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The *Observer* will publish letters and photos before the holidays. That means we need to receive your letter by noon, Friday, Dec. 14.

Bell ringers

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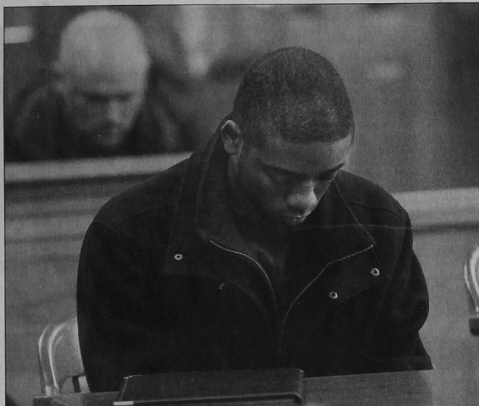
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Energy partners

Canton Township is currently collaborating with Chevron Energy Solutions on an energy efficiency project, which by reducing electricity, gas and water usage, will reduce Canton Township's utility costs more than \$5.7 million over the next 15 years.

The project, approved May 15 by the Canton Board of Trustees, will upgrade heating and cooling systems, as well as replace mechanical systems, water and lighting fixtures, in addition to system controls.



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Rufus Thomas Brandon II, his head bowed during sentencing, says he wishes he could change places with the two young women who died in his car.

'I would give my life'

Distraught driver begs for forgiveness in double fatality

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Fighting back tears, Rufus Thomas Brandon II stood in court Monday, begged for forgiveness and said he wishes he could change places with two teenage girls who were killed in his car when he ignored a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center at Michigan Avenue.

"In a heartbeat I would give my life to get these girls back," Brandon, 24, said, his head bowed at times as he faced 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe for a sentencing that brought heart-wrenching statements from the families of the two Belleville teens, Danielle Beavers and Brooke Kennedy.

Lowe imposed a 120-day jail term on Brandon, but allowed him to delay serving his time until he finishes his semester finals at Eastern Michigan University. Lowe called it one of the most difficult decisions he has made in his 18 years as a judge.



Amy Gabany, a cousin of Brooke Kennedy's mother Jeannette Kennedy, reads a letter from the mother in court. Brooke's father, Anthony Kennedy, stands next to her.

"I believe there's a lot of pain that you feel," Lowe told Brandon. "I believe in some ways you're a broken man."

Brandon, who wasn't drinking or using drugs, was driving Beavers, 19, and Kennedy, 18, home shortly after 2 a.m. July 24 from the nearby Ruby Tuesday restaurant, where they all worked. Lowe called it "an intentional act" when Brandon ignored the

flashing red light, resulting in his Chevrolet Cavalier being struck on the passenger side by a Monte Carlo driven east on Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Tragic mistake

Beaver's parents had sought leniency for Brandon, calling him a kind young

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New middle school off table for now

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Unless Plymouth-Canton Community Schools taxpayers say they want one in a survey likely to be taken over the next month or so, a new middle school on district-owned property in Canton likely won't be part of a \$117 million bond package the district's Board of Education is considering seeking this spring.

Instead, administrators have proposed a pair of options that include closing Central Middle School and expanding the district's four other middle schools to absorb displaced Central students.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent, said he feared building a new middle school, at a cost of some \$38 million, would push the bond past the point where it could be absorbed without a tax hike, considering other changes needed to make the education experience more equitable throughout the district.

"One of the reasons we couldn't recommend (building) a new middle school is the equity issue," Hughes told board members Tuesday night. "If you build a new middle school, you wouldn't have the funds to build new computer labs (for instance). We feel so strongly about the equity issue we couldn't bring (a new building) to you."

Couple of options

One option would be to add 33 classrooms to the four remaining middle schools — nine at Discovery, six at East, eight at Pioneer and 10 at West — along with new or remodeled STEM additions at all four schools. This option would cost the district nearly \$28 million.

The second option being discussed would add 27 classrooms split between Discovery, Pioneer and West; all four middle schools would still get new or remodeled STEM additions. The cost for this option is some \$25.7 million.

The bond proposal would also spend some \$26.3 million to build 21st Century classrooms and instruction. It would spend some \$4.6 million on instructional classroom technology such as laptops/tablets for teachers and camera and audio equipment; some \$3.2 million for student computing devices such as computer labs; and more than \$8 million for districtwide wireless network improvements.

Hughes told board members nearby districts such as Northville and Ann Arbor have already passed technolo-

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Local students get 'Idol' exposure

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Jennifer Kopp was hoping her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir students would be inspired following an appearance Wednesday from former *American Idol* contestant Matt Giraud.

That was no problem for Plymouth High School junior Sydney Hicks.

Giraud, who graduated from Ypsilanti Lincoln High School and earned a communications degree from West-

ern Michigan University in 2007, was in town to work with choir and music students in preparation for a fundraiser concert they'll do together in February.

Hicks, a self-proclaimed "biggest fan" of Giraud's, was one of several students who got to go on stage to duet with the former *Idol* contestant. And she couldn't have been more excited.

"When he was on (*Idol*), he was a

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Plymouth High School junior Sydney Hicks sings with former *'American Idol'* contestant Matt Giraud during his appearance at Salem High School Wednesday.

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Video helps police identify, arrest robbery suspect

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

A keen eye helped a Westland police detective arrest one of two individuals being sought in two armed robberies at a Westland convenience store earlier this month.

A 15-year-old Canton teen was arrested Nov. 21 after Westland Police Detective Mark Cholak spotted him walking along Hix Road south of Joy Road. Cholak, who had just gotten off work, recognized the teen as a

suspect from surveillance photos of the Nov. 11 and 18 robberies at the 7-Eleven on North Wayne Road at Joy.

"It was dumb luck, I'd looked at those videos so many times," said Cholak, who with the help of on-duty officers arrested the teen. "I promised the store owner I'd have them locked up before Thanksgiving."

The teen has been turned over to juvenile authorities and was transported to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Cen-

ter in Detroit. A hearing was held Nov. 23.

The first robbery was reported at 5:46 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11. The second robbery was reported at 4 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 — exactly a week later. The suspects received \$54 in cash during the first robbery and \$111 in the second.

One difference between the two robberies is that in the Nov. 11 incident, the clerk reported one suspect was armed with a handgun. During the Nov. 18 incident, both suspects were

described as armed with handguns.

In addition, during the second robbery, the clerk told police one of the suspects pointed the gun at him.

Cholak said the two suspects may have robbed the same convenience store twice because they got away with it the first time.

"They were successful once, so maybe they thought let's do it again," he said.

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik praised Cholak for

making the arrest.

"Detective Cholak's attention to detail and his alertness in this incident is amazing. I commend him," Jedrusik said. "His dedication to the job both on and off duty took a dangerous felon off the street."

The second suspect has yet to be apprehended. Cholak said he is following up a lead.

"I hope to get the other individual, but it's going to take a little more work," he said.

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really big deal at school," said Hicks, who also went to P'ssiliant Lincoln before transferring following her freshman year. "He's so soulful. He really feels the music when he's singing. I connect with him really well."

Giraud, who finished fifth in *Idol*'s eighth season in 2009, said the experience "changed my life." He's been traveling and performing, and is now a bigger name than he was starting out.

"I left Kalamazoo kind of an unknown," he said. "When I went back, I went into the same Subway I've been going to for years, and the same lady who'd been making my sandwiches for years was yelling, 'Matt Giraud!' and I thought, 'You never knew my name before.' It's been crazy."

He spent Wednesday working with choir, band, orchestra and arts academy students. It's the latest in a series of school visits the musician has made recently, mostly to middle and high school groups. He said he pre-



Former American Idol contestant Matt Giraud talks with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir students during an appearance Wednesday at Salem High School.

fers the older kids — "They're more focused; with middle school kids it's a little harder to keep their attention" — because they're more the age he was when he got started.

"I started liking music when I was high school age, and I started singing and playing piano when I was a senior," Giraud

said. "It's an important time."

Kopp said she hoped the students, who are already pretty jazzed about music, would become even more inspired by their exposure to someone who is "in the business."

She said it would do students good to know something like that could be

within their grasp. "He's someone who has gone through all the steps of *American Idol*, he's produced CDs, and he's toured," Kopp said. "He's at the professional end of the business. I hope they see it's not beyond their reach."

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Church display helps homeless, hungry

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton church for a second holiday season has decided to embrace the giving spirit of Christmas by displaying over 100 nativity scenes and collecting donations to help the homeless and hungry.

Numerous visitors are expected to return to view nativity scenes of all sizes inside St. John Neumann Catholic Church, on Warren between Canton Center and Sheldon, during an event sponsored with The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division.

Barbara Weir, the group's vice president, said donations collected during the three-day display will go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which helps families in Canton and across southeast Michigan.



St. John Neumann Catholic Church will again have nativity sets on display to raise money to help the homeless and hungry.

Non-parishioners are welcome. Display hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, an effort to make visits convenient for students and senior groups though anyone is wel-

come; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; and after each morning mass Sunday, Dec. 2, as well as 1:30-4:30 that day.

The event, dubbed No Room

at the Inn, draws from a biblical passage to illustrate the plight of the homeless and needy, organizers say. The event is patterned after one started two decades ago in California.

Prior to the first St. John Neumann-based No Room at the Inn event, organizers pointed to statistics from the Lansing-based Michigan Coalition on Homelessness indicating that 100,000 Michigan people, many of them children, were homeless at some point during 2010. Many others faced potential homelessness.

Event organizers have said some people in Canton and neighboring communities are one paycheck away from possible homelessness because they have difficulty paying for housing, utilities, food and medical bills.

Organizers of No Room at the Inn are asking St. John Neumann visitors to donate what they can afford when the visit the nativity display. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children.

"We had 156 nativity scenes last year," Weir said. "We're hoping to get that many this year."

Organizers still are accepting nativity sets to display. To get involved, call Karen Stuard at (734) 844-0166 or send an e-mail to laohelizabethfagan@hotmail.com. Organizers plan to start setting up the scenes Thursday evening.

"We'll take them right up until the day of the event," Weir said.

The nativity scenes will be displayed in St. John Neumann assembly hall.

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Moves should end rapid turnover

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Lt. Todd Mutchler's promotion to Canton public safety director, starting Jan. 1, is expected to end the rapid turnover that began in early November among high-level police and fire officials.

"That will stop the change," retiring Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said Tuesday night. "There's nothing else pending as we speak today."

Mutchler, a 24-year veteran of the Canton department, won confirmation as Nemecek's successor in a 6-0 vote Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. His starting salary will be \$113,660 a year.

Mutchler thanked elected leaders for the

"wonderful opportunity" to lead a public safety department he has described as Michigan's best.

His selection by township Supervisor Phil LaJoy came amid a rapid turnover among top-level police and fire officials.

It started when Fire Chief Tim Dunn retired Nov. 2. He was replaced by Deputy Fire Chief Joshua Meier, whose position was filled by fire Capt. Gregory Sprys-Tellner.

The turnover continued as Nemecek confirmed his plans to retire Dec. 30 and end his 25-year Canton career, resulting in Mutchler's promotion.

Nemecek remains on the job for another month — time he, Mutchler, Meier and Sprys-Tellner can use to ease the trans-

itions. Nemecek said it helps that all of the new appointees are longtime members of a quasi-consolidated public safety department with 86 police officers and 62 firefighter paramedics, among other employees.

"They've been here," Nemecek said of the new appointees, "and they understand the Canton (Public Safety Department) culture."

Nemecek and other officials have long said Canton has set the highest standards. The department is the largest in Michigan accredited by an outside agency, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement.

During the next few weeks, Nemecek said

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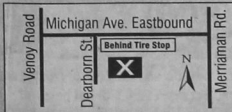
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Knifing suspect ordered to trial

By Darrell Ciem
Observer Staff Writer

An Inkster man was ordered Monday to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations he cut a Novi police officer during an armed robbery. Authorities say occurred Nov. 9 inside the Canton Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

Alden Ralph Mays, 57, is facing trial after he waived his right to a preliminary examination in 35th District Court on charges of armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault, resisting and obstructing a police officer and being a habitual offender.

If convicted, Mays could face penalties ranging up to life in prison for an incident Canton police say happened just before Nov. 9 during the attempted theft of a 42-

inch television from the Walmart store. Mays remained jailed with a \$1 million/10 percent bond as he appeared Monday in front of 35th District Judge James Plakas. According to Canton Police, Mays was arrested amid allegations he tried to steal the television and ultimately pulled a knife and cut a Novi police officer who happened to be on the scene investigating an unrelated incident of credit card fraud. Police said the Novi officer had apprehended the suspect and taken him to a store office when a scuffle ensued and the knife was pulled. The officer wasn't seriously injured. Police said the suspect fled the store but was found in a car in the parking lot when Canton police arrived.

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Domestic dispute

1 Canton police went to The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, to investigate reports of a violent domestic dispute between a woman and a boyfriend who is the father of her four children.

Police received the call shortly before 10 a.m. Sunday of an incident that had started about 1 a.m., when the boyfriend came to her apartment and an argument ensued. According to a police report, the boyfriend had dated another woman and became upset when the mother of his children didn't become angry about it.

The woman said her boyfriend took a modem from the apartment and left, though he returned later, grabbed her cell phone, looked through her messages and tossed it in the toilet, the police report said. He then smashed a laptop computer and printer in an upstairs room and left, again, around 4 a.m., the report said.

The woman told police she went to a bank, withdrew money from a joint account to pay for the damages and returned home, where she eventually went to sleep. She said she took her purse before she could get the money she had taken out of the bank account.

A police report said authorities found pieces of wood where the apartment door had been damaged.

The woman told police she didn't want to prosecute the man and that she only wanted her purse back.

CRIME WATCH

Break-in tries

2 Canton police have gone to Meadowood Townhomes, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty, for two recent reports of attempted break-ins, according to police reports.

A 28-year-old man told police one incident occurred when the sliding glass door of his residence had been tampered with sometime prior to Sunday. A police report indicated someone had tried to pry open the door, though a security stick prevented entry.

A 36-year-old man, meanwhile, told police he noticed pry marks on his door, which was slightly open, during an incident that occurred between 3:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. last Thursday. He said the front door of his house remained locked and it appeared nothing was missing. He also had a security stick in the doorwall.

Violent behavior

3 Canton police wrestled control of a 30-year-old man who became violent, according to a police report, after he was inhaling contents from an aerosol can, a police report said. The incident happened about 4 a.m. Sunday on Hunters Circle, northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

The man's mother contacted police, saying she was moving from the location and that her son became upset after inhaling from the aerosol can. Police noted in a report that the man became angry and aggressive and began yelling at police and his mother to get out of the room where he was found. He then allegedly stood up and clenched his fists, prompting police to struggle to



bring him under control.

The man was handcuffed, the report said, but at one point he thrust his shoulder into an officer's chin, then pulled away as the officer grabbed him by the handcuffs, causing an injury to the officer's finger. The report said police managed to get the man to the floor until he settled down.

Heated argument

4 Police went to Meadowood Townhomes, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty, after receiving a report that a man and woman had been arguing. Police took the man into custody after learning he was wanted for extradition to Winchester, Ky., on a warrant for child neglect. The man was taken into custody after police were called to the scene about 9:50 p.m. Friday.

Aerosol inhaler

5 A man who had been inhaling the contents of an aerosol "duster" can was approached by police after they received reports about 5:30 p.m. Nov. 21 of

a man slumped over the steering wheel of a car outside of the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

Canton firefighters had been talking to the 55-year-old man and, according to a police report, said he seemed "out of it." Police said the aerosol can was found in the car. The man told police he had been attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and was battling prostate cancer. He was issued a citation for "huffing" at Walmart and taken to his residence.

Smashed windshield

6 A 54-year-old man at Windsor Woods Apartments, northwest of Warren and Morton Taylor, contacted police around 1:30 a.m. Saturday to report that someone had broken out the driver's side window and smashed the windshield of a 1988 Buick Century. A man who owns the car said it had been parked for three days.

— Staff Writer Darrell Ciem

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'Wonderful' actress to visit Penn Theatre with classic film

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

It's a Christmas time staple at the Penn Theatre, but Sunday's afternoon screening of *It's a Wonderful Life* comes with an added bonus.

Virginia Patton Moss, who had a small part in the movie as Ruth Dakin Bailey, will appear at the Penn to greet moviegoers about a half-hour before the 4:15 p.m. Sunday showing, said Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn. Elliott said Moss will be available to chat and pose for pictures; the theater doors open at 3:45 p.m.

Moss, who is 86, lives in Dexter with her husband of more than 60 years, Cruse W. Moss, who had a long career in automobile manufacturing and marketing. Virginia Moss had a film career of about six years



Virginia Patton Moss, in this still from 'It's a Wonderful Life' with Todd Karns as Harry Bailey, Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey and Thomas Mitchell as Uncle Billy, will be in town Sunday as the Penn Theatre shows the 1946 holiday classic.

in the 1940s, beginning with 1943's *Thank Your Lucky Stars* and ending with 1949's *The Lucky Stiff*, according to imdb.com, the Internet Movie Database.

In *It's a Wonderful Life*, the Frank Capra-directed heartwarmer from 1946, Moss, who was then Virginia Patton, played the

wife of Harry Bailey, the brother of George Bailey, the movie's central figure, played by Jimmy Stewart.

Elliott said a former Ann Arbor police officer who lives in Plymouth discovered that an area resident was in the Christmas classic, introduced himself to Mrs. Moss and arranged for her visit.

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AROUND CANTON

AAUW PARTY
Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

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Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

NEWCOMERS MEET

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford in Canton

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Contact: RSVP to Noreen at nrybar@yahoo.com or (734) 981-0486.

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FARRAND FAIR

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 4-8 p.m.
Location: Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth

Details: Farrand Elementary hosts its fifth annual Craft & Vendor Fair. Find that last minute gift, or something unique and special for someone on your holiday shopping list. Admission is free. Raffle items, jewelry, candles, health & wellness, skin care, hair accessories and much, much more. Need a little bit of extra cash to shop? South Lyon Jewelers will be there paying you cash for

your gold. Go through your jewelry boxes and find broken or unwanted gold to sell at this event. Babysitting will be provided from 4-6 p.m. in the school media center. Children will have the opportunity to watch a movie and make a craft.

MUSEUM CRAFT BAZAAR

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum.

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold its annual Juried Craft Bazaar and Open House. The Craft Bazaar is free and open to the public and will feature many crafts, such as knit, ceramic, jewelry, and recycled art. Stop by our bake sale and try our yummy treats and refreshments. Santa will be here all day to bring the whole family! Visitors are also welcome to explore the Museum's special exhibit for free that day.

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding its Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, as well. We need donations of baked goods: Cookies, cakes, candy, breads, pies, sweet rolls, and bars are all welcome—as are any specialties you may have in your recipe book. Please bundle your cookies or bars in packages of 6 or 12. Remember, festive holiday treats sell first. Please either label your treats (examples: Brownies with nuts or Santa's Favorite Sugar Cookies), or leave a note attached. Labels will be available in the kitchen on Friday, Nov. 30, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Contact: Please call Heidi Nielson, (734) 455-8940, if you have any questions.

COLORING CONTEST

Date/Time: Now through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875 Plymouth Road

Details: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will be holding a coloring contest. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. The winner from each age group will be awarded a \$50 Toys R Us gift card. One entry permitted per child. While you are here, take a picture with Nick from the Chevrolet commercial.

Contact: Call 734-453-4600 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVES

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

Details: The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive at St. Michael Lutheran Church. Plymouth appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appt for any of these drives, call Diane at (313) 549-7052 or email diane.risko@redcross.org

SCHOOL

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gy bonds, while Livonia is considering one. He pointed out there are disparities even among the more modern of the district's middle schools in terms of computer availability and other equity issues.

"Achieving equity among our buildings has driven us and is the primary factor in what we're proposing here," Hughes said. "If we can't be on the cutting edge, we need to be close, and we aren't."

Smoother rides

The bond would provide another \$9.1 million for transportation needs, including the replacement of 31 bus-

es that should have been replaced the last two years, and another 57 buses over the next four years.

The average mileage on buses that would be replaced immediately is between 104,000 and 158,000.

"We're holding them together with a great maintenance crew," said Phil Freeman, assistant superintendent for facilities and operations.

"We're working with a bunch of buses that are outperforming their usefulness."

Assuming taxpayers approve the bond which would be a May 2013 election, the district would sell the bonds in two series — one next year for \$53.4 million, the other in late 2015 or early 2016 for \$63.6 million.

District financial officials have said the bonds could be sold without raising taxes, although taxpayers would lose a small give-back they were scheduled to get as the district's debt levy went down.

Hughes stressed to board members there is no money in the general fund budget to fund such improvements.

"We have spent months developing what we see as urgent needs in our schools," Hughes said.

"Under every financial analysis available on Earth, there is no way we could do this utilizing the general fund budget."

A final decision is expected at the board's Jan. 8 meeting.

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SENTENCE

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man who made a tragic mistake that is haunting him. By contrast, Kennedy's family said even the harshest sentence Lowe could have imposed — one year in jail for a moving violation causing a death — wasn't enough.

Brandon faced an emotional sentencing Monday after he pleaded no contest to the charge in court. Authorities have said Brandon slowed but never stopped before he entered the intersection.

Lowe ordered Brandon to start serving his 120-day jail term before Christmas, after he finishes his finals Dec. 19. The judge also placed Brandon on probation for two years and accepted Brandon's offer to teach young people through his church and in schools the importance of obeying traffic rules.

Brandon also indicated he plans to start a campaign to warn others of what happened to him and his late friends. He said he hopes to make a documentary, start a website and continue writing



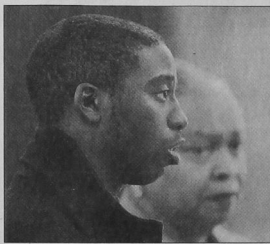
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Theresa Beavers, mother of the late Danielle Beavers, appears with another daughter, Andrea Beavers, during the sentencing. The Beavers family did not want jail time for defendant Rufus Thomas Brandon II.

songs in repentance for his actions.

"I am without a shadow of a doubt very sorry," Brandon said in court. "I didn't mean for any of this to happen."

He said he has had difficulty sleeping and eating since Beavers and Kennedy died in his car. "It feels like my soul is being tortured every single day," he said, add-



Rufus Thomas Brandon II hears his sentence of 120 days in jail with two years of probation. He is standing next to his defense attorney, Constance Ross.

ing he has had suicidal thoughts that prompted his defense attorney, Constance Ross, to suggest he seek professional help.

Higher charges

Kennedy's family sought jail time and said they believe Brandon should have faced a higher charge from prosecutors. "Personally I can't understand how this is not a felony," her father, Anthony Kennedy, told Lowe. "Everybody in my family is crushed by this." Alyssa Kennedy, Brooke's younger sister,

said she will never be the same after losing her older sister and best friend. "All I have left of her are the memories," Alyssa said.

Kennedy's mother, Jeannette Kennedy, sat in the courtroom but has been so distraught she had her cousin, Amy Gabany, read a letter in court for her. Jeannette Kennedy sought the maximum one-year jail term, saying her late daughter "will be forever missed."

However, Theresa Beavers, Danielle's mother, called what happened "a

terrible accident" and said the intersection is dangerous. She said she once missed the same flashing red light while her daughter was with her. She cried in court and said Danielle wouldn't want Brandon punished.

"She loved him. She loved all her friends," Theresa Beavers said, adding Brandon "has a good heart. He's a good boy. ... I don't want him to go to jail."

"It's not that I don't love my little girl," she said. "I love her very much."

Andrea Beavers, Danielle's 30-year-old sister, said Brandon often gave Danielle rides, was a good friend to her and came to her funeral.

"He cared very much for Dani and Brooke," Andrea Beavers said in court. Sending Brandon to jail, she said, "is not something Dani would have ever wanted."

Brandon is expected to start serving his 120-day jail term before Christmas for the deaths of two girls he said he loved "like sisters." He begged for forgiveness Monday and said, "I can't express how sorry I am."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:

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TURNOVER

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he plans to work with Mutchler on matters such as the department's budget, staffing levels, internal discipline and other issues Mutchler will handle as public safety director.

Mutchler's confirmation Tuesday came as the township board also took other actions. Among those:

- Approval of a special land use allowing the B.A.P.S. Mandir Temple, on Canton Center south of Palmer, to build a 15,970-square-foot addition for

classrooms and a Mandir for special religious functions.

- Approval of a special land use and revised site plan to permit Canton Friendship Church, on Saltz east of Beck, to construct a new garage toward the east end of the church for storage. The vote also allows the church to use an existing house on the site for church offices.

- Agreed to follow up on a request by resident Timothy Zapinski, who said the 55 mph zone along Saltz should be reduced, special-

ly along areas such as between Canton Center and Beck where more housing is occurring.

- Authorized spending \$13,850 to pay for seasonal maintenance items at the Fellows Creek Golf Club.

- Approval of two companies, Interstate Security, Inc., and Vanguard Fire & Security Systems, Inc., for maintenance of security and fire systems in 22 township buildings and 16 pole-mounted security sirens.

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Charter Township of Plymouth Notice of Budget Public Hearing December 11, 2012

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2013 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Seewald pleads guilty, Yowchuang no contest in McCotter petition fraud

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer



Seewald



Yowchuang

Two former congressional staff members entered pleas Tuesday to all but one of the criminal charges they faced in connection with former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's petition scandal.

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Judge Margie Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18 before Braxton.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Braxton will hold a hearing Jan. 9 to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge. The attorney general's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in court.

No plea or sentencing

"After a thorough investigation, my office determined that criminal acts were committed, and the appropriate criminal charges were filed. We will continue to prosecute those involved with this disgraceful violation of the public trust."

On Aug. 9, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the attorney general's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. At that announcement, Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members faced criminal charges. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the five-term congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen

J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program. Following that sentence, she will serve 18 months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs.

The fourth staffer, Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's S2-4 District Court. Turnbull is next due in court Jan. 8 for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Leo Bowman.

McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of his involvement, according to Schuette.

Tim Dinan, Yowchuang's attorney, said his client "took responsibility for his actions and cooperated fully at all times with the attorney general's office."

"I was very surprised that he was not offered any plea bargain based on his cooperation with the investigation," Dinan said.

Dinan believed Schuette "played politics" and "had another agenda." When asked what that agenda was, Dinan said: "I don't know, but I've dealt with professionals over the years

and when defendants cooperate, it engenders some sort of plea bargain because of the time and effort saved in the investigation."

Mark Mandell, Seewald's attorney, said Seewald signed what he believed was a petition with valid signatures, but acknowledged that Seewald was not the actual circulator, which Seewald took responsibility for. "Absolutely no justice was served," Mandell said. "He's never even had a traffic ticket and dedicated his whole life to Livonia youth football and public service, yet the attorney general

would not even offer a plea agreement for this not to be on Paul's record."

Mandell pointed out that drug offenders and domestic abusers who commit far worse crimes than misdemeanors are allowed to complete probation to clean their records, yet Seewald is not.

"The attorney general started this case off by characterizing the staff as the only Keystone Kops here was the investigation by the attorney general," Mandell said. "There are over 800 cut-and-pasted, invalid signa-

tures that have still not been accounted for as to who committed the act," he said of the signature fraud.

Mandell said Seewald believed the signatures were valid, but did not collect them and only signed the petition.

"Paul knows he did something wrong," Mandell said, but added that no one in state history has ever been convicted of signing a signature petition knowing that they did not collect signatures as the circulator.

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By Mary Quinley
Correspondent

The next time you head out to tackle the holiday shopping crowds, think Michigan. From apparel and fine art to jewelry, edibles and toys, the possibilities are endless of made-in-the-state products appropriate for holiday gift giving. An added perk — you'll be supporting Michigan's economy.

Here are some local businesses that feature Michigan made merchandise. The holidays are extra special at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts in Highland. Gift seekers will find a vast selection of "pottery, jewelry, paintings, note cards, glassware, baskets, sweaters, scarves, purses, quilts and more," said Dianne Deinek, events and communications committee member.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday through Dec. 21 for the Festival of Trees Holiday Artist Market.

Got pets? Maestros Dog Haus in Bloomfield Hills features made-in-house goodies for furry friends. "I make my own chicken jerky. Dogs love it — and people do, too!" said Ken Platt, who is co-owner with his wife Janet. Custom gift baskets, as well as chicken breast chips, apple chips, cheese balls with flaxseed, pup cakes and bone cakes, are other options.

In Plymouth, The Three Dog Bakery also specializes in edibles, like cookies, biscuits and personalized birthday cakes, for dogs and cats. Custom orders are welcome.

If you're in the market for a diamond ring, consider Jeffrey Allen Jewelers in Redford. "The diamond setting and all of the repair work is done by me," owner Jeffrey Orzech said. Halo and pave, he said, are the most popular settings, especially for customers looking for engagement rings.

Michigan goodies

A stroll through Canton's Holiday Market reveals a variety of state-made goodies, from Petoskey-based American Spoon Preserves and Jams and 15 flavors of Detroit's Towne Club Soda, to bottles of Sagnina's Billy Bones BBQ sauces and rubs and Michigan wines and beers. Made-in-Canton Mama Mucci's Pasta and Pasta Sauce is also available.

Other area grocers, like Hillers's in Northville, Plymouth and West Bloomfield; the Westborn Market in Livonia and Berkley; and Livonia's Joe's Produce, sell a wide variety of Michigan edibles, beverages and sweet treats. Kroger, Meijer and Costco carry products (salsa, guacamole and tortilla chips) from the Ferndale-based Garden Fresh.

When Maggie Cytacki and friends visited The Northville Winery recently, the foursome sampled wine and shopped.

Sanders products are featured in the Michigan Favorites basket from Basket Creations in Plymouth.



The Michigan Sampler from Basket Creations in Plymouth includes cherries, chocolate, Better Made Potatoes and other treats.



Wine, hard cider and a non-alcoholic sparkling cider produced by The Northville Winery make great holiday gifts.



Your Michigan Connection in downtown Northville carries gift baskets filled with made in Michigan goodies.



Salsas and fruit flavored butters from Michigan-based Cherry Republic are available at local grocers and shops.

"I bought a bottle of red, raspberry-flavored sweet wine and a CD produced by local musicians. It was nice that part of the proceeds for both items went to charity," said Cytacki of Livonia.

Hard cider and a non-alcoholic sparkling cider are other festive holiday gifts produced by the winery. Cytacki, as well as Bernadette Diroff, like to purchase Sanders products from out-of-state relatives. "My daughter in Florida — who used to live in Michigan — loves Sanders hot fudge. I like to send the fudge to her and her family for Christmas," said Diroff of Westland.

Fun Stuff! in Birmingham carries a slew of varied Michigan products. "We have poly clay costume jewelry that is whimsical and colorful; the 1st & Roll football board game made by a father and son team; and dysfunctional chair sculptures — you can sit on them — made of cast bronze and steel," owner Denise Kulak said.

Toys too!

Another Birmingham shop, Adventures in Toys, also carries the 1st & Roll game and wooden baby blocks made in the state. Foam football and soccer balls by PooF-Slinky® in Plymouth make great stocking stuffers. The balls are available at major chain stores. If you wander into Sisters Art and Gifts at

Westland Shopping Center, chances are you'll meet a Michigan-based artist or two to help you pick out a gift. "Everything I do, I incorporate poetry," artist Michelle Alfors said. Poetry books, plaques and frames and stuffed animals are some of her creations.

The shop overflows with handmade items like hats, mittens, glassware, jewelry, coasters and paintings. Artist Kathy Sheeran talked about her textured paintings that hang on the walls of Sitters. "Everything comes from my heart right onto the canvass." Also on display are pictures of local historical sites — Michigan Central Station and Grande Ballroom, to name a few — created by photographer Richard Spitzer.

Kilwin's (there are shops in Plymouth and Birmingham) is a great spot to purchase sweet treats for chocoholics.

For the eggcuse, lovers on your list, pick up a carton or two of the holiday drink at Guernsey Farms Dairy. The made-in-Northville beverage and almost three dozen flavors of the egg nog, including Blue Moon, Chocolate Chip and Butter Pecan, are also available at many neighborhood grocers. According to Stella Delap, owner of Basket Creations in Plymouth, "gift boxes are the most popular" for holiday shoppers at her store. The Love from Michigan box, filled with pretzels, Faygo and Sanders

products, cherries, taffy, chocolate candy bars and Mucky Duck mustard, is a favorite. The shop also carries a nice selection of Michigan made salsas, cherry butter, jams, BBQ sauce, hand soaps and Pewsie Pottery.

Made in Detroit

Made in Detroit, a brand of Detroit-themed apparel, beer and accessories, can be purchased from many local retailers. After the Rain in Milford, Berkley's City Style and The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills are stores that carry the popular logo.

Weary souls in the mood for a boost might try a beer-based malt, milkshake or slider at The Rust Belt Market. This Ferndale haven for holiday shoppers features soaps, chocolates, makeup, re-purposed domino game piece bracelets and other jewelry, snowboards, apparel, hair accessories, purses, prints, paintings and soy candles. It is open weekends year-round and each Friday during December.

"I carry up north items in downtown Northville," said owner Geri Turnbull of Your Michigan Connection, referring to the slew of made in the state items in her compact six-foot-wide store. Popular items include a Michigan oven mitt printed with city names; cherry salsa from American Spoon, Cherry Republic and Cherry Stop; and Benjamin Twig's pancake mix with dried cherries.

At the Zodiac Ranch in Milford, Linda Lundstrom raises alpaca and sheep. Craft savvy customers who are interested in making holiday gifts, like felt snowmen or penguins, can purchase kits from the farm's shop and/or attend a craft class. Call for an appointment.

Finally, be sure to check out local library and hospital gift shops for state-made merchandise. Happy holiday shopping!



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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vintner's open house

Vintner's Canton Winery, winner of 19 medals in Winemaker Magazine competition, hosts its annual Christmas open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

Vintner's Canton Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley, will offer free wine tasting, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and sweets with hot chocolate for the children.

As a great gift for the holidays, Vintner's offers a 6-pack sampler of wines each individually labeled with Christmas labels, custom Christmas labeled wine, grab and go wine gift baskets, ice wine baskets, as well as other gifts for the wine lover. Gift certificates are available. The Winery is also taking orders for custom wine baskets.

For further information call the Winery at (734) 354-9463 or check the website at www.vintnerscanton.com or facebook at vintnerscantonwinery.

Assets International hire

Assets International, an asset recovery company specializing in locating missing heirs, mineral rights owners and other beneficiaries, announced the addition of Maria Psilis as associate counsel. The announcement was made by company president Michael Zwick.

In her new role, Psilis will handle several areas of the asset recovery process, including drafting recovery documents and probating estates in court. Previous to joining Assets International, Psilis has held several positions in the legal field, most recently as an attorney at Johnson & Johnson in Detroit and also worked for the Federal Govern-

ment for several years. She is licensed to practice law in all Michigan state courts as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

After earning a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Psilis received her J.D. from the American University-Washington College of Law.

Psilis resides in Canton and is very active in the local Greek community as a board member for both the American Hellenic Congress of Detroit and the Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan, and also serves as pro-bono legal counsel for the Hellenic Museum of Michigan.

Health seminar

The University of Michigan Health System Women's Health Program and Dr. Samar Hassouneh and Dr. Gwen Zirngibl present a seminar about the HPV injection 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

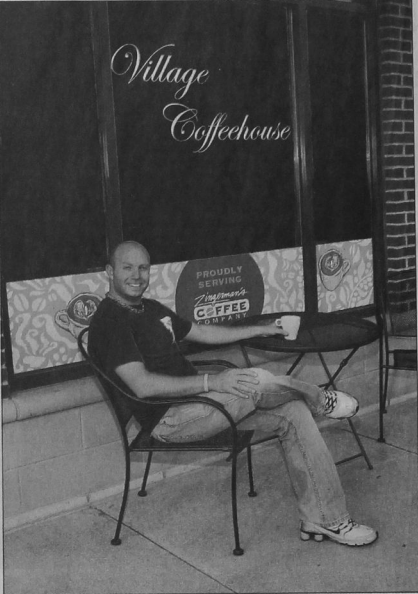
For more information call the Women's Health Program at (734) 936-8886.

Bricks 4 Kids

Parents can do their holiday shopping in a relaxed way because the Plymouth Recreation Department is having a "Bricks 4 Kidz Night Out" Nov. 30 from 6-9 p.m. They will take care of your kids and involve them with LEGO creations. The program is for kids ages 6-11 and is a fun, action packed evening full of building, challenges, games, food, and fun. Kids participate in LEGO free play, motorized build and creations, games and contests etc. They will provide pizza and drinks.

The cost is \$47 or \$32 for city of Plymouth residents.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Joe Mullally's Village Coffeehouse brought Zingerman's coffee and baked goods, along with other Michigan-made products, to Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Anniversary gala

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a 40th anniversary gala 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Traditions Condominium Association, 1315 Waterside.

Wine tasting will be available courtesy of Canton's Holiday Market. Cost is \$15 per person. The event is sponsored by Atchinson Ford Sales, Molly Maid, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System and Tammy Brown Agency - Farm Bureau Insurance.

Reservations are required, call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber.com.

Ribbon cutting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will help the folks at Pawisitive Pet Massage & Concierge cut the ribbon on their new digs.

The ceremony takes place 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford in Canton. Everyone is invited.

Coffeehouse serves up local favorites

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Village Coffeehouse: It's a local coffeehouse serving Michigan-made products, including Zingerman's coffee and baked goods. There are no preservatives used in our products. We also have Bubble Tea. We prepare coffee nine different ways, including drip, espresso, aeropress, French press, Clever, Chemex, Siphon vacuum, manual and Vietnamese. We have 10 varieties of coffee beans.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Village Coffeehouse: I've enjoyed coffee for years and wanted to bring some to Cherry Hill Village.

Observer: Why did you

VILLAGE COFFEEHOUSE

Business name and address: Village Coffeehouse, 50166 Cherry Hill in Canton
Your name: Joe Mullally, owner
Your hometown: Canton
Business opened: July 16, 2012
Number of employees: 3
Hours of operation: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday
Your business specialty: Serving Zingerman's coffee and bread and baked goods. Also serving bubble tea.
Business phone: (734) 340-6787; Facebook at Village Coffeehouse

choose Canton?

Village Coffeehouse: It's my hometown.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Village Coffeehouse: Our casual atmosphere with lounging and table seating, and free Wi-Fi.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

Village Coffeehouse:

We have seen an increase in customers since opening.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Village Coffeehouse: Prior to opening, make sure to have a business plan in order.

Observer: What's in store in the future for your business?

Village Coffeehouse: Soups and sandwiches.

Food drive assists two emergency food pantries

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's Comfort Keepers wrapped up its seasonal food drive earlier this month with deliveries to emergency food pantries at two area churches.

The Old Village-based Comfort Keepers, which provides caregivers to help senior citizens and disabled adults stay independent, collected non-perishable food on three different occasions during the drive: twice at the Hiller's Market on Hagertry near Five Mile and once during an exercise class at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, in which a former Comfort Keepers employee is a student.

"These ladies were amazing," Jeanne Trumpy, co-owner, with Sarah Webb, of the local Comfort Keepers, said of donors in the class. "I was just overwhelmed by



Joanne Darga, community liaison for Comfort Keepers in Plymouth, with a display at Hiller's Market on Hagertry during the company's November food drive. The effort brought in nearly 300 pounds of food that was distributed to the emergency food pantries at two area churches.

their generosity."

Some 115 pounds of food were collected from the workout class and delivered to the emergency food pantry at Christ the King Catholic Church in northwest Detroit, Trumpy said. The drive at Hiller's, on two different Thursdays in November, netted some 150 pounds of food from visitors to the store, plus

\$180 in cash donations.

That drive was arranged through the Plymouth Community United Way, and the gifts taken to the food pantry at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, to which the United Way lends support.

It was Comfort Keepers' second annual food drive, and its theme was stopping hunger among senior citizens, Trumpy said.

The Plymouth Comfort Keepers has been located in the Old Village Square Plaza on Mill Street for nearly 10 years, employs close to 40 caregivers, and serves Plymouth, Plymouth and Canton townships, and Westland. Caregivers clean homes, cook, provide companionship, shop, offer professional care and perform other duties, depending on clients' needs, Trumpy said. "It takes a very special person" to be a caregiver, said Joanne Darga, Comfort Keepers' community liaison.

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Ushering in the season

With last week's arrival of Santa Claus, one could say the holiday season has officially begun.

Hundreds of kids and their parents braved the weather to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to town, and immediately began lining up to visit him in Santa's House on the edge of Kellogg Park.

"It's just nice to see neighbors out and about and everybody bundled up for winter," said Kristin Adamski of Plymouth, who was there with husband Ray and their sons, Evan, 9, Brendan, 8, Carter, 6, and Cameron, 4.

Santa will be seeing visitors at the Kellogg Park Santa House periodically through Dec. 23. Check the "events" tab on the Plymouth Com-



There was not enough snow for Santa's reindeer to land, so that jolly old elf had to make do with a fire truck.

munity Chamber of Commerce website, www.plymouth.org, for dates and times.



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Christmas Carol and her partner put on a holiday magic show.



Walk through Kellogg Park and see the Christmas trees.



Some of the first snowflakes of winter fell during the evening and 8-year-old Olivia Mangion was right there to catch them.

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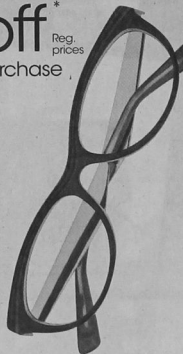
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Friends help put warmth in Warm Hearts

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Santa has his workshop at the North Pole. Carol Sharp has hers in a vacant storefront in Westland. While Santa looks to make Christmas merry for children around the world, Sharp is interested in Detroit area children who would miss out on the holiday if it weren't for the kindness of strangers.

Sharp and her "elves" have been working since mid-October behind paper-covered windows, creating gift bags that will be given out at soup kitchens and shelters. They've been meeting in the storefront, donated by businessman Glenn Shaw Jr., assembling the packages that include story books, stuffed toys, tooth brushes, hats, gloves, scarves and school supplies. Sharp estimates the work won't be done until sometime in December.

"This makes life fun, it really does," said Sharp, founder of the Westland-based Warm Hearts that has a goal of making the world a better place for the less fortunate. "What's better than seeing smiling children?" Sharp describes her penchant to pair books with stuffed toys as a "disease." One gift bag contains a butterfly purse and a butterfly sto-



Annette Kutnick of Canton wraps the gift packets.

ry book. Another has the *Take a Mouse to the Movies* book and a king-sized stuffed mouse.

Her cadre of friends also fill small cups with tooth brushes and paste, a small McDonald's Beanie Baby and crackers that will go to soup kitchens.

There's also plenty of socks, given to Sharp at

her request at her 70th birthday party, and a box of baby hats from the "bingo ladies."

Sharp's helpers include Linda Cielieska of Dearborn. She and her husband Bob started out making items for baby showers that Sharp holds for new and expectant moms.

"Bob started doing baby hats and I did the booties," Cielieska said. "He still makes hats, he does two-three a night, and I do afghans."

Delores Flowers, director of the Samuel B. Ware Community Center at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Westland, met Sharp at the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency which works with low-income



Gloria Norman of Plymouth Township is the only one left of the original group that started working with Carol Sharp.

families. Along with Annette Kutnick of Canton, they became known as the "Three Musketees."

"We help each other, that's how we know each other," Flowers said.

"Carol told us what she wanted to do and asked others to join her," added Gloria Norman of Plymouth Township. "It started out with scarves and blankets for the homeless and grew from there. It just grew."

"We do this because we care and because of all the need in the community," added Kutnick. "I've had a good life. When you

do, you give back."

Kutnick who is involved in Wayne Metro, calls her work with Sharp her "side job."

Barbara Cadaret of Dearborn says Sharp "is the instigator of everything I do." Cadaret, who works with the social worker at Christ King Church in Detroit, was the first to meet the Westland resident.

"Carol took me under her wing," she said.

Last year, Sharp and her friends assembled 2,400 bags to give away. Looking around the room, she suspects Warm Hearts will have

even more to give away this year. She's grateful for the donations and the help of her friends, admitting that sometimes it can look overwhelming. But there's a bright side.

"When you surround yourself with giving people, it has a domino effect," Sharp said.

That may be so, but Susan Parker thinks the volunteers need more than squash soup and snacks.

"We don't get paid, I want a raise," she said with a laugh.

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Coffee Bean exhibit features local artist

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents "Tales Untold" an exhibition by Lindsey Harnish, opening Sunday, Dec. 2, with an opportunity to meet the artist on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m.

Works by photographer James Hentges and digital artist Jeffrey St. John will also be displayed in other rooms, running through Jan. 30.

"Tales Untold," is inspired by children's literature, folk tales, dream journals and secret diaries. These mixed media oil and acrylic paintings celebrate the wonder of stories and the mystery of the ineffable. Exhibited in the "Cloud Room," the show is free and open to the public (though patronage of Plymouth Coffee Bean is encour-

aged).

"Why do fairy tales and legends captivate us?" Harnish wonders. "They endure through the centuries and hold us in amazement throughout our lives. There's a parallel between these stories — the plots, pitfalls and champions - that resonates with us and helps to find meaning in daily life."

Rendering reverent nods to beloved tales such as *Snow White* and *Where the Wild Things Are*, these works also illuminate unknown heroes amidst their nuanced quests. Familiar themes are revisited with a modern, pop-surrealist approach. Harnish's art explores the private enigma of interior lives while playing with archetypes and



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questioning personal identity. Her work, an eclectic blend of techniques from Art Nouveau to the varied caprice of children's pic-

ture books, has been exhibited throughout metro Detroit, including the Darned Exhibition and Russell St. Industrial Center.

While the works focus on depicted "Tales," Harnish is insistent on the vital role of the written word and the power of stories as an informing influence upon our lives. "Mankind has been telling stories in pictures since our earliest recorded history, but when tales are told in words, they create images in our minds," she said.

"There's a powerful relationship between pictures and words. However, pictures have infinite meanings while words are specific and finite, which is essential for clear communication. I have tremendous respect for both."

A portion of the proceeds from "Tales Untold" benefit Pro-Literacy Detroit, an accredited affiliate of Pro-Lit-

eracy of America and the largest literacy organization in the State of Michigan. Pro-Literacy Detroit makes basic literacy services more accessible by utilizing print, electronic media, and the Internet.

James Hentges' frames his photographs with signature sensibilities for mystery and wit. Capturing urban environments and premier graffiti, "Detroit Graffitiography," exhibits in the Green Room.

Jeffrey St. James, "Tales" curator and local musician, will be showing works in the Yellow Room, a mix of photography and digital imagery.

Exhibition hours are Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday 6 a.m. to noon, Saturday 7 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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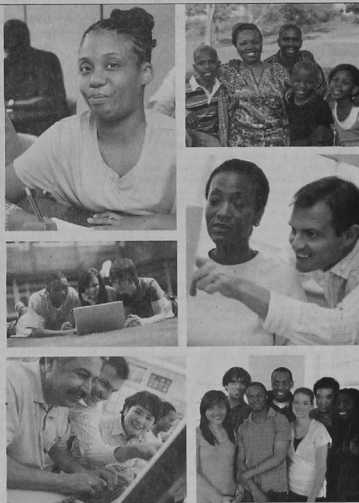
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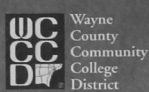
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OUR VIEWS

The right choice

Mutchler a solid pick for top cop

Canton Police Lt. Todd Mutchler, a decorated leader whose efforts to battle hate crimes garnered an international award, is the right choice as Canton's new public safety director.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees affirmed Supervisor Phil LaJoy's pick Tuesday, voting unanimously to promote Mutchler to replace retiring Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek, who leaves at the end of December.

Mutchler said he's "ready for the challenge" and, based on who taught him, there's no reason to doubt it. Nemecek and John Santomauro before him built the Canton Public Safety Department into a respected, award-winning department, so Mutchler had some talented feet at which to learn.

But he's not likely to rest on Nemecek's laurels. He's a former Canton Police Officer of the Year (1997) and earned the department's Leadership Award last spring. He initiated a Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition that two years ago won a major civil rights award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mutchler formed the proactive coalition as Canton has drawn an increasingly diverse population. He pooled resources with groups such as the Council on American Islamic Relations, the NAACP's western Wayne County branch, the gay-rights Equality Michigan group, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the American Indian Family Services and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, among others.

Mutchler has done it all, making him the best of three solid internal candidates. He's been a patrol officer, a SWAT team leader and served as a western Wayne County instructor. He served as supervisor of the Canton Police Department's detective bureau and was instrumental in ushering in a high-tech, interactive training simulator system that uses over 500 crime-scene scenarios to strengthen police skills in use-of-force options.

In his new job, Mutchler assumes leadership of a public safety department that has 86 sworn police officers and 62 firefighter paramedics, among other employees. He'll team with new fire chief Joshua Meier, who recently replaced the retired Tim Dunn, to make it a seamless transition at the top of the department.

Time to look at Central options

It's too early to know if a bond issue is the right way to deal with the issue of Central Middle School's feasibility as an educational facility.

But it's encouraging the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is finally looking at potential solutions.

By now Canton's struggles are well-documented. It doesn't have central air, which leads to temperatures in the 100s when the weather's nice. And the heat is forced air from boilers, an uneven way of heating the building, at best.

The original school is the district's oldest building, and the additions over the years have created unwieldy, unobservable sight lines, making student movement tricky and student safety a challenge.

Oddly enough, the school's deficiencies lead to a couple of novel things about learning there. The Veterans Memorial Park in front of the building provides a quiet, outdoor learning environment when it gets hot inside. The building's proximity to downtown Plymouth — to the public library, the Plymouth Historical Museum, Kellogg Park — provide alternatives to sitting in a stuffy classroom and offer educational opportunities for field trips.

Those niceties aside, the school is, in most observers' opinions, long past its real usefulness as a teaching facility. While it's a quaint, historic building, its shortcomings keep its own students from a learning curve similar to other middle schoolers throughout the district.

Administrators proposed a plan, which board members are considering, that includes a couple of options. One solution would have the district spend some \$38.6 million to build a new middle school at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in Canton. If the board decides not to build a new school, the bond would pay some \$27.7 million for additions to West, Pioneer and Discovery middle schools to handle student influx from a closed Central Middle School.

Administrators said they can pass the bond without raising taxes, although homeowners in the district would lose a small give-back that would have come with the bonding debt.

The board tried to pass a bond in 2006 that would have done the same thing, and voters said "no." It's too soon to know how voters feel about it this time around. But it's good to see the board finally dealing with the issue.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What's your opinion of states and cities that have legalized small amounts of marijuana?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"It's not a big deal. I don't smoke, but it seems like it would be less of a problem if they go ahead and legalize it."

Lavenia Bishop
Westland



"I'm for it. If the government makes it legal and taxes it, we'd be better off. It's like prohibition of alcohol."

Shelly York
Canton



"I'm the ultra-conservative type. I would be opposed to that."

Todd Proctor
Canton



"I'm not in favor of it because it's opening a door, and it's a slippery slope."

Kathy Sarten
Canton

LETTERS

Congrats, and thank you

I want to thank the members of my family, and the volunteers and supporters who participated in the campaign I conducted to become elected Wayne County commissioner for the 10th District.

Although I was unsuccessful in winning the election, I am extremely grateful to the people who stepped up to lend a hand and the confidence they had in me as a candidate. In addition, I want to thank the thousands of persons who voted for me and I deeply appreciate the civility and respect I was treated with by so many of the residents of the district who gave me the time to let me introduce myself when I knocked on doors and informed them I was a candidate for Wayne County commissioner.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to Shannon Price, his wife, daughter, other members of his family and to his campaign team for winning the election. His message resonated with the voters and I extend best wishes and much success to Mr. Price when he takes on the challenge of working on the issues he addressed during the campaign.

Jim Amar
Plymouth Township

Let there be a light

I was wondering if any officials in Canton give thought to adding a traffic light where Lilley joins with Michigan Avenue.

There is much reporting of Ford Road traffic flow hopes and dreams, but there is a 15- to 25-car backup 4:30-6 p.m. every day Monday-Friday backing down Lilley of cars trying to get onto Michigan Avenue.

Many businesses have been added onto Michigan in the past few years and yet I hear nothing in Canton of plans for improving traffic flow on non-Ford Road intersections. This also applies to cars that back up on Palmer at the four-way stop at Sheldon during rush hour. Could someone investigate if there are any plans to add traffic lights at these places in Canton?

Also, the company that did the construction of the Michigan entrance and exit ramps to I-275 this summer did a very poor job of signage letting us know day to day what ramps were closing and opening. I was caught a number of times having to go up Haggerty Road because the ramp that was open the day before was now closed and there were no signs alerting you of this.

We were late to events a number of times and feel we were very inconvenienced by the way this project was handled by the company.

Gail Ollar
Canton

Keep local management

I'll leave the detailed analysis of the financial data to the accountants and CPAs, although I had a college math teacher and a CPA look at the numbers that were

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presented and they agreed with me something is not right with the estimates this board was provided.

Based on my experience in running the pro shop, I find it hard to believe anyone could increase revenue more than \$1,000,000, no matter how elaborate a "marketing" plan they came up with.

This situation reminds me of one of my favorite movies, *The Music Man*, about a traveling salesman who comes into town and tries to convince the local officials to spend a lot of money. Of course, Hollywood movies always have a happy ending. But this is not Hollywood.

Mr. Anthony said at the board meeting that you realize you are taking a risk by changing and that is true. But should the board be involved in risking revenue and its credibility?

The lady who is recommending this change to the board said she was sure of the figures (which were mostly provided by Casper). Is she willing to back them up by offering to resign and quit her job if Casper fails to meet its projections? Not likely. Yet she is willing to put a local company out of business, put about 40-50 people out of a job, based on the same numbers. I guess it's easier to decide when it does not affect your ability to provide for your family.

The township will put a number in its budget based on his estimates. If those goals are not met, you will have to take money from someplace else; what service or department do you plan on cutting?

I would hope you take into consideration not just the inflated projections of an outsider, but the fact that the Ross Co. has supported and lived in this community for more than 30 years and has made more than \$3,000,000 for Canton Township. I believe it would be in the best interest of Canton, the residents and the customers to keep the management of Fellows Creek with a local company rather than "outsource" it to a company in Livonia.

Jim Kelly
Canton

Help us give hope

As you are aware, the holiday

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From our happy home to theirs, wishing you a blessed holiday season.

Justin Cessante

Volunteers of America-Michigan
Host Committee member

Good memories

Just a few words to commend the Observer and Staff Writer Joanne Maiszewski for the outstanding article on the life and passing of Sonny Eliot.

The article brought back my memories of Sonny. We were both members of the old Detroit Press Club at 516 Howard St. in Detroit. I remember how excited club members were when he came in for some camaraderie.

I remember when, as editor of the *Metropolitan Detroit Building Journal*, I covered the demolition of the first building to make way for the Renaissance Center's construction. Of course, Sonny was at the controls of the wrecking ball!

And finally, and best of all to Livonians, I remember when he said during one of his whereabouts that his old crony, noted journalist and columnist Jack Lessberry, "could trace his family's history back to an old stump in Livonia."

This coming spring, I plan on dedicating a stump in my yard to the memory of Sonny Eliot and to Jack Lessberry and his "roots" in our fair community.

Joe Neussendorf
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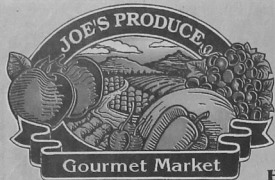
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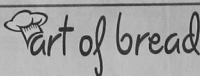
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2012-2013 GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Early tests face Salem

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Salem's varsity girls basketball players convened for Tuesday's practice — two days ahead of the season opener at Farmington Hills Mercy — they had a special visitor:

On hand to help with practice was Alaya Mitchell, a 2008 Salem graduate who went on to have a three-year career as a starting point guard at Division I Marshall University in West Virginia.

What will "Mitch" say to the current team as the 2012-13 season dawns?

"If you really have the will to win and want to win, then you'll do everything necessary to do that," said Mitchell, who played for Salem's 2008 championship team in the final year of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "Pay attention to the coach. Listen to the coach and apply everything you learn."

The coach Mitchell spoke of is none other than Fred Thomann, entering his 40th season as a basketball coach at Salem (with 29 spent coaching the girls).

Thomann can't wait to see how this year's squad fares against the Marlins at 7 p.m. Thursday, particularly since the team has junior guard and co-captain Kayla Kavulich back in the fold.

Kavulich missed all of last season due to knee surgery.

"It's really great that Kayla's back," Thomann said. "She had a meniscus

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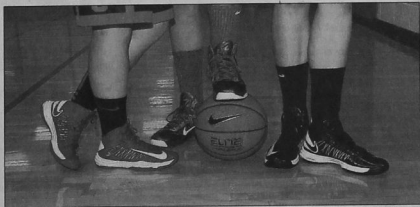


JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Salem's Breanne Beaver (No. 20) is shown in a game from last year. She will be counted on for scoring and rebounds this season for the Rocks.

Tip-off time!

'Cats will look to contend

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
It's time to step it up for another season of girls basketball at Plymouth-Canton Education Park and ready to go are these players from Canton (left-to-right), Salem and Plymouth.

New era dawns for young Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Brian Samulski is used to coaching a Canton girls basketball team that wins a lot of games and advances deep into the state tournament.

Whether or not the 2012-13 Chiefs follow suit is tough to predict, given a relatively inexperienced roster at the varsity level.

Yet there is one thing Samulski knows for sure will happen when the season begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Saline. Namely, the Chiefs will compete as hard as they can to get the job done.

"The outstanding thing about this group," Samulski said, "is they all come to practice each day ready to compete, listen, work hard, defend and rebound."

"The execution might not always be perfect. But I can guarantee they are going to give their best effort and try to figure out what we are asking of them."

Rising expectations

It helps that varsity veterans Rachel Winters and Paige Aresco are ready to take the baton handed to them by Robyn Mack, who graduated in June after a stellar four-year career.

Winters will play in the backcourt, while Aresco is set for a forward spot. Both are expected to excel at both ends of the floor as the Chiefs look to com-

pete in the KLAAs South Division.

"I am going to expect a lot out of Paige and Rach this year," Samulski said. "They are both three-year varsity players that have played in a lot of big games and understand what it takes to be successful on and off the court."

Augmenting them will be junior center Taylor Hunley, junior guard Kelsey McDougall and junior forward Shannon Perry. They bring different elements to the mix, whether it be inside presence (Hunley), pressure defense and energy (McDougall) or low-post play (Perry).

"Taylor will give us the opportunity to throw the ball inside and score," Samulski said.

McDougall is an outstanding competitor that brings all kinds of energy. ... She has great quick-

ness which will allow her to really pressure the ball which is a key with our defense."

Perry, like Hunley, will need to get it done in the paint for Canton to get anywhere near last season's 15-6 overall record.

"Shan is also becoming one of our better screeners," Samulski said, "which is a key to our offense and getting people open for easy scores."

Also returning is guard and second-year varsity player Kayla Lagola.

"Kayla brings senior leadership to a



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
In this 2011-12 contest, Canton's Kelsey McDougall (No. 23) eyes the rim against a Plymouth defender. McDougall is among several returnees for the Chiefs.

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The Plymouth varsity girls basketball team hopefully will have different ways to make life tough for opponents in 2012-13.

According to head coach Bob De Bear, the Wildcats feature a cast with the collective ability to run, defend, rebound and shoot the ball from the perimeter. Should all those things go according to his blueprint, Plymouth has a very good chance to improve on last season's 11-10 record and contend in the KLAAs South Division.

"We have balance inside and outside at all positions," he said. "Our inside players all have a nice touch from 15-17 feet and our guards are all solid at the rim."

"We can get out and run or play a solid half court game."

The first test for the Wildcats is at 7 p.m. Friday, when Dexter visits in a non-conference contest.

Those who come out will see some familiar faces, all with more experience and hunger to lift the team to new heights.

Junior guards Jada Woody, Kylie Robb and Brooke Senkbeil and senior guard Lexie McGhee are back.

Woody, who also can play a forward spot, "can run a lane or push the ball up herself," plus has a penchant for physical defense and rebounding, De Bear said.

Plymouth's transition game will include Robb, who the coach said "can really shoot the ball" and plays with plenty of energy.

Senkbeil possesses a good outside shot and has the chance to "become

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Jada Woody (No. 20), shown from last season, is a key player for Plymouth.

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Pens kick season in gear with D2 title game rematch

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

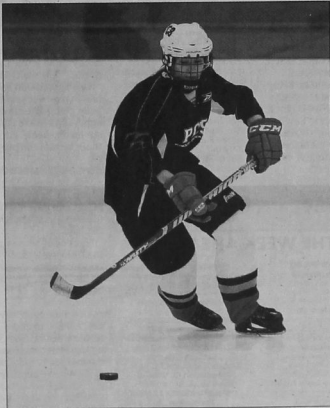
It's been more than a week since the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team saw action, a rousing 8-0 victory Nov. 20 over Detroit Country Day.

On Tuesday, with a scheduled home game against Regina postponed, the reigning Division 2 champions of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League practiced instead. Head coach Mary Beth Trainor (formerly Johnson) skated with them.

However, make no mistake. The Penguins (1-1) know what's coming next and they hope the long hiatus won't curtail their momentum from their romp over the Yellowjackets.

That's a rematch against Farmington Hills Mercy — the team's defeated 3-2 in triple overtime in March for the D2 state title. PCS and Mercy renew acquaintances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena.

"The girls played well (against Country Day) and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Skating during Tuesday's practice for the PCS Penguins is senior forward Jordan Patterson, a newcomer to the squad.

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Rocks rally, nip Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Pumping up the energy in the third period, host Salem rallied with three goals Saturday night to defeat campus rival Canton 4-2 at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Chiefs — determined to put a 9-0 loss Nov. 21 to Plymouth behind them —

led 2-1 entering the third on goals by sophomore forward Cooper Rice and senior forward Matt Cox on a shorthanded breakthrough.

Not to mention that strong goalkeeping by Chiefs' junior goalie Justin Kolbicz frustrated the Rocks, especially in the second period when Salem held an 18-11 edge in shots on goal.

That one-goal edge lasted for nearly 12 minutes of the third, until Salem senior forward Alek Zultowski came up with the tying marker on a dogged individual effort with 5:21 remaining.

Zultowski, battling against a Canton defenseman in the left corner of the Chiefs' zone, came out with the puck and drove to the net before sending a shot past Kolbicz.

"We were really pressing, we had all kinds of chances earlier and we were digging under the wall," Zultowski

'I just got free of the defenseman, got a quick shot on net and it happened to go through his five hole.'

ALEK ZULTOWSKI, SALEM

ki said. "I just got free of the defenseman, got a quick shot on net and it happened to go through his five hole."

Let it fly

The KLAAs South Division matchup looked primed to finish in a 2-2 tie. But then the Rocks (1-1-0 overall and with-in the conference) took the lead with 1:20 left on a point shot by senior forward Adam Marthaler that caromed off a defenseman into the Canton goal.

"That's why you shoot the puck on net," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "The old saying is it's never a bad play to put a puck on net and that's exactly why. A tip here, a deflection there and it ends up in the back of the net."

Sending the puck back to Marthaler was junior defenseman Justin Katulski.

Salem sealed the win away

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'Turkey' of a finish for Whalers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

OHL HOCKEY

The way the Plymouth Whalers imploded during the final 26 minutes of their game against Kingston on the night after Thanksgiving must have made his head coach sick to his stomach.

In fact, Mike Veliucci handed off the postgame interview duties to assistant coach Don Eiland following a disappointing 7-6 loss to the Frontenacs before 3,161 at Compuware Arena — an Ontario Hockey League game in which the Whalers blew a 5-2 lead.

Despite the loss, Plymouth (12-8-3-1) remains in first place in the OHL West Division with 28 points. Second-place Sarnia also lost Friday. Kingston improved to 13-10-0, good for third in the East Division.

"It certainly wasn't the same amount of effort we got against Windsor," said Eiland, referring to a 3-0 win over Windsor two nights earlier. "Tonight, it seemed like maybe they thought with Saturday and Sunday off they were already on break."

"But it was a group effort. The forwards, 'D', goaltending, we didn't get any of it tonight."

Eiland stuck to that critical assessment that reminded the Whalers held a 53-34 edge in shots

on goal, peppering Kingston netminder Colin Furlong with 22 of those shots in the second period.

"We scored six goals but we gave up a lot of good chances to them," Eiland said. "And that's not a team you should be giving up that many chances to."

No excuse

Plymouth played without two key players, forward Stefan Noesen (high ankle sprain) and defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald (concussion). The Whalers then lost defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) to an injury early in the game.

However, Eiland wasn't about to use injuries as an excuse.

"We all have to bounce back," he said. "Matty (Mahalak) wasn't great, but it wasn't just Matty. It was a group effort."

Two third-period goals by Kingston (by Henri Ikonen and Billy Jenkins) completed the Frontenacs' comeback and chased Plymouth starting goalie Mahalak (32 shots, 25 saves) in the process.

Finishing the game was Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped both shots he saw.

Perhaps foretelling the end of the season would unfold was a goal scored by Kingston's Cody

Aleck just 32 seconds after the opening faceoff.

The Whalers rebounded with 16:21 left in the period when forward and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi threaded a pass from the left half-way to linemate Matt Misteale at the bottom of the right circle. Misteale — who scored a hat trick — ripped the shot high into the Kingston cage.

Let Alex do it

Aleardi was sensational over the first half of the wide-open contest, tallying either a goal or assist on the first five Plymouth goals.

With 5:25 seconds to play in the first, Aleardi set up center Michael Whaley for the go-ahead marker. Cody Payne drew the second assist.

Kingston regained the lead at 3-2 when Darcy Greenaway (three goals, one assist) tipped a shot by Ryan Hayes past Mahalak with 16:20 to play in the second period. Less than three minutes later, Aleardi struck for the first of two goals he would score in a span of 3:18. Two of the saves past Mahalak with 16:20 to play in the second period. Later than three minutes later, Aleardi struck for the first of two goals he would score in a span of 3:18. Two of the saves past Mahalak with 16:20 to play in the second period.

Aleardi's second goal and the end of the season was due to being in the right place at the right



Plymouth Whalers forward and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi (No. 40) scores around Kingston's Billy Jenkins last Friday night at Compuware Arena.

time. He stuffed the puck in at the left post after collecting the carom of a wide shot by defenseman Simon Karlsson (two assists).

With 6:46 left in the period, the Whalers made it a 5-2 advantage and looked primed for a blow-out as Misteale buried Aleardi's centering pass.

Downhill from there

"That's when things started turning sour. "When we were up 5-2, that's when it started," Eiland said. "We took a bad penalty because of that by Danny Vanderwiel at 13:39 and gave up a power play goal. Then we gave up a goal in the last minute of the period. Good teams don't do that."

Scoring both Kingston goals was Greenaway,

who now has 14 markers for the season.

The first goal was a shot between the circles; it was a 5-4 Plymouth lead at 18:59 when Greenaway converted a centering feed from Sam Povoznikov (two assists).

Kingston evened the contest at 5-5 just 1:40 into the third. A routine wrist shot by Jenkins changed direction after hitting the stick of a Plymouth player and got past Mahalak.

Compuware fans had the chance to cheer again when Misteale scored his third goal and centering feed from the left side of the year) with 12:06 left, putting the Whalers back in front 6-5.

It was a well-executed play, starting along the right boards in Kingston's defensive zone. Forward Tom Wilson finished

a short drop pass from Gianluca Curcuruto (two assists) and quickly shot the puck.

Misteale, stationed on the doorstep, re-directed it behind Furlong. A bad-angle shot by Ikonen tied the game at 6-6 with 9:21 remaining and Jenkins (two goals) put the Frontenacs ahead with 6:06 left.

A turnover at the Kingston blue line launched Povoznikov and Jenkins on a 2-on-1 rush. Jenkins successfully finished the play with his low shot beating Mahalak.

The Whalers visit Erie Wednesday and then return to Compuware for 7 p.m. games Friday against Ottawa and Saturday against Kitchener.

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will hopefully carry that energy on to our next game against Mercy," Trainor said.

Roster turnover

As pumped up as the team is for Saturday night to come, the coach noted that several players from last season's 16-4 season have moved on.

"A third of our team is gone from that year," Trainor said. "So the nine remaining players still kind of have that high from playing in a triple-OT game and winning it all."

"I think the incoming players will catch that (buzz) and as long as we work hard in all our practices from here on out, they have a good shot."

The Penguins have five seniors this year, including returnees Cortny McAdoo (forward) and Beth Johnson (defense) and newcomers Jordan Niemann (defense), Jordan Patterson (forward) and Morgan Cusumano (forward).

Trainor said McAdoo (two goals against Country Day), Patterson and



Mary Beth Trainor (left), head coach of the PCS Penguins, battles against senior phenom Annelle Niermann during Tuesday's practice. Ready in case there is a shot on goal is junior netminder Becky Lough (right).

Cusumano already are leading the offensive charge, with help from returning junior forward Jenna Carter.

Meanwhile, Niermann and senior defenseman Ashley Saunders are helping to quarterback the defense, along with returning senior returnee Alexis O'Flynn. All will be looked upon to contribute at both ends of the rink.

"We definitely have for-

wards and defense who are able to put the puck in the net," Trainor said.

Starting most games in goal will be junior Becky Lough, a backup last season. In reserve is junior Gwen Gadhulka.

"Last year was a year for her to really shine," said Kaitlyn Allard, who was the top goalie in the state and was nominated for Miss Hockey," Trainor said. "So Becky had a great return last year and I think Gwen's kind of looking to 'Becky' this year as her mentor."

Other skaters for the Penguins are sophomore forwards Sydney Smith, Emily King and Elizabeth O'Donohue; sophomore defenseman CeCe Hitch; freshman forwards Amanda Hoehn and Kayla Savio; and freshman defenseman CeCe Hitch.

"We definitely have a lot to work on," Trainor said. "Every team does at the beginning of every season."

"But I think it's a good group of players and a

good group of personalities. I think the team can definitely go far this year."

Assistant coaches Brad Johnson, Emily Nelson and Nicole Natelberg (a member of last year's title team) will be on the ice to lend their hockey experience to Trainor.

PCS 8, COUNTRY DAY 0:

All systems were go Nov. 20 as the Penguins scored early and often against Detroit Country Day.

Leading the scoring parade with two goals each were Cortny McAdoo and Jordan Patterson.

Chipping in with single tallies were Alexis O'Flynn, Ashley Saunders, Emily King and Elizabeth O'Donohue.

Three of the PCS goals were unassisted. In the third, Patterson went end-to-end to score with the Penguins short two players.

LIGGETT 2, PCS 1: The Penguins evened their season-opening game played Nov. 15 on a goal by freshman Amanda Hoehn, from Jordan Patterson and Alexis O'Flynn.

But Division 1 Grossete Pointe Woods University Liggett netted the winner in the third period off a scramble in front of PCS goalie Becky Lough.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pratt propels MU to victory

Senior guard Heather Pratt scored a game-high 19 points and senior center Kaylee McGrath posted a double-double as the Madonna University women's basketball team earned a 66-58 non-conference win Saturday night over host Rochester College in a game played at Rochester High.

Pratt also had seven rebounds and four assists, while McGrath scored 15 points and

grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who improved to 3-2 overall, also got 12 points from sophomore guard Rachel Melcher with 10 coming from a foul line.

The game was tied at 49-49 with 6:53 left before Melcher hit a pair of free throws to propel MU to a 17-7 run to end the game.

Sam Tomaschko led Rochester (4-5) with 13 points, while Meagan Heiden added 12 points and a team-best eight rebounds off of the bench.

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at 16:59 on an empty netter by senior forward Jake Fedel (from senior defenseman Kyle Downey).

Ossenmacher said his team headed his message after the second period to "be better. We got more into the game physically and mentally. Thankfully, it wasn't too late."

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, who said the Chiefs (0-3-0 overall, 0-2-0 in the conference) did "a complete 180 from what we showed the first two games," noted that his inexperienced squad came out tentatively in the third.

"Our team came out really timid in the third period," Majszak said. "We stressed that we had to play our game and keep going after them aggressively. We came out on our heels, letting them dictate the play."

Strong goaltending

Still, he praised his group for its overall effort and gave Kolbitz (33 saves) a verbal pat on the back.

"I thought he was amazing," Majszak said. "They only scored three goals on him and they were because of our defensive breakdowns."

Also making 32 saves was his Salem counterpart, senior Anthony Veresan, who Ossenmacher said made key stops when Canton led the contest.

"When we were down 2-1, they had a couple chances to put us down 3-1," he said. "That's a big difference."

Salem opened the scor-

ing at 5:09 of the first, with sophomore forward Noah Willer walking out from behind the net and stuffing the puck past Kolbitz. Assisting were Zultowski and sophomore blueliner Noah Saad.

Canton tied the game with 4:11 to go in the middle period, seconds after a brief power play ended. Jamming in a rebound was Rice, with assists going to sophomore forward Connor Wherrett and sophomore defenseman Hunter Schlamm.

Then came the break Majszak and the Chiefs were looking for. The Rocks bobbed the puck at the Canton blue line and Cox took it from there. Cox motored down the ice and assisted for a shot past Veresan.

"He (Cox) walked in on a breakaway and put it right underneath the bar," Majszak said. "It was a great shot."

Winning the battle

That led up for a while — at least until Zultowski decided to flip the script.

"Alex is a very skilled player, so given the opportunity on a one-on-one situation he's going to put that defenseman to a test and ... win that battle," Ossenmacher said. "Tonight, especially in the third period, I thought there were times when he took the game over on the offensive zone."

Both teams return to action Friday. Canton will host Farmington at Arctic Edge Arena, while the Rocks visit Rochester Stoney Creek.

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Experience key for PCA

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

There only are seven players on the 2012-13 Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team. But that might be all head coach Carol Gerulis needs for the Eagles to contend in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division.

"I'm returning all my starters so I think we have a very good chance to have a good season," said Gerulis, whose team opens up 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Lansing Christian.

Senior co-captains Jenna Abraham and Karen Windle — both guards — and junior forward and co-captain Emily Gerulis will lead on and off the court.

Gerulis said it's the fourth year starting on the PCA varsity for Abraham and Windle "so they've got a lot of experience. They're just really competitive kids and they bring a lot to the table for us."

Joining them in the backcourt is 5-2 junior shooting guard Martha Mullick.

"Martha's really quick and fast and handles the ball well," Gerulis said.

"But she can also shoot the three, and she's just a good, all-around athlete."

Up front will be 6-0 junior center Jennifer Malcolm (who averaged six rebounds last year) and 5-8 Emily Gerulis, the Eagles' top rebounder in 2011-12 with 10 boards (and nine points) per game.

"(Malcolm's) gotten much stronger, she seems real focused this year," the coach noted. "Her and Emily have been playing together since they were in fifth grade, so they work real well together."



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Dribbling around a Dexter defender last season is Plymouth Christian's Emily Gerulis (No. 10), who will again be a key contributor for the Eagles.

er and know each other's strengths and weaknesses. "They've both really stepped up their game."

They'll be ready

The starting five will need to log heavy minutes, but so will the only other players on the roster. They are junior forwards Rachael Fuller and Rachel Smith.

Gerulis has plenty of confidence in both of the reserves.

"Rachael Fuller I can play at guard or forward," Gerulis continued. "She's got a lot of speed and

quickness, shoots the ball well."

"And Rachel Smith is just a tough kid who is a really good rebounder and does a lot of the dirty work inside for us."

The lack of depth isn't bothering Gerulis, at least not yet.

"I'm not worried about it," she said. "They've competed and played all summer long. They did their summer together and they're a real competitive group of kids."

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tear last year and ... she's doing a good job of getting back into basketball mode.

"She had a nice summer and obviously she was very successful on her cross country team. She's one of those kids that has a really good work ethic and I think the longer the season goes, the better she's going to get."

Another player who will be a cog in Salem's machine as the team tries to improve on last year's 5-16 record is senior forward and 5-10 co-captain Breanne Beaver.

"Bree is a four-year varsity player that has worked really hard on her game and has become a pretty good basketball player," Thomann said. "She's a strong rebounder, very definitely an inside presence."

"She has the ability to score around the rim and she's also developed a jump shot at the 12- to 15-foot range that's pretty solid. And when she plays hard, she's as good a defender as there is."

Thomann knows two players isn't enough to compete in the tough KLAAs Central Division. So he is banking on solid contributions around the point from returning juniors Kelly Whalen (5-11) and Hannah Nowaske (6-0), players who started at times last season.

Ready for anything

"With Beaver and those kids, we've got some nice size," Thomann said.

"Hopefully, they can develop some chemistry and learn the intricacies of playing with each other at a high level. That will be our key." Meanwhile, while Whalen will be an important player in the post, Thomann stressed that with a team of "interchangeable parts" she also could bring the ball up the floor if a situation called for it. That double role pretty much applies to anybody.

"KK (Kavulich) is probably our primary ball handler," Thomann said.



Returning for another season is Salem's Katie Latak (No. 15), going to the hoop during a game from last year.

"But if Whalen gets the ball (and) we're running the floor ... then she becomes the point guard for that possession. What we try to do is interchange players."

Augmenting those players is junior guard Ashley Baker, a returnee who is showing promise.

"She'll probably get the starting assignment against Mercy on Thursday," Thomann said. Returning player Katie Latak and newcomers Hayley Rogers (5-10), Jamyra Wilson and 5-9 Shara Long will push for minutes. Rogers, Wilson and Long all played on the junior varsity last year. All four are sophomores.

"They are young and have some ability," he said. "It's going to be interesting who emerges out of this group."

Junior Alyson Mann, who at 5-11 could help in the paint, is new to the varsity. She was on the JV a season ago.

Sophomore newcomer Maranda Armstead, also formerly of the JV, is injured until the end of December. But Thomann is looking forward to seeing what she brings to the table.

"She was the starting shortstop for the (Salem) softball team as a freshman," he said. "So she's a good athlete and a good player."

Early challenges

By the time Armstead returns, the Rocks will have played five challenging games. And Mitchell might not be stopping by to say hello. The season-opening stretch, however, is an excellent opportunity to gauge what kind of team Thomann really has entering KLAAs Central play in early January.

After the Mercy game, teams such as Ann Arbor Huron, Dearborn Divine Child, Canton and Plymouth will be waiting.

"My thing throughout my whole career is to challenge our players to be the best they can be," Thomann said. "And I've always believed playing a really tough schedule (early on) has helped with that growth."

"Most teams will take that challenge and use those games to improve. I wouldn't do it any other way."

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young group of players," the coach said. "She is a very hard worker that can score from the perimeter."

Returning senior Megan Smith is with the team, but will not play due to a medical condition. Samulski said Smith will play an important role "communicating and helping out all the players in practice."

Fresh faces

New to the varsity are sophomores Alanna Brown (guard) and Annie McDougall (forward), freshman Natalie Winters (guard) and junior Annika Nuler (guard).

Brown will battle for loose balls and rebounds with a combination of hard work and speed. She also is quick enough to take it to the rack.

Ready when needed will be the younger Winters, who Samulski sees as excellent vision on the floor along with quickness and a penchant for protecting the ball.

The Chiefs will have another option in the low post in McDougall. "Like Taylor and Shan-



Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14) guards Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 25) during a 2011-12 contest.

non, we will need Annie to score around the rim, defend and rebound," Samulski said.

Rounding out the roster is the attentive and hard-working Nuler. "We have one main goal and it's to get better each

day," Samulski said. "I am not sure how many wins this team will end up with. But I can tell you we are going to play the right way."

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WILDCATS

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that glue-type player that makes everyone around her better," de Bear said.

There will be one senior (the only one on the team) also in the backcourt, namely McGhee.

"(McGhee) loves to defend the ball on defense and rack up assists on offense," de Bear said.

Also returning will be 6-4 junior center Shelby Cheston and junior forward Tionne Johnson.

Cheston will be a player the Wildcats need to "change shots at the rim. She is becoming a better inside scorer and has shown a nice touch from the perimeter," de Bear said.

As for Johnson, the coach described her as a hard-working player who

"We lost some very hard-working defensive players from last year. So we are counting on this year's players embracing that role for us."

BOB DE BEAR, PLYMOUTH HEAD COACH

is a "good finisher inside and a good free-throw shooter."

Showing potential

Four newcomers with promise are junior guards Taylor Bickers and Megan Wieloch, sophomore guard Paige Slominski and sophomore forward-center Leah Kiczinski.

Bickers and Wieloch have good outside shots, with Wieloch also ready to play in the low post if needed.

Slominski is "a natural lead guard with very good instincts. She has good court vision and a good outside shot."

Another player ready to

help Chelby and Woody around the basket is the 6-2 Kiczinski.

"She (Kiczinski) has a very nice mid-range shot to go along with some solid post moves," de Bear said.

Meanwhile, he had a simple take on what the Wildcats will need to bring to improve on last season's record and contend in the KLAAs South.

"We lost some very hard-working defensive players from last year," de Bear said. "So we are counting on this year's players embracing that role for us."

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Madonna women's volleyball squad falls in NAIA opener

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team already finds itself behind the eight-ball after dropping its first match Tuesday in the NAIA National Championships in Sioux City, Ia. Oklahoma Baptist (No. 10-ranked) rolled to a 25-23, 25-18, 22-25, 26-24 Pool C victory over the No. 15 Crusaders in the first-round of Pool C.

"We just did not come out ready to play in my opinion," said MU junior setter Evia Prieditis, who finished with 46 assists and 21 digs. "We thought we were ready to play. Earlier in the season when we played them we knew what we did wrong and tried to fix it today, but we just didn't come out with enough effort and enthusiasm."

Madonna, which had its six-match winning

streak snapped, falls to 34-8 overall. The Crusaders got a team-high 16 kills from junior middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland) and while Samantha Geile and Taylor Dziewiet added 13 and nine, respectively.

Stacey Catalano finished with a team-best 23 digs, while Geile and Ashley Hulbert added 20 and 18, respectively, in the 1 hour and 45 minute

match. "The last time we played them we did a really good job of beating their middles so we knew that Nastija (Baranovska) and I had to step up," the 6-foot 3 Freeman said. "It was working today for us."

"But we were all off at some point today. At points, our passing wasn't hitting, our setting were all off at times. I think we just weren't clicking today."

In the first set, MU and Oklahoma Baptist were tied at 23-all, but Geile had a serving error and Dziewiet followed with an attack error as the Lady Bison grabbed a 1-0 lead.

In the fourth set, MU rallied from a 17-10 deficit to tie the match at 20-all on a kill by Baranovska.

It was 24-all before Derden came up with a kill and Clark followed with the game-winning

block to give the Lady Bison the win.

MU now needs a victory Wednesday over No. 3 Columbia College (Mo.), 38-1 overall, to have any hopes of staying alive in Pool C and advancing to Friday's elimination round. (MU plays its final pool play match Thursday against unranked Carroll College of Montana (25-9 overall).)

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Popp excited to sign with Blue Devils

BOYS LACROSSE

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Kevin Riley coached Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team, the all-around skills displayed by Tim Popp made a major impression.

Exhibit A is the fact Riley — who now heads up the Lawrence Technological University men's lacrosse program — recruited and recently signed the Canton senior to play for the Blue Devils beginning in 2013-14.

With that, Popp became the first-ever Canton lacrosse player to sign a national letter of intent.

"Tim brings exceptional stick skills, an accurate 90 miles-per-hour shot and quick dodging skills," Riley said. "Tim will be an impact player his freshman year."

Of course, the 18-year-old Popp first has to complete his senior season at Canton.

He'll try to exceed last season's output of 35 goals and 28 assists out of the right-side attack position.

But he is thrilled with the LTU opportunity.

"Signing with LTU for Coach Riley is a great opportunity for me," Popp said. "I've intended for Coach Riley for two years at the high school level, and I know what to expect from him on and off the field."

"This will definitely make the transition from the high school level to the collegiate level much easier."



Canton senior boys lacrosse standout Tim Popp recently signed his national letter of intent to play the sport at Lawrence Technological University. From left-to-right behind him are his parents, Joseph and Nancy Popp, and Blue Devils head coach Kevin Riley (formerly coach at Canton).

He's honored

Popp, who will begin his fourth season as a starter for the Chiefs next spring, called it "an honor" to be Canton's first college signee in boys lacrosse.

"I feel that I'm representing my school and the Park (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park)," Popp said.

He plans on leading the 2013 Canton team to a very successful season.

"The (Canton) program is definitely growing," Popp added. "...our team last year was very young, with mainly junior and sophomore starters. We even had four freshmen on the varsity team."

A long list of accolades

demonstrates Popp's considerable on-field talent. Among honors he's received while with Canton include all-conference and all-region honors in 2011 and 2012 as well as being nominated for last season's all-state team.

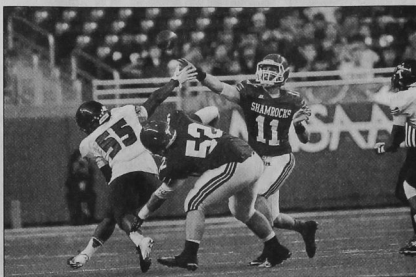
In addition, Popp brings leadership qualities as shown by being Canton's team captain the past two seasons.

"Tim will be successful as a scholarship student-athlete on and off the field at LTU," Riley stressed.

At Lawrence Tech, Popp will pursue a degree in business administration.

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DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL FINAL



Catholic Central quarterback Garrett Moores (No. 11) throws downfield during Saturday's Division 1 final against Detroit Cass Tech at Ford Field.

Shamrocks again stall at Ford Field

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

With just a few minutes left in the game and his squad trailing 29-13, Detroit Catholic Central senior quarterback Garrett Moores fired a pass toward one of his receivers.

Once the ball left his hand, he could only watch as a Detroit Cass Tech defense intercepted it and returned it more than 70 yards to the touchdown.

It was really the story of the night. The technicians seemed to be everywhere and always in the right place at the right time. That's how they upended the Shamrocks for the second-straight year to secure the Division I MHSAA football championship title, this time with a 36-21 final.

"The most disappointing part of Saturday had to be the self-inflicted mistakes made by assistant coach Michael Mach. "We felt we were good enough to win the game on Saturday, and we still do, but not when you make those kinds of mistakes," Mach said. "It's true when you play a team as talented as Cass Tech."

The Shamrocks didn't go down without a fight, though, scoring on a deep pass to John Malone with just

44 seconds left in the game to narrow the contest to two scores.

An onside kick was recovered by the Technicians and the Detroit squad knelt the ball to end the game.

Unlucky bounces

The Shamrocks just couldn't seem to get a bounce to go in their direction.

The Technicians earned the first score of the game on a long 89-yard pass on the first snap of the game that found the end zone for the early lead.

They made it a 12-0 game when they scooped up a fumble by the Shamrocks and raced down the length of the field for 59-yards and the score.

The Shamrocks made it a 12-7 contest in the second quarter when Moores fired an 18-yard strike to Zach Bock and then kicked in the extra point to slice into the lead. Cass Tech ended the scoring in the first half with a 31-yard field goal with 45 seconds left on the clock.

The Technicians added 14 more points in the third quarter before Moores once again found Bock with 5:57 left in the contest to make it a 29-13 game.

Moores ended the day with three touchdowns

and 221 yards on a 12-for-23 performance.

The leading rusher was David Houle, who rumbled 77 yards on 13 attempts while Anthony Darkangelo added 41 yards and Bock had 40.

Bock also pulled down 91 yards receiving and two touchdowns while Malone had 61 yards receiving and a score. Darkangelo caught two passes for 71 yards on the day.

Defensively, David Widzinski led the Shamrocks with an impressive 16 tackles.

Feeling proud

The loss left the Shamrocks with a 9-5 record and is the sixth time the team has been state runners-up under Tom Mach's leadership.

Detroit Cass Tech finished 12-2 on the year. "We're extremely proud of our kids and the great effort they gave, both on Saturday and throughout the playoffs," said Mach. "I think a lot of people outside of our practice were skeptical about what this team was capable of, given their 5-1 record entering the playoffs."

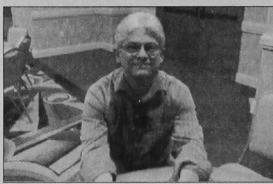
"But this group never stopped believing and never stopped working, and they have a lot to be proud of."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer.

He's a poker champ

Plymouth's David Blickenstaff on Nov. 10 won a featured event at the Hollywood Poker Open and qualified for national competition as a result.

Blickenstaff won \$1,500 at Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg (Ind.), where the main casino floor features a new, 19-table poker room.



Plymouth's David Blickenstaff recently won a featured event at the Hollywood Poker Open in Indiana.

The victory advances Blickenstaff to the Hollywood Poker Open Championship, slated for June 2013 at the M Resort in Las Vegas.

For more information about Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg, where two daily tournaments are held, go to <http://www.hollywoodindiana.com>.

Good for a half: Madonna men's cagers succumb to EMU

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

An underdog Madonna University men's basketball team stepped up in class Saturday night to face NCAA Division I foe Eastern Michigan University at the Convocation Center.

The Crusaders hung close before a half before the Eagles gained control to post a 75-57 win.

The loss drops EMU to 5-2 overall, while MU improves to 5-1.

Forwards Daylen Harrison and Glenn Bryant scored 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the Eagles, while 7-foot center Shonte Riley, a transfer from Syracuse, added 13 rebounds and five blocks.

Freshman guard Ray Lee came off the bench to add 14 points. "DaShonte kind of locked up the middle and we did a good job of going wide on their shooters and we rebounded the ball well," EMU coach Rob Murphy said of his team's second-half surge. "Ray Lee did a great job coming in the

first half and getting us going offensively. We needed that there."

"But I give them (Madonna) a lot of credit. They play tough defense, they hit some shots and they made us play, and we did. We needed that test."

The Crusaders got off to a great start and built their largest lead, 19-8, with 12:23 left in the first half on a layup by Donald Owens.

But EMU charged back to take a 33-30 half-time advantage thanks to eight points off the bench by Lee.

"He (Lee) really changed the game, especially with (Bobby) Naubert getting two fouls and we left him in the game some the second half," MU coach Noel Emmeiser said. "He (Lee) was able to get some penetration and create for a few others, and that definitely hurt us. His offense in the first half definitely changed the game."

Scoring surge

The Eagles asserted themselves to start the second half going on a 20-5 run during the

first 9:45 to take a 53-35 advantage as the Crusaders made just 1-of-6 from three-point range and connected on only two field goals.

"We did a better job of locating those guys in the second half, actually late in the first half and into the second half," Murphy said. "(Travis) Schuba is the best shooter we've faced all season and could be one of the best we will face all season. We knew going in they averaged 90-plus points. We widened our guys four and five out in the second half and made it tough."

Schuba's back-to-back three-point baskets helped stopped the bleeding momentarily to cut the deficit to 53-41 and Owens followed with shot on an up-and-under move to cut it to 10 with 8:54 remaining, but MU would get no closer.

Naubert, who came in averaging 18 points per game, was held to six points, but junior point-guard did dish out six assists.

Schuba, averaging 22.5, ended up with a game-high 23, but shot

only 7-of-24 from the floor including 7-of-22 from three-point range.

"Schuba is a great player and so is their point guard (Naubert)," Murphy said. "He (Naubert) doesn't get a lot of credit, but his penetration is a little bit or man to break down, and he gives guys a lot of open shots."

Junior forward Fred Williams added 13 points with 11 EMU in the first half.

"They (EMU) did a good job making adjustments to stop our penetration," Emmeiser said. "In the first half they were playing the 1-2-2 (zone defense) a little bit, which let Bob get a head of steam in a few instances and opened a few things up. They backed up and that kept Bob from getting in the paint."

"And that really changed the game. We got a few good looks, but not many. I thought they really made good adjustments and we didn't counter those adjustments very well as a coaching staff."



Player of the year

Mike Marek, a 2007 Salem High School graduate, was recently voted the player of the year for the 2012 MI-USSSA men's class E tournament softball league. Marek was an unanimous choice by league managers and was also selected by Michigan USSSA director Tony Desouts. Over 30 teams and 600 players participated in this year's class E Division, which began in April. Marek led his team, Lights Out Sports, to a No. 1 season-ending ranking in Michigan and also played in the USSSA World Series held in Orlando, Florida in September.

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December

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Contact: (248) 553-3380

BELL CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Classical Bells performs, with the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door.

Contact: www.seatourselfbiz/stmatthewslivonia; (734) 422-6038

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "One Quiet Night" is a dramatic musical, written by Tony Wood and Heidi Petak and arranged and orchestrated by Richard Kingsmore. It's directed by Ron Newsome. Admission is free.

Contact: (734) 981-6460

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to those in need.

Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Dec. 9

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia

Details: 31st annual concert featuring the St. Aidan Adult and Children's Choirs, and the St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5, along with two non-perishable food items. All proceeds will go toward food baskets for the needy.

Contact: (734) 425-5950

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students, 12 and over, free for children under 12.

Contact: www.detroitluthersingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8

Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham

Details: Bernard Woma Ensemble performs on African percussion instruments, bridging Western orchestral music with the rhythms of African dance. Admission is a suggested donation of \$20 and will include the concert, followed by desserts, wine and conversation with the performers.

Contact: (248) 647-2380

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students, 12 and over, free for children under 12.

Contact: www.detroitluthersingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Jan Krust will perform. The church is partnering with the Detroit Area Diaper Bank for the performance and is encouraging guests to bring infant or adult diapers to the concert for donation to the bank. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation at the door.

Contact: (734) 425-2080; www.trinitychurchoflivonia.org

COOKIE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon or until cookies are sold out, Saturday, Dec. 8

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, Gutherie Social Hall, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Cookies will be sold for \$7 per dozen or "choose your own" cookies or \$11 (2 for \$20) for prepackaged 2-dozen boxes

Contact: (734) 422-0149

COOKIE WALK

Time/Date: Doors open at 10 a.m. with an early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: 6th annual cookie walk will offer cookies at \$7.50 per pound, along with other baked goods. Early bird admission is \$2.

Contact: (734) 427-2290

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3

Location: Room C-319 of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile, just west of Haggerty, in Northville, park in the "C" parking lot

Details: "Hope for the Holidays" seminar is for adults who are grieving and for those who would like to help them. The seminar will include a "Time of Remembrance" candle lighting ceremony

for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 14 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 15

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop. Speakers will include the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call OLG.

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgparish.net

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: Optional breakfast starts at 9 a.m., speaker program is at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Chef and cookbook author George Vutetakis will talk about new food trends at the Sunday Morning Breakfast Series sponsored by the Brotherhood of Temple Beth El. Vutetakis is the former owner and executive chef of Inn Season in Royal Oak and current head of development for Garden Fresh Gourmet. He also will provide samples of the salsa, chips and other products made by Garden Fresh

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Gourmet. The program is open to the public and is free. Breakfast charge is \$3; charge for bagels and coffee is \$2.

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In Memoriam

WASHBURN, PAULETTE D.

Age 82, November 25, 2012. Beloved wife of Louis Loving mother of Michele (Lo) Hoover, step-mother of Julie (Todd) Randolph and Joel (Ed) Sturgeon. Dearest daughter of Leona and the late Russell Boyce (Dear sister of Michael (Renée), Wayne (Helen), Patricia (Rick), Claudia (Stan) and Lana. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, where funeral services will be held on Friday at 10:00 am. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please call the online guestbook at gtrharris.com



LOU ANN (GISNER) BOUCHE

Daughter of Oscar and Marie Giesner. Born on July 6, 1937 and passed away on August 10, 2012 in her home on Frise Island Cove, St. James City, Florida. Leaving behind her son, Russell, and two grandsons, two sisters. There will be a memorial on December 2, 2012 at Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth, Michigan. This will be at 2:30 for more information call 734-474-8666, her sister Alice.



WIELELA FRANCES A. FRANCHES

Age 83, of Farmington Hills, retired Madison School District Educator, died November 26, 2012. Surviving are her niece & nephews, Marianne Yochimovitz, Leonette Yochimovitz, Micki Czerniak, Matthew (Diane) Czerniak, Keith Krupsky, Robert (Terry) Lynch, Dennis (Karen) Lynch, Terence Lynch and Mary-Margaret Lynch, numerous grandchildren and nephews, and her beloved pet, Penny. Sady, Frances was preceded in death by her niece, Susanne Krupsky, and her sisters, Mary Yochimovitz, Stephanie Czerniak and Bernice Lynch. Funeral Mass, Friday, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Visitation Thursday, 4-5 PM and 6-8 PM, with a 7 PM Rosary, at the Heene-Standaert Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-0000). Memorial contributions may be directed to Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org, or St. Anthony's Guild, 144 W. 32nd St., New York, NY, 10001-3202. henny-standaert@aol.com

VELLER (SUND), KATHLEEN

Age 89, of Toledo, Ohio, long time resident of Beverly Hills, Michigan, and recently of Rogers, Minnesota was welcomed into heaven on November 8, 2012 by those who passed before her including her parents Edna (Sabrine) and Edwin Sund. A compassionate caregiver, both personally and professionally, she retired from Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a long career as a Registered Nurse and Clinical Nursing Coordinator. Her Nursing career began in Toledo, Ohio when she graduated from Flower Hospital Nursing School. She later received her B.S. in Nursing from Oakland University and her M.S. in Counseling from Mercy College. She was an active and faithful member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Birmingham, MI where she acted as a St. Stephens Minister and served in the church library. Her varied interests included: Bible Study, reading, travel, plants, and birds. She was a loving wife to Robert Veller, mother to Patricia Ove (Cathy) of Brooklyn Center, MN, Donald of Greenville, SC, and James (Shari) of Cheboygan, MI and sister to Eugene Sund of Toledo, OH, all of whom have survived her. A private family service will be held at Toledo Memorial Cemetery.

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AI fired up

Ceramic artists sell thousands of items at annual Potters Market

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Oakland Community College ceramics student, Carol Fitzpatrick, works, thinks and dreams clay. "I come in four days a week, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.," she said, preparing a handmade bisque bowl for color earlier this week. "That's 28 hours worth of clay."

On days when she attends glaze formulation class, the 55-year-old Farmington Hills woman packs lunch and dinner and settles in for a long stretch at her work bench in the college's ceramics technology lab in Royal Oak.

And when she shuts her tool kit, carefully wraps up her fragile art pieces and goes home, there's still plenty of time at night to dream up new projects.

"I was thinking the other day at 2:30 in the morning, I could make a Christmas ornament and put a glaze on it. Let me show it to you," she said, eager to show off a blue-green test strip. "Now, when you look at it in the light, you can see a rainbow. Could you imagine a spherical ornament with this glaze on it?"

"I have so many ideas in my head. It's crazy. I pull things out of magazines. I take pictures. I collect all these ideas. It's so much



Dave Albrecht of Farmington shows off one of his sculptures.

fun. I thought I might work a little more at home when I'm not in class and make a list of five things that are new and try to bring them to life."

Fitzpatrick, who has taken classes at the college part time for 13 years, will introduce a few new pieces along with her popular bread and dipping oil plates at the 37th annual Potters Market this weekend. She's one of 138 potters—including approximately 60 OCC students—who will sell their work at the three-day show in Madison Heights. Visitors to the free exhibit and sale will see handmade decorative ceramics, including sculpture; functional pot-

tery such as bowls, plates, mugs; tiles; jewelry and ornaments. The artists serve refreshments, work the check-out area, and restock shelves during the show.

Experiencing a show

For the buyer, the "advantage of this sale is that we constantly restock," said Alan Paulson, show organizer and head of the ceramics department at OCC Royal Oak. For students, it offers an opportunity to experience a show.

For most of its 37 years the sale was a college-sponsored event. Last year, it was separated from the school and

became an organization, run by the artists.

"My goal, when we were separating this from the school was to maintain an opportunity for people who are learning the art of ceramics to have the experience of showing their work and learning to apply for a show," said Paulson, a Livonia native who lives in Detroit.

The application process is offered first to students and then opened to professional potters. Paulson said approximately 250 students are enrolled in OCC's ceramics classes.

"The work has to be of a quality nature and hopefully they'll have more than four or five pieces for the show. And even if they don't sell, they are part of a great group experience," he said.

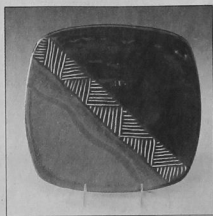
"Sometimes a show can be a double-edged sword. You don't want to focus on making things for the sake of money. Hopefully they are enjoying making the work. That should be number one. The students who come here, they take their first ceramics class and get hooked. There is something magical about it."

"But it's not something you can learn within one or two semesters. To really explore and get your own signature work does take time."

Pagodas, dance sculpture

Dave Albrecht, 70, of Farmington has put in 11 years at OCC. He was an art major during the 1960s at Ohio State University but took a 35-year hiatus to work in pharmaceutical sales.

He has shown at the Potters Market for eight



A ceramic dish by potter Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills. She'll show and sell her works at the upcoming 37th annual Potters Market.



SHARON DARGAY

Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills coats the bottom of a bowl with a wax substance that resists glaze.

37TH ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

Where: United Food and CI, 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of 13 Mile between John R and I-75, Madison Heights

Details: The pottery sale features 138 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and just about every product possible in clay. Prices range from \$5-\$400. Artists include approximately 60 students from Oakland Community College, as well as professionals

Local artists: Jack Adelman of Farmington Hills, Robert Crisp of Farmington, Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills, Dave Albrecht of Farmington, Julie Gaynett of Farmington Hills, Betty Kowalczyk of Farmington Hills, Gaylin Bates of Farmington Hills, Donna Williams of Plymouth, and Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth
Admission: Free, but no strollers are allowed
Contact: (248) 554-5570 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com

years and will have approximately 100 items for sale this weekend. He is known for large pagoda pieces that can be used as lawn sculpture. He'll also have bowls and dance-related sculptures and tiles for sale.

"One hundred isn't much compared to seasoned production potters," he noted. "Many people here are production potters and they love making a lot of stuff that they can make many of the same pieces of. I'm not equipped to do that. It's not my thing. I get distracted by new ideas pretty easily."

He has created hand-built and wheel thrown items, but increasingly is working on sculpture.

Fitzpatrick will package about 50 of her dipping plates with spices, tying everything together with raffia.

"It looks like a complete gift. So I do really well with those," she said. The plates sold out by the second day of the sale last year.

Her newest items — trays sporting the impression of a sunflower that grew in her yard — reflect her interest in nature and recall her career in the floral industry. Fitzpatrick, married and the mother of three children, owned and operated a flower shop for 34 years at Grand River Ave. and Haggerty. She sold it last March and retired from the business, but continues to let nature inspire her work.

"When I came into the studio in September it was so thrilling to come here and see all these nice people again," she said. "I didn't have to get up and go to work. I could come here and play."

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Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Fabergé: The Rise and Fall. The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

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Time/Date: Art on display through November

Location: 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery

Details: Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPOLIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery and the Scarab Club

Contact: (734) 207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, and "Celebrate!," a Northville Camera Club exhibit are featured. Northville Art House's Holiday Gift Shop also underway

Contact: (248) 344-0497

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: Through Nov. 29; gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances

Location: in Gallery@VT in the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: The works of Alvey Jones, painter, printmaker, and book artist are on display

Coming up: The artworks of jazz singer Kathy Kosins will be on display, Dec. 1-31

Contact: (734) 394-5300

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8

and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Pitch Perfect," \$3

Holiday Classics: "It's a Wonderful Life," 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1-2; 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; and 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1

Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "A Christmas Story," \$4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec. 1 for photos

Contact: (313) 537-2560, www.redfordtheatre.com

Music

BECKRIDGE CHORALE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11

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

Details: 40th annual holiday concert. Tickets are \$16
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CHERRY HILL SINGERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

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

Details: Holiday concert with a basket gift auction held at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12

Contact: www.beckridgechorale.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15

Location: Mercy High School, located on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The Chorus sings holiday favorites. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door

Contact: www.farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hours of o'ouevres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Sparkle...Twinkle...Joy!" is the group's winter concert. Tickets in advance are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: (734) 542-9071

LIVONIA SYMPHONY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Holiday Happenings" will feature dancers from Anglie Hahn's Academy of Dance, the Livonia Civic Chorus and members of the Livonia Youth Symphony. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students

Contact: www.livoniasymphony.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 5

Location: VistaTech Center on campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Motor City Brass Quintet performs. Donations at the door will help fund student scholarships

Contact: (734) 462-4403

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

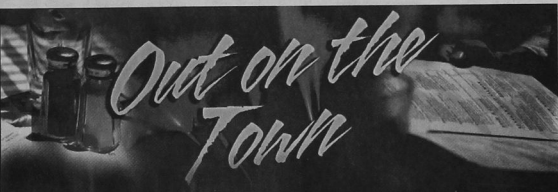
Details: Mike Mangione and the Union with Olivia Miller-schin, Dec. 1; Empty Chair Night, Christmas Holiday Show to benefit Trinity House, Dec. 2. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302



Holiday favorite

The Michigan Philharmonic and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company present Tchaikovsky's ballet, "The Nutcracker," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the auditorium at Salem High School, located in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Joy at N. Canton Center Road, Canton. The performance features guest stars, Cory Goel and Nicky Coelho of the James Sewall Ballet Company. Advance tickets are \$23 for adults and \$16 for children. They cost \$25 and \$18 the day of the performances. Tickets for the Sugar Plum Parade, which enables children to go on stage and meet the performers, are \$3. For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112, visit online at www.michiganphil.org or http://www.metroshoresballet.org/PCBCPCOrder.html.



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Warm recipes

Angela Hospice publishes first cookbook

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Mike Cuba had all the necessary ingredients to produce a cookbook.

He knows his way around the kitchen. He has a knack for organizing and writing and he volunteers with others who are passionate about their cooking.

When he suggested that Angela Hospice create and sell its own cookbook, Sydnie Best, volunteer services manager, was more than happy to give him the green light — and a box full of recipes.

"We had kicked around this idea a few years ago and it was one of those things that a few staff members said we should do," Best said. "It got tabled for a number of years. When Mike came on as a volunteer — he talked about different recipes and suggested it."

Best and other staff members didn't have time to create a cookbook, but Cuba did. She handed over the box of recipes that staff members and volunteers had contributed over the years and watched him take on the challenge.

"Two hundred recipes later and three rewrites ... it took a year," said Cuba, of Livonia. "It was interesting seeing the kinds of recipes we had."

Cuba and his wife, Jane, are retired teachers who volunteer for Angela Hospice. She is a home visitor and he cooks for events, helps with clerical tasks and pitches in when needed.

They and several friends will bake cookies from the new book, *Where the Butter Flies!*, during the Livonia Christmas Walk Saturday, Dec. 1. As visitors walk through the couple's kitchen, they'll get a chance to taste a cookie. Copies of the cookbook will be available for purchase. The cost is \$10.

The couple will serve cookies as "Butterfly Jacobs," a sugar cookie with a rind of crushed almond, peanut butter cookies, Czechoslovakian cookies and a ginger snap.

Like the recipe from the Grandma's Molasses jar and altered it," Cuba said, describing the ginger cookie.

They'll serve coffee and

From the new book:

Sausage Shrimp Creole Jumbalaya

From Mike Cuba

Serves 6-8

All amounts are estimates and subject to ingredient availability. Feel free to invent!

- 1 pound each three different types of precooked sausage, sliced
- 1 pound chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4-6 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup wine
- 1 each red, orange, yellow and green bell peppers, cleaned and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 pound button mushrooms, cut up (sliced or chunk, your choice)
- 2 big portobello mushrooms, cut into 1-inch pieces (they end up chewy, so keep them small)
- 1 big can peeled Italian tomatoes in tomato sauce
- 1 little can tomato paste
- 1 pound raw shrimp, peeled and deveined

Heat the oil in a large skillet or pan, brown the sausage and chicken. Remove from the oil and set aside. Add the onions to the skillet and sauté. If onions start to look dry, add the wine and cover the pan. You want the onions translucent. Add the peppers and portobellos and the Italian tomatoes. Break up the tomatoes with a spatula. Cook covered 5-10 minutes. Add the button mushrooms, tomato paste and the meat. Cook covered 5-10 minutes more. Add the shrimp and cook until the shrimp turn pink, about 2 minutes. Serve over brown rice. If you want a little more kick to this, add a couple of poblano peppers and/or a couple of habaneros. Watch out! Their kick is not instantaneous, but it lingers.

Lady Jacobs Cookies

From Barb Brown and Sister Mary Giovanni

- 1/2 cup of butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 cup ground almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the vanilla, egg and beat. Sift together the flour and baking soda and add to the butter mixture. Shape the dough into several oblong rolls about 2 inches wide. Roll in the ground almonds and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Unwrap and slice quite thin. Bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.

Bourbon Pecan Pork Roast

From Barb Ivan

Serves 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 pounds rolled pork loin roast
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup (or more) pecan pieces
- 1/2 cup bourbon (airplane-size bottle)
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

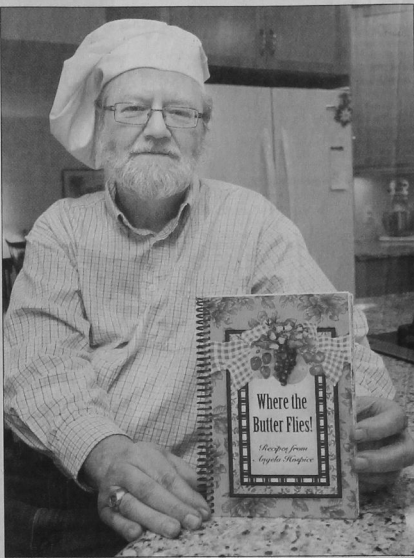
Heat oven to 325 degrees. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat and brown pork on all sides. Put meat on rack in roasting pan and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast 30 minutes. Meanwhile, add pecans to oil in frying pan, cook over medium heat 1 minute and remove pecans from pan. Combine the bourbon, sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add to the frying pan and boil until the sugar dissolves and bourbon reduces slightly — 1-2 minutes. After meat has cooked 30 minutes begin basting with the bourbon sauce. Cook until a meat thermometer stuck in the center reaches 160 degrees, about 30 more minutes. Five minutes before meat is done, sprinkle with pecans.

the cookie recipes will be on view.

"Everything we'll be baking is from the book," Cuba said.

More than recipes

Where the Butter Flies! includes helpful kitchen hints, measurement sub-



Mike Cuba shows the Angela Hospice cookbook. He and his wife, Jane, and their friends will bake cookies from the book Saturday, Dec. 1, during the Livonia Christmas Walk.

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Lentils and Rice Casserole

From Sydnie Best

- 1 cup dried lentils
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14 ounces) chopped tomatoes (do not drain)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the lentils according to the package directions. Melt the margarine in a large skillet over a medium heat. Add the onion, green pepper and garlic, stir often and cook until tender. Stir in the lentils, tomatoes, paprika, salt and pepper. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Spray a 2-qt baking dish with cooking spray. Place the rice in the bottom and top with the lentil mixture. Bake for 25 minutes. Add the cheese to cover the top and bake 5-10 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

stitutes, calorie counts, napkin-folding diagrams, advice for buying and cooking fruits and vegetables, and a guide to herbs and spices. All of the recipes are from volunteers or staff members. Cuba submitted eight, including the recipe for a favorite bread called Hoska." He said, "It's a sweet egg bread from my grandmother's bohemian ancestry."

The book also includes favorite recipes from Angela Hospice pot lucks and summer barbecues. "We have a volunteer known as The Pie Lady. She's been baking for 15 years (for Hospice)," Best said. The Pie Lady, also known as Alberta Karll, bakes for the Angela Hospice's Care Center every Tuesday. "She started with apple pies. Her recipe is in the book. "We do a high tea every

Thursday for patients and their families. Jane (Cuba) makes hostbread for the high tea and that recipe is in the book."

Fundraiser

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit such programs as bereavement services — which are available to the all in the community — prenatal hospice and counseling.

It's available from Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia; www.AskForAngela.com. Buy a ticket to the Livonia Christmas Walk — and get a chance to see five decorated houses, in addition to tasting a cookie from the book — at Livonia's libraries, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, or at the Quaker House in Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$9 before Dec. 1 and \$10 on Dec. 1.

"We're really excited about the book. One of our volunteers came up with the title," said Best, noting that the butterfly is part of Angela Hospice's logo. "It's professional and done. The cover is plastic and it lays flat. It has all those pluses for cooking."

Chef offers meal tips for dialysis patients

Chef Aaron McCargo, Jr., star of Food Network's *Big Daddy's House* television show, will visit with patients Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Detroit-area Fresenius Medical Care clinics where he will help dialysis patients and their families learn how to create kidney-friendly meals.

He'll also give a live cooking demonstration at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball fundraising event on Dec. 1. More than 940,000 Michigan residents have chronic kidney disease, according to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. African-Americans are among those most at risk, because of their high rates of diabetes and high blood pressure, which are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease. This pro-



McCargo

gressive, usually permanent loss of kidney function, frequently leads to kidney failure, which can only be treated with dialysis or a kidney transplant. Michigan has one of the highest rates of kidney failure in the entire country, with close to 14,000 patients on dialysis.

Maintaining a healthy diet can be a matter of life and death for individuals on dialysis. To stay healthy, dialysis patients must control their levels of potassium, phosphorus, salt and saturated fats by limiting their intake of certain foods.

"We're pleased to bring Chef McCargo to Detroit to share his healthy cuisine tips with the area's

dialysis community," said Steve Chown, regional vice president, Fresenius Medical Care. "His unique recipes for adding bold flavors and variety to meals help dialysis patients learn how to get more enjoyment from eating, while still complying with their renal diets."

The free events are open to the general public. Meet McCargo: • 2-4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at Fresenius Medical Care Garden City, 27201 W. Warren Street in Dearborn Heights • 6-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at Fresenius Medical Care St. Clair Shores, 26210 Harper Ave. #200 in St. Clair Shores

• Noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Fresenius Medical Care University, 18430 Livermore, in downtown Detroit. Each clinic will give away the *Fill Your Plate* cookbook with dialysis-

friendly recipes for all attendees.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 1, McCargo will present a live cooking demonstration for attendees of the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Ball at the MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third Street, Detroit. He will demonstrate how to prepare appetizing dishes that are tasty, affordable and kidney-friendly. One of the appetizers at the event will be prepared by McCargo, and a dietitian from Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA) will be available to answer questions. To purchase tickets for the Kidney Ball, visit www.nkfm.org or call (734) 222-9800.

View McCargo's renal diet recipes and his online cooking demonstration at www.ultra-care-dialysis.com.



Mediterranean Nachos

Game-worth party fare

When the big game rolls around, you want to make sure you have everything ready to go so you can focus on the action. Preparing in advance for watch parties means you don't have to worry about last-minute details. And while standard watch party fare may be enticing, game day snacking guilt can set in once the day is over. Avoid snacking guilt by serving up flavorful, best-for-you dishes that will still please the party palates of your fellow fans.

Mediterranean Nachos

Makes: 4 servings
Time: 25 minutes

- 4 cups pita chips
- 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Red

- Hummus
- 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Red Pepper Hummus
- 8 to 10 grape tomatoes, cut in half lengthwise
- 1/2 cup chopped zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch chunks
- 2 tablespoons chopped Greek olives
- 1 1/2 cups shredded pepperoni
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella
- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Place pita chips in a 9- to 10-inch skillet or other oven-proof pan or baking dish. Top with small spoonfuls of hummus.
- Sprinkle tomatoes, zucchini, olive and pepperoni on the chips.
- Top with shredded mozzarella.
- Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until cheese has melted and edges are beginning to brown.
- Serve warm.

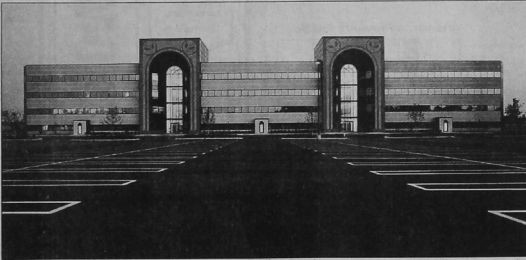
Laurel Park Place Office Center garners Tudors, among other pros, properties

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program, The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 9 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 28th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

William M. Wylomis, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA's outstanding members. "This afternoon we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts, people, our innovations and development in our industry."

With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, Kevin Livingston of Hines was named Property Manager of the Year; Laura Marble, FMA of General Services Administration, Facility Manager of the Year; Plumbing Professors, Service



Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia took first place in its square footage categories as Building of the Year.

Provider of the Year; and Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; Cindy Wiegand of KIRCO, Emerging Leader; Linda Emert-Grimm of Dietz Property Group and David Glasser of Stone Restoration Services, Outstanding Service Awards; The Plumbing Professors, Service Provider of the Year; Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; and Daniel Fitzgerald received the President's Award. Detroit properties GM Renaissance Center, One Detroit Center and the United States

Citizenship & Immigration Services Region 7, Detroit District Office; Southfield property One Northwestern Plaza; and Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Building of the Year. The Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit was first in the Government Building class, 50 West Big Beaver in Bloomfield Hills took the top award in the Medical Office category, and the Bingham Center in Southfield was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low-Rise grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competitors and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in San Diego, Calif., in June 2013. For additional information on the 2012-13 TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit www.bomadot.org. Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metro Detroit is a professional, non-profit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michi-

gan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people. BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves.

Security good idea at meetings

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of my homeowner association and I am worried about one vocal and, sometimes, violent resident who attends the meetings. Should they have security at the meeting? I have asked the board for it.

A: I am deluged with emails from fellow community association

practitioners who can recount numerous stories where violent behavior has been

perpetrated at meetings of the association and/or on directors. One story I have heard was about the treasurer of his condominium association being at a meeting where one of the owners in a community called the board president "a queer as a three dollar bill," whereupon chairs were thrown at various individuals sending the rest of the board members under the table. The individuals involved were all over the age of 70, so age has no bearing upon judgment or conduct. To say the least, where there is any potential threat, adequate security should be provided if for no other reason than to enhance the participation by the members of the association.

Q: Has the Michigan legislature enacted a statute that prohibits nonrecourse mortgages and deficiency judgments?

A: No. However, the Michigan legislature did enact the Nonrecourse Mortgage Loan Act, 2012 PA 67, MCL 445.1591 et seq., which retroactively prohibits a postclosing covenant in a nonrecourse loan from being used as a carry-out or basis for a deficiency judgment against a borrower or guarantor. The Act does not apply to loans that are initially classified as recourse loans, and the Act specifically states that it does not prohibit fully recourse loans.

Q: What is a deficiency judgment in a mortgage, and does my mortgage company have the ability to pursue one?

A: When a borrower cannot repay their mortgage and the lender pursues foreclosure, the lender may or may not be able to sue the borrower to collect the shortfall commonly known as a deficiency. In Michigan, the key is whether or not the note, not the mortgage, is classified as a recourse or nonrecourse loan. If the mortgage is classified as a recourse loan, the lender can pursue a deficiency judgment on the covenants contained in the note. Generally speaking, conventional residential mortgages are classified as recourse provisions. However, in order for you to determine if you may be subject to a deficiency judgment, you may need to contact a real estate attorney to review your specific situation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit www.brownmeisner-law.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

41520 Alleghany St \$120,000
47011 Barlett Dr \$236,000
28183 Barwick Dr \$210,000
2386 Cleveland Way \$212,000
25099 Cooldale St \$236,000
4605 Cornerstone Dr \$100,000
412 Country Club Ln \$335,000
4188 Forest Bridge Dr \$220,000
4127 Glade Rd \$180,000
45945 Graystone Ln \$148,000
7154 Green Meadow Ln \$145,000
8660 Holly Dr \$3,000
14166 Denne St \$160,000
43222 Lombardy Dr \$150,000
46081 Meadowcreek Ln \$138,000
2583 Mistwood Ct \$402,000
6269 N Ridge Rd \$480,000
44302 N Umberland Cir \$150,000
1558 N Willard Rd \$136,000
47286 Northgate Dr \$210,000
43467 Proctor Rd \$155,000
2847 Forest Meadow Cir \$190,000
45258 S Stonewood Rd \$172,000
45259 S Stonewood Rd \$178,000
44622 Southampton Dr \$145,000
41430 Stafford Ct \$130,000
47859 Stratford Ct \$330,000
47761 Stratford Dr \$319,000
1611 Thistle Ct \$185,000
41320 Thornhill Rd \$303,000
15020 Tradition Dr \$435,000
43186 Washington Way \$157,000

GARDEN CITY
7323 Anita St \$75,000
31739 Cambridge St \$79,000
31714 Cherry Hill Rd \$60,000
28657 Donnelly St \$57,000
512 E Rose Ave \$73,000
30148 John Hawk St \$60,000
32108 Kathryn St \$25,000
31758 Maplewood St \$62,000
32714 Rosslyn Ave \$77,000
29896 Windsor St \$78,000
32138 Acacia St \$153,000
18950 Bainbridge Ave \$156,000
32341 Barkley St \$118,000
32090 Bassett St \$132,000
36604 Bobrich St \$180,000
36604 Bobrich St \$192,000
18200 Bretton St \$135,000
38808 Comstock St \$25,000
14916 Country Club Dr \$97,000
19096 Deering St \$91,000
14166 Denne St \$96,000
14277 Denne St \$131,000
15406 Doris St \$104,000
14916 Garden City Dr \$147,000
29620 Edward Pl \$193,000
28428 Elmira St \$111,000
32106 Fairfax St \$56,000
32643 Five Mile Rd \$142,000
18623 Floral St \$43,000
31632 Gable St \$78,000
35204 Grove Dr \$137,000
33735 Grove St \$140,000
29948 Hathaway St \$95,000
33501 Hathaway St \$122,000
37107 Kingsburn Dr \$329,000
38995 Lyndon St \$130,000
21009 Robinwood St \$145,000
15485 Mayfield St \$78,000

18435 Mayfield St \$260,000
31518 Merrifield Park Dr \$86,000
35056 Munger Dr \$350,000
30700 N Laurel Park Dr \$162,000
16758 Nolia Ct \$145,000
38681 Northfield Ave \$123,000
30164 Oakview St \$171,000
15710 Operto St \$65,000
31719 Summers St \$118,000
33845 Trillium Ct \$161,000
18005 University Park Dr \$83,000
32901 W Chicago St \$128,000
10030 Westworth St \$134,000
31041 Westfield St \$106,000
3608 Westmore St \$123,000
38252 Westmore St \$138,000
17715 Woodbridge St \$170,000
NORTHVILLE
16955 Abby Cir \$394,000
44818 Birchmont Cir \$5,000
38812 Glenview Ct \$236,000
18970 Heather Ridge Dr \$660,000
16409 Horseshoe Dr \$440,000
16029 Jupiter Hills Dr \$512,000
19521 Northridge Dr \$53,000
14217 Waterfall Rd \$275,000
PLYMOUTH
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W \$28,000
597 Ann St \$125,000
13483 Burning Tree Ln \$128,000
5400 Byron St \$230,000
50955 Cyrene Ave \$330,000
50545 E Fellows Creek Ct \$185,000
92095 Oak Wood Dr \$409,000
52000 Lakeside Ave \$200,000
56068 Newport Dr \$68,000
21580 River Ridge Ct \$140,000
11424 Parkview Dr \$168,000
12936 Pinecrest Dr \$125,000
49042 Riverchester St \$185,000
48205 Powell Rd \$258,000

1199 S Sheldon Rd \$48,000
14596 Shadywood Dr \$145,000
46045 Wesboro Dr \$330,000
REDFORD
12816 Centralia \$220,000
13557 Centralia \$31,000
18243 Dalby \$124,000
25002 Donald \$48,000
19715 Gaylord \$30,000
26629 Glendale \$50,000
17201 Summer \$63,000
17187 MacArthur \$84,000
12128 Nathaline \$37,000
9622 Semple \$74,000
19812 Nechuanee \$25,000
2400 Nechuanee \$125,000
9976 Norborne \$58,000
19983 Indian \$40,000
26375 Ross Dr \$215,000
26451 Ross Dr \$85,000
44818 Sembole \$60,000
13998 Seminole \$39,000
26219 Steiner \$30,000
17201 Summer \$63,000
26345 W Seven Mile Rd \$16,000
14171 Winston \$48,000
WESTLAND
7526 Biron St \$90,000
30730 Burlington St \$59,000
35874 Canyon Dr \$57,000
9625 Cooley Blvd \$102,000
36650 Fairchild St \$90,000
35097 Florence St \$45,000
35097 Florence St \$28,000
32547 Judy Dr \$73,000
38208 Northampton St \$57,000
29055 Richard St \$23,000
29025 Richard St \$22,000
38376 Saint Joe Dr \$55,000
33850 Tawna Tr \$95,000
3930 Sussex St \$85,000
39275 Worcester St \$63,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 6-10, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

18593 Buckingham Ave \$165,000
18115 Kinross Ave \$238,000
16166 Sibley Ave \$172,000
20375 Lincins Hill Ct \$400,000
BINGHAM FARMS
3233 Bingham Ln \$550,000
32135 Bingham Rd \$750,000
BIRMINGHAM
585 Chester St \$549,000
5198 Woodchester Rd \$199,000
387 George St \$260,000
959 Gordon Ln \$425,000
56121 Linton St \$121,000
250 Glenhurst Dr \$550,000
2678 Yorkshire Rd \$142,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
3834 Quanton Rd \$215,000
1227 Northwood Cir \$160,000
2300 Reading Rd \$209,000
10141 Reading Rd \$398,000
3655 York Ct \$155,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
375 Concord Pl # 4 \$40,000
3899 Darcy Dr \$306,000
1927 E Spinningswheel Ln \$172,000
1824 Hidden Woods Dr \$368,000
1833 Hupp Cross Rd \$675,000
6148 Lantern Ln \$400,000
7459 Parkman Dr \$522,000
1596 Sandringham Way \$523,000
7373 Sandy Creek Ln \$460,000
32135 Westbrook Ct \$279,000
6253 Wilshire Dr \$243,000
292 Yarmouth Rd \$700,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
9454 Bonnet St \$90,000
2726 Brigantine \$210,000
9679 Ogletree Lake Rd \$214,000
2705 Hamstead Blvd \$199,000
2528 Lancaster Ln \$307,000
2528 Trillium Hills Dr \$250,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
2562 Briar Ridge Ln \$168,000
34184 Elizabeth Ct \$164,000
33863 Glenview Dr \$110,000
21009 Robinwood St \$145,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
3231 Baintree Rd \$210,000
2705 Hamstead Blvd \$199,000
32270 Heathstone Rd \$135,000
28948 Herndonwood Dr \$190,000
31113 Popcorn Ct \$173,000
10140 Hiers Circle Dr \$133,000

24240 Locust St \$137,000
29140 Millbrook Rd \$276,000
30747 Mytic Dr \$278,000
30255 Meadowridge Dr \$134,000
32919 Nestlewood Ct \$185,000
29436 Regents Pointe \$110,000
36232 Ridgedale Ct \$35,000
21580 River Ridge Ct \$140,000
28245 Secluded Ln \$130,000
2174 Sheffield Dr \$300,000
912 Oakwood Dr \$170,000
30174 W 11 Mile Rd \$150,000
32475 W 11 Mile Rd \$185,000
28245 Goldensgate Dr E \$114,000
1890 Woodmeadow Ave \$103,000
MILFORD
24518 Birchwood Dr \$230,000
1998 Harley Dr \$346,000
2339 Huntcliff Ct \$460,000
31180 Parkmill Farms \$239,000
1159 Pleasure St \$190,000
1569 S Creek Dr \$92,000
559 Valley Dr \$95,000
3252 Washington St \$164,000
NOVI
43475 Bennington Dr \$375,000
24518 Birchwood Dr \$272,000
4185 Borchard Dr \$270,000
41853 Bristol Cir \$345,000
31118 Centennial Rd \$110,000
22853 Chase Dr \$470,000
24000 Devonshire Dr \$342,000

44994 Gwinnnett Loop \$155,000
25364 Sutton Ct \$50,000
40793 Village Wood Rd \$310,000
45340 W 10 Mile Rd \$156,000
24311 Weaverthorn Ct \$157,000
28006 Wolcott Dr \$89,000
SOUTH LIVON
24507 Brompton Way \$40,000
8864 Carriage Ln \$40,000
25725 Coah Ln \$40,000
51848 Coppewood Dr S \$332,000
26280 Gary Cir E \$285,000
51070 Grearbur Ln \$320,000
20181 Hillside Dr \$272,000
24370 Villagewood Dr \$272,000
SOUTHFIELD
27616 Aberdeen St \$105,000
2805 Berckester Way \$52,000
15004 Addison St \$98,000
25504 Chambley Dr # 8b \$85,000
28091 Everett St \$16,000
22871 N Bellwood Dr \$141,000
25200 Pierce St \$95,000
19081 Silver Spring St \$60,000
30073 Sparkleberry Dr \$254,000

Yule party

The Re.E.I.A. (Real Estate Investors Association) third annual Christmas party will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Tickets are \$35 a person and checks should be mailed to c/o Re.E.I.A., 2962 Fort St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146.

Elections will also be held. For more, see the website reiaaccounty.org. The party will feature dinner and hors d'oeuvres.

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

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- 14 "Wolf" on clay sheep
- 15 Blunder
- 16 Kept from falling
- 18 Grinch creator
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- 23 Economic ind.
- 26 Conduit
- 29 More
- 31 Frequently
- 32 Unwanted guest
- 34 Other loudly
- 35 Chop
- 36 Long-haired cats
- 37 Soyuz launcher
- 38 Daisy — Scragg

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- 40 Dice spot
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- 49 Ocean fish
- 51 All-purpose vehicles
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Volt, eAssist, All-Electrics Will Be GM Strategy Now



By Dale Buss

General Motors is saying "uncle" in a key area of vehicle electrification: conventional hybrids. At the same time, the automaker indicated that it'll redouble efforts to stake out a brand-defining position on one end of the electrified-vehicle spectrum, in highly electrified so-called "plug-in" hybrids like Chevrolet Volt and in all-electric vehicles.

Mary Barra, GM's product chief, told reporters today that the company has narrowed its future development plans to emphasize plug-ins like Volt, and EVs such as the all-electric version of the new Chevrolet Spark that GM will unveil at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month. Both kinds of cars are propelled only by batteries, while conventional hybrids rely on a combination of an electric motor and a gasoline engine.

"We need to make educated bets on which technologies hold the most potential for creating values for our customers and our company," Barra stated, echoing remarks she recently made to Autoline.

A few months ago, GM confirmed that it was shutting down its previous plans for future versions of a type of conventional-hybrid powertrain that has been offered in its pickup trucks and SUVs. But GM also has been introducing some new so-called "mild" hybrids that only lightly assist the gasoline engine under its eAssist sub-brand, including versions of the Buick Regal and Chevrolet Malibu; it will continue to invest in eAssist, Barra indicated.

Barra conceded that the conventional-hybrid technology occupying the middle ground between plug-ins and EVs on one end, and mild hybrids on the other, remained "important, of course," the magazine said. But she emphasized that "plug-in technology will play an increasingly important role over the years to come."

In other words, GM is doubling down on its trailblazing investment in Volt and the extended-range technology that

supports it, as well as all-electric vehicles. Though Volt has been selling at the rate of only a couple thousand units a month, two years after its launch and in the midst of a doubling of gasoline prices, GM executives are confident that the car and its underlying technology will gradually catch on.

Toyota made a similarly large but opposite bet recently, putting more resources behind Prius and saying that it will de-emphasize EVs. Toyota faced a hiccup today with Prius because about 670,000 Prius hybrids were included in the company's second significant recall in a few weeks, of 2.7 million vehicles worldwide



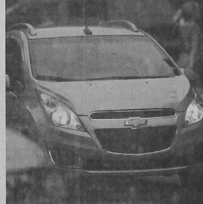
The 2013 Buick Regal with eAssist remains a key part of GM's new electrification strategy.

to fix a possible water-pump problem and steering defect.

Meanwhile, only Ford still seems to be trying to do it all on the electrification spectrum.

Sorting out the winners and losers in this battle will be, well, electrifying.

The move essentially is surrendering the conventional-hybrid field to Toyota, which created and is dominating that segment with the Prius sub-brand. Interestingly, GM's move — ceding what once was a prime battlefield in green cars, where it invested heavily — comes at the same time that its cross-town rival, Ford, has just introduced an entirely new hybrid-only brand, C-Max, to battle Prius in the U.S. market.



An all-electric version of the 2013 Chevrolet Spark is being introduced this month at the Los Angeles Auto Show.



GM will continue to ride the Chevrolet Volt as an important innovation.

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37106A, Leather, moon roof,
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North Brothers Value Lot
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300 2010
130K20A, Home, moon,
chrome, navigation, only
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Loaded \$24,998
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