McDougall, the demand for interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing in Michigan will continue to grow over the next 20 years, based on a 2006 study by the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He also noted that a bachelor's degree is now required for new applicants to apply for national interpreting certification.

As the program's name suggests, students

will earn two degrees: an associate's degree in applied science from Schoolcraft after two years of successful study and a bachelor's degree in either interpreting studies or deaf community studies from Madonna after two additional years of successful study.

With Michigan's first and longest-running bachelor's degree program in sign language, Madonna University also is the only Michigan school that offers more than one bachelor's degree related to sign language.

Language courses are taught by culturally-deaf instructors, in a new, state-of-the-art visual language lab and classrooms.

Wayne County Hospital reunion

The 29th annual Wayne County General Hospital reunion for former employees and retirees will be held 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the party room

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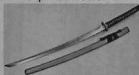
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Barefoot presents story-telling hour

Barefoot Productions, a local nonprofit theater group in Plymouth, hosts a holiday storytelling event where entertainment, enlightenment and festivity merge. Audience members can sign up to share their favorite holiday memories during open mic.

The event takes place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

The "Flutter By Hour" will include happy, sad, silly, poignant and fun stories that are true. The format is similar to NPR's *Moth Radio Hour*, where human experiences are communicated through spoken word. After all, Barefoot officials said, "There is no better gift than sharing a story."

The theater setting will resemble a cozy living room, with a Christmas tree, chairs and fireplace to reflect the warmth and beauty of the holiday. Holiday cookies will be available and the Vintner's Canton Winery will provide complimentary hot mulled wine.

Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.justgobarefoot.com or by calling the box office at 734-560-1493.

Reader has several options for investing extra money

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I are in our mid-60s and I just retired earlier this year. My pension more than covers all expenses and after attending one of your talks, we are delaying Social Security until we are 70. Most of my investments are in my IRA and I don't plan to touch those until I have to. I was just informed by my ex-employer that I am going to be receiving a check by the end of the year for vacation time that I had accumulated but did not take. Do I have to pay tax on that money? How should I use it? Currently, the only debt we have is our mortgage, which is at 4 percent and has a number of years to go. We also have grandchildren who are young and we are thinking about helping out with their education. Any other ideas?



Rick Bloom
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A: Congratulations on retiring and achieving the American dream. The fact that your pension covers all your living expenses allows you to enjoy your retirement.

In answering your first question, unfortunately, the unused vacation time is taxed as ordinary income. In other words, it's taxed just like any other compensation that you receive from your employer. In fact, I am sure that your employer will withhold taxes.

With regard to what to do with the money, I always think it makes sense to pay down debt. By using the money to pay down your mortgage, you're getting a guaranteed 4-

percent return on your money. In today's world, 4 percent is not a bad return on your money considering that CDs are paying 1 percent.

I also like the idea of using the money for your grandchildren's college education. The cost of college continues to rise and establishing a college savings plan for your grandchildren can go a long way in helping them with their education.

If you choose this route, I recommend a 529 Plan, which allows you to invest money that would grow tax-free. The plan I recommend is the Michigan Education Savings Plan.

One of the nice things about the MESP is that the money can be used for any public or private institution in the country. In addition, you can deduct your contribution (up to \$10,000) off your Michigan income tax return.

Another alternative to consider is to use the money to convert some of your IRA money into a Roth IRA. This would allow that money to grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. In addition, you are not subject to a required minimum distribution at 70½. In your situation, considering your additional income this year, I recommend that you do the Roth conversion next year. From the information you provided, it appears that next year you'll be in a lower tax bracket.

All three alternatives are viable and make sense because you are in such excellent financial shape. You have options and all of them are good ones.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. Email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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LTP student Dorothy Glasgow works a puzzle with some of the residents at Angel Gardens Assisted Living in Livonia.



Matt Macinkowicz enjoys helping out on the tennis courts at the Livonia Family YMCA.



LTP student Alex Franz stamps some new books that will be donated to area schools by the YMCA.

Transitions students get a step ahead through community partnerships, practical experience

Noah Grimm can picture himself someday working at a big retail store, like Target.

The mild-mannered 21-year-old is getting plenty of practice at sorting and displaying merchandise on the shelves and assisting customers in a helpful and friendly way.

He is one of three students in the Livonia Public Schools Transition Program who work at the DAV Thrift Store on Middlebelt in Westland. The store's mission is to help disabled American veterans, but the store is also helping the LTP students.

"I enjoy working here because the people are nice," Noah said. "They help you out and the customers are also very nice."

Noah stocks and sorts items in the glassware, toys and shoes sections of the store.

Manager Dennis Vieira said he appreciates the help of the students and he constantly reminds them that they are doing a great job for America's disabled veterans.

"We had 5600 in sales in shoes and I told them, 'That's all you - you did that!' I tell them that every single thing we do here is important."

Having the students at the DAV is a morale booster for his staff, Vieira said. "They're eager. If they can rock out all of those shoes, it pushes my staff and reminds them of what we do here. At the end of the day, they feed off each other."

One of the hardest workers at the DAV is Dion Akins, 19, an LTP student who pitches in



Dion Akins hauls clothing into a bin that will compress the surplus clothing into bulk blocks that can be sold and/or recycled. Dion enjoys his work at the DAV Thrift Store.

where ever he's needed at the store. "I love the people here," Dion said. "I work hard. There is no bad part about it - I love working here."

A community partnership

The LTP is for adult students ages 18-26 who have varying types of disabilities. The program mixes classroom learning with outside experiential learning at job sites around the community. Students gain confidence, job skills, social skills and more.

Participating businesses include: Angel Gardens Assisted Living; Livonia Family YMCA; Adat Shalom cemetery; DAV Thrift Store; Bigby Coffee on Seven Mile and Farmington Road; Bigby Coffee on Plymouth and Farmington roads; Cintas Uniform Co.; and four LPS schools: Perrinville Early Childhood Center; Emerson Middle School; Webster Elementary and the Western Wayne Skill Center, where the LTP is housed.

The community part-

ners make all of the difference in the program and its 40 students.

"The Livonia Transition Program would not be possible without the participation and goodwill of these businesses. They're opening up for a whole new world for our students and really taking them in as their own," said Jennifer Tiariari, Ph.D., LPS coordinator of student services.

Life lessons
At the Livonia Family YMCA, Alex Franz and Matt Macinkowicz are busy every day with a variety of tasks. Courtney Taylor, LTP teacher, said they are learning a lot.

"The interaction with

the staff is huge for them," she said. "They're learning how to build relationships with colleagues versus their peers. When you jump from the classroom to the workplace, the relationships are different."

They're also learning how to be self-directed. They made a chart of all of the tasks so they can check the list when they're finished with one task and move right on to another, without having to ask a supervisor. Taylor said they stress the importance of self-direction in the program.

Alex and Matt help out with the tennis programs, work with the home school groups on the tennis courts, clean tables and chairs; vacuum; make copies in the office; enter data for the membership program; organize files; and more.

"They have lots of jobs here," said Julie Allen, volunteer and events coordinator at the Y. "Every day, they have a little something different to do."

Many of the tasks are first-time experiences for them. For example, they help out with vacuuming the multi-purpose room and laundering the towels.

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Allen said they're happy to have Alex and Matt working at the Y. "They are both so delightful," she said. "They've become part of our Y family."

Dorothy Glasgow, 20, knows that feeling. She has become a part of the family at Angel Gardens Assisted Living in Livonia, where she visits and assists the elderly residents.

"They play games together, they bake cupcakes, they sing and play the piano together. "Getting to know the residents, that's my favorite part," Dorothy said. "It's just like a second family."

Denise Rowe, office manager and activities assistant, said Dorothy has been a valuable asset at Angel Gardens. "She's very reliable, helpful and has great initiative. She has great energy - she's been an asset to our activities program."

Rowe noted that Dorothy hand-makes birth-

day cards for the residents.

"They all love her, too," she added.

Tim Steckel, director of marketing at Angel Gardens, said they are happy to team with the Livonia Transition Program.

"It's a good way to expose people to elderly people who have dementia and Alzheimer's," he said. "It helps to remove the stigmas. A lot of people don't care about the elderly and it's sad. (Aging) is a normal part of life."

At Adat Shalom cemetery on Six Mile, you'll find Remington Blackwell, 21, moving the lawns and doing other outdoor maintenance work.

"I like being outside," he said, as he powered down his mower. "And I like working with the guys."

Remington is learning new skills and taking on responsibilities at this work placement.

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Excessive anti coagulation means that even a small hit or sudden twist to the joint can initiate a bleed. In these circumstances, the joint most likely to bleed is the knee joint. The knee will pain intensely and swell, the area about the knee will turn dark red from the blood beneath the skin. Again, the only treatment is immediate decompression, that is, taking the blood off of the knee.

In my experience the act of putting a needle into the joint of someone who is over coagulated, and then moving the needle in the joint or pressing on the joint to accomplish complete removal, does not itself cause a re-bleed. The procedure of fluid removal is invariably safe.

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FROM WESTLAND, WITH LOVE

Film crews use Beaver Creek to shoot commercial for Russian TV

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Steve Hazerigan looked in amazement Monday afternoon around the inside of the Beaver Creek Tackle & Beer. The old photos that had been on the walls were replaced with framed hockey jerseys. Instead of tables and chairs in the main dining room, there were lights, cameras and wardrobe items.

The woody feel of the Westland restaurant had been transformed into a Russian sports bar as part of a national commercial being made to air in Russia during the Sochi Winter Olympics in February.

"This is pretty involved. I didn't think there would be this many people," the Plymouth Township resident said. "I had to hold off on my Christmas decorations; this put a screeching halt to that."

Some 75 people filled Beaver Creek, one of five locations in Wayne and Oakland counties used as part of the photo shoot for the commercial that features a very familiar face — Pavel Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings. RedOrange USA of Birmingham, working with Leo Burnett Advertising, Moscow, is producing the commercial.

On Sunday, the filming was done in Birmingham, where the Social Cafe was transformed into a Moscow cafe, Pierce Street was made to appear to be snow-covered

and the RedOrange offices on Cole Street were turned into a Moscow coffee bar.

Production moved Monday to Westland, where still photographs of Datsyuk were taken and more filming was done.

"We transformed Beaver Creek using Russian posters and jerseys. It was a pretty extensive set dressing project," said Barry Meier, owner, director and executive producer of RedOrange. "We have representatives in Europe and film all over the world. This is one of the first opportunities I have to shoot in the U.S. for such a large project in Russia. The star is Pavel Datsyuk; he's playing on the Russian team. They flew to Detroit because this is where he is."

International effort
The international effort included the producer, who is from Russia; the director, who lives in Barcelona; and the director of photography, who hails from Rome. RedOrange used some 95 extras and employed a crew of 45 for the production, "all local," according to Meier. The extras were a mixture of Russians and Americans, including the owner of a record store and musician from Hamtramck.

According to RedOrange business manager Lisa Meier, the Russian contingent began arriving in Detroit last week. Last Thursday was used to show possible locations, with the final decision made Friday after the information was sent back to Russia. "A big meeting was Friday; everything had to go back to Russia and they're eight hours ahead



Cameras and equipment fill the main dining room of Beaver Creek, where a commercial for Russian TV was filmed Monday.

of us," Lisa Meier said. Beaver Creek was chosen for the scenes because of its wood interior. Also considered was Club Ticonderoga in Troy.

"They liked the color of the wood, they liked the theme of the place," Beaver Creek general manager Misty Lindquist said. "They said they picked our place, but there was a slight chance it might be Camp Ti. The scouts came through and then they came through on Friday. On Saturday, they did a walk-through."

Editing was done Tuesday at Ringside Creative in Oak Park.

Here and there
Recently, RedOrange USA completed the new Michigan Lottery commercial and just wrapped filming in Austria and Slovenia for Toyota, as well as a series of commercials for Mercedes Benz filmed in Stuttgart, Germany.



Filming Sunday was done on Pierce Street and at the Social Cafe in Birmingham.

"We love being based in Birmingham and hope to find more work with the agencies based in Michigan," Barry Meier said.

In addition to holding off on Christmas decorations, the restaurant moved its Veterans Day observance to Sunday. Lindquist let people who asked about the change of dates know that the

restaurant was closed Monday for "a private event."

The private event turned out to be a long day for Lindquist, who was at the restaurant at 8 a.m. to prepare for their arrival.

The extras began showing up at 12:30 p.m. and were seated in a rear dining room. Heaters and tents were also set up on

the deck to accommodate them during the filming.

"Most production was by 9 p.m. and we locked up and left at 10 p.m.," she said. "It was a long day, but worth it to see. It was a once-in-a-lifetime, I'm sure, experience."

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Irish dancers get into step at Redford AOH location

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer



Four-year-old Finnegan Moran of Royal Oak practices the "Leg up" with instructor Megan Holton of Livonia and brothers Clark and Harvey Smith of Livonia at classes held in Redford. **THOMAS BEAUDOIN**

You don't have to have the luck of the Irish or even be Irish to learn Irish dancing.

Especially after the popularity of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance, people of all nationalities are interested in learning the traditional steps, according to John Heinzman of the Ardán Academy of Irish Dance, which holds classes locally.

Classes are offered Tuesday evenings at Redford's Ancient Order of Hibernians location on Five Mile east of Beech Daly.

Heinzman, who began dancing at age 5, has been teaching dance in Redford for 15 years as he also taught at the old AOH building at Seven Mile and Grand River. The AOH bought the Five Mile location from the Knights of Columbus about a year ago.

The AOH in Redford offers a brand-new step dancing class, which is an intricate form of Irish dance made popular in Riverdance and Lord of the Dance and it requires a good deal of athleticism and footwork, Heinzman said.

Currently, three boys ages 5, 6 and 10 are in the step class, Heinzman said.

About 20 people attend the adult ceili folk dancing class, which is country dancing that has been going on in Ireland as far back as there is recorded history, Heinzman said.

"It originally told the history of the Irish people," he said.

The local classes had been in flux during the transition to the new building.

The kids step dancing class was moved to the

Taylor location and the ceili class went to downtown Detroit temporarily, Heinzman said.

Back in Redford

But now the classes are back in Redford. The new location is an improvement, Heinzman said, calling it nice and clean and well-maintained. "It's larger than the old location and a much nicer building," he said.

His mom, Kitty Heinzman, teaches ceili classes. Ceili is primarily an adults class made up of people in their 50s, 60s and 70s. Ceili has far less impact than step dancing.

Step dancing is more athletic and attracts younger people, but Heinzman said he works with one step dancer who is nearly 60.

Before Riverdance in the 1990s, this type of dancing only attracted the Irish and those of Irish descent. Also, only eight countries sent teams to participate in the world championships, but since Riverdance

roughly 40 countries participate, Heinzman said.

Teaches all over

Heinzman himself teaches in Michigan, Ohio and Canada and also teaches private lessons for those looking to refine their skills.

His school teaches both recreational and competitive dance. Some dancers take classes just once a week, while others take them up to six days a week. "It depends on how much they are willing to invest in their classes and their training," Heinzman said.

This weekend, the school is hosting the regional championships in Grand Rapids, which draws about 4,000 from all over the Midwest. Events include step dance, ceili dancing, teacher choreography and dance drama.

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Santa helps light up 20th annual Lightfest

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

See Thursday's Observer for more photos of the 20th annual Wayne County Lightfest.

Holiday carols filled the air and fireworks lit up the sky Thursday evening as Wayne County Parks opened the 20th installment of its popular Wayne County Lightfest.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano joined Santa Claus in flipping the switch that turns on the 47 lighted displays that line Hines Drive from Merriman Hollow in Westland to Warendale in Dearborn Heights.

"The last time I was here was when I was a kid," said Sheila Stritmatter of Troy. "My mom brought us here a long time ago when we lived in Westland."

The Stritmatters - husband Matt and children Erika, 14, Seth, 9, and Owen, 6 - were among several hundred people who enjoyed a performance by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir the antics of Detroit Lions mascot Roary and Detroit Tigers mascot Paws before lining up to drive through the 4½ miles of holiday lights.

The Stritmatters attracted attention with their holiday finery. Other people wanted to know where they got their lighted Santa hats. "We made the hats four or five years ago," Matt Stritmatter said. "I poked holes in the hats, stuck the lights through and hot glued them in place."

Stritmatter hid the wires on the inside of the hat and the battery packs behind in the brim.

The family had heard about the event on the radio and decided to attend. They made it in time, although rush hour traffic did slow them down, Matt Stritmatter said.

It's Santa time

After being greeted with cheers, Santa worked his way through the crowd, stopping to talk to youngsters and telling them he knew they have been good boys or girls.

"I've been collecting wishes," he said. "I've gotten a lot of requests for toys."

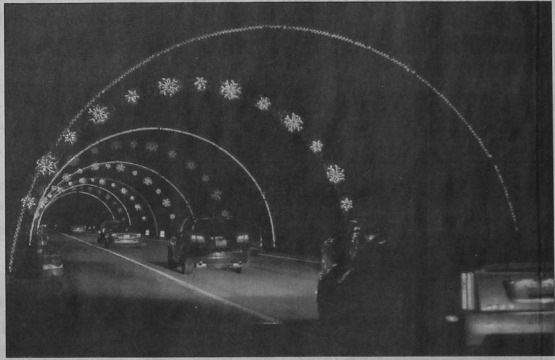
Among those he spoke to were the Flourney family - David and Stephanie and their children Noah and Logan.

"We've been coming to Lightfest every year, this is our third time for the opening ceremony," David Flourney said. "It's a festive time, the community comes together to ring in the season."

His favorite display is the reindeer jumping across the bridge.

"My favorite part, though, is seeing the smiles on the kids' faces when they see them," he added.

Melanie Kowynia and her family have been coming to Lightfest since 2004. This year they brought another generation, niece and nephew Aden and Mya Burns. Also there was husband



Cars drive through a tunnel of lights, several of which span Hines Drive along the Lightfest route. TOM BEAUDOIN



Detroit Tigers mascot Paws helps direct the Franklin High School choir. TOM BEAUDOIN

Rich and their children Emaliyok, 12, and Cecilia, 17. "I remember in 2006 it snowed and it looked like a snow globe," the Garden City resident said. "We stood here and felt

that we were part of one."

She, too, likes to see the little children and the unity of the community at Lightfest.

"I like to see the delight on their faces, you're never too old to believe," she said.

The best part

Dave Canfield of Redford had a crowd at the event. Along with his wife Jenny and children Aden, 4, and Aubrey, 1, the group included sister-in-law Rachel Krimm and children Savannah, 7, and Collin, 4, of Whitmore Lake.

"This is our third year

coming, we do it for the kids," he said, adding the best part is the lights, "all of them."

Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Dec. 31, although it is closed Christmas Day. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights.

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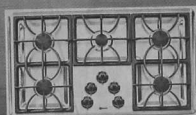
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Chiefs' Nobles inks pact with EMU

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jordan Nobles still has one more season to wear Canton red. But the 6-8 senior forward already looks pretty comfortable wearing the green of Eastern Michigan University.

And why shouldn't he? On Wednesday, Nobles made it official — he signed his NCAA letter of intent to play Division I men's basketball beginning in 2014-15 at EMU.

"I like their playing system a lot," Nobles said about why he was intrigued about becoming an Eagle. "I like how coach (Rob) Murphy handles his team

and I know he just came over from Syracuse a couple years ago.

"I always liked Syracuse and how they play with a 2-3 zone and their up-tempo pace. I like that he brought that over to Eastern."

Nobles (11 points, six rebounds, three blocks per contest last year for Canton) said he considered the University of Detroit-Mercy and Massachusetts-Lowell, but decided EMU had everything he needed.

"It's been a long journey and I'm just ready for the next chapter and playing at Eastern for the next four or five years," he said.

With the Eagles, he will likely play from the wing, playing strong defense and shooting from the perimeter as well as taking it to the rim when called upon.

"Division I, the Mid-American Conference, is big-time basketball," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said following the signing. "It's pretty exciting. We know he's excited and it's a good situation for him and how they play, the style of how they play."

"So I'm very excited for him and happy that everything worked out for him, especially getting it done before the season



Canton senior Jordan Nobles (left) and Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy during Wednesday's signing ceremony.

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MHSAA seeks scholar-athletes

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Scholar-Athlete Award program will present 32 \$1,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2013-14 school year.

Applications from individual schools are limited to the number of available scholarships in their enrollment class.

Class A schools may submit the names of six boys and girls, Class B four, Class C three and Class D two.

Students applying for the scholarship must be graduating in the 2013-14 school year, carrying a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and have won a varsity letter prior to their senior year in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament.

Applications are available only in digital format at mhsaa.com.

Students must submit applications to their school athletic director, principal or guidance counselor by Nov. 25.

Winter Games slated for Feb. 14-16

The Meijer State Games of Michigan's 2014 Winter Games will be played Feb. 14-16 in the greater Grand Rapids area. The inaugural event is expected to host more than 2,000 athletes.

The opening ceremony will be at Cansburg Ski and Ride Area and will include a parade of athletes, a torch light parade (featuring the ski patrol), fireworks and a "big-air" exhibition with professional skiers and snowboarders.

For more information, visit www.stategamesofmichigan.com.

Metro Invite starts season

A new high school hockey season begins Nov. 22-23 with the 12th annual Metro High School Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

The event will showcase five teams from the Oakland Activities Association, including both IHS teams, playing Kennington Lakes Activities Association teams.

For more information, call Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 or visit novicearena.com.

CLASS D PREP VOLLEYBALL

Eagles clipped by No. 2-ranked Lakers

PCA season of 'growth' comes to close in regional final

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

From the get-go Thursday night, Plymouth Christian Academy found out exactly why Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes is ranked No. 2 in Class D volleyball.

The Lakers rolled out to a 14-1 lead in the opening set, behind stellar serving from senior Kali Bagley and an active front court featuring sophomore outside hitter Courtney Wightman and senior middle blocker Lindsay Ross.

Before the Eagles knew what hit them, they were in trouble in the Class D regional volleyball final at Bloomfield Hills Roepker. PCA did have some good stretches later on, but they were few and far between as the Lakers cruised to a 3-0 win and second consecutive regional crown.

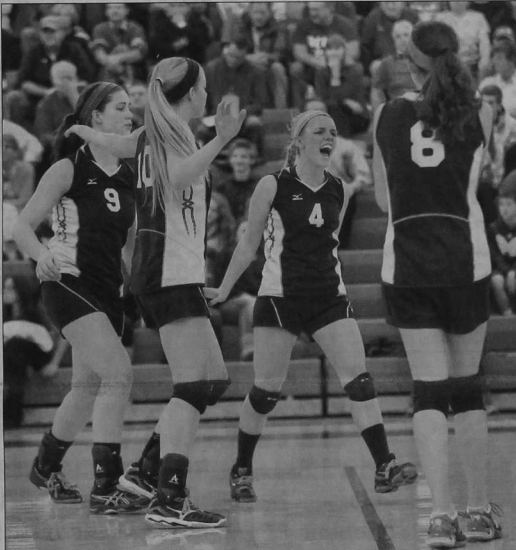
Lakes earned 25-11, 25-12 and 25-16 victories to improve to 39-5-6 with the Class D quarterfinals slated for Tuesday at Mt. Morris Junior High.

"They have an excellent libero (freshman Lindsay Wightman)," PCA head coach Katie Decker said. "She does an excellent job of keeping the ball in play."

"And they can fire from all areas of the court. They have the outsides, they run quick out of the middle. When you can attack from anywhere, it's tough to block."

Concurring was senior outside hitter Rachael Fuller, who noted that "most of the things we tried on offense they (Lakers) were there for. Their libero was great, and I think that was the biggest thing."

Unlike two nights earlier, when the Eagles had their way against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner, attempted spike kills were not finding the right spots on



Celebrating a PCA point Thursday night are senior Jen Malcolm (No. 9), freshman Josie Postma (No. 10), senior Katherine Gibson (No. 4) and freshman Olivia Mady (No. 8). JOHN KEMSKI EXPRESS PHOTO

the other side of the net.

"Part of that we had a little bit of breakdown on serve receive," said Decker, whose team finished at 19-16-7. "When you're not passing well, it's easy for the other team to tell you you're going to set, and so they had their blockers camped out on our outsides."

"And when you have a double

block waiting for you, it's much more difficult to put the ball down."

Rally stymied

The opening set was a blow-out and set two followed suit, with Lakes building a 13-3 edge and coasting from there.

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KATIE DECKER
PCA head coach

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Tankers sharpen up for state meet

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With a successful Kensington Conference varsity girls swimming and diving meet in the books, coaches for Salem and Canton are amped up for the Division I state meet Nov. 23 at Oakland University.

"We had a real good divisional meet, we had a real good con-

ference meet," Salem head coach Chuck Olson said. "And now we're looking forward to having a better state meet."

The Rocks led Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams with 647.5 points, good for third place at the conference meet (Nov. 8-9 at Novi High School).

Also enthusiastic about the state meet is Canton head coach Ed Weber, whose team followed

a championship at the KLAA South Division meet with a fifth-place finish at the conference meet.

"As a team, I'm very proud of the way our team swam at conference meet," Weber said. "Statistically, we had an impressive 85 percent best time achieved at the meet. That's a good way for

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Salem's Linda Zhang is one of a number of swimmers from the Park who will compete at the Division I state meet next weekend.

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Shootout lifts Whalers to 2-1 win

The Plymouth Whalers looked for much of Friday night as though they'd come up on the short end of the stick against Mississauga at Compuware Arena.

But a late goal by Whalers defenseman Josh Wesley forced overtime and Plymouth won 2-1 after prevailing 3-2 in the shootout.

The exciting Ontario Hockey League match-up took place before a near-sellout Scout Night crowd of 3,421.

It was a battle of netminders throughout, as both Plymouth's Alex

Nedeljkovic (31 saves) and Mississauga's Dawson Carty (30 saves) came up big time after time.

The Central Division-leading Steelheads (12-9-1) broke a 0-0 tie at 5:21 of the second period on a power play goal by Dylan Smoskowitz.

That edge held up for the visitors, who were unable to add an insurance goal against the game's No. 1 star, Nedeljkovic.

Finally, the Whalers (9-12-0-1) evened things up on Wesley's first goal for the Whalers. It

came with just 2:44 to play in the third and was assisted by Connor Chatham and Francesco Virdardi.

After neither team could mount much of a threat in OT, the contest hinged on the shootout.

It was tied 2-2 after the fifth round (with Plymouth goals by Zach Lorentz and Chatham) and Mississauga's Jesse Barwell could not score to open the sixth round.

Yannick Rathgeb then skated in on Carty and hit the target to give Plymouth the victory.



Stretching for the ball Thursday night is PCA freshman Olivia Mady (No. 8), with senior teammate Rachael Fuller (No. 3) in the background. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Crusader spikers roll in WHAC playoff opener

Despite being off for eight days, the unbeaten and fourth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team showed no rust in Friday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference quarterfinal match

against visiting Indiana Tech.

WHAC Player of the Year Emilie Freeman (Livonia/Lutheran Westland) recorded 11 kills and Kayla Vogel added 10 as the host Crusaders improved to 36-0 with a

25-12, 25-19, 25-14 victory over Indiana Tech.

Setter Evia Prieditis chipped in with 34 assist-to-kills, while Stacey Catalano contributed eight kills and 10 digs.

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PCA tried to chip away, trailing 16-10 following senior setter Jen Malcom's block against a Laker.

But true to how the night went, any chance of an encouraging run went by the wayside as Courtney Wightman tallied a defensive side-out point with a tip.

The third set was a bit closer, with the Eagles going up 4-1 after an opening three-point service stint by Malcom (20 assists, 10 digs).

Back came the Lakers, however, with a seven-point run highlighted by Ross' block and a spike by senior Allison Samuloff, off a perfect set from Bagley.

Plymouth Christian senior outside hitter Rachael Fuller (eight digs, three aces) tried to spark a rally from the stripe.

She served four points in a row to make it a 16-12 deficit, with Malcom feeding freshman outside hitter Olivia Mady for two spike kills.

Mady tallied 12 kills, while another key contributor was junior libero Callie Morby, with 21 digs. Both players led the Eagles in those re-

spective categories.

But a defensive side-out by the Lakers stopped that surge and the Eagles could not mount much of a threat the rest of the way.

According to Decker, the Lakers would have proven to be a formidable foe anyway.

But PCA was without junior middle blocker Kelsey Williamson (with her family on a pre-approved vacation), which forced Decker to juggle the lineup and give several freshmen more minutes than they might have otherwise received.

"Volleyball's a very emotional sport," Decker said. "And as soon as you mess up that balance at all, it gets emotional for the other girls and it's tough for them to play without one of the key players on the team."

"And we ended up playing four freshmen at certain times and they're not used to this level, they're not used to the intensity and speed of the game and it kind of got the best of us tonight, I think."

For Lakes, leading the charge were Bagley (30 assists, seven digs, five aces), Lindsay Wightman (12 digs), Samuloff (12 kills), Courtney Wightman (nine kills, six digs), Ross (seven kills, five

blocks), senior Kristina Krupiak (four kills, five digs) and senior Angela Ludlow (seven digs).

Year to remember

"I'm so proud of them," Decker said. "It was definitely a growing year, we had a lot of young girls. But at the same time we had some great leadership from our seniors (Malcom, Fuller, defensive specialist Katherine Gibson and right-side hitter Joy Bauslaugh.)"

"They played hard, they played with so much heart. We went far this year. This is a lot further than last year and we just want to continue to grow and get better every year."

One of those seniors, Fuller, was sorry to see the season end.

"This season was absolutely amazing," Fuller said. "It was so much fun, the new freshmen we got this year, they were awesome and we couldn't ask for any better new additions."

"And the seniors, I just love them so much and I will like definitely cherish every moment that we had together because it was the best season that we could have had, for sure."

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

MU's Freeman WHAC Player of Year

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season women's volleyball champion Madonna University took home three of the four major awards headlined by Player of the Year Emilie Freeman, a senior from Lutheran High Westland.

A total of nine Crusaders were honored following a vote of the WHAC's 12 coaches.

Senior Evia Prieditis (Millford) took home WHAC Setter of the Year honors for the third time in her career, while Jerry Abraham was honored as Coach of the Year.

Joining Freeman and Prieditis on the All-WHAC first team was fellow senior Stacy Catalano (Utica Eisenhower).

Juniors Samantha Geile (Fruitport) and Kayla Vogel (Hastings) were tabbed to the

All-WHAC honorable mention team. Freshman Katie Breault was also to the WHAC's all-freshman team.

Abraham led MU to a perfect 11-0 WHAC state and to the No. 4 ranking nationally this season to earn his sixth Coach of the Year trophy (1997, 1998, 2002, 2005, 12). His 1,040 career wins are the most in NAIA history and 2013 marks the sixth time that the Crusaders have gone unbeaten in WHAC play.

Freeman, who hails from Livonia, becomes the ninth Crusader to earn WHAC Player of the Year honors joining Karen Sisung (1997), Madonna Hall of Famer Brandy Malewski (1998, 1999, 2000), Shelley Stanton (2002), Amanda Suder (2003), Natalja Timina (2005), Caryn Inman (2006), Lubovj



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Freeman
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Prieditis (2012).

Her selection marks the 12th time in the last 17 years that a MU player earned the conference's highest honor.

Freeman leads the WHAC in total kills with 445 and blocks with 133. Those two totals place her 21st and 5th respectively nationally as well. Her .392 attack percentage is second in the league and ranks seventh nationally. She was named WHAC Player of the Week twice this season and was selected to the CoSL-

DA Capital One Academic All-District team.

Prieditis is making her third straight appearance on the All-WHAC first team and takes home her third Setter of the Year trophy (2010, 2012). She currently leads the WHAC and ranks fourth nationally with 114 assists per set. Her 1,314 total assists is good for 11th nationally and the top spot in the WHAC as well.

Catalano, transfer from Grand Valley State, appears on the All-WHAC first team for the second straight season and ranks second on the team with 372 kills to go along with 375 digs and 58 blocks.

Vogel burst onto the scene this season, joining the starting lineup from the outset and has racked up a career-best 214 kills this season with 69

blocks. Geile ranks third among the Crusaders with 218 kills and has 190 digs to her credit.

Breault (Amherstburg, Ontario) has been a mainstay in the MU lineup as a freshman, tallying 41 blocks and 168 kills in her first season.

Junior Cassie Castro (Saville) along with senior Nastja Seremetjeva (Riga, Latvia), Freeman and Vogel were selected to the Academic All-WHAC team.

Meanwhile, Freeman was the Crusaders' selection to the WHAC's Champions of Character team as the student-athlete who best represents and carries out the NAI's Five Core Values of respect, responsibility, servant leadership, sportsmanship and integrity.

BOYS HOCKEY

'Rake and Run' gives Plymouth icers chance to serve community

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer



There's another bag nearly filled up, thanks to the efforts of Plymouth hockey players such as these.

For Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team, last weekend's "Rake and Run" community service project — where they spent five hours raking leaves for homeowners — is becoming a pre-season ritual.

Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said the players are more than happy to help out any way they can because "it gets them out in the community they live and they see for themselves that people need help."

The project took place in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton with the team raking at 10 homes.

All players and coaches but one took part in the project. One player unable to attend was excused due to his father's having open heart surgery the day before.

"This was our third year doing the rake and run, and while the players know it is going to be hard work, they know what to expect and actually seem to enjoy it," Vento said. "It was a long day, raking from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., but boys had to work together to get every lawn done and that is obviously a great lesson on teamwork."

Moreover, Vento added that projects such as "Rake and

Run" help high school athletes keep things in perspective, perhaps when encountering a goal-scoring slump during the season.

"A lot of times they see stories on the news and it can appear to them that those

needing help are not their neighbors," Vento said. "This hits more close to home for them and they realize there is a world outside of their hockey/high school life and that everyone can make a difference."

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is a good thing for him. Now he can just concentrate on his senior year."

Good fit

On hand for the afternoon signing ceremony were parents Darryl and Veronica Nobles of Canton.

"Very happy, it's a good fit for him," Darryl Nobles said, noting that EMU assistant coach Benny White "spearheaded the recruiting of Jordan and we appreciate his help very much."

Canton teammates watched from the back of the Chiefs' team room, adjacent to the gym, as Nobles signed the necessary paperwork. Also at the ceremony were other relatives and friends, not to mention Canton coaches.

"It's very important (that they were at the ceremony)," Jordan Nobles said. "They had as much to put into this as I did. I would like to thank all of them for being here and just supporting me throughout my life."

According to Darryl Nobles, another member of the family had a big impact on Jordan's development as a basketball player — Darryl Nobles Jr., the Detroit Country Day alum and Jordan's older brother.

"I would like to thank my oldest son, Jordan Jr., who worked with Jordan, coached him for two years in AAU," Nobles Sr. said.

Reddy has no qualms



Flanking Jordan Nobles after he signed with Eastern Michigan University are parents Veronica and Darryl Nobles.

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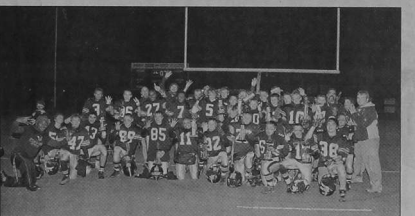
JIMMY REDDY, Canton coach

about whether the latest EMU recruit can step in as a freshman and make a contribution.

"For his size he's very, very skilled," Reddy said. "That's why he's playing Division I basketball... He can shoot it, he can score around the rim and handle the ball, throws it to the open player on time, contests and blocks a lot of shots defensively." Throw in a tireless work ethic and boundless energy as other reasons why Reddy sees a big future for Jordan Nobles.

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P-C Steelers put wraps on 'Super' seasons



The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity and junior varsity football teams both concluded outstanding seasons on Nov. 10 by winning their respective Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowls that were played at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium. The varsity Steelers finished 10-0 after pulling out a last-second 22-20 victory over the Dearborn Heights Redskins. The JV Steelers finished 9-1 after upending the Westland Meteors 30-20. JON VESPAZIANO PHOTOS

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us to compare our performance from year to year.

"We are off to state meet with several state cuts and plan to place better than we have in several years."

The Rocks and Chiefs each qualified for the state meet in all three relays.

► In the 200-yard medley relay, Salem was victorious (1:48.89).

Freshmen Molly Rowe and Katie Xu and sophomore twin sisters Linda and Lisa Zhang finished in the top spot to easily beat the state qualifying time of 1:54.89.

► Canton's team of sophomore Emily Meier, junior Emily Hagan and seniors Hannah Jenkins and Destinee Bar-

more-Hicks took fourth with a time of 1:53.29.

► Both teams just got in to

qualify in the 200 freestyle relay (state cut is 1:42.89).

► As for the 400 free relay (with a state cut of 3:45.09), Salem and Canton took fourth and fifth, respectively.

► For Salem, the team of Freitag, Suriano, Linda Zhang and Lisa Zhang finished in 3:40.13; Canton's squad of junior Claire Green, Osaka, senior Mackenzie Dugas and Madison made the cut with a time of 3:44.44.

► In the 800 free relay (with a state cut of 3:45.09), Salem and Canton took fourth and fifth, respectively.

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with 286 points). The state cut per event is listed in parentheses.

► 200 free (1:58.49): Madison, Canton, fourth place, 1:58.33; Suriano, Salem, fourth in preliminaries, 1:57.62. Also Freitag made her state cut in a Thursday meet with a time of 1:58.30, Olson said.

► 200 individual medley (2:13.89): Salem's Linda Zhang, first, 2:05.76; Canton's Green, fourth, 2:11.08 and (also on Thursday) Salem's Xu with a time of 2:12.57.

► 50 free (25.19): Salem's Lisa Zhang (second, 24.67) and Canton's Barmore-Hicks (fourth, 25.05).

► 100 butterfly (1:00.59): Salem's Lisa Zhang finished second with a time of 57.40 seconds.

► 100 free (54.79): There were no state cuts at the conference meet for P-CEP swimmers.

► 500 free (5:18.79): Qualifying with a fourth-place time of

5:08.49 was Canton's Green.

► 100 backstroke (1:01.19): Salem's Solterman (second, 59.68) and Rowe (third, 1:01.97) made the cut. Also qualifying in the preliminaries, was Plymouth junior Alexa Earls — who finished in 1:00.72.

► 100 breaststroke (1:09.79): Salem's Linda Zhang was first place overall with a time of 1:05.12.

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Wayne (100 fly, 1:06.90 in finals), Amanda Esler (100 fly, 1:09.89 in finals), Emily Downs (200 fly, 1:09.15 in finals), Jenkins (100 fly, 1:03.39 in prelims);

► Also Faith Goodwin (100 free, 58.41 in prelims), Madison Dugas (500 free, 5:41.97 in prelims), Mackenzie Dugas (500 free, 5:21.56 in prelims), Alyssa Jacobsen (500 free, 6:18.47 in prelims), Maura Shennan (500 free, 6:19.18 in prelims), Meier (100 back, 1:02.91 in prelims), Hagan (100 breast, 1:11.22 in prelims), Rachel McGue (100 breast, 1:15.78 in prelims), Madeline Brownley (100 breast, 1:22.43 in prelims), Laura Weisz (100 breast, 1:23.82 in prelims) and Adrienne Paton (100 breast, 1:25.78 in prelims).

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 • The Michigan Humane Society offers one card style this year. Each box contains 15 5-by-7-inch cards and 16 envelopes. They cost \$12.95 plus tax and feature a Pekinese named Prince and kittens Sterling and Veronica, all animals that found new homes through MHS.

The inside greeting is "Sending you warm and fuzzy holiday wishes!" The MHS logo and messaging appears on the back of each card.

Order cards online at www.ShopMichiganHumane.org or by calling 800-866-9189, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. They also are available at MHS adoption centers in Rochester Hills, Detroit and Westland. The Westland shelter is located at 900 N. Newburgh, south of Ford Road.

At MHS' online store, shoppers can create their own, personalized greeting cards. Photo holiday cards are available in packs of 20 and include the MHS logo on the front. Shoppers customize their cards with a high-resolution photo and short greeting on the front, along with a custom message on the back. Cost is \$24.95 for one box, \$19.95 for two boxes and \$17.95 for three boxes.

• Forgotten Harvest Cards and envelopes are sold in packs of 20 for \$28 and include shipping and handling. A tribute card, which can be slipped into the holiday card, is available for \$5.

The collection includes two new holiday cards, designed by Matt

LeBarre Illustration in Royal Oak, and also features two of Forgotten Harvest's 2012 bestsellers, Two Turtle Doves and Snowy Farm Scene.

Last year, the proceeds from card sales helped Forgotten Harvest rescue 45.5 million pounds of food. The organization collects surplus prepared and perishable food from 455 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free of charge to feeding programs throughout southeastern Michigan.

Buy the cards online at www.forgottenharvest.org. Allow five to seven days for shipping.

For more information about Forgotten Harvest holiday cards, contact Rebecca Gade-Sawicki at rgade-sawicki@forgottenharvest.org or 248-967-1500, Ext. 151.

• Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers several different holiday cards to help support its mission to providing high-quality, low-cost children's literature in braille. But its newest card, and the only one with a braille message, is a 5-by-7-inch snowman card.

A child in the Livonia Public Schools preschool program for students with visual impairments created the artwork on the card. The greeting inside says "Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!" and includes the same message in braille. Each package contains 12 cards and 12 envelopes and is available for \$16.

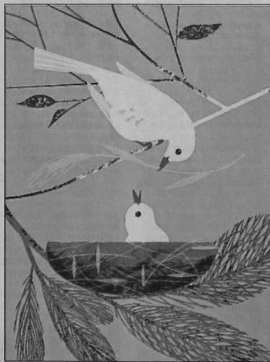


Matt LeBarre illustration in Royal Oak created this new greeting card for Forgotten Harvest's holiday collection.



Prince, the Pekinese and kittens, Sterling and Veronica, send "warm and fuzzy holiday wishes" to recipients of the Michigan Humane Society holiday card.

Seedlings also offers two additional sizes of holiday cards, a deluxe size and a smaller size. Both versions are created by Pumpernickel Press and priced at \$18 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards. To view the full selection of Seedlings' holiday cards, visit www.seedlings.org/2013cardbrochure.pdf.



Forgotten Harvest's four-card collection includes this 2012 best seller.



A child in the Livonia Public Schools preschool program for students with visual impairments designed this card for Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

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A journey to the glory days of Spain, Portugal

By Jay Young
Correspondent

Sprawling palace

A trip to Spain and Portugal today provides a vivid reminder of the days when these two countries ruled most of the known world from the 15th-17th centuries. Wealth acquired from explorations to the New World is evident today in the magnificent palaces, galleries, cathedrals and monuments throughout southern Spain and Portugal.

We started our tour at the Royal Palace in Madrid, Spain's capital. Modeled after Versailles, it has more than 2,000 rooms and is filled with luxurious tapestries, chandeliers, priceless porcelain and gold leaf.

The Prado Museum, the must-see site to view the Spanish masters, contains more than 3,000 canvases. It can be overwhelming, but if you're diligent, you'll find whole rooms filled with the works of the great Spanish painters Francisco de Goya and Diego Velazquez as well as other Italian and Flemish masters.

After three days in Madrid, we headed south with our 35 Grand Circle Travel companions to the medieval city of Toledo, picturesquely set on a hill overlooking the Tagus River, and then on to Cordoba, which provided a fascinating glimpse into the interplay of Moorish and Christian architecture.

Its most famous landmark, the Mesquita, is a former mosque with 850 stunning colored granite and marble arches. In the center is a 16th century Renaissance cathedral. It stands as a symbol of the remarkable tolerance and cooperation among the monotheistic religions that characterized Cordoba during its heyday.

From Cordoba we traveled past endless olive orchards, castles perched atop hills and windmills right out of "Don Quixote," to the last and greatest Moorish palace in Spain, the Alhambra. Sprawling over a hilltop overlooking Granada, the Alhambra is a complex of palaces designed to be a paradise on earth. The architects created ornate stuccoes, plaster stalactites, multiple colored tiles, scalloped windows overlooking the city and courtyards with crystal clear reflecting pools.

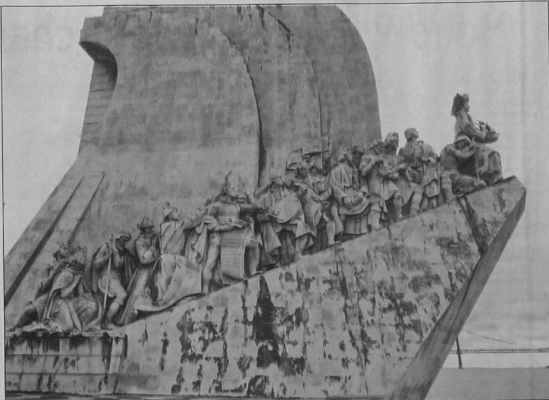
We continued our journey to the Costa del Sol and the seaside city of Malaga. The old city retains a distinctly Spanish flavor, with twisting, narrow streets and gardens with palm trees lining the modern port. A side trip to the nearby town of Salinas allowed us to meet and have lunch with several local families, a unique "learning and discovery" featured on all GCT itineraries.

We ended the Spanish leg of our journey at Seville, a city famous for its massive Gothic cathedral, the burial site of Christopher Columbus, and the riveting music and dance performances of the Flamenco.

Portuguese horses

From Seville we continued northward toward Lisbon, stopping at the Brito Paes ranch in the Alentejo region of Portugal. This 1,000 acre stud ranch has been in existence for more than 200 years, initially breeding work horses for their strength and endurance. For the past 25 years, the owners have concentrated on Lusitanian sport horses which they sell worldwide.

After a stop at the



The Explorers monument in Lisbon, headed by Henry the Navigator, was the starting point for many journeys of discovery by intrepid Portuguese explorers

coastal town of Cascais, we traveled up the forested mountainside to the town of Sintra, site of the summer residence of the Portuguese royal family, and then ended our trip with a five-day stay at Madeira, a volcanic island located about 500 miles off the coast of Morocco.

Madeira provided a beautiful and restful way for us to conclude our own voyage of discovery of the present-day reminders of the Golden Age of Spain and Portugal.

For more about Grand Circle Travel adventures, visit www.gct.com or call 800-221-2610.

Jay Young is a Canton resident and frequent traveler.



Jay and Linnea Young of Canton are pictured along the rugged, volcanic coast of the Portuguese island of Madeira, one of only two possessions remaining of the former Portuguese empire

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cards from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Seedlings office, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia and online at www.seedlings.org. Call 734-427-8552 for directions and more information.

• Child's Hospital of Michigan Auxiliary offers a card with artwork by Claire and Lucy Thomson of Clawson.

They created the pictures, of a snowman under a dark, starry night for the card front, and a Christmas tree with presents for the back, in honor of their sister, Natalie, who was a patient at the hospital from birth until she died from end-stage renal disease a few days before her first birthday. The inside of the card reads, "Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season."

The holiday cards are \$20 for a pack of 20 cards. Cards may be

imprinted with the sender's name for an additional cost. Gift cards are also available by making a donation to the auxiliary. For a minimum donation of \$5 per card, the donor will receive a special card acknowledging the gift.

Buy holiday cards online at childrenshospitalofmichiganauxiliary.org, at the hospital, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, or at Good Neighbors Family Pharmacy, 1956 Venoy, Westland; 734-722-8774.



The Westland Goodfellows is holding a toy and food drive. Donations of toys, hats & gloves, and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the following locations. All donated items will be distributed to Westland families this Christmas.

Donation boxes available November 1 to December 7th, 2013

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Clinical trial looks at treatment for tennis elbow

A procedure intended to help heal musculoskeletal injuries called platelet-rich plasma therapy, or PRP, has created a big buzz in sports medicine and the media in recent years. Tiger Woods reportedly received the procedure for a sore knee and Pittsburgh Steelers' Hines Ward used it for a sprained knee ligament just before playing a key role in the team's 2009 Super Bowl victory.

However, the method — which involves concentrating the platelets in a patient's blood sample and re-injecting them into the injured area to boost the body's own healing powers — is expensive and rarely covered by insurance

because it lacks scientific research to back it up.

Researchers at the University of Michigan are taking a step toward answering some questions about this therapy through a new clinical trial exploring how PRP specifically affects tennis elbow (or lateral epicondylitis). Individuals with this condition experience pain from injury and degeneration in the tendon along the outside of the elbow, especially with extending the wrist. It can be caused by overuse or sports related repetitive strain.



Jacobson

"The popularity of PRP has moved faster than the science," said principal investigator Dr. Jon Jacobson, M.D., U-M Musculoskeletal Division director and professor of radiology in the U-M Medical School. "Tennis elbow can be a debilitating condition, and the goal of the study is determine whether symptoms are improved in people who receive PRP injections compared to those who receive alternative and much cheaper types of treatment."

Other treatments for tennis elbow, such as corticosteroid injection, have shown little long-term success.

Various treatments

Researchers will compare the effects of physical therapy alone vs. physical therapy in conjunction with either needling the tendon to make it bleed and to induce healing; re-injecting the patient's venous blood; or re-injecting concentrated platelet-rich layer of a patient's own blood (PRP).

The trial is a blind study, meaning participants won't know which treatment they'll receive.

PRP injection has emerged as a treatment alternative for many musculoskeletal conditions and recently been popularized by the media because

of its use among well-known athletes, however it costs more than other options and success stories have yet to be properly grounded in science," Jacobson said.

"If we find that platelet-rich plasma is better compared to the other treatments, it would justify the high cost and growing industry associated with the procedure."

The study originates at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and U-M is part of a multi-institution randomized controlled trial.

For more information about the study, call 734-936-4365.

Blue light technology helps identify bladder cancer

The Detroit Medical Center Sinai-Grace Hospital is the first in Michigan, and one of a select number of medical centers nationwide now offering Blue Light Cystoscopy (BLC) with Cysview. The Karl Storz Blue Light Cystoscopy system is a newly approved diagnostic imaging system to help detect bladder cancer in patients known to have or suspected to have the disease.

Cysview is a special medication that reacts with bladder cancer, causing it to become more visible with a blue light scope. A white light setting is used to illuminate the bladder during a routine cystoscopy, and a blue light setting is used to induce and view fluorescence in cancerous tissue, enabling physicians to detect lesions in the bladder. This improves both diagnosis and treatment of this disease, and may lead to improved survival.

"With Cysview, identifying bladder cancer means im-

proved visibility of the tumor, resulting in the ability to remove the entire tumor, thus preventing tumor recurrence," stated Ranko Mionovic, M.D., DMC's director of urologic robotic surgery and leader of Sinai-Grace's urologic oncology program. "Blue light technology helps turn cancerous cells fluorescent, taking us one step further in the cure. This technology adds another dimension to our urologic robotic oncology program."

More than 70,000 people in the U.S. were diagnosed with cancer of the bladder in 2009, and an estimated 14,000 Americans died from the disease last year, according to the National Cancer Institute. Bladder cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer in men, and the eighth most common in women. Bladder cancer is also one of the most deadly urologic cancers. Early detection is critical.

NOVEMBER ADDICTION & RECOVERY

» Jeff and Debra Jay, intervention specialists, chemical dependency therapists and trainers, and authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction" and other books, will present "Intervention," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19. This program will describe how the "Love First" process of intervention can help chemically dependent people find recovery. Admission is free.

» Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness. Both programs are free, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

LUNG CANCER SUPPORT

David Sternberg, M.D., a minimally invasive thoracic surgeon and the newest member of Botsford Cancer Center's lung cancer team, leads a new informal support group for lung cancer patients, 7:30 p.m. third Monday of the month in the Botsford Cancer Center's Suite 230, 27900 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Open to anyone living with lung cancer. The meeting on Nov 18 will feature guest speaker Denise

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Cykert, a registered dietitian, who will talk about cooking and nutrition for chemotherapy patients. For more information call 248-471-8120.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Patricia A. Schmidt will discuss stress and burnout, which can affect emotional and physical health, noon Thursday, Nov. 21, at Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Meets rain or shine and includes a nature walk. Register at 877-477-Doc1 (3521), option 1. This will be the final walk of the 2013 season. Walks will resume in March 2014.

DECEMBER KIDNEY BALL

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will hold its ninth annual Kidney Ball beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The event, which features the theme "A Midwinter Night's Dream," will include a night of live music, dancing, a live auction, silent auction, food, cocktails, and even a candy "bar" to top off the evening. Tickets are \$250 per person, available at www.nkfm.org/events or by calling 800-482-1455.

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 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at

the Farmington branch and 11-145 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit ymcadeloit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

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

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (55), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 3135 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

CHOIR THERAPY

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

Tis the Season for Excess

...which can be problematic if you have diabetes.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Sharon Goodsell, RN
Diabetes Education

The holidays are a wonderful time for enjoying family and feasting on a cornucopia of delicious foods. However, if you're one of the many with diabetes, the holidays can mean added stress to an already challenging situation. Garden City Hospital's Diabetes Education Coordinator, Sharon Goodsell, RN, BSN, CDE, provides some valuable tips for better managing diabetes.

Q: What advice can you give someone newly diagnosed with diabetes during their first holiday season?

A: The holidays bring added stress for many people. Therefore, it's important to test blood glucose levels on a regular basis. It is also ideal to plan ahead by thinking about how to handle certain issues like extra snacking and alcohol use. Talk with your doctor about how to best handle any change in meal plan or physical activity routine. One might plan on being more physically active to help burn off any extra calories from a holiday meal. It is essential to continue to take your diabetes medications on a regular basis and not to skip any medications. Lastly, be realistic about your expectations for the holidays. Plan ahead, relax, and enjoy the season.

Q: How will I know if I'm on track or in control of my diabetes after a meal?

A: When we eat any meal, particularly the feasts our families and friends offer us during the holiday season, we need to check our blood sugar levels, both before and after eating. Specifically, our levels tend to be highest about 75 minutes after the first bite of a meal.

Q: What advice would you give to help a person with diabetes balance the stress of the holiday season with their diabetes care?

A: While diabetes can be stressful to manage any time of year, it can become especially challenging during the holiday season. Whether it's resisting all those treats at holiday parties or finding time to squeeze in physical activity between trips to the local mall, diabetes and the holidays can be difficult to manage.

Q: How can I better manage my diabetes over the holidays?

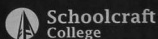
A: Here are some useful tips to keep you on track:

- Try not to over commit yourself and get plenty of rest.
- Set realistic and achievable goals for yourself and for your diabetes.
- During the busiest part of your holiday season, write out a schedule and try to accomplish one holiday task each day.
- Set aside time each day to take care of yourself.
- Schedule appointments on your calendar for regular physical activity. During the holidays, more so than other times throughout the year, it will be important to burn off extra calories. Exercise is a great way to re-energize yourself.
- If your blood glucose levels are running higher than usual, drink extra water. This may help bring the numbers down.

For more information on how to prevent diabetes or improve management of diabetes, call 734-458-4330 to schedule an appointment with a diabetes educator. Have a health or medical question for the GCH Health Experts? Visit us online at GCH.org. If you need a doctor call the GCH Physician Referral Line at 877-713.WELL.

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20th Anniversary Wayne County's Lightfest



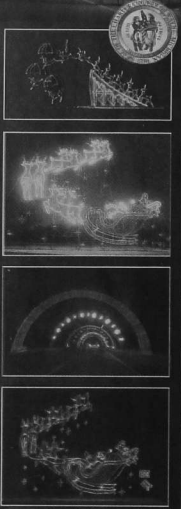
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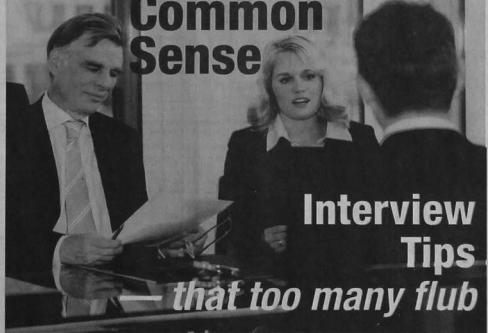
When we refer to something as being “common sense,” we usually mean that it is something we think everyone should know. Often, though, it turns out that what may seem like common sense to one person isn't always so to someone else. For example: Veterinarians spend their days around animals, so they might consider it common knowledge that cats sleep about 18 hours per day; hence the reason your vet seems so amused when you bring Muffin in for a checkup, convinced about her inability to stay awake.

Similarly, because human-resources professionals constantly screen and interview candidates, what may seem like a common-sense interview tip to them might not have crossed a job seeker's mind. Following are “common-sense” interview tips straight from the experts' mouths.

1. Be presentable

Wear a suit that fits, and don't cut corners when it comes to ironing or dry-cleaning, says Monique Honaman, CEO of leadership development company ISHR Group. “I knew one guy who was in such a rush the day of his interview that he only ironed the front of his shirt. Later, during the course of his interview day, it was hot and he was encouraged to remove his jacket and get more comfortable and it was clear that he had cut corners and only ironed the front! He was very embarrassed,” Honaman says.

Also, while you should always wear deodorant, try to avoid perfumes and colognes. You never know who will be allergic or just downright averse to your scent. “A hiring manager once told me a story of how he didn't select an incredibly well-qualified candidate for a role because she wore the same perfume as his ex-wife,” says Danielle Beaujeant Moser, a career coach with Blended



Learning Team. “He said she walked in the room and his only thought was to get her out of his office as quickly as possible.”

2. Don't be too early

While you should always arrive at your interview a few minutes early, try not to get there more than 15 minutes before your scheduled interview time, advises Ben Yeargin, a manager at Spherion Staffing. “[Arriving early] will lead to anxiety on the candidate's part because they have to sit and wait for an extended period of time, and it will lead to frustration on the hiring manager's part because they will feel rushed with the project that they are trying to accomplish prior to the interview,” he says.

If you find yourself getting to the building earlier than you thought, wait in your car or take a walk around the block until it's closer to your interview time.

**Interview Tips
—that too many flub**

the one who ate all the candy out of the candy dish or spoke disrespectfully to the receptionist.”

3. Know whom you're meeting with

“Know the name of the interviewer so that you can ask for that person at the receptionist's desk,” advises Cheryl Palmer, president of Call to Career, an executive coaching firm. “It's embarrassing when the receptionist asks, ‘Who are you here to see?’ and you can't remember. Have this information either in your head or write yourself a note that you refer to prior to arriving in the waiting area,” Palmer says.

4. Remember: You are being interviewed as soon as you walk in the door

“Most people would never think of the receptionist as being an interviewer, but it's true,” Palmer says. “It's fairly common that the receptionist will report back to the hiring manager how candidates behaved in the waiting area. Don't be remembered as

5. Make proper eye contact

“One of the most obvious mistakes interviewees make is with eye contact, and it costs a lot of people a lot of jobs,” says Barry Maher, who owns a California-based career coaching firm. “Eye contact is simple,” he says. “Any given eye contact should last about five seconds at a time. And if there's one interviewer, make eye contact with him or her about 40 to 60 percent of the time. More than 60 percent is intimidating. Less than 40 percent comes off as shy and perhaps insincere, even dishonest.”

6. Eat before the interview, but not during it

Duh? Not according to Yeargin, who has experienced interview-snacking firsthand. “I

was in an interview, no more than 10 minutes into it, and I got called out for two minutes to answer a question,” he says. “When I returned, the applicant was eating some sort of granola or other snack bar. Needless to say that individual did not get a job with my company.” No matter what the candy bar ads have to say, your hunger can wait.

7. Make sure that what you do eat beforehand does not involve onion or garlic

You want to be remembered for your professionalism and outstanding skills, not for what you ate for lunch. Advises Palmer, “Don't eat anything that has a strong odor before the interview.”

8. Don't look at your watch

Block at least two hours of time for the interview, says Cindy Loftus, co-owner of Loftus O'Meara Staffing. Loftus also advises keeping your schedule relatively clear on the day of the interview to avoid feeling the need to rush. “Don't create distractions to your interview,” she says.

9. Tell the interviewer you are interested

Don't forget to tell the recruiter you want the job. “If you truly feel the position is a fit, let them know and tell them you would like to get to the next round of interviews, and be prepared to tell them why,” Loftus says.

10. Get business cards from your interviewers and use them

“Ask for the business cards of all of the interviewers that you have met and make sure you take a second or two to read their card,” Loftus says. This will not only be helpful in remembering each person you met with, but will make it easier to send proper thank-you notes and follow up e-mails, which should always be done within 24 hours of leaving the interview.

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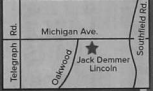
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