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## Life saver

A Canton police officer is being credited for saving the life of a man they believe was trying to commit suicide over the weekend.

The incident happened around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, when the officer was dispatched to the area of Joy and I-275 after reports of a man leaning over the rail. According to Canton Public Safety officials, the officer arrived on the scene and saw a man standing on the bridge facing over northbound I-275. Police said the man had one leg up on the rail and appeared to be looking at his phone.

When the man saw the officer, police said, he put the phone in his pocket and stepped up onto the rail. The officer approached and tried to get the man to talk with him, but the man wouldn't respond. When the officer was close enough, police said, he lunged forward, grabbed the man by his coat and pulled him off the railing.

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Pounded by high lawn-watering costs, Canton residents Monday night implored township officials to trim sewer charges by allowing separate water meters for outdoor sprinkler systems.

Condominium board leaders for Woodbridge Estates, near Geddes and Beck, said homeowners in their 189-unit complex last year collectively paid a \$176,000 water-sewer bill.

"It's killing us," Patricia Duthie, board president, told administration officials.

Duthie, board Secretary Sandra Miller and Treasurer Judith Ward were among 20-25 people who attended a water rate forum at township hall as local officials inch toward setting water-sewer rates that take effect May 1.

Woodbridge Estates has raised its monthly association dues to \$275 as it struggles to pay what residents call excessive sewer charges arising from irrigation efforts.

"And our grass still died (last summer)," Miller said.

**Shared frustration**

Their frustration was shared by others who attended the forum, led by Public Works Manager Bob Belair, Municipal Services Director Tim Fias and Finance Director Wendy Trumbull.

Residents voiced concerns over water-sewer bills even though administration officials have made a preliminary recommendation for no rate increase,

although the final decision rests with the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Short of allowing separate meters for outdoor irrigation, Duthie suggested the township slash sewer bills by 25 percent during summer months.

Resident Ron Kaledas joined the chorus seeking separate meters, saying well-kept homes are more likely "to keep up property values" and boost tax revenues.

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Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy delivered an upbeat message in his fifth "State of the Township" address Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

## LaJoy delivers upbeat message

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Pitching an upbeat message about Canton, Supervisor Phil LaJoy delivered his fifth State of the Township address Wednesday afternoon by toutting a long-awaited increase in property values, strides to fill industrial vacancies, a huge spike in new housing permits and tangible efforts to reduce employee legacy costs.

LaJoy honed his humor, say-

ing the Mayan world apocalypse didn't occur last year. "Not only did the world not end, I think things have improved," he told a crowd gathered inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill for the Canton Chamber of Commerce event. "And they continue to improve, at least in Canton."

Canton home values increased 3.6 percent, reversing a four-year decline. Local officials processed 214 new

residential permits in 2012, up from a mere 75 the year before, and LaJoy said Canton ranks second in metro Detroit for the most housing starts during the last 12 years.

"New building means new revenue for the community," he said. "It means vibrancy."

Facing retiree legacy costs last pegged at \$75 million, LaJoy said more concessionary contracts have been nego-

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## Canton crime rate declines, fire calls up

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Major crimes in Canton have steadily declined since 2009, mirroring a national trend that local officials say often differs from public perceptions of worsening crime rates.

Canton reported 1,245 incidents of serious crimes, including robbery, burglary, auto theft, aggravated assault, arson, rape — but no murders — last year. That was down from 1,696 in 2011, 1,750 in 2010 and 1,825 in 2009, Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said.

"It's a testament to the work of our (police officers) on the street," Kerr said Tuesday night, as police and fire officials gave a wide-ranging public safety report to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Canton's crime statistics aren't an anomaly, he said. "That follows a national trend of violent crime trending downward," Kerr said.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said experts often link a decreasing crime rate to an improving economy, but he said "there is no definitive answer."

### Declining crime

Canton Police received 59,264 calls for service in 2012 and reported an average response time of 4.81 minutes. Despite a declining crime rate, Kerr reported an increase in auto accidents from 2,425 in 2009 to 2,787 in 2012.

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Adrian Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis withdrew from the pool being interviewed for the next Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent.

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Adrian Public Schools Superintendent Christopher Timmis has pulled his name from consideration for the soon-to-be-vacant superintendent's position in Plymouth-Canton.

"Timmis, superintendent in Adrian since July 2008, notified

Plymouth-Canton officials Monday he was withdrawing. The day after Timmis, one of four semifinalists interviewed by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week, interviewed, he met with potential international partners on projects his district is considering. He also went on a fundraising trip.

The desire to finish those

projects, and others like them, caused Timmis to withdraw from the Plymouth-Canton process.

"We are doing some exciting things in Adrian," Timmis said Tuesday. "The people in Plymouth-Canton are great people, and it's a wonderful district, but

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## Canton focus group eyes teen programs

Canton Leisure Services is moving forward in determining the next phase of teen programming in the Canton community.

With the recent acceptance of a letter of intent to sell the present home of The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center, located at 44237 W. Michigan Ave., Leisure Services staff is currently examining the needs of Canton's teens, ages 11-17.

For the past several months, BLOCK staff has been meeting with community members representing various groups, including Canton Public Library, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Church leaders to better understand the educational, recreational and social needs of Canton's teens.

In an effort to hear from all members of the Canton community, Leisure Services is now seeking community input to assist in the future planning of Canton's teen programming. Parents and teens are

invited to attend a Focus Group on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m., at The BLOCK Youth and Teen Center's current location. During this meeting, community members will be encouraged to discuss the needs for promoting the healthy development of teens, help clarify the requirements of a teen-designated space, and prioritize the Teen Center's short-term and long-term goals.

In addition to determining the future of teen programming, Canton Leisure Services is also in the process of searching for a new home for these teen programs. Local business and property owners who are aware of low or no-cost space that will meet our teens' needs are asked to contact Canton Leisure Services staff at (734) 394-5376.

Participants interested in attending the upcoming Focus Group are asked to RSVP by calling (734) 394-5360. For additional information about these latest developments regarding Canton's teen programming, please visit Cantonfun.org.

## LAJÓY

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tiated with three of six local unions, proving "employees have again risen to the economic challenges" by accepting reduced pensions, more furlough days, wage freezes and higher health-care costs.

### Mass exodus

Lajoý predicted a "dramatic" exodus this year of longtime employees retiring to lock in benefits.

Already, he said, 20 workers left late last year.

"Every position that is vacated is looked at in terms of organizational efficiency," he said. "Can it be combined with other positions? Should it be downgraded or completely eliminated? Or should it be filled?"

After losing four attempts to secure federal funding to fix the traffic-snarled Ford Road/275 area, Lajoý said the Michigan Department of Transportation is expected in coming weeks to reveal a new plan. He said transforming Ford Road into a boulevard appears "a very real possibility."

"I understand that it would cause a disruption," Lajoý said, "but keep in mind that Ford Road is coming to the end of its life span, and it would need to be rebuilt in the next few years regardless."



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
An attentive crowd listens to Canton Township Supervisor Phil Lajoý's fifth "State of the Township" address.

In a renewed push for economic development, Lajoý said Canton has embarked on a \$54,000 marketing study intended to lure companies to Ford Road, Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill Village. He also touted efforts by the township's economic development team, the Canton Chamber and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center to provide resources to help local businesses thrive.

Fitch, a global rating agency, placed Canton's unemployment rate at 3.5 percent in December, well below county, state and national averages, Lajoý said, adding that local median household income is 150 percent of the state average and 157 percent of the national average.

### Good signs

In other signs of an improving economy, Lajoý said Busch's market expects to open this

summer in the old Farmer Jack site at Cherry Hill and Canton Center, National Coney Island is coming to the vacant Big Boy location on Ford Road, and two new buildings as large as 50,000 square feet are planned in Singh Executive Park on Michigan Avenue.

On a sour note, Canton stands to lose \$500,000 a year with the elimination of Michigan's personal property tax.

On public safety, Lajoý touted Canton's comparatively low crime rate and commended "proactive policing efforts" for the arrest of three suspects charged in the Feb. 25 armed robbery of the new Verizon store on Ford Road.

"If criminals come into Canton looking to commit crime," he said, "they will be caught and they will be locked up."

On environmental issues, Lajoý said Canton officials had once pre-

dicted residents would recycle 3,500 tons of materials by 2015, but they already "blew the doors off that goal" and recycled more than 5,100 tons last year. Moreover, Canton embarked on projects to make townships buildings more energy-efficient, and plans have begun to revamp Summit on the Park's splash playground to ease water usage.

### Good humor

Lajoý's address used humorous videos to make his points. In one, department heads dressed in action-figure costumes represented what he called Canton's A-team.

"I thought the speech was very nicely done," said Marsha Bianconi, executive director of the Conference of Western Wayne, a consortium representing 18 communities. "I liked the humor, and I thought the videos were effective. I also thought the message was very clear that local government is doing more with less."

Susan Fitzpatrick of the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School said Lajoý's message was effective.

"It was humorous and very positive," she said. "A lot of good things are happening in Canton."

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## FINALIST

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I just thought the timing, combined with the things I still want to accomplish here, made this the best decision."

Timmis was one of three candidates invited back for a second interview. He had been scheduled to talk to various interest groups, take a tour of the district, visit the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and sit

down for a second interview Tuesday.

School Board President John Barrett said the board will continue on with the second-interview process with its other two finalists, Plymouth-Canton Executive Director of Business Services Brodie Killian, who had his second interview Monday, and Michael Meissen, currently the district achievement/school improvement and student achievement supervisor for Milwaukee Pub-

lic Schools. Meissen's second interview is set for Thursday.

"We're keeping the process exactly as we had it planned from the beginning," Barrett said. "We interviewed (Killian) Monday and we're doing our other interview (Meissen) Thursday."

Barrett said the board will not bring in a replacement finalist for Timmis. Curtis Cain, associate superintendent for educational services for the Shawnee-Mis-

sion School District in Overland Park, Kan., was the fourth semifinalist, but he will not be invited back in the wake of Timmis' withdrawal, Barrett said.

"Everybody felt when we narrowed it to three that we had three excellent candidates," Barrett said. "We're still confident we have two excellent people."

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# RATES

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Administration officials have studied the proposal, and Faas warned that efforts to slash sewer-related charges would almost certainly lead to a huge spike in the water portion of rate calculations. Faas said Canton still has to generate enough revenue to pay its annual costs last estimated at \$33 million.

## Fund depletion

The alternative, officials said, is to deplete the \$19.6 million water-sewer fund at a time when local elected leaders are pondering a water-storage facility. Belair estimated the price tag for that at \$8.5 million to \$10.5 million, though it could be paid off over time.

Moreover, administration officials already project that \$2.1 million would be shaved off the \$19.6 million fund simply by not increasing water-sewer rates this year and absorbing a 9-percent rate hike imposed on Canton by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Cathy Vettese, a township finance department clerk, said employees have helped ease rate hikes by accepting unpaid furlough days and a loss of sick days.

"It's falling on the backs of the employees," she said Monday, "and I don't think the public understands that." Administration officials lauded employees for those efforts but, Faas conceded, "it's a small amount in a \$33 million budget."

## Big push

Local resident Bob Orr came to Monday's meeting because he wants a greater push for water conservation to protect Michigan waterways, including the Great Lakes. Canton is expected to consume 2.8 billion gallons of water this year. "We put more value on green grass in August than we do protecting a precious commodity," Orr said.

Officials say less water usage translates into even higher rate hikes to maintain revenue levels.

Trumbull said the average Canton household using 32,283 gallons of water every three months pays a quarterly bill of \$343. That's based on a combined water-sewer rate of \$10.11 per 1,000 gallons.

Local officials last year decreased water-sew-

er rates by 2.3 percent, while many Michigan communities continued to raise rates. Long-range, Belair said water storage holds promise by easing usage during peak hours. "That," he said, "could change our water rates considerably over the years." But residents are concerned now about sewer costs tied to outdoor irrigation.

"It's almost like it's out of control ..." Ruben Richardson said.

Detroit has made some strides to reduce expenses, local officials said. Faas said one unknown potentially looming is how decisions made by an emergency financial manager might ultimately affect water rates.

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Members of VFW Post 6695 will welcome home members of the 303rd Military Police Group at a Saturday ceremony. The post adopted the 303rd while it was deployed.

# VFW Post welcomes MP company home

The public is invited when VFW Post 6695 of Plymouth officially welcomes home members of the 303rd Military Police Group at a celebration Saturday at the Post headquarters.

The 303rd MP Company, based in Inkster, returned home recently from a tour in Afghanistan. Members of VFW Post 6695 adopted the company during their deployment and will welcome its members home in an official ceremony 5 p.m. Saturday at the Post, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

According to VFW Post Commander Dennis Bielskis, nine members of the company were caught in an ambush, and four of those are still in the hospital. One MP might lose a leg, another received shrapnel in the eye with the metal still lodged in his brain, and one young lady was hit in both hands "but is doing well," according to Bielskis.

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# CRIME

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"It's difficult at this point to say why these accidents went up," he told Canton's elected leaders.

And although crime incidents declined, Canton made an increasing number of arrests, which jumped from 4,004 in 2009 to 4,223 in 2012, Kerr said.

Mutchler lauded Canton's arrest rate compared to many communities.

"That 4,000 (arrest) benchmark really distinguishes us from others," he said.

Township Trustee Pat Williams asked police officials to compile a breakdown of arrests comparing Canton residents and non-residents.

Trustee John Anthony, a

retired FBI special agent, praised Canton Police.

"I continue to believe that the Canton Police Department is the finest police department in the state of Michigan," he said, "and it's because we have the finest officers."

## On par

Fire Chief Joshua Meier, meanwhile, said Canton firefighter-paramedics responded to 6,487 calls for help in 2012, including 5,472 medical runs and 1,015 fires. That marked a 366-percent increase from the previous year.

Meier said response time averaged 5.36 minutes, "on par with national standards."

Deputy Fire Chief Greg Sprys-Telner said Canton has continued to boost its training, compiling 3,991 hours in 2012 compared to 2,070 in 2011.

Moreover, Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich said Canton finished its first round of training local residents how to respond in their neighborhoods to potential catastrophes with special operations and disaster preparedness. She said the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, completed an 18-hour course.

Among other highlights of Tuesday's session: • Canton Police generated \$59,338 in revenue from the forfeiture of property and money linked to drug-related and other crimes.

• Police have initiated the MILO Range Pro 4 system involving computer technology and a large movie-type screen to improve use-of-force training.

• Firefighters have

begun writing electronic reports to save time and improve efficiency, both on the scene and at area hospitals.

• Meier said fire officials have identified future projects such as repairs and improvements to Canton's fire stations, remodeling of the aging Fire Station No. 1 on Warren near Hagerty and buying a new ladder truck.

• Mutchler said Canton Police have nearly completed the new 800-mHz radio system and are becoming involved in projects such as COMP-STAT, which involves using statistics and data to guide crime-fighting efforts in "hot spots" where crime trends are occurring.

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# Robotics team captures Kettering district

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team picked up last weekend right where they left off.

Lightning 862 won its first competition of 2013, capturing the district title at Kettering University. The team combined with the alliance of Team 70 (More Martians of Goodrich) and 910 (Foley Freeze of Madison Heights).

The team conquered this year's game, building a robot that can climb 90 inches and shoot Frisbees accurately.

While winning the district title, the team also captured the Engineering Inspiration Award, which celebrates a team's outstanding efforts in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering and engineers, both within their school



Plymouth-Canton robotics team members started building their robot in January, and it won the Kettering district last weekend.

and their community.

"The robotics team had three great days at Kettering," said Jay Obsniuk, the team's advisor.

The win capped the efforts of the team that started when the build season began in January.

"The robot game this year has been a big challenge," Obsniuk said.

"Trying to get a robot to climb 90 inches and

shoot Frisbees took a lot of time to come up with a design, keep the students involved and build many prototypes."

Next up for the 109-member team: District competitions March 22-23 at Grand Valley State University and April 5-6 at Bedford High School.

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Members of the 109-member Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team react to winning the district competition at Kettering University last weekend.

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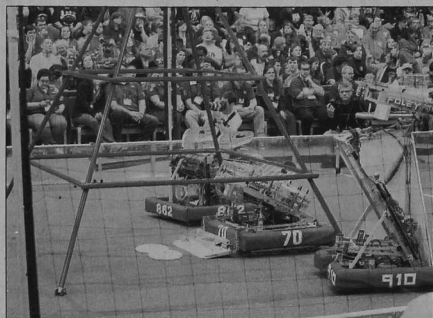
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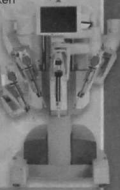
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# Homeowners find help at Canton expo

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Kathleen McFall of Livonia has been looking for six months for someone to carve a tree in her front yard into an animal shape of some sort. She'd had no luck, until Saturday.

That's when McFall and her husband, George, walked up to the Home Expo at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The first person to whom McFall spoke was Tom Fink, and her problem was solved.

"I would go to antique stores and other places and ask if anyone knew someone, and no one did," McFall recalled. "Then I walk up here, and the first guy I talk to is going to come take a look."

It's the kind of service Canton Township officials say the expo provides. The two-day event featured more than 100 vendors, demonstrations and workshops, plus an appearance from Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600).

And it was the kind of service Fink, owner of Cut & Carve Chainsaw Artistry of West Bloomfield, was happy to provide. Fink said this was his fourth Canton expo.

"I enjoy (the expo), and I've made some sales," Fink said. "Mostly it's another opportunity to carve. It gets me off the sofa," he added, smiling.

Frank and Carly Plescia of Canton were smiling, too. They're considering a re-do of the deck at their Canton home and were looking for product



Frank and Carly Plescia of Canton check in at the reception table at the opening of the two-day Canton Home Expo.

information and contractor contact numbers.

"We're interested in a particular product, and we were really impressed with it," Carly said, to which Frank added, "There was a good variety of products and services available."

While consumers count

on the expo as a source of product and service information, it's a valuable conduit for the vendors, as well. Karen Rysztak of Mechanical Energy Systems, an alternative energy leader based in Canton, said the expo is a great teaching tool.

"It's about educating

people, that's the main thing," Rysztak said. "While we want to make sales, we want to educate people so they can understand" options about energy savings.

Heidi Wong of Canton just bought a house, which is heated by propane. She was at the expo

looking for ways to save on energy.

"My new house is prime for solar panels," Wong said. "We're getting ready to retire and we were looking for a way to lower our utilities."

Stacey Kim, a designer for Accent Remodeling of Canton, said her

company takes part in a variety of similar shows, but likes staying close to home, too.

"We get quite a few referrals," Kim said. "A lot of our work is in the area, so this is more localized."

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Jordan Cockrum of Canton spins the wheel to win a prize at the Kroll Construction booth at Canton's home expo. That's Justin Murphy of Kroll watching her win. Kroll Construction is based in Garden City.



Mandy Wilkinson of Livonia kept the popcorn flowing at the Handy Pro booth.



Esha Kalsi of Canton took time out from browsing the Canton Home Expo vendor booths to give a hug to a dinosaur.



Heidi Wong of Canton hears advice on alternative energy from Livonia resident Karen Rysztak and Daren Griffith of Owosso, representing Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton.



Julia and Michael Kyle of Canton stopped by the Accent Remodeling booth, where designer Stacey Kim gave them some advice.



Tom Fink of Cut & Carve Chainsaw Artistry of West Bloomfield did a variety of carving demonstrations.



George and Kathleen McFall of Livonia talk with Handy Pro renovation specialist Michael Macunovich at the Canton Home Expo Saturday.

## Growth Works presents annual awards

Growth Works Inc., a nonprofit comprehensive youth services agency active in Western Wayne County, recently held a dinner for the recognition of volunteers, community members and young people who have been lauded for their efforts over the past year.

Since 1970, the Plymouth-based agency's focus has remained the provision of services for at-risk youth, helping to change immediate behavior while promoting long-term commitment to responsible choices while building stronger families. Growth Works' primary programs include Aftercare & Residential Treatment (ART), Community Intervention & Treatment (CIT) and the Western Wayne Care Management Organiza-



Brett Campbell, a youth honoree, poses with his parents and Growth Works staffers Denise Dornton (far left) and Erin Ennis (next to Brett Campbell).

tion (CMO).

Volunteers Janet Volante and Ken Brooks are being recognized for milestone years, 15 and five, respectively, serving on the Board of Directors and bringing their expertise and support to the agency. Former Wayne

County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, a Democrat, received a community award for her efforts aimed at improving the lives of young people, serving on the Youth Services Committee and supporting programs to bring drug education

and community initiatives to Livonia. A former employee, April Wyncott was also recognized for her time and commitment to the CMO since its inception in 1999.

Youth program awards have been received by Brett Campbell, Marena Siladi, Juan Hernandez and Anthony Browne for their special achievements and outstanding efforts over the past year.

Awards were presented at the Growth Works' 24th annual Recognition & Awards Dinner, held Feb. 28 at the Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center near Plymouth.

For further information about Growth Works, its program and events, call (734) 455-4095.

## Society looks at local history at conference

The 55th annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference will be held March 22-23 at the Holiday in Detroit-Livonia Conference Center.

The conference is one of the Historical Society of Michigan's four major history conferences. Organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee, the conference will feature several keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on local history in Michigan.

Open to anyone interested in state or region-

al history, registration for the two-day event is only \$39 (\$49 after March 13). Meals that feature keynote speakers, including lunch on both days and breakfast on Saturday, are available by reservation on a space-available basis. The luncheons are \$22 per ticket, and the Saturday breakfast is \$17 per ticket. Register online at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or by calling (800) 692-1828.

To see the full conference flier or to register, go online to [www.hsmichigan.org/conferences/local-history-conference](http://www.hsmichigan.org/conferences/local-history-conference).

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## Easier mobile gaming with Moga

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

One are the days of hooking up large, expensive video game systems to your living room team. There's now a much easier way to play video games and it's a lot easier and more intuitive than simple touch screen gaming on your mobile device.

Using Moga, a portable, powerful gaming control, gamers can play a wide variety of games from their Android or Apple smartphone or tablet. The controller, which costs \$49.99, can pair with your existing games, but also comes with "an amazing" library of titles.

Some of the games pre-loaded on the Moga controller are arcade and game system classics such as Pac-Man and Sonic the Hedgehog. Additionally titles can even be downloaded courtesy of the Moga Pivot app. New titles are added to the gaming library each month.

I recently tried the Moga controller, pairing it with a Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.7. Both items were provided courtesy of Verizon Wireless. Playing games on the Moga was seamless and the only true downside was my lack of Pac-Man skill.

The Moga controller, which is about the size and shape of an Xbox 360 controller, has an impressive battery life of about 18 hours. The controller



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

runs on two AAA batteries — so your mobile device must charge and recharge separately.

One of the best features about the Moga is how easily it connects to your device. The controller is Bluetooth enabled so there is no need to use cords between the controller and mobile unit. Secondly, Moga has a stand that smart phones can be set on. Instead of holding a phone, you can simply hold the control and have access to both devices. Moga can be purchased online, through a variety of big box retailers or at Verizon Wireless.

### New apps to try

**Sick of Angry Birds and Words With Friends?** There's a laundry list of new (to me at least) mobile apps that will keep you occupied during your lunch break or on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

**Temple Run 2:** The first installment was fun and addicting and the sequel is just as good — but harder. Navigate temples on foot and in vehicles while avoiding obstacles to get your high score. Temple Run 2 is a free app that is available on Android and Apple devices.

**Fun Run:** If you like Mario Kart or simply competing with your friends, Fun Run is for you. Race against three other users in real-time, but be careful of lightning bolts and other hazards that competitors put in your way. Invite friends for private races and get points for better finishes. Points can be used to customize your character and upgrade to other characters. Fun run is also free and available on Android and Apple devices.

**Hill Climb Racer:** This title isn't necessarily new, but if you haven't tried it, you are missing out. This very simple game allows users to drive their vehicles through mountains and other challenging terrains. It's not easy, but the better you do, the more coins you collect to upgrade your car parts and even buy new vehicles. The first few levels can get tiring, but if you can make it to the Moon level, you will have weeks of fun. Hill Climb Racer is another free app available on both Android and Apple platforms.

Now that you have the newest apps and newest in mobile gaming, what are you waiting for? Get gaming!

**Jon Gunnells** is a freelance writer and social media planner. Comments or suggestions for future columns? Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com or follow him on Twitter at @GunnShw.

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Clarity hopes to prevent tragedy

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

**Kevin Fischer:** Established to fund scholarships to Detroit Catholic Central High School and support organization that help individuals and families living with mental illness.

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

**Kevin Fischer:** I lost my son to suicide in 2010 after a three-year battle with mental illness.

**Observer:** Why did you choose the Plymouth-Canton area?

**Kevin Fischer:** It's where he grew up and died, and it's where we host most of our fundraisers.

**Observer:** What makes your business unique?

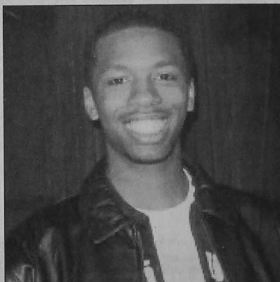
**Kevin Fischer:** Passion for driving awareness/education, preventing others from suffering the same tragedy.

**Observer:** How has it changed since you opened?

**Kevin Fischer:** We've grown annually in participation and awareness.

**Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

**Kevin Fischer:** Follow your heart.



The Dominique Fischer Memorial Foundation was established in honor of Dominique Fischer. The nonprofit helps individuals and families living with mental illness.

## DETAILS

**Business name and address:** Dominique Fischer Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 5443, Plymouth, MI

**Your name:** Kevin Fischer, president

**Your hometown:** Plymouth

**Business opened:** June 2011

**Number of employees:** 3

**Your business specialty:** Nonprofit charity.

**Business phone/website:** (734) 667-2475/www.the-nique.com

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

**Kevin Fischer:** Growth!

We just need to help those who need it, and don't know where to go.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Business mixer

Ribar Floral of Plymouth sponsors its monthly Business 2 Business Mixer 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, hosted by Scrambler Marie's Restaurants and Tammy Brown Agency-Farm Bureau Insurance, 43225 Ford Road in Canton.

The event is open to businesses in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas, and is a chance for business-to-business mixing. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business areas.

There are no fees or groups to join.

For more information, email ribarfloral@aol.com

### Grand slam

A local fine jewelry store, Showroom of Elegance, located at 6018 Canton Center Rd, is asking Detroit Tigers fans to take a leap of faith in March for a potential big pay out.

Anyone who purchases jewelry March 12-23 is automatically eligible to receive their merchandise purchases for free if the Detroit Tigers hit a grand slam in the ninth inning at the home opener on April 5th against the New York Yankees. Some restrictions apply as only the first \$50,000 worth of merchandise purchases will be considered for the Grand Slam promotion.

"We love our clients and this promotion is specifically for them," said Showroom owner Linda Robin. "Instead of peanuts or Cracker Jacks, we hope fans check out our selection of diamond rings and colored stone earrings."

For questions about this promotion call (734) 207-1906.

### Business News

From the desk of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Dean Sadler Hair and Makeup Studio is delighted to welcome Ashley Maloney and Kathy Gosney to the team. Maloney previously worked at Clover Salon and Gosney came over from Salon Awesome.

• Several welds have broken on the metal staircase located on the east side of the Central Parking Deck (behind 336). The stairs are no longer safe, and have been blocked off to help prevent pedestrian usage. However, as a reminder, drivers are encouraged to use the pedestrian ramp entrance to the second level of the parking deck that is accessible from Main St. between the Sardine Room and 336.

• The fifth annual Diva Day takes place Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Plymouth. The first 500 Divas will get free Hot Pink Boas. Little Divas and Diva Dogs are also welcome.

Downtown Plymouth boutiques, salons and restaurants will present special offers, unique refreshments and chances to win Diva Day prizes. Participating shops include: Basket Kreations; Beauty Haven; Bella Mia; Bohemian Home; Candy Trail; Core Sports Pilates Fitness Studio; Creatopia Pottery Stu-



## Expo excellence

Dr. Michael Brackney of the Brackney Chiropractic Health Center had Canton resident Sherry Purchase in his massage chair during last weekend's Canton Home Expo at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The annual expo featured more than 100 vendors, demonstrations and workshops. For more information and photos, please see our photo page on page A6.

dio; Dazzling Daniela; Dearborn Jewelers; Eclectic Attic; Genuine Toy Co.; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Jolary; Magnolia; A Fresh Flower Market; Merle Norman; Old World Olive Press; Opndohr; Pawisitive Pet Massage; Simply the Best Boutique; Spa Agio; Sun & Snow; Sunny Js; That's Awesome; Tranquillia.

The event is free to attend. For more information call (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmich.org/events.

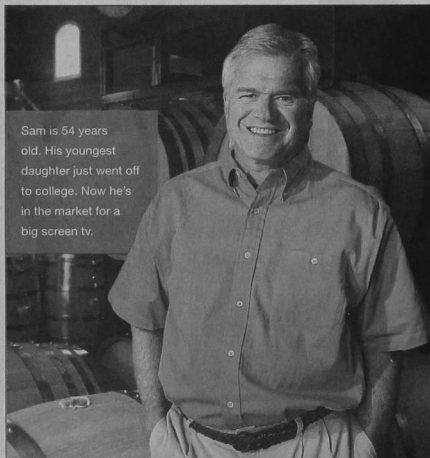
### Mad Hatter Tea

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Mad Hatter Tea 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 10.

"Mad About Hats — 100 years of Wearing Hats, 1860-1960" will be presented by Sandy Root, a Civil War reenactor and period milliner. Before the presentation, enjoy delicacies from Joe's Deli of Plymouth and the museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea — a taste bud tingling cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is available for purchase in the Museum's store.

Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 1 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.



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Nearly 350 tickets were sold for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event featured food from Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Panache.

## Arts party raises \$15,000

Steve King likes playing the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and if the crowd Saturday was any indication, the feeling is mutual.

Nearly 350 people turned out to see King and his Dittiles, who headlined the fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for the second straight year.

The evening featured the music of the Dittiles, along with food presentations from Antonio's Cucina Italiana and Panache 447. Showroom of Elegance handed out cubic

zirconia stud earrings with a \$25 gift card to the ladies in attendance.

All of that led to proceeds of more than \$15,000, including ticket sales and sponsorships, for the partnership.

"It was a great night," said Jill Engel, the partnership's executive director. "Every person leaving the theater told me what a wonderful time they had."

Stacy Hogan, a Partnership donor, said the fact it was a fundraiser was almost secondary.

"They are incredibly talented musicians and

the show was entertaining from start to finish," Hogan said. "The fact that it was a fundraiser for the Partnership was a bonus. We will definitely attend next year."

April Robichaud of Canton said the partnership fundraiser is becoming an annual tradition for her and her husband, Ron.

"We had a blast, both years we saw them," Robichaud said. "The music is great, we love how they are so engaging with the audience and that we can get up and dance like we were at a bar, without being at a bar atmosphere."

# Estate planning not only for the wealthy

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

At one of my recent library speeches, I was asked if estate planning is important now that the estate tax exemption has risen to over \$5 million.

The person who asked the question thought that with the high estate tax exemption the great majority of people would not have to pay taxes and, therefore, estate planning was not important.

I want to share my answer with you.

Estate taxes are one reason for estate planning. Although avoiding estate taxes are important there are other things that are more important. I believe that people do estate planning to save on taxes, avoid probate and more importantly, to make sure that there is an orderly distribution of property upon death.

One of the main goals of estate planning is to do what you can so that families do not fight. Unfortunately, we see it all the time. An estate may have avoided taxes but the family is left in ruins because of all the infighting. The goal of estate



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

planning has never been just to save on taxes, but also to protect someone's loved ones from unnecessary aggravation and costs.

People tend to think that if you avoid estate taxes you also avoid probate. That is not the case. The estate tax is administered by the federal government, while probate is dictated by the state. Therefore, just because your estate is under \$5 million and there is no federal estate taxes issue, that doesn't mean you can't have all sorts of problems with probate. Therefore, in today's environment, the avoidance of probate has become a major benefit of doing proper estate planning.

Most people think that estate planning deals with issues after death. Although that is true, estate planning is also very valuable before death. For example, having medical durable power of attorney and gener-

al durable power of attorney can be valuable documents in cases of family emergencies.

My philosophy is the more you can keep judges, courts and attorneys out of family affairs, the easier life will be. Doing proper estate planning can accomplish this. After all, in cases of a family emergency no one wants to have outsiders involved in the decision-making process. Proper estate planning accomplishes this.

It is a mistake to assume that only the wealthy need estate planning. Under the new estate tax laws, they may be the only ones subject to estate tax, but that is just one element of estate planning. Every adult needs some sort of an estate plan. Not everyone needs a trust. Not everyone needs sophisticated estate planning documents. Everyone, however, needs some estate planning.

Good luck!

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# Gannett Local, O&E Media help businesses go digital

More than 250 customers learned how diving into the digital age can improve business at a seminar presented recently by Gannett Local, a division of Gannett Co. Inc., the parent company of Observer & Eccentric Media. Gannett Local specializes in helping companies maximize digital advertising and marketing dollars.

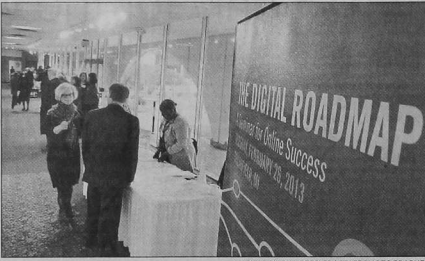
Keynote speaker Brandwyn Coleman, senior executive, market support, for Gannett Local, told attendees that online customer reviews are changing the way people buy just about everything these days. And business growth is now dependent on word-of-mouth via social media. The key is to get the most out of your marketing budget, she said.

"A small business owner can put themselves out there just like Nike, Coca-Cola or Starbucks," Coleman said. "What we want to do is make sure all those large digital marketing tools are available to everybody, no matter how small their business is."

The seminars focused on increasing web traffic and driving conversion through pay-per-click marketing, optimizing search engines like Google and Yahoo, capturing leads and using social media advertising effectively.

Attendees received a free digital media audit of their business.

The Gannett Local seminar served as the official launch of Michigan Media Solutions Digital Marketing Service.



Gannett Local's Digital Roadmap seminar was held in Southfield.

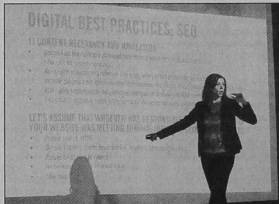
are, aimed at helping businesses with all aspects of their advertising and marketing needs across every platform, from print to tablets to smartphones and desktops, to reach a statewide audience. O&E Media is part of Michigan Media Solutions, a collective of digital properties that spans the entire state.

Frank Ruggiello, director of community and media relations for Schoolcraft College, attended the event.

"I'm looking for new ideas," Ruggiello said. "We do have a little budget for marketing and I always want to maximize those dollars."

Ruggiello's last job was in a public school district that didn't have enough money to run a marketing campaign.

I wanted to see what Gannett and in particular what Observer & Eccentric has to offer and whether we can work that



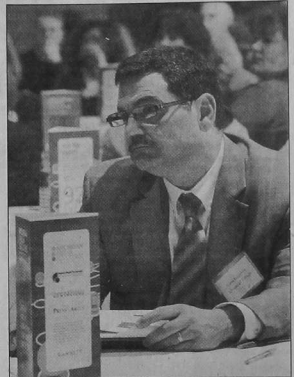
Keynote speaker Brandwyn Coleman is a senior executive marketing consultant with Gannett Local.

into our marketing plan," he said.

Frank Cibor, O&E Media advertising sales manager, said going digital is a challenge for businesses that have focused on more traditional marketing techniques. "This

is exciting," he said. "This will get them to see what is out there."

For more information, contact Advertising Director Grace Perry at (313) 222-2437 or via email at gperry@hometownlife.com.



Frank Ruggiello, director of community and media relations for Schoolcraft College, was interested in hearing about digital marketing. Ruggiello is former director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



Attendees filled the room.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvements:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane asphalt pavement shall consist of complete and partial asphalt pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Powell Road and proceeds southward on Hillcrest Dr. for approximately 3100 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

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- East from Meadow Ct. along Sunbird Dr. for approx. 130 feet to terminus
- South from Meadow Dr. along Robin Ct. for approx. 250 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Plum Trees Dr. for approx. 135 feet
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 900 feet to Meadow Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. W. for approx. 500 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. E. for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 120 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 850 feet to Normandy Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Woodway Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Normandy Dr. for approx. 1500 feet to Pine Hill Dr.
- West from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. W. for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- East from Normandy Dr. along Chambury Ct. for approx. 600 feet to terminus
- South from Normandy Dr. along Chambury Ct. for approx. 650 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Winterset Circle for approx. 130 feet

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Hillcrest Dr., Meadow Dr., Meadow Ct., Sunbird Dr., Robin Ct., Plumtrees Dr., Harvest Dr., Hillcrest Ct. W., Hillcrest Ct. E., Pinehill Dr., Normandy Dr., Woodway Dr., Normandy Ct. W., Normandy Ct. E., Chambury Ct., and Winterset Circle consists of Lots 1 through 185 of the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 1, Lot 209 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 2, and Lot 366 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 3, located in the Northwest ¼ of Section 32, T18, R8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,193,000.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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## Inspire Theatre School is open for spring enrollment

Inspire Theatre School for the Arts will kick off its spring semester with one seven-week class designed to teach students the art of comedy/melodrama.

Theatre for the Advanced Theatre Student, which will be taught on Saturday mornings, will introduce students to many of the aspects of theatre, both on stage and behind the scenes. Along the way, they will be exposed to set and prop work as well as training for the stage. Those students who have had stage experience will be given instruction to build on the skills they already possess.

Classes will focus on building characters, tapping into emotion, stage directions, finding their voice, confidence in public speaking, interpreting roles, characterization, projection, as well as improvisation and "being real." This semester's project is the comedy *The Ballad of Gopher Gap*.

Bunco DeSneer (slicker than lard on hot cornbread) is salting the Spenawampum Mine in Gopher Gap with fake minerals. He hopes to snare rich Easterners looking for a good investment. He's aided in his dirty work by Flora Fourflusher, a phony assayer, and Slats, a stupid stagecoach driver. The other full-time resident is Crazy Nanette, whose only child disappeared years ago when she left it in a nice cool spot... under an ice wagon. On the suckers show up, including a waif, a judge, a newspaperwoman and the man-hungry Otillie. Bunco wastes no time in fleecing them.

Two unexpected visitors arrive: Rocky Romantic, a mountain man and "wili-



Kylee Hammond of Farmington, Jamison Irwin of Livonia, Maryrosa Clark of Garden City and Kelsi Fay of Livonia perform in a scene from "Enchanted Forest," a recent Inspire School of Theatre Arts production.



Kelsi Fay and Jacob Robertson of Livonia appeared in the Inspire School of Theatre Arts' production of "Enchanted Forest."

derness poet," and Verlin-da Springblossomy. She's inherited the town from a distant relative, Pute Pete, and doesn't believe in "robbing the earth." She intends to close down the mine and open a hummingbird sanctuary. Naturally, Bunco will have none of this and the hilarity begins.

Inspire Theatre began in 2005 and has produced such plays as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Rather of the Bride*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap*, as well as many original productions. IT enjoys the status of being Westland's only live theatre.

Inspire School for the Theatre Arts began in the fall of 2010 as an outreach to the community for children to learn the elements of theatre in a safe, nurturing environment. This is ISTA's third season. This past Christmas ISTA presented Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Past classes have presented *A Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown*, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, plus two original productions, *The Wolf Chronicles* and *Enchanted Forest*.

Students come from Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Canton, Farmington, and Redford. Inspire Theatre located at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road, in Westland.

Registration will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9. Classes will run for seven weeks and conclude with the production. Auditions will hold the first week of class and parts will be assigned the following week. Classes are \$20 per class or \$105, if paid at registration. Class size is limited.

For more information, contact Len Fisher at inspire@inspiretheatre.com or by calling (734) 751-7057.

## Belle Isle Zoo celebrates all things mudpuppy

"Snot otter" and "slime dog" may sound like names that kids might call each other on the playground, but they're actually alternative monikers for the mudpuppy—a large, permanently aquatic salamander native to the Detroit River.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo will host an event to celebrate the mudpuppy 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10.

Mudpuppypalooza will feature fun and educational activities such as mask making, games and mudpuppy cookie decorating. Admission to the Belle Isle Nature Zoo and all Mudpuppypalooza activities are free.

In 2006, the Detroit Zoological Society (DZS) embarked on a program



to monitor the Detroit River mudpuppies, conducting catch-and-release surveys to track populations and better detect declines. Mudpuppies are measured, weighed and implanted with computer chips for identification before being returned to the river.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is located at the east end of Belle Isle near the

Blue Heron Lagoon. The Nature Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. It's closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

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## OUR VIEWS

# MEAP scores not political fodder

Despite outpacing the state average on the annual MEAP tests, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' students had unusually low science scores this year. That's a dangerous fact considering Gov. Rick Snyder and his charter school supporters make no secret in their belief that public schools are ineffective.

Based on Snyder's well-publicized commentaries that public schools have failed students and his 2012 duck session push to revamp public education, low science scores are easy fodder for his push to send public dollars to charter schools.

But there's more to the story on those science scores. As can be imagined, science scores historically fall in behind the higher reading, writing and social studies scores on MEAP.

In the MEAP world, only fifth and eighth graders are tested in science. Reading and math, however, are tested in each grade level (third through eighth). It appears that even MEAP does not consider science as basic a subject as reading, writing and arithmetic for consistent grade-to-grade testing.

In 2012, the percentage of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools fifth graders testing proficient in reading was 81. In math, it was 72. That compares



Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 won the district competition last weekend at Kettering University.

with 17 for science.

The same story goes for eighth-graders, who scored at 77 percent in reading and 59 percent in math, compared to 23 percent in science.

Parents of Plymouth-Canton students can breathe a sigh of relief - the statewide average for fifth graders in science this year was 13 percent and 16 percent for eighth graders.

Plymouth-Canton students are not alone in decreasing science scores. It seems the entire state of fifth and eighth graders appear to struggle with science, based on the cut scores system.

MEAP has never been a favorite among educators. It is administered in the fall of the academic year. That means teachers spend the start of each school year reviewing last year's material and so are, in essence, teaching for the three days when MEAP is administered.

In a world in which science and math are stressed more than ever, it is curious that the cut scores process seemingly targets students' apparent lack of science knowledge.

But are students really without a knowledge of science? Just look at the group of students

in Plymouth-Canton high schools who built a robot for the 2013 FIRST Robotics Competition, and went out and won the district competition at Kettering University with it last weekend. Their story is chronicled in this newspaper.

If Gov. Snyder and his supporters who believe that public education, particularly in science, fail students and leave them ill-prepared for a high-tech world, then why make attempts to gut public education in favor of the more costly charter schools. Of course, it has yet to be proven that charter schools are more

effective in preparing students for their futures.

Perhaps the time has come for Gov. Snyder and his compatriots to support public education rather than demean it.

Perhaps it's time that Snyder's administration stop making public education and standardized tests, such as MEAP, a political football to be tossed at will for whatever is the ideological whim of the moment.

Public education is not a failure and to treat it as such, particularly based on skewed test scores, is a path on which Snyder and his administration should not tread.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### With coyote sightings in the area, what would your reaction be if you saw a coyote in your back yard or near your house?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I would say 'amen, coyotes are back.'"

Jason Girard  
Belleville



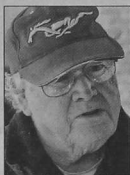
"I'd lock the door, stay in the house and call ordinance."

Mary Hinderlitter  
Canton



"I guess I would call Canton Township and let them know a coyote was seen in my back yard."

Al Wheatley  
Canton



"In my back yard, I have seen coons, skunks, pheasants and foxes. A coyote — that's just part of nature."

B.J. Miller  
Westland

## OUR VIEWS

# In March, celebrate women who dared to dream

Women's History Month sheds light on the many contributions women have made to life in the U.S.

Abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth delivered her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech December 1851 at a Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio.

"That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man — when I could get it — and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?" Truth asked her audience.

Truth has ties to Michigan, having lived the final 27 years of her life here. She died at

age 86 in 1883 and is buried in a Battle Creek cemetery. The National Congress of Black Women was instrumental in having a bust of Truth placed in the U.S. Capitol's Emancipation Hall in April 2009. At the dedication, first lady Michelle Obama honored Truth in her role as the first black first lady.

During World War II, many Michigan women went to work in defense plants as "Rosie the Riveter." Women also served with distinction in the military, and just recently the combat ban for most military women has been lifted.

Obstacles remain, but it's hard to imagine a time when girls thought their options after graduation were limited to teaching, nursing or being a secretary. Such work remains valuable, but women have broken through many barriers, entering law, medical and engineering schools in record numbers.

Some children and teens, in fact, don't recall a time when the U.S. Secretary of State wasn't female, up until just recently.

Barriers have fallen, but some remain. There's a nota-

ble pay gap between men and women, even adjusting for family responsibilities. Many women are breadwinners, and our nation as a whole suffers when women face pay discrimination.

New career opportunities are emerging for young people of both genders, especially in STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We need to guarantee our young people have these skills and take courses that will prepare them for the future, which will have technology likely barely dreamed of today.

Celebrating Women's History Month allows the community to collectively shed light on the impact women have had on our society, culture and economy. The stories of women who have had an incredible impact can provide excellent role models for today's teens and children.

Stop by the Canton Public Library and read about women in history and encourage children and teens to do the same.

Explore women's history — it's an interesting journey —

## LETTERS

### Lack of response

Consider this an open letter to Republican and conservative leaders alike.

Why are you surprised the Millennial Generation is not responding to you?

Why are you surprised that they are not concerned about our nation and its eroding brand of freedom? Have you ever wondered what our perception is of the conservative movement? Or have you wondered whether we truly understand the narrative? Have you considered that we are foreign students in a nation you know so well and love? You are frustrated that we will not come to your rallies, your monthly meetings, your pizza parties, or your door walking days. But my question to you is: what are you asking us to come to? With that question, I do not mean

what room, what building, or what town. But I mean ideology. What is your narrative? What is a Republican? What is conservative? What is your cause, your goal, the reason for your engagement?

The Millennial Generation (early 20s to early 30s) and now younger, need you and need your message. But until you define that for which you want us to engage, in language we understand, make it appealing to our senses and emotions and use things we care about to make the case that your path is better than the one we follow — do not expect us to come.

If you were in our shoes, would you want to follow? I didn't think so. So, don't expect the same of us. Ask yourself "What is the thing that I'm calling them to? How does my cause stand for more worthy purposes than the opposition? How do I explain the

principles and their impact on things the Millennials care about?"

If you do not figure out how to do it quick, who knows what will happen in our nation's future. Please stop looking to us to get engaged or blaming tomorrow's potential demise on our dismissal of what's important. Instead, please start by telling us your story, listening to us at times without saying a word, and sharing the vision for what we can become as individuals, a generation and a nation. Until you start doing the necessary things, we're not coming. Quit looking to us. We're looking to you.

Reposted with permission as I couldn't have said it better. Stand for something and leave everything on the table defending and defining that position.

Lori Levi  
Canton

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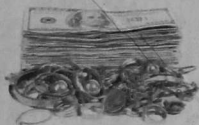
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## CLASS A BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

# 'Cats finally taste success

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Josh Priebe and the rest of the Plymouth Wildcats tipped it up Monday night in a Class A boys basketball district contest at Northville, they were aware that the bleachers at one end of the gymnasium were filled with noisy, orange-clad home fans.

That didn't get them seeing red, however. Instead, they put their blinders on and went to work, earning a 48-37 win.

"The whole game we were trying to tune it out," said Priebe, a senior guard who led the Wildcats with 17 points. "We knew it was going to be loud, we knew it was going to be crazy. We knew we just got to do our thing, keep grinding."

Priebe was far from a one-man show as the Wildcats (10-11) won a district game for the first time in history. Plymouth advanced to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a Wednesday night district semifinal.

He had plenty of hard-nosed help from senior backcourt cohorts Jake Divens (15 points) and Brendan Swanson (five

points, eight rebounds) and senior forwards Sid Acharya (five points) and Brian Schmid (four boards), among others.

"This is the first district win in Plymouth history," Priebe said. "So we were really pumped. We know Northville's a good team, we knew there was going to be hype and we just came out really tough."

### Work pays off

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said his senior leaders set the tone, but he emphasized the entire squad followed his game plan to perfection.

"We've won three (in a row). We're getting rolling at a pretty good time," Soukup said. "We've been so close all year long, it's nice to finally see some of the hard work that nobody else gets to see pay off in a big way, in a big win for us."

"We executed the game plan we had, which was to try to limit (Andrew) Meacham as much as we could. He's one of the best players in the K.L.A.A. And limit (Stewart) Henzi, if we could, and

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Taking the ball to the basket Monday night against Northville in the Class A boys basketball district game is Plymouth senior guard Josh Priebe.

BRIAN QUINTOS

## Boys bowling

### MHSAA recap

Salem junior Brandon Allison reached the round of 16, but was eliminated in a first-round match play opener Saturday at MHSAA Division 1 Singles Bowling Finals held at Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

Allison, the 14th seed coming out of the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,223, lost to third seed Alex Zarbaugh of Belleville, 396-386.

Unable to make it out of the qualifying block were Canton junior Brandon Pozan (27th, 1,166), Salem senior Kevin Williams (32nd, 1,138), Canton sophomore Aaron Madsen (48th, 1,082) and Canton junior Michael Richards (58th, 1,014).

Allison and Williams, part of Salem's D1 team championship, won Friday in Muskegon.

## Girls bowling

### MHSAA recap

In the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Singles Bowling Finals Saturday at Muskegon's Northway Lanes, Salem senior Kristin Larkins and Plymouth junior Carlynn Webb emerged out of the qualifying block but were subsequently defeated in the Round of 16.

Larkins, who was the fifth seed with a six-game total of 1,216, lost to 12th-seeded Barbara Lawson of Grand Lodge by a 399-371 tally. Lawson eventually won the state championship.

Webb, the top finisher at the previous week-end's D1 individual girls regional at Super Bowl in Canton, was 14th out of the qualifying block (1,175) but fell 391-376 to second-seeded Heather Baur of Davison.

Salem senior Bridget Maul placed 30th in the qualifying block (1,120) while Canton junior Bri Bally finished 58th (918).

Greg Williams (No. 22) of Canton splits Salem defenders Nate Sass (No. 12) and Kevin Mack (No. 11) during Monday's district game at Northville.



BRIAN QUINTOS

# Canton dunks Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton knocked off some early rust Monday, knocked down a few shots and knocked Salem out of the postseason tournament with a 57-49 victory at Northville.

The Class A district boys basketball game opened with the Rocks going up 7-0 with about 3:30 remaining in the first quarter. But Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy called a timeout, inserted senior guard Ryan

Planey and junior forward Davon Taylor into the lineup and the Chiefs started to get on track.

"I thought Planey and Taylor off the bench were huge for us," Reddy said. "Especially when we needed to make shots early. Those guys came in and gave us some energy."

"Planey especially, and then Davon in the second half finishing around the rim. Davon did a great job on the glass (16 rebounds) and guarding defensively, as well."

It took the Chiefs a little while to take off, however.

Salem still held a commanding 20-10 edge with 3:45 left in the opening half following a three-point play by Rocks senior forward Chris Dierker (14 points, eight rebounds) and a trey from the left flank by senior guard Kevin "KJ" Mack (16 points).

The Chiefs (15-6) came storming back, with 6-8 junior forward Jor-

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## Wildcats nab 1st regional crown

Plymouth became the first school from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to claim a regional hockey title Saturday with a resounding

**BOYS HOCKEY** 8-0, mercy-shortened victory over Dearborn Heights Crestwood-Garden City Unified at the Dearborn DISC.

With the regional crown, the Wildcats advanced to the Division 1 state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, at the University of Michigan's Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor. Results were not available as of press time.

"These boys worked hard all year long, accomplished a lot of things, and they deserve that trophy," said head coach Gerry Vento. "It is a great accomplishment for the program, but we still have some work to do."

The Wildcats (22-5-1) blizzed Crestwood-GC (13-10-4) with seven first period goals. Junior forward Mike Schultz led the way with two goals and two assists. His brother, senior forward Nick Schultz, finished with one goal and two assists.

Junior forwards Corey Smith and Michael Scarpello, who were called up to the varsity team two weeks ago after spending most of the season with Plymouth's prep team, each found the net. Smith scored twice.

Junior Zach Taverne and senior Ryan Theisen (power play) closed out the scoring for the Wildcats, who outshot the Chargers 31-2. Sophomore goaltenders Jared Maddock and Erik VandenBosch combined for Plymouth's eighth

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# Park sweep

## Chiefs lead campus parade to D1 team gymnastics finals

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

This time around, Canton varsity gymnastics coach John Cunningham hopes he doesn't have another Bill Murray *Groundhog Day* moment at the Division 1 team finals.

Cunningham's team Saturday won the Region 3 championship at Plymouth High School, with 145.95 points. It marks Canton's fourth consecutive regional title — the first three times it was Grand Lodge to come between the Chiefs and a state title.

Even so, winning Saturday was just one of the to-do items for the Chiefs as they embark on some unfinished business. "This is that step," Cunningham said. "This is our fourth regional championship, and hopefully it's not our fourth second place at states."

He chuckled slightly when making that comment.

"We have the ability to win states," Cunningham added. "I just hope they can put it all together."

### PCEP prowess

The Chiefs will have plenty of company from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when they return to the Plymouth gymnasium for the D1 finals, which begin at 2 p.m. Friday. Also qualifying were Plymouth and Salem, placing second and third overall with 140.775 and 140.325 points, respectively. Making the cut as the state's 13th-ranked team



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Canton sophomore Jocelyn Moraw, shown preparing Saturday for her routine on uneven parallel bars, tallied the highest all-around score of the regionals.

was fourth-place Livonia Red (140.075).

"There's no other region (four teams) can score 140, there's just no way it can happen," Cunningham said. "I've looked at the scores from around the state and there are some 140 teams, but it will be 1-2, not 1-2-3-4."

The Park also will be well-represented at next Saturday's individual finals (also at Plymouth). The top eight D1 and D2 finishers in each event automatically qualified. Also mak-

ing the cut were the top six all-arounders in each division. Canton had medal winners across the board, including the top 4 in Division 1 all-around — led by Jocelyn Moraw's 37.15. In places 2-4 were teammates Maddie Toal (36.025), Melissa Green (35.925) and Nicole Lascecki (35.65).

But Cunningham emphasized that some sharpening up will need to take place if the Chiefs are to finally scale the Grand

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## Salem hosts baseball clinic

Youngsters wanting to spruce up their baseball skills can do so at the 2013 Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic, set for Saturday, March 23, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1 is 9 a.m. to noon, for kids ages 7-10; Session 2 will take place from 1-4 p.m., for those ages 11-15.

Cost for three hours of instruction from the 2013 Salem coaching staff (led by Dale Rumberger, 2012 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee and veteran Rocks' varsity coach) and current varsity players is just \$30. That includes a snack and T-shirt.

For more information, e-mail salemrocksbaseball@gmail.com or contact Jeff Vergolini at (734) 612-7027.

## Dynamo 1st

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-11 girls soccer team, posted a 7-0-1 record to win the second indoor session at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Team members include Andrea Abramson, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laicoano, Olivia Pella, Julieger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods.



# Dexter puts clamps on Canton

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton played a typical solid defensive game Tuesday night in a Class A girls basketball regional semifinal at Novi High School.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they were up against Dexter — another gritty squad, albeit with more size and experience — and the Dreadnaughts' defense was enough to snuff Canton in a 26-17 victory.

"They're a pretty big group and they're a pretty experienced group," said Chiefs' head coach Brian Samulski about the Dreadnaughts, who started five seniors. "They really packed it in the lane and when we struggled we struggled to get around the rim and score around the rim. That's my fault. I got to do a better job of finding a way to get the girls opportunities around the rim."

The first half was a defensive struggle for both teams, with Dexter

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(21-3) hanging on to a 3-2 edge after eight minutes of play. Dexter upped that edge to 9-2 at halftime, as the Chiefs (16-7) could not consistently gain entry into the post.

Canton was unable to score a field goal until a putback by junior forward Paige Aresco (six points, five rebounds, four steals) with about six minutes left in the third (which made it an 11-4 Dexter lead).

A trey from the left corner by junior guard Rachel Winters with 4:30 remaining in the third cut out the deficit to 13-8, but Pisano (eight points) answered with a basket and Kill sank two free throws following an offensive charge called against the Chiefs.

It was 18-11 entering the fourth and the Chiefs did rally on successive field goals by sophomore guard Alanna Brown (four points) and junior cen-

ter Taylor Hunley (four points, five rebounds, three blocked shots) to pull to within 20-15 with 3:50 left in regulation.

The Chiefs kept pressing on defense and forced Dexter to turn the ball over a few times down the stretch. But they could not capitalize, putting up errant shots and sending the Dreadnaughts to the free-throw line at the other end of the court.

"Obviously, they're disappointed," Samulski said. "No one wants to lose. But hopefully we learned from it and go from there and see if we can get better. We'll have nine kids coming back."

"The girls should really feel proud of what they got done. I don't think any one coming into this deal thought they'd be as competitive as they were."

Samulski pointed to how three of the team's losses were to Westland John Glenn (the state-ranked team that defeated the Chiefs in the KJAA Kensington Conference final) and two others were also against top opponents.

"They competed in every game, battled hard, they played in the conference championship game against a really good team (Glenn)," he continued. "They won the district championship and they competed tonight."

Only seniors Kayla Lagola and Megan Smith will be leaving the team, and Samulski had praise for them as well. "Kayla and Megan, they had outstanding careers. They're great kids, couldn't ask for better people."

Canton also played shorthanded, without 5-11 junior forward Shannon Perry who injured a knee Friday in the district final against Northville.

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Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14, left) faces defensive scrutiny from Dexter's Emma Kill during Tuesday night's Class A regional semifinal contest. In the background for the Chiefs is Natalie Winters (No. 13).

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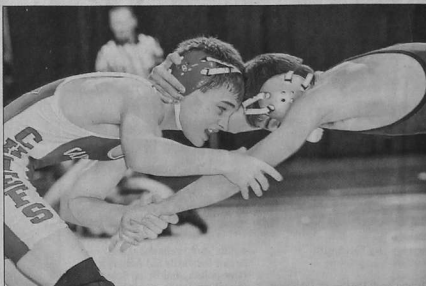
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## INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS



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Despite suffering from a meniscus tear, Canton junior Ben Griffin (left) takes on Warren Mott's Garrett Strube in the first round of the individual finals at 125.

# Griffin, Youssef place at Palace

The top placer among Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers at the Division 1 individual finals was Canton junior Ben Griffin, who finished sixth at 125.

Plymouth 103-pounder Mohamad Youssef came in seventh while four others from the Park did not finish in the top eight.

But Chiefs' head coach Cory Mancuso cited Griffin's performance despite wrestling with a torn meniscus (sustained at the KJAA Championship).

"I'm very proud of Ben," Mancuso said. "He wrestled really well for having a torn meniscus. Most kids wouldn't even think of competing with that type of injury."

"Ben is one tough kid."

He will get the surgery to repair his knee in the next week or so and then get back on the mat and start training for next season." In the first round last Thursday, Griffin defeat-

ed Garrett Strube (Warren Mott) by a major decision of 11-3. Then came a 4-1 victory over Davidson's Derek Humphrey in the quarterfinal before dropping a 4-3 bout to eventual runner-up Martin Rodriguez of Holt.

"The semifinals match against Rodriguez was a tough match up for Griffin," Mancuso added. "He wrestled a really good match. Unfortunately, a questionable call by the official ended up being the difference in the match."

"In my mind Griffin didn't win the match, but he didn't lose it either."

Griffin's 2-3 showing at the Palace gave him a 51-7 record for the season.

Plymouth's Youssef finished at 52-5 with his 3-2 showing in Auburn Hills. In the opening round, Youssef lost by major decision to Harrison L'Anse Creuse's Brendan Hazelton (13-5) but the Wildcat turned the tables

on Kalamazoo Central's Javuis Cunningham in the quarterfinal winning 9-0.

He followed that up with a 6-2 victory over Livonia Franklin's Jack Newa only to fall 4-1 to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Billy Cobb-Gulley.

Youssef's season ended with an 8-1 win over Jackson Renicker of Brighton.

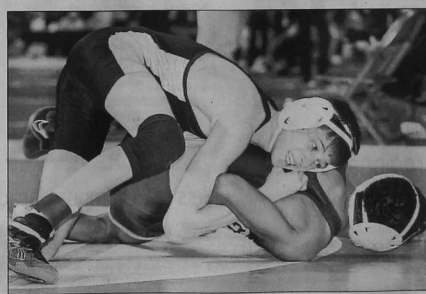
As for the other PCEP state qualifiers, Salem's Tyler Gross (16-0) and Plymouth's Trey Berry (11-9) and Jon Conn (13-5) all went 1-2.

Gross won by major decision over Nate Smith of Hartland, 12-2 and finished 39-9.

Berry decided Chad Medley of New Baltimore Anchor Bay by a 6-5 score and wound up 40-18 for the year.

Conn (45-15) won by forfeit over Grand Lodge's Dylan Steward.

Also at the Palace was Plymouth 140-pounder Alec Breckenridge, who went 0-2 to finish 46-8.



Plymouth 103-pounder Mohamad Youssef (left) gains position against a second-round foe during the Division 1 individual finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

## BOYS WRESTLING RESULTS

### MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS AREA FINISHERS

Feb. 28-March 1 at Palace

#### DIVISION 1

Ben Griffin, Canton (125), 6th place; won by major decision over Garrett Strube (Warren Mott), 11-3; d. decision Derek Humphrey (Davidson), 4-1; dec by Martin Rodriguez (Holt), 4-3; dec by Mitch Pawlak (Temperance Bedford), 3-0; lost by injury default to Ben Caladino (Howell), Final record: 5-7.

Mohamad Youssef, Plymouth (103), 7th place; lost by major

dec. to Brendan Hazelton (Harrison L'Anse Creuse), 13-5; won by maj. dec. over Javuis Cunningham (K'Zoo Central), 9-0; dec. Jack Newa (Livonia Franklin), 6-2; dec by Billy Cobb-Gulley (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 4-1; dec. Jackson Renicker (Brighton), 8-1. Final record: 52-5.

Tyler Gross, Salem (160); dec by Shon Powell (Brother Rice), 11-4; won by maj. dec. over Nate Smith (Hartland), 12-2; dec by Carson Whaley (Grand Island), 9-5. Final record: 39-9.

Trey Berry, Plymouth (119); pinned by Austin Thompson

(Port Huron Northern), 1-07; dec. Chad Medley (New Baltimore), 6-5; p. by Trevor Zdebki (Catholic Central), 3-15. Final record: 40-18.

Alec Breckenridge, Plymouth (140); lost by maj. dec. to Kaelen Richards (Rochester), 9-0; dec by Jon Conn (Brighton), 8-5. Final record: 46-8.

Jon Conn, Plymouth (135); p. by Justin Oliver (Davidson), 5-34; won by forfeit over Dylan Steward (Grand Lodge); lost by maj. dec. to Quentin Santiago (Wyandotte Roosevelt), 9-0. Final record: 45-14.

## Ramirez HRs as Crusaders split

The Madonna University baseball team split on opening day of its spring trip March 1 in the RussMatt Invitational in Auburndale, Fla.

The 24th-ranked Crusaders fell to Evangel University (Mo.) in the opener, 1-0, before bouncing back to beat Trinity International (Ill.), 12-3, at Lake Myrtle Park.

Evangel (11-3) got a complete game one-hitter

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from pitcher Blake McKinnon, who improved to 5-1 overall. He struck out six and walked only one.

Evangel scored its lone run in the bottom of the sixth on Nathan Jones' solo homer off MU starter Josh Deeg, who slipped to 1-1.

Deeg went the first 5.1 innings, allowing just the one hit, but he walked

eight and struck out five.

In the nightcap, freshman catcher Brett Ramirez (Salem) went 2-for-3 with a homer and four RBI as the Crusaders routed Trinity International (0-2).

Designated hitter Jeff Beckles also knocked in two runs, while Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harbor) added two hits and an RBI.



## HOOPS

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we did that. Best game of the year."

Meacham led Northville with 10 points, while Henzi and junior Joe Hewlett each tallied six.

Mustangs head coach Todd Sander lamented some early struggles both with offense and protecting the basketball, as the Mustangs finished the season with a 12-9 record.

"They made a good call going 3-3 (zone)," Sander said. "It gave us a lot more trouble than I thought it would. But we were cold early, and just (had) some real unforced turnovers early."

"There really was no reason for them, there was no pressure. Guys were maybe a little bit nervous. I'm not sure."

Sander did tip his cap to the Wildcats' collective defense and tenacity.

"Plymouth is a spectacular team when they have the lead," Sander said. "They're senior guards on their roster. Their guards are very, very good and protect the ball very good. They're hard to come back from."

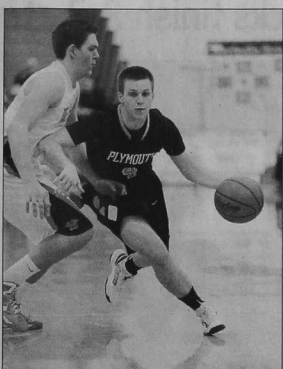
As an example of how tough the Wildcats were, Divens took a hit to the nose trying to launch a buzzer-beating try at the end of the third quarter. He shook it off and sank two of three foul shots to put Plymouth up 31-22 entering the fourth.

Then in the opening moments of the fourth, Priebe went strong to the rack only to get knocked to the floor. A couple of burn marks were worth the price for draining the subsequent three layovers.

Nearly three minutes into the quarter, it was senior guard Tyler Gambin's turn to work his way through traffic for a dirty drive rebound to keep the Mustangs from getting a run going.

"Our defense led to our offense tonight," Priebe said.

Such was the case early in the second quarter, when the Wildcats took control. After Northville led 8-7 entering the sec-

BRIAN QUINTOS  
Senior guard Jake Divens (No. 4).

ond, Acharya sank a free throw to tie the game. Priebe and sophomore guard Josh Reynolds each parlayed a steal into a layup to open up a 12-8 edge with six minutes left in the half.

Plymouth kept pressing and expanded the lead to 18-11 with 2:30 remaining. First, an alley-oop pass from Acharya from the left wing found Priebe for a layup. Swanson then picked off a Northville pass and Acharya benefited with a reverse layup.

Northville tried to get back into the game early in the third, thanks to a trey by junior forward Malik Bazzi (10 points).

### Closing it out

Any such thoughts were short-lived as Plymouth went on an 8-0 run to go up 28-18 with 2:40 left in the third quarter. Priebe stole the ball yet again, and took it in for another layup. He followed that up by driving along the baseline from the left corner for a bank-shot. Swanson capped the surge, taking a feed from Acharya and burying a 3-pointer from the right corner.

The Mustangs could not

get any closer than seven points the rest of the game, forced to take low-percentage shots from the perimeter or foul Plymouth players in an attempt to get the ball back.

Swanson hit 8-of-10 free throws in the fourth to ice the victory.

"I thought we settled at times, shooting outside rather than look inside first," Sander said. "But it's a completely different thing if those things go in."

As for Plymouth's next task, Priebe said the way the Wildcats stayed focused Monday could help when they face the Shamrocks (5-15): "We know we just got to tune it out and play our game and we'll be good."

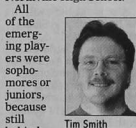
Soukup added that he'll remind his team not to get caught up in Catholic Central's below-.500 record.

The play in the Catholic League, not the K.I.A.A., Soukup said. "It's going to be a huge challenge, but I'm going to enjoy this one for about four hours and go home and start prepping."

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# There's silver lining even in defeat

Fifteen minutes after Salem's season ended Monday night, players started to trickle out of the locker room at Northville High School.



Tim Smith

of the emerging players were sophomores or juniors, because still behind closed doors were seniors Chris Dierker, Kevin Mack, Ahmad Khalid, Nate Sass, Cam Werner, Austin Whitte and Ankit Tikari — each an important member of the rotation — immersed in one final pow-wow with head coach Bob Brodie.

Finis, Mack, the affable team captain, slowly strode into the hallway. He looked ahead, not behind him.

That was exactly what Brodie said his new ex-players as their prep careers came to a sudden close at the hands of the cross-campus Canton Chiefs in the Class A boys basketball district.

"This isn't the end of our life, you know," said Mack, a 6-0 point guard paragonizing Brodie's emotional message to the Class of 2013. "It was fun, we've been together four years now and we've won a lot of things."

"But this isn't the end of the road. Coach told us if this is the worst thing to happen to you in your life then you're going to have a good life. That was just the message, to keep going on."

One year ago, Mack, Dierker and the other seniors were part of a Salem team that rolled to the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship with some big-time victories under immense pressure. The Rocks ultimately fell short in the state tournament, however, falling to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

After Taylor Stewart

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Salem guard and captain Kevin "KJ" Mack (No. 11) is shown being shadowed by Canton's Josh Mayberry (No. 2) during Monday's district contest.

(Madonna University) and others graduated, the hope was for similar success in 2012-13. Although Salem was a strong team, particularly early in the season, the victories became harder to come by as the months came and went.

### Stand tall

Brodie, who wore red eyes, loosened tie and unbuttoned shirt when he eventually left the team room Monday, reiterated what he told those players who now will hopefully continue with basketball at the college level.

"It's not the end of the world," Brodie said. "Those seniors had a great two years. They played well, they had some championships under their belt. They had a great season this year. We played a lot of close games, we just didn't finish a couple times and lost our focus and gave up too many (scoring) runs."

"But they (Rocks) dug hard, they played hard right up to the end. I'm proud of the way they played the last couple years."

He's been down this road before, of course, saying so long to cherished teams and players. On the other hand, he

brightens when discussing what the future might bring for some of the 2013 Rocks.

Dierker, for one, is said to have verbally committed to Madonna, where he would join Stewart.

"Chris has been outstanding," Brodie said. "Last year he was good for us and this year he was good for us. He was a go-to guy and we tried to go to him tonight a little bit."

Brodie said Madonna would be "a perfect fit" for the 6-7 power forward, although he repeated what he said last year when Stewart signed at MU — college ball is a different animal than the K.I.A.A.

Mack is considering a couple opportunities, too. "I'm playing basketball in college somewhere," said the kid they call KJ. "I just haven't committed yet."

Then, the Rocks went up into the stands to watch two other high school teams compete. They looked lost, as though they knew they should still be down on that floor.

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## PCA cagers off to good start in districts

The big test is looming for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team, the very one that Eagles head coach Dominique Washington has been looking for.

PCA blew out Huron Valley Lutheran 63-28 Monday night in a Class D district opener and now move on to face powerhouses Allen Park and Inter-City Baptist — the third-ranked team in Class D with a 17-4 record.

"I told my seniors they've never beaten Inter-City Baptist," Washington said. "For my four seniors, there is no next year. We've been playing all year for a moment like this."

PCA (12-9) loaded its schedule with eight teams ranked in the top-15 either in Class C or Class D, particularly to

### CLASS D

help the team get ready for when the competition ante gets raised, as it will be against Inter-City Baptist 8 p.m. Wednesday at Taylor Baptist Park.

Of course, the Eagles first needed to take care of HVL, doing so with a string of 3-balls in the first half to build leads of 21-7 after one quarter and 37-14 at halftime.

The main train in the Hawks' side early on was Alex Huber. He scored 12 points, all on treys during the first half, and contributed six assists.

Other PCA players to spark the attack included Drew Ibach (16 points), Daniel Jipping (12 points, 10 rebounds), Mick Noel (nine points) and Matt Sumner (seven rebounds).

**BAPTIST PARK 73, LUTHER WESTLAND 47:** Anthony Kaminski and Daniel Eubank each scored 20 points to lead four players in double figures Monday as host Taylor Baptist Park (15-6) downed Lutheran High Westland (10-10) in the Class D district opener. Kirk Thomas and Devante Schofield added 16 and 15, respectively, for the host Wildcats, who pulled away in the second half.

Nick Andzrejczak scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Warriors, who trailed by only seven at half, 34-27, before being outscored 17-7 in the second quarter. Jake Davenport also added seven points in the first half, while Davenport scored 16, Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "Our defensive energy was good and we shot 50 percent (11-for-22) from the floor."

"We looked tired in the second half. We looked worn down. Our guys did not give up, but just don't know how much was left in the tank. We've got to hand it to Baptist Park ... they were definitely the better team tonight. It was one of those nights."

After intermission, the surge picked right up where it left off, with the Chiefs building a 36-22 lead following a jumper from Planey and sophomore guard Greg Williams' basket-and-one with 1:20 remaining in the third.

Andrey Alexeev scored the lone Saginaw goal in the second period, his eighth of the season.

The Whalers, who have qualified for the OHL playoffs for a current league record of 22 consecutive years, outshot the Spirit, 34-28.

Plymouth is off until 2 p.m. Sunday when they host Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

### OHL HOCKEY

and added an assist. Trochev won has 47 points and 53 assists for 100 points on the season and is second in the league scoring race behind Sarnia's Charles Sarault (102 points). Matt Mistle (32), Tom Wilson (23) and Mitchell Hearn (12) were also scored for the Whalers — who led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

Nedeljkovic lowered his goals against aver-

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dan Nobles (eight points, seven blocked shots, six rebounds) connecting on successive field goals (including a trey) to slice the Salem lead to 20-17.

Then it was Planey's turn as he left a triple for the Chiefs with 20 points and made all three free throws after being fouled on another bid from behind the arc to put Canton up 25-20 at halftime.

### Hot hand

"Yeah, there's just games like that where you luckily have it," said Planey, who led the Chiefs with 20 points. "It's just how our team is. We play together, we know who's hot and if we get them the ball, it's going to go down."

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### Cats baseball clinics

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is just around the corner.

Youngsters who want to improve baseball skills for the 2013 season and beyond are urged to sign up ASAP for the sessions: 9 a.m. to noon Sat-

All Salem (12-9) could muster during that stretch were two buckets by Dierker.

The Chiefs led 38-26 after three quarters and the Rocks could never really threaten after that, although they did benefit from Canton foul trouble to cut the lead to less than 10 a few times.

"That run really hurt us and that's where our season's kind of gone this year," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "We've given up some runs and can't get back into it. But we never quit. We could have folded the tent up a little bit, but we didn't do that."

Other Canton contributors included Williams (nine points), senior point guard Josh Mayberry (eight points, seven assists) and senior Scott Gring (five rebounds). Taylor augmented his work on the glass with eight points.

"Salem had a great start to the game. We weren't as ready for the game as we talked about," Reddy said. "We talked about having a fast start and we didn't. But I think our poise and our

purpose was solid. We kept our composure."

Nate Sass scored seven points for Salem, hurt as a unit by poor shooting (14-of-56, 25 percent). Pulling down six rebounds was senior center Ahmad Khalid.

According to Brodie, after their team got to within 52-43 with two minutes left, there still remained hope on the Salem bench.

"You're hoping for a shot to be knocked down," Brodie said. "But you spend a lot of energy just to stay in the game and get after them."

"That's a good basketball team over there. Those guys have a lot of firepower. They're strong, they're big, they shoot the ball well. Everything we did, they had an answer for us."

Despite the victory, Reddy said some work on the bench could get ironed out before Wednesday's district semifinal against Novi. "We'll have to play better Wednesday if we want to play on Friday night."

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## Whalers win 4th straight

Plymouth Whalers goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 27 shots and his teammates displayed a balanced offense in Tuesday morning's 4-1 win over Saginaw.

The Whalers have won four games in a row (and two of 13) to improve to 38-5-4, good for 85 points and first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Former Spirit captain Vince Trochev scored his 47th goal of the year for Plymouth

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

aturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23. Both sessions will take place at the Plymouth High School gymnasium and are for boys and girls currently in grades one-eight.

The cost is \$25 per session, with that fee including a snack. T-shirts will be available at the clinic.

Because there is room for 100 campers, early registration is encouraged. For the registration form, go to <http://baseball.plymouthwildcats.com/240.html>.

Contact Plymouth Baseball coach Bryan Boyd with any questions. He can be reached at Bryan.Boyd@pccsmail.net.



Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team celebrates its first-ever regional championship Saturday at the Dearborn DISC, after blanking Crestwood-GC Unified 8-0. The Wildcats were slated to face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Wednesday night in a Division 1 quarterfinal.

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shutout of the season. Senior Mitch Claggett, Dean Guther and Jordan Lopetrone each chipped in two assists.

### Journey continues

In addition to the first regional title, the team has also established a new program record with 22 wins in a season. "It was a nice to win the regional (Saturday), but we had to get two tough playoff wins over our rivals to give us this opportunity," said Vento, referring to last Monday's 5-1 victory over Canton and Wednesday's 4-3 double-overtime thriller over Salem.



Amanda Hoehn (right) of the PCS Penguins wins the puck against a Detroit Country Day player Tuesday at Eddie Edgar Arena.

# Penguins romp to start playoffs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

This season for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls' hockey team has been punctuated by nail-biting finishes and overtime sessions.

Such was the case Tuesday in a Division 2 playoff against Detroit Country Day at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. Goals came fast and furious for the Penguins en route to a 9-0 mercy-rule victory over the Yellow Jackets in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League first-round playoff matchup. PCS will now square off against Walled Lake 8 p.m. Thursday at Eddie Edgar. Should the Penguins get past the Wild, the D2 championship game is 4 p.m. Saturday, with Farmington Hills Mercy the likely opponent.

"We did have to take care of business and it's kind of hard to start playoffs in that fashion because if we start forming bad habits that will carry over into Thursday's game against Walled Lake," PCS head coach Mary Beth Trainer said. "If we make mistakes against Walled Lake they'll definitely capitalize on us." "So we have a lot of work to do (Wednesday) at practice."

Scoring three goals and assisting on another for the Penguins (10-6-3) was senior forward Jordan Patterson, who now has 24 goals and 10 assists to rank among the MMGHSLL D2 scoring leaders.

Contributing two goals and three assists was junior forward Jenna Carter. She opened the scoring early in the first, banking in a rebound while helping PCS kill off a penalty.

Patterson and Cece Hitch padded the lead to 3-0 before PCS scored twice

The Wildcats, Vento added, have worked together since last summer and they are seeing rewards for their hard work, "but the good thing is they are still not satisfied."

Plymouth continues the journey with its first hockey matchup against the Shamrocks, a perennial hockey power, with a berth in the state semifinals on the line. Catholic Central advanced to the state quarterfinals with a 3-1 win over Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday.

"It is going to be a great atmosphere and a great opportunity for our players and program," Vento said. "We are looking forward to it. We hope the student body will support us by showing up in force."

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Canton isn't the only gymnastics team from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wanting to make some big noise at this week's Division 1 state finals.

Also in the hunt will be Plymouth and Salem, which finished 2-3, respectively, at Saturday's D1 team regional at Plymouth High School. The Wildcats tallied 140.775 points, while the Rocks were right behind with 140.325.

According to Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey, it took an inspirational routine on floor by senior co-captain Jane McCurry (who tied for first with 9.55) to push the Wildcats past the 140-point threshold.

"Jane just literally blew right through floor," Yockey said. "She's a very strong and confident performer and she really led us the whole meet."

"That's what really brought us over. We weren't scoring our normal scores on floor and, because of that, when she came in and just decided she was going to do it, she kind of brought the team through it."

McCurry wanted to make sure she didn't let her team down in the quest for states, finishing her impressive routine with an emphatic flourish — complete with hands pointing skyward. "I love floor," McCurry said, listing it as her favorite of the four events. "I was a very competitive cheerleader, so I'm bent at tumbling. I just love the feeling of performing."

### Others were key

Yockey underscored the efforts of several other Wildcats for the regional success.

"Rebecca Simu on bars and Haley (Metz) on bars, they are just very determined and very focused," Yockey said. "The just know where they're at, and they just swing bars like it's second nature. Haley does a wonderful job on vault and Rebecca is an outstanding vaulteer." Simu and Metz tied for fifth in D1 on vault with 8.85; both also finished in the top eight on bars. Metz came in fourth on bars with 8.875, while Simu's 8.875 earned her eighth place.

Also strong on beam

## MHSAA REGION 3 GYMNASTICS REGIONALS March 2 at Plymouth H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 145.95; 2. Plymouth, 140.775; 3. Salem, 140.325; 4. Livonia Red, 140.075; 5. Grosse Pointe United, 138.50; 6. Livonia Blue, 136.725; 7. Saline, 134.85; 8. Northville, 133.175; 9. Adrian, 129.075; 10. Tecumseh; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 12. Dearborn Foshell.

(\* qualified for Division 1 team finals, March 8 at team finals)

**VAULT:** (Top 8 per division qualify)

D1: 1. Moraw (Cnt), 9.20; 3. Green (Cnt), 8.9; 4. Metz (Ply), 8.875; 6. (tie) Toal (Cnt), 8.80.

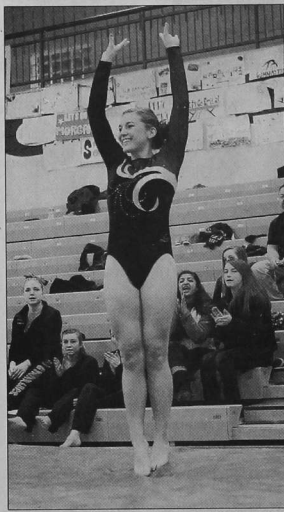
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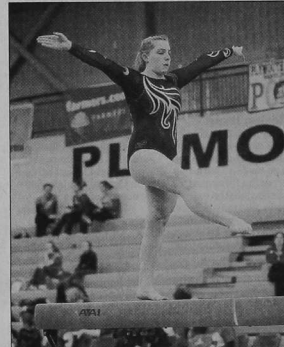
Ledge obstacle.

"We need to be better (at finals)," he said. "If we have this meet, we will lose (likely to Grand Ledge). But it's a good wake-up call for my girls. "We really didn't do well on beam, we did great on floor and vault. If we can clean up beam, we can challenge."

**Vaulting to the top**  
The Chiefs already are



PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Plymouth senior gymnast Jane McCurry's finishing routine on floor exercise was a key factor in the team qualifying for the Division 1 team finals.



Showing skill and concentration during her performance on the balance beam is Salem's Morgan Soper.

for Plymouth was Samantha Fontana, who tied for fifth in D2 with senior teammate and co-captain Sarah Uhliah (each with a score of 8.925).

"She came through for us on beam. She's one of our stronger performers on beam," Yockey said about Fontana. "She just

nailed her routine." The coach couldn't forget to single out Uhliah for her contributions.

"Sarah is one of our consistent performers. I can always guarantee I will get a certain all-around score from her," Yockey said. "And she's been one of the main cornerstones of the team

for four years. She's an excellent captain and a very strong leader."

Placing in a tie for seventh on floor for the Wildcats was Katie Salanga, with 9.15.

### Salem standouts

Salem head coach Dana Driscoll's team will be going to the D1 team finals for the third consecutive year, and she said having three PCEP teams qualifying speaks to the high quality of gymnastics in the area.

"It feels good, it's nice," Driscoll said. "It's been a long time since Plymouth had a team to compete with us and be up there with us at that level. "It's really neat to be able to take all three teams up there and see what happens. On any given day, you never know."

Among Driscoll's top performers Saturday were Andrea Merlotti, Morgan Soper, Brooke Allgeyer and Brittany Ramirez. Merlotti was the third-place all-arounder in D2 (35.870), while Soper placed fourth in D2 all-around with 35.375.

Allgeyer and Ramirez each finished in the top eight in D2 vault, while Ramirez tied with Merlotti for second in D2 bars (8.75). Placing third on beam and floor was Soper.

"Today, Morgan had a great meet," Driscoll said. "The last two years she was really disappointed to not make the all-around (for states), even though she had some really good events. Thankfully, she had a better meet and all the girls really did."

"They struggled on beam a little bit, but we just kept preaching teamwork and the only way they could do it was together."

One Salem gymnast who will be returning to the individual finals for a second straight year is Merlotti, who also took great pride in the team's showing.

"As a team, we did very well," she said. "We were a lot lower in our division in the beginning. We definitely proved to everybody that we were capable of getting (to) states, but we had to work really hard to get there and we knew we could."

"Now, it's to just put our all out there for states and do the best that we can."

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

for state meet)

**Division 1:** 1. Melissa Green (Canton), 9.40; 3. Jocelyn Moraw (Cnt), 9.075; 4. Nicole Lasecki (Cnt), 9.0; 5. (tie) Haley Metz (Plymouth), Rebecca Simu (Ply), 8.85; 8. Maddie Toal (Cnt), 8.70.

**Division 2:** 1. Erica Lucas (Cnt), 9.35; 2. Andrea Merlotti (Salem), 9.125; 3. (tie) Haley Hodgson (Cnt), 9.10; 5. Brooke Allgeyer (Salm), 8.925; 6. (tie) Brittany Ramirez (Salm), 8.85.

### UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS:

(Top 8 per division qualify for state meet)  
D1: 1. Moraw (Cnt), 9.20; 3. Green (Cnt), 8.9; 4. Metz (Ply), 8.875; 6. (tie) Toal (Cnt), 8.80.

**Balance Beam:** (Top 8 per division qualify for state meet)  
D1: 1. Toal (Cnt), 9.55; 2. Moraw (Cnt), 9.15; 3. Lasecki (Cnt), 8.475.

**As for senior co-captain Lasecki, she vowed the crowd with her Yurchenko-style backward vault.**

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### ALL-AROUND:

(Top 6 per division qualify for state meet)  
D1: 1. Moraw (Cnt), 37.15; 2. Toal (Cnt), 36.025; 3. Green (Cnt), 35.925; 4. Lasecki (Cnt), 35.65.

D2: 1. Abessino (GPU), 36.625; 2. Lucas (Cnt), 35.875; 3. Merlotti (Salm), 35.870; 4. (tie) Soper (Salm), 35.375.

### FLOOR EXERCISE:

(Top 8 per division qualify for state meet)  
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### Other Canton firsts

were scored in D1 by Moraw (bars, 9.20; floor, 9.725) and Toal (beam, 9.55).

"Jocelyn had one of the most beautiful floors, a 9.725," Cunningham said. "That's just one of the best scores I've seen in years."

Rounding out Canton's impressive cast Saturday was Haley Hodgson, who tied for third in D2 vault with 9.10.

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# Reserve tickets now for May prayer breakfast

Dr. Tony Campolo will talk about "The Choices We Face, The Decisions We Make" at the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 2 at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 3900 Schoolcraft Road, west of Newburgh.

The event is 7-8:45 a.m. and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a for-

mer faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books.

The event also will feature a children's choir from St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

For more information, see [www.livonaprayerbkfast.org](http://www.livonaprayerbkfast.org). For tickets, call Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 for tickets.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargatz at [sdargatz@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargatz@hometownlife.com).

### March

#### AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 12:30-2 p.m.

**Location:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, 10000 Beech Day, Redford Township

**Details:** All proceeds go to support the Food4U food bank that distributes food baskets monthly to 40-80 families

**Contact:** (313) 937-3170

#### CLASSES

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, March 14

**Location:** Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

**Details:** All classes are open to the public. A \$5 donation is suggested. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m., social gathering. Classes for the evening include "Secrets, Fantasies and Intimacy - Rekindling the Bond" with Jules Merlin; "Make Your Organization More Efficient Using Google Docs" (for MS Word/Excel users), with Chuck Eglington; and "Fiction and Fact: Stories and Reality about the Holocaust" with author Susanna Piontek and her husband, Guy Stern.

**Contact:** (482) 7272; [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10

**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Olivia Duod, soprano, sings a program of spirituals and art songs, accompanied by Wesley Fishwick at the piano. Admission to the concert is

free, although a free will offering will be collected. **Contact:** [www.stjohn-elca.org](http://www.stjohn-elca.org) or [www.wesley-fishwick.com](http://www.wesley-fishwick.com)

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 22

**Location:** Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

**Details:** Josh Nelson, a popular performer and composer of modern Jewish music, performs. The concert is free and no reservations are required. **Contact:** (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3150

#### DISCUSSION GROUP

**Time/Date:** Ministeries shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, from March 6-April 3

**Location:** Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** The church will offer a discussion group on the History Channel ministeries, "The Bible" **Contact:** (248) 476-8222

#### FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 20

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** "The Economics of Happiness" is a film about a world moving in two opposing directions. On the one hand governments and big business continue

to promote globalization and consolidation of corporate power. At the same time, individuals are demanding better regulation of trade and finance.

Communities are coming together to re-build more human scale. There will be refreshments and a discussion after the film.

**Contact:** (248) 354-4488;

[www.northwestuuo.org](http://www.northwestuuo.org)

#### FISH DINNER

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m. Friday through March 22

**Location:** St. Aidan Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Adult dinner includes two filets of salmon, cod or a combination of \$9. Child dinner includes one filet of salmon or cod or macaroni and cheese for \$5. Both the adult and child dinners include roasted potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Beverages included for adults are coffee, tea, milk, pop and water. For children they are milk, pop and water. The child's dinner is for age 10 and under. Side dishes of macaroni and cheese are available for \$2. **Contact:** (734) 425-5950

#### LENTEN LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 19

**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, author, lecturer, and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "The Spirituality of Vatican II: What It Means for the People in the Pew."

This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. **Contact:** (734) 455-5910

#### LENTEN SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, through March 20

**Location:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Inspiring and meditative worship using Hymns, Evening Prayer, Journeys of faith witnessed by several members

**Contact:** (734) 421-1414 or (734) 338-6722

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**BABIK, VIRGINIA (JENNY) M.**  
1954-2013

58, of Westland, Michigan passed away Friday (March 1, 2013) at home after an extended illness. Virginia was born July 19, 1954, to the late William and Maxine (Arnold) Rump. In 1972, she graduated from Garden City East High School. She was an administrative assistant for the Canton Police and Fire Departments. Virginia is survived by her husband of 33 years, Darryl E. Babik, Sr., daughter Julie Babik of Bellevue, Michigan, son Darryl Babik of Ypsilanti, Michigan, two grandsons, Kayden Griffin-Babik and Dimitri Babik, sister Sandra (Gary) Rump-Mackey, nephew Andrew Mackey, niece Amanda (Jason) Bowler of Delaware, Ohio, and her beloved canine companions Toto and Dorothy. She was preceded in death by her sister Tammy Rump. In 2001, in honor of Jenny's love of animals the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Michigan Humane Society.



**LENZ, SANDRA ANN**

57, passed away Sunday, March 3. She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Raymond. Loving wife of 20 yrs to Kenneth. Beloved mother of Kelly Collins. Sister of Mary Kay Wiedman, sister in law of Janet Gourley (Robert) and Alan Lenz (Karen). Aunt to several loving nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at Neely-Turkowski Life Story Funeral Home, 45100 Warren Rd (btw Sheldon and Canton Center), Canton, on Friday from 3-9 p.m., with a scripture service at 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, 10:30am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd. In state 10 am until mass begins. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers family suggests donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Salvation Army.



**THOMPSON, E.V.A.C.**

Of Farmington Hills, March 4, 2013. The last of her generation of émigrés from Russia, to Canada and then the United States of America, she will be missed by her daughter Tracy Thompson Edwards, son in law W. Randall Edwards, many beloved nieces and nephews, and three cats. A graduate of Wayne State University, she worked as an insurance underwriter, but the loves of her life were flowers, animals and especially the earth. She is preceded in death by her husband, John E. Thompson; parents, Dora and Chasmon Chmel; sisters Sophia Wyszynski, and Mary Shultz, and brother Harry Chmel. Memorials and tributes may be made to your favorite animal rights organization. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, March 6, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. [heeneysundquist.com](http://heeneysundquist.com)

#### TRAME, ELIZABETH ANN

March 3, 2013, age 61. Beloved wife of Richard O. Loving mother of Kristin. Dear daughter of Lyman (Oddie) Shell. The family entrusted care and services to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel, (734) 981-1700. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)



**LOMSKE, HAZEL D.**

Age 92 of Kalamazoo, March 3, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Paul R. Loving mother of Michelle (Fred) Pulve, Nancy Vandenberg, Cynthia (Dennis) Clamant, Steven Lomske and the late Paul Jr. (daughter-in-law Sharon). Dear grandmother of 11, Great grandmother of 18 and great great-grandmother of one. Visitation Fri. 2-8 PM and Sat. 10 AM until the Sat 11 AM Funeral Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 6401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Becks) Plymouth. Interment Detroit Memorial Park-West. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy. To share a memory, please visit: [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)



#### BROWN, DOROTHY W.

Age 99, March 3, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Ralph W. Brown. Loving mother of Dorothea (Doc) Prince, R. Paul (Patricia), Kenneth (Sandra) and the late Kevin. Grandmother of 15. Great grandmother of 13 and Great-great-grandmother of one with one on the way. Survived by one brother and three sisters. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. Funeral Saturday, in state 10 am until the time of service at 11 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Rd. in Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Levee, Redford, MI 48239.

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A young Peter Ostrum portrays Charlie Bucket, the boy who finds a golden ticket in the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

**L**ike Charlie Bucket, the role he played in the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, Peter Ostrum has found his "golden ticket" — and it moos.

Ostrum, a veterinarian and former childwood film star, loves working with cows on dairy farms in upstate New York. And although he enjoyed his early film experience — a topic he'll talk about when he introduces the *Wonka* movie this weekend at the Redford Theatre — the senior partner at Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Lowville, N.Y., says he is exactly where he wants to be.

"We travel from barn to barn. I start my mornings at 7 a.m. and I just walked in the door," said Ostrum, talking by phone from his home at around 9 p.m. recently.

"My interest and my expertise is working with dairy cattle, mainly Holsteins, some Jersey. I like the animals, yes, but it's the relationships that you build with your clients that are probably the most meaningful. You become part of their business enterprise and in many cases, a part of their family. You work with the

same client time and time again. It's a trust you build up between each other that I find pretty satisfying."

Ostrum got his first taste of veterinary medicine while working with horses during high school. For a brief period in college he explored his chances for re-establishing an acting career, just in case he wasn't accepted to veterinary school. An industry insider told him the *Willy Wonka* credit looked nice on a resume but wouldn't open many doors.

"After that conversation I thought I'd better work as hard as I possibly could to get into (graduate school)," said Ostrum, who earned his vet degree from Cornell University. "It was good advice. The Jodie Fosters and Ron Howards are few and far between. There are a lot of starving actors and it's not because they don't have talent."

"Getting a part in a film, it's like the perfect storm. I was in the right place at the right time. Usually it's out of your control."

## Fresh face

Ostrum, who grew up in suburban Cleveland, Ohio, was involved in children's theater at the Cleveland Playhouse. When casting directors for *Willy Wonka* began searching for child actors to fill several roles in the film, they contacted the Playhouse and other theaters known for their children's programming. "My name was given to the casting agent and that started the process," Ostrum recalled. "The other kids in the film had

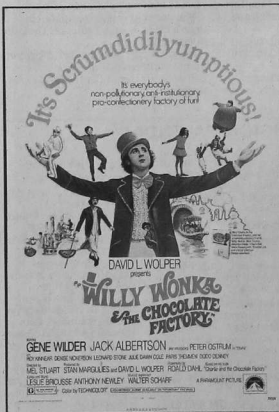
## WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

**What:** A film screening and audio appearances  
**When:** Doors open 6:45 p.m., autographs from 7-8 p.m., show starts 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 8-9; doors open 11:45 a.m., autographs from noon to 1 p.m., matinee starts 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9  
**Where:** Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit  
**Details:** The 1971, 100-minute film stars Gene Wilder and Jack Albertson. Peter Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket and Paris Themmen, who played Mike Teevee, will introduce the film, meet fans and autograph photos and customer-provided items for \$20

**Tickets:** \$5  
**Contact:** (313) 283-0225; (248) 615-3651; redford-theatre.com

done quite a bit — Broadway, commercials, television — and I didn't have any of that in my background. I was a fresh face and no one knew who I was."

He was cast in a lead role as Charlie Bucket, one of several children who find golden tickets hidden in candy bars. The tickets allow them to tour Willy Wonka's spectacular chocolate factory. The story is based on the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl. "The director had a



A poster announcing the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

clear vision of what he wanted. He had some great people in the film — Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson — and it worked. We had no idea when we were filming that 42 years later we'd still be talking about it."

## On the set

Ostrum was 12 and in seventh grade, when he got the part. He turned 13 years old during filming, which took five months to complete in Munich, Germany. Teachers in Ohio sent school assignments to him. He and other child

actors were expected to be in school a total three hours a day during filming.

"It had to add up to three hours. You'd go back and forth as they needed you on the set," he explained. "Filming is a long process. It's a lot of work. The novelty wears off pretty quick."

His fondest memories are of Albertson, who played his grandfather in the movie and who took him "under his wing" and served as a mentor. Ostrum said he also had a good relationship with



Peter Ostrum is a veterinarian, working primarily with dairy animals, in upstate New York. Ostrum, who played Charlie Bucket in the film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," will be on hand when it screens this weekend at the Redford Theatre.

Wilder, who played Willy Wonka. The former child actors from the film also get together once or twice a year. Paris Themmen, who played Mike Teevee, will join Ostrum at the screening, meet and greet and autograph session at the Redford Theatre.

Ostrum, who is married and has a daughter in college and son in high school, said he is too busy with his veterinary practice to make many personal appearances in connection with the movie. For many years he preferred to stay out of the spotlight.

"If people find out about (the film), that's great, but it's just part of who I am. It is what it is. I don't brag about it."

Two years ago, Ostrum found himself in front of the cameras again as one of the featured veterinarians in a reality series, *Vets on Call*. Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health and shown on YouTube, the series gives viewers a glimpse into the life of a dairy veterinarian. Ostrum is shown examining cows, diagnosing and advising farmers.

"I found my niche," he says in one episode. "It's great fun."

## Mystery drama shows local talent, sites

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

John Bosley wants you to see his feature film next week and then post your thoughts on its Facebook page.

"The director of *Paranormal Activity* did this with his film and his career was launched," said Bosley, lead actor and writer-director of *The House That Jack Broke*. "I would rather have audience members post their real feelings about the film on our Facebook page, then have glowing reviews written by critics. What matters to me the most is what the audience thinks."

He's confident viewers will enjoy his film, which included a local cast and crew, and was shot in fall 2011 throughout southeastern Michigan. It will debut at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the Main Art Theatre, located at 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$9.25 general admission, \$7 for senior citizens, 62 and over, and for students. Get tickets in advance at landmarktheatre.com. For more information, call the theater at (248) 542-5198.

*The House That Jack Broke* tells the story of Jack and Anne Peterson, a newlywed couple whose marriage begins to unravel when the FBI investigates the husband's connection to a double murder. "I didn't want to do the usual 'who dunnit' type mystery. I wanted to explore how a discovery into someone's past affects the rela-



John Bosley, (right) directs Grover McCants of Farmington Hills and Erika Hoveland of Royal Oak.



Debra Christian's house just off Napier Road in Superior Township, doubles as the home of fictional characters Jack and Anne Peterson, in the film, "The House That Jack Broke."

tionships of the people around them," Bosley said. "I also don't like long, slow, talking movies, so I wanted to write it in such a manner that it felt like the pace of an action movie, yet was about relationships and mystery. I wanted it to be a story with many differ-

ent layers that all come together for a grand climax at the end."

Bosley, who lives in Midland County with his wife, is a self-taught filmmaker and scriptwriter who learned the craft by reading books and test-

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ing out techniques by trial and error. He devotes his time exclusively to his own projects and is focused on perfecting his skills as a screenwriter and director, but he isn't working alone.

"I really believe that this film couldn't have happened without the efforts of the cast and crew of this film. I can spend all the time I want to on a script, but it takes the hard work and talent of other people to make it a reality," Bosley said. "Acting talent from people like Erika Hoveland, (of Royal Oak) by far the best actress in the Great Lakes area, and unforgettable performances by actors like Grover McCants, were what made this film come alive."

McCants, of Farmington Hills, owns a production company that creates music videos, political advertising and oth-



Grover McCants of Farmington Hills plays the lead detective in the independent film, "The House that Jack Broke."

er projects. In his spare time he enjoys acting. He performed in 70 *Kill A Mocking Bird* on the Farmington Players' stage two years ago and has worked as an extra in many Michigan-made films. His role as lead FBI agent in *The House That Jack Broke* is his first feature film appearance.

"I'm excited about this," McCants said. "I saw John as a young man with a vision and I wanted to be part of that vision."

He also portrays a swim coach in a student film that will premiere March 28 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

"I just have fun. There's not a lot of money in this business, but it's fun. When they can't afford Morgan Freeman, they come to Grover," he said, with a laugh.

Bosley plans to take *The House That Jack Broke* on tour, with Maine and Los Angeles, Calif., high on his list of screening locations, rather than submit it only to

film festivals. He said general audiences don't attend film festivals and that the tour allows him to bring the film to viewers.

*The House that Jack Broke* is set in Maine, but was shot at several locations in the Detroit area, including Debra Christian's house on Napier Road in Superior Township. It doubled as the Maine residence of the fictional Petersens. The crew also shot at the homes of Kelly Karnesky in Livonia and James Sands, executive producer, in Royal Oak.

"The one location that stands out the most is the Hamtramck correctional facility. We used a long hallway in that facility to double as our FBI headquarters hallway," Bosley said. "It's the same hallway that was used in the production of *Machine Gun Preacher*. We also shot our airplane scenes at the Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport."

For more or visit the housefilmproject.com.

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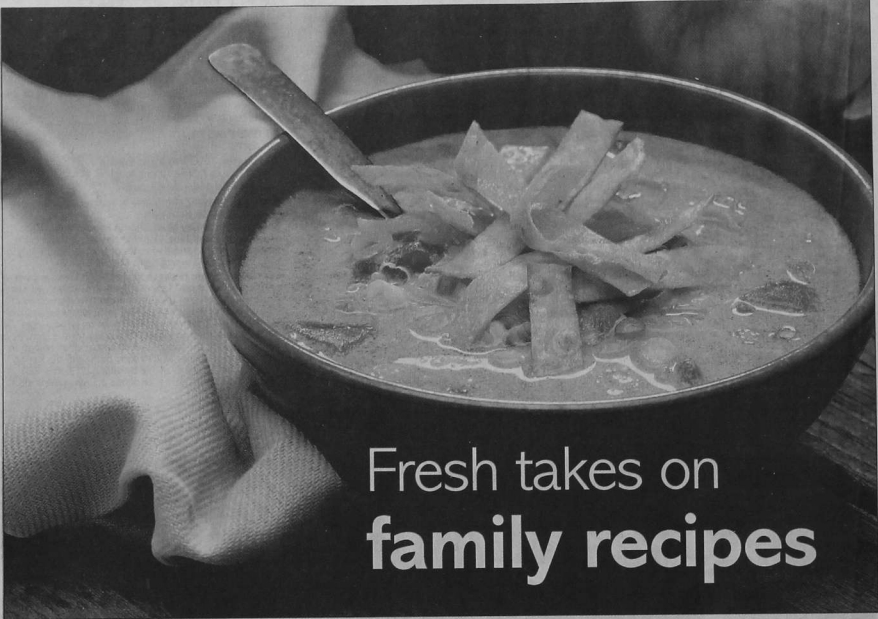
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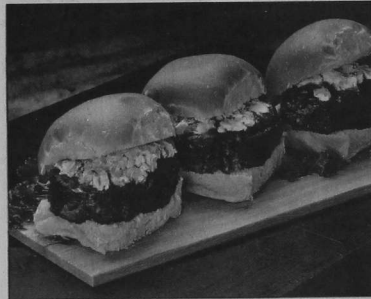
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## Cherry Bomb Meatloaf Sliders

Submitted by Richard S.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 55 minutes

### Sauce:

- 1 cup chopped dried cherries
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- Salt, to taste

### Meatloaf:

- 1 pound lean ground beef
  - ½ cup panko bread crumbs
  - ¼ cup finely chopped fresh parsley
  - 2 tablespoons minced onion
  - 2 tablespoons pickle relish
  - 1 clove garlic, crushed
  - Salt and ground pepper, to taste
  - ½ cup beef broth
  - 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Spread:**
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
  - 4 slices smoked provolone, chopped
  - 2 teaspoons chopped chives
  - ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 12 Hawaiian or Portuguese sweet dinner rolls, sliced

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. To prepare sauce, combine cherries, chicken broth, garlic, balsamic vinegar and tomato paste in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes or until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and pour into food processor;

process 2 minutes, drizzling in olive oil and hot sauce until fully emulsified. Season with salt, if desired. Set aside.

3. To prepare meatloaf, break up ground beef into large chunks in medium bowl. Mix in the bread crumbs, parsley, onion, relish and garlic; season with salt and pepper, if desired. Add beef broth and egg, mixing until combined.

4. Place meatloaf mixture diagonally into a 9- by 13-inch baking pan, making a long log (15 inches long by 2 inches wide). Smooth the top and bake 30 minutes. Brush with 2 tablespoons of sauce to glaze. Bake an additional 15 minutes and remove from oven. Let meatloaf rest 10 minutes before slicing.

5. To prepare spread, combine cream cheese, provolone, chives and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl, stirring to create a thick spread.

6. To serve, cut meatloaf into twelve, 1-inch-thick slices. Place each slice onto an open roll and top with 1 teaspoon each sauce and spread.

## Creamy Chicken Enchilada Soup

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

### Soup:

- 4 to 5 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (1 pound)
- ½ cup canola oil, divided
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 soft corn tortillas, sliced into ¼-inch strips
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ cup lime juice
- ¼ teaspoon lime zest
- 1 quart chicken broth
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced green chilies, drained
- 4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese

### Toppings:

- Fried tortilla strips
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 green onions, sliced into ¼-inch pieces
- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Place chicken in 8- by 8-inch glass baking dish. Brush with 1 tablespoon oil and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Shred cooked chicken meat with 2 forks and set aside.
- 3. Heat remaining oil in small skillet. Add tortilla strips in 2 batches; fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes each batch. Drain on paper towel-lined plate. Sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon salt and set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon oil for Step 4.
- 4. Heat reserved 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onions and cook until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 to 60 seconds, stirring constantly. Do not brown garlic. Add chili powder and cumin; stir and cook 15 to 30 seconds.
- 5. Quickly stir in lime juice, lime zest, broth, tomatoes, and diced chilies. Bring mixture to a boil, and reduce heat to simmer. Add cream cheese. Simmer until cream cheese is melted.
- 6. Stir in shredded chicken, cook about 5 minutes.
- 7. Ladle into individual soup bowls, and garnish with tortilla strips, cheddar cheese and green onion.

## Savory Honey Mustard Poached Pears and Figs

Submitted by Pamela V.

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons honey, divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 pears (firm variety such as Bosc), peeled, halved and cored
- 6 ounces dried figs, stems removed
- ½ cup chopped hazelnuts
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese or goat cheese
- 1. Trace diameter of large saucepan onto parchment paper. Cut out and set aside.
- 2. Combine broth, white wine, water, mustard; 2 tablespoons honey, lemon juice and bay leaves in large saucepan. Bring to a boil, whisking occasionally. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes.
- 3. Add pears, core-side-up, and figs; cover with vented parchment paper so pears stay fully submerged.
- 4. Simmer 20 minutes until pears are fork-tender.
- 5. Toast hazelnuts in small, non-stick sauté pan over medium high heat, about 2 minutes or until fragrant, stirring constantly. Quickly remove nuts from pan onto a separate plate.
- 6. To serve, remove pears from poaching liquid and place onto individual salad plates. Drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon honey and sprinkle with nuts and cheese.

— Courtesy Family Features



Savory Honey Mustard Poached Pears and Figs

# REAL ESTATE

## Sign of spring: Home Expo in Canton great place to get spruce-up ideas

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Annette and Michael Popa of Canton came to the right place Saturday, March 2.

"We come pretty much every year to see what's new," she said of their attendance at the 12th annual Canton Home Expo at the Summit. They just did some waterprooing with a business at a previous Expo.

"We're starting to paint stuff," Michael said of their home. The Popas like to get new ideas. "It doesn't hurt being free," he said. "There are a lot of vendors here."

That will help them freshen up their home interior.

John Weyer of Canton, Canton's building official, was busy at the Saturday-Sunday event, but took a moment to talk. It draws some 5,000-6,000 people, he said. This year, there were about 20 new vendors for a total of around 130.

"The workshops are really popular," Weyer said. "Home Depot does a lot with the kids."

"People enjoy the entertainment of it, too. It's really a one-stop shop."

There are exhibitors from Ohio, Weyer said, as well as Chelsea and Brighton. "Geographically, we're pulling from a bigger audience. It really has grown to a Southeast Michigan venue."

It helps Canton Township staff with issues of permits, inspections and code compliance, working with contractors. Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts from the event each year, and was instrumental in getting it going.

N.A. Mans Lumber and Mill Work in Canton and Thornton, has been in business since 1900. It was represented Saturday by Chris Degiulio of Dearborn, who works in the kitchen department, and Dottie Kelly of Canton, in inside sales support.

"A great company to work for," she said. "We've been coming to this (Expo) since it started." Owner Doug Mans is active with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which with the Observer & Eccentric and

others help bring the show to town.

Kelly is a cancer survivor and recalled the support her employer gave. "It was my family. My family lives in Philly."

"And they take care of their customers the same way," Degiulio added.

They've been busy with kitchen and bath work. "People are coming in because they're thinking of spring," he said.

"We're seeing a big interest in interior remodeling," especially in the last six months, he said.

"The economy, we feel, has turned the corner." Consumers are more confident.

"This is an exciting venue," he added of the Home Expo. "It's a hometown feeling."

Younger people are also visiting, along with older family faces.

John Sarnecky of Canton is owner of Canton Construction. He's been busy following last year's March 15 and July 1 hail storms, and noted approaching insurance claim deadlines. "It's a win-win for the customers as well as us," he said of the exterior damage repair work.

"This show is wonderful," Sarnecky said. "We've been with this show since day one."

Outside the Summit doors, the company's apprentices were building cedar furniture, done with the township building department's help. One company staffer uses a chainsaw for carving.

"It's good exposure and it's very reasonable," Sarnecky said of the Expo. His firm had a busy winter. They do additions, basements, kitchens, baths and exterior work including roofing, siding and gutters. Company president is his wife, Marietta, and they've been in business 16 years.

Also busy was Susan Glessner of Livonia, with Baldwin Landscape Group in Plymouth. She does landscape design construction. "I'd like to get some business in the Canton area," said Glessner, who's also doing her own home landscaping.

"We're right next to it."

Baldwin Landscape Group has been busy. "They're enjoying their homes more," she



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This is the 12th year for the Canton Home Expo, held at the Summit.



Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor," broadcasts live from the Canton event.

said of customers. "I don't think the landscaping hurt as much as the other industries."

"The show also gave Canton resident Kristina Wittner and others with the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors a chance to meet and greet. She's been in Canton since 2004 and emphasized you don't need to live in Canton or be new.

Wittner joined "so I could meet more people so I could socialize." She's the interior group leader, and likes the exposure the Home Expo gives.

Her group has around 96 members. "There's something for everybody," said Wittner, noting it's mostly women, but also has lots to do for couples and families.

"Whatever you're interested in," she said.

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**By Robert Meisner**  
Guest Columnist

Q: I am looking to sell my house and have been approached by someone who guarantees the sale of my home within a certain period of time. What do you think?

A: Make sure that the company you are dealing with is reputable by asking for references.

Be sure that you get a written listing agreement outlining the nature and extent of the guarantee, and, before you sign it, have an experienced real estate lawyer review it to be sure that you are adequately protected with respect to the sales price, among other things. If it sounds too good to be true, it may well be!

Q: I am the landlord of an apartment building and require carpeting in each of the units. However, one of my tenants has a wheelchair and indicated that they cannot navigate the carpeting. They want me to allow the installation of a wood floor. What do you think?

A: There are obviously disability discrimination issues involved in this request and your response. While each case has to be evaluated on its facts, I would suggest that you consider the wood floor with two provisos: (1) appropriate cork noise-attenuating underlayment is required; and (2) the handicapped owner agree to minimize any noise within the unit that might disturb the unit owner below. Typically, wheelchairs have rubber wheels that will not generate noise on a wood floor, but if that is a concern, it can be a requirement of approval. Finally, I would facilitate a conversation between the handicapped tenant and the tenant in the unit below so that they can address any problems that may arise in an amicable fashion. If there is still a concern about noise transmission, there could be a requirement that the wood floor be carpeted over when the handicapped tenant departs as part of your lease.

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 5-9, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| CANTON                |           |
| 6800 Bridgmont Dr     | \$233,000 |
| 1967 Brookfield St    | \$121,000 |
| 1109 Celina Ct        | \$222,000 |
| 636 Cherry Orchard Rd | \$140,000 |
| 759 Cherry Stone Dr   | \$222,000 |
| 1195 Chester Rd       | \$195,000 |
| 44732 Crestmont Dr    | \$155,000 |
| 1736 Delancy Cir      | \$405,000 |
| 48596 Ash Ave         | \$240,000 |
| 47255 Fox Run Dr      | \$230,000 |
| 6999 Forecreek Rd     | \$243,000 |
| 46882 Hendrie Ct      | \$315,000 |
| 8636 Holly Dr         | \$125,000 |
| 39858 Lynn St         | \$121,000 |
| 10 Madison Ct         | \$283,000 |
| 47196 Northgate Dr    | \$210,000 |
| 45289 Patrick Dr      | \$167,000 |
| 2219 Preserve Cir E   | \$143,000 |
| 3649 Shepherd Ln      | \$188,000 |
| 3663 Shepherd Ln      | \$190,000 |
| 4405 Southridge Dr    | \$126,000 |
| 3194 Silex Ct         | \$194,000 |
| 1304 Tradition Dr     | \$427,000 |
| 1775 Tremont Rd       | \$285,000 |
| 316 Troon Ln          | \$290,000 |

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|------------------------|-----------|
| 43358 W Arbor Way Dr   | \$56,000  |
| 2785 Woodmont Dr E     | \$180,000 |
| 31324 Florence St      | \$31,000  |
| 572 Harrison St        | \$35,000  |
| 54000 Hillside Rd      | \$48,000  |
| 19217 Hennepin St      | \$29,000  |
| 32320 John Hawk St     | \$56,000  |
| 32411 Park St          | \$47,000  |
| 33025 Pardo St         | \$47,000  |
| 28127 Summit Dr        | \$30,000  |
| 28527 Summit Dr        | \$26,000  |
| LIVONIA                |           |
| 14243 Alexander St     | \$68,000  |
| 36886 Ann Arbor Tr     | \$110,000 |
| 31675 Carlton St       | \$112,000 |
| 10055 Camden St        | \$131,000 |
| 36237 Elm St           | \$155,000 |
| 14619 Country Club Dr  | \$101,000 |
| 18072 Curtis Ct        | \$206,000 |
| 18221 Deering St       | \$45,000  |
| 9551 Doris St          | \$88,000  |
| 28564 Elmira St        | \$60,000  |
| 17046 Farmington Rd    | \$85,000  |
| 17046 Farmington Rd    | \$123,000 |
| 14346 Garden St        | \$113,000 |
| 31171 Hillbrook St     | \$170,000 |
| 37708 Howell St        | \$134,000 |
| 37954 Jamison St       | \$146,000 |
| 9271 Lathers St        | \$95,000  |
| 18070 Laurel Rd        | \$43,000  |
| 14301 Lyns St          | \$110,000 |
| 32343 Myrna St         | \$155,000 |
| 17347101 Myrna St      | \$207,000 |
| 18994 Myron St         | \$150,000 |
| 37612 N Laurel Park Dr | \$150,000 |

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 34649 Navin Ave       | \$250,000 |
| 14151 Newburgh Rd     | \$145,000 |
| 29459 Oakley St       | \$128,000 |
| 34855 Pembroke Ave    | \$270,000 |
| 33468 Ryburn St       | \$160,000 |
| 37582 Schoolcraft Rd  | \$97,000  |
| 17327 Starwich St     | \$130,000 |
| 37080 Vargo St        | \$165,000 |
| 32458 Washington St   | \$140,000 |
| 18907 Woodring St     | \$175,000 |
| 14155 Woodside St     | \$131,000 |
| NORTHVILLE            |           |
| 16894 Abby Cir        | \$400,000 |
| 64686 Brookmoor Cir N | \$420,000 |
| 16134 Brookmoor Ct    | \$235,000 |
| 19547 Darrowth Pl     | \$105,000 |
| 631 East St           | \$515,000 |
| 50352 Livingston Dr   | \$325,000 |
| 17892 Maple Hill Dr   | \$340,000 |
| 49831 Parkside Dr     | \$383,000 |
| 15496 Parkview Cir N  | \$502,000 |
| 39765 Rockcrest Cir   | \$117,000 |
| 50576 Teton Ridge Rd  | \$623,000 |
| PLYMOUTH              |           |
| 1393 Carol Ave        | \$203,000 |
| 1641 Lexington St     | \$355,000 |
| 42045 Micol Dr        | \$120,000 |
| 651 N Evergreen St    | \$188,000 |
| 8889 Oakview St       | \$165,000 |
| 730 Penniman Ave      | \$273,000 |
| 49478 Pointe Xing     | \$160,000 |
| 12457 Woodgate Dr     | \$156,000 |
| REDFORD               |           |
| 1831 Appleton         | \$12,000  |
| 9069 Penton           | \$55,000  |
| 17302 Fox             | \$62,000  |

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| 18201 Fox             | \$30,000  |
| 18486 Garfield        | \$71,000  |
| 9615 Hemmingway       | \$125,000 |
| 17403 Indian          | \$80,000  |
| 18257 Indian          | \$35,000  |
| 17241 Lennane         | \$64,000  |
| 19957 Lennane         | \$14,000  |
| 11356 Lenore          | \$66,000  |
| 26539 Margaretta      | \$64,000  |
| 14209 Minick Dr       | \$90,000  |
| 9755 Seminole         | \$58,000  |
| 15033 Summer          | \$58,000  |
| 9940 Tecumseh         | \$55,000  |
| 26303 W Six Mile Rd   | \$80,000  |
| 26309 W Seven Mile Rd | \$15,000  |
| 15918 Wakenen         | \$37,000  |
| WESTLAND              |           |
| 36027 Abbey Dr        | \$128,000 |
| 67222 Caribou St      | \$92,000  |
| 34454 Cherry Hill Rd  | \$24,000  |
| 36555 Dearborn St     | \$88,000  |
| 1314 Easley Dr        | \$40,000  |
| 2203 Emerson St       | \$4,000   |
| 31015 Fernwood St     | \$25,000  |
| 33624 Glen St         | \$45,000  |
| 29128 Manchester St   | \$22,000  |
| 7627 Melvin Ave       | \$79,000  |
| 142 N Parent St       | \$29,000  |
| 643 N Woodlawn St     | \$113,000 |
| 30635 Nelson Cir      | \$135,000 |
| 501 Pattinall St      | \$120,000 |
| 3195 Christine        | \$69,000  |
| 38255 S Richman Ct    | \$86,000  |
| 1831 Short Ave        | \$135,000 |
| 30839 Stephen Ct      | \$107,000 |

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| BEVERLY HILLS             |           |
| 32458 Sheridan Dr         | \$145,000 |
| 31459 Shepherd Hollow Ln  | \$360,000 |
| 30760 Vernon Dr           | \$215,000 |
| BINGHAM FARMS             |           |
| 31710 Shepherd Hollow Cir | \$265,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM                |           |
| 2757 Dorchester Dr        | \$182,000 |
| 1552 Henrietta St         | \$351,000 |
| 2738 Manchester Rd        | \$215,000 |
| 1640 Maryland Blvd        | \$223,000 |
| 1299 Pilgrim Ave          | \$425,000 |
| 1423 Ruffin Ave           | \$130,000 |

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS         |             |
| 6968 Cedarbrook Ct       | \$191,000   |
| 6485 Deauville Rd        | \$445,000   |
| 11222 Gleggery Cir       | \$1,441,000 |
| 2007 E Hammond Lake Dr   | \$175,000   |
| 18450 Glenview Rd        | \$335,000   |
| 3341 Kenway Dr           | \$249,000   |
| 1840 Long Pointe Dr      | \$405,000   |
| 542 Newbourne Pointe     | \$148,000   |
| 4212 Ramsgate Ln         | \$435,000   |
| 3873 Shillington Ln      | \$415,000   |
| 7538 Tennyson Downs Ct   | \$570,000   |
| 3721 Thornhewer Way      | \$325,000   |
| 41 Vaughan Ridge Rd      | \$390,000   |
| 18450 Glenview Rd        | \$335,000   |
| 801 W Lake Rd # C5       | \$41,000    |
| 401 W Lake Rd # E102     | \$51,000    |
| COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP      |             |
| 296 Annison Dr           | \$167,000   |
| 4333 Racewood Rd         | \$200,000   |
| 5929 Strawberry Cir      | \$330,000   |
| FARMINGTON               |             |
| 23921 Fairview Ct        | \$250,000   |
| 23080 Gil Rd             | \$380,000   |
| 30789 Shawnee Rd # 88    | \$35,000    |
| FARMINGTON HILLS         |             |
| 27028 Arden Park Cir     | \$142,000   |
| 29983 Ardmore Dr         | \$160,000   |
| 29820 Briarwood Ct       | \$315,000   |
| 32974 Craftbrook Ct      | \$169,000   |
| 34000 Gloucester Cir     | \$160,000   |
| 21670 Hancock St         | \$88,000    |
| 23755 Haynes St          | \$60,000    |
| 25370 Leontok            | \$156,000   |
| 21390 Magnolia Ct        | \$150,000   |
| 29944 Mingwood Ln        | \$126,000   |
| 49045 Mingwood Ln        | \$135,000   |
| 30412 Ramblewood Club Dr | \$145,000   |
| 29124 Shenandoah Dr      | \$220,000   |
| 35266 Valley Forge Dr    | \$183,000   |
| 27653 W Echo Vly         | \$55,000    |
| 23720 W Newell Cir       | \$110,000   |
| 28728 Wintergreen        | \$465,000   |

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| LATHROP VILLAGE      |             |
| 18769 Saatooga Blvd  | \$130,000   |
| MIFORD               |             |
| 2846 Canterbury Ct   | \$773,000   |
| 54184 Derek St       | \$230,000   |
| 861 Genesee Way      | \$108,000   |
| 2865 Hindale Pk      | \$115,000   |
| NOVI                 |             |
| 27555 Belgrave Pl    | \$231,000   |
| 27665 Cromwell Rd    | \$128,000   |
| 50292 Drakes Bay Dr  | \$1,225,000 |
| 51188 E Bourne Ter   | \$240,000   |
| 51322 E Bourne Ter   | \$268,000   |
| 27530 Harrington Way | \$245,000   |
| 29883 Harrington Way | \$249,000   |
| 23189 Inverness Ct   | \$495,000   |
| 26995 Ladbroke St    | \$224,000   |
| 21866 Meridian Ln    | \$234,000   |
| 41641 Terra Dr       | \$140,000   |
| 49603 Timber Trl     | \$367,000   |
| SOUTH LYON           |             |
| 23300 Clarkshir Dr   | \$330,000   |

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 408 Jean Rd                | \$180,000 |
| 61171 Ladbroke Dr          | \$260,000 |
| 20990 Ladbroke Dr          | \$320,000 |
| 575 N Hagadorn St          | \$95,000  |
| 61091 Palamino Ct          | \$267,000 |
| 61091 Peakeside Blvd       | \$258,000 |
| 61141 Saddlecreek Dr       | \$310,000 |
| 53996 Valleywood Dr        | \$25,000  |
| 640 Westland Dr            | \$206,000 |
| SOUTHFIELD                 |           |
| 27070 Bradford Cir         | \$114,000 |
| 804 Sunnybeach Blvd        | \$100,000 |
| 29745 Farmbrook Villa Ln   | \$59,000  |
| 15600 George Washington Dr | \$150,000 |
| WHITE LAKE                 |           |
| 9355 Buckingham St         | \$340,000 |
| 9261 Thornside St          | \$99,000  |
| 8035 Wildwood Ln           | \$214,000 |
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