

INTERIOR

Freeland youth attends SVSU basketball camp, courtesy of scholarship

Justin Burk of Freeland participated in a basketball camp at SVSU July 6 through 9 as the first recipient of the Hunter Maxwell Scholarship. The scholarship annually covers the costs of attending the camp for a deserving young person who lives in Saginaw County and has a demonstrated financial need. It is named in memory of the late Hunter Maxwell, who died in an automobile accident in 2001 at age 19.

An avid basketball player, Burk, 10, broke a bone in his right hand during a game with his friends, but he did not allow the injury to prevent him from attending the camp. Despite wearing a cast, he participated in all the drills and activities.

“He wouldn’t have missed the camp if both arms were broken,” said Justin’s grandfather, Sonny Burk. “The scholarship was a blessing for him.”

Greta Bolger, Maxwell’s mother, says the family established the scholarship to allow young people like Justin Burk to have an opportunity to find enjoyment by playing basketball.

“From the time Hunter was in third grade, he loved basketball and excelled at it,” Bolger said. “He had friends who were also good players and who would have loved to go to camp, but whose families could not afford to send them. We thought that a basketball camp scholarship at SVSU would honor both the sport he loved and his compassion for the less privileged.”

The camp made an impression on Justin Burk, who will enter fifth grade

at Freeland Elementary School this fall.

“I was really happy to be there,” he said. “I learned a lot. I want to come back next year.”

For more information on the Hunter Maxwell Scholarship, or to nominate a deserving youngster, contact the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052.

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Justin Burk attempts a shot at a summer youth basketball camp in O’Neill Arena. Burk, who received the Hunter Maxwell Scholarship to attend the camp, participated in the camp drills despite a broken bone in his shooting hand. (Photo by Tim Inman)



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Up Close & Personal

Professional Profile

- **Hamza Ahmad**, associate professor of mathematics, has two research articles accepted for publication. "Witt Kernels of Biquadratic Extensions" will appear in the *Bulletin of Austr. Math. Soc.* The second, "On the Pfister-Leep Conjecture" was accepted in the *Michigan Mathematical Journal*. In addition, in May, Ahmad presented a paper titled "Centralizers in the Matrix Group and the General Linear Group" at the annual meeting of the Michigan section of the Mathematical Association of America. A second paper, co-authored with Nancy Colwell and titled "Integral Roots of Integral Polynomials," was presented by Colwell at the same meeting.
- **Eric Gardner**, associate professor of English, has a poem titled "forty days" in the current issue of *Karamu* (Spring 2004, 29.1: 64).
- **Rose M. Lange**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Gary M. Lange**, associate professor of biology, presented a poster titled "The Impact of 'Anatomy & Physiology' on Nurse Preparation: An Analysis of Prerequisite Course Requirements in the State of Michigan" at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Philadelphia, June 12 and 13.

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- Aug. 3
- Aug. 24
- Sept. 7

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Noon on the Friday
before the publication date.
Send items by e-mail to: tmi@svsu.edu.

SVSU hosts workshop for professional writers of poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction

Writers of poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction will share their ideas and inspiration at Saginaw Valley State University during Rustbelt Roethke: A Professional Writers Workshop. This second annual conference provides a peer-led workshop setting for authors with significant experience in publishing and teaching creative writing. The workshop runs Sunday, July 18 through Saturday, July 24.

Organizer Judith Kerman says the Rustbelt Roethke conference is designed to be different than many of its counterparts.

“Most writers workshops and conferences are designed mainly for novice writers,” she said. “Although there are some important master classes and writers colonies to support the writing of more experienced authors, there are very few short workshops where writers with significant experience and publications can work together on their own writing. Rustbelt Roethke was designed to provide that kind of workshop.”

The workshop is named for the late Theodore Roethke, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and poet from Saginaw. It will provide participants with daily intensive small-group workshop meetings, private accommodations and ample writing time.

“Another aspect of Rustbelt Roethke is that we make our participants available to local audiences with public events in the afternoon and evening,” Kerman added. “Afternoon sessions give interested people a chance to meet and ask questions of our participant authors; evening readings give the authors a chance to share their work with the public.”

Workshop participant authors who will read and present during the weekday sessions include Kerman, Adrienne

Scheduled Readings and Public Discussions

- **Monday, July 19, 2:30 p.m.**, discussion on contemporary writing in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room on the fourth floor of Zahnow Library on the SVSU campus. Admission is free of charge.
- **Tuesday, July 20, 6 p.m.**, reading by participants at the Theodore Roethke House in Saginaw. Tickets are \$16 with dinner, \$10 for the reading only. Proceeds support the Theodore Roethke House.
- **Wednesday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.**, discussion on current literary publishing practices in the Roberta R. Allen Reading Room. Admission is free of charge.
- **Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.**, reading by participants at Founders Hall on the SVSU campus. Admission is free of charge.
- **Thursday, July 22, 6 p.m.**, reading by participants at A&J Gallery, 928 Washington Ave., Bay City. Admission is free of charge.

Lewis, Robert McDonough, Carol Novack, John Palen, C. Vincent Samarco and Melissa Seitz.

The workshop will conclude with a new event, a Literary Festival and Book Fair, Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in SVSU’s Groening Commons.

The event will feature readings by a variety of Michigan poets and writers, and representatives from several Michigan literary presses and magazines will be present to sell their publications.

Martin Achatz will read from his new book, published by Mayapple Press of Bay City, during

the festival. Other featured readers include Daniel Crocker, Dennis Hinrichsen, Gerry LaFemina, David Dodd Lee, Beverly Matherne, Mike Mosher and Jeff Vande Zande.

For more information, contact Judy Kerman at ext. 4063.



Marshall M. Fredericks’ bronze sculpture, *The Poet: Lord Byron*, was placed in the campus courtyard Wednesday, June 30. The sculpture stands more than 11 feet high and is located near the Lillian R. Zahnow Amphitheatre. A full-scale clay model of “Lord Byron” was Fredericks’ final work prior to his death in 1998. The bronze sculpture, named for the famed English poet, was cast posthumously. The clay model and a full size plaster model are on display in “The Sculptor’s Studio,” one of the new galleries at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum.

Weight loss program offered this summer

The “Weight Watchers At Work Program” will be offered again to faculty and staff starting Thursday, July 22.

This eight-week program is held each Thursday at noon in 226 Wickes Hall. Registration will take place Thursday, July 15, also at noon in 226 Wickes Hall. SVSU provides this program only if a minimum of 15 participants register.

The regular price for this program is \$91.20; however, with the assistance of

the University as part of our Wellness Program, your cost will only be \$75.20.

Payment will be due at the time of registration (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, checks, and cash are accepted).

SVSU has offered this program since January. The 30 participants have a total weight loss of approximately 820 pounds! Congratulations to the entire group on their success!

If you are interested in joining, or have questions about the program, please contact ECS at ext. 4108.

Individual financial counseling sessions available in July and August

TIAA-CREF will be on campus July 21 and 22, Aug. 18 and 19, and Sept. 8 and 9 in 116 Curtiss Hall to conduct one-on-one counseling sessions. To schedule an individual counseling session, please visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc, or contact Linda Baker at (800) 842-2044. For more information, please contact ECS at ext. 4108.



SVSU's main entrance at Bay Road is closed to traffic due to ongoing road construction. The closure is scheduled to last through the end of July. During that period, drivers may enter campus from Davis Road or Pierce Road. The Michigan Department of Transportation is widening M-84 (Bay Road) to a four-lane boulevard from Pierce Road to Delta Road. (Photo by Nick Witchger)