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## Busch's inches forward with Canton store

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Busch's Fresh Food Market has pushed back initial projections it could open as early as February in Canton, though the facade is virtually done as construction workers prepare to tackle interior renovations.

"We want to get it right for the community," Carol Varga, Busch's director of facilities, said Tuesday.

Busch's hasn't announced a tentative opening date for what will be the Ann Arbor-based company's 16th store, on the former Farmer Jack site south-

east of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads.

However, Canton officials say the decision by Busch's to fill the longtime vacancy has stirred considerable interest among local residents.

"People ask me all the time when they're going to open because the date has been pushed back a couple of times," Canton Economic Development Manager Kristen Thomas said. "People are very anxious, especially since the (storefront) sign has gone up. That has really regenerated the anticipation."

Busch's hopes to start interior con-

struction within the next month inside the store, which Varga said is about 56,000 square feet in size.

The company has finished most of the exterior work, transforming the storefront, removing a berm near Canton Center, paving the parking lot and installing benches to provide an atmosphere of a neighborhood gathering spot.

Residents have told the *Observer* they are eager to walk or ride their bicycles to Busch's, though the company certainly expects to draw customers from a broader area.

Canton Community Planner Jeff

Goulet has called the new market "a good fit" because the company has plans for an upscale store on a site that already had served as a grocery business.

Next month will mark the one-year anniversary that Busch's received approval from the Canton Township Board of Trustees for a special land use and site plan. The company expects to have an outdoor seasonal area for items such as flowers and produce.

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Chris Hall, president and co-founder of RepairClinic.com, says business is up 30 percent over a year ago. Behind him, a new packaging line helps sort parts. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Canton company posts 30-PERCENT GROWTH

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton-based RepairClinic.com has witnessed 30-percent growth in just one year, creating new jobs and flourishing as a widening customer base buys replacement parts — mostly online — for do-it-your-

self home projects, company officials say.

Chris Hall, company president and co-founder, confirmed sales of \$40 million to \$60 million for 2013, avoiding precise figures to keep the industry competition guessing. He projected another sharp increase this year as custom-

ers order parts to fix their own refrigerators, stoves, lawn mowers, snow blowers, garden tractors and heating and cooling units, among other items.

"Last year was the fastest growth we've had in 10 years," Hall said. "We're expecting double-digit growth this year."

RepairClinic.com, located

on Michigan Avenue west of Beck, opened in 1999 and has never faltered, posting flat sales during The Great Recession without suffering plummeting sales that might have shuttered a weaker company. It employs 132 workers.

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## Poet, veteran shares Vietnam stories

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

East Middle School sixth-grader Kalib Balish has long been inspired by his grandfather, a Vietnam veteran who earned a pair of Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for wounds suffered during that war.

So when Kalib learned they'd be studying poetry in

his language arts class, he thought his classmates would be equally inspired by his grandfather, Livonia resident Dennis Leahy, who wrote a poem for Memorial Day reflecting on his war experience.

"He's pretty awesome, he's funny and he's a great grandfather," Kalib said of Leahy. "I was really inspired by his war stories. It was really cool."

So Leahy, who enlisted in

the U.S. Army in 1969 while still a senior at St. Gregory High School in Detroit, faced several of language arts teacher Melissa Mosquera's classes Tuesday, answering questions about his poetry and his service. The poem tells about other soldiers Leahy met on the battlefield and off, each one a hero with no regrets.

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Veteran Dennis Leahy talks to East Middle School students. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## District aims at August for election

Non-homestead levy critical for funding

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials will look for renewal of the district's 18-mill non-homestead millage in an August election.

The district's Board of Education told administrators Tuesday to pursue the August election, rather than try to do it in either May or November.

The non-homestead millage, approved by voters in 2004, expires in July. The board and administrators had briefly considered trying to get the non-homestead millage renewed in either a February or May election, before it expires in July.

But the deadline had passed for a February election and officials were reluctant to pay for the estimated \$15,000 cost of a special election. By putting it on the August ballot, the district can run the election with other primary elections.

"I'm a supporter of any time we don't have to pay (the full cost) of it," Trustee Mike Maloney said. "I'm not in favor of a special election."

According to Brodie Kilian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations, the tax is applied to businesses and other non-principal property, such as apartment complexes, etc. The tax does not apply to homeowners.

Kilian said the millage, which can be levied one more time (in July) under the 2004 approval, was expected to generate \$25.2 million in the 2013-14 school year, some 17 percent of the general fund revenue.

"We're only able to levy it one more time," Kilian said. "It's really important it passes."

Because the tax will have expired by the time the Aug. 6 election arrives, the district's ballot language will have to call the tax an increase. Kilian was quick to point out the difference in

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# Snow, cold displaces Canton Winter Market

Sunday's market will be indoors at Summit on the Park

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Plagued by record-setting snowfall and bone-chilling temperatures, Canton's Winter Farmers Market will be moved across town this Sunday to accommodate patrons and vendors inside Summit on the Park.

It marks only the second time the market has been moved from its home in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill, said Tiny Lloyd, market manager.

"We moved once before when the parking lot was flooded in March of 2011," Lloyd said. "We

had an unprecedented amount of rain that year."

Then, organizers moved the market to the historic Cherry Hill School, but Lloyd said the building wasn't large enough to accommodate patrons and vendors—resulting in the decision to move Sunday's market to Summit on the Park.

"We'll put the vendors in the lobby of the banquet center and line them up," Lloyd said. "We'll have the same local goods."

Market hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summit on the Park is located at 4600 Summit

Parkway, west of Canton Center.

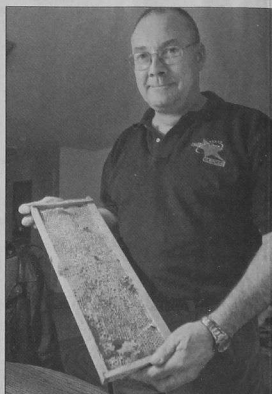
Vendors will sell goods made and grown in Michigan such as honey, apples, cider, frozen blueberries and cherries, apple butter, fudge, baked goods, jams, granola, gluten-free baking mixes, artisan cheese and bread, blended teas, barbecue sauces, mustard, marinades, dressings, salsa, canned sauerkraut, popcorn, coffee, dog treats, soy candles and hand-crafted soap.

Expected vendors include Boblin Honey, Dover Meat Processing, Cakes by Penney, Classic Gifts & Bakes,

Crunch Granola, Intu Specialty Tea, Lula Bre's Sweet Eats, Kapnick Orchards, Prochaska Farms, Sansonetti Sauces, and Zingerman's Creamery, along with JKM Soy Candles, Farmington Soapworks and Cellar Door Soap. A new vendor, Paw-la's Pantry, will sell natural, gluten-free dog treats.

For more information or to learn about Winter Farmers Market dates of March 9 and April 13 at Preservation Park, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

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Bob Jastrzebski's Boblin Honey is one of the items expected at Canton's Winter Market, moved this Sunday only to Summit on the Park.

## POET

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The poem, titled *Purple Heart*, was inspired by Leahy's fellow veterans who also won the Purple Heart, including his friend Jim Vogt of West Branch, a former prisoner of war who, despite suffering torture at the hands of the enemy, told Leahy he'd "do it all over again for his country."

Mosquera likes to have her students dig into the poetry they study—she calls it "carrot farmers hard at work"—to find the poet's true meaning and not just look at the "fluff" of the poem. Students studied Leahy's poem before his visit and peppered him with questions about its meaning and his military career.

The "digging for carrots" study format has the students—who to that point, Mosquera said, thought of poetry mostly in the "roses are red, violets are blue" vein—looking more deeply at things.

"As sixth-graders, it's new to them that they need to think deeper," Mosquera said. "What an amazing opportunity to have the poet come in and hear our analysis and to see if we dug up the right carrots."

Leahy served with the 9th Division, 631st Infantry. He was wounded by a land mine after



Kelli Williams and Dominic Burke listen to poet and veteran Dennis Leahy. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

volunteering to "walk point" through the jungle with a visibly shaking new soldier. To walk point means to be a human bomb detector, the first person through an area, Leahy said.

Leahy spent eight months in various Army hospitals recovering. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic or meritorious achievement and the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat.

Leahy said he spends a lot of his time now as part of various veterans groups, working to help current veterans returning home from their respective conflicts.

"(Vietnam vets) came home to abuse," Leahy said. "Still, it's Vietnam



Neena Bokhari studies a poem by Vietnam veteran Dennis Leahy.

vets who are helping the vets coming home. We walked their walk, so we can reach out to help them."

For about four hours Tuesday, students peppered Leahy with questions about the poem and the various people in it. Leahy said he wrote it for those in the poem.

"I wanted people to know how special they were," Leahy said.

Leahy admitted to a few nerves before talking to the students.

"It's just fascinating what I wrote touched them," Leahy said. "It's amazing, their intellect at this age. Their questions were right on."

Staff writer Karen Smith contributed to this story.

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The company hired 30 new employees—16 full time, 14 part time—in the last year to keep pace with thousands of replacement parts that are shipped out every day, mostly by FedEx tractor-trailers, Hall said. RepairClinic.com also has installed new conveyors, vertical storage machines and other technology to streamline its workspace, yet the company is quickly outgrowing its 86,000-square-foot building.

The company owns property adjacent to its building that could accommodate an expansion of the facility.

"It's inevitable," Hall said, estimating such an expansion "may be two years off."

StellaService, an outside independent company that conducts its own research of online retailers, has awarded RepairClinic.com an "excellent" rating after analyzing customer satisfaction—a rating companies can earn, not buy.

"That was a big honor for us," Jody Lamb, RepairClinic's public relations manager, said.

RepairClinic.com also has earned the designation as a Google Trusted Store.

Hall said the company has worked to earn the trust of more than three million customers across the United States, Canada, U.S. territories and on



The company has vertical storage to save floor space. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

military bases.

Most customers order their parts online and RepairClinic.com offers online help guides and more than 1,500 how-to videos to ease the stress of home projects. The videos have reached 24 million views, mostly on the company website and YouTube, with Lamb estimating daily views at 45,000.

Still, as many as 100 customers a day—a small fraction of the overall business—walk in to the company's headquarters to buy replacement parts for major home appliances, outdoor power equipment and heating and cooling systems.

Hall said the company hasn't yet begun to develop a blueprint for expanding its facility, but such plans may not be far off, as RepairClinic.com continues to grow.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Sunday, Feb. 2, *Observer* should have said that public forums on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' boundary study are scheduled for Feb. 13, March 20 and April 10. All three forums are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, in Canton.

distriets, he said, shows promise.

"The success rate of renewal elections are very nearly 100 percent," Killian said. "If we communicate it effectively, I would anticipate a successful election."

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this case was subtle and that the tax was just a renewal.

If for some reason the

vote fails in August, the district would have time to get it back on a ballot for a second try in November.

"If we don't have to pay for an election, it makes sense to do it in August," Trustee Sheila

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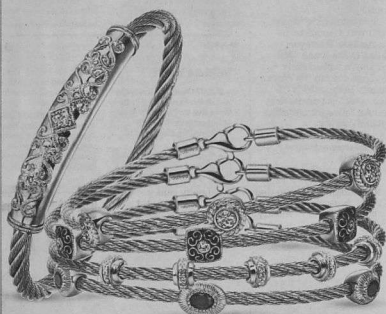
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## Woman killed in traffic likely drinking

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A 35-year-old Canton mother apparently had been drinking alcohol before she was struck and killed Friday night by a pickup truck while she was darting in and out of traffic on Haggerty road of Michigan Avenue, police said.

"We believe she had been drinking," Canton police Lt. Pat Sullivan said Monday.

Witnesses told police the woman had been walking back and forth across Haggerty before she was struck by a 1994 Dodge Dakota driven by a 48-year-old Canton man.

"Witnesses were saying that she appeared to be stepping in and out of traffic intentionally," Sullivan said.

Authorities haven't named her. Police were called to the scene around 9 p.m. Friday.

The woman was rushed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she was later pronounced dead.

The pickup truck driver and his wife were released at the scene, Sullivan said, describing the driver as "very distraught."

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene. Officers have turned their findings over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which is normal procedure following a traffic-related fatality.

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## Judge: 'Thank God you were a lousy shot'

By L.L. Brasier  
Gannett Michigan

A judge Tuesday morning said she was sympathetic about his mental illness, but nevertheless 1-96 shooter Raulie Casteel to prison for up to 10 years.

"Thank God you were a lousy shot, because in this case nobody was actually injured," Oakland County Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris told Casteel as he stood shackled, in orange jail garb, as five armed deputies stood nearby. "Mental illness is a difficult challenge, but it is something you have to seek help for before you engage in criminal activities."

Casteel, 44, terrorized motorists along the I-96 corridor for several days in October 2012, shooting at cars across four counties. Following his arrest, he was diagnosed with a serious mental illness, that included delusions. Casteel told investigators he was shooting at cars because he believed they were part of a government conspiracy against him.

Casteel sat quietly in court as the judge ordered him to spend 80 months to 120 months in a Michigan prison. He must also serve an additional two years on a firearms charge. The



Casteel

sentence was part of a plea deal with prosecutors, where Casteel was allowed to plead guilty but mentally ill to nine counts of assault with intent to cause great bodily harm less than murder.

When the judge asked if he had anything to say, Casteel declined.

Earlier in the hearing, his attorney Douglas Mullkoff told the court his client was a victim of mental illness that took away his free will. The illness struck Casteel in mid-life, with no warning, and went undiagnosed until after his arrest. "Raulie Casteel did not choose mental illness, it chose him," Mullkoff

said, as Casteel's family sat quietly in the courtroom. "This was the hand he was dealt with out of the blue."

There were no victims in the courtroom. Casteel's family members declined to speak as they left the courtroom. Casteel admitting shooting at cars in Oakland, Ingham, Shiawassee and Livingston counties over the span of several days. Investigators believe he was responsible for 23 shootings.

Last week, a Livingston County jury convicted him of terrorism for shootings there. He faces up to life in prison when sentenced March 3.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Heroin bust

Canton police found small packs of heroin in a 21-year-old Westland woman's purse after she lost control of her 2003 Dodge Caravan and skidded into a snow bank on Hannan Road north of Koppernick, a police report said.

The incident happened about 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police noticed the vehicle was stopped and blocking most of Hannan Road, with a woman standing near it. She told police she was driving south on Hannan and lost control of the van.

The woman didn't have a license and a police report described her speech as slurred. Police learned she had a warrant out of Novi for retail fraud and arrested her for driving with a suspended license, a report said. The vehicle was impounded.

The woman asked police to get her purse from the vehicle before she was arrested. In it, police found several small pieces of folded white paper containing heroin. She told police she had been off drugs for several months, but later said she buys it from a house in Detroit. She was facing charges.

### Store fight

Police arrested a 33-year-old Westland man after receiving reports he was fighting with less prevention employees at the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz.

The incident happened about 9:30 p.m. last Thursday. Store employees pinned the man against a wall outside the store until police arrived. Store personnel had been performing surveillance when the man was seen taking a

package of tape and placing it in his left pocket. Under further investigation, it was learned the man had been involved in fraudulent activity.

The man is accused of buying a new laptop computer and then returning an old computer in the new box, without a receipt, to get money. Later, he tried to return the new computer with a receipt but without a box, the police report said.

The case remained under investigation.

### Pursuit, capture

A man arrested for trying to steal electronics components from the Walmart store on Ford Road told police he was trying to take the items and sell them to pay his bills, a police report said.

Police went to the store

amid reports the suspect had tussled with employees before he got into a vehicle driven by a woman about 8 p.m. last Thursday. The man had been accused of trying to steal three hard drives, but he left the items behind when approached by employees.

Police stopped the alleged getaway vehicle near Lotz Road. The female driver was cited for driving with a suspended license. Police found items in the car similar to those the male suspect had tried to steal from the Walmart store, a police report said.

The man was arrested and police learned he had two prior felony convictions and a prior retail fraud.

### Probation violation

A woman notified Canton

police after she saw a man lying in the snow next to Haggerty Road north of Cherry Hill about 11:45 p.m. Sunday.

Turns out the 44-year-old Canton man was drunk and had been to a bar, in violation of a probation order out of Oakland County, where he had been earlier arrested for driving while impaired, a police report said.

Police arrived on the scene and found the man trying to stand up and stumbling, with blood and holes in the knee area of his jeans. He refused medical care.

Police ran a background check and learned the man was on probation. He was arrested and issued a citation to appear in 35th District Court for public intoxication.

— By Darrell Clem

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Vehicle theft

A 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer was stolen from Lou La Riche Chevrolet, on Plymouth Road at Haggerty in Plymouth Township, the afternoon of Jan. 29.

A Plymouth Township Police Department report said the theft occurred shortly before 4

p.m. It was unclear how the vehicle had been accessed; the dealership still had both sets of keys, police said.

An employee told police a man had been looking at the Trailblazer shortly before it was stolen and that he couldn't be found when it was discovered the vehicle was

missing.

### Tool theft

Tools — a concrete drill and a saw — and a generator were reported stolen Jan. 27 from National Concrete Products, on Mill Street in the township.

The items were discovered missing earlier that day and

they had last been seen by an employee the afternoon of Jan. 23, a police report said.

There were no signs of forced entry at the building, police said.

### Snowblower theft

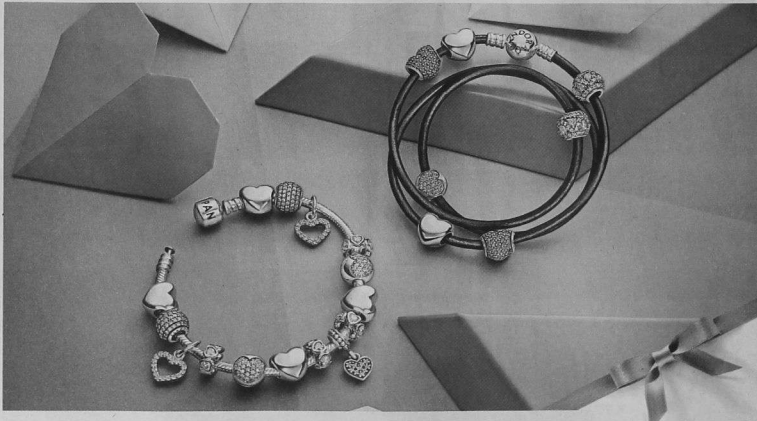
A new snowblower was reported stolen Jan. 23 from

the Henry Ford Medical Center complex on Beck Road north of M-16.

The snowblower had been kept inside a loading dock, a police report said. It had last been seen the evening of Jan. 22.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Canton man's sentencing delayed to Feb. 19

Plea deal could mean 20 years

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The Canton man accused of flipping homes in Wayne County illegally and turning a profit has had his sentencing date pushed back a week and new bond conditions imposed.

Samir Salami, 33, is scheduled to go before Circuit Judge David Groner at 9 a.m. Feb. 19 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit. Salami pleaded no contest last fall to the 12 charges he faced, which included conducting a criminal enterprise, embezzlement of \$100,000 or more, using a computer to commit a crime and false pretenses of \$20,000 or more. Salami faces up to 20

years in prison with the plea. A no contest plea in court is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such during sentencing. During a hearing Jan. 29 before Groner, some bond conditions were also changed. Salami is currently out on bond, including a \$1 million personal bond. In addition, Salami is required to wear a tether while out on bond. Salami was originally

charged in Redford's 17th District Court last year, when Wayne County prosecutors announced they had enough evidence against him. He was arraigned in January 2013 on the charges in Redford, the community where he worked. Officials alleged Salami used his real estate position with Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to have the companies purchase homes in the area that

had low price tags. Officials say Salami then steered the companies to sell those homes for a higher price to another company that was essentially run by Salami, with the profits going to himself. Officials say Salami made more than \$265,000 over a three-year span that resulted in more than 20 homes being sold. The homes were located in Detroit and Dearborn

Heights, as well as two in Redford Township. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said in a release when charges were announced the case against Salami was the first local prosecution in the country involving a criminal enterprise with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

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## Plymouth native plans to fill steins in South Lyon

By Diane Kale Andreassi  
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A second brewer is hoping to start filling beer mugs by summer in downtown South Lyon. If everything goes as planned, Third Monk Brewing Co. will open at Lafayette and Liberty this spring. Owners Darlene Dunlop and Jeff Robinson cleared their first hurdle last month by getting approval from the South Lyon City Council.

Robinson said he isn't walking too far away from his past job as a record producer and recording engineer, working on records by Toad the Wet Sprocket and Static X, as well as the engineering spot on the Friends TV show theme, "I'll Be There For You by the Rembrandts."

"The same care taken creating those hits after countless hours in the studio will be brought to focus on hand-crafting beer for the South Lyon community," said Robinson, who grew up in Plymouth, moved to Los Angeles and now lives in Salem. He also plans to host local entertainment on weekends.

They chose South Lyon "for its small-town community and foot traffic," he said. The target cus-



Jeff Robinson plans to open Third Monk Brewing Co., a microbrewery, in the building next to the South Lyon Bakery in the city. (HAL GOULD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

tomers are age 25-50 and "anyone who is seeking flavor in their beer," Robinson said.

"The idea is to help grow the community," he said. "We look forward to helping connect the dots in the area from business to business."

The microbrewery will focus on liquid refreshments and customers will be able to carry in food from nearby restaurants. Third Monk also plans to deliver direct-to-doorsteps for those 21 and older.

The next hurdles they need to clear are getting a beer license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and final federal approval from the Bureau of Alco-

hol Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives.

### Start out small

Robinson and Dunlop plan to start small by producing 138 to 340 barrels of beer annually. The estimated annual gross income range for the early stages of this operation will be around \$85,000 and potentially grow to \$200,000, according to an outline of intended goals the company gave to city council.

The business will employ three people initially and hire as many as 12 people in the future. The owners also hope to have sidewalk tables and a rear patio area.

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## Christensen fundraiser



Last July, both the Northville and Novi communities were rocked by the tragic death of Lisa Christensen. She was killed by her estranged husband, who then took his own life, leaving two communities shocked and numerous family members, friends and the endless number of people Christensen touched through her involvement in local sports, reeling and searching for answers. Many who knew Christensen are now planning a wine tasting and silent auction fundraiser in her honor. Committee members (from left) Jamie Tran, Sue Jostes, Eric Brucker and Kim Yaggi gather at Genitti's to organize auction items like this jersey, signed by Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson. The fundraiser will be held 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Genitti's Hole in the Wall in downtown Northville. Tickets are \$100. The ticket includes wine tasting and appetizers. Tickets can be purchased by calling Genitti's at 248-349-0522 or online at [www.conta.ca/tbyUXIM](http://www.conta.ca/tbyUXIM).

## Friends of Rouge seek help for annual frog survey

This year's first frog calls will be a welcome relief from a long snowy winter, signaling warmer days to come. In a sure sign that spring is coming, Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers for the 17th annual Rouge Frog & Toad Survey.

Learning which frog makes which call is the main skill volunteers must master for the survey, which has been conducted since 1998. According to Sally Petrella, volunteer mentoring program manager for Friends of the Rouge, learning and hearing the calls is what most volunteers enjoy about the survey. "Tuning into spring and developing an understanding about what and why these small creatures chorus into the

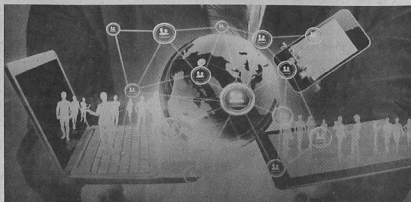
night is an enjoyable experience that people learn through the survey and will enjoy for the rest of their lives."

To participate in the survey, volunteers must attend one, two-hour training workshop held in March. Surveyors are provided with a CD of the calls and are assigned their own survey area, which must be within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark. The survey will take place from March through mid-May. Interested volunteers need to preregister for a workshop.

This year's workshops will be held: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, Canton Summit

on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 8, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile

The presence of frogs and toads is used as an indicator of wetland health as the animals disappear when wetlands are too polluted. Healthy wetlands support diverse assemblages of amphibians. To learn more about findings from the survey, visit the FOTR website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org). The survey is funded through a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project and local Rouge communities.



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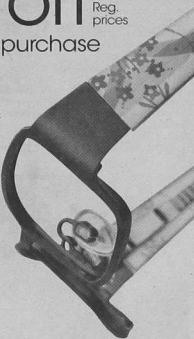
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# Bil allowing mandatory drug gets through committee

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

State Rep. John Walsh is hoping a bill he introduced that would allow families to file a court petition to force their loved one into substance abuse treatment before they hurt themselves or others will be law sometime this summer.

The Livonia lawmaker said he expected his substance abuse involuntary treatment bill to go to the House floor this week for a second reading after it passed the House Judiciary Committee on Jan. 30.

Walsh first introduced the proposed legislation back in May 2012, after he met Mark and Carol Garofoli of Livonia, whose 22-year-old son committed suicide while addicted to heroin. The son could no longer think rationally and had walked out of a rehab facility in Memphis, Mich., just two weeks prior to his death. His parents, and everyone else, were powerless to stop him because he was over age 18.

Mark Garofoli, who has been following the bill's progress and held an online petition drive to drum up support for it, is encouraged with this latest development, though he said he was unimpressed at how long it has taken to get this far.

"Every day there's got to be somebody that needs the help," he said, citing as an example actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, who was found dead of an apparent heroin overdose Feb. 2.

"That's why it's so frustrating for me," he said. "The political wheels are turning way too slow for me."

Walsh said several changes have been made to the bill since he first presented it to the House Judiciary Committee and every change has made it better.

Chief among those changes have been improved language to better protect individual rights and guard against someone being wrongfully committed.

"It's been a long time coming, but for good reason," he said.

Walsh said he met



Mark and Carol Garofoli hold a portrait of their son Mark, who committed suicide while addicted to heroin. His parents had no legal authority to force him to get treatment. FILE PHOTO

with House Judiciary Committee members, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Probate Judges Association and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, among others, and addressed all of the concerns raised by the House Judiciary Committee, which approved HB 4186 with a near-unanimous vote.

Walsh, who is term-limited and in his final year serving in the state House, said he hopes the bill will be to the Senate by Tuesday and to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk by June 30.

He said he was unaware of the need for involuntary treatment for substance abuse until he met the Garofolis. "Their story was so compelling," he said.

After researching it and meeting with the various stakeholders, "I felt I could do something," he said.

The bill was modeled after the Marchman Act in Florida, as well as similar laws in other states such as Ohio.

Walsh introduced his proposed legislation May 24, 2012, the one-year anniversary of the Garofolis' son's death. By the time it becomes law, if it does, three years will have passed since that tragic day.

While that's a lot longer than Garofoli wanted or expected, final passage of the bill is the ultimate goal. "It's worth the wait if it happens," Garofoli said.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Depending on your age, this is either the worst winter you, or just an old-fashioned Michigan winter. The Detroit area got pounded again, as you can see in this Wednesday mid-morning view of 196 in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Heise hours

**Date:** Monday, Feb. 10  
**Locations/Times:** 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Cony Island, 39910 Ford, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 2235 S. Main.

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

### Hospice presentation

**Date/Time:** Friday, Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 2235 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host Arbor Hospice with the presentation topic "Five Ways Advance Directives: Making Your Wishes Known." The presentation will cover the importance of completing an advance directive document to make your medical, personal, emotional and spiritual wishes known.

**Contact:** For more information or to RSVP, contact Bobbie Pummil at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

### Blues @ the Elks

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of each month. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Benny Reeves & the Paul Carey Trio will be featured. Vocalist Benny Reeves is the brother of Martha Reeves and the Jaxx stars. Also playing will be Mark LoDuca on keys and Bud Bauhoff on drums.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

### Jazz @ the Elks

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be Cliff

Moner Trio with vocalist Stephanie Moner, Moner on keyboards, Jeff Fedraz on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

### Blood drives

**Date/Times/Locations:**

» Friday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Compare Sports Area, 14900 Beck, Plymouth

» Monday, Feb. 17, 1-4:45 p.m., Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon

» Sunday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

» Monday, Feb. 24, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

**Details:** The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at the above locations. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Contact:** Call Diane Risko at 313-550-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

### Youth spelling bee

**Date/Time:** Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton

**Details:** The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a local, non-profit organization that provides free tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. Proceeds from this spelling bee will benefit the group's adult literacy programs. Students interested in participating in the bee must register online at <http://www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/get-involved/fundraising>. Participation is limited to the first 15 students to register.

**Contact:** Questions may be directed to amy@plymouthcantonliteracy.org.

### Baby shower

**Date/Time:** Through the month of March

**Location:** Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Community United Way is planning a baby shower and everyone is invited. Individuals as well as companies, service clubs, and churches can join in the fun by donating new bottles, formula, bibs, crib sheets, blankets (handmade accepted), diapers, baby clothes up to size 3T, convertible car

seats, cribs, strollers, and monitors. The items will be distributed to low-income mothers in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. PCUW is offering a range of ways to participate from dropping off items at the office to holding a special event like a baby shower. Donations can be brought to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**Contact:** Randi Williams at 734-453-6873, ext. 7, or randi.williams@pcuw.org

### Book signing

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** Bigby Coffee, 400 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Authors Scott J. Karr and Joseph E. Markus will be available to sign copies of their book, *In the Company of Perfection*.

**Contact:** 877-727-0697 or Michelle Williamson at michelle@keymc.com.

### New Morning

**open house**

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Feb. 9, 1-2 p.m.

**Location:** New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** New Morning School will host an open house for prospective families interested in preschool through eighth grade. Directly following, 2-3:30 p.m., will be the school's annual Museum Experience, which showcases students and their work on self-selected research topics and projects.

**Contact:** [www.newmorningschool.org](http://www.newmorningschool.org) or call 734-420-3331

### VFW craft show

**Date/Time:** Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** VFW Post 6695, Plymouth

**Details:** The VFW Plymouth post 6695 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a craft show. Rental tables are available for \$25.

**Contact:** Leslie at the VFW, 734-453-6700, for more details.

### Love Thy Neighbor

**Dates/Times:** Through Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday

**Details:** The Salvation Army's Food Pantry is asking its neighbors to "Love Thy Neighbor" by donating specific items to the food pantry. Among items they're looking for are deodorant and shaving items, toilet paper, body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoo and condi-

tioner, hamburger helper, canned chicken and tuna.

**Contact:** Email Laurie Aren at [laurie.aren@salvationarmy.org](mailto:laurie.aren@salvationarmy.org) or call 734-453-5464.

### Night for the Museum

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth

**Details:** This is the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction fundraiser. Merchants in Plymouth and surrounding areas have stepped up and donated numerous items for the live auction and raffle. In addition, diners will be entertained with a performance by 12-year-old Maxine Ryder as well as the Plymouth File and Drum Corps. The ticket price of \$75 per person includes appetizers, a plated gourmet dinner and dessert, a cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or online at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/A-Night-FOR-the-Museum>. ET118.html. Tickets should be purchased by Feb. 7.

**Contact:** 734-455-8940.

### Toastmasters move

**Date/Time:** Each Wednesday, 6:30-7:30

**Location:** Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Cherry Hill, Canton

**Details:** Canton Toastmasters Toastmasters Club is changing its meeting place to Rose's Restaurant. Guests are welcome and appreciated. Toastmasters officials say the club is "an inexpensive way to gain communication skills, confidence and leadership training." More information is available at [www.cantontostmasters.org](http://www.cantontostmasters.org).

**Contact:** Robert Birch by email at [rbirch12002@yahoo.com](mailto:rbirch12002@yahoo.com)

### Vendor fair

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Canton High School cafeteria, 8415 N. Canton Center, Canton

**Details:** The Project Graduation vendor fair will feature a variety of items for sale. The graduation party needs, including tents, inflatables, photo booths, catering, bakeries and more. There will also be a variety of vendors available for visitors to shop, including Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Scentsy Fragrance Warmers, Mary Kay, Vela Chocolate Warmers and more. Proceeds will benefit the Senior All-Night Party. Admission is free.

### Crafters needed

**Date/Time:** Aug. 30-31

**Location:** Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Crafters are needed for Old St. Patrick's 38th annual Labor Day Weekend Festival, which will now include an Arts & Crafts Show. Artisans interested in participating as a vendor can visit the church's website ([www.stpatrick2.org](http://www.stpatrick2.org)) and send in the application.

**Contact:** Carla or Jeanine at [oisfestval@gmail.com](mailto:oisfestval@gmail.com).

### Oz in Ice

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Feb. 9, 4-7 p.m.

**Location:** The Manor at Glacier Hills, 1200 Easthart, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Glacier Hills celebrates 40 years with Oz in Ice. Ice Dreams of Plymouth will showcase 10 ice sculptures based on themes and characters found in *The Wizard of Oz*. Beverages appropriate for the season will be served. This event is free and open to the public and no tickets are required.

**Contact:** 734-913-0730.

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# Master gardener sees online business grow

Hoarding is a way of life for Katie Flickinger and it's paying off. Dedicated to propagating heirloom seeds from a diverse variety of fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs, she has seeds from more than 800 varieties of vegetation flooding an entire room, floor to ceiling, in her Livonia home. And she continues to collect.

Through her online business, gardenboard.com, the master gardener offers homegrown seeds, while providing her consumers with the knowledge and tools to grow healthy, safe produce and beautiful flowers. All seeds come from the gardener's own seed stock, grown organically from seeds that have not been genetically modified.

"We're losing some of our most favorable and nutritional fruits and vegetables," Flickinger said, explaining that 97 percent of original varieties of fruit and vegetable seeds have been lost since 1900. "So many have disappeared, we're trying to keep them alive," said Flickinger whose husband Christian, a systems administrator by day, often helps her in the evenings and on weekends.

Farming 1.5 acres encom-

passing five properties in backyards and community gardens in Commerce, Redford, Walled Lake and her own property in Livonia, Flickinger spends winter on the massive task of collecting, drying, cleaning and storing thousands of seeds by hand. From November to April, gardenboard.com offers free seeds for the cost of postage on older seeds that are not viable enough to sell, but still have a decent germination rate.

Averaging a 70-plus hour workweek just to keep up with demand, Flickinger was feeling overwhelmed when she learned of Entrepreneur-YOU, a collaborative women-owned business plan contest designed by Walsh College, Huntington Bank, Inform and Michigan Women's Foundation. After being selected as one of 15 finalists out of 150 venture submissions, Flickinger was assigned a mentor, Walsh College Blackstone LaunchPad director Carol Glynn.

Flickinger worked with Glynn and her Walsh College Blackstone LaunchPad team, building a business plan and preparing a four-minute pitch for the final competition. Preparations paid off in September,



Katie Flickinger at the Wilson Barn Farmers Market in Livonia.

when Flickinger won first place in the lifestyle category and was awarded \$10,000 in venture funding.

"I was shocked when I was a finalist and even more shocked when I won," Flickinger said. "I didn't have a business plan and I didn't have defined goals when I first met the LaunchPad team. Everything was all in my head. Carol and LaunchPad adviser Brian Renner worked with me every week for more than a month to revise my executive summary, create a business plan and refine and practice my pitch."

"It was a life-changing experience. I couldn't believe I could

stand up there and not faint. In college, I would always faint and get sick when I had to present," added Flickinger, who holds a bachelor of science in business administration degree. "To be able to do this for my own business is an accomplishment."

Flickinger is moving forward now, equipped with a solid plan and clearly defined goals. She and her husband are also getting the home they have outgrown ready for sale and looking for a place with five acres of land, a move that will allow the gardener to concentrate all growing efforts in one place.

Funded by the Blackstone Charitable Foundation and in partnership with New Economy Initiative, a program of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Automation Alley, University of Miami, Walsh College and Wayne State University, Blackstone LaunchPad helps aspiring entrepreneurs develop and launch their businesses. As the first of its kind in Michigan, it offers fully enrolled Walsh students and degreed Walsh alumni and Wayne State University students the opportunity to assess the feasibility of their ideas for starting and growing for-profit and nonprofit ventures.

# Gaidica leaving TV to follow his 'calling' at Oak Pointe

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Longtime WDIV-TV (Channel 4) weatherman and Northville resident Chuck Gaidica is stepping down from his role at to become a pastor at Novi's Oak Pointe Church.

Gaidica and WDIV made the announcement last week that he will step down later this summer as the station's director of meteorology. He will still have a small role at the station, including hosting different

specials.

"It has been a long and exciting journey, but I know in my heart it's time to pull back on my TV duties so I can answer my calling to the ministry," said Gaidica, who came to Detroit more than 30 years ago.

He's stepping down from his longtime post so he can join the staff of Oak Pointe Church in Novi as its pastor of world outreach.



Gaidica

The three-time Emmy Award winner and popular on-air personality has a deep connection with the Northville and Novi communities.

In addition to being a member of Oak Pointe, Gaidica has played a big role in community outreach.

He also helped establish the Tipping Point Theatre in downtown Northville, which he is still part of. He's lived in the community for 12 years.

"This is an exciting opportu-

nity for me," he said.

Gaidica said the need for a change became apparent in the last year or so. Although he didn't have a fall to his knees moment, he said there have been various nudges moving him in this new direction.

"I will be learning a lot of things, so I'm looking forward to working with Bob (Shrock, senior pastor at Oak Pointe) and the rest of the team," he said.

Taking with him years of communication experience,

Gaidica does bring knowledge of ministry with him.

He has a masters of arts degree in ministry leadership. At Oak Pointe, he will work to help get the word out and support the different services and missions.

Meteorologist Ben Bailey, formerly of WJBK-TV (Channel 2), has joined WDIV as its new chief meteorologist.

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# TAKING THE 'PULSE'

Video program brings Park life to the screen

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

A year ago, Janet Sutherland's advanced video production students were trying to assemble a show that would showcase all of the things going on around the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, from sporting events to club activities and anything else they could get their camera lenses on.

While they developed the idea, the suggestion got less-than-stellar support from district administration, so it was shelved.

But the students revived the idea this year, got solid support from the new superintendent and the *Park Pulse* was born.

"*Park Pulse* has a community feel to it," said Sutherland, who has taught video production since 1993. "It definitely helps people who don't know about The Park learn about it."

The 25-minute show runs about every three weeks and offers a variety of segments, including sports, a classroom feature (they've done the video production class, a health class and a feature on the culinary arts class, among others) and features on various Park clubs and organizations.

Students rotate through the different segments, Sutherland said, so "everyone gets to do everything." All of the segments are preplanned. Students find out in November which segments they're going to have over the next three months.

The entire production is student-driven.

"They go out, they cover their events, they schedule kids to come in for interviews," Sutherland said. "That way they have to schedule to make sure they're going to events, talking to people. The kids are on campus covering things."

That's how the students like it. Canton High School junior Eddie Eadeh, the son of Joseph Eadeh and the late Reem Safadi-Eadeh of Plymouth, is the chief editor of *Park Pulse*, as well as a segment editor. In addition to his video production duties, Eadeh serves on the student radio station as the assistant production director. His 90-minute show recently won an MAB award as for high school radio talk show.

"I stay interested in these programs, because I know I can improve them with what I



do," said Eadeh, who also owns his own technology company. "I love to help other people live out their dreams. I know hard work leads to success and, with that said, I'm all about working hard."

*Park Pulse* is one of two shows the students produce, the other being the daily announcements show. That is a 10-minute segment spent mostly reading school announcements, with a sport or event feature included if there's time. Those segment lengths are dictated, Sutherland said, by how many announcements there are.

Dr. Michael Meissen, who started as the district's superintendent in July, said the program is turning out college-ready, career-ready students.

"Students get good hands-on experience," said Meissen,



Everything in Janet Sutherland's video production classes is run by students, including (from left) Eddie Eadeh, Dave Gielarowski, Taylor Burris and Zach Palizewski.

who has begun a "Conversation" series of broadcasts of

his own. "Our goal is to promote more information about

the district, to connect with more (members) of the community. We talk about being informed, in-touch and involved. We have some tremendously talented students."

Sutherland teaches three different video production courses: an introduction, advanced video production and video production technology. Students can sign up for video production courses as early as freshman year and the class counts toward the arts credit required by the state for graduation.

Over the course of a given year, she gets some 150 kids interested in the courses, many of whom are interested in pursuing careers in the communications industry (Eadeh, for instance, wants a career in cyber security). So Sutherland gets them ready, allowing the students to do their own thing, make all their arrangements and put everything together.

"They need to be ready for the real world," Sutherland said. "They're going to have to be able to do things on their own. I will help in some of the organizational aspects of it, but I don't go out to events with them. That's all entirely up to them."

It's the only way, Sutherland pointed out, to make sure the students are ready for college and the workforce.

"This gives them a chance to get some real-world experience," Sutherland said. "They come out of here very well-prepared. I want them to have the freedom so they do feel confident."

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# Special service: Choir brings music area to seniors, hospital patients

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Retired singer Mary Browne knows good music when she hears it. Every week, she listens to the choir at Dyer Senior Center rehearse for a concert schedule that includes holiday and spring performances in and around Westland.

"I'm here every single week and I listen every week," said Browne, the director of the Dyer Center. "When they perform, it's wonderful. Their sound is unbelievable. They have great four-part harmony. It's so close and so beautiful."

The choir has been making music since 1976. Started by Sylvia Reid, the group originally rehearsed at Taylor Tower. Reid was thrilled when the Dyer Senior Center opened in 1980 and moved the group moved across the street. Now it's a fixture at the center, filling each Monday afternoon with the sounds of music.

When Reid passed away, it looked like the group would fold, but Gail Boyd answered an ad and is now the director. Boyd teaches piano and organ and makes the trip from Whitmore Lake four days a week. One of her destinations is the Dyer Center to work with the choir. She's been doing it since 2010.

"I absolutely love it, it's very rewarding," Boyd said. "I was teaching at Ecola Music and saw the ad. I remember hearing Hal (Reid) say 'Remember, the show is tomorrow.' It was my first rehearsal."

## In the group

The choir members include 59-year-old Cecilia Pettiford of Westland, "the baby of the group," and Miriam Shurlow of Wayne, who at age 84 spreads her musical talents between singing in the senior choir and with the choir at the First Congregational Church and "also a ding-a-ling. I'm in the hand bell choir."

Pettiford credits her late mother, Anna Hammond, in getting her



Gail Boyd of Whitmore Lake not only directs the senior choir show, she also serves as the accompanist. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Diana Dallavechia (from left), Carol Holt and Susan Dossette sing at choir rehearsal.

involved with the choir. "She was a singer and she brought me in," she

said. "I have a good voice." "She's here because

she knows how to shake the maracas," Dave Dossette said, drawing a chuckle from the crowd. He serves as the emcee and joke teller for the



There were a few empty chairs at a recent senior choir practice at the Dyer Center. Director Gail Boyd is hoping to bring in new members to help fill the ranks.

shows and his fellow singers are quick to say they've heard all of his jokes.

Dossette said he has always sung. As a child, he went out with his mother and sang.

"I didn't get much chance not to sing," he said. "When I was growing up, my mom would go visit the old people. My mom took me with her. I'd get an elbow in the ribs and an order to sing."

Dossette has been a member of the choir for 10 years; his wife Susan joined seven years ago.

The choir meets for two hours a week at the center. The members spend the fall and winter months practicing for eight to 10 concerts in November and early December and May and June.

"We don't go too late into June and December," Boyd said. "We're off from the middle of December until after New Year's."

Their venues are the Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital, as well as senior living communities, assisted living facilities and churches in Westland, Wayne, Plymouth, Livonia, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Northville. Their repertoire includes "the oldies."

"I enjoy it, I enjoy going to the assisted living places," Rosette said. "It's a nice service we give. We sing the oldies and it's nice to see the smiles on their faces."

## Joining the group

Juliana D'Amico of Wayne has been a member for two years. She learned about the choir from her neighbor Kathryn Pugh.

"It's a nice, warm, friendly group," said D'Amico, one of two of the choir's female tenors. "There are a lot of professional-sounding singers, some have even done solos."

The group has about 40 members. The number goes up and down because of snowbirds who head south for the winter, which has them putting out the call for new members. The choir is open to all; membership at the Dyer Center isn't a requirement and there are no tryouts.

"If you can steam up a mirror, we want you," Dossette said, adding that "I sound like Mario Lammport."

Interested people can come in at anytime, "no problem," Boyd said.

"We'd like to get as many singers as we can get," Boyd said. "They can come in the middle and practice or just show up at rehearsals. People go off on vacation, we lose people. The snowbirds do the spring concerts."

People interested in joining the choir can call the Dyer Center at 734-419-2020. The center is at the Wayne-Westland Administrative Offices at 36745 Marquette, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, in Westland.

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# Middle schooler looking to buy a house

## Girl Scout want to benefit Haitians

By Sue Buck  
Staff Writer

Sophie Smith wants to change the world, a little bit at a time.

An eighth-grade student at Garden City Middle School, Smith is a multi-tasker who is working on her Girl Scout Silver Award and on a project to benefit a family in poverty-stricken Haiti.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout cadette can earn. The goal is to complete a service project that leaves a lasting impact on the community.

She's also rallying the help of her church, Good Hope Lutheran, in Garden City, to raise money for her charitable pro-

ject.

Smith, 13, said that her plans fell into place recently after she heard a guest pastor speak at her church.

"He told us a sad story about how when little kids in Haiti asked for a cookie, their mom made them a little mud cookie," Smith said. "It broke my heart. It made me think about how I am so blessed to have a roof over my head and food to eat."

### Selling cookies

Smith has been a Girl Scout for eight years and is a cadette. She is a member of Troop 43974, which meets at her church. In the past few years, Smith sold 1,500 boxes of Girl Scout cookies



Sophie Smith, a Garden City Middle School eighth-grader, is raising \$3,200 to build a home in Haiti. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ies and last year 1,800.

"With that, I have been able to do many great things, like take an all-expense paid mom-and-daughter trip to Chicago,

camping trips, water parks, even manicures," she said. "It was really great."

This year she wants to do something that "real-

ly" makes a difference. "I am going to use all the profits from my cookie sale to buy a house for people who desperately need it," she said.

That will be coupled with help from her church, babysitting and any other fundraisers she can think of doing.

The goal is to raise \$3,200 for the group called Food for the Poor. So far, Smith has raised about \$160. She hopes to raise all of the money by June. A poster board at church displays Smith's project. She is creating a house made out of little bricks which is based on \$20 for each brick. She needs 120 bricks to complete the house facade.

### Helping out

Smith's parents are Jennifer and Jason Smith. Jennifer has her

own cupcake business called Web-n-Lilly cupcakes. It's named after her daughters Sophie and Lilly, who is almost 5 years old.

Jennifer Smith has offered her personal cell phone number for anyone who wants to order Girl Scout cookies or to make a donation on behalf of the project. The number is 734-334-6737.

The cutoff date to order Girl Scout cookies is the weekend of March 15. The troop will be selling cookies at the church on the weekend.

Donors can also visit support.foodforthe-poor.org/site/TR/Events/Champions?pfid=10081&fr\_id=20958pg=fund

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## Former NFL player opens fitness center in Lyon Township

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

NFL veteran and Super Bowl champion Sean McHugh knows first-hand what it takes to play professional football. He has his new business venture to help kids reach their fullest athletic potential.

A quote painted on the wall at McHugh Athletic Performance Center at Eight Mile and Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township says it all: "Train like a Pro, Play like a Champion."

The 5,600-square-foot space is set up for children, teen and adult classes. Programs for younger kids focus on building strength and agility, because at this

level, McHugh said, he doesn't teach individual sports techniques, like how to swing a bat, handle a soccer ball or set a volleyball.

"The best thing a parent can do for a young athlete is to encourage their child to try as much as possible, but focus on the child being a well-rounded athlete," McHugh said. "Don't specialize too quickly."

He does, however, teach advance training for high school athletes "who want to take their game to another level," said McHugh, who played six years in the NFL — three with the Detroit Lions, two with the Pittsburgh Steelers and one with the Green Bay Packers.



Former NFL player Sean McHugh recently opened McHugh Athletic Performance Center in Lyon Township. HAL GOULD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"Sports is so big in this area," he said. "We want to see those kids succeed. I lived it. I'm not reading the instructions from a book."

### Athletes abound

Athlete McHugh, Sean's wife, played field hockey in college. All their employees have an athletic background, her husband said.

Athlete runs classes for adults of all ability levels who want a challenge for overall fitness. R.I.P.E.D. (resistance, intervals, power, perfor-

mance, endurance and determination) is designed for women who want to throw out the old workout and step into something new. The 60-minute full body challenge is carved into three sections — cardio, resistance and agility.

"We use a lot of athletic style training," Athlete said. "I have people in class who haven't worked out in years. 'When they get done, they say, 'I can't believe I just did that.'"

As if they were lobbying a ball back and forth on a tennis court, Athlete and Sean are enthusiastic as they talk about their new business that also offers team training and personal sessions by appointment.

They chose South Lyon after living in various places around the country. He grew up in Cleveland, she was raised in Harrisburg, Penn., and they lived in Canton when Sean played for the Lions. But they looked for something else when they mapped out a place to raise their children, Jack, 6, and Emma, 4.

"We wanted a small town community feel, so we moved to South Lyon and we've been here for three years," said Sean, who coached varsity football at Novi High School in 2011-12.

Looking at a wall of weights and other equipment at the new business, Sean said, "We have everything you need and nothing you don't."

Visit mchughathleticperformancecenter.com or call 248-207-9785.

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## Know your own cost of living

The cost for a postage stamp has just increased by three cents to 49 cents. For most, the three cents is not a major issue, it's just a nuisance. However, there is a lesson to learn from the increase in postage rates.

At talks that I give on investing, one thing I always preach is that there is a difference between the increase in cost of living and the official rate of inflation.

I use postage stamps as an example, because it is something that everyone can relate to. The three-cent increase in postage represents about a 6-percent increase this year. Compare that to the stated inflation rate of approximately 1 percent and you'll see the difference. It's just not this year that rates increased faster than inflation, it's been throughout time.

It is important that when you look into the future to estimate what your costs are going to be, you consider the possibility costs will go up a lot more than the rate of inflation.

I always stress to investors that they should know what it costs to live for one month. Compare how your costs have changed over time so you can compute your own individual inflation rate.

As I've written before, the government's inflation rate is not based upon reality of what your costs increase. It's a number that economists use.

The only way you are going to know your inflation rate is to compare what it costs to live today with a few years ago.

There's another rea-

son to mention the increase in postage stamps and that is in our world, we are bombarded by fees. In some situations such as postage stamps, we have very few alternatives and have to accept the increases.

There are, however, many other situations where we can do something about fee increases. Whether it is a bank, cable company or other service provider, whenever you see an increase in fees, determine if you have other options. Changing your banking relationship or switching your charge card are a

bit of a hassle, however, you may be surprised how much you can save. We live in a competitive world and consumers should never hesitate to make changes where necessary.

There's another issue regarding fees. You would be surprised to find out how many companies will waive fees and reduce costs if the consumer complains. Many people will not question or contest a fee because they do not want to appear cheap. However, if you can save money, who cares?

On fees and costs, I recommend being proactive. After all, if you ask for a fee waiver or adjustment, the worst a company can say is no. However, if they say yes, you'll end up with more money in your pocket and, as far as I'm concerned, it looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Good luck.

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A group of cyclists gets ready to take off on fat bikes from Trail's Edge Cycles in downtown Milford for a winter ride through the woods. TRAIL'S EDGE CYCLES

## Local shop offers winter cycling experience

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

While some grumble and complain about the snow and cold weather, one local group prefers to revel in it — and roll through Trail's Edge Cycles in downtown Milford, recently started a weekend "fat bike" group ride, which takes place each Saturday on the Milford mountain bike trail.

"A lot of people really like it," Flack said, noting riders come from the Milford area, as well as Plymouth, where he also has a store, and beyond. "It's something completely different. Being in the snow, yes, it's cold, but it's kind of surreal being out on the trail riding along through six inches of powder. It's very quiet, a very unique experience and when you add a few friends, it makes it even

more memorable." In addition to being memorable, the experience is also affordable. Trail's Edge Cycles has fat bikes — a bicycle with oversized tires, usually about four inches or larger and designed for riding in soft elements like snow or sand — available for rent during the excursions for \$10.

The bikes are built around frames with large forks and stays to accommodate the wide rims necessary for the tires. The store has about eight of the bikes in different sizes.

"It allows people to ride in snowy conditions where a normal bike is unrideable," Trail's Edge store manager Paul Perez said. "People like to ride on something a little bit different. As cyclists, we're always looking for that next thing and having the rentals gives us a chance to get people

onto something they may not try otherwise." The ride, which began this year, is about six miles long and — including a couple of stops that allow everyone to regroup — usually takes about two hours.

Some mountain bike skills are helpful, Perez said, but not necessary. "We're out to have fun, but it's still a workout," he said, adding that the trail has several "bail out" spots for those who get tired. "You've got to be aware of your own ability."

The group is smaller some weeks, with seven or eight riders turning out, and larger other times, with 20 or so participants making the trip.

For more information, visit [trails-edge.com](http://trails-edge.com) or call Trail's Edge Cycles in Milford at 248-714-9355 or 734-420-1200 in Plymouth.

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## Watch for warning signs with financial professional

You expect your financial advisers to watch out for your best interests — but do they?

In my 20-plus years' experience as a CPA and fee-only wealth manager for families and businesses, I've observed seven warning signs that raise red flags for me. If you see even one of them in your financial professional, get a second opinion on the issue from an objective, fiduciary adviser.

**1. Not a fiduciary.** By definition, a fiduciary adviser is obligated to act in your best interests. Unfortunately, many financial professionals do not hold themselves to this standard. If your professional is unwilling to certify in writing that he or she will act as a fiduciary on your behalf both when giving advice and recommending products, take it as a warning sign that your best interests likely will come second to the adviser's.

**2. Vague process.** Does your financial professional follow a well-defined, consultative process to clearly understand your situation, goals and time frames before making recommendations? Do the recommendations integrate tax, investing and financial strategies? Does the process include monitoring and re-balancing your plan over time? We meet at least three times with prospective clients before finalizing recommendations and implementing a plan and we document each step in writing. Our clients have

the opportunity to observe how we work before they pay us a dime. Expect the same from your professional.

**3. Tax talk avoidance.** If your professional neglects to explain the tax ramifications of a proposed action or, worse, gives incorrect tax information — watch out. Growing your wealth hinges on your professional understanding how you can pay the least amount of tax, both now and in the future. When new tax laws went into effect last year, we met with each of our clients to review and re-balance their portfolios to take best advantage of the changes. Even if your adviser is not a CPA, he or she should discuss ways to create tax efficiency in your portfolio or coordinate planning with a tax expert to make sure that tax and investment strategies integrate fully. If you sense any reluctance to take the lead in getting the opinion of other experts, ask why.

**4. Pressure to buy.** Be wary of a professional who will earn a commission by convincing you to change your life insurance policy or annuity. A couple with young children came to me for a second opinion after an insurance agent tried to sell them a new 20-year term life policy. I showed them that they only needed to extend their insurance another 10 years to cover their youngest child, a move that saved them hundreds of dollars to put toward their retirement fund instead. As for annuities, make sure you

clearly understand the taxes, holding periods and penalties associated with these products before making a change.

**5. Unbalanced risk.** A few months ago, a middle-aged couple asked me to review their investments. They had their money in three accounts and more than a dozen different mutual funds, so they thought they were well-diversified. But a closer look revealed that all the mutual funds invested in S&P 500 companies, making their portfolios very volatile. Your financial professional should develop and document a written investment policy that demonstrates a diversified portfolio, which contains several asset classes, reflects your risk tolerance and is re-balanced periodically to stay in alignment with the investment policy statement. Anything less is a warning sign.

**6. Unclear compensation.** Make sure you fully understand how your professional is compensated. Get a statement in writing; if it's unclear, that's a warning sign. Finally, if you learn that part of the professional's compensation will come from sales commissions, ask yourself how confident you are that he or she will provide objective advice.

As our tagline says, "From financial wisdom, better stewardship." If you see any of these signs, get a second opinion. You won't regret it.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Best bank

Bank of Ann Arbor, which has a branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, has been ranked as one of the Best Banks to Work For in the United States, in the category of less than \$3 billion in assets in American Banker's Best Banks to Work For program.

In all, 35 banks out of nearly 7,000 banks in the country achieved "Best Bank" status in this inaugural program. The full Best Banks to Work For list is featured in the November issue of *American Banker* magazine or online at [www.americanbanker.com](http://www.americanbanker.com) at the following address: [http://www.americanbanker.com/magazine/123\\_11/best-banks-to-work-for-2013-1062891-1.htm](http://www.americanbanker.com/magazine/123_11/best-banks-to-work-for-2013-1062891-1.htm). Bank of Ann Arbor is featured in the 20th position.

Highlights from the survey feature Bank of Ann Arbor's Sonic Lunch as a proud employer, and community activity, its wellness program which provides discounts for healthy behaviors, plus the bank was recognized throughout the survey as a great place to work.

"It is quite an honor to be recognized as one of the best banks to work for in the country," bank president/CEO Tim Marshall said. "We developed a brand promise to live up to that Bank of Ann Arbor 'helps.' Helping is what we do, whether it is with our colleagues or our clients. It is evident that our colleagues love doing it and our community values it."

To be considered for participation, banks had to have at least 50 employees working in the U.S. and be a commercial bank, thrift, mutual association, mutual savings bank, savings and loan



### New location

Liberty Tax Service held a ribbon cutting recently at its new location at 8589 N. Lilley in Canton. This location is owned by a dedicated and knowledgeable family of licensed CPAs. Cutting the ribbon is co-owner Sam Ewing, who is surrounded by many Ladies (and gentlemen) Liberty.

association or savings bank.

### Bank promotion

Bank of Ann Arbor officials announced Charles Crone was promoted to executive vice president and chief revenue officer.

Crone joined the bank in 2009 as first vice president, commercial banking group, and assumed the leadership position for the commercial banking group in January 2010. He began his career as a credit analyst with Detroit Bank and Trust, now Comerica, in 1977. Crone was employed by Comerica for 31 years in numerous capacities, including lending, credit administration and as president of the Ann Arbor region for Comerica.

### ACO appointment

The board of directors of Farmington Hills-based ACO, Inc. announced the promotion of Mark Vandenberg from senior vice president and chief financial officer to president.

The news comes just two weeks after the company released joined Ace Hardware Corp. as the largest independent member of the Ace cooperative. ACO, Inc. will

operate the new Ace Hardware stores under the name Great Lakes Ace Hardware. As president, Vandenberg will oversee the day-to-day operations of the business and the conversion of current ACO Hardware stores to Great Lakes Ace Hardware stores over the next six months.

An employee of ACO, Inc. for the past 16 years, Vandenberg will provide staff with the direction and stability to help achieve the company's goal of providing a full-line hardware store with knowledgeable associates and helpful customer service.

Currently 26 ACO stores are undergoing a "total inventory blow-out sale" of most merchandise in preparation for the store remodels, after which they will re-open as Great Lakes Ace Hardware stores. The remaining stores will begin the conversion process in early spring.

### Profits up

MBT Financial Corp., parent company of Monroe Bank & Trust, reported a pretax profit of \$2,322,000 for the fourth quarter of 2013, compared to \$618,000 for the fourth quarter of 2012.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Don't mess around with flu this year

Influenza — the real deal, not the viruses that people mistakenly call the flu — is nothing to trifle with. It's beyond miserable, potentially deadly and, in most cases, preventable.

Still, most Americans won't receive a flu vaccine, even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that influenza vaccines, on average, are about 62-percent effective.

That's less than the 70-percent to 90-percent efficacy rate the CDC estimated just a year ago, but still a far sight better than taking your chances in what is turning out to be a particularly bad flu season.

So why do so many people take the risk? The reasons are varied, complicated and differ from person to person, experts say. Some fear that the vaccine carries risks. Others are lazy. Some think the flu shot is unnecessary or won't do any good.

Candidly, the science is complicated, which is why urban legends about risks or exposure get so much traction in the public and turn off otherwise sensible, health-conscious individuals from getting vaccinated.

Even public health officials are increasingly vocal about the need for a better flu vaccine.

Today, people need to be re-vaccinated every year against the flu. That's because the influenza virus is constantly changing. Virologists try to predict which viruses will be in circulation in the coming season, hoping to get a good "match" between the viruses in the community and the viral strains used in the vaccine.

To their credit, they're pretty good at it, but it's still a hard sell to people skeptical of vaccination and the drug industry in general. A "game-changing" vaccine would be very different.

Such a vaccine would produce immunity by including parts of the influenza virus that don't change from year to year and which are common among many strains of virus. Such a vaccine would protect people for a decade or more.

Such a vaccine would also be far more effective in producing "herd" or community immunity, where enough people are immunized that the community's viral load drops, protecting even the non-vaccinated.



Diane Ewell gets a flu shot from nurse Bhagwati Bhakta. GANNETT MICHIGAN

## WHERE TO GET YOUR SHOT

The Wayne County Department of Public Health offers the flu vaccine at the Wayne Health Center, 33030 Van Born, Wayne. The department offers the flu vaccine to the public for \$20. For more information, call 734-727-7100.

## WHO CAN GET THE FLU SHOT?

Flu shots are available to individuals age 6 months or older.

Flu vaccine is not recommended for people who are allergic to eggs or flu vaccine, had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past, previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot or who currently have a fever.

## WHAT FLU VIRUSES DOES THIS SEASON'S VACCINE PROTECT AGAINST?

The 2013-14 trivalent influenza vaccine protects against Type A H1N1, H3N2 and a Type B strain that are most likely to be seen this season. The quadrivalent vaccine protects against another common Type B strain in addition to the three listed above. For more information on the flu strains that are covered by the trivalent and quadrivalent flu vaccine, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

# How often do you visit Summit on the Park — and why?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"I come here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — it just all depends on the week. I come here for the handcrafters (group)."

Marlene Griggs  
Canton



"I just started coming here two months ago. I like to walk and exercise and go to the arthritis class."

Raj Mata  
Canton



"Not often. I come here in the winter when it's too cold to run outside."

Phil Adams  
Canton



"We visit less than we should, maybe once or twice a month."

Dana Anderson  
Canton

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Camera returned

Thank you again for running my letter to the editor. Editor Brad Kadrich, who was contacted Friday, contacted me that my camera had been turned in Friday at Macy's after my letter ran. I can't thank you all enough for helping me get my camera back.

Cheryl Martin  
Canton

### Respect, don't defame

I am responding to a letter (Jan. 27 Plymouth-Canton Letters to the Editor) that Mr. Huddleston wrote attempting to defame Sen. Patrick Colbeck.

You attempt to infer that the increased state revenue of \$1.2 billion was gained at the expense of the poor and the middle class. Nothing could be more untrue. The increased revenue was due to more jobs, which allowed Michigan to enjoy private-sector job growth, which placed our state the fourth-highest in the nation for private-sector growth.

During that time span, Michigan added more than 124,000 jobs. The simple truth is that more jobs mean more taxable income and more local spending. This all has a positive and geometric effect on our state economy. It is my sincere belief that Sen. Colbeck and Gov. Snyder have pursued policies and legislation that have enabled the significant growth and financial security of our great state.

I believe most Americans would agree with the majority of the following items. For the record, I believe in all 10:

- 1) Eliminate excessive taxes;
- 2) Eliminate the national debt;
- 3) Eliminate deficit spending;
- 4) Protect free markets;
- 5) Abide by the Constitution of the United States;
- 6) Promote civic responsibility;
- 7) Reduce the overall size of government;
- 8) Believe in the people;
- 9) Avoid the pitfalls of politics;
- 10) Maintain local independence.

Which of the above precepts do you disagree with? If you agree with most of them you are, in fact, a believer in the Tea Party, that movement you so emotionally would infer is a bad thing. You see, Mr. Huddleston, the above 10 points are the platform of the Tea Party movement.

Bob Cushman  
Northville

### Who's in Tea Party?

Tea Party organizations continue to be attacked at the national, state and the local levels. The local "Tea Party" has a loose organization structure; anyone can attend who desires; no one is asked if they are gay or straight, one may be black, brown or white, all are welcome.

Who are in the "Tea Party?" In the past they may have been referred to as "The Silent Majority," people who believe in traditional values, possess a strong work ethic, people who place a high value/priority on education, people who pay taxes and are self-reliant, not dependent on the government. They are opposed to big government, to the intrusion into their daily lives, with little or no say on taxes.

Tea Partiers for the most part are Christian believers; no one is asked what they believe in. They place a high value on moral principles (with no claims of perfection) and traditional family values, there is a mixture of ages from young to retired, wives, husbands, children, some are military veterans, most are employed, some are union members, some self-employed, a few are small business owners, they

# What do you think?



## Do you think the state budget surplus should be used to help fix Michigan's roads?

Yes! The state surplus budget needs to be used to fix the roads! My husband and I have been living in the city of Westland since we were married 21 years ago and I have seen and drove the worse roads around this city. It seems every year I get older, the less work is being done to keep up Michigan roads. We need extra attention in this part of the state, where the population here is the highest. That means more vehicles travel more frequently, causing more wear and tear on our roads. When it comes to pot holes or a very bad uneven bumpy road, I say Cherry Hill Road between Merriman and Wayne roads.

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could be your neighbors and/or co-workers. Basically, they come from all walks of life.

There is a common belief there has been a moral decline of our society, with our traditional values under attack, while the government promotes irresponsible and immoral behavior. In the 1960s, before President Johnson's "Great Society" legislation, which destroyed the traditional family structure, there was a 6-percent birth rate by unmarried women; today the rate is 40.7 percent, with the birth rate by black unmarried women reported to be as high as 78 percent, devastating to the black family, a great travesty.

It is also reported the percentage in the 20s of men/fathers who are living with these families. This causes mothers to resort to welfare, government housing and food stamps and become dependent on "Uncle Sam" to take care of them. No one would question the need to support these families, with grandparents frequently involved in the raising of these children. But there is a need to alter the irresponsible behavior of what is referred to as "recreational sex." Instead of promoting such behavior by the entertainment industry, by politicians and other leaders (hear nothing, see nothing, say nothing), positive role models and behavior need to be promoted.

Before you accuse me of being a moralist, you may want to think if you agree with such behavior and the associated implication. Our prisons are full of criminals who tend to be poorly educated (high school dropouts) and to a great extent come from non-traditional family structures. I consider this a serious problem and getting worse.

Michael Hansel  
Canton Township

### Deceptive claims

Lately, Michigan citizens have been bombarded with a Koch brothers/Americans For Prosperity hit job on Gary Peters and the ACA. As usual, the claims made are at best misleading and at worse false.

The ad would have us believe 225,000 citizens have had their insurance permanently canceled, leaving viewers with the impression that these people would not be eligible or financially able to

secure protection under Obamacare. The truth is that most would be able to purchase affordable policies that in most cases were equal to or superior to the coverage that they had previously according to a paper using government statistics compiled for Democrats by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which concluded that 99.8 percent with canceled policies would be re-insured.

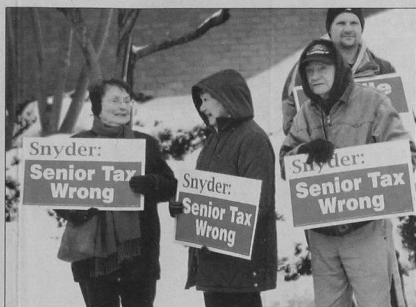
That includes the anti-Obamacare prop, Dexter's own Julie Boonstra, that Congressman Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, dragged to the SOTU message. After allegedly encountering problems with the Obamacare website, she was able to secure an individual policy from her agent that maintained her doctor, her hospital and her drugs. The new compliant policy cut premiums in half, although carried out-of-pocket costs of \$6,350, the ACA individual maximum. This annual outlay was about equal to what Boonstra claimed her total annual premium to be, but she conveniently neglected specifics about her deductible, characterizing it as "small." Neither did she mention the cost of her prescriptions that the ACA-compliant insurance included, but hers likely did not making her non-compliant canceled policy easily more costly with less coverage. Again, like in so many of the bogus cases pushed by Republicans, it is tragic to see how people will pay more and risk their health in doing so to make a point.

Another claim in the ad that represents a million-dollar money bomb dropped on the Michigan media market suggests the implementation of Obamacare will result in patients losing their doctor and/or their hospital. Here we have a case of the AFP pretending that doctors and hospitals moving in and out of networks or policies moving from network to network is something new and unique or the result of Obamacare. This movement is nothing new, as those of you out there who are honest will attest, whether you are covered by your employer or purchase from the individual market.

I guess when the numbers don't fit the narrative, the Republicans, the Kochs and the AFP opt for deception.

Mitch Smith  
Canton





Among those picketing Gov. Rick Snyder's policies Tuesday at OCC in Farmington Hills were (from left) Mary Mills, Joanne Braund and George Braund, all Royal Oak residents.

# Snyder launches re-election bid

By Aileen Wingblad  
Staff Writer

A stop in Farmington Hills marked Day 2 of Gov. Rick Snyder's "Comeback Story" state-wide tour re-election campaign, where he talked up the continuation and expansion of state initiatives to help fill the gap between supply and demand for labor in the skilled trades and other professions.

Meeting with some 18 small business owners, community leaders, employees and students invited to the casual "round-table" Tuesday afternoon at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, Snyder heard plenty of support for his efforts so far to improve Michigan's economic climate. "We've really seen a turnaround," said Richard Lerner, a Farmington Hills city councilman and owner of an IT consulting firm. Housing values are rebounding, he said, and at his own business — after some rough years — he's again taking a paycheck.

"Things are a lot better now," he said. Mary Engelman, executive director of the

## PROTESTERS PICKET OCC VISIT

Gov. Rick Snyder's visit Tuesday to OCC drew a small group of protesters, who picketed outside the school's athletic building, where the roundtable was held, chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Rick Snyder has to go."

Jim Pearson, a retired teacher from the Huron Valley Schools district, was among them.

His issue? A \$1,400 income tax now imposed yearly on his state pension. Pearson, who said he "didn't get into the teaching profession to get rich," indicated his annual compensation at retirement, \$73,000, wasn't in line with other professionals with similar years of experience and education. Now, he has to deal with a pension tax he hadn't planned on, Pearson said.

"I'm totally puzzled why a select group of relatively young retirees would be targeted," he said. Waiting outside for about an hour before Snyder's arrival, Pearson said he'd like to believe "someone in Lansing is on our side."

Fellow protester Janine Braund of Royal Oak said she was there "to support everybody — the seniors, the poor people" and to protest Snyder's policies in general.

"I just feel it's because of the poor people that we have a budget surplus," she said.

Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, said that after suffering through some "really dismal years," the local business community is showing plenty of positive signs, including 20 ribbon cuttings last year as well as "lots of expansion and diversity."

"I'm excited for Farmington and Farmington Hills," she said.

Another roundtable participant, Stan Moon, said his plumbing and leasing businesses are again thriving, while

business owner Terry Deichert, a self-described "Michigan survivor," told Snyder she's resumed paying overtime and bonuses to her employees — extras she had to suspend a few years ago.

"I'm so excited to see Snyder's decision to run again," Deichert said.

## More to be done

Along with their positive feedback, many of the participants also described how economic

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Gov. Rick Snyder continued his re-election campaign with this small business roundtable at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Shining a light on bullying

Author's adventure story teaches kids how to deal with bullies

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Northville resident and working mom Lori Costew has written a book that has received national acclaim for its lesson against bullying.

Costew won a Silver Medal in the 2013 Readers Favorite Book Contest in the Pre-Teen category for her novel, *Sherpa's Adventure: Saving the Future*.

She received the award in a ceremony held at the Miami Book Fair, the largest book fair in the United States.

"This is such a tremendous honor and one that I hope will help shine a light on the topic of bullying, as well as the importance of positivity," she said.

This was a big moment for her after a lot of hard work putting the story together.

Costew, 44, originally from Ohio, moved to Michigan 17 years ago and has lived in Northville the last 14 years.

She's a Buckeye married to a Wolverine, which she says, "shows that there can be peace on Earth for 364 days a year." They have two children at Amerman Elementary, Troy and Cate.

"The Readers Favorite Award ceremony was held at the Miami Book Fair and I had the opportunity to meet both well-known authors and new authors like myself from around the world. It was an amazing experience — I am still smiling!" she said.

The basis for the novel comes from the many lessons Costew took in while studying



Northville author Lori Costew recently penned a young adult book called *Sherpa's Adventure: Saving the Future*. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

modern-day bullying of children.

"The statistics around bullying are chilling," she said.

According to Costew, it's estimated that 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students and 35 percent of kids have been threatened online, as reported by the National Education Association.

"This is such a serious issue, yet I found most anti-bullying books are academic or written specifically about bullying," she said.

She said she chose to focus on the sweet spot of wrapping positive messages into a fun adventure story in order to appeal to kids.

"Woven throughout the story are tools and techniques to help kids make positive decisions."

The reviews online and feedback from voracious readers, reluctant readers, parents, grandparents and educators has been amazing," Costew

said. "Yet what is most satisfying are the comments by kids that the story keeps them so engaged that they keep reading. And when they start putting themselves in the characters shoes and realize kids can make a difference and choices impact lives."

The novel is an adventure story about a 16-year-old girl from the 24th century, where cars fly and robots clean bedrooms. However, the main character's life changes when she is tasked with stopping an evil dictator, Gen. Avel, and his transfiguring HuBots from destroying world peace.

The novel has elements of science fiction, time travel and history, "yet it directly addresses challenges kids face today like bullying, making good decisions and being part of something bigger than yourself."

You can contact Costew at [shepardskids@comcast.net](mailto:shepardskids@comcast.net).

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## METROPARKS CALENDAR



Kensington Metropark interpreter Chris Williams demonstrates how to use an ice-harvesting saw to Monica, 7, and Luke Vaughn, 5, of South Lyon during Saturday's ice festival. The annual event pays tribute to the area's history, where ice often was harvested and sold. Participants watched demonstrations and helped cut blocks of ice using antique saws and a variety of equipment. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**General:** 2014 annual parking and boat launch permits are available at the park office. Vehicle entry permits are \$30; senior citizen \$20. Boat launching permits are \$35; senior citizen \$20. The HCMA and Oakland County Parks permits, valid within both park systems, are \$54. Daily entry fee is \$5.

## KENSINGTON

**Note:** For more information for registration, call the Kensington Park office at 810-227-8910 or 800-477-3178. The Nature Center office phone number is 810-227-8917. Preregistration required for programs and a \$2 fee per person unless stated otherwise. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

## NATURE CENTER

**Tot Time: Who's Poo?** Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. Which animals live in the woods? The stuff they leave behind can tell you. For children age 3-5. Fee: \$5 per child. Preregistration required.

**Campfire Cooking.** Saturday, Feb. 8, 5 p.m. Come learn how to build a great

cooking fire, then cook your dinner over it with one of the naturalists in this ongoing series. The menu is different each time, so make sure you try them all. Fee: \$10 per person. Preregistration required.

## Chickadee Chow-Down.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m. In winter, a variety of songbirds will actually take sunflower seeds from your hands. Bird seed will be provided for this short walk along the nature trails. For all ages. Fee: \$4 per person. Preregistration required.

## Homeschool - Winter Birds.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m. Explore animal adaptations, structures and functions through the life of birds. Learn how animals protect themselves, how they get food and why they look the way they do with experiential indoor games, and an outdoor hike. Fee: \$4 per student. Preregistration required.

## Honey's Moon Walk.

Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. We at the nature center enjoy long walks through the woods, looking for owls

and gazing at the full moon. Skip dinner and a movie and join us instead! For ages 8 and up. Fee: \$5 per person. Preregistration required.

**Webelos: Forester.** Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m. All requirements for this badge will be met during this indoor/outdoor program. Fee: \$5 per Scout. Preregistration required.

**Build a Bird Nest Box.** Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m. Chickadees, bluebirds, wrens, swallows...these cheerful birds eat bugs in the summer and brighten your bird feeder in the winter; wouldn't they make great neighbors? Find out when you build them their very own nesting box for your yard. For ages 10 and up. Fee: \$15 per kit (includes materials; please bring a Phillips's screwdriver). Preregistration required.

## FARM CENTER

**Barn Dance.** Saturday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Join us for foot-stomping family fun in our barn. A square dance caller will walk you and your partner through the basics, providing a visit filled

with fun whether you're a beginner or seasoned pro. Great for moms and sons as well as dads and daughters. Light refreshments will be provided. Choose one session when calling for tickets: 6 p.m. - Daddy-Daughter; 8 p.m. - All family. Advance tickets \$8/person; \$10/person at the door. Call 810-227-8910 to order tickets.

## INDIAN SPRINGS

**Note:** For more information for registration, call Indian Springs at 248-625-7280 or 800-477-3192. The golf course number is 248-625-6640. Summer park hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. A metropark vehicle entry permit is required.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER

**Nest Box Workshop.** Saturday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m. There is a lot you can do to invite native birds to nest successfully - much more than slapping up a "birdhouse"! This program is designed for those who are serious about providing nesting sites for native cavity-nesting birds.

Controlling exotic species (house sparrows and European starlings), discouraging house wrens from taking over all your nest boxes, and dealing with predators will be discussed. Proper nest box construction and plans for boxes are covered. Nest boxes/kits will be available for purchase. Teachers, families and individuals are welcome to attend this program. For ages 7 and up. Fee: \$5 per person. Nest Box kits are a separate fee. Preregistration required.

## Winter Bird Hike.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. Come enjoy this morning hike through the Huron swamp as we pursue the secretive pileated woodpecker! Whether you are a beginning birder or an experienced ornithologist, we're sure to have a great hike. Meet at the trailhead next to the park office. For ages 8 and up. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

## Winter Snow Creations

For Families, Sunday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m. Just imagine all the possibilities a large pile of snow could

become - a dinosaur or perhaps a whale! Come create snow sculptures big and small. For all ages. Fee: \$3 per person. Preregistration required.

## Hoots and Howls Night Hike.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. A crisp cold night... full moon rising... what a perfect time to search for the elusive and crafty coyote! We'll scout for tracks, coyote scat and hope the local coyotes "sing" for us. As long as we are out, we will attempt to call in the resident screech and barred owls. Be sure to dress for the weather conditions. For first-graders and up. Fee: \$5 per person. Preregistration required.

## Family Lab Day: Electricity.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 1 p.m. Been shocked lately? That's because of static electricity. We'll learn the basics of electricity, and talk about the great minds that studied it. Come to lab charged up and ready to turn on your thinking bulb as we dive into electrical experiments. For ages 7 and up. Fee: \$5 per person. Preregistration required.

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progress has translated into an emerging need for capable and competent employees to fill open positions at their expanding businesses.

"I'm getting applicants, just not qualified ones," said Mike Gendjar, owner of the plumbing and electrical businesses A.J. Danbois in Farmington Hills and Danbois Mechanical in Farmington.

Noting that he's "pleased with the direction the state is going in," Gendjar said he's confident that Snyder "understands there needs to be a little more emphasis on the trades" — as evidenced by the governor's ongoing promotion for Michigan Advanced Technical Training Program and similar plans which offer viable alternatives to four-year college degrees.

Rolled out last fall at OCC and Henry Ford Community College — and set to expand to other schools this year — MAT2 is a three-year plan offering paid tuition and training in a technology-based field. Upon completion of



As Gov. Rick Snyder talked up his "Comeback State" platform, protesters picketed at Oakland Community College. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

MAT2, students earn an associate's degree and a guaranteed job in product design, information technology, mechatronics or similar industries. MAT2, Snyder said, is just one example of a program that could ultimately distinguish Michigan as a leader throughout the United States.

Noting his efforts to support business during his first three years as governor, Snyder said "there's more to be done (to achieve) far better jobs and better futures for our kids."

To that end, he's come up with his "Three C's" — collaborating with the private sector to identify demand for labor; creating opportunities in the education sector at intermediate school districts and community

college levels; and connecting that supply and demand.

It's a two-term effort, he said, calling it the "most important initiative going on," continuing toward the goal he established during his first bid for governor in 2010.

Snyder said he's excited about the work that has been ongoing for the past three years — and is eyeing the next five to "continue to grow (established) programs, to really instill them ... spread them to other fields."

He added, "We're just starting to take off. We're the 'Comeback State.' This is how you hit the gas."

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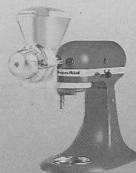
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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Chiefs take down Rockets, win KLAA South

## Big third quarter erases 1-point halftime deficit

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

The Canton girls basketball team got lulled to sleep during the first 16 minutes of Monday's encounter at Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs, gunning to earn the top seed and clinch at least a share of the KLAA's South Division title, made only 4-of-22 first-half shots and trailed 13-12 to the upset-minded Rockets. (On Tuesday, Canton defeated Livonia Churchill to clinch the division outright).

"I just thought we needed to come out with more energy and try and speed those guys up," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "Obvious Glenn wanted to walk it up and slow it down, take their time offensively and sit in the 2-3 (zone defense)."

"I thought we were sort of flat and

didn't have any energy. I said, 'Let's try and speed this game up and get rolling here.' I thought the girls did a nice job of coming out the third quarter and doing that."

The Chiefs apparently got the halftime message and took some No Doz in the process as they opened the third quarter with a 14-0 run and never looked back en route to a 39-22 victory. Canton, now 11-3 overall and 8-0 in the division, was always the team to control the tempo in its meetings the previous meetings against the fast-paced Rockets (6-8, 5-3), who had captured the last two KLAA Association, Kensington Conference and South Division championships outright.

### Got it going

"It's a little different than the past couple of years," Samulski said. "But

he (coach Derrick Jordan) is doing a good job. I thought we were getting good shots. We probably didn't shoot a great percentage the first half, but we got warmed up and revved up a little bit."

Canton senior forward Paige Aresco led all scorers with 17 points, including 11-of-16 from the foul line. She tallied eight of her points during the 19-3 third-period surge, while center Taylor Hunsley added six of her eight.

Senior guard Rachel Winters, one half of the sister backcourt combination which also includes sophomore Natalie, chipped in with 12 points on the night.

Glenn missed its first 10 shots to open the third quarter. And for the game, the Rockets made just 6-of-35 from the floor (17 percent).

Sierra Mosley and Inkster transfer R'Mani Garrard scored eight and seven

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Canton senior Paige Aresco (No. 14), shown from earlier this season, led the Chiefs Monday with 17 points.

## ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE



Zach Lorentz (No. 9) of the Plymouth Whalers ward off a check from Belleville's Aaron Berisha (No. 8). RENA LAVERTY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## CANTON INVITATIONAL

# Chiefs 1st at Invite

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team hasn't seen a tournament it hasn't liked so far this season, and that trend continued unabated at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

The Chiefs made it 3-for-3 in invitations in 2013-14 with a team score of 145.8 to lead a field of the top 12 teams in Michigan (20 teams were represented at the invite, actually held at Plymouth High School).

"It was a nicely balanced team effort against a very strong field and gives a positive foreshadowing of the possible results at the MHSAA state meet," noted Chiefs head coach John Cunningham.

Finishing second with 143.5 points was Farmington United, followed by Rockford (141.15), Forest Hills (139) and Plymouth (138.275).

Livonia Blue finished seventh with 135.525 points while Livonia Red (128.825) and Salem (126.625) placed 12th and 13th, respectively.

Standouts for the Chiefs

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Canton's Maddie Toal performs on the balance beam during Saturday's invitational. BRIAN QUINTOS

# POWER POINTS

## Whalers' power play emerges in 4-3 victory over Belleville

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After letting Belleville score three goals within a 3:25 span in the second period Saturday, the Plymouth Whalers were in danger of dropping their fifth straight game.

But the Whalers erased a 3-2 deficit with two power-play markers in the third period to garner a 4-3 win at Compuware Arena.

With Plymouth enjoying an extended 5-on-3 power play, Whalers center Ryan Hartman fired a one-timer from the bottom of the left circle. The shot squeezed past Bulls netminder Charlie Graham on

the short side, to even the Ontario Hockey League contest at 3-all with 5:07 to play.

The good news for the Whalers was they continued on the power play after the marker, and broke the tie at 16:28.

Winger Connor Chatham slid the puck across the crease to forward Matt Mistehe, who jammed it in at the left post for the winner.

### Practice pays off

"We struggled a little bit lately," said Hartman, a Chicago Blackhawks prospect who also scored earlier in the contest. "But in practice this week we changed it up and

made a few adjustments and that worked for us."

"Don't make it fancy; he just wanted us to get pucks to the net."

Hartman followed the script perfectly on his tying tally, assisted by linemates Zach Lorentz (three helpers) and Victor Cris Rydberg.

"I've seen that for the past couple games and I haven't been able to put it in there," said Hartman, about his sharp-angle blast finding an opening between the near post and Graham's right pad. "But it bounced in tonight."

Plymouth actually scored three times on the power play. At 12:10 of the first period, left

wing Carter Sandiak deflected defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto's point shot past Graham to make it 1-0. That gave Sandiak the team lead in goals with 21.

"Donny Eiland (Whalers assistant coach) did a great job working on the power play, we worked on it this week," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "We changed a few of the guys where they play and we put (center Francesco) Vilardi out there today because a couple guys were suspended for two games."

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# Rocks win Lash Cup and grab share of division crown

## Salem ties Plymouth; both teams are KLAA South champions

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

As far as Salem varsity boys hockey coach Ryan Ossennmacher is concerned, the KLAA very well could be the cream of the crop as far as truly competitive prep circuits go in Michigan.

In addition to perennial state title contenders such as Brighton, Novi, Northville and Livonia Stevenson, there is the KLAA South Division—a pack of hard-driving teams going for the top shelf of the trophy case.

So when the Rocks rallied late in the third period Saturday night to tie the Plymouth 3-3

at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, it gave Ossennmacher's squad a share of the division crown with the Wildcats and Livonia Churchill (all 5-5-1).

Moreover, the Rocks grabbed the annual Lash Cup as a result of the draw. The Lash Cup goes to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team with the best head-to-head record against the other two Park rivals.

"We were obviously hoping to win the division outright," Ossennmacher said. "But being co-division champs in our league is something our players should be proud of."

"Our league is arguably the best league in the state, the

competition is extremely strong on a nightly basis."

### Coming up clutch

It took a game-tying marker by senior forward Jake Sealy with 40 seconds to play in the third period for Salem to catch Plymouth.

Salem trailed 2-0 entering the third and tied it with four minutes left, thanks to two goals by senior forward Jason Newell.

Plymouth regained the lead at the 15-minute mark but the Wildcats and junior goalie Jared Madlock (24 saves) could not prevent the equaliz-



Salem's Jake Sealy (No. 9) looks to shoot the puck while Plymouth's Kyle Bauer (No. 24) closes in on defense. MICHELLE BAUER

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Plymouth Whalers forward Matt Mistele (No. 22) skates away from Belleville's Jake Marchment. Mistele scored the winning goal. PHOTOS BY RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## WHALERS

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"We're just working off of left-hand shots instead of right-hand shots on the strong side. Just switched it up a little bit."

### Tough stretch

The Whalers (18-27-0-5, eighth in the Western Conference) went up 2-0 midway through the second period when Hartman buried the rebound of defenseman Yannick Rathgeb's shot. Hartman now has 16 goals in just 35 games.

That lead didn't last long as Belleville (14-32-2-2) got on the board at 12:43. Winger Scott Simmonds took the puck strong to the net only to be denied by Plymouth netminder Alex Nedeljkovic (42 saves). Following up on the play was center Jake Marchment, who made no mistake.

Just 1:19 later, the Bulls tied the game at 2-2 on a rising slapshot from above the right circle by forward Jake Bricknell. It was his first career OHL goal.

Belleville then went out in front 3-2 with 3:52 remaining in the frame. Left wing Remi Elie cut in on Nedeljkovic and his shot trickled over the goal line.

Plymouth was able to regroup between periods and outshot Belleville 16-12 in the third more importantly finding the range twice.

"We got up 2-0 and let



Scoring in the second period Saturday night is Plymouth forward Ryan Hartman (No. 21), ripping the puck past Belleville goalie Charlie Graham.

them score three goals and we got down on ourselves and played a real bad second period," Vellucci said. "But we bounced back and got two big goals in the third."

### Stepping in

The suspensions referred to by Vellucci stemmed from Friday's line brawl during the second period of the Plymouth-Kingston game, won by the Frontenacs 3-2.

Ejected after having their second fight of the game were defensemen Mathieu Henderson, Mitch Jones and forward Liam Dundas. All will sit out Friday's home game against Sault Ste. Marie and be eligible to return the following night against North Bay.

Vellucci reinstituted 16-year-old defenseman Alex DiCarlo into the lineup to help stem the

tide from the suspensions as well as an injury sustained by defenseman Alex Peters on Friday night.

"He (DiCarlo) came up and played really well," Vellucci said. "He played a lot of minutes for us, only his second or third game."

Hartman said the Friday brawl and Saturday's comeback showed the Whalers aren't about to back down when facing adversity.

"I mean, that definitely got us riled up a little bit," Hartman noted. "We're a young team so we want to show teams that we're not going to take their stuff."

**BLOOD DRIVE:** The Whalers and American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday at Commerce Arena. Anyone who attempts to give blood will receive a ticket to the Whalers game that evening against the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Friday's game will be shown on CN-900 television starting at 7 p.m.

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by Noah Saad and Nick Smith.

Making 21 saves for the Rocks was senior netminder Parker Godfrey.

Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento, asked about the game, would only confirm through email that Salem won the Lash Cup (for the fifth time in seven years) and that Churchill actually will go into the KLAFA tournament as a tie-breaker.

But all three teams do share the division title as far as banners and record books go.

"Plymouth is an extremely hard working team and you need to match their intensity to have any success, which we didn't for the first two periods, but we battled back in the third," Ossennmacher said. "Our seniors really stepped up in the moment and brought us back for the tie."

"Any time you can win the Lash Cup it is a special accomplishment for our players. The Park games are always great battles and fun to be a part of."

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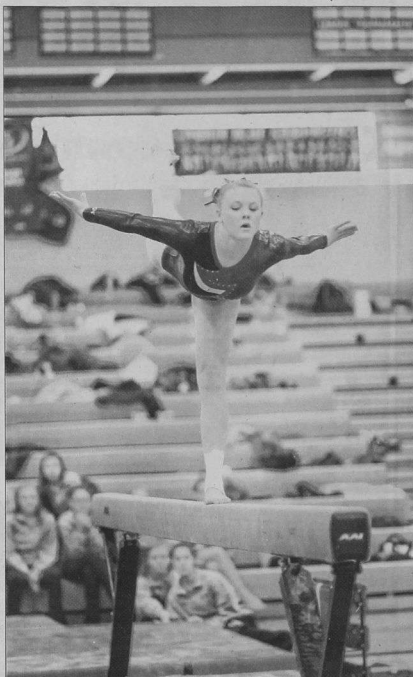
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Canton's Jocelyn Moraw performs another top-notch routine on the balance beam at the Canton Invitational. PHOTOS BY BRIAN QUINTOS

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included Melissa Green, Jocelyn Moraw, Stephanie Cox (all Division 1) and D2 performers Erica Lucas and Hailey Hodgson.

Canton's best event was vault, with D1 medals going to Green (second, 9.375), Moraw (8th, 9.175) and Cox (10th, 9.025). In D2, Lucas won with a 9.475 score followed by runner-up Hodgson (9.2).

Cunningham said Moraw led the team on balance beam (second, 9.65), floor exercise (second, 9.525) and all-around (third, 9.375).

Green also medaled in every event. She came in second on vault, third on floor (9.5) and fourth in all-around (9.175).

Another D1 performer for Canton, Maddie Todd, came in ninth on uneven parallel bars with a score of 8.875.

Other Park gymnasts also had outstanding showings at the prestigious invite.

Salem's Alexia Frantzeskakis was stellar. She cracked the top 10 in Division 1 on vault (seventh, 9.2), beam (10th, 9.15), floor (fifth, 9.375) and all-around (eighth, 9.363).

Meanwhile, also in D1, Plymouth's Rebecca Simu just missed the top 10 in several events. Simu took 11th on vault (8.9), bars (8.6), beam (9.1) and all-around (9.375).

In Division 2, Katie Salanga of the Wildcats finished first on beam (9.3) and floor (9.45) while Plymouth teammate Molly McSwain came in tied for ninth on



Plymouth's Katie Salanga had a big day, finishing first in two events in Division 2.



Performing with grace during her floor exercise routine is Salem's Paulette Martino.

"It was a nicely balanced team effort against a very strong field and gives a positive foreshadowing of the possible results at the MHSAA state meet."

JOHN CUNNINGHAM

Canton coach

bars with an 8.6.

Farmington United senior Meredith Jonik won the D2 all-around

championship with a total score of 35.925.

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

### CANTON GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL

#### Top 1 at Plymouth

#### TEAM STANDINGS

1. Canton (141.500); 2. Farmington (141.500); 3. Rockford (141.500); 4. Farmington Hills (139.000); 5. Plymouth (138.000); 6. Brighton (137.275); 7. Lincoln Park (135.525); 8. Grove Park (134.500); 9. Howell (134.475); 10. Kenosha Hills (133.200); 11. Holt (129.000); 12. Livonia Red (128.825); 13. Salem (126.625); 14. Western (125.125); 15. Northville (124.550).

#### DIVISION RESULTS

#### All-Around: 1. Shabert (T), 9.425; 2. Melissa Green (C), 9.375; 3. Carina Wright (J), 9.375; 4. Alexia Frantzeskakis (S), 9.300; 5. Jocelyn Moraw (C), 9.175; 10. Stephanie Cox (C), 9.025; 11. Rebecca Simu (S), 8.900; 12. Haley Metz (P), 8.750.

#### Bars: 1. Christina Shabert (T), 9.725; 2. Michelle Nguyen (GP), 9.400; 3. Maddie Todd (S), 9.375; 4. Erica Lucas (S), 9.250; 5. Mary McKelvin (B), 9.125; 6. Green (S), 8.925; 9. Maddie Todd (C), 8.875; 10. Wright (P), 8.875; 11. Simu (P), 8.800; 12. Frantzeskakis (S), 8.750; 13. Frantzeskakis (S), 8.750; 14. Alexia Frantzeskakis (S), 8.750; 15. Brook Kaban (P), 8.516; 16. Cox (C), 8.475; 17. Metz (P), 8.375.

#### Beam: 1. Shabert (T), 9.750; 2. Moraw

(C), 9.650; 3. Meyers (R), 9.575; 4. Morgan Kott (R), 9.450; 5. Green (C), 9.375; 6. Raban (P), 9.325; 7. Wright (P), 9.200; 10. Frantzeskakis (C), 9.150; 11. Simu (P), 9.100; 12. McKelvin (B), 8.925; 13. Toal (C), 8.825; 16. Insi Paige Blythe (H), Cox (C), 8.650; 19. Metz (P), 8.500.

#### Floor: 1. Shabert (T), 9.550; 2. Moraw (C), 9.525; 3. Green (C), 9.500; 4. Nguyen (GP), 9.450; 5. Frantzeskakis (C), 9.375; 7. McKelvin (B), 9.325; 8. Blythe (H), 9.300; 9. Raban (P), 9.275; 10. Wright (P), 9.250; 16. Toal (C), 8.800; 17. Simu (P), 8.575; 20. Metz (P), 8.175.

#### All-Around: 1. Shabert (T), 38.275; 2. Meyers (R), 37.600; 3. Moraw (C), 37.550; 4. Green (C), 37.175; 5. McKelvin (B), 36.600; 6. Wright (P), 36.400; 7. Frantzeskakis (C), 36.300; 11. Simu (P), 35.175; 12. Blythe (H), 35.100; 16. Metz (P), 33.125; 17. Raban (P), 32.100; 18. Toal (C), 26.500; 19. Cox (C), 26.075.

#### DIVISION 2 RESULTS

#### All-Around: 1. Erica Lucas (S), 9.475; 2. Hailey Hodgson (C), 9.200; 3. Meredith Jonik (P), 9.000; 4. Marissa Welch (LR), 8.900; 5. Insi Kathryn Ruby (B), Alyssa Millicott (P), 8.800; 11. Claire Saunders (P), 8.750; 12. Katie Salanga (P), 8.650; 13. Jackie Douglas (LR), 8.625; 14. Kayla

Janewski (P), 8.600; 19. Alex Zukowski (LR), 8.525.

Bars: 1. Brianna Rhoad (B), 8.950; 2. Jonik (P), 8.750; 3. Millicott (P), 8.700; 4. Insi Jessica Weak (LR), 8.675; 9. Insi Kathryn Ruby (B), Molly McKelvin (P), 8.600; 10. Marissa Welch (P), 8.525; 13. Sophia Chatterjee (B), 8.425; 14. Lucas (C), 8.400; 15. Insi Alyssa Walker (H), Allison Augathin (H), 8.375; 17. Heather Connelly (H), 8.275; 18. Emily Chatterjee (LR), 8.250.

Beam: 1. Salanga (P), 9.300; 2. Schuch (P), 9.275; 4. McKelvin (LR), 9.100; 5. Jonik (P), 9.000; 10. Cathy McDougall (LR), 8.675; 11. Saunders (P), 8.650; 14. Brenna Connelly (P), 8.525; 17. Lucas (C), 8.425; 18. Rhoad (LR), 8.400; 19. Ruby (B), 8.300.

Floor: 1. Salanga (P), 9.450; 2. Jonik (P), 9.175; 4. Weak (LR), 8.950; 5. Chatterjee (LR), 8.900; 7. Hodgson (C), 8.850; 8. Insi Kathryn Ruby (B), Samantha Kach (H), 8.750; 11. Zukowski (LR), 8.700; 13. Connelly (P), 8.625; 17. Schuch (P), 8.525; 19. Elle Bachman (C), 8.500.

All-Around: 1. Jonik (P), 35.925; 3. Schuch (P), 34.825; 4. Ruby (B), 34.450; 7. Weak (LR), 34.250; 9. Chatterjee (LR), 33.425; 13. Zukowski (LR), 33.000; 12. Douglas (LR), 33.550; 17. Paulette Martino (S), 31.900.

MIAC GIRLS BASKETBALL



Plymouth Christian Academy seniors (from left) Martha Mullett, Rachel Smith, Jen Malcolm and Rachael Fuller each scored double digits in PCA's Senior/Parent Night victory.

# Senior Eagles soar on their night

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For Jen Malcolm and her senior classmates on the Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls basketball team, the experience has been one to never forget.

Which is why the PCA senior quartet wanted to come up big for Tuesday's "Senior/Parent Night" contest against Oakland Christian.

Malcolm, the 6-0 center and team captain in her fourth season on the varsity, tallied 10 points and nine rebounds to lift the Eagles to a 48-29 MIAC Red Division victory.

And the other seniors — guards Martha Mullett, Rachael Fuller and forward Rachel Smith — also hit double digits in scoring. Mullett led with 13 points while Fuller and Smith chipped in with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

"We're coming together as a team and I know I'm having a lot of fun," Malcolm said. "I think we're meshing well and just getting in the zone. And then tonight was really special. Hearing what the girls had

to say about us was really neat and just touching. I love the team and this has been just such an amazing experience playing for PCA for so long (four years)."

The seniors and their parents were introduced at halftime. A program featuring mini bios and "thank you's" from Malcolm, Mullett, Fuller and Smith were read to the crowd by PCA underclassmen.

According to Eagles head coach Rod Windle, whose team is 8-5 overall and 5-2 in the division, seeing the seniors play major roles in the victory was fitting.

"Our team really worked hard today," Windle said. "Martha Mullett, our senior guard, hit a lot of nice shots for us at the beginning. She's been the hot hand."

"And Jen Malcolm took over in the second half and established the post, did a nice job. Along with Rachel Smith as well in the post, establishing herself, it was nice to see all four seniors get double digits tonight and contribute on Senior Night."

Smith also had eight rebounds and four assists while Fuller pulled down six boards for PCA.

The outcome never really was in doubt against the winless Lancers (0-8 in the MIAC Red).

PCA took a 13-6 lead after one quarter and upped that to 27-17 at halftime. The Eagles outscored the Lancers 14-7 in the third to go up 41-24 entering the fourth.

The seniors were able to leave the floor during the final stanza, to warm applause from the bleachers.

"We have great girls, they really work hard and love the game," Windle added. "I'm really proud of them."

In the final stanza, players such as 6-0 junior center Danielle Witkowski were able to come through. Witkowski finished the home team's scoring with a nifty turnaround banker from inside the lane.

Scoring 11 points for Oakland Christian was Annie-Marie Goddard.

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KLAA GIRLS HOOPS

# Salem stymied by Novi in bid for top

By Tim Smith  
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Entering Tuesday's Senior Night game, Salem's varsity girls basketball team needed to defeat Novi to pull even in the KLAA Central Division.

The host Rocks got off to a good start, too, leading 9-5 after one frame. But slowly, but surely, the Kerri McManhan-led Wildcats took control and ultimately earned a 42-33 victory.

That gave Novi a 7-2 record in the division while Salem dropped to 5-4 (and 10-5 overall).

"They (Wildcats) were prepared, obviously we got their number the first time (a Salem win Jan. 17) and they weren't expecting it," said Rocks interim coach Lindsay Klemmer. "They came out extremely ready, extremely intense."

"I've never seen any of those girls that intense on Novi. They wanted revenge, it was clear."

It was a 17-14 Novi lead at halftime and the Rocks could not get anything going in the third, being outscored 8-3 to trail 25-17 entering the fourth.

Klemmer noted adjustments made at halftime by the Wildcats.

"They spread the floor quite a bit, they put the ball in Kerri's hands," Klemmer said. "She drove and ... our defense would collapse to stop her, which was what the plan was. But then somebody else was open."

Novi shooters took it from there.

"Really they just hit every shot they took, basically," Klemmer added.

Salem, led by junior forward Shara Long and senior guard Kayla Kavulich with 13 and 11 points, respectively, did cut the gap to four points midway through the fourth.

But the Rocks missed their next field goal attempt and Novi upped the margin to six points with about 2:30 remaining.

"It's frustrating and disappointing," Klemmer said. "I know how bad our girls wanted this, and I know how bad I wanted this."

For Novi, Alexandria Felice scored 12 points while McManhan added six along with a number of assists.

Honored on Salem's Senior Night were Kavulich, Aly Mann, Kelly Whalen and Ashley Baker.

**SALEM 29, 51, EAST 23:** Shara Long and Jordyn Wilson each scored nine points Monday as the host Rocks overcame a slow start in the KLAA Central Division matchup.

The Rocks trailed 7-2 early in the contest but rallied to tie the Cougars 9-9 at halftime.

A 13-9 third quarter pushed Salem to the hump.

The game was exactly what we expected it to be, a battle from beginning to end," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "Once again, our team defense has been outstanding."

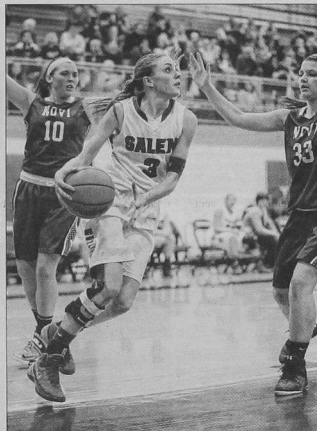
We would work for two minutes at a time some possessions on offense and still kept our composure forcing them into tough shots."

**PLYMOUTH 71, FRANKLIN 6:** Junior wing Kendall Rose scored 17 points to lead four players in double figures Monday as the host Wildcats (11-3, 6-2) romped to a KLAA South Division triumph over Livonia Franklin (2-12, 0-6).

Jada Woody, Shelby Cheston and Leah Kizinski got ready for the game as Plymouth led 33-2 after one quarter and 50-4 at halftime.

Every Plymouth player scored for the Wildcats, secured in the division behind Canton.

The Wildcats honored Wayne Memorial Tuesday, but results were not available as of press time.



Salem's Kayla Kavulich (No. 33) drives between Novi's Taylor Pavlik (No. 10) and Alexandria Felice (No. 33). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

# Loss ends Chiefs' hopes for title

The Canton Chiefs won't soon forget Livonia Churchill's Joan Andoni.

The Chargers' 6-foot-2 sophomore guard scored a game-high 33 points, including 24 in the second half, to lead Churchill to a thrilling 52-51 boys basketball win Tuesday at Canton. With the loss, Canton (11-3, 5-3) will not be able to catch Westland John Glenn for the KLAA South Division title.

Churchill, now 7-7 overall and 6-3 in the KLAA's South Division, beat the Chiefs for the second time this season as Jalen Davis nailed the game-winning free throw with only eight seconds left to break a tie.

Andoni, who nailed six triples on the night, scored all 17 of his team's third-quarter points to spark a 17-10 run and rally from a 31-24 halftime deficit.

"Joan was incredible, the best I've seen in my 12 years here," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We showed a lot of guts, toughness and heart. It was a great, great win."

Davon Taylor scored 19 for the Chiefs while Jordan Nobles and Shaine Keywandway added 12 each.

## Plymouth bounces back

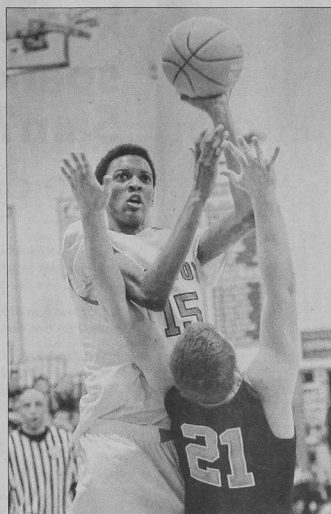
Visiting Plymouth got past Wayne Memorial 52-47 Tuesday night to earn a spot in next week's KLAA tournament.

The Wildcats (7-7 overall, 4-5 in the KLAA South Division) recovered from Monday's 49-33 loss to Livonia Franklin.

Plymouth got out to a 10-3 lead after one frame, but the Zebras fought back to make it 19-19 at halftime.

Thanks to contributions from several players, the Wildcats regained the lead in the third and hung on.

Randall Atkins spearheaded the win with 22 points, with Josh Reynolds and Brent Davis each tallying seven.



Canton senior forward Jordan Nobles, shown from earlier this season, scored 12 points Tuesday against Livonia Churchill. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Contributing six points and eight rebounds was Chris Walls, while Deji Adeboye scored six.

On Monday, Reynolds and Atkins paced Plymouth with 17 and 13 points, respectively. But they could not ward off the Patriots, who bounced back from a 28-25 halftime deficit.

**CANTON 51, WAYNE 38:** Junior guard Greg Williams scored 19 points Monday as the Chiefs (11-2, 5-2) needed a 17-4 fourth-quarter run to overhaul host Wayne Memorial (11-7, 2-6) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Senior forward Davon Taylor and Jordan Nobles chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Brian Williams and DeShawn Carter paced the Zebras, who led 24-22 at halftime and were tied 34-34 after three quarters, with 16 and 11 points, respectively.

Canton went 18-of-28 from the foul line, while Wayne was 11-of-15.

## CHIEFS

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points, respectively, in a losing cause.

Despite an off-night shooting — 12-of-39 (30 percent) — Canton's defense got the job done.

But the snow days and the uneven schedule could be a factor in an inconsistent offense.

"I think with every team you've got to practice as much as you can," said Samulski, who guided the Chiefs to back-to-back KLAA South titles in 2009-10 and 2010-11. "We're about to do four games in five days, so that's a grind. But this is a resilient group that we have."

"They're hanging in there and just getting through. You've got to find a way to get through it and they're doing a great job with that."

## It's official

On Tuesday, the Chiefs clinched the KLAA South title outright with a 63-27 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

Leading the way for Canton (12-3 overall, 9-0 in the KLAA South) was Hunley, with 20 points and seven rebounds.

"I really thought Taylor was outstanding tonight," Samulski said. "She did a great job of finishing around the rim."

Contributing 11 points was Aresco, with senior Shannon Perry (eight points), junior

Alanna Brown (seven points), sophomore Natalie Winters and junior Jordan Church (six points) each all helping the cause.

The Chiefs were up 16-2 after one frame and led 37-10 at halftime.

"Winning the division and putting it up on the banner was one of our goals," Samulski said. "Now we want to finish division play strong on Friday (against Livonia Franklin) and then start to gear up for the conference tournament."

Samulski credited his team for successfully navigating through the recent grind of four games in five days, largely due to last week's weather postponements.

"For the most part, I thought the girls did a great job of handling this," he noted. "It's been tough with all the cold and snow days to get in a good rhythm."

"But because of the senior leadership and how resilient this team is they were able to go 4-0."

For the Chargers (6-9, 3-6), Alton Konradth registered eight points.

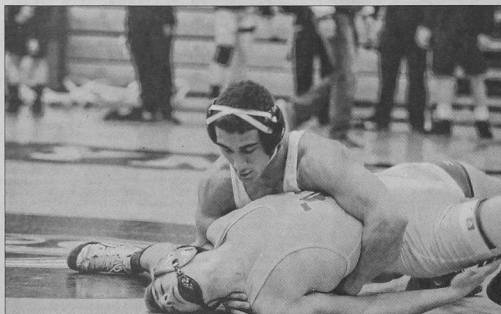
**CANTON 67, WAYNE 15:** Jordan Church scored 24 points as the host Chiefs routed Wayne Memorial (11-7, 0-6) in a KLAA South Division make-up game.

Madison added 14 points and Rachel Williams chipped in with nine points apiece for Canton.

Coach Brian Samulski lauded his team's focus for the win. "We were able to get everyone's focus and came out and did a nice job," Samulski said. "We were able to get everyone a bunch of playing time which is always better than an early 20-30 lead and never looked back."



## WRESTLING RESULTS



Canton senior Alec Pantaleo, shown from earlier this season, was the KLAAs champion at 152 pounds Saturday. Others from the Park to win their weight classes were Canton senior Ben Griffin (135) and Salem junior Mitchell Gross (189).

# KENYINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNEY

Feb. 1 at Howell

**TEAM STANDINGS:** • **Hartland**, 246.5 points; **Brighton**, 164.5; **Plymouth**, 150; **4. Walld Lake Central**, 145; **Livonia Franklin**, 128.5; **6. Walld Lake Northern**, 112.7; **Canton**, 109.8; **Westland John Gales**, 101.9; **Waterford Kettering**, 89; **10. Howell**, 86.5; **11. Wayne Memorial**, 73; **12. Grand Blanc**, 69; **13. First Walld Lake Western and White Lake Lakeland**, 64 each; **15. South Lyon**, 63; **16. Salem**, 56; **17. Milford**, 52; **18. Nixa**, 46.5; **19. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill**, 46 each; **21. Pinckney**, 42; **22. Waterford Kettering**, 36.23; **Northville**, 35.5; **24. South Lyon East**, 10.

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Kaleb Martin (WLC) d. Eric Lundvall (Hartland), 10-4. **3rd place:** Kyle Semetz (WLC) d. Lee Gorkowski (Benton), 5-1. **5th place:** Colin Reed (PY) d. Michael Gibbs (Mott), 12-7. **7th place:** Nolan Kiper (Lakeland) d. Justin Miller (WLC), 8-2.

**112:** Ben Freeman (WLC) d. Brandon Harris (PY), 10-3. **3rd:** Jesse Hughes (Hartland) d. Gabe Morrison (Brighton), 3-0. **5th:** Jeremy Nelson (LP) d. Mike Kruger (Hawthorn), 6-2. **7th:** Ethan Englehart (LC) d. Cameron Shaughtney (Salem), 8-3.

**119:** Daniel Sharf (WLC) d. Noah Gonsler (GL), 3-2. **3rd:** Muhammad Yousef (PY) d. Tim May (WMI), 6-3. **5th:** Nick Robertson (LP) pinned Chase

Sporer (WLC), 4-16. **7th:** Jackson Remick (Brighton) d. Garrett Porter (Hartland), 5-4.

**125:** Brandon Conrad (Kettering) won by major d. over Nathan Aleniza (LP), 17-4. **3rd:** Kevin Hays (WLC) d. Nathaniel Fleming (GB), 3-1. **5th:** Sage Castillo (Hartland) d. Kyle Robinson (Brighton), 5-5. **7th:** Shourde Wang (Nville) d. Dominic Patena (WLC), 10-4.

**130:** Ben Calandrello (Howell) won by major d. over Nate Hughes (Hartland), 16-6. **3rd:** Ben Weidie (WLC) d. Trevor Rogers (Milford), 5-2. **5th:** Dylan Dwyer (PY) d. Trevor Demers (LS), 6-2. **7th:** Nicholas Smith (Brighton) d. Hayden Kynjaki (WLC), 5-3.

**135:** Ben Griffin (Canton) won by technical fall over Anthony Chaffee (WMI), 18-9. **3rd:** Jared Davidson (SU) p. Jose Ramon (Brighton), 0-42. **5th:** Justin Rollins (Hartland) p. Kevin Chauras (Nville), 1-39. **7th:** Corey Howell (WLC) d. Sean Davis (Nixa), 5-0.

**140:** Austin Eicher (Hartland) won by major d. over Jon Cam (PY), 15-4. **3rd:** Austin Murray (WLC) d. Ty Jaaman (Canton), 6-4. **5th:** Tunde Alazade (WLC) d. Dylan Lester (Howell), 3-2. **7th:** David Joyner (Milford) won by injury default over Timothy Swerden (WLC).

**145:** Jacob Goril (Hartland) p. Christian Lawderback (WMI), 2-26. **3rd:** Sofia Nelson (PY) d. Caleb McCabe (Salem), 5-4. **5th:** Chase Garber (LC) d. Colton Mosser (Mott), 14-17. **7th:** Ryan Salmon (Brighton) won by injury default over Avery Little (Pinckney).

**152:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) p. Nick Frazier (LP).

**160:** Jordan Aleniza (LP) won by tech. fall over Patrick Kern (WMI), 23-8. **3rd:** Joey Shaver (PY) d. Logan Vail (Hartland), 6-4. **5th:** Beau Kucera (Brighton) d. Connor Vaughan (LS), 6-7. **7th:** Will Jacobs (Lakeland) won by major d. over Zach Reynolds (GL), 12-2.

**171:** Nicholas Brish (Brighton) p. Husein Yousef (PY), 4-41. **3rd:** Sam DeQuattro (WLC) won by injury default over Owen Hinkley (Howell), 5th: Andy Bessy (Lakeland) d. Zach Carter (Kettering), 8-6. **7th:** Nate Smith (Hartland) d. Matt Cyle (Nville), 6-3.

**180:** Michael Gross (Salem) d. Alex Savel (WLC), 8-2. **3rd:** Lucas Reedy (Brighton) p. Jake Ensommo (Hartland), 4-08. **5th:** Dalton Redgood (Kettering) p. Brad Scott (LS), 1-14. **7th:** Donovan Carter (Lakeland) d. James Pomeroy (WMI), 8-4.

**215:** Jordan Brandon (WLC) d. Matt Duque (Kettering), 5-3. **3rd:** Ken Wesley (Canton) d. James Donehue (SU), 4-1. **5th:** Eric Conquest (Brighton) d. Nathan Rojas (Howell), 3-17. **7th:** State Peterson (Milford) p. Joe Fortin (LP), 9-42.

**285:** Josh Charned (WLC) d. Aaron Maule (WMI), 4-03. **3rd:** Jake Schell (Lakeland) d. John Dixon (SU), 5-2. **5th:** Jamie Demers (WLC) d. Evon Delaney (GL), 1-07. **7th:** Brandon Koff (Pinckney) d. Dylan Shumate (WMI), 1-34.

# Stevenson swimmers not quite tapered

Spartans set 6 records; place 2nd in County

By Brad Emmons  
Staff Writer

With the critical stretch coming up in the boys swim season, Livonia Stevenson is beginning to round into form. On Saturday, Stevenson took runner-up honors in the Wayne County Championship, losing by just three points to host Grosse Pointe South, 418-415.

Rounding out the top five in the 20-team field was Northville (294), Salem (231) and Trenton (291).

"We've been training really hard, so we really haven't had a break," said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker, who guided his team to a third-place finish in last year's MHSAA Division I finals.

"We haven't had a meet that we had to get up for. We have our last home meet (Thursday) at home versus Northville. We have MISCA on Saturday, and that's a meet we're going to want to step it up for."

Despite the Spartans coming away with six County meet titles, Shoemaker hasn't tapered his team just yet.

"This meet, the Wayne County, we were swimming pretty tired," he said. "And they (Grosse Pointe South) pretty rested and tuned up for. They took it as a big meet and dropped a lot of time. It was their home pool and they wanted to do well."

Individual winners for Stevenson at the County meet

included Nick Arakelian, 200-yard individual medley (1:54.37); Jake Goeddeke, 50 freestyle (22.16); Matt LaPorte, 500 freestyle (4:53.23); and Grant McNamara, 100 breaststroke (1:02.15).

Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team of Goeddeke, Michael Chen, Alex Lee and Jackson O'Dowd added a first (1:29.86), while the 400 freestyle relay team of O'Dowd, Goeddeke, Parker Belmore and Arakelian also emerged victorious (3:14.7).

All told, the Spartans set six county records, as well as two pool records — Arakelian in the 200 IM and 400 freestyle relay.

In the 200 medley relay, South was clocked in 1:38.08 to place first, while Stevenson's foursome of Belmore, Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki and Chen were runner-up in 1:38.54.

South's Eric Addy also captured the 1-meter diving event with a total of 398.90 points.

Other top individual finishes for the Spartans included: Arakelian, second, 100 butterfly (53.82); McNamara, second, 500 freestyle (4:57.77); O'Dowd, third, 200 IM (2:02.57) and 100 freestyle (49.65); Tommy O'Donohue, third, 100 breaststroke (1:03.71), seventh, 200 IM (2:10.51); Belmore, third, 100 breaststroke (55.09), seventh, 100 butterfly (55.9); Bielicki, sixth, 200 IM (2:08.39); LaPorte, seventh, 200 freestyle (1:52.17); Lee, eighth, 100 freestyle (51.3), 200 freestyle (1:52.24); and Goeddeke, eighth, 100 butterfly (56.58).

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Rocks seek assistant coach

Salem girls track & field is looking for an assistant coach for the 2014 spring season that specializes in the throwing events of shot put and discus.

If interested, contact the Salem athletic department at 734-416-7774, head coach Dave Gerlach at 734-416-7708 or refer to the employment/coaching positions on the district website [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

### Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Session 1 will consist of hitting, base running and infield work, while Session 2 will focus on pitching, outfield, defense and catching drills.

The cost is \$30 per session.

or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. If attending both sessions.

For more information, call Franklin coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499 or email [mfournier@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:mfournier@livoniapublicschools.org).

### 65-plus softball

A new Canton senior citizen softball team is being formed to join the Suburban Senior Softball League of Western

Wayne County.

The team needs up to 20 players who either are 65 or who will turn 65 during 2014. The formation of the squad will give the Canton area two teams in the league, which is governed by the Amateur Softball Association.

The league has teams based out of Livonia, Redford, Westland, Dearborn and Taylor.

Interested players are encouraged to attend an information meeting 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Canton Coney

Island restaurant, located off Lilley Road south of Joy Road (next to the Secretary of State office).

Call 734-502-7477 or email [bwpphoto@comcast.net](mailto:bwpphoto@comcast.net) for more information.

### Need tennis coach

Dearborn Heights Annapolis High School is seeking a varsity girls tennis coach for the spring season. Interested candidates should call Annapolis athletic director Scott Wiemer at 313-278-2610.

Sam is 54 years old. His youngest daughter just went off to college. Now he's searching for a big screen tv to turn her room into a sports lover's paradise.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY  
AFTER MASS MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Location:** St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** \$8 admission includes: meatballs (optional), garlic bread, unlimited salad, drink, and dessert

**Contact:** 734-212-1343

## ANNULMENTS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Monsignor Ronald Browne, J.D., canon lawyer and member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Metropolitan Marriage Tribunal, will explain the often-misunderstood concept of annulment as well as concubinage, a process that brings an established marriage into full union with the church. Free admission

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniamichael.org

## AUCTION

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

**Location:** Helene Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

**Details:** Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, "Winter Wonderland" will include appetizer, dinner, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks, in addition to an auction. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for tables of 10

**Contact:** Racann Kuch at 248-424-3994

## CPR TRAINING

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Location:** St. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Gary Bernhardt, a certified instructor, will teach a class on CPR/defibrillator first aid for anyone who is new at CPR, as well as those who want to update their certification. Cost is \$35 per person, payable that day.

**Contact:** 734-722-1343

## DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Valentine Dinner Dance will include dinner and music for dancing by the Dennis Coffey Band. Tickets are \$20 per person

**Contact:** 248-553-3360

## DUELING PIANOS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Location:** St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland

**Details:** Dueling Pianos show includes light refreshments, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20, available at the parish in Westland, west of Middlebelt

**Contact:** Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 or email kcrunk@quixnet.net

## JUDAICA ON DVD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Wednesday,

through Feb. 26

**Location:** Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Howard Lupovitch delivers his four-part series, "Sacred Remnants: Rediscovered Treasures of the Jewish Past" on DVD. Topics are "The Cairo Geniza: The Day-to-Day Lives of the Jews of Islam," Feb. 12; "The Aleppo Codes: The Real Text of the Torah," Feb. 19; and "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," Feb. 26

**Contact:** Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancylen879@aol.com

## POMEGRANATE GUILD

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

**Location:** Prentiss Apartment community room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park

**Details:** The group will hold a fabric, yarn, pattern and half-finished project swap. The Pomegranate Guild of South-eastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

**Contact:** Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

## WHY BE CATHOLIC

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** Steven Piskorski, co-founder of Army of Apostles, will share the story of his journey from cradle Catholic to Evangelical Protestant to avoid anti-Catholic and disciple of Dave Hunt, to the faith of his childhood. The program is free

**Contact:** www.livoniamichael.org or email whybecatholic@livoniamichael.org

## WIDOWED FRIENDS

**Time/Date:** 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, through March 9

**Location:** St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburg, Livonia  
**Details:** This weekly bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

**Coming up:** Dinner, games and fellowship, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Coni's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only in the exact amount. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Cookie at 248-357-2183. Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-2677

**Contact:** Priscilla at 734-591-7879

## MARCH

## CHILDREN'S CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2

**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 St. Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** "The Doughnut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick

Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as *In the Beginning* and *The Miracle Song*. Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted free

**Contact:** The Rev. Joseph Marqui at 734-522-3166

## GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and

Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church. **Contact:** 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

## GRIEF SHARE

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16

**Location:** Faith Community Church, 14500 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** This 13-week, non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook

**Contact:** pastor Roger Wright at

313-682-7491

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8

**Location:** Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverage, Bedford

**Details:** Tour the school and visit the annual spring carnival. Includes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New students can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carnival tickets by calling the campus or visiting online

**Contact:** 313-937-2233; www.concordialhs.org

## ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

## Men's Bible study

**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island,

21200 Haggerty, Northville

**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-0491

## Our Lady of Loreto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Bedford Township

**Details:** Scripture study

**Contact:** 313-534-9000

## St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just east of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniamichael.org

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## BEERE, MICHAEL A.

(January 30, 1972 – February 3, 2014) Michael Alexander Beere, age 42, of Grand Blanc, MI,

formerly of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away Monday, February 3, 2014 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, following a short illness. He was born January 30, 1972, son of Judy (Staples) & Elmer Beere, Jr. He was a very loving son, brother, uncle, nephew & friend. Mike graduated from Huron High School, Ann Arbor, in 1990. He was employed by General Motors as an Automotive Technical Consultant for 14 years.

He is survived by his parents, brother Jonathan (Renee) Beere, grandmothers, Mary Staples and Mary Jensen, Aunt Lori (Donald) Burnett, two uncles, Jack Staples & David Staples, two nephews Caden & Landon Beere, also many cousins and friends. He will also be missed by his faithful dog, Ore. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 7, 2014 at 10:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 164 Reys Street, Belleville, with Rev. Robert J. White officiating. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

He was devoted to his Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure.

**HOHNBAUM, CHARLES "CHUCK"**  
81, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on February 2, 2014 after a long struggle with cancer. Chuck was born in Detroit and was a graduate of both Redford High School and Wayne State University. He was active in Scouting as Scoutmaster for Plymouth Troop 1531 (P-1), and Plymouth First United Methodist Church. For 30 years he was employed by Ford Motor Company retiring in 1985. The early days of his retirement were filled with travel, square dancing, and decorative painting. Eventually retirement led him to Arizona where he lived for the last 20 years. He was devoted to his family particularly his wife for 62 years. He is survived by his wife Pat, his children Susan McCoy, Keith Hohnbaum, Gail Brandon and Chris Hohnbaum along with six grandchildren. Chuck was an amazing husband, father, and friend. He will be missed more than words will ever be able to express.

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## FAIRY TALE MUSICAL

## Garden City actress gives evil character a human twist

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Alyssa Lucas of Garden City has never played evil. Or royalty. But the Garden City actress is having fun merging both on stage in a new musical comedy that makes its debut Saturday, Feb. 8, at Two Muses Theater in West Bloomfield.

"I have watched the classical Disney movies and have seen how you get a feel for how an evil queen is. I looked at the part and did my own thing. I gave her a little comedic twist," said Lucas, 22. "I like comedies. This is kind of new for me. I'm normally a bubbly or funny character."

"I've never played an evil person before. You have to find the human point because, yeah, she's evil but ... what made her that way? What is the evil queen's past? I figured out her background history for my own brain to rationalize why she's evil and at the end of the play, you'll see her human moment. But I don't want to give it away."

She auditioned for the musical by telling *The Three Little Pigs* and singing *Poor Unfortunate Souls*, a song sung by the villain in *The Little Mermaid*. Although she didn't audition for a specific role, director Emilio Rodriguez tapped her for the evil character because he liked the way she sang the song.



Alyssa Lucas of Garden City performs Feb. 8-23 in a new play at Two Muses Theater.

"He said 'I think you'll make a good evil queen.'"

Lucas plays a fairy tale character who is intent on getting rid of Snow White, Rapunzel and Sleeping Beauty so that she can reign as the sole beauty in the realm, in this original children's play by Rodriguez, a Detroit resident. It runs 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 8-23, at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, in West Bloomfield. Advance tickets are are \$10 and \$8 for children, 10 and under. They are \$2 more at the door. Call 248-850-9919 or visit [twomuses theatre.org](http://twomuses theatre.org).

"The show is directed at children but I think adults will enjoy it. There is humor in it," Lucas said.

**Uplifting message**

The play tells the story of three fairy tale princesses tired of waiting for a prince to show up and break the spell they're under. They take matters into their own hands by confronting the Evil Queen, demanding

her spell book and then negotiating a trade.

"I think it says you don't need anyone else to fulfill your destiny. You have the power to make your own dreams come true," she said. "Just because you're a girl doesn't mean you're not strong and capable. You hold the power."

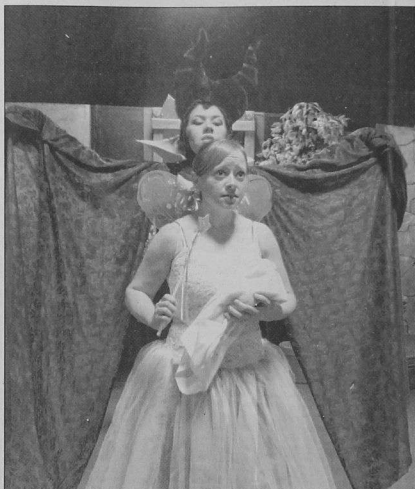
Lucas credits a "good support system" — her boyfriend and parents — for helping her to maintain a positive attitude about her career choice in a competitive industry. When she told her mother she planned to pursue theater in college, "she didn't bat an eyelash."

"I know what hard work it takes. I think it can be done. I've never focused on a backup job. It's gone well so far."

**Youth, college theater**

Lucas began acting at age 5 in community and youth theater productions. Her mother also was involved in community theater and Lucas spent time at rehearsals with her. She performed in "all the shows" while attending Wayne Memorial High School and acted in the City of Wayne's youth theater program.

She graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in theater last year from Wayne State University, where she performed in productions at the Bonstelle Theater. Last summer, she attained an internship at the La Jolla



Alyssa Lucas of Garden City as the Evil Queen, rehearses with Jadlynn Cherry of Rochester Hills, who plays the Good Fairy, in the new children's play, *Awake!*

Playhouse, a nonprofit, professional theater in La Jolla, Calif. She assisted with summer camp classes and then returned to Michigan to begin auditioning at local theaters.

"I'm really interested in working in a box office and in development. When I was at Wayne State, I worked in the box office for two years and at La Jolla I saw how a theater works from the

inside. I liked what I saw. I like the organizational aspect and being able to run something. "I have a strong passion for that along with acting," she said. "I think I can definitely do both."

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A quartet from Harmony Town Chorus surprises a singing valentine recipient.

## Chorus gearing up for Valentine's Day deliveries

Harmony Town Chorus is taking orders for its 15th annual Singing Valentines program.

For \$40, a quartet from the chorus will deliver two songs, a personalized Valentine card and a rose to a recipient in the western or northwestern Detroit suburbs.

"Through the years, we have performed our singing Valentines at

senior homes, hospitals, family residences, businesses, and even on the street," wrote Mark Pritchard, music vice president, in an email to the *Observer*. "We've sung at Valentine's parties, dentists' offices, restaurants and offices, where our customers are creative enough to send us."

The group accepts

credit cards and checks and will book deliveries within a four-hour window on Feb. 14.

"As usual we will be dressed to the nines for the occasion and sincerely promise to add to the joy of all those involved." Call 734-743-1764 or visit [wesingbarbershop.com](http://wesingbarbershop.com)

## Tipping Point play helps fight winter 'blahs'

*Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, the new play at the Tipping Point Theatre in Northville, brings with it a mystery and a murder — or does it?

The play focuses on Arlene who can't decide whether to stay with Paul, her dumpy car salesman husband of many years, or leave him for Mitchell, their dentist, who has swept her off her feet. The two finally conspire to murder Paul in a room at the local Howard Johnson's motel — the first of several twists and turns as this clueless three-some leaves the audience wondering who hates who, who loves who, and who can really pull off a murder.

"An evening of laughter in a warm theater will be a welcome distraction from the winter blahs," said director Janell K. Kuhl. "The cast in this production is incredible. The hilarious combination of Wayne David Parker and Dave Davies have quickly become Tipping Point favorites for good reasons. This duo, combined with the TPT de-



Dave Davies, (left) Wayne David Parker and Cheryl Turski perform a scene in *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*.

but of Cheryl Turski, is going to be a show you will not want to miss."

Kuhl added, "Tipping Point audiences especially love their comedies and this one is sure to live up to that high expectation. They should plan to laugh a lot."

*Murder at the Howard Johnson's* runs through March 9. The curtain rises at 8 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults, \$27 to \$30 for students and seniors. Call the box office at 248-347-0003.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31  
**Location:** 1696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-64, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

**Love Gone Wild:** Tickets are \$55 and include a strolling supper, desserts, a champagne welcome, two drink tickets and a presentation about the "love lives" of animals. The event runs 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the Zoo's Ford Education Center. Open to age 21 and older. Advance tickets only from [detroitzoo.org/events/love-gone-wild-or-windown](http://detroitzoo.org/events/love-gone-wild-or-windown) at 17 at the Zoo.

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ART & CRAFTS GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton  
**Details:** Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May. **Contact:** 734-394-5300

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening day reception is from 6-9 p.m.; show runs Feb. 7 through March 1

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** Eighteen annual Member Exhibition

**Contact:** 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

### RUSSEL INDUSTRIAL CENTER

**Time/Date:** 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 7-8 and 14-15

**Location:** 1600 Clay Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** Multimedia artist, Pat Olesko and photographer Naomi Harris, are special guest artists for The Dirty Show, an annual exhibit of erotic art. Tickets are \$25-\$30. **Contact:** [dirtydetroit.com](http://dirtydetroit.com)

### DANCE

#### DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

**Location:** 1526 Broadway, Detroit  
**Details:** Dance Theatre of Harlem performs; tickets range from \$25-\$60

**Contact:** 313-237-5100; 800-745-3000

#### FILM

##### BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

**Time/Date:** 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12

**Location:** 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Bess Karman's award-winning documentary, *First Position*, follows young dancers as they prepare for a chance to enter the world of professional ballet, struggling



Sharon Isbin, will perform Feb. 18 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, in Detroit. J. HENRY FAIR

through bloodied feet, near exhaustion and debilitating injuries all while navigating the drama of adolescence. Admission is \$19; \$17 for Jewish Community Center members

**Contact:** 248-661-1900; [www.theberman.org](http://www.theberman.org)

#### MARQUIS THEATRE

**Time/Date:** Doors open 6-45 p.m., film starts 7:30 p.m. Saturday, through February

**Location:** 135 E. Main, Northville  
**Details:** *Crazy Stupid Love*, Feb. 8; *Valentine's Day*, Feb. 15; and *When Harry Met Sally*, Feb. 22. Admission is \$5

**Contact:** 248-349-0345; [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com)

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 7-8; 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** *The Dark World*, admission \$3

**Coming up:** *Nebraska*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20; *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 27, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22-23

**Contact:** 734-453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 15

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit  
**Details:** *Casablanca*; free admission

**Contact:** 313-537-2560

#### SENATE THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Location:** 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit  
**Details:** *Yours, Mine and Ours*, a 1968 film with Lucille Ball and Henry Fonda; \$5 admission

**Contact:** 313-894-4100; [www.dios.org](http://www.dios.org)

#### FUNDRAISER

##### PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

**Time/Date:** Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

**Location:** Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township  
**Details:** "A Night For the

Museum" will include appetizers, gourmet dinner, dessert, cash bar, live auction and raffle, entertainment by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$75 at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, or online at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org). Ticket deadline is Feb. 7.

**Contact:** 734-455-8940

#### RACKHAM CHOIR

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

**Location:** Regency Manor, 25228 W. 12 Mile, Southfield  
**Details:** An Arabian Night's theme, dinner, dancing, an open bar and silent auction. The Rackham Ensemble Singers and music by Even Exchange. Tickets are \$75

**Contact:** 313-404-0222; [rackhamchoir.org/an](http://rackhamchoir.org/an) 2013

#### MUSIC

##### BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at [BSFpresident@aol.com](mailto:BSFpresident@aol.com) for additional information

#### BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 20

**Location:** On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** The Kafka Symphony Orchestra performs music by Mozart, Dvorak, and Uri Brahm. Tickets are \$67; \$62 for members

**Contact:** 248-461-1900

#### BLUES@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7:10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

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

**Details:** \$5 donation at the door. The performance on Feb. 11 features Benny Reeves with the Paul Carey Trio

**Contact:** 734-453-1780

#### JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7:10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month

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

**Details:** \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Cliff Moner Trio with vocalist Stephanie Moner will perform. Moner plays keyboard, Jeff Pedraz will be on bass and Scott Kretzer will be on drums

**Contact:** 734-453-1780 or email [plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com)

#### D.VINE FINE WINES

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6

**Location:** 17386 Haggerty, Livonia

**Details:** Julie Haven sings and plays piano

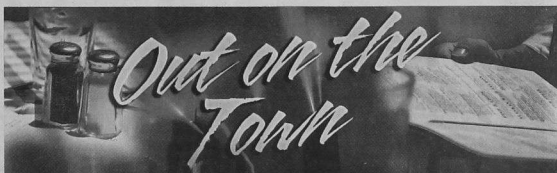
**Contact:** 734-432-3800 for additional information

#### MUSIC HALL

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit  
**Details:** "Guitar Passions" features master guitarists Sharon Ibrin, Stanley Jordan and Romero Lubambo. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50 from The Music Hall box office, ticketmaster.com or StarTickets.com

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Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women and claims more lives than cancer. But the American Heart Association, through its Go Red for Women campaign, says women can adopt healthy habits to prevent heart disease. That includes quitting smoking, managing stress, exercising consistently and eating right.

According to new guidelines developed by the American Heart Association, eating right to lower heart disease risk means consuming more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy, poultry, fish and nuts, avoiding red meat, as well as sugary and processed foods and foods high in sodium.

When cooking, try these simple heart-healthy substitutes:

- » Whole wheat flour, bread and pastas instead of white flour,

bread and pastas

- » Replace butter in a recipe with half canola oil and half unsweetened applesauce

- » Use Greek yogurt as a topper on foods instead of sour cream

- » Make pasta sauce and chili with lean, ground turkey instead of ground beef

- » Substitute heart-healthy greens such as spinach, arugula, watercress and kale for iceberg lettuce

- » Try drinking soy milk, almond milk or rice milk instead of cow's milk

- » Forget the cheese and mayonnaise on your sandwich. Try hummus or avocado instead.

Start cooking healthful meals with these recipes from the American Heart Association. Check out more from [goredforwomen.org](http://goredforwomen.org).

## HOT AND SOUR SOUP

Serves 6; 3/4 cup per serving

- 4 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green cabbage or bok choy
- 1/2 cup sliced fresh shiitake, cloud ear, or other exotic mushrooms (shiitake stems discarded)
- 3 medium green onions, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced gingerroot
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce (lowest sodium available)
- 4 ounces firm light tofu, cut into bite-size strips
- 1/2 cup vinegar, or to taste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper, or to taste
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

In a stockpot, bring the broth to a boil over high heat. Meanwhile, put the cornstarch in a small bowl. Add the water, stirring to dissolve. Add the cabbage, mushrooms, green onions, gingerroot, and soy sauce to the boiling broth. Return to a boil. Stir in the cornstarch mixture. Boil for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in the tofu, vinegar, and pepper. Reduce the heat to a simmer. Stirring constantly and gently, slowly drizzle the egg substitute into the simmering soup. Remove from the heat. Stir in the sesame oil.

**Tip:** The "handful of whatever's handy" method works just fine in this very adaptable soup. Snow peas, broccoli florets, shredded carrots, canned water chestnuts, or bamboo shoots would be good substitutes in or additions to the recipe.

**Nutritional analysis:** Calories, 47; total fat, 0.5 g; saturated fat, 0.0 g; polyunsaturated fat, 0.5 g; monounsaturated fat, 0.0 g; cholesterol, 0 mg; sodium, 147 mg; carbohydrates, 5 g; fiber, 1 g; sugars, 1 g; and protein, 4 g

**Dietary exchanges:** 1/2 carbohydrate, 1/2 very lean meat



## DEVIL'S FOOD CUPCAKES WITH ALMOND-MOCHA TOPPING ON RASPBERRY SAUCE

Serves 24; 1 cupcake, 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons sauce, and 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons topping per serving

### Cupcakes:

- 1 18.25-ounce box devil's food cake mix
- 1 2.5-ounce jar baby food pureed prunes
- 1 cup strong coffee, or 1 cup water plus 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
- 3 large egg whites
- 2 tablespoons canola or corn oil

### Sauce:

- 2 12-ounce packages frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed

### Topping:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons instant coffee granules
- 2 teaspoons water
- 8 ounces frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed in refrigerator
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, dry-roasted

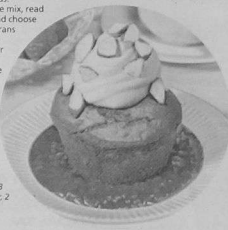
Preheat the oven to 325°F, or as directed on the package. Lightly spray two 12-cup muffin pans with cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl, combine the cupcake ingredients. Follow the package directions for beating the batter and baking and cooling the cupcakes. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, stir together the raspberries, sugar, and cornstarch until the cornstarch is dissolved. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes, or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from the heat. Let cool completely, about 20 minutes. Stir in the vanilla. In a medium bowl, stir together the coffee granules and water until the coffee is dissolved. Fold in the whipped topping until well blended. Cover and refrigerate until needed.

For each serving, spread 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons raspberry sauce on a dessert plate, top with a cupcake, spoon 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons whipped topping mixture over the cupcake, and sprinkle with about 1 1/2 teaspoons almonds.

**Tip:** When shopping for cake mix, read the Nutrition Facts labels and choose a product with 0 grams of trans fat. You can refrigerate any leftovers from this recipe for up to 48 hours or freeze them for later use. Keep the cupcakes, the sauce and the whipped topping in separate airtight containers.

**Nutritional analysis per serving:** Calories per serving, 173; total fat, 4 g; saturated fat, 11 g; trans fat, 0 g; polyunsaturated fat, 1 g; monounsaturated fat, 2 g; cholesterol, 0 mg; sodium, 198 mg; carbohydrates, 31 g; fiber, 2 g; sugar, 18 g; protein, 2 g

**Dietary exchanges:** 2 carbohydrate, 1 fat



## HOT SPICED POMEGRANATE TEA

Serves 4; 1 cup per serving

- 1 15.2-ounce bottle pomegranate juice
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 medium orange, cut crosswise into 8 slices
- 4 cinnamon sticks, each about 3 inches long
- 6 whole cloves
- 2 unflavored tea bags
- 1/2 medium lemon, cut crosswise into 4 slices
- 2 orange slices, halved (optional)

In a medium saucepan, stir together the pomegranate juice, water, sugar, orange slices, cinnamon sticks, and cloves. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer for 8 minutes, or until the flavors blend. Remove from the heat. Add the tea bags and lemon slices. Steep for 2 minutes. Pour the mixture through a sieve into a teapot, retaining the cinnamon sticks. Pour the tea into cups or mugs. Put a cinnamon stick and halved orange slice in each.

**Nutritional analysis:** Calories, 115; total fat, 0.0 g; saturated fat, 0.0 g; polyunsaturated fat, 0.0 g; monounsaturated fat, 0.0 g; cholesterol, 0 mg; sodium, 17 mg; carbohydrates, 29 g; fiber, 0 g; sugars, 29 g; protein, 1 g

**Dietary exchanges:** 1 fruit, 1 other carbohydrate





# REAL ESTATE

## Economist's: Home sales to stay steady

Existing-home sales are expected to retain the healthy gains seen in 2013, which means prices will stay on an uptrend in 2014, according to a forecast presentation at a residential forum during the 2013 Realtors Conference & Expo. Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, said existing-home sales have shown a 20 percent annual increase over the past two years, while prices have gained 18 percent, but incomes have risen only 2 to 4 percent in the same time frame.

"We've come off of record high housing affordability conditions in the past year, and are now at a five-year low, but conditions are still the 16th best in the past 40 years," Yun said. "While the median-income family in many areas will still be well positioned to buy a home in 2014, income is having a growing effect on consumer prices."

Yun said the other headwinds moving forward include



Real estate industry pros are watching the market, which has some limited inventory. GETTY IMAGES

limited inventory conditions in many areas and mortgage lending standards that are still unnecessarily stringent.

With higher mortgage interest rates, he expects refinancing to collapse in 2014 to the lowest level in at least 15 years, and hopes purchase applications will begin to rise. "This is an incentive for banks to increase mortgage origination, especially considering the low default rates in recent

years. But even with cheap mortgages for the past four years, all-cash buyers stayed high, accounting for over 30 percent of sales," Yun noted. Beyond bank motivation, Yun said Washington policies for mortgage lending have been too restrictive. He cited rising fees for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, higher Federal Housing Administration premiums, as well as Dodd-Frank banking regulations, which

have been strangling community banks. In addition, Yun said banks are holding onto funds for potential Department of Justice lawsuits, rather than making them available to mortgage borrowers.

"Sixty-day job creation, and hopefully a relaxation in stringent lending standards, will offset higher mortgage interest rates. Existing-home sales should hold fairly even at about 5.12 million in 2014."

Limited supplies were the biggest factor in price performance in the past year, with inventory bouncing around 13-year lows, and seriously delinquent mortgages have been trending steadily down. The national median existing-home price for all of 2013 was up just over 11 percent, to about \$197,000.

Housing starts are forecast to reach 1.13 million in 2014, which is still well below the underlying demand of about 1.5 million. New-home sales are likely to grow to 508,000 in 2014.

## Timeshare calls for caution

**Q: We are thinking about a timeshare, but one of our neighbors suggested that timeshare resale is basically non-existent. Do you have any comment on this?**

**A:** A huge problem for the timeshare industry is that there is no effective, functioning resale market. The problem, in large part, is that a timeshare is much like a vacation home, so



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loses value as soon as it is "driven off the lot." One of the "dirty secrets" of the timeshare industry is that 40 to 60 percent of the "retail" price of a new "timeshare" is made up of marketing, overhead and commissions. Accordingly, even if there was a functioning resale market, the value of a "used" timeshare would only be about half of the original price.

Moreover, timeshare developers are not always cannibalizing new sales by supporting or even allowing resale of timeshares at their projects or in their programs which has inhibited the development of an effective resale market. On top of those problems, the recession caused a lot of timeshare owners to default on the payment of their purchase contracts and/or maintenance assessments, and the resale market has been flooded with owners desperate to get rid of their timeshares at any cost. In short, buyers beware.

**Q: We have a person on our homeowner association board who continuously refers to a resident as a sex offender type guy and is even threatening to publish this in our community newsletter. I have seen no verification of it and am wondering how we get through to this guy.**

**A:** In any defamation action, truth is normally a defense, but in order to establish the truth, you have to confirm that this person in fact is a sex offender. If he is not, you might want to offer your member to a case out of Clarendon County in South Carolina where the jury awarded \$600,000 in damages to a man whose fellow condominium owners, all on the condominium's governing board, repeatedly and wrongly identified him as a registered sex offender listed on the South Carolina sex offender registry. In that case, the association board members had circulated a flyer which mistakenly identified the name of the individual on the flyer as the one who owned property in the condominium complex, and the board is now paying the price, which was \$600,000 in damages, by their insurance carrier. This is another example of associations taking action where they do not obtain factual basis or a good legal opinion.

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6 p.m. each third Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

For more information call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 7-11, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

7475 Admiralty Dr \$285,000  
226 Alexandra Ct \$275,000  
40460 Bay Harbor Ln \$158,000  
50125 Black Horse Ln \$390,000  
4030 Brighton Ln \$205,000  
2652 Brookhaven Dr \$198,000  
4387 Candlewood Dr \$260,000  
6642 Canyon Dr \$280,000  
1997 Century Ln \$174,000  
2593 Chelsea Dr \$250,000  
50267 Colonial St \$260,000  
7077 Copper Creek Cir \$121,000  
7157 Copper Creek Cir \$135,000  
39990 Coronation Rd \$163,000  
6341 Courtland Dr \$160,000  
2530 Cranbrook Rd \$192,000  
445 Delaford Ct \$362,000  
45705 Drexel Rd \$275,000  
4034 Elizabeth Ave \$135,000  
44313 Fair Oaks Dr \$195,000  
1714 Fern Ct \$230,000  
48558 Fifth St \$427,000  
47529 Gungahly Blvd \$165,000  
42251 Greenwood Dr \$689,000  
46849 Guntery Dr \$355,000  
76866 Hamlet Cir \$255,000  
15554 Hawthorne Dr \$470,000  
43610 Hanover Ct \$207,000  
7416 Haverrill Ln \$247,000  
6240 Houghton Ct \$356,000  
39561 Hilli Ln \$123,000  
43467 Lancaster Ct \$275,000  
49549 Kari Ln \$250,000  
8977 Kennesaw Rd \$401,000  
6550 Kinnick Dr \$215,000  
4100 Maplewood Dr \$128,000  
6808 Marshall St \$208,000  
8548 N Canton Center Rd \$201,000  
700 Pleasant Woods Dr \$272,000  
789 Pleasant Woods Dr \$255,000  
4398 Pond Run \$225,000  
4275 Pond Run \$204,000  
4808 Queens Way #480 \$193,000  
2812 River Meadow Cir \$171,000  
20223 Cavalier Dr \$310,000  
47553 S Stonewood Rd \$156,000  
47553 Stonewood Circle Dr \$215,000  
44974 Steakbook Dr \$201,000  
7322 Shepherd Ct \$230,000  
43665 Simsbury St \$165,000  
51113 Silver Hollow Ln \$117,000  
2031 Tradition Dr \$505,000  
47499 Vistas Circle Dr N \$235,000

### DEARBORN

16276 Birwood Ave \$170,000  
15825 Birwood Ave \$210,000  
22083 Orchard Way \$400,000  
3248 Sheridan Dr \$245,000  
32484 Westlady Dr \$345,000  
**DEARTRIM FARMS**  
25525 Oakview Way \$410,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
1001 Abbey St \$601,000  
5172 Bradford Rd \$204,000  
597 Coolidge Rd \$185,000  
1649 Mansfield Rd \$180,000  
964 N Adams Rd Unit 3 \$100,000  
717 N Glenhurst St \$125,000  
1040 Pilgrim Ave \$440,000  
1974 Webster St \$565,000  
760 Wellesley St \$843,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
245 Barden Rd \$420,000  
221 Canterbury Rd \$750,000  
1230 Denax Ave \$135,000  
134 Eretington Ct #7-74 \$235,000  
1272 Glenview Dr \$235,000  
1309 Knollcrest Cir L-46 \$175,000  
6888 Milling Rd \$364,000  
1400 Milling Rd \$170,000  
4811 Tullamore Dr \$390,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
3055 Chestnut Run Dr \$777,000  
4045 Elmwood Dr \$101,000  
4049 Cranbrook Ct \$222,000  
953 Dursley Rd \$265,000

1880 Wentworth Dr \$274,000  
2278 Westgate Ct \$235,000  
44628 Westminster Way \$218,000  
6170 Willow Creek Dr \$123,000  
**GARDEN CITY**  
597,000  
32309 Alvin St \$95,000  
589 Cardinal St \$62,000  
431 Deering St \$62,000  
6918 Deering St \$62,000  
39370 Donnelly St \$138,000  
870 Douglas St \$93,000  
29022 Elmwood St \$31,000  
28414 Hennepin St \$49,000  
5937 Inkster Rd \$28,000  
33109 Marquette St \$98,000  
29615 Rosslyn Ave \$80,000  
21486 Rush St \$89,000  
**LIVONIA**  
32460 Six Mile Rd \$320,000  
37614 Ann Arbor Trl \$32,000  
19954 Antago St \$60,000  
9062 Beatrice St \$135,000  
11324 Blackburn St \$277,000  
34525 Bretton Dr \$182,000  
36849 Bristol St \$50,000  
17288 Birch St \$167,000  
29556 Clarita St \$23,000  
11315 Cranston St \$150,000  
36280 Curtis Dr \$230,000  
15408 N Blue Skies Ct \$175,000  
14533 Ellen St \$138,000  
28454 Elmir St \$66,000  
31548 Fairfield St \$134,000  
16920 Fairfield St \$188,000  
36376 Fairway Dr \$205,000  
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18711 Gary Ln \$128,000  
18965 Gary Ln \$330,000  
18957 Glenhurst Dr \$275,000  
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15055 Hubbard St \$156,000  
17995 Inkster Rd \$128,000  
35610 Joy Rd \$160,000  
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15212 Knollton St \$90,000  
36041 Ladywood St \$240,000  
18420 Laurel Dr \$329,000  
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15817 Loveland St \$196,000  
9210 Maria St \$139,000  
147511 N Elm St \$173,000  
36004 Martin St \$234,000  
20715 Mayfield St \$66,000  
17448 McClamara Dr \$216,000  
14806 Melvin St \$146,000  
29655 Minton St \$117,000  
18946 Myron St \$135,000  
37653 Newburgh Park Dr \$235,000  
33840 Oakdale St \$235,000

32893 Perth St \$184,000  
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16596 Quakertown Ln \$289,000  
18688 Renwick St \$195,000  
38657 Richmond St \$110,000  
30961 Roycroft St \$131,000  
29331 Southgate St \$240,000  
33043 Summit St \$153,000  
19974 Sunbury St \$100,000  
14732 Sunning St \$146,000  
18339 University Park Dr \$71,000  
35899 W Chicago St \$143,000  
15871 Woodring Dr \$235,000  
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**NORTHVILLE**  
15460 Bay Hill Dr \$605,000  
19500 Beck Rd \$320,000  
17749 Briar Ridge Ln \$853,000  
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16950 Carnegie Way \$146,000  
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44206 Cypress Point Dr \$145,000  
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40240 Fairview Hill Rd \$1,010,000  
45742 Fernagh Rd \$350,000  
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46710 Merion Cir \$663,000  
39636 Muirfield Ln \$230,000  
50789 Roycroft Way \$521,000  
15907 Park Dr \$185,000  
43843 Prestwick Cir S \$142,000  
675 Randolph St \$134,000  
20139 Ridgeway Dr \$260,000  
19811 Seaside Harbour Dr \$260,000  
16170 Tiverton Ct \$331,000  
20117 Woodhill Dr \$365,000  
**PLYMOUTH**  
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12600 Beacon Hill Ct \$562,000  
1419 Carol Ave \$159,000  
140 Carter St \$335,000  
46770 Danbridge St \$320,000  
13443 Danbury Ct \$175,000  
1140 Fairground St \$120,000  
9610 Glen Arbor Rd \$204,000  
935 Hartsough Ct \$200,000  
13675 Hilltop Dr W \$427,000  
41460 Hollywood Rd \$236,000  
1012 N Berr St \$102,000  
40596 Newport Dr \$87,000  
42115 Old Pond Cir \$114,000  
1385 Park Pl \$505,000  
1050 Park Pl \$600,000  
361 Pinewood Pl #1 \$234,000  
61240 Plymouth Lake Cir \$573,000  
51095 Plymouth Lake Ct \$610,000  
13410 Portsmouth Xing \$146,000  
9255 Red Maple Ct \$335,000  
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13580 Ridgewood Dr \$210,000  
1199 S Sheldon Rd \$51,000

750 Sunset St \$456,000  
191 Sutherland St \$143,000  
11865 Sunnymore Dr \$199,000  
9637 Winterset Cir \$363,000  
**REDFORD**  
6528 Beech Daly Rd \$31,000  
18803 Brady St \$30,000  
24966 Doris Ct \$78,000  
15200 Garfield St \$244,000  
15620 Gaywood Dr \$166,000  
25366 Graham Rd \$80,000  
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9234 Louis St \$82,000  
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**WESTLAND**  
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2000 N Globe St \$55,000  
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1625 Regene St \$345,000  
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1682 S Crown St \$108,000  
253 S Dobson St \$76,000  
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60000 Saylor Rd \$120,000  
36000 Skyline Ave \$118,000  
38539 Scott Dr \$118,000  
1296 Shoemaker Dr \$35,000  
1939 Treadwell St \$35,000  
1255 Winham St \$70,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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### BEVERLY HILLS

12716 Birwood Ave \$170,000  
15825 Birwood Ave \$210,000  
22083 Orchard Way \$400,000  
3248 Sheridan Dr \$245,000  
32484 Westlady Dr \$345,000  
**DEARBORN**  
25525 Oakview Way \$410,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
1001 Abbey St \$601,000  
5172 Bradford Rd \$204,000  
597 Coolidge Rd \$185,000  
1649 Mansfield Rd \$180,000  
964 N Adams Rd Unit 3 \$100,000  
717 N Glenhurst St \$125,000  
1040 Pilgrim Ave \$440,000  
1974 Webster St \$565,000  
760 Wellesley St \$843,000  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
245 Barden Rd \$420,000  
221 Canterbury Rd \$750,000  
1230 Denax Ave \$135,000  
134 Eretington Ct #7-74 \$235,000  
1272 Glenview Dr \$235,000  
1309 Knollcrest Cir L-46 \$175,000  
6888 Milling Rd \$364,000  
1400 Milling Rd \$170,000  
4811 Tullamore Dr \$390,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
3055 Chestnut Run Dr \$777,000  
4045 Elmwood Dr \$101,000  
4049 Cranbrook Ct \$222,000  
953 Dursley Rd \$265,000

484 Fox Hills Dr # A-3 \$67,000  
1778 Golf Ridge Dr S \$405,000  
1896 Seminole Ct \$312,000  
982 Top View Dr \$445,000  
1260 Trailwood Path \$310,000  
505 Wedbury Dr \$390,000  
6363 Worlington Rd \$390,000  
**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP**  
1791 Applebrook Dr \$50,000  
8150 Barnbury St \$170,000  
3860 E Commerce Rd \$239,000  
2273 Palmetto \$528,000  
3215 Rio Vista St \$95,000  
3925 S Shore Dr \$1,185,000  
3221 Weston Ct \$186,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
36886 Hearterton Dr \$218,000  
3200 Leanne \$170,000  
34180 Schulte Dr \$175,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
28491 Bayberry Rd \$161,000  
2155 Baywood St \$135,000  
20025 Cass St \$135,000  
35222 Chesterbrook St \$257,000  
35234 Edythe Dr \$95,000  
25795 Farinford Dr \$150,000  
21679 Hancock St \$80,000  
36888 Heilmann Cir \$50,000  
26201 Hidden Valley Dr \$305,000  
2158 Orchard Lake Rd \$180,000  
4602 Knighton Dr \$350,000  
25815 Livingston Ct \$278,000  
21621 Ontago Ct \$110,000  
2168 Orchard Lake Rd \$180,000  
21210 Parklane St \$278,000  
23155 Potomac Cir \$146,000  
37546 River Bend \$325,000  
21972 Rocky Crest \$143,000  
29515 Sylvan Ln \$205,000

22315 Tredwell Ave \$124,000  
28426 W Eight Mile Rd \$15,000  
Unit A5 \$162,000  
35745 W Lyman Rd \$162,000  
**LATHRUP VILLAGE**  
27738 Lathrup Blvd \$140,000  
17411 Redwood Ave \$104,000  
**MILFORD**  
1385 Berwyck Dr \$119,000  
24300 Bashian Dr \$77,000  
287 Dorchester Ct \$252,000  
1345 Forest Ridge Dr \$615,000  
1277 Pine Ridge Rd \$132,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
1039 Allen Dr \$380,000  
21303 E Glen Haven Cir \$242,000  
43525 Galaxy Dr \$128,000  
1015 Glenhill Dr \$410,000  
20990 Lyon Dr \$215,000  
535 Reed Ct \$230,000  
**NOVI**  
24300 Bashian Dr \$77,000  
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44707 Bayview Dr #45 \$90,000  
45107 Courtview Trl \$390,000  
46652 Glenview Dr \$95,000  
46544 Galaxy Dr \$425,000  
25786 Groveland \$400,000  
24332 Haverale St \$314,000  
46652 Glenview Dr \$95,000  
51243 Luke Ln \$337,000  
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27077 Maxwell Ct \$320,000  
23209 Netherland Forest Dr \$410,000  
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24966 Portsmouth Ave \$247,000  
47707 Rochester Dr \$363,000  
40460 S Oakdale \$192,000  
39707 Wildlife Wood Ln \$75,000

762 Chancelier Trl \$153,000  
61364 Creeksview Trl \$171,000  
809 Eagle Heights Dr \$188,000  
61041 Greenwood Dr \$65,000  
61276 Greenwood Dr \$188,000  
981 Hidden Creek Dr \$251,000  
1901 Paddock Dr \$238,000  
24671 Padstone Dr \$77,000  
24292 Ravine Dr \$77,000  
24752 Ravine Dr \$65,000  
52173 Red Cedar \$351,000  
1137 Shetland Dr \$279,000  
22734 Sky Glass Hill \$345,000  
38734 Sycamore Dr \$63,000  
52665 Trailwood Dr \$2,000  
810 Westhills Dr \$305,000  
**SOUTHFIELD**  
21743 Spring Scutum St \$67,000  
26820 Fairfield Rd \$101,000  
29602 Farmbrook Villa Ct \$75,000  
21370 Independence Dr \$135,000  
24752 Ravine Dr \$65,000  
17221 Robert St \$89,000  
29435 Spring Hill Dr \$79,000  
29337 Spring Hill Ln \$94,000  
29933 Spring Hill Dr \$83,000  
17252 Westwood Ave \$75,000  
20714 Woodburn Dr \$20,000  
25103 Woodvale Dr N \$75,000  
**WHITE HALL**  
4429 Cotton Pkwy \$339,000  
11448 Lakewood Dr \$195,000  
341 Oakhaven Ct \$180,000  
901 Serenity Dr \$250,000  
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9480 Stepphollow Dr \$170,000  
1304 Waverly Dr \$167,000

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Playing marbles
- 5 Right on
- 9 Bunkhouse item
- 12 Floppy contents
- 13 Hunter's garb
- 14 Mouts, in biology
- 15 Douse a candle
- 17 Taster!
- 19 OPEC rep, often
- 21 As well as
- 22 Swerve
- 25 Circus performers
- 28 Arctic people
- 30 Part of a fleet
- 34 Galahad's title
- 35 Concerning
- 36 Dash size
- 37 —de-France
- 38 Mud bricks
- 40 Rock band crew member

**DOWN**

- 1 Dots
- 2 Actor
- 3 —McKellen
- 3 Heat meas.
- 4 Jungla jaunt
- 5 New-car option
- 6 Equivocator's response
- 7 Rheas cousin
- 8 —de plume
- 9 Slinky dog
- 10 Galena and cinnamon
- 11 Polynesian staple
- 12 Neighbor
- 13 M. to Einstein
- 14 Impos taxes
- 15 Travel document
- 16 Wife of Geraint
- 17 Stark's successor
- 18 Disciplined
- 19 Comedian
- 20 Jay
- 21 Nesting place
- 22 Agree with
- 23 Film director
- 24 Scallion kin
- 25 Eight bits
- 26 Soak up
- 27 Unearthly
- 28 DVR predecessors
- 29 General vicinity
- 30 Put on the market
- 31 49 ft duty
- 32 LA zone
- 33 51 Want-ad letters
- 34 Email provider
- 35 Navy noncom
- 36 Wild an ax
- 37 ER staffer

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Level: Intermediate


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## SNOWFALL WORD SEARCH

WORDS

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ACCURACY  
ADVANCE  
AIR MASS  
ALPINE  
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SLIPPERY  
SNOW  
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WET  
WIND  
ZONE

**Check Your Answers Here**

**Sudoku**

1	2	5	7	6	9	8	3	4
6	6	7	8	9	1	2	5	3
5	9	8	6	1	2	7	4	3
4	5	9	6	1	2	7	8	3
2	8	1	9	5	7	3	6	4
7	1	6	1	9	5	7	3	6
8	1	5	2	6	7	3	9	4
9	2	7	1	6	5	8	3	4

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## Car Report



By Dale Buss

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"We like to build a lot of conversation before game day," Loren Angelo, head of brand marketing for Audi of America, told me. For the brand and the new A3 sedan, that meant releasing not only an online teaser of its "Doberhuahua" spot but the entire spot itself several days before Super Bowl Sunday.

Here's a snapshot of what the auto brands planned for Super Bowl XLVIII:

While not using any big Hollywood names, Audi deployed its trademark Super Bowl humor in a spot featuring singer Sarah McLachlan (who spoofed her PSAs for PetA with a teaser) a hilarious dog hybrid, a "Doberhuahua," that exemplifies the horrible results that come from compromise. The point

game report.

Chrysler, as usual, didn't give away its plan for the Big Game, forsaking all the pre-game teasers and other buzz-generating activities that rivals are using more and more before the actual telecast.

Hyundai has a new US CEO but some of the same challenges: how to effectively keep the brand stretched across a broad range of product segments yet battle some supply issues and stiffening competition across the board. With two spots—one, called “Nice,” for the Hyundai Elantra starring Johnny Galecki of *Big Bang Theory* and another (“Dad’s Sixth Sense”) for the luxury-sport Genesis sedan, focusing on its driving-assistance features—the brand spread its Super Bowl bets once

Jaguar, now owned by India's Tata Motors, is continuing its comeback with its first Super Bowl spot. The dramatic 60-second ad featured actors Sir Ben Kingsley, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong as a trio of British villains in a spot helmed by The King's Speech director Tom Hooper:

Laurence Fishburne to reprise his role as Morpheus in the cult movie series *The Matrix* to pull that off.

Toyota last year effectively used actress Kaley Cuoco for a mainstream message, and this year the brand was going back to a proven platform by including the Muppets and Terry Crews as it focused on everything one can do in a new Toyota Highlander.

Volkswagen is more in need of a pick-me-up now than it has been for three years, as US sales have leveled off. So reached for nostalgic levers similar to its Star Wars-themed ad from three years ago, "The Force" (often called "Little Darth Vader" for its adorable mini-Darth), which became the most-shared and YouTube-viewed spot in Super Bowl history. This time around, following a teaser that featured Carmen Electra, VW had "Wings", in which the brand played a bit with the "legend" of how every time a reliable VW turns over 100,000 miles, a VW engineer gets his "wings." Jimmy Stewart, star of It's a Wonderful Life, might have been bemused.

"We are thrilled with this year's creative, which highlights the enthusiasm around our



The Silverado HD stars in one of Chevy's ads in the Big Game.

five biggest spenders in the past five Super Bowls, along with Bud Lite and Budweiser parent Anheuser Busch InBev, PepsiCo and Coca-Cola.

And of course, any more it's not just Super Bowl Sunday but for the entire season surrounding the game that carmakers dominate much of the conversation. It has become standard practice to run pre-Game teasers (trailers, in a sense, of the Game Day spot), and viral videos promoted across YouTube, Twitter and Facebook with hashtags.

is that the German automaker's new A3 sedan, launching in the US this spring, is anything but an exercise in compromise, even though it's priced beginning under \$30,000:

General Motors returned to the Super Bowl after taking a one-year break, with Chevrolet slated to occupy two 60-second spots during the game. One spot, "Romance," featured a voiceover by John Cusack and promoted the 2015 Silverado HD with the hashtag #SilveradoStrong. Two other 30-second ads were to air during the post-

Kia is facing a similar challenge now as Hyundai did a few years ago. The Korean-brand sibling wanted to use the Super Bowl to further legitimize its pricey first luxury model, the K900 sedan. It called upon actor

presence in the Kia Super Bowl ad.

brand and our vehicles' German engineering in a humorous spot that embodies the Volkswagen spirit," commented Vinay Shahani, Volkswagen of America's vice president of marketing.

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