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The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed Tuesday to open its borders to students from outside the district for a handful of its programs.

Students from outside Plymouth-Canton will only be allowed into the programs on the condition there are spaces available after all eligible Plymouth-Canton resident students have been enrolled.

Programs include the Young 5s kindergarten, half-day kindergarten, the elementary TAG program and the district's STEM, Arts and International academies. The board capped the number of students from outside the district for the academy programs at 10 freshmen and 10 sophomores apiece.

The board will take up the issue of allowing the children of Plymouth-Canton employees who reside outside the district at its Feb. 22 meeting.

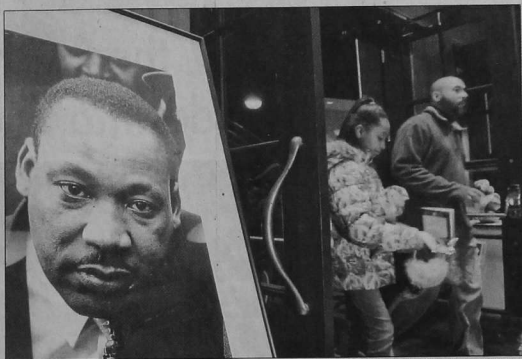
Love Thy Neighbor

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is asking neighbors to "Love Thy Neighbor" by donating specific items to its food pantry. The drive, which runs Feb. 11-

16, is looking for body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoo and conditioner, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken and tuna, deodorant, shaving items and toilet paper.

Donations are accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

For more information contact Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or (734) 453-5464.



The portrait of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King in the lobby of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is a reminder of the human cost of the struggle for civil rights.

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Living the dream

Rousing ceremony honors King, diversity

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer



"Spirit of the Man" is written, directed and produced by Regina Shamberger. It's about Dr. Martin Luther King, at the end of his life.

As an African American who remembers this country's racially segregated past, Canton resident Cal Wiley recalls a time when he doubted this nation would ever declare Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a holiday — much less elect a black president.

Wiley, 60, brought his wife of 22 years, Eileen, and their 17-year-old daughter Kelsey to Monday night's King celebration inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — the same day President Barack Obama was inaugurated for a second term.

"I got two celebrations in one day, both of which I never really thought I'd see," Wiley said.

Eileen Wiley, who is white, said she might still be reluctant to visit some areas of the Deep South because she still is afraid of potential discrimination against her family.

Kelsey, a Canton High School student, has studied history enough to know African-American parents and their children once fought hard battles to end segregation. She is thankful she doesn't have those worries.

"I feel welcomed. I feel safe going to school," she said.

With that, the Wiley family joined a

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Taxpayers get benefit of board votes

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton taxpayers will save more than \$2 million — and the local business community will get a boost — following a series of unrelated votes cast Tuesday by the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Trustee Pat Williams called it "a very upbeat meeting" that ushered in savings for taxpayers amid ongoing watchdog efforts by administration officials to safeguard Canton's budget.

"They were able to deliver cost savings opportunities which will improve our fund balances that are critically important to the financial health of the community," Williams said.

Though final audit figures aren't in, Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull said officials have managed to use only \$700,000 — compared to earlier estimates of \$1.5 million — from last year's general fund balance.

Trumbull attributed the reduced spending to a revenue increase from building permits and a delay in capital outlay projects. She said a precise number for the general fund balance is pending as an outside auditing firm, Plante Moran, compiles its latest report.

No SMART

In another money-saving decision, local officials again touted one-year savings of \$1.6 million for taxpayers by opting out of the SMART bus system — Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation — and paying Huron Valley Ambulance's service to take local residents, especially seniors, to places such as doctor appointments and grocery stores.

Trustee Tom Yack said Canton has saved money for many years by opting out of SMART — a decision that began when he was former supervisor. Trustees called the Huron Valley program much more cost-efficient.

"I think Canton is very lucky to have them," Trustee John Anthony said.

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Crowded field applies for open board seat

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

If the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has any trouble filling the open seat created by the resignation of Barry Simescu, it won't be because of a lack of interest.

More than two dozen applicants sent in letters of interest expressing a desire to fill the seat. Deadline for application was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Most of the interest, according to board President John Barrett, came in the waning moments before the deadline.

"Last week, we had maybe five (letters)," Barrett said. "Most of them came in late. We had an avalanche at the last minute."

The vacancy was created two weeks ago when Simescu, who served more than eight years, resigned because of increased responsibility at work.

Many of the 25 people who applied for the seat will be familiar to residents:

- George Belouch, the district's former director of elementary education.
- Mike Andro, a Canton resident who ran for the school board in 2011.
- Matt Dame, who also ran for the school board in 2011. Dame is also known for his part in the controversy over the books *Waterland* and *Beloved*.
- Greg Demopoulos, a former Canton Township trustee.

• Kate Borninski, a member of Supporters of Academic Integrity for Plym-

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Plymouth-Canton Superintendent, Dr. Jeremy Hughes (right) presents former Trustee Barry Simescu with a clock, signifying the time (more than eight years) Simescu spent on the Board of Education before resigning earlier this month.

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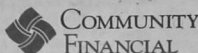
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Friends seek help finding missing man

By **Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

A 36-year-old Canton man's friends are desperate to find him after they say he has been missing for nearly two weeks. Matthew Morris last made contact when he sent a text to a friend on Jan. 13.

"That's the last anyone heard from him," one of his friends, Dustin Brungardt, said, adding Wednesday morning that no word had been received of Morris' whereabouts. Morris left his diabetic sup-



Morris

plies at his Canton apartment near Ford and Lotz roads, and friends have said his cell phone was lost there.

"All of his meds were still there, so that's why we're panicking," Brungardt said.

Friends have searched the area for Morris, described as 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds. They have distributed fliers during their search.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Morris' car was found parked at the Emagine Theater parking lot southeast of Ford and Lotz roads.

Schreiner said police searched Morris' apartment and the area where he lived.

"There's no indication of foul play," Schreiner said. "All we can say is, he was not at home or anywhere near his car. We don't know where he is."

Schreiner said Morris didn't communicate to his friends where he might be going or with whom.

Brungardt and other friends have made an appeal through the media to Morris to let him know they love him and just want his safe return.

Schreiner said Morris' car has been impounded by police but, again, there have been no indications of foul play.

"Every indication is that he left on his own and didn't communicate to anybody where he was going or who he was with," Schreiner said.

Although there is concern for Morris, Schreiner said police often take missing persons

reports of people who choose on their own to go somewhere — and doing so isn't against the law.

That said, police and friends would like to know where Morris is. His friends are particularly concerned because he apparently left without his diabetic medication and other items he would routinely need.

Anyone who has information about Morris is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

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Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said his 93-year-old mother has started using the service, for a nominal fee, after hanging up the keys to her car.

"They're very customer service-oriented," McLaughlin said.

Meanwhile, township trustees approved a series of measures that reflect incremental improvements to the local business community. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said it has been more than a year since this level of activity has been forwarded for approval by the Canton Planning Commission.

Measures taken

"It's indicative of what's going on in the community development-wise," Faas said.

Among the measures:

- Approval of a special land use for an expansion at Henderson Glass, southeast of Hanford and Canton Center, to accommodate a larger show-

room and a shared business site with Ric's Car Care. One nearby property owner questioned whether the car care business had the permits it needed, but McLaughlin said measures such as state licensing will come later.

- Approval of a special land use for a Hertz auto rental business to locate southwest of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, next to the Valvoline Quick Oil Change. The site was formerly a motorcycle dealership.
- Approval of a special land use and site plan for a Rock Automotive Center auto sales business at Michigan Avenue and Artley — same site as a former used car dealer.
- Approval allowing the Buffalo Wild Wings on Ford Road to expand with enclosed patio seating.

"Canton is still a good place to do business," McLaughlin said of the special land use votes, "and we are filling some of our places that have been empty."

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outh-Canton, who was among those who argued in favor of *Waterland* and *Beloved*.

- Stephanie Goecke and John Nichols, both of whom ran for election in 2011.
- Deb Madonna, who now runs the Plymouth Miracle League, a baseball league for special-needs players.
- Rita White, who ran for Plymouth Township treasurer last fall.

Other candidates

include Mark Alsaeger, Rene Chen, Amy (McCusker) Conway, Kim Crouch, Donald David, Benjamin Edmondson, Michael Fisher, Brian Jansen, Ed Krol, Patti McCoin, Julie Rowe, Dean Rugh, Kevin Shankie, Don Turner, Jeff Ames and Sharika Robinson.

Interviews of applicants were scheduled to take place Feb. 4. Barrett said the board will like stretch them over two nights, Feb. 4-5.

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CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Observer*, "Arts group gets help with factory plan," should have said the in-kind contribution the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities received from Man-nik & Smith Group for environmental services was \$10,000.

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With a thaw, then a chill, ice fest draws downtown crowds

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Facing unseasonably warm weather and the beginnings of an arctic blast in the same weekend, the 31st annual Plymouth Ice Festival drew crowds of visitors downtown.

The festival, with more than 100 sculptures, carving demonstrations, contests, entertainment, wintertime sports and food and drink, was Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Kellogg Park and on Forest Avenue and other downtown streets.

City officials said the festival ran smoothly, with big crowds, especially on Saturday, and no major incidents.

"It was a great way to show off the community," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "The whole community, I think, shined through the course of this event."

Saturday's temperatures rose to above freezing, causing visitors to play guessing games when looking at some sculptures.

"Certainly, the wind and the warm temperatures did a number on the ice," Sincock said.

Sunday's temperatures, however, fell sharply.

Visitors frequently mentioned the downtown Plymouth ambience as one of the festival's main attractions.

"The business, the people, the kids, the food — a hometown feel," said Bridget Sexton, who was visiting with husband Todd and their daughter Isabelle, on Friday.

The 2013 festival appeared to have more major sponsors than in other recent years, enabling organizers to offer interactive and sports features like cross-country skiing, skating on synthetic ice, and snowboarding and skiing on snow brought in for that purpose.



Professional ice carver known Ditto works on his interpretation of a rabbit during Saturday's carving at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA



Many of the ice sculptures started to melt as temperatures warmed into the 40s Saturday afternoon. This sculpture started out as a set of golf clubs.



Eight-year-old Paige Pianczk of Canton gets some help with her skiing from Kim Heaney of Sun & Snow.

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diverse crowd inside the Village Theater for a crowd-rousing, ninth annual program called "Building Bridges: Canton Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The audience gave a warm reception to the event organized by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, the King subcommittee and Canton Township.

King's impact

Canton resident Chelsea Mulenga brought his mother Cynthia Mulenga, his girlfriend Vanessa Guiang and children Chelsea, 10, and Cailin, 5. "It's important that my kids understand the impact Dr. King made — not just for us, but for their generation," Chelsea Mulenga said.

Chelsea praised King for "helping people get to go to school with each other and get a good education." Anthony Davis, a King subcommittee member, said he reflected earlier Monday on King's dream — "a dream deferred, a dream realized. President Obama is realizing the dream."

As Monday's program unfolded, Stanley Jordan of NorthRidge Church's creative arts ministry portrayed King during a moving play punctuated by skits, songs and videos of King. Titled *Spirit of the Man*, it was written, produced and directed by Regina Shamberger, who has long been involved in the cultural commission and King subcommittee.

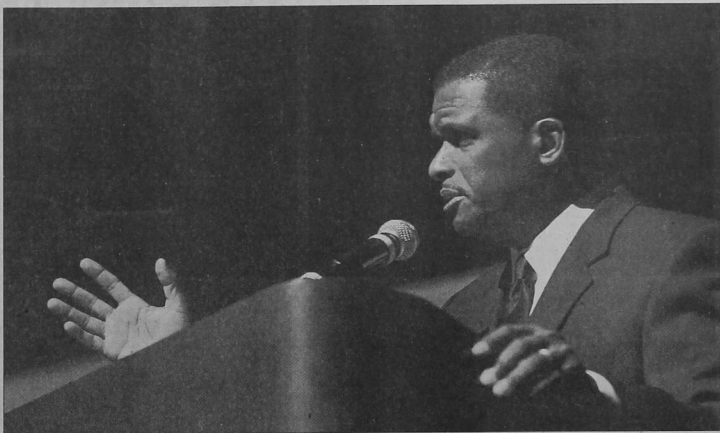
Jordan spoke of King's history as an Atlanta-born child who emerged as a highly educated minister to lead the civil rights movement, only to face racially motivated violence as he steadfastly declared through it all, "I have a dream."

During one skit, children of different races played together until a racist adult reminded them that such mixing was off-limits. Jordan recalled King's assassination April 4, 1968, after he went to Memphis, Tenn., to support a strike by sanitation workers. As Jordan told of King's death, Shamberger appeared as an angel in song from a balcony, as if ushering King to heaven.

Driving out hate

Afterward, Davis led a panel discussion of area residents and graduates of Atlanta's Morehouse College, which King attended before he ultimately earned his doctorate in theology from Boston University.

Franklin Wilkerson, a business executive, recalled walking every



Stanley Jordan plays Dr. Martin Luther King.

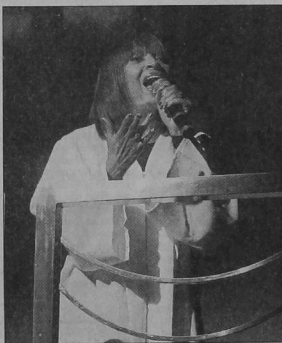
day by King's statue and how it helped keep him on the right track. "That statue just resonated with me," he said.

The Rev. Nelson Henry of Faith Central Church of Detroit recalled how thrilled he was 12 years ago, when he was invited to participate in a program at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King was once a pastor.

Michigan attorney and panelist Darrin Crawford, meanwhile, said he believes King today would remain involved in workers' rights. He also recalled meeting King's wife, Coretta Scott King, who continued her husband's legacy.

Curtis Johnson, a business executive and youth sports coach, said King would certainly be proud that America has had its first black president, though he and other panelists agreed more work is needed to help the fight against poverty and other societal ills.

Meanwhile, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy spoke briefly and used a passage from King that in part read: "Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that." In a fitting finale, the



Regina Shamberger produced, directed, wrote and sings in "Spirit Of The Man-Martin Luther King Jr."

New Hope Music Academy Choir, led by Isaac Pippen, performed stirring renditions of songs, such as *We Shall Overcome* and, as the audience stood and clapped, *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*.

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Monday's event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King drew a large crowd to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



Morehouse College grads panel features Darrin Crawford, Pastor Nelson A. Henry, Franklin Wilkerson and Curtis Johnson.



Children in Spirit of the Man are Lily Chalmers, Rose Chalmers, Shavonne Hogan, Shelbi Hogan, Darian More II, and Christina Moore.

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Chicago pair charged in bank scheme

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two Chicago-area men accused of using fraudulent credit cards at Canton banks to obtain cash advances are facing a Feb. 1 hearing in 55th District Court to determine if they should stand trial on charges that could land them in prison for five years.

Tiras Kanel Prothro and Tabrian Joy Collins, both 29, are headed to court after their arraignment Friday on two counts each of using a fraudulent transaction device and one count each of obtaining

between \$1,000 and \$20,000 under false pretenses.

Canton police had nabbed the two defendants Jan. 16 as they were leaving the Bank of America branch on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center, but Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said it is believed the men had gone to at least three area banks. "We were alerted to their (alleged) activity," he said. Prothro and Collins are



Collins



Prothro

accused of using fraudulent credit cards to obtain cash advances, though some banks apparently denied their request, Schreiner said. Local police believe the pair may be wanted in other areas including Illinois. Prothro and Collins were arraigned Friday in 55th District Court, where court officials say they were released with \$50,000 personal bonds

as the investigation continues. They have been ordered to return to court for their Feb. 1 preliminary examination to determine if they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. The charge of obtaining between \$1,000 and \$20,000 by false pretenses is punishable by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Using a fraudulent financial transaction device carries penalties of up to four years behind bars and a \$5,000 fine with a conviction.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Identity theft

Someone apparently hijacked bank and phone accounts belonging to a Plymouth Township woman, setting up an automatic bill-payment schedule and having her phone calls forwarded to a number in Huntsville, Ala.

The victim told police about the scam Jan. 14, saying she discovered it while going over her finances, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The woman told police she found more money in a bank account than there should have been, but also that an automatic bill-payment she had not authorized had been set up. Police did not release the name of the payee or the amount involved. An employee at her bank told her that bank security had been trying to phone her about the issue, prompting the woman to go to her phone-service provider, where she was told someone posing as her had changed her e-mail address and had calls to her number forwarded to a number in Huntsville, Ala., the report said.

Police are investigating.

Van looted

Cash, cigars, tools, stereo headphones and a ladder were among the things reported stolen recently from a company van parked outside a dry cleaners on Sheldon Road.

The burglary took place outside Lorey Cleaners, on Sheldon near Five Mile, between 2 p.m. Jan. 14 and noon the next day, a police report said.

The Chrysler Town & Country van had been forced open; police noticed scratches on the seal and a panel of the driver-side door, plus a hole drilled beneath the door handle.

Battery theft

Batteries were stolen earlier this month from three different trucks parked outside businesses on Eckles north of Plymouth Road.

The first thefts, of seven batteries from two different semi trucks, occurred between 6 p.m. Jan. 11 and 6 p.m. Jan. 12, a police report said.

Three batteries were taken from one truck and four from another, police said. The chief mechanic at the transport business told police it would have taken a minimum of 20 minutes per truck, by someone with the proper tools, to unfasten and steal the batteries.

In the second theft, which occurred some time on Jan. 15 at a nearby business, was of two batteries from a smaller truck, a police report said.

—By Matt Jachman

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Identity theft

A 43-year-old man notified Canton police Friday in what could be a case of identity theft, a police report said.

The man, who lives on Stever, northwest of Beck and Geddes, told police he was notified by DISH Network that he had an account that was \$200 past due. The man told police his Social Security number was used for the account but with a different name and address.

The man contacted police because he didn't want the incident to negatively affect his credit. Police gave him an identity theft packet.

Watches stolen

A 48-year-old man told Canton police four watches were stolen from a Ford Flex while it was parked in the driveway

of his home on Raminder Court, southwest of Joy and Beck roads.

The man reported the incident just recently, though he said it happened while he was out of town Jan. 3-4. He said his wife had parked the vehicle in the driveway and believed she had locked it, but she later noticed the glove compartment had been gone through and the watches were missing.

The watches were inside the vehicle because they were being taken to a shop for new batteries.

Purse purloined

A 22-year-old woman notified Canton police Monday evening after she said her purse was stolen while she was at the Chuck E. Cheese location on Ford Road east of Lilley.

The woman told police

she had placed her purse underneath her jacket and later learned it was missing. She said it contained her driver's license, two Social Security cards, a Credit Card and her keys.

Harassment

A woman who lives in Cinnamon Pointe, an apartment complex northwest of Cherry Hill and Lotz roads, contacted police after someone has been harassing her over her 2013 Lincoln MKZ.

The 56-year-old woman said the problem began when she discovered Saturday morning that someone had scratched the passenger side of her vehicle from the door to the rear quarter panel. Then, she told police that someone left a note on her car Monday advising her that she needed to learn how to park.

Hit and run

A 37-year-old man told police he was the victim of a hit-and-run accident as he was leaving the Kroger store northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center around 5 p.m. Saturday.

He told police he was stopped in his silver Honda Civic and was waiting for westbound traffic to clear before he pulled onto the avenue. He said a woman pulled up behind him, struck his vehicle, then pulled onto Michigan Avenue and left the scene.

The man told police damage was done to the

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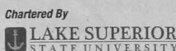
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Vet benefits from car giveaway

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Jim Demmer knows that most families either have a member or know someone who has gone off to serve their country. Demmer's father, Jack, is a World War II veteran, and his son, currently going to law school, has committed to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps' Judge Advocate General branch upon graduation.

So when the family's auto dealership, Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, got an invitation from auto insurance retailer Progressive to take part in that company's Recycled Rides program, Demmer and his staff decided right away to help a veteran.

Progressive's program takes cars that have been "totalled" in accidents, repurposes them and provides them to needy families. Demmer jumped right on board at the invite.

"We do a lot of work with Progressive at our collision centers in Dearborn and in Wayne," Jim Demmer said. "Because of that relationship, they invited us to participate. They provided us the car, and our employees coordinated parts and put the labor into it on their own time to repair this car. The dealership donated



Korean War veteran Edward Grady with retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Jack Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne. Demmer is a World War II veteran.

materials, tools and a place to work on it."

All that was left was to figure out to whom to donate the car. Once the Demmer staff decided to give it to a veteran, Jim Demmer hooked up with Legal Help for Veterans' Carol Ann Fausone. Demmer knew Fausone's husband, Jim, from their service with the Canton Community Foundation, and Demmer knew Fausone would be able to help.

She was providing the name of Korean War veteran Edward Grady.

"We started going through cases to find someone to recommend" for the donation, said Carol Fausone, a retired Air Force general. "Grady's car lost its transmission, and that was the family's only transportation. Without it, they were going to be homeless. It was a perfect fit."

Progressive claims representative Chris Steggall, based in Plymouth, said the company has been running its Recycled Rides program nationwide for several years.

"I think it's just a way for us to give back to the community," Steggall said. "Once we started doing it, dealers started getting in touch wanting to get involved."

Grady recently received his refurbished 2008 Ford Taurus with about 100,000 miles on it. Demmer said workers did some minor collision repair and "made sure it was up to snuff."

"There are many deserving families," Fausone said. "But I believe we selected the right family this time."

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AUTO-LAB DONATES TO FAMILIES

Staffers at Auto-lab of Canton South were happy over the holidays to present two families with cars.

The company started getting nominations back in November. Two vehicles donated for the program were a Pontiac Aztec from Shawn Murphy and a PT Cruiser from Bill Springer. With the help of Advance Auto Parts, Mark Chevrolet and the Auto-lab crew, the vehicles were reconditioned.

The family chosen to receive the Pontiac Aztec was single mom, Nikki, with her four children who have been without a car for the past six months. The PT Cruiser was received by single mom, Tyah, and her triplet



Auto-lab of Canton staffers helped rehab cars donated to a pair of local families over the holidays.

daughters. "Words cannot express the joy that our Auto Lab family has felt, knowing what a difference these vehicles will make to everyone involved," Auto-lab's Michelle Turner

said. "We are so thankful to everyone who sent us nominations, we only wish we had more cars to be able to give. We will keep every family that was nominated in our thoughts and prayers."

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The manager noticed the missing display after arriving for work. According to the police report, it is believed th

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North American International Auto Show

Hearts opened, champagne flowed

Area residents party at Charity Preview

It's regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in the world, and for the 13,069 people who attended the 2013 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, it was a sign that this region can more than rise to the occasion when it comes to helping children.

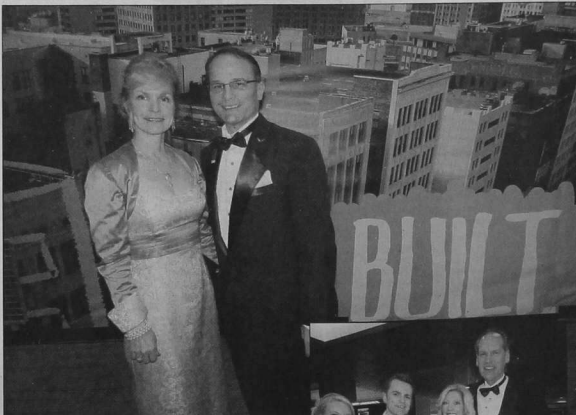
NAIAS reported that the 2013 Charity Preview, presented by Charter One / RBS Citizens, raised \$3,920,700 for nine children's charities during an evening of glitz, glamor and gorgeous people. The 2013 tally represents more than a 30 percent increase in funds raised over 2012 — the highest amount since 2008.

"I'm tired and my feet are sore, but I am thrilled that the people of Detroit and Southeast Michigan have once again opened their hearts for our kids," said Jim Seavitt, chairman, NAIAS 2013. "I have seen, from personal experience, the benefits that these funds provide, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of one of the greatest events which provides us the opportunity to do so much for so many."

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michi-

gan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit, and Think Detroit PAL.

Funds raised by the Charity Preview go even further with the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund. Each year, charitable organizations from throughout the region submit proposals for grants from the DADA Charitable Fund to support worthy programs to improve and enhance the lives of children and youth. Approximately 10 grants typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are awarded from the fund annually.



JULIE YOLLES

Dawn and Scott LaRiche's personalities are always as sparkling as Dawn's dresses. Once again, for the largest one-night fundraiser in the world, Dawn designed and made her Charity Preview dress which complemented Scott's dapper tux. Scott's been extremely busy as the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) president, NAIAS Executive Board member and co-owner of Plymouth Township-based Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.



JULIE YOLLES

Attending last week's Charity Preview were (from left) Elise and Jake Payton of Farmington and Mid American Fitness Studio Owner Karen and Keith Blazaitis of Farmington Hills. The couples had a lot to celebrate. Besides helping to raise nearly \$4 million last Friday at Charity Preview, they were celebrating Farmington Hills-based Mid American Fitness' 10th year in business.



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Tania and Steve Rein of Canton at the Mini display.



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Livonia residents John and Kelly Tracy check out the cherry red Ford 1903 Model A. John Tracy works for corporate sponsor TD Auto Finance in Farmington Hills.



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Plymouth's Fred Hill and the Briefcase Drill Team march in the Charity Parade.

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The stars come out for the Charity Preview.



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Sen. Carl Levin, with daughter Kate Levin Markel and Ann and Robert Greenstone, at the Cadillac exhibit.

Arctic Edge helps with fundraiser

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena didn't hesitate to help when hearing that 15-year-old Ryan Rabinowitz of Novi was spearheading a benefit to collect area ice arena concessions to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit that grants wishes to children who are terminally ill or facing life-threatening health problems.

What's more, Arctic Edge opted to allow Ryan to raise even more money by donating ice time and hosting an open skating fundraiser: 5-30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9,

at the arena, 46615 Michigan Avenue.

Those attending the "Round Up at the Rink" event are asked to donate \$5 for skate admission, with all proceeds going to Make-A-Wish. There is a \$3 charge for each person who needs to rent skates.

Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge event planner and coordinator, said she and other arena employees viewed Ryan's project as a cause worth supporting.

"When I heard what Ryan was wanting to do (by collecting concessions), I wanted to do more," Boggs said. "I wanted to make this a fundraising event where

people can learn more about Make-A-Wish and where families can have fun skating together while supporting a great cause."

Ryan's mother, Trish Rabinowitz, said organizers are hopeful the event will include a silent auction to raise money, and a DJ also has volunteered to donate time for the fundraiser.

Rabinowitz said her son last fall contacted ice rinks across Michigan asking them to help with his project. Arctic Edge is among those stepping up to help.

Ryan, a Novi High School freshman, doesn't take his good health for

granted.

"I'm truly grateful for everything that I have," he has said. He's on the prep hockey team at school and said, "It's the best sport in the world, in my opinion. Hockey's something very near and dear to my heart."

Boggs said she hopes the Arctic Edge event will raise money and awareness.

"Make-A-Wish helps many sick kids' dreams come true," she said. "I am happy to be part of making that happen — and happy to help Ryan succeed in his dream of raising money for Make-A-Wish as well."

Ryan started playing

at age 5, but he realizes some children can't go to school or live a normal life due to illness.

The "Round Up at the Rink" project was created by the family in part for his confirmation at St. James Catholic Church and NHS community service hours.

Ryan and his family would like to see the benefit become an annual event. Trish Rabinowitz and husband Alan are "very proud of him," the mother said.

Staff Writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.



Ryan Rabinowitz is organizing a fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation Feb. 9 at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

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Charities can benefit from tax law revision

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Whenever a new law is passed, there are items contained in the legislation that most people are unaware of. Sometimes the items have nothing to do with the purpose of the legislation; they were added for other reasons. Other times they actually have something to do with the legislation, but get no publicity.

In the recent settlement of the fiscal cliff issue, there was a variety of issues contained in the legislation that did not get much publicity. One of those is something that can be very beneficial to taxpayers.

On and off for the last number of years, taxpayers who are over 70% and who are required to take minimum distributions from their retirement account have had the option to



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

donate that money to a charity. This was something that was a win-win for the charity and the individual. The problem is that it hasn't been a permanent part of the law and therefore has been confusing. Although it is still not a permanent part of the law, it has been extended for 2013.

What the law basically states is that if you are over 70% and are required to take required minimum distributions from your retirement account, you can directly transfer your distribution into a charity. By directly transferring the money into a charity, you do not receive a charitable deduction, but you

also do not have to include the distribution in your taxable income.

For people who are charitable in nature and over 70%, this is a strategy that you should consider this year. Remember, you do not have to donate your entire minimum required distribution; you can donate a portion of it.

I recognize that people donate to charity not for the tax deductions, but rather because they think it is important to make the world a better place. However, if you can accomplish your charitable purpose and at the same time be more tax efficient, there's nothing wrong with that. Good luck!

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North American International Auto Show

Engineers give vehicles a closer look at auto show

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

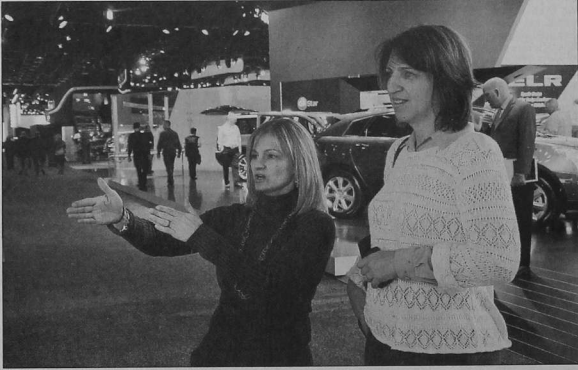
People lying underneath trucks. Others busy taking measurements of dashboards, truck beds and trunks.

It was all routine during last week's industry preview of the North American International Auto Show, where hundreds of engineers and automotive employees, including those from Wayne and Oakland counties, flocked to take a first-hand look at some of the cars their competitors are making.

Kevin Kennedy, a Detroit resident who works as a studio engineering manager at GM's Tech Center in Warren, said he is on the lookout for interior looks of the vehicles, especially center console areas.

He said one of the most impressive ones he saw during the preview was the brand-new Lincoln MKZ.

"It looks like the Lincoln MKZ, it has a pretty light, flow-through center console," Kennedy said. "They were able to put their electronic transmission, they don't have a shifter on the console." But he couldn't leave



Heather Taucher of Waterford and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton walk through the auto show on industry preview day. They work for Chrysler and develop the Uconnect telematics systems for Chrysler and Fiat vehicles.

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the auto show without praising his own company for one of the biggest attractions of the show this year: the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray. "It's incredible," he

said. "General Motors has done an outstanding job." Jerry Maroudis, who works for Ford in Dearborn, said he's worked in vehicle seat design for years. While examin-

ing the Dodge Ram 3500 pickup truck, he observed many of the same qualities Ford trucks have. "I'm just looking to see if the leather quality is as good as ours," he said.

"It is."

While some vehicles had many similar traits, Maroudis was able to find details that stuck out to him. He pointed to a thin strip of carpet exposed

on the base of the seat that wrapped around and could be seen from the front of the car.

"Like this? I don't like that," he said. "They wrap that around."

Some were coming from non-automotive companies to inspect elements of the vehicles. Mark Ackerman, who works for AGC Glass in Ypsilanti, was taking a hard look at the glass being used in several vehicles, including the new Lincoln Navigator.

Glass technology is one that isn't noticed as much by consumers, which means the advancements are a success, he said. An increase in glass called acoustic glass in many vehicles' front ends is reducing noise and providing a smoother drive.

"There are a lot of changes to the car that do that," he said. "One of those is acoustic glass in the front and laminated glass in the front doors." It's an industrial move that's gained lots of traction over the last decade, he said.

"It's on a lot of models," Ackerman said. "Over the last 10 years, the increase in acoustic glass in the auto show is dramatic."



Erin Wolak models near a red Dodge Dart at auto show preview day last week.

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Women drivers look for safety, style

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The automotive companies acknowledge that women have a great deal of influence on all car-buying decisions.

And while they don't specifically cater vehicles to one gender or the other, many of the companies are making subtle changes to meet their needs.

Cristi Landy, a Novi resident and marketing director in the small car division of Chevrolet, said women and men like a lot of the same things, but for her what is important is value and fuel efficiency.

Landy drives a Sonic RS with a six-speed manual transmission that is not only good on gas but fun to drive.

"I want comfort for my family and also able to take my kids and their gear," she said. "I prefer a small car because I like to zip into parking spots and I like better fuel economy."

Some of the features car companies have put

on their vehicles to better serve women are reconfiguring the door handles to protect against broken nails and making sure the trunks open all the way on activation for women who have their hands full.

A minivan is often thought of as a vehicle for women, but that is not the case for Brighton resident Chris Barman — despite what she may hear from her 11-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter.

The vehicle line executive for Chrysler instead drives a V-6, 8-speed, all-wheel drive Chrysler 300 complete with the luxury package that meets her needs and wants.

"It's a very comfortable car," she said.

Erin Wolak, a Shelby Township resident product specialist for Dodge, said style and value are what's most important to her.

"That is what I like about the Dodge Dart, it's sporty but not too aggressive," she said.

For former Berkley resident Annalisa Bluhm, it's inside the vehicle that

matters. She currently drives a Chevy Malibu, and "needs" a vehicle with connectivity features, Bluetooth, room for a stroller and comfortable seats that are heated.

Her ideal vehicle would be the Equinox.

"I'm a sucker for the small SUV," she said. "The versatility is nice." Simms Thomas, a product specialist for Toyota, said sometimes a woman's decision could be as simple as "I love that color," but often safety rises to the top of the list. Women want vehicles with numerous air bags, navigation systems, and backup assistance, among other features.

Thomas also said it's important the technology inside the vehicle is easy to manage.

"We want things that make it simple but still keeping comfort in mind," she said. "We want to be able to see out, have things at our fingertips and, of course, be stylish as well."

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The new Corvette Stingray.

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Auto show wows reporter

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

I've had friends chastise me in past years for not making it down to the North American International Auto Show.

In my almost 25 years of living in Michigan and mostly in south-east Michigan, I've never made it down to Cobo to see the newest models automakers have to offer. That changed after being assigned to write about the happenings for Observer & Eccentric Media last week.

"Not being a 'car guy' left me feeling over my head as the week began. Sitting in these rooms with writers who have covered autos for decades, and here I was, a reporter who spends his days writing about community news primarily in Redford Township.

Being in the fold of all those vehicles can be overwhelming. Ford, Chrysler, Mercedes, Land Rover, Maserati, there are so many exhibits and products that just ooze creativity. The engineers and auto industry employees that came in toward the latter part of the week provided the most insight on the vehicles. Many of them who work for the domestic automakers pointed out small details of the interior, glass and design most regular drivers wouldn't



Reporter David Veselenak liked the looks of the Dodge Charger at this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

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recognize. As one glass worker told me, "if you don't notice the glass, they've done their job well."

Each of those vehicles are end result of months of progress, building off the previous model or redesigning it altogether. This was evident especially at the Chevrolet display, where the crowds gathered continuously in front of the new Corvette Stingray.

The star of the show, cameras flashed onto the Corvette all last week, something many people wouldn't have believed could exist a few years ago when the phrase "Government Motors" became the moniker for a failing industry here in Michigan. It was great to see the domestic carmak-

ers with so much attention.

Detroit Auto Dealers Association President and Northville Township resident Scott LaRiche said it best last week: "The show last year proclaimed 'we're back' after the bailouts, but this year was taken to a whole new level." That feeling was evident in the showroom. If only that same feeling can head out the doors at Cobo and head down the streets in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties as the recovery continues.

David Veselenak is a reporter covering western Wayne County. He drives a 2004 Ford Focus. His favorite cars at the show were the Dodge Challenger and the Chevy Corvette Stingray.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Jim and Suzanne Cox just moved their Anytime Fitness center from its Plymouth location to its new home at 8501 Lilley in Canton.

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Anytime Fitness: Jim found out about it through a co-worker. He's an occupational therapist. A co-worker was planning to open an Anytime Fitness, but instead Jim was the one who opened one first.

Observer: Why did you decide to open?

Anytime Fitness: Close to our prior location in Plymouth, we live in Canton, so it's closer to home.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Anytime Fitness: We offer fitness classes 24 hours a day with our Fitness on Request system, where members can browse and select a class such as Yoga/Pilates, Spinning, Kickboxing, Step (called Stamp), Kinetics (Body Sculpting) and more. Fitness On Request is a com-

ANYTIME FITNESS

Business name and address: Anytime Fitness, 8501 N. Lilley, Canton (in Golden Gate Shopping Center with Secretary of State)

Your names: James and Suzanne Cox

Your hometown: Canton

Business opened when? Dec. 10 (originally opened in 2008 in Plymouth)

Number of employees: 10

Hours of operation: Open 24 hours for members, but staffed 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Business phone and/or website: (734) 254-9191; www.anytimefitness.com/gyms/1446/canton-mi-48187

prehensive, video-based group fitness platform that allows Anytime Fitness to offer classes all day, every day for its members. Certain times of the day, classes are set to auto-start as well. And we also have live classes such as Zumba and Strength and Cardio. We strive to provide personal attention to members.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Anytime Fitness: We've opened two more locations in Ann Arbor in the last three years as well. Members have access to up to 2,000-plus total locations world-wide.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Anytime Fitness: We really are fortunate to be in a business that truly improves one's health. One of our members (from Plymouth location originally) lost over 170 pounds.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Anytime Fitness: We've kept prices about the same as when we first opened. Lowered a bit, now about back to what they were when we opened the Plymouth location in 2008.

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

Anytime Fitness: Planning to offer more live classes in the future as well as small group training.

Trainer board

Plymouth resident Christina Evers, supervisor of athletic training at Henry Ford Hospital, was reappointed to the Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers.

The 11-member board assists Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs with overseeing the licensure and practice of more than 1,000 athletic trainers statewide. Evers was first appointed to the board in 2010. Her current term expires December 2016.

Evers joined the Sports Medicine Division of Henry Ford's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in March 2011. She was named supervisor of athletic training last November. She is also a licensed and certified athletic trainer.

Evers holds a doctor of education degree in educational leadership from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in health studies from the University of Alabama and a bachelor's degree in movement science from the University of Michigan. She is also a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Great Lakes Trainers' Association and Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society.



Evers

Department of Environmental Quality presented one of its highest environmental stewardship honors to AW Transmission Engineering USA, Inc. (AWTEC) in Plymouth. AWTEC has been in business for almost 25 years and employs 240 members. They now become the 183rd Michigan facility to receive this honor.

The AWTEC facility earned designation as a member of the state's Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) Program, 2013. The C3 Program is a voluntary environmental program that recognizes environmental stewardship at Michigan facilities. Candidates demonstrate facility-specific environmental management systems, active pollution prevention initiatives, and a consistent record of compliance with state and federal environmental requirements.

AWTEC is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and the Japan Business Society of Detroit, and most recently, Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership.

Cellular Connection

The Cellular Connection, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., last week opened its first store in Canton, marking more than 50 locations for the company across the state.

The new store is located at 46554 Michigan Ave. next to the Toyota dealership, and offers guests the ultimate experience in interactivity while shopping for wireless devices and accessories.

TCC opened Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a live remote from radio station WKQI-FM (95.5) and TCC giveaways.

Customers can also find TCC stores in Westland, Livonia and Taylor.

In celebration of the new store, TCC made a charitable donation to American Cancer Society-Relay for Life of Taylor.

"There are so many options today when it comes to wireless devices and accessories, and our expert team has the knowledge to help our guests find the products that best fit their lifestyles," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "We're really eager to open our doors in Canton."

RealBarBQ party

RealBarBQ of Canton hosts a Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 3, that will feature raffles and an eating contest in addition to the game.

Raffles will be held at the end of each quarter. During half time, RealBarBQ will host a BarBQ Slider eating contest complete with super hot sauces. One winner will receive a \$100 RealBarBQ Gift Card.

Diners can reserve a Super Bowl XVIII table by calling (734) 667-3996. Tables are available for parties of four or more.

Real BarBQ of Canton is located at 42452 Ford Road (at Lilley).

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To register online go to: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event>.

Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Development Workshop, "The 13 Ways Small Businesses Can Jump Start Their Year," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the chamber's meeting room.

Business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend. There is no cost, but the event can only accommodate 25 people.

In this 60 minute workshop participants will learn how to identify and how to remedy the 13 not so common mistakes that small business owners make and how to turn them into revenue pro-

ducing opportunities in 2013.

Be prepared to learn:

- Three ideas that will prevent from sabotaging your own business success
- A simple formula for handling customer complaints

• Three key ideas that will help you gain and keep new clients

• One proven strategy for multiplying your efforts and getting more done

The presenter, Tom Borg, is president of Tom Borg Consulting, LLC. He is a specialist in helping small businesses find, attract, sell to and keep the right kind of clients to maintain an increasingly profitable business.

There is no cost to attend, but we can only accommodate 25 people. To RSVP contact terri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1040.

After Hours mixer

The Canton chamber hosts its first After Hours mixer of 2013 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Computware Arena in Plymouth.

The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and Bovitz, CPA, P.C. Computware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township. To RSVP or for more information, call (734) 453-4040.

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OUR VIEWS

Marketing study should help showcase township

Canton officials are excited about a \$54,000 marketing study they're hiring OHM Advisors to conduct to develop a blueprint for revitalizing the community as it rebounds from an economic downturn.

And at first blush, they should be. It's a proactive way for officials to ratchet up growth and strike back against declining tax revenues. The move is designed to lure new businesses, spur job growth and create a heightened sense of community.

Officials point out the study will go much deeper than a similar study done 10 years ago. This one, they say, will look at demographics, purchasing habits and household income, while the last one focused solely on the Ford Road corridor.

The new study is intended to link the community to potential businesses and developers by marketing three distinct areas: the Michigan Avenue corridor, the Ford Road shopping district and the Cherry Hill Village area. It comes at the same time the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities is trying to build an even larger arts presence in Cherry Hill Village.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin is right when she says Canton needs all the ammunition possible to "show companies who we are and why they should be here."

That was a little easier before Canton, which had burgeoning growth before an economic downturn, saw their efforts stalled, as did other communities.

Canton officials hope to have the study ready by the time Kristen Thomas, the township's economic development and marketing analyst, heads to Las Vegas for the International Council of Shopping Centers, an annual effort to match companies to suitable communities.

The \$54,000 price tag seems reasonable because, as Thomas points out, it gives officials the tools necessary to attract developers.

Thomas said new businesses, jobs and myriad places for people to shop are vital to a thriving community.

"People want to live in a place that has cool stuff," she said.

Canton certainly has that. The study will give local officials what they need to showcase it.

Lawmakers should repeal gun law

Public Act 377 allows people to purchase guns from stores and other individuals with federal firearm licenses but no longer requires buyers - unless they purchase a firearm from a seller who does not have the federal license - to apply for a license to purchase from local police departments.

The new state law requires gun sellers to continue to follow the federal law that requires them to conduct a check with the National Instant Crime Background Check System (NICS), which essentially shows whether the buyer is a felon.

Gov. Rick Snyder wrenched local control from law enforcement and did it without conferring with or asking local police officials their experiences with gun permits or their experiences with the growing incidence of mental health problems in Michigan.

Prior to PA 377, a resident would apply for a license to purchase from their local police department. Police officials then not only checked a federal database of known felons, but used their specific knowledge of community residents, based on reports and interactions, and the potential problems certain residents might cause that would warrant a denial of that license to purchase.

Snyder and his legislative friends not only stripped police officials of their local authority, but compromised their oath to protect citizens in their communities. Not all anti-social, violent or criminal behavior results in a felony record.

Legislators expect they aren't finished discussing gun legislation. We're happy to hear that. We hope they use common sense, restore local control and repeal PA 377 for the safety of Michigan residents.

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What do you do to beat the winter doldrums?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Go to the movies. We've got three kids to entertain all winter long."

Dena Wells
Canton



"Stay inside or go bowling."

George Wells
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"Music. I listen to rap, R&B, soul and pop. It cheers me up."

Christina Diaz
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"Go to the library."

Attiya Zaidi
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LETTERS

Historic session

Michigan's 96th legislative session was one of the most historic in history. Thank you for electing me to be a part of it.

During this session, the Michigan House, working with Gov. Snyder and the state Senate, kept our promise to deliver jobs, get Michigan's financial house in order and put our state on a path to a sustainable recovery.

At a time when Washington, D.C., is looking at a \$16 trillion debt, raising taxes and negligently refusing to pass a budget, Michigan's credit rating is going up, we've gone from a \$1.5 billion deficit to a \$300 million surplus, paid down more than \$20 billion in debt and made Michigan more attractive to job providers.

Washington's big government model does not create jobs, the private sector does. Government must provide a climate of opportunity and innovation — and get out of the way. Struggling families who need jobs, and our kids who want to stay in Michigan, deserve nothing less.

By virtually any measure, Michigan has turned the corner. Thousands of new jobs being created, the unemployment rate going down, home sales improving and our state's population going up for the first time since 2004.

We have more work to do, too. I will continue to work with local leaders on the Five Mile Road redevelopment, help Canton improve I-275 and fight to get more of our tax dollars away from Wayne County and back to our local roads and parks.

I'm re-introducing legislation to put the customer communities in charge of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department. We need to get DWSD out of court, out of the shadows and away from the political appointees who run it. I also voted against the Regional Transit Authority, a new layer of government that will impose a "car tax" on us, while creating gridlock with monster buses that won't serve our communities.

I've also been accused in Lansing of being overly protective of our public schools. Guilty. I have consistently voted against K-12 budgets that took money away from our schools, while supporting legacy cost reforms providing more than \$7 million to Plymouth-Canton and Northville. I'm also fighting to protect our schools from overreaching government control, while making sure our schools only admit students who live in our school districts.

My door is always open. Since 2010, I've held more than 400 coffees, library hours, one-on-one and group meetings and visited thousands of homes. This year, I will hold "citizen innovation" sessions focused on local education, economic development, transportation and senior issues. I hope you can join in the discussion.

For more information, please visit my website at www.repkurtheise.com, call my office at (855) REP-KURT, or e-mail me at kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

Kurt Heise
state representative, 20th District

Ask a teacher

In response to the NRA proposal for teachers and officers to be armed at every school in the country — are

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they out of their mind?

The most glaring source absent from interviews is one of society's most sacred professions — teachers. Which reporters and politicians have ever asked teachers if they want to be armed at work? Talk to the people in the trenches, the foot soldiers, people who spend the most time in the classroom.

Which reporters and politicians have ever asked students if they want their teachers to be armed at school? How will their sense of safety be affected if the staff is armed? Don't tell us what you think. Ask us. Go to the heart of the setting. Don't rely on only politicians, NRA and law enforcement.

I appreciate more how teachers and students are so much alike — we hate having so many things proposed, researched, discussed, voted on, implemented, that affect our lives more than the average person, without those in power prioritizing our wisdom.

I don't want a weapon in my classroom or on any teacher in our school district. I don't want to attend endless meetings, student events, or parent-teacher conferences with weapons present. Many people treasure their right to own guns, but much of our country has grossly underestimated how many Americans don't want to be around others' guns.

I teach. I am not a police officer. I am not a body guard. I am not a mental health professional. I teach. Stop asking teachers to do more and more, and now be armed, too. It is ludicrous and beyond. Where is my thesaurus?

I remember being in the classroom the day after the 1999 Columbine massacre and facing scared and uncertain teenagers, and answering their questions with my own uncertainty. I was already outraged 14 years ago. Where were we as a nation?

I was outraged by the Newtown massacre. I was even more outraged when our nation finally reacted with more seeming intolerance and determination to reduce gun violence, like we have finally gone over a fence, because the latest victims were younger. My students are no less important or innocent. They are on the verge of adulthood and becoming productive, tax-paying citizens, full of talent, ambition, and dreams. They are also our next new voters.

We have allowed the gun lobby to dominate and manipulate this issue

for decades. The NRA has resisted every reasonable measure that encourages responsibly owning guns. Wayne LaPierre pontificates about guns, while I doubt he knows much about classrooms. We get the kind of government that we expect. Let's expect more of our leadership — and ourselves.

I teach and respect the Second Amendment, but it isn't sacred compared to the safety of students. We don't get freedom from owning a weapon. We are patriotic by exercising and living up to the freedoms we already have in the core democratic values all social studies teachers, like me, teach. They include life, the rule of law and the public and common good. May we all sacrifice for the public and common good.

My new year resolution? I will not let the NRA speak for me or my profession. Amen.

Ann-Nora Hiram
Plymouth

Decide at the polls

I am writing in response to Sen. Pat Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise's Dec. 16 guest column in the Observer. The so-called "right-to-work" policy is bad for workers, but it's also bad for women. As a woman from Canton, I am particularly worried about its greater impact on women and our families.

Think about who the majority of today's union workforce are — women. Teachers, nurses, and social workers, as well as police officers, firefighters and janitors, are all part of different unions. People who work in the home health care field and take care of our children have also unionized in recent years. The majority of teachers, for example, are women.

The wage gap between men and women is also widening and women are getting paid less and less for similar work when compared with their male counterparts. With the "right-to-work" law in place, women who belong to the union workforce will now get paid even less. The fact is that the salaries offered by non-unionized workplaces do not equal those of unionized workplaces. At the end of the day, "right-to-work" means women will work more and get paid less to support themselves and their families, with even fewer work safety protectors in place.

Why then should Michigan become the 24th state to adopt the so-called "right-to-work" legislation without any debate, committee hearings or feedback from the citizens of Michigan, including its women? Gov. Snyder even went back on his word that "right-to-work" was "off the table."

Since signing the "right-to-work" legislation Dec. 11, the popularity of the governor has significantly declined. As an active community member, I am ready for 2013 to be a year of holding our elected representatives accountable and engaging with community conversations at every level.

Although the next elections will not take place until November 2014, we must not forget the actions our representatives are taking now and decide at the voting booth if they have earned another term.

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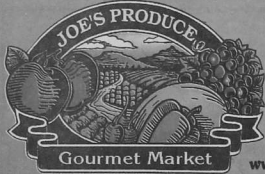
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SPORTS

Pool resolve

Penguins survive big rally by D1 Norsemen, prevail 7-6

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Just 13 seconds is all it took Tuesday for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to show they wouldn't go quietly against a tough opponent from their league's top division.

That's when PCS defenseman and senior captain Ashley Saunders blasted a slap shot from the left point that cleanly beat Grosse Point North goalie Sarah Richardson.

Saunders followed up with an unassisted goal five minutes into the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League encounter at Arctic Edge and the rout was on. Right?

Not so fast — the Norsemen, sporting an 8-1 record in Division 1 entering the contest, weren't about to let the D2 Penguins skate them out of the arena. A five-goal PCS lead midway through the game morphed into a hectic, 7-6 nailbiter.

"They (Penguins) came out, played their game and beat one of the best teams in the league right now," said PCS head coach Mary Beth Trainor, whose team nearly gave up the big lead due to a parade of penalties in the final two frames. "We had a lot of penalty trouble."

Hot streak

Registering a three-goal hat trick for PCS (6-5) was Saunders, who has scored five goals over the



Penguins' captain Ashley Saunders is pumped up after scoring the second of her three goals Tuesday night against Grosse Point North.

past two games.

"I think after that, I know I got pretty pumped up," said Saunders, about her game-opening goal. "I got really excited and

I think that helped the team get on a roll."

It was 3-1 after the first, following senior forward Jordan Patterson's goal (assisted by Emily King).

Markers by Annelise Niernann, Saunders again and freshman Amanda Hoehn (from).

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Eagles falter early

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Defending Class D boys basketball champion Southfield Christian didn't need any help from Plymouth Christian Academy in Tuesday night's game. But they got it anyway, parlaying a bevy of extra chances around the basket into a 88-61 victory over the visiting Eagles — who were unable to take advantage of Mick Noel's 29-point performance.

The win improved Southfield Christian's record to 7-4 overall, 3-1 in the Michigan-Independent Athletics Conference-Blue; PCA's record dipped to 7-3, 2-2.

The game got away from PCA in the first quarter, when Southfield Christian built a 25-9 lead.

"It wasn't so much them getting a lot of shots off real fast, it was more of us giving up a lot of second- and third-chance opportunities," PCA head coach Dominique Washington said. "We weren't able to keep guys in front of us. ... It was simple things, box out the guy who took the shot. A lot of

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Brett's big for Briton

Salem alum Brett de Bear, an Albion College junior guard from Plymouth, posted her eighth 20-point game of the season Jan. 19 as the Britons knocked off Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association rival Adrian College, 67-58, de Bear made all 12 of her free throws and finished the game with 23 points. She is third in the league in scoring in league games, averaging 16.1 through nine contests.

S'craft men trip Macomb

Richmond Jackson's double-double enabled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to earn its first MCCA Eastern Conference win of the season Saturday with a 66-61 triumph over visiting Macomb Community College. Jackson scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as the Ocelots improve to 4-11 overall and 1-5 in the conference.

Mathew King (Redford) Thurston chipped in with 12 points hitting 8-of-10 free throws, while Grantham Betteer (Salem) added 10 points.

The Ocelots won despite committing 24 turnovers. John Irons and DeMarcus Stingley tallied 17 and 14 points, respectively, for the Monarchs (6-10, 0-6).

Lady Ocelots falter, 54-37

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team couldn't overcome a 20-point halftime deficit Saturday at home facing unbeaten Macomb Community College in an MCCA Eastern Conference game, 57-34.

Bilgees Grant led the first-place Monarchs, over 150 overall and 6-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Jadyn Biereniewicz also scored 10 points and Sara Chehab grabbed 12 points for Macomb, ranked No. 12 in Macomb NJCAA Division II. Courtney Dyer and Aja Meeks led the Lady Ocelots (5-11, 2-4) in scoring with nine and eight points, respectively.

Schoolcraft shot only 13-of-48 from the floor (27.1 percent) and committed 24 turnovers.

Teams eye Observerland crown

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Last year's Observerland Wrestling Tournament ended in a dead heat between Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn.

And there's no reason this 22nd annual edition, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, shouldn't end up in a photo finish as well.

The odds-on favorite would have to be Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 1.

But for the second

straight year, the Shamrocks, who are 16-3 in dual meets this season, have elected to send their varsity 'A' team on another road trip to Ohio, this time to Cincinnati Moeller.

Franklin and John Glenn both scored 182.5 points apiece to share the crown a year ago, while the CC varsity 'B' team placed third in the 14-school field with 165.

"This year's Observerland should be extremely close," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "There are a dozen teams that have a kid good enough to

reach the finals. All of the teams in the KLAAS South have studs on their teams along with holes. I don't think this tournament will be won in the finals, I think it will be the team that can rack up points in the consolation matches."

Franklin, which has captured four Observerland titles since 1992, has three wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in Division 1 by Michigan Grappler.com. Among those rated for the Wayne County championships are senior Dan Martinez (125), senior Jordan

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MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 22nd annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

When: Saturday, Jan. 26 (first-round matches start at 9 a.m., followed by the finals at approximately 5 p.m.).

Where: Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$5. Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Farmington Harrison,

North Farmington, Plymouth, Salem, Garden City, Redford Union, Lutheran High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Past champions: Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '05, '10, '11); Franklin (2005, '06, '07, '12); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); John Glenn (2004, '12); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).

Early goals spark Whalers' 7-1 romp

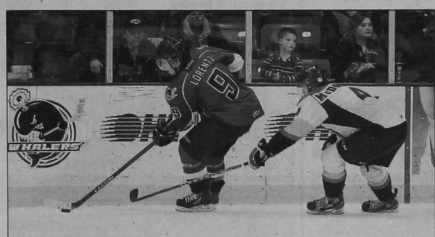
By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers flipped the script Monday afternoon, parlaying a strong first period into a 7-1 rout over Erie at Compuware Arena.

In the first period of the Ontario Hockey League game, Plymouth outshot Erie 25-4 and skated off with a 3-1 lead — which could have been much bigger if not for the yeoman's effort in goal by the Otters' Devin Williams.

With that, Plymouth (23-14-5) did to the Otters what Sault Ste. Marie did to the Whalers Saturday night. The Greyhounds built a 4-0 lead midway through the game en route to a 7-3 win.

"I thought we just had a good start and that's what I talked to them about." Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said following the matinee contest



Plymouth Whalers' forward Zach Lorentz (No. 9) works along the boards with Erie's Jimmy McDowell (No. 4) in pursuit. Lorentz scored his first two goals as a Whaler in Monday's 7-1 win.

played before 2,268. "We haven't done that very well lately. It was a good job."

Getting things going was forward Zach Lorentz, registering his first goal in six games

since being traded to the Whalers.

Lorentz added another goal and an assist for a three-point performance, breaking the scoring ice with Plymouth nearly two weeks after being traded

from Windsor for winger Alex Aleari (Farmington Hills).

"He had a real good game today," Vellucci said. "He had two nice goals." Vellucci started Lorentz

at center (between Matt Misteale and newcomer Sebastian Uvira) instead of his customary left wing, and the move paid fast dividends.

"I don't know if he's played center before," Vellucci said. "He played center (today) and played real well."

Plymouth scored again less than two minutes after the Lorentz goal, when hard-working forward Cody Payne cut in front of Williams to redirect defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto's slap shot.

RENA LAVERTY

Early dominance Just past the midway point of the opening period the Whalers went up 3-0 on a power-play goal by forward Ryan Hartman, his 19th of the season.

When Hartman scored, the Whalers enjoyed a 2-2 edge in shots on goal. Erie (15-24-3-4) sliced

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Naubert gets WHAC honor

For the fifth time this season, Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) has been named Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week (ending Jan. 20).

The 5-foot-10 Naubert averaged 18.5 points, 8.5 assists and seven rebounds per game as the Crusaders went 2-0 with win last Wednesday at Indiana Tech (78-68) and at home Saturday over Concordia (90-63).

He shot 56.5 percent (13-for-23) from the floor and 83.3 percent (10-for-12) from the free throw line as first-place MtU, ranked No. 19 in the latest NAIA Division II rankings, improved to 11-6 overall and 11-2 in the WHAC.

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Niermann and Elizabeth O'Donohue extended the PCS lead to 6-1 with 8:52 left in the second.

Just 25 seconds later, however, North started to rally when Bryn Moody's shot got past PCS junior netminder Becky Lough.

The Norsemen closed the gap to 6-3, benefiting from an extended 5-on-3 power play.

Lough held the fort for a while, making several of her 26 stops. However, freshman forward Elizabeth Gallagher (three goals) finally jammed a rebound over the goal line.

"Becky Lough played a great game, she kept us in it," Trainer said. "She made a few big saves. The goals she did give up, we were shorthanded."

North picked up the pace and physicality in the third period, outshooting PCS 14-3. For the game, the Norsemen held a 32-20 edge in shots on goal.

Gallagher's twin sister Lindsay made it 6-4 just 2:53 into the final stanza and she scored again with 10 minutes remaining to make it a one-goal game.

North still had a power play and plenty of momentum, which Trainer and her assistant coaches tried to stem with a timeout.

"We told them to get



Skating past Grosse Pointe North goalie Sarah Richardson on the way to scoring a goal Tuesday is Penguins' forward Jordan Patterson.

back to basics," she stressed. "We were kind of standing around and watching them dictate the pace."

"As soon as we gained control of the game again is when we settled it down."

Hanging on

The strategy worked as junior forward Morgan Cusumano snapped a wrist shot from between the circles for a short-handed tally, giving the Penguins a 7-5 edge with five minutes left.

Saunders chipped the puck to Cusumano for the lone assist on what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

Cusumano's marker provided PCS with the margin of victory because Elizabeth Gallagher then brought the Norsemen within 7-6 with 2:03 on the clock. Setting up the goal was Lindsay Gallagher.

"That (Cusumano's goal) gave us a little bit of peace of mind for about a minute," said Trainer, shaking her head. "And then they scored again to make it 7-6."

North nearly evened things up with goalee Lauren Hartt (who relieved Richardson after the Penguins' third goal) pulled for an extra attacker.

Lough came up with a couple crucial stops, and



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Getting a jump on Grosse Pointe North's Kelly LaBarge (No. 22) Tuesday is Morgan Cusumano (No. 10) of the Penguins. Cusumano later scored what proved to be the game-winning goal.

persistent checking by Patterson and junior forward Jenna Carter helped the Penguins to finally move the puck out of danger as the game ended.

"I think this game was a real good learning experience," Saunders said. "I think maybe we got a little too confident after the second period, it was a good lesson to be learned."

"I think next game we're going to come out real hard."

That next game is Thursday at Regina.

PCS 8, BLOOMFIELD 2: On Saturday against OJ opponent Bloomfield, the Penguins were led by Carter's hat trick and three assists by Alexis O'Flynn. Chipping in with two goals was Patterson, while O'Donohue also scored. Despite the margin of victory,

Trainer saw room for improvement — important for the team to get ready for North. "It was real sloppy," Trainer said. "If we played the same way tonight we would have got mercy."

NELSON LEAVES STAFF: After Tuesday's game, the Penguins wished assistant coach Emily Nelson good luck in her new job in Memphis, Tenn. It was Nelson's final game behind the PCS bench.

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DUAL MEET RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 140.55

LIVONIA RED 139.95

Jan. 22 at Churchill H.S.

Vault 1: (tie) Maggie McGowan (Red) and Jane McCurry (P), 8.65 each; 3. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.6; 4. (tie) Shannon Diaz (Red) and Rebeca Simu (P), 8.55 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Simu (P),

9.125; 2. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.025; 3. Diaz (Red), 8.875;

4. Haley Metz (P), 8.825; 5. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.8.

Balance beam: 1. Sarah Uhlman (P), 9.35; 2. Katie Salanga (P), 9.25; 3. McVey (Red), 9.1; 4. Kretzschmar (Red), 8.925; Diaz (Red), 8.775.

Floor exercise: 1. McCurry (P), 9.3; 2. McVey (Red), 9.1; 3. (tie)

Simu (P) and Metz (P), 9.0; 5. McGowan (Red), 8.85.

All-around: 1. McVey (Red), 35.55; 2. Simu (P), 34.975; 3. Uhlman (P), 34.625; 4. McGowan (Red), 34.35; 5. Sam Fontana (P), 34.225.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 21 overall; 2.1 KLA Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 3-5 overall, 1-2 Kensington Division.



A shot by Plymouth Whalers' forward Cody Payne (No. 8) eludes Erie goaltender Devin Williams during Monday afternoon's Ontario Hockey League contest at Compuware Arena.

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the lead to 3-1 before the end of the first, when Luke Cairns collected a rebound and flicked a backhand past Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak (24 saves).

It only took about three minutes of the second period for Plymouth to restore its three-goal lead.

Center Vince Trocheck skated around the Erie net and centered the puck to Payne in the low slot. Payne ripped a shot inside the left post for his second of the game and 13th of the season.

The onslaught continued with defenseman Connor Carrick's power-play goal at 13:07, opening up a 5-1 spread. Carrick drove a shot from the left point that whipped past Williams. Setting up the goal with his third assist of the game was Trocheck — who now has 10 points in five games since being traded to the

Whalers from Saginaw.

Adding insult to injury for Williams and the Otters, the Whalers stormed the Erie goal in the final minute of the second and scored with less than one second left. Lorentz retrieved the puck behind the Erie net and stuffed it inside the right post with a wrap-around move that barely beat the clock.

Rookie goaltender Daniel Dekoning started the third period in relief of Williams, and his teammates perked up. Erie outshot Plymouth 15-8.

But the Otters could not beat Mahalak, particularly during a power-play surge felled several times by the Plymouth goalie's quick catching hand.

The only goal of the final period came on another Plymouth power play. Curcuro scored, from Lorentz and Garrett Meurs.

Filling the void

The production from Lorentz, Trocheck and Uvira helped the Whalers overcome the loss of for-

wards Rickard Rakell and Tom Wilson.

"We haven't had a full lineup," Vellucci said. "New Wilson has a suspension coming. We'll know tomorrow or the next day."

Wilson drew a minor, major and game misconduct in the third period of the Sault Ste. Marie game.

As for Rakell, he currently is with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. He made his big-league debut Saturday against Vancouver.

How long he will stay should be known soon, Vellucci said.

"It's five games before they make a decision," he added. "He could stay the whole year, but that's no problem."

In the loss to the Greyhounds, Trocheck scored his first goal as a Whaler to make it a 4-1 contest in the second. Shorthanded goals in the third by Danny Vanderviel and Hartman made it 5-3, but the rally fizzled.

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Salem icers stop Plymouth streak

BOYS HOCKEY

Salem scored three goals in the first period and went on to post a 4-2 victory over Plymouth in a KLA A boys hockey contest Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena.

Leading the Rocks (8-6-1 overall, 4-3-1 in the KLA A) with two goals was Noah Willer, with Jack Driscoll and Kory Johnston also scoring. Jake Sealy registered two assists, with single helpers going to Alek Zultowski, Jake Fedel and Nick Danis.

Stopping 28 of 30 shots for Salem was netminder Parker Godfrey, including several key

saves down the stretch to preserve the lead.

"It was one of our more complete games this year," Salem head coach Ryan Ossennacher said. "We have been working hard on trying to use our team speed more effectively in game situations and I thought we did a better job of that."

Plymouth entered the game riding the momentum from a 2-1 victory over Livonia Stevenson, but trailed 3-2 after four minutes. Lighting the lamp for the Wildcats

were Nick Schultz and Cam Nadell.

But the Wildcats (14-2-1) were unable to get the equalizer against Godfrey and thus had a nine-game winning streak snapped.

Plymouth goalie Eric VandenBosch stopped 29 of 33 Salem shots.

It was Salem's second consecutive win. On Jan. 12, the Rocks defeated Forest Hills North 4-3 in overtime.

"Hopefully, this is a win that we can build off of and continue to get better as we get closer to playoffs," Ossennacher added.

TOURNEY

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Atienza, junior (125); and Allen Steele, senior (189). Glenn is coming off a difficult dual meet tourney Saturday at home against state-ranked Hartland No. 3 in Division 1, Oxford No. 5 in Division 1 and New Lohrpp No. 2 in Division 4.

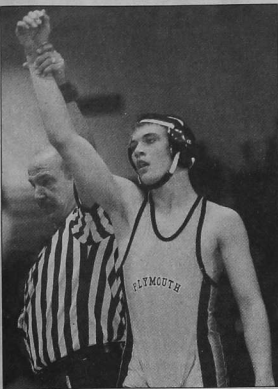
The Rockets boost four wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes including senior Kyle Gillies (112), senior Travis Mann (145), junior Jordan Brandt (215) and senior Dylan Morantes (285).

Cats could contend Plymouth could also factor heavily in the final outcome.

The Wildcats are led by top-10 wrestlers Mohamed Youssef (103), a junior; Trey Berry (119), a senior; Chase Kalil (130), a senior; and Alec Breckenridge (140), a senior.

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said his team has had tournament success this season (fourth at Wayne County; third at last weekend's Jaimes Invitational in Chamblee) and he likes the chances of that continuing.

For the Wildcats to have a shot at a tourney



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Plymouth's Jon Conn, shown after winning the Observer-Land championship in his weight class in 2012, is one of the Wildcats who could do some damage at this year's tourney.

championship, Guernsey emphasized that wrestlers elsewhere in the lineup will need to score some points.

"Husseini Youssef (152) has looked strong against tough competition all season and could be a dark horse if he improves by the slightest margin," Guernsey said. "Joey Shaver at 160

has put together a great season thus far and a high placing at Observer-Land would highlight the improvement he has shown."

Others with potential to place include returning champion Jon Conn at 135, freshman Spencer Schiftr (125) and junior Daniel Ahern (130). A bonus is the recent

return from injury by sophomore 119-pounder Brandon Harris, who "has looked strong lately and should place high."

Wayne Memorial is enjoying its best season in years and the Wolfpack will rely on top-10 ranked individuals Allen Parker (145), a senior, and Aaron Mauldin (285), a junior, along with Harvard-bound Sam Ekaman (171), also a senior.

The Wolfpack just competed in a strong tournament over the weekend and featured Division 1 ranked teams Davison (No. 2), Temperance Bedford (No. 4), Brighton (No. 8) and previously ranked Holt.

"It was tough to predict how we will do at an individual tournament," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "For the past few years we have been a much better dual team than a tournament team. Then again, we finished fifth at Holt last Saturday, which is the toughest individual tournament we've ever been to. So it's hard to say. We could finish in the top three or we could finish middle of the pack. It depends on how my team prepares this week."

Farmington, meanwhile, boasts Oakland County champion Mannie Govantes (130), a top-ranked senior with a 29-1 record, along with Brandon Schulz (135),

who is 19-8; Wesley Kuutla (160), 23-7; and Ryan Southerland (171), 23-6.

Farmington coach Al Beyar said he would be happy with a top-five finish at Observer-Land. The Falcons (18-5) have an opportunity to set a school record for dual-meet wins going into Wednesday competition.

Top-10 talent

"We don't have much contact with a lot of those (Observerland) teams like we used to, so it's kinda hard to compare where we fit in," Beyar said. "I'm sure our upperclassmen will be able to hold their own and do well."

"It's always a tough tournament and, there are a lot of state placers that come out of that tournament, usually. So it's a good gauge for the upcoming state competition."

Other top-10 ranked wrestlers in Division 1 scheduled to compete Saturday include Salem senior Tyler Gross (171), Churchill junior Manny Haddad (285) and Farmington Harrison's Andrew Flalka (135).

Lutheran Westland's duos of Zachary Francis (130) and sophomore Caleb Richter (135) are also ranked in the top 10 in Division 4 by MichiganGrapple.com.

"John Glenn, Wayne and Plymouth appear to

be the teams to beat," Chiola said. "I haven't seen much of the Farmington schools, but I know they have some good wrestlers."

"You never know who Catholic Central is going to bring, but I know they have solid kids on their 'B' team. Hopefully my team will rise to the occasion. It should be an exciting day and the finals are always worth watching."

Salem head coach Pete Israel is optimistic that several of his wrestlers will have decent showings.

"At the lower weights Alex Arble (112) and Caleb McCabe (130) have been performing over the last couple of tournaments and hope to make a mark this weekend," Israel said. "Both Gross brothers (Tyler, 171; Mitchell, 189) should do well in tough weight classes."

"They were tested last weekend at the Williamson tournament and should be tested this weekend as well. Another person that should do well is Tony Agostini at 215. Tony has been working hard and I hope this weekend it shows on the mat."

The individual finals are expected to start around 5 p.m. All day admission is \$5.

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DEXTER FRESHMAN-SONOMINGO

SWIM & DIVE INVITE Jan. 19 at Dexter H.S.

200-yard medley relay:

1. Dexter, 1:45.77; 2. Salem (Brian Kuang, Brandin Vye, Charles Liu, Brendan Wellman), 1:54.50; 7. Canton (Cole Malhot, Gerard Niermann, Travis Matjara, John Ewert), 2:00.27.

200 freestyle: 1. Jacob Ehrman (Saline), 1:51.57; 6. Kuang (Saline), 1:58.53; 10. Greator (Wayne (Saline), 2:08.12; 13. Nate Albin (Canton), 2:17.61; 14. Malhot (Canton), 2:14.09; 15. Noah Adams (Canton), 2:14.29; 18. Aaron Smith (Saline), 2:31.13; 20. Mark Fluegemann (Canton), 3:15.23.

200 IM: 1. Robbie Zofchak (Dexter), 2:03.80; 2. Luch (Dexter), 2:07.12; 7. Patrick Casey (Canton), 2:17.59; 8. Colin Urbaczewski (Saline), 2:25.40; 17. Matthew Croop (Saline), 2:40.62.

500 freestyle: 1. Colin Schertelheim (Milan), 23:45.8; 6. Matjara (Canton), 25.40; 13. Everett (Canton), 26.70; 15. Andrew Loehnis (Canton), 27.05; 16. Kyle Fornalzewicz (Saline), 27.33; 24. John Vary (Saline), 27.28; Frank Javor (Canton), 28.40; 30. Anthony Garbarino (Canton), 28.48.

1-meter diving: 1. Joe Smith (Chester), 25.40 points; 4. Nick Osann (Canton), 142.90; 5. Austin Telfow (Canton), 136.40; 12. Zach Bartoloe (Saline), 108.50; 13. Michael Falzon (Saline), 103.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Andrew Pek (Dexter), 56.37; 3. Willman (Saline), 1:01.68; 6. Payne (Saline), 1:02.90; 9. Urbaczewski (Saline), 1:04.15; 10. Albin (Canton), 1:08.61; 17. Malhot (Canton), 1:10.21.

200 freestyle: 1. Ehrman (Saline), 50.24; 9. Matjara (Canton), 55.95; 15. Matthew Chin (Saline), 59.73; 17. Adams (Canton), 1:01.46; 21. Fornalzewicz (Saline), 1:01.70; 25. Everett (Canton), 1:02.26; 30. Nicholas Marion (Saline), 1:02.63.

500 freestyle: 1. Jimmy Morgan (Dexter), 5:01.84; 2. Liu (Saline), 5:09.96; 10. Niermann (Canton), 5:45.98; 11. Brendan Casey (Saline), 6:07.81; 13. Spencer Torok (Saline), 6:30.20; 14. Connor Wingate (Canton), 7:30.95.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Dexter, 1:39.40; 2. Salem (P. Casey, Matthew Croop, Urbaczewski, Payne), 1:44.46; 7. Canton (Everitt, Adams, Albin, Loehnis), 1:48.21; 10. backstroke: 1. Zofchak (Dexter), 54.81; 5. P. Casey (Saline), 59.54; 6. Kuang (Saline), 1:00.78; 9. Wellman (Saline), 1:03.88; 15. Marion (Saline), 1:11.59; 21. Grant Smith (Canton), 1:17.15; 22. Garbarino (Canton), 1:18.34; 23. Jacob Adams (Canton), 1:18.54; 25. Alex Middleton (Canton), 1:24.47; 27. Wingate (Canton), 1:40.20; 29. Eduard Margina (Canton), 1:43.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. Tyler Kimbrell (Milan), 1:04.40; 4. Niermann (Canton), 1:10.68; 9. Yee (Saline), 1:15.36; 15. Chin (Saline), 1:19.79; 16. Grant Kurli (Canton), 1:19.82; 17. Nicholas Landon (Saline), 1:22.55; 18. Ali Ghannam (Canton), 1:22.66; 20. Croop (Saline), 1:23.17; 23. P. Casey (Saline), 1:25.79; 26. Alec MacDonald (Canton), 1:26.76; 27. Joon Park (Canton), 1:28.23; 29. Evan Bridges (Saline), 1:36.83; 31. Eric Standing (Canton), 1:38.88.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Dexter, 3:25.65; 4. Salem (Kuang, Wellman, P. Casey, Liu), 3:39.04; 7. Canton (Niermann, Albin, Matjara, Adams), 3:50.97.

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On Saturday at Cherry Hills Lane in Westland, Salem's varsity girls bowling team won the eighth annual Wayne County Tournament, edging Westland John Glenn 330-329 in the finals.

In the opening round of the finals, the Rocks defeated Flat Rock by a 337-307 tally; Salem outpinned Plymouth in

BOYS WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 19 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 228 points; 2. Northville, 288 points; 3. Garden City, 171; 4. Allen Park, 156; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 162; 6. Livonia Clarenceville, 107; Dearborn Heights Greenwood, 97; 8. Franklin (B), 89.5; 9. Rochester Adams, 62; 10. Garden City (B), 15; 11. Clarenceville (B), 13; 12. Lutheran Westland (B), 10; 13. Adam's (B), 10; 14. Adams (B), 9.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 103 pounds: 1. Jack Nevra (LF), 5-0; 2. Antonio Herrera (LF-B), 4-1; 3. Zofchak Bazzi (DHC), 3-2; 4. Manny Rankin (LV), 2-1; 11. Kevin Chandra (B), 3-0; 2. Nathan Breh (RA), 2-1; 3. Johnny Segasser (GO), 1-2. 119: Nick Robertson (LF) pinned Jeremy Nelson (LF-B), 4:37; 3rd place: Ryan Conroy (GO) d. Justin Trevor Lermer (B), 9:4. 125: Zachary Francis (LV) dec. Sean Speer (AP), 10; 3rd: Shunhe Wang (B) dec. Mitch Sanford (RA), 9-4. 135: Spencer Compo (B) dec. Daniel Lewis (DHC), 6-2; 3rd: Ben Lewis (AP) p. Jacob Valov, 0-56.

PREP BOWLING

Round 2, 364-309 to set up the showdown with Glenn.

For the day, Kristin Larkins led the Rocks with a 184-213-215-612 scoreline. Bridget Malt (180-188-203-571) and Rachel Lopez (185-212-159-546) also enjoyed big showings at the tourney.

135: Danny Martinez (LF) p. Caleb Richter (LV), 3-48; 3rd: Sean Wagner (N) p. Dan Schmidt (AP), 2-16. 140: Max Muder (N) p. Kenneth Steele (LF), 4-18; 3rd: Brian Spear (GO) vs. Joey Walker (Cville), 11-4. 145: Dominick Stagle (Cville) p. Patton Fickett (GO), 5-17; 3rd: Jacob Richter (LV) won by major dec. over Sam Adley (RA), 11-1. 172: Nick Frazier (LF) won by technical fall over Alex Coe (N), 5-40; 3rd: Tony Dunlap (AP) won by major dec. over Cameron Effye (Cville), 16-5. 160: Jordan Atienza (LF) won by tech. fall over Matt Westwong (GO), 4-54; 3rd: Aaron Bibik (Cville) dec. Martin Kemp, 5-2. 171: Brett Thrasherman (LF) p. Robbie Huber (LF), 5-04; 3rd: Dan Huber (LF-B), 3-10; 4th: Joah Jarvis (DHC), 0-40. 189: Allen Steele (LF) dec. Adam Druz (GO), 10-3; 3rd: David Robinson (N) dec. Alex Rears (LV), 6-5. 215: Toreano Nichols (GO) vs. Alex Justice (N), 0-31; 3rd: Joe Fortin (LF) dec. Chuck Castillo (LF-B), 7-1. 285: Joj Wines (N) p. Emmanuel Emrou (GO), 3-12; 3rd: Brad Hura (LV) p. Emilio Ascencio (GO), 4-22.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rocks need assist track coach

The Salem varsity girls track and field team is looking for an assistant coach "with knowledge in the two throwing events of discus and shot put."

Please contact head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or Salem GirlsTrackandField@epccmail.net if interested.

Salem tennis meeting set

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing Salem girls tennis this spring is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Salem High School library.

Forms will be filled out and uniforms ordered for the upcoming season. This will be the only opportuni-

ty to offer a uniform.

Interested players should bring a current physical dated after April 30, 2012, as well as the following: health care information; a copy of parent's driver's license and car insurance for team travel; a check made out to Salem Girls Tennis to order a uniform.

Nike Combine

Nike Combine Training for high school football players to prepare for the 2013 season will begin Sunday, Jan. 27, at D1 Sports in Bloomfield. Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine. To register, go to www.coach-jacksonson.com or for more information contact coach Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

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Rocks in the rise

Salem edged host Brighton 34-31 Tuesday night in a KLAAs cross-over varsity girls basketball game that had veteran head coach Fred Thomann smiling. "It was an outstanding game for us," said Thomann, whose team is 4-7 overall going into Friday's KLAAs Central contest against Northville (7 p.m. at Salem). Thomann said a balanced offense and improved fundamentals keyed the win over Brighton (9-2 overall, first in the KLAAs West with a 5-0 mark).

Leading the way with 12 points was Jamyra Wilson, with other contributors including Kelly Whalen (seven points), Bre Beaver and Shara Long (six points each) and Katie Latack (four points).

Long and Beaver were the top rebounders, with seven and five, respectively. Distributing the ball well were guards Wilson and Katie Kavulich, with three assists each. "Our turnovers were really down tonight (eight) against a very athletic team," Thomann said. "Our ball handling is getting better, our recognition skills are getting bigger. It was a big win for us."

A 12-7 second quarter helped the Rocks open up a 19-12 halftime lead and Brighton couldn't chip away too much after that.

Thomann said Friday's game against the Mustangs might set the tone for the rest of the regular season, because the Rocks are tied with Northville for second in the KLAAs Central (3-2 tie with Novi in first (5-0)).

"We play Northville on Friday to see if we can

GIRLS BASKETBALL

get back into this division race."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 45, PARKWAY 43: Aldreanna Fikes' putback with 18 seconds left proved to be the difference Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (4-8, 3-2) pulled out a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (7-5, 4-3).

Fikes finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Chandler Darnest also added 10 points for the Warriors, who outscored Parkway 11-7 in the final quarter. Lutheran Westland also averaged a 46-45 comeback last Thursday as they took to the Eagles.

"We were excited to play them tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Sandra Wade said. "It was another battle with many lead changes. It wasn't a perfect game, but we did things towards the end to win. With good defense we forced a turnover with seven seconds left in the game."

Taylor Swartz led Parkway with a game-high 17 points, while the Eagles hit only 4-of-11.

GREENHILLS 59, HVL 43: Senior Jackie Oestreich scored 11 of her game-high 22 points in the third quarter Tuesday to lead host Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-4, 5-1) past Westland Huron (3-2, 2-1) in a MIAC Red Division game.

The Hawks, who couldn't recover from a 35-21 halftime deficit, got 11 points from junior guard Sarah Setlan and 10 from sophomore Julie St. John.

"Girls really shot very well in the first half," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We were very slow and ineffective on our half-court offense set."

LADYWOOD 50, REGINA 44: On Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood (8-4, 3-2) jumped out to a 33-20 halftime lead en route to a Catholic League Central Division win over Regina (6-6, 0-5).

Senior guards Andie Anastas and Shelby Walsh led the victorious Blazers with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Regina's Emily Nelson led all scorers with 20.

Ladywood was 7-of-11 from the foul line, while the Saddlelites hit 4-of-6.



Team Total team members include John Cooke, Jake Fuller, Austin Herbert, Austin Reinke, Matt Beasley, Sean Stanners, Griffin Sibo, Brett Braun, Mark Long, Travis Sparring, Ray Tague, Collin Cummings, Matt Molchan, Zach Rogers, Steve Ramos, Connor Murray, Jack Hoffman, Jack Van Acker, Connor Holt, Tommy McMaster, and Collin Smith. Some of the players are from Canton and Plymouth.

Area lacrosse team earns bronze

The Team Total Michigan Varsity lacrosse team, based at Total Sports in Wixom and earned the bronze medal at the National Tournament of Champions over the holiday break in Tampa, Fla.

To qualify, teams must have been in the finals of a premier summer or fall event. Because Team Total Michigan Varsity team, which is coached by Dwayne Hicks and Chris Cooper, won the Patriot Games tournament this summer, they qualified.

The first day was not the best day for Team Total, which includes players from Canton and Plymouth. Although the team played well at times, unforced errors and missed opportunities resulted in two tough losses — to Florida Elite and Mesa Fresh from Philadelphia.

Day two would see a different Team Total — faster, more aggressive, and making fewer mistakes was the plan for the day.

Against the No. 6-seeded Road Warriors (players from Syracuse and Six Nations), Total was running and gunning, but, so were the Warriors. In a close game, it came down to the team who controlled the ball and made key plays at the right time. In both cases, it was Team Total. Final score 9-7. Total moved on to the Elite Eight.

Rematch In the quarterfinals, Total would be in a rematch against Florida Elite. Total came out faster, more aggressive, found their sticks skills, and were incredibly confident. Total dominated the match, winning 9-2 and earning a trip to the semi-finals.

On Day 3, Total faced FCA (Fellow Christians Athletes) — one of the premier travel team programs in the country — in the semi-finals. FCA came out fast trying to dictate the pace and winning the ground ball battle. At halftime, FCA was up 2-1.

In the second half, it would be more of the same. As FCA worked to control the ball, Total would apply the pressure resulting in several penalties and goals. On the offensive side, Total had trouble finding their groove, and FCA won 8-3.

In the other semifinal, Mesa Fresh defeated Northern Lacrosse (which consisted of Canadian players including several national team members) in overtime. Therefore, it would be Total vs. Northern for the bronze medal.

Total struggled throughout the first half, missing several key opportunities. At the end of the first half, the score was 5-2, Northern.

The second half was all offense as both teams let their shooters loose on the cages.

With 22 seconds left in the game, Total scored the go ahead goal to make the score 9-8. Then, as the final seconds ticked off, a breaking midfielder in the midfield led to a fast break and a game tying goal for Northern.

The bronze medal would be decided in overtime. Northern's strategy of holding the ball and testing Total's defense would backfire as one of their handlers was stripped in the open field. This led to a pass upfield to a breaking midfielder who threw a perfect pass to Collin Cummings who put in the winning goal.



PCA's Mick Noel (No. 11), shown in this file photo, scored 29 points Tuesday against Southfield Christian.

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times the guy that shot the ball was getting his own (rebound) and putting a back for an easy two."

The Eagles bounced back slightly in the second, getting outscored just 21-17 to trail 46-26 at halftime.

Another example of helping the home team occurred early in the third quarter. According to Washington, Noel raced in on a fast break and threw down a two-handed dunk "that kind of got the crowd into it. But then they called a timeout and I think they called a 15-1 run after that."

Southfield Christian's 30-14 edge in the third opened up a 76-40 margin to pretty much seal up the win. In addition to Noel, PCA received 14 points and seven rebounds from Daniel Jipping and seven boards from Matt Sumner. Scoring 21 points for

Southfield Christian was Bakari Evedian while Leonard Crosby tackled on 14.

"We know what we need to work on," Washington said. "Obviously, Southfield's one of the better Class D teams in the state, they're the defending state champions."

"If we want to be able to compete we got to learn from our mistakes and just keep it going. Try to do better than the last time."

The next time is 8:30 p.m. Friday at PCA against Birmingham Roosevelt's varsity game will precede it at 7 p.m.).

"Everybody outside of Inter-City and Southfield Christian we're supposed to beat," he added. "Those are two of the top-5 teams in the state in our class, No. 2 and No. 3, respectively."

INTER-CITY 55, PCA 45: In their loss Friday night at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, the Eagles were led by Mick Noel's 11 points.

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MU men avenge Concordia loss, 90-63

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Coach Noel Emmenisher had little, if nothing to complain about following Madonna University's resounding 90-63 men's basketball win Saturday over visiting Concordia.

The fourth-year coach was able to sit back, relax and clear his bench while watching his team dismantle the Cardinals to improve to 16-5 overall and remain all alone in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at 11-2.

Twelve different players scored in double figures led by junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (17 points), who had 16 points to go along

with eight assists and six rebounds.

Eoghann Stephens, a senior forward, added 15 points and tied the MU single game record with seven blocks.

Juniors Fred Williams and Travis Schuba chipped in with 13 and 11 points, respectively. "I thought our guys did a great job of just trying to perform the game plan to the best of their ability," said Emmenisher, whose team jumped lead after lead in a torrid 59-4 percent from the field (19-32). "They were very selfless. They really only did what they were capable of to the best of their ability. "We got some breaks, things went our way, but

I thought we made a lot of our breaks today."

The Crusaders were also able to avenge a 72-69 setback back on Dec. 1 at Concordia.

"They (Concordia) really hurt us in transition the first time — quick passes up, their shooting ... their shooting," said Emmenisher, whose team led by as many as 41 in the second half. "And once they started hitting shots we tried to defend them individually instead as a team. And so we focused trying to keep them out of transition, and at the same time better team communication, and only doing your job as opposed to trying to take the game into our own hands."

The 17th-ranked Crusaders (NAIA Division II), who remained one game ahead of Dayton, port in the WHAC loss column, returns to action 8 p.m. Wednesday at home against Lourdes (Ohio).

"Without a doubt it's the chemistry," said Emmenisher, whose team has won eight straight. "You look at one or two guys on the stat sheet, but it's a team effort. Everyone believes in what their job is and everybody is performing their job at a high level."

Concordia (10-10, 9-5) got 12 points from Josh Fugate and 10 off the bench Edison Vushaj.

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Herring lifts Madonna women to win

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Madonna University played lockdown defense Saturday to pull off a 56-50 upset win Saturday over Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Concordia University, the NAIA's No. 8-ranked team in Division II.

The Crusaders, now 12-8 overall and 8-5 in the WHAC, held the Cardinals (16-4, 13-1) scoreless for a span of 8 minutes and 40 seconds during the second and limited Concordia's top scorer Abbey Hengesbach to 10 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

"By far that's the best defensive effort we've

had," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We worked a lot on trying to stop Abbey. She still ended up with 16, but I don't think you can actually stop her. She's that good of a player, but they did a real job, but they did a real job. I think she got a little frustrated. We were able to help out quite a bit."

MU used a balanced scoring attack with senior center Kaylee McGrath (Lionia Stevenson) scoring 13 points, while Shantelle Herring and Michelle Lindsey each added 10. Herring, a 5-foot-8 senior from Macomb Dakota, also pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds. "Shantelle Herring's

defense really led us and it just pulled the rest of the team along with her, and we were stellar," said Graves, whose team led 36-31 at halftime. "She had 14 rebounds and her steals came in critical spots in the basketball game. She just did some really nice stuff."

Concordia got 15 points and a game-high 21 rebounds from 5-11 senior forward Hannah Sabo. But the Cardinals shot only 31.7 percent from the floor (19-of-60), including a paltry 19.4 percent in the second half. And to make matters worse, Concordia made only 47.4 percent from the foul line (9-

of-19).

"I think the kids had a reason to go out and win this game," Graves said. "This is a rivalry game for us. Whenever Concordia comes here or we go there you know it's going to be a good basketball game. They were so fired up for this game. I just tried to allow them the emotional part and try and use that, while I was staying technical about basketball. They just kept their heads about them and played really hard. If we can do that consistently, this is a team nobody wants to face in the playoffs."

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Life coach shares her conversion story

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues the fourth season of its popular series, "Who's Catholic?" with guest speaker, Robin Beck, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

Beck, a former charismatic Baptist and author of *I Only Came For Jesus*, will share the story of her unexpected journey from 30 years in an alterna-

tive lifestyle to full communion with the Catholic Church following an unplanned stop at a Catholic church for ashes one Lenten Wednesday.

Beck has a counseling psychology degree from Rochester College and is a life recovery coach, working in health care and rehabilitation centers throughout Michigan.

St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman. No admission fee or reservations are required. The program is open to all.

For more information, including the availability of child care, call (734) 261-4555, Ext. 200, or see www.livoniastmichael.org.

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BOUGEJA, ROBERT MICHAEL
Age 58, December 19, 1954. Dear father of Angelique (Ri-chard) Cable and Eric Bugaja. Grandfather of Devin, Lucas, Christopher, Nicholas, Kaitlyn and Wyatt. Francine of Arleen Sommerville. Son of Josephine (Toby) Lampson and the late John Bugaja. Brother of Charles, Samuel, Ceryn, John and Joseph. Beloved uncle of many.

Services were held by Santefi & Son Funeral Home, www.santefi-funeralhome.com.



LOUGH, DOROTHY "DOT"
71 years, died peacefully in her home. She is survived by her loving husband Edward 55 years of marriage; her daughter Laurie (Tony), son Daniel (Suzy) and four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Troy, Rebecca and Jacob. Memorial visitation Friday 10am until time of service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI 49666. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



WHITE, HELEN E.
Age 87, of Prudenville passed away on Sun Jan. 20, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor with her family by her side. Helen was born on Nov. 15, 1925 in Detroit, MI, to Constantine & Mary (Telesco) Jones. Helen married her loving husband of 60 years Harry S. White on Oct. 6, 1946 in Detroit. The couple moved to Prudenville in 1979 from Livonia. Helen enjoyed spending time at the Houghton Lake Senior Center with "The Ladies". Helen is survived by her daughter, Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter, Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Novi, four grandchildren Jessica, Charfene, Natalie, Brittany, four great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Lisa White. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Harry S. White in 2006, son, Michael in 1999, sister, Phillip in 1999, sister, Elsie, sister, Florence and a brother, George. Visitation is scheduled at Christler Funeral Home, Prudenville Chapel on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 11 am until the time of the service. The funeral will take place on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 1 PM. Father Joe Musiekiewicz will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Denton Township Cemetery in the spring. You may express your condolences to the family at www.christler-funeralhome.com. Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is handling the arrangements.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

January

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register
Contact: (734) 455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: Free movie night features the film "Sarah's Choice," about a career woman who has an unexpected pregnancy. She envisions three options and then makes a choice. There will be a special meal of braised country ribs (free will offering) along with the film. Call the church for dinner reservations
Contact: (248) 553-3380

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30
Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration. There is no charge but donations are accepted
Contact: (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31
Location: St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for pre-school through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house
Contact: www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints, may tour the school and meet teachers, staff and students. This year's open house will highlight All Saints' rigorous new curriculum, which since 2012 encompasses not only the State of Michigan and Common Core standards, but also the Core Knowledge curriculum developed more than 25 years ago by education reformer E.D. Hirsch. Core Knowledge is a sequenced set of age-appropriate content in history, geography, science, literature, and the arts that is taught cumulatively from one grade to the next
Contact: www.allsaintscs.com or (734) 459-2490

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27
Location: 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take student-led tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's, SE Michigan's only two-time MANS accredited School of Distinction, offers a traditional faith-filled environment, with a commitment to high academic standards, service to others, a strong science and technology curriculum, coupled with many opportunities for significant parent involvement and extracurricular activities such as sports and scouts. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 226, or www.livoniastmichael.org

February

CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10
Location: Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are admitted free
Contact: Rev. Joseph Marquis, Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, at (734) 522-3166



JONES, BARBARA ANN
73, January 18, 2013. Beloved wife of Earl for 55 years. Loving mother of July (Ric) Kargel, Gary, Shirley (Charlie) Walker, Cathy (Dave) Glenn, Becky Morgan and Randy (Laurie). Dear grandmother of Julie (Joey), Tony, Stephen, Ricky and the late Chris. Loving great-grandmother of Shane and Joey. Dear sister of Mike (Dobbie) Bush and Jon (Jayne) Bush. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews, family, friends and all of Garden City. Funeral services were held at the Santefi & Son Funeral Home. www.santefi-funeralhome.com

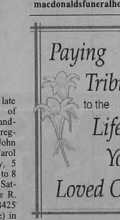


LITVIN, ALBENA
Age 95. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Charles (Shirley), Lovang Grandmother of Christopher and Gregory, Sister of the late John Stankovics and Aunt to Carol Daniels. Visitation Thursday, 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday 1 pm to 8 pm at the funeral service. Saturday at 12 Noon at Charles R. Steep Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile) in Bedford. Interment: Glen Eden Cemetery.

TAYLOR, DEBRA ANNE

Age 57 of Howell for the past year and formerly of Bedford, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013. She was born November 11, 1955 in Detroit, the daughter of James A. and Rosemary Anne (Machurski) Taylor. Dear sister of Mark (Marla) Taylor and Alan (Linda) Taylor of Harrison Twp. MI. Also survived by nieces and nephews, Christina (Jason) Stewart of Traverse City, Theresa Taylor of Plymouth, Adam Taylor and Marina Taylor of Harrison Twp. MI and great-nephew and great-niece, Jameson and Alena Stewart. Debra was a 1973 graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and earned a bachelors degree from Madonna College. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell. Burial in Sanford Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 517-546-2800.
Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.mcdonaldsfuneralhome.com

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Science meets art

Health professionals, students express themselves through music

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kara Gavin shares the French horn section of a local orchestra with a dentist, health economist, cardiac surgeon, freshman bioengineering student and a lab scientist. "Right there you can see what the orchestra is all about," said Gavin, a Plymouth resident and lead public relations representative for the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin writes about U-M medical research by day and plays classical music by night as a member of the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra (LSO). The group is made up of medical and science professionals, and U-M science alumni and medical students who also play musical instruments.

"It's a neat group. In medicine, people specialize; they work in their area. But this group really brings people together who wouldn't otherwise meet. You'll have a senior surgeon sitting next to a diabetes specialist sitting next to a third year medical student and the third year medical student is the one who has the lead part, because she is the best player. All the hierarchy and rank disappears for a while.

"I guess I'm on the creative end of the health sciences. I think for me, getting to meet all these different people and seeing what they are like



The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra will perform its winter concert Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

outside of being scientists and doctors is really enjoyable."

The Life Sciences Orchestra, which will present its winter concert, Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, is an activity of Gifts of Art, a program that brings art and music to the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin has been with the Orchestra since its inception when David J. Brown, M.D., then a medical resident, co-founded the group with other medical students and

staff in 2000. The idea was to give staff and science students a performance outlet.

"It was pretty much a 'hey kids, let's put on a show' type of thing. We started meeting in the summer of 2000. We found a conductor by reaching out to the (U-M) Music School," Gavin said. "There was lots of excitement from the start. From there it has grown and we're now in our 13th season."

Flute soloist
Now an associate professor and pediatric otolaryngologist, Brown plays flute and takes instruction from Amy Porter, a professor at U-M's School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Porter, who performs internationally, will play Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 in G major at the upcoming Life Sciences Orchestra concert.

The program also includes an upbeat, festive piece by Shostakovich and a symphony by Mahler that combines everything from bird calls to German drinking songs.

"It has great spirit," Gavin described the Mahler work. "And the final movement is big and brassy. Even if someone isn't a big classical music fan, this is the concert to come to because it is very accessible and very enjoyable music.

"The level of playing we're able to get with the people we have playing with us is on a level with some of the best amateur orchestras. We're proud to be able to do that."

The group auditions new players annually and members meet every

MOZART, MAHLER & MORE

What: The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra winter concert

When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30

Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

Details: Amy Porter, a U-M professor and world-renowned flutist, will perform "Flute Concerto No. 1" by Mozart during this free concert. The orchestra, made up of musicians who work day jobs in medicine, dentistry, bioengineering, research and other science careers, will play "Symphony No. 1 in D Major" by Gustav Mahler and "Festive Overture" by Dmitri Shostakovich. Music director is Oriol Sans.

Coming up: Mark your calendar for the group's spring concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at Hill Auditorium. The program will include a tuba solo by the winner of the group's concerto competition.

Contact: orchestra@umich.edu; www.umich.edu/~lsorch/

Sunday from September through August to rehearse. It plays a free winter and spring concert at Hill Auditorium.

Playing with others

Ian Tran of Canton recently graduated from U-M Dearborn with an environmental science degree and has played violin with the LSO since 2008. He views his membership as "more than just a leisurely endeavor."

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SHEN YUN

What: Classical Chinese dance and music brings 5,000 years of Chinese civilization to life. The show includes ethnic and folk dances, athleticism, vocalists, and music by an orchestra featuring classical Western and Chinese instruments. Nearly 100 artists perform.

When: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 24-25 and Saturday, Jan. 26; 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

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and three orchestras — featuring both classical Western and Chinese instruments — totaling some 300 artists. The performing arts organization has drawn artists from around the world. They share a mission to revive ancient legends

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Any Porter will perform with the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra on Jan. 30.

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"I find that keeping up with music, especially playing in a symphony where you are playing music with other people, there are some benefits in just how I'm able to keep my mind clear or even just the actual act of playing music ... you hear a lot of times people say it's cathartic. So in that sense I definitely made it a priority," he said.

Tran enjoys the diverse group of health and science professionals that make up the LSO.

"In many ways they use other aspects of life to inform how they play or what they appreciate about the music. I remember one rehearsal when one of the bassists was talking about one of the composers we were playing and their connection to some research in diabetes," Tran said. "It's a very rich environment."

Gavin said LSO members have formed quartets and quintets that perform in the hospital and sometimes hire out for receptions and other events.

Students involved in the U-M orchestral conducting program have taken turns leading the LSO, giving them a chance to work with "people from a whole different world."

"I can't say enough about them. I think sometimes they try to get us type-A personalities to loosen up a bit. Medical types can be tense and in music you have to let go and be emotional and express," she said. "The folks in the orchestra have high-pressure jobs, doing surgery or running a lab. It's very intense work. But Sunday night we come together and rehearse. Sometimes a few people run out and answer a page on a pager. But for a couple hours a week they get to do something completely different and just play music."

SHEN YUN

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and rehearsal. "We spend seven to nine hours training and rehearsing daily," says Angela Wang, principal dancer in a video clip on the group's website. "In classical Chinese dance... there are many different types (of turns) but they are all difficult in that your body is slanted. From my perspective it was difficult in the beginning to really get the feeling. Your focus is actually down instead of forward

like a normal turn."

Choreographer Yungchia Chen describes classical Chinese dance techniques as "rich and varied." They're divided into jumps, turns and flipping techniques.

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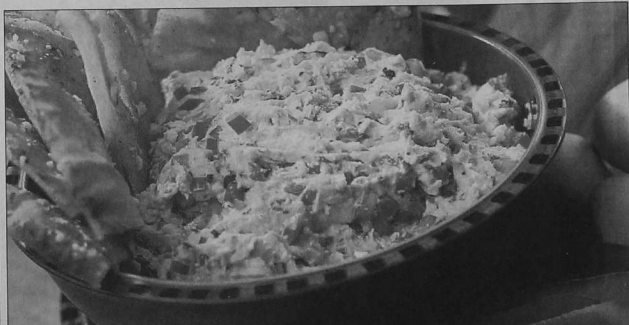
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Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

Makes 2 cups

- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ pound mushrooms, chopped fine
- 6 pieces pita bread
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- ½ cup ricotta cheese
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces cream cheese

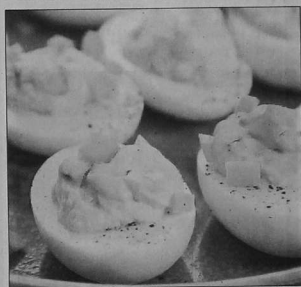
Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are soft and all liquid is evaporated. Transfer to a bowl to cool and set aside. Slice pitas into 8 wedges each and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and toast in the oven until crisp, about 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients to the cooled mushrooms and mix well. Serve with toasted pita wedges.

Buffalo Deviled Eggs

Makes 24 halves

- 12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and cut in half lengthwise
 - ¼ cup mayonnaise
 - 2 tablespoons pickle relish
 - 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon Tabasco Style Hot Sauce
 - ¼ teaspoon celery salt
 - ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped celery
- Remove egg yolks from whites and place yolks in a medium bowl. Mash with a fork and add mayonnaise, pickle relish, mustard, Tabasco Style Sauce and celery salt. Stir until smooth.

Arrange egg white halves on a serving tray and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Transfer yolk mixture to a gallon-size plastic bag and work it into one corner of the bag. Hold bag tightly above mixture; twist until mixture is firmly positioned. Using scissors, snip off tip of bag. Twist bag to press yolk mixture into egg white halves until they are filled. Sprinkle with chopped celery and refrigerate eggs until ready to serve.



Buffalo Deviled Eggs

Fireballs

Makes about 3 dozen

- 1 (12-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup walnuts, toasted and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons dark rum
- 1 ½ tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce
- ¼ cup sugar

Melt chocolate and butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir in walnuts, rum and Tabasco Sauce and mix well. Refrigerate mixture about 15 minutes. Shape into 1-inch balls, then roll in sugar to coat. Store in refrigerator.

Hot & Sticky Orange Chicken Wings

Makes 8 servings

- 16 chicken wings (about 4 pounds)
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 (6-ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate
- ¼ cup water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce

Remove wing tips from chicken wings and discard; cut remaining wings apart at the joints. Season with salt and pepper to taste and place on a broiler pan with a rack. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until crisp and golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Meanwhile, combine orange juice concentrate, water, honey, and Tabasco Sauce in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened and reduced by half.

Place chicken in a large bowl or pan and pour orange sauce over them; toss until well coated. Serve hot or at room temperature.



Hot & Sticky Orange Chicken Wings

Buffalo Chicken Chili

Makes 6 servings

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pound ground chicken or turkey
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 (28-ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese

Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add celery, onion, green pepper and garlic; cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Remove vegetables to a bowl with slotted spoon.

Add remaining tablespoon of oil to same saucepan. Cook ground chicken over medium high heat until well browned on all sides, stirring constantly. Stir in chili powder, cumin and salt; cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes with their liquid, water and Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; stir in vegetables, cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans; cook 5 minutes longer.

To serve, top each serving with some crumbled blue cheese.



Buffalo Chicken Chili

Dressed Seafood Po' boys

Makes 4 servings

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 2 ½ teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce, divided
- 1 loaf French bread, cut into 4 (6-inch) pieces, or 4 (6-inch) hero rolls
- Oil for deep-frying
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup cornmeal
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- Salt
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled, or 3 dozen shucked oysters
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 ripe tomato, thinly sliced

Combine mayonnaise, garlic, and 1 ½ teaspoons of the Tabasco Sauce in a small bowl. Split French bread or rolls in half; scoop out some of the soft insides and dis-

card. Spread inside of bread halves with mayonnaise mixture.

Heat 3 inches of oil in a deep-fryer to 375°F. Meanwhile, combine egg and milk in a small bowl. Combine cornmeal, flour, and ½ teaspoon salt in a shallow pan. Sprinkle shrimp with salt to taste and the remaining 1 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce; toss well.

Dip shrimp in egg mixture, then coat with cornmeal mixture. Shake off excess coating and fry in hot oil until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

Fill bottom halves of bread with hot shrimp and top with lettuce, tomato, and top of bread. Serve immediately.



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