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Laloy touts economic strengths

Township is rebounding after long recession

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton is witnessing an economic rebound that should gain traction after its selection as the site for a high-tech institute to create lightweight metals for new-generation cars, trucks, airplanes and ships, township Supervisor Phil Laloy said Wednesday afternoon.

"The whole manufacturing

world is now aware of Canton. That is publicity and marketing that we could never buy," Laloy said during an upbeat State of the Township address at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, adding, "We believe that manufacturers from all over the world will now have Canton as first on their list of potential locations."

Laloy's address came one week after he went to the White House as President Ba-

rack Obama named Canton for a \$148 million manufacturing and research hub linked to a vast consortium of companies, universities, nonprofits and the Pentagon. The effort is expected to create 10,000 jobs across the Midwest.

Laloy, weaving humor into his speech to a large crowd at a Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon, said his flight to Washington, D.C., cost \$700 and his cab fare was \$20. "But hearing the president introduce me? Priceless."

Debbie Stewart, general

manager of Holiday Inn Express Canton, said Laloy's remarks about the manufacturing institute was her favorite part of his address.

"I'm very excited about that," she said.

Canton has begun a rebound after weathering a \$20 million loss in revenue over five years fueled by declining property tax revenues and losses in state-shared revenue. Laloy said the township fought back by securing employee conces-

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Canton Township Supervisor Phil Laloy delivered his State of the Township address Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. BILL BRISLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A Monday evening fire destroyed a home on Ardsley home in Canton.

Canton house collapses after firefighters reach safety

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton firefighters battling a blaze inside a two-story home Monday evening had to evacuate as the floor weakened, averting a potential tragedy before the house began to collapse, Fire Chief Joshua Meier said.

"We sent crews in to make an interior attack, but conditions deteriorated rapidly," he said.

A couple in their mid-70s

and their cat escaped unharmed as a basement fire spread quickly about 5 p.m. due to the amount of possessions in the home, Meier said.

"The house collapsed," he said. "It's a total loss."

The fire happened in the 6800 block of Ardsley, southwest of Warren and Lilley roads.

Fire investigators didn't yet

know what caused the blaze, Meier said, "but it is believed to be accidental."

Canton firefighters had

entered the house, but Meier said they were ordered out as it became clear "the floor was soft" and close to collapsing.

Firefighters continued to battle the blaze from outside the house. No damage was reported to any neighboring homes. Fire investigators remained on scene Tuesday morning to survey the damage and wait for DTE Energy to arrive to repair a damaged gas line, Meier said.

The gas line was not believed to be a threat, he said.

The fire occurred during frigid weather that Meier said caused some problems.

"Weather did play a factor," he said. "We did at one point have some water pressure issues to contend with."

The residents were receiving help from their church, the Canton Firefighters' Charity Foundation and The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, which was on the scene of the fire.

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Few attend forum on water rate increase

Residents who do show up have strong feelings on issue

By Darrell Clem
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North-end Canton resident Jack Skillman said streets are deteriorating and storm sewers are collapsing in the Mayfair subdivision near Joy and Sheldon roads.

"Do we just wait until they cave in? Is that what the game is going to be?" he asked Monday night during a Canton water rate forum at Summit on the Park.

Skillman has called Canton home for 35 years. "I love Canton,"

Yet he hinted he might consider moving unless conditions are improved in his neighborhood.

"These roads are bad," he said, "and these sewers are beyond bad."

Skillman was one of only three residents who attended the water rate forum, which brought news of a 5.4-percent rate hike for local customers. Though small in numbers, homeowners brought strong opinions to the session led by public Works Manager Bob Belair. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas and Finance Director Wendy Trumbull.

Belair said he receives numerous complaints about deteriorating storm sewers, which he said are the responsibility of cash-strapped Wayne County to fix.

"We have no jurisdiction over storm sewers in the township," Belair said, adding later, "The reality is Wayne County is probably not going to fix it."

Faas said some Canton subdivisions petition the township to create special assessment districts and pay for repairs, but he conceded "they're not very popular."

Meanwhile, the proposed 5.4-percent rate hike will take effect May 1 if it is approved by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. It would become the first water-sewer rate in-

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Retiring building official saw Canton's growth

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Building Official John Weyer has confirmed he plans to retire March 14, ending a nearly 28-year career that spanned an era of monumental growth across a township he calls home.

Weyer, 57, witnessed burgeoning business districts along Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, rapid growth of resi-

dential subdivisions and an influx of IKEA, big box stores and a cutting-edge project to create renewable energy from the Sauk Trail Hills landfill.

During his tenure, Canton built its Summit on the Park recreation complex, Pheasant Run Golf Course and expanded the township administration building.



Weyer

"I've enjoyed working with the residents, the customers, the developers, the builders and the employees," Weyer said. "I've met so many nice people. It has been an enjoyable, great career. I have enjoyed it immensely."

Weyer's successor hasn't been named. The next building official, however, faces issues such as implementing a pro-

posed rental inspection program and reviewing procedures after police say a business owner never sought a proper permit for a now-closed teen club where an outdoor shooting occurred in February.

Weyer has been involved with Canton historians in projects such as the Bartlett-Travis House and the Cady-

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Home improvement Expo gives vendors an audience

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Monika and Matt Miller are about to begin a big kitchen remodel in their Plymouth home.

That's why the former Canton residents are at the Summit on the Park on Sunday, perusing the various vendors and booths at the Home Improvement Expo, the annual fair that gives people a chance to check out vendors from a variety of areas, from roofing to landscaping, from renovations to re-build-

ings.

The Millers, making their way through the booths with children Cameron and Quinn, were happy with what they saw.

"We're going to start our kitchen project," Monika Miller said. "We thought this might be a good place to look for ideas."

Some 115 vendors set up at the Summit and, despite yet another snowfall that dropped some 3-4 inches of snow on the area, they welcomed a large number of visitors over the two-day expo.

Renee DeVos of the Canton Building Department, which put on the expo, said the weather seemed to have little effect on attendance.

"Saturday was very busy and (early Sunday) is OK," DeVos said Sunday. "I was a little worried (Saturday) because we went through more (weather) books than usual. That's a pretty good worry to have." Among the vendors was Bill Albert, owner of Canton-based Accent Remodeling, Inc. Albert said the expo gives Ac-

cent staffers a chance to talk to people right in the community where they do business.

In fact, he said, past customers frequently come by his booth at the expo - he's there every year - and inevitably end up talking to prospective clients.

"It feels real good to know we've got customers who are happy with us," Albert said. "Even though we've been here 30 years, there are many, many people who say they never knew we were here."



Monika Miller of Plymouth talks with Bill Albert, owner of Canton-based Accent Remodeling, Inc., during the Home Improvement Expo.

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sions and trimming spending while keeping tax rates among the lowest of similar-size communities.

"We have basically been operating in survival mode, while striving to maintain a sense of normalcy for our residents," he said.

LaJoy pointed to encouraging economic signs, including an uptick in home values, plans by developers to build nearly 500 new residences and a flurry of new restaurants.

He said Canton has filled more than 500,000 square feet of industrial space during the last year, with more companies expected.

"They put a lot of people to work with good jobs," he said. Canton dentist Jeff VanHook welcomed that news and said, "It's nice to see Canton developing."

Among other highlights of LaJoy's speech:

» He said he has started meeting with state lawmakers to lobby for a share of a \$971 million state surplus, all while working locally to achieve short- and long-term financial stability.

» He held out hope

for easing Ford Road traffic congestion after Canton receives \$5 million to pave Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill and an additional \$1.8 million to widen lanes along Ford near Haggerty. Longer term, he said Ford could be transformed into a boulevard to reduce accidents and ease traffic flow.

» LaJoy touted Canton as a vibrant community that continues to attract new residents. He said it is the only Michigan community to earn accreditation for both its Public Safety and Leisure Services departments. He cited studies indicating Canton is the safest community in Michigan - and 33rd in the nation - based on crime rates for places with populations topping 75,000.

» He said Canton's efforts to improve its financial position has led to its bond rating from an AAA rating to AAA-stable.

» LaJoy said Canton could increase its stature as an arts hub as the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities pursues an arts complex at the former Ford factory site in Cherry Hill Village.

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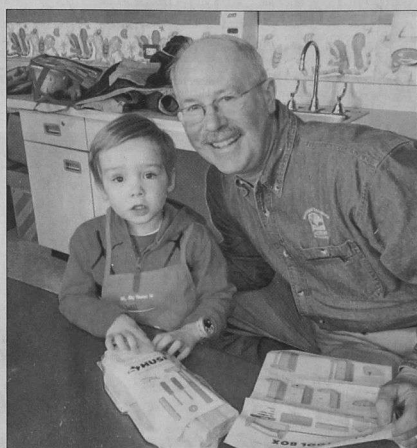
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Boyer Barn in Preservation Park. He helped spearhead the Canton Home Improvement Expo, which last week-end celebrated its 13th year linking businesses, their services and residents. And he has worked with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on building projects.

Weyer started his Canton career as a deputy building official in 1986 and was named building official in 1990. He once worked for a commercial home-building company. He was singled out among his peers in a four-county region in 2011 as Outstanding Building Official, an award bestowed by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Weyer worked under Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, who said Weyer's years on the job came during periods of rapid growth and a sudden halt in development.

"When you think of how much Canton has developed since John started, that length of time saw an almost incredible amount of development," Faas said. "John saw, as I did, the highs, which were the boom times of the early 2000s, to the point in late 2005 when literally the residential, commercial



John Weyer, retiring Canton building official, plans to spend more time with family members such as grandson Will. CANTON TOWNSHIP

and industrial development stopped."

Weyer once oversaw 20 employees - a number that was slashed to 10 during the economic downturn, Faas said. Now, Canton has begun a long-awaited rebound.

Weyer's job hasn't always been a easy one.

"It's a hard job yet dealing with the myriad

of builders to Joe Home-owner making minor modifications to a building to (large projects such as) IKEA," Faas said. "John has seen the whole gamut of development in the township."

Weyer said he plans to take some time off to enjoy his family, but he said he likely will return to the workforce, though

perhaps only part time. He said there was no single reason he decided to retire from his Canton job.

"It's time to hang up the skates," he said. "I'm just ready. It's time to do something else."

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crease since 2011 after local officials for two consecutive years absorbed higher costs imposed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

An average household using 32,282 gallons of water every three-month billing cycle would pay quarterly bills of \$358.30 under the new rate plan. Officials say the revenue is needed to pay for water and to maintain 427 miles of local water

main and 338 miles of sewer lines.

The new rates amount to \$10.67 per 1,000 gallons of water used. Canton officials say they have to generate revenue to pay \$33 million in water-sewer expenses this year.

Resident Bill Lockett said he would like to see local subdivisions may choose to install wells to help curb water-consumption costs.

"We're just concerned about cost containment," Lockett said.

Belair said Canton can reduce its costs by curbing water usage during peak morning and eve-

ning hours. Officials have sought to educate residents to water lawns between midnight and 6 a.m.

David Peck, who lives in the Sunflower subdivision off Warren between Canton and Beck, said local officials should consider using social media and other efforts to inform consumers when to reduce usage.

Canton has projected it will buy 2.8 billion gallons of water from DWSJ this year. Last year, Canton consumers used four million gallons less amid a rainy sum-

mer season - a reduction that conserves water, but nonetheless drives up rates.

Local officials still are working with Detroit to determine if a DWSJ facility on Canton's north side can be used for water storage. That could allow Canton to release water during peak hours and place less strain on Detroit's system.

If that plan falls short, Canton may consider building its own water storage facility.

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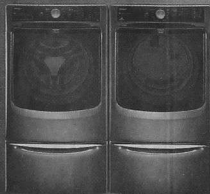
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Bank robbery suspect faces competency hearing

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton bank robbery suspect faces a court ruling in April that is expected to determine if he is competent to stand trial on charges he robbed a Comerica branch inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Nathan Michael Kuhn, 28, remains jailed as he awaits a ruling, now set for April 18, by

Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, who delayed a decision that had been expected Monday.

Skutt also is expected to issue a ruling on whether Kuhn, a convicted felon, should be held criminally responsible for his alleged actions.

Kuhn, described by authorities as a father who has lived in Livonia and Westland, was



Kuhn

arrested in a Wayne motel room after the Comerica branch was robbed last Oct. 24 by a man who police say passed a note to a teller, implied he had a gun and demanded money.

Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said no shots were fired and no one was injured during the robbery.

Kuhn could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted as charged. As he

awaits the outcome of his case, he would have to post \$50,000 before he could be released on a \$500,000/10-percent bond.

Canton police had to force their way into a Wayne motel where Kuhn was arrested, Baugh has said. Authorities located him after receiving a tip about his whereabouts.

A not-guilty plea has been placed on Kuhn's record as he awaits trial.

Meanwhile, Skutt has or-

dered Kuhn to stay away from the Kroger store and its employees if he is able to post bond.

Kuhn had been paroled just 11 months prior to his arrest for incidents involving uttering and publishing, after authorities say he forged a check or other financial document.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Shots fired

Canton police noted that the former Keller & Stein florist site on Michigan Avenue shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday after a woman reported hearing gunshots in the area, a police report said.

The woman said she saw a black vehicle, possibly a GMC Jimmy, stop on Michigan Avenue and then continue westbound from Lilley Road. She believes someone in the vehicle may have fired the shots.

A police report noted there were gunshot holes in a small portion of a building that was still standing following an earlier disturbance.

Motel disturbance

A drunken 43-year-old Canton woman was taken to a hospital after police went to America's Best, a motel near Ford and Haggerty, following reports she was causing a ruckus.

Police received a call shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday that a woman staying in a room had been disruptive and was repeatedly calling the front desk for no apparent reason. The motel wanted the suspect removed.

Police learned the woman had three warrants for her arrest, including one felony out of Washtenaw County. Police knocked on the door, but the woman refused to open it, slurring her speech and speaking in incoherent sentences, a police report said.

Police got a key from motel security and got into the room, where the woman was found lying on the bed. She initially told police she had been

raped, then retracted her story only to repeat it again. She couldn't identify a suspect or say when it might have happened, the police report said.

Police took the woman to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where it was learned her blood-alcohol content was 0.50 percent — more than six times the legal limit if she had been driving.

Sex offender violation

A 22-year-old registered sex offender was facing possible charges after police learned he had failed to register a Ford Explorer in a timely manner, a police report said.

The man went to the police station Saturday to register the vehicle, but it was learned he already was past the five-day deadline. The man told police it was a mistake and he has always followed his sex offender registration orders.

The matter was turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Window damaged

A 34-year-old woman notified police to report someone had damaged a window of her residence in College Park Estates, a mobile home community on Mott Road west of Barr, a police report said.

The woman told police she has been having problems with a man. She came home around 6 p.m. Monday and noticed a window of her home had been damaged. Police contacted the suspect, who denied any involvement.

— By Darrell Clem

Man ordered to trial for shooting at officer

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Chasing a fleeing suspect through a field, a Romulus Police officer testified last Thursday that he feared for his life when the man suddenly turned to point a gun at him.

"I'm not sure where he pulled the gun from, I hadn't seen anything in his hands," Officer Darryl Nippes said. "He pointed the gun back behind him. He told me 'You best back up.' I drew my service weapon and fired."

Nippes testified during the Westland 18th District Court preliminary examination for Allante Jones, 24, of Ypsilanti, who is facing multiple charges stemming from the incident.

The Feb. 1 incident began about 5:45 p.m. when Nippes and a second officer working road patrol spotted a van driving without headlights near Ecorse and Van Born in Romulus.

Judge Sandra Cicirelli ordered Jones bound over for trial on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, felonious assault, felony firearm, marijuana possession and resisting police. His Wayne County Circuit Court arraignment is set for March 6.

Defense attorney Gerald Evelyn asked for a reduction in the \$50,000 cash bond for Jones, who has been jailed since his arrest, or release on a tether.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Identity fraud reported in township

Police in Plymouth Township received two reports of fraudulent purchases, both made in connection with identity theft, in recent days.

In one, a township man told police Saturday that someone had opened a Dots store credit card in his name and charged it for \$125.99. He received the bill Friday, he said; the man said he had never shopped at a Dots.

Upon calling the bank that issued the card, the man said, he found out that four other store credit cards had been recently opened in his name and charged for nearly \$1,772 worth of merchandise, all at stores in Gahanna, Ohio.

In another incident, a township man reported last month that someone had used his name and Social Security num-

ber to open an account with a cellular phone service provider and buy three phones. The cost of the phones was not noted in a police report. The account was opened in December, the complainant told police, and both a January and a February bill were sent to him.

Fuel theft

Gasoline was reportedly siphoned from two vehicles last week as they sat in the driveway of a house on Grant Drive, in the area of M-14 and Ridge Road.

The fuel theft, from a 2012 Jeep and a 1995 Ford, was discovered the morning of Feb. 27, a police report said. The complainant told police he had heard a noise outside at about 1 a.m., but hadn't looked out.

— By Matt Jachman

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Canton to honor Olympic skating champions

The local community will get two chances Sunday to honor Olympic ice dancing champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

Canton Township will honor the pair, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, in a pair of ceremonies at the Village

Theater at Cherry Hill. The first ceremony takes place 3:30-4 p.m., the second 5-5:30 p.m. Patrons who attend the rallies will have an opportunity to hear Davis and White talk about their Olympic journey.

Due to time constraints,

autographs and photo opportunities will not be available. The two presentations will have the same content: Canton officials scheduled to ceremonies to meet an expected huge demand for tickets.

Anyone wanting to attend must have a ticket, officials

said. Free tickets will be available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6, while supplies last. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to a maximum of four per adult. Patrons are

asked to arrive no earlier than 5 p.m. Tickets will be distributed with the best availability of seating opportunities available to patrons at time of pick-up.

For additional information, visit www.cantontown.org or call 734-394-5460.

MDOT engineer: I-96 shutdown pushed back until April 1

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Call it an April Fool's Day prank played by Mother Nature.

The shutdown of I-96 through Redford and Livonia that was originally slated to start March 24 has been pushed back one week to April 1 because of the poor weather conditions, Michigan Department of Transportation mobility engineer Aaron Raymond said.

"It's looking more and more like that's the exact date, but weather permitting," said Raymond, who is working on the project through MDOT's temporary Livonia office. "I think a lot of that has to do with the weather."

Raymond said even with the one-week delay, the contractor for the project, Shelby Township-based Dan's Excavating, still expects to wrap up work on the reconstruction on time sometime in October. The decision was made late last week to push back the project, he said.

The wicked weather in metro Detroit this year has led to the second-snowiest winter on record, with almost double the average snowfall and less than 10 inches off the all-time record set in 1881.

Both directions of the freeway will close in April from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia for the nearly \$150 million reconstruction project. The freeway will remain closed until the fall. Sev-



Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

eral bridges will also be worked on, as well as landscaping work along the freeway.

Some preliminary work is already starting before the shutdown occurs. Crews will be out starting Monday working on a widening of the service drive north of Schoolcraft leading to Telegraph. Crews will work and add a temporary lane on the current service drive to accommodate the heavier traffic the road expects to handle when motorists get off the freeway during the shutdown.

The widening will take out some concrete median and remove a curb on the west side of the service drive to northbound Telegraph.

"They're going to take out that curb and flatten the whole area out," Raymond said. "We've done this on other projects and it works really well, letting those people merge right one lane."

The right lane of the north-

bound overpass will be closed starting Monday as well, allowing for merging traffic to easily enter a lane onto northbound Telegraph. That closure, which will reduce the overpass to two lanes going northbound, will also remain in place until the fall.

MDOT has already widened the exit lane at another high-usage area in preparation for the project: crews added an additional lane on the exit ramp from I-275 to Six Mile in Livonia last fall. Like the Telegraph widening, both will be temporary and will revert back to their original configuration after the reconstruction project on the freeway is complete.

Anyone with questions regarding the project is encouraged to contact MDOT via email at MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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Winter Markets move to Summit

Preparations for the last two Canton Winter Farmers Markets are currently under way to move the markets inside the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Due to the unpredictable weather conditions this winter, the remaining Winter Farmers Markets will be held indoors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9 and April 13 in the banquet area at the Summit on the Park.

A variety of local food growers and producers have signed on to participate in these last Winter Markets. New vendors to check out include Paw-la's Pantry featuring natural, gluten-free dog treats and U.P. Pasties featuring a variety of meat and veggie pasties and paste sauce. Market regulars will recognize many of their favorite vendors, including: Boblin Honey; Boyer Meat Processing; Cakes by Penny; Classique Gifts & Bakes; Crunch Granola; Grace Savory & Sweet; Intu Specialty Tea; Lula B's Sweet Eats; Kapnick Orchards; Prochaska Farms; Sansonetti Sauces; Zingerman's Creamery; JKM Soy Candles; Farmington Soapworks; and Cellar Door Soap. In addition, the Rolling Stoves food truck will be on-site offering delicious lunch options.

Products to look forward to include honey, greens,

apples, cider, frozen berries, apple butter, fudge, baked goods, jams, artisan cheese and bread, granola, blended teas, barbecue sauces, gluten-free baking mixes and baked goods, meats, mustards, salsa, canned sauerkraut, popcorn, coffee, dog treats, soy candles and hand-crafted soap.

During the March Market, patrons can learn about the Canton's Healthy U Program from Chef Kristi Zebrowski of Grace Savory & Sweet from 10:30 a.m. to noon, when Zebrowski will be sampling a gluten-free treat (while supplies last).

The Canton Farmers Market will continue to support the Open Door Ministry by collecting pasta at all three Winter Markets. Since pasta is a staple in the Open Door Ministry's weekly food distribution to more than 450 local families in need, Girl Scouts from Cadette Troop 40864, composed of ninth-grade girls from Plymouth-Canton Schools, will also be accepting cash donations; just \$1 can buy 10 boxes of pasta.

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market and its vendors, subscribe to the weekly newsletter at www.cantontown.org, and the "In the Community" tab or call 734-394-5460.

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ON THE NORTHERN FRONT

Relatives seek out information about 'Detroit's Own' Polar Bears

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Michael Grobbel was in his element, talking about the 5,000 U.S. Army soldiers who fought the Bolshevik Red Army on Russian soil during the Russian Civil War in 1918-19, but it was what came after his talk Tuesday evening at the Wayne Public Library that got him excited.

"Now, let's have a look at uniform," Grobbel said, inviting Canton resident Earle Chorbagan to bring up the uniform and dog tags his father Artin wore as a member of the "Detroit's Own" Polar Bears.

"My father was wounded really bad by a dumb-dumb bullet," Chorbagan said. "They're illegal, but they used them. It shattered his forearm and it took him several years to recover."

Many in the audience had a connection to the Polar Bears, a name the men adopted aboard ship on their way home from Russia. They crafted shoulder patches, depicting a white bear on a blue background and stitched them on their uniforms.

"This is one of the early ones that they cut out," Grobbel said, looking at the patch on Chorbagan's uniform. "It's among one of the first ones. This uniform is in remarkably good shape."

Artin Chorbagan was 15 and away at school when Turkish soldiers entered his Armenian village and killed his parents. He was on his own and had to run. Over the course of the next 15 years, he was in Alexandria, Egypt, was a gaucho in Argentina and a cook in Brazil, where he heard he could get U.S. citizenship if he went to the U.S. and joined the Army.

He did that and ended up in the 85th Division that was sent by President Woodrow Wilson to Russia under the pretext of keeping Allied military supplies from falling into the hands of the Bolsheviks and rescuing a stranded Czech legion needed to fight on the Eastern Front.

'Abbreviated' training

The division received "abbreviated" training at Fort Custer near Battle Creek and was sent to England, where 5,000 troops of the 339th Infantry and support units – the 310th Engineers, the 337th Field Hospital and the 337th Ambulance Company – were issued Russian weapons and equipment and sailed for Archangel, a Russian port on the White Sea, 600 miles north of Moscow and 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle. They became the American North Russia Expeditionary Force, which arrived in Russia in September 1918.

"My grandfather was drafted in mid-June and arrived in Battle Creek on June 30," Grobbel said. "The division was sent out on July 14. On July 17, Wilson signed an order sending a limited number of troops to northern Russia."

The group was made up primarily of men from Michigan, the first song the Polar Bears heard as they pulled into port was *Hail to the Victors*, Grobbel said.

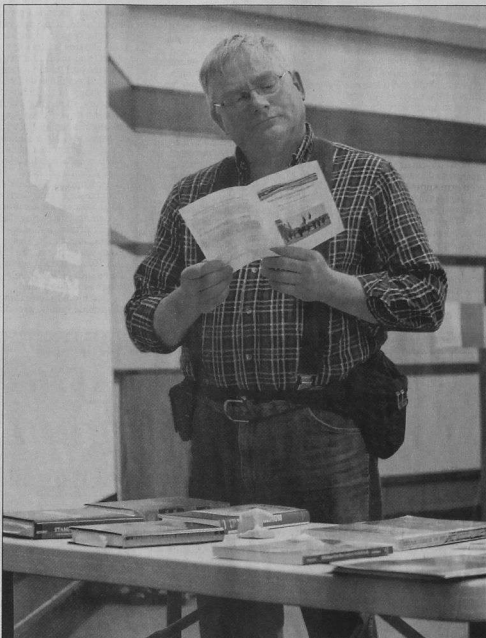
Grobbel's grandfather Clement was in the 339th Company.

"Everyone that followed the 339th started calling them 'Detroit's Own,'" Grobbel said. "When the war was over, people started circulating petitions to bring them home. They raised enough of a ruckus that it was ordered to withdraw them at the earliest possible moment. They set sail for home in June 1919 and arrived in Detroit on July 3, 1919."

For the expeditionary force, which included British, French and Canadian troops, and (White) Russian loyalists, the first major battle took place on Nov. 11, 1918 – along the Dvina River. There were other battles at Ninja Gora and Visorka Gora in January 1919, when the Bolsheviks began to push back. In Russia, there were



Polar Bear Memorial President, Mike Grobbel shows off a uniform that belonged to Earle Chorbagan's father Artin. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



Joe Horvath of Wayne looks at the information about the Russian Civil War.



Wayne residents (from left) Cynthia Gordon, Dee and Kerran Ryan check out dog tags from Artin Chorbagan, who fought in Russia as part of the Polar Bears division.

only two seasons for fighting – the dead of winter, when everything was frozen, and summer.

"It wasn't a very pleasant place, but it got more pleasant when things froze," Grobbel said.

In a letter home, Grobbel's grandfather wrote, "This life is not bad. It's like hunting rabbits on a bigger scale." Another letter pointed out that "the war may be over in France, but it's not over in the wilds of Russia. This isn't the western front. It hardly has no front at all."

In all, 82 Polar Bears were killed and 24 were wounded.

Sixty-eight died of fever and disease and nine of accidental cause. They weren't able to bring all of their dead back. However, those buried in church courtyards in Archangel were disinterred and returned to the United States. They laid in state for a week. In 1929, a search party was sent to Russia and recovered the remains of 59 Polar Bears. Another two dozen remain buried in the forests of northern Russia, Grobbel said.

Inner ring

Those Polar Bears who died in combat are buried in an inner ring around the Polar

FIND OUT MORE

People who want to know more about "Detroit's Own" can find it at:

- The Polar Bear Memorial Association's website at pbma.grobbel.org
- The University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library – quod.lib.umich.edu/p/polaread/history – which has a digital collection about the group
- Filmmaker Pamela Peak's a two-hour documentary, "Voices of the Never Ending Dawn," which tells the true story of the 339th Infantry Regiment

Bear Memorial monument at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Chorbagan's father is buried just outside that inner ring.

The "Detroit's Own" Polar Bear Memorial Association was founded in 1922 because many of the soldiers who served, like Artin Chorbagan, were foreign-born and not eligible for veterans organizations like the VFW and American Legion. Each Memorial Day, a ceremony was held at the monument. The tradition continues today with the help of the association, but few people attend.

In 2001, Grobbel was contacted via the Internet by a Russian named Alexey Suhonovsky. A Russian Civil War



Mike Grobbel brought the Unnemann Entrenching Spade that was recovered in 2008 by Alexey Suhonovsky.

buff, his hobby is taking a metal detector and scouring the forest where the Polar Bears fought. He has unearthed unexploded artillery shells fired on the Railroad Front 91 years ago, a roll of barbed wire, grenades, bullet casings and a portion of a trench shovel that Suhonovsky found in 2008 and sent to Grobbel as a souvenir.

After the war, Artin Chorbagan recuperated in a hospital in Chicago. That's where he met his wife, a high school student visiting the wounded. He was in his 30s; she was 18.

"When he got his citizenship, he decided he wanted an American name, so he picked Harry," Chorbagan said. "He died in 1946. He lived long enough to see two of his sons survive World War II."

Larry Hoelscher of Canton came with Chorbagan to the program. His father Edward served in Russia with the 310th Engineers.

"He said once that he was supposed to get the Silver Star and never got it," Hoelscher said. "I Googled it and found that he did (earn) it, but never got the medal. I think I'll get the medal for my kids."

Renee Washburn of Wayne was there to find out more about the division that her grandfather had served in at the end of World War I. He came from Canada.

"My grandfather was in the 310th, but he didn't talk about it," she said. "He's been gone many, many years, but my dad would go the reunions as a kid."

Doing research

Plymouth resident Heather Connor came to do research. Her grandfather Thomas Connor was in the Polar Bears, although she doesn't know which unit. She brought along a photograph of him in his uniform.

"I know he was assigned to the Polar Bears, but the rest is a mystery," she said. "The family story is that he broke his leg in England. The rumor is he was playing baseball and Babe Ruth before he was (famous) struck him out and broke his leg. I don't know if he made it to Russia, I don't know if he was reassigned."

Connor, who grew up in Westland, is glad she attended the presentation.

"It's so nice to meet other people who are connected to the Polar Bears and get a wealth of information," she said.

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Cavanagh joins field for Wayne County executive

By Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh says he wants to change the culture of Wayne County government.

Cavanagh, a Redford resident, officially announced Monday that he's running for Wayne County executive this year.

Saying people have lost faith in Wayne County, Cavanagh said he wants to bring back integrity.

In the past, people have run for office on the promise of change and now there are people there who aren't carrying their

weight, he said. "The attitude that public service is an honor in itself," is what he wants to foster, he said.

Cavanagh, who formed an exploratory committee in December, made the announcement at an event in the lobby of the Fisher Building.

He said he was encouraged to run by friends and supporters and touts the experience and relationships built during time spent as a county commissioner and state representative. Cavanagh is serving



Cavanagh

his second term in the Michigan House representing the 10th District, which includes Redford and part of Detroit.

Balancing the budget and dealing with the deficit are among his first priorities.

Money wasted

Many dollars are wasted on county appointees, making it difficult for the county to address problems like plowing snowy roads, Cavanagh said. "I think it could be leaner," he said.

"If we address that, we are going to be able to hire more workers," Cavanagh said. Cavanagh, 52, joins West-

land Mayor Bill Wild, who announced his candidacy in January, and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, son of former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who announced last month, in the race for the seat now held by Robert Ficano.

Ficano has not said whether he intends to seek re-election.

"I think my resume does it," Cavanagh said when asked how he will stand out from his opponents. He points to his work on the mental health board, land banks and Health Choice. "In everything I've been involved in, I tried to make a difference, but also

learned from it," he said.

"I voice out my concerns, even if it's not popular," he added.

He said in his work as state representative, he has also tried to address what is not working in Wayne County, with a bill for distressed communities to help homeowners and a bill to address people buying property from the delinquent tax rolls and then not paying taxes.

"I'm not afraid to fight for what is right. I see Mr. Wild and Mr. McNamara as sitting silent," he said. "I hope the voters do vet everybody," he added.

Program offers look at tapping maple trees

Wayne County Parks hosts visitors at Cass Benton to see how syrup is made

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available for the entire family March 15 and 22.

Bundle up and join park naturalists for the annual maple-sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville, where a historic "sugar bush" still exists.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes with the "real thing" afterward.

The maple-sugaring program is another example of the diversity of activities available to the public through Wayne County Parks, Wayne County Exec-



People need to dress for weather conditions for the Wayne County Parks maple-sugaring program March 15 and 22.

utive Robert Ficano said. "I encourage everyone to see, taste and experience the maple-sugaring program firsthand."

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to when Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap during this time of year. The freezing nights and warm sunny days create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. Register for either March 15 or March 22 and choose a start time of 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon.

Dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the

trail may be muddy. All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Advance registration and prepayment is required at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, or by phone at 734-261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks is accepted.

Cass Benton Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

W-W school board to hold special meeting to discuss search

The Wayne-Westland school board will have a one-item agenda when it meets Thursday, March 6, in special session: the superintendent search process.

The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the board meeting room at the district's administrative offices.

The board will determine how it wants to go forward in conducting a search for a new superintendent. Current Superintendent Greg Baracy announced in December his plans to retire at the end of his contract, which expires July 1. Baracy is the longest serving superintendent in the district's history. He has been Wayne-Westland's top administrator for 17 years.

The meeting follows a January workshop in which Donna Oser of the Michigan Association of School Boards recommended the board consider a national search, saying that a school district the size of Wayne-Westland is going to attract a "more sophisticated pool of candidates."

However, board Trustee

John Goci has suggested that the board consider delaying the appointment of a permanent superintendent until after the November board election.

Four seats — held by Goci, board President Shawna Walker, Secretary Carl Middel and appointed Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin — will be filled.

Walker, in an interview last month, said the special meeting will be to discuss what was brought up at the workshop.

"There were questions about an interim superintendent and, if we decide to go forward, how we will do it and what search firm we will pick," Walker said.

"We need to get the preliminaries out of the way. We as a board need to have a search. It's important that we get started."

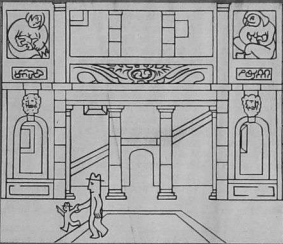
Oser has indicated that a superintendent search could take 14-15 weeks to complete.

Wayne-Westland's administrative offices are at 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

— By Sue Mason



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Coffee connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next Coffee Connection, hosted by Ambassador co-chair Deena Heath of Huntington Bank, 8-9 a.m., Thursday, March 13.

Chamber officials called the Coffee Connection a "great way to start your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other chamber members."

Huntington Bank is located on Five Mile (across from The Inn at St. John's). These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other. There is no fee to attend this event.

Anyone interested in attending should call Teri at 734-453-1540.

Showcase and Taste

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is set for April 14 at The Inn at St. John's.

The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at The Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$110 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6-by-3-foot skirted table.

Anyone interested in



Dickey's Barbecue Pit opened recently on Five Mile at the corner of Sheldon near Mother's Pizza. Dickey's provides authentic Texas-style barbecue in a fast casual setting. Kids eat free each Sunday and get free ice cream every day! Cutting the ribbon are owners Adam and Katrina Wilson. They are surrounded by many barbecue enthusiast family members, friends and community supporters.

exhibiting should email teri@plymouthchic.org or call 734-453-1540.

Scholarship fundraising

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are starting their fundraising for the Student Citizen Scholarships.

The chambers' Education Committee awards scholarships to up to five students based solely on their community service during their years in high school.

Last year, the chambers were able to offer five students \$1,000 each.

For information on how to donate, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-4040.

Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction, this year themed "The Luck of the Irish," 6:30-

11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event offers the business community a night of networking possibilities while socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Attendees should come dressed in Irish attire (lots of green). Tickets are \$75 and include strolling dinner, open bar, green beer, entertainment, live auction, raffles and more.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels and include event tickets and sponsorship recognition before, during and after the event. Sponsorships range from \$375 to \$2,500.

Donations are needed for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles, as well as the live auction. This is a great way to show your support for the chamber.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Painting couple takes on new challenge

Observer: Tell us about your business, including types of services/products you feature.

ProTect Painters: ProTect Painters features high-quality customer service, paired with high-quality paint, to give homeowners a great experience that lasts.

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

ProTect Painters: We have been small business owners for quite some time and we were ready to take on a new challenge in the franchise arena and diversify our holdings. We had some personal connections at the ProTect Painters headquarters in Ann Arbor and, after talking with them, we got very excited about their vision and business system.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

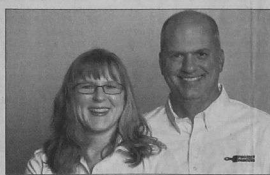
ProTect Painters: We live on the border between Ann Arbor and Canton. Our territory includes parts of both cities. We have become engrained in the Canton community, both personally and professionally, so that helped us to get a good start. We love the area and are excited to serve residents and businesses in Canton and become an integral part of the community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

ProTect Painters: ProTect Painters is a branch of Service Brands International. SBI has been in the home service industry for decades, successfully operating franchises like Molly Maid, Mr. Handyman and several others. We love the concept that SBI offers - locally owned businesses that have the expertise and backing of a national brand.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

ProTect Painters: Since the business is still very new, we're just getting rolling and we're excited at all the new business that has come our way thus far. I think people are sick of winter and are eager to get things done on their houses, so we've been busy right out of the gate.



Mike and Cara Ehringer opened ProTect Painters in Canton earlier this year.

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Hometown: Mike was raised in the Ann Arbor area and Cara has lived here for about 20 years

When did you open your business? 2014

Number of employees: During the winter months, ProTect Painters can have a few painting crews on staff to handle indoor painting jobs. As spring turns to summer, the business can grow to have many painting crews ready to tackle any interior or exterior job, residential or commercial. Customers appreciate that we are available to them as we are needed.

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Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

ProTect Painters: The ever-changing real estate industry certainly has had an impact on the painting industry. We see that some families are staying with their houses longer, so they want a new style to breathe new life into the home. On the other hand, sellers can get top dollar for a house when it is sporting the latest paint colors inside and out. We also see that when homeowners move to a new house, they want to put their personal touch on it through the paint colors in the rooms and/or a new statement on the exterior.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

ProTect Painters: Get really good advice from a lot of people. Talk to people who work in the same or similar industries and ask pointed questions. What's the best thing about running this type of business? What's the worst? What challenges do you see in the future for your industry?

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

ProTect Painters: As our business grows and expands, we hope to be able to offer more services to our valued customers. We're entrepreneurs at heart, so we're constantly looking at ways to serve our customers in unique and improved ways. We're also considering expanding our territory and bringing in new employees. Job creation is one really important aspect of business ownership to us.

Observer: How do you plan to use the business to give back to the community?

ProTect Painters: We are starting off by sponsoring a Little League team. Our children have participated in youth sports for years and we know how expensive that can be, so we'd like to help out there. In the future, we hope to work with nonprofit organizations to do charitable work by painting and perhaps doing other repairs for those in need.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Moving' up

Rick Meyer, president of Canton-based DMS Moving Systems, was elected to the board of directors of the American Moving & Storage Association.

Meyer is one of four new board members formally nominated and elected during the national trade association's annual meeting, held this year in San Diego, Calif. His company provides a full range of moving and storage services in the Canton and Bessemer, Algonquin and others interstate moving options across the country. DMS Moving Systems is an agent for Atlas Van Lines and has been certified by AMSA as a Pro-Mover.

Newest lawyer

Foster Swift Collins & Smith announce Seth A. Drucker as a shareholder in the firm's Farmington Hills office as a member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Before joining Foster Swift, he was a partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. He is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Electrical Engineering and Wayne State University School of Business Administration. He received his juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law



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Engineering additions

Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., announced the addition of three new team members - each of whom company officials say "brings individual skills and experience that, collectively, will bolster HRC's ability to deliver outstanding service to its clients in the areas of specialized transportation, railroads and engineering processes."

Jesse Morgan joins the team as a project engineer, bringing his significant experience in Michigan Department of Transportation and municipal road design, including feasibility studies and project scoping for state highway projects. Morgan earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University. Kristen (Roth) Paulson joins the team as a graduate engineer II. Paulson has gained national recognition for her expertise in a variety of specialties - including road and utility design, railroad



Morgan

design, bridge design for highways, light rail and commuter rail; airport pavement analysis, construction phasing and maintenance of traffic design. Paulson earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University. She is a member of the team as a senior project engineer, lending his substantial experience in planning, design and construction engineering services for a wide variety of municipal engineering projects - including condition analysis and the design of water and wastewater treatment facilities. Uranga earned his master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan with an emphasis in hydraulics.

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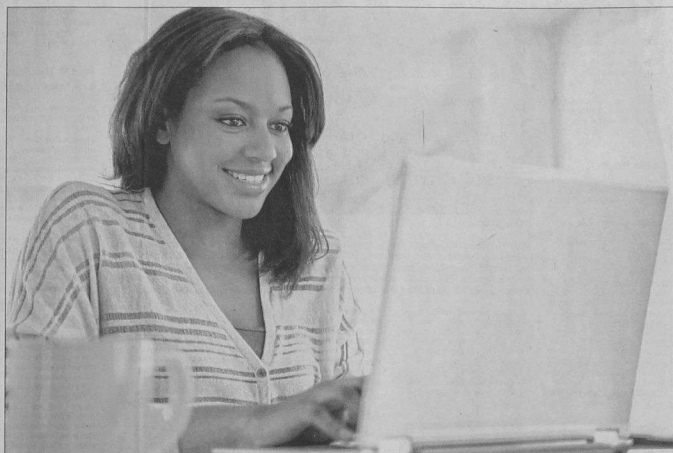
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Materials needed to get started

Keep this as a checklist of the items you will need to file your return. The IRS recommends keeping all tax-related documents for three years, in case of an audit. Tracking income-related documents can help you take full advantage of deductions available to you.

» A copy of last year's tax return

» Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children

» All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms from all employers

» Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms

» Form 1099-G showing any state refunds

» Unemployment compensation amount

» Social Security benefits
» Expense receipts for deductions
» Day care provider's identifying number

Volunteer income tax assistance

There are 13,000 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites nationwide that offer free help to people earning \$52,000 or less. Search "VITA" on IRS.gov for a nearby site.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly, which is operated by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, offers free help all with priority assistance to people who are age 60 and older. Find a Tax-Aide site at AARP.org or call 888-227-7660. Some VITA/TCE sites even offer Free File.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Town hall

Date/Time: Monday, March 10, 6 p.m.
Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton
Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, hosts a town hall meeting about identity theft. Topics will include charitable scams, reporting scams or problems, and reducing unwanted phone calls and junk mail. Slavens' guests for the event will be Trooper Walt Corder of the Michigan State Police and Susan Peters from the Michigan Senior Brigade.

Heise hours

Date/Times: Monday, May 10, 10-11 a.m. in Canton, noon to 1 p.m. in Northville and 3-4 p.m. in Plymouth
Locations: Parthenon Conely Island, 39910 Ford Road, Canton; 39910 Ford Road, Canton; 212 W. Cady, Northville; Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspective 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-REP-KURT or email kurt.heise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Price hours

Date/Times: Monday, May 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Plymouth; 1:30-3 p.m. in Canton
Locations: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth; Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton
Details: Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, R-District 10, will be conducting district office hours, allowing constituents the opportunity to discuss matters of concern within the community. "Partici-



On display

Rick Grandke of Canton plans to show his 1937 Ford two-door sedan at Autorama at Cobo Center in Detroit. It runs from noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Admission at the gate is \$19 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Discount tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts. For more information, go to www.autorama.com.

pation for my constituents is greatly appreciated as this setting is a wonderful opportunity for me to meet and listen closely to their questions and concerns," Price said.

Contact: For more information, contact Michael Mitchell, staff aide to Price, at 313-224-0882.

Blues @ The Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 11, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Blues @ The Elks happens the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Harper and the Mid-west Kent Band perform. Peter Harper was born in England and grew up in Australia and he brings some interesting songs to the blues performance. Peter

Harper on vocals, harmonica and didgeridoo, Mike Howe on guitar, James Norris on bass guitar and Greg Saucedo on drums.

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

Folk music

Date/Time: Saturday, March 15, 7 p.m.
Location: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The BaseLine Folk Society will "Celebrate the Emerald Kid" in meriment and song. John Delle-Monache, aka Shawn O'Dell for the night, is a Baseline regular, board member, and performer who will take your Heart to Ireland, at least for one-night. Featured guest is Alex and Maggie Zang. They

will perform a mix of old and new songs and instrumentals from American and Irish traditional music, including bluegrass, music of the Appalachians and contemporary writers. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performances.

Contact: Edna Baseline president Scott Ludwig at 855-persident@comcast.net

Night of Hope

Date/Time: March 21, 6:30-11:45 p.m.
Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn
Details: Canton-based Our Hope Holds The Cure is hosting its second annual "A Night Of Hope" formal charity gala, featuring a silent auction, dinner, live entertainment and cake auction officiated by Vic

Fault of WKXZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national HHT Foundation.

Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholds.thecure.org.

Jazz @ The Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, March 25, the Dave Bennett Quartet returns with Dave on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass.

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

YouTube boogie

Date/Time: Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth District Library welcomes attorney turned boogie blues and ragtime musician Matthew Ball—"The Boogie Woogie Kid"—for a free, family friendly piano concert. Ball boasts a pedagogical talent to Frederic Chopin, having studied classically at Oakland University in Rochester with Dr. Flavio Variani. The performance features classics like Swanee River, Over the Rainbow, The Entertainer and Bumble Boogie. Admission is free.

Contact: 734-453-0750.

Rockettes kid clinic

Date/Time: Saturday, March 8, registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Salem High School gym
Details: The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual "Junior Rockettes" Clinic. The clinic is open to kindergarten through eighth grade. "Junior Rockettes" will learn skills and a routine and perform their own routine at pick up. "Junior Rockettes" will be invited to perform April 11 at the Rockettes Variety Show. The cost is \$30 to pre-register, \$35 at the door. Prices include: t-shirt, poms, snack and drink.
Contact: For more information and registration form, go to www.pompon.salemrockets.com

Mad Hatter Tea

Date/Time: Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Main and Church, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual "Mad Hatter Tea" features Phyllis Barkey speaking on "Dining at J.L. Hudson's." Barkey's presentation is divided into three parts: Joseph Lovthian Hudson and his magnificent store; dining at Hudson's; shopping at the Grand Dame of Woodward Avenue. The presentation will give a Victorian-style tea with a twist.

We will be serving several items formerly served at Hudson's, including Maurice Salad and Cheese Bread, along with the Plymouth Historical Museum's signature tea, "Mary's Blend." Guests are encouraged to wear their craziest hat as there will be a hat contest. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 7 after that date, add \$5 to the price.

Contact: Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or on the museum's website (www.plymouthhistory.org) using PayPal.

United Way meeting

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Comcast, 41112 Concept Drive, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community United Way holds its 2014 annual Meeting and Awards Presentation sponsored by Comcast. The public is welcome. The morning begins with networking and breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers and includes reports on the organization's 2013 finances and programs.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgardner at 734-453-6879, or email cindy.bumgardner@pcuw.org by Monday, March 17.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.)
Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been exposed to Agent Orange and other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange and other dioxin exposure during this period to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this event.

Contact: To RSVP or for more information, go to www.VVA528.org.

Schoolcraft open house

Time/date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12
Location: VitaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Hagerty Road, Livonia
Details: Learn about your new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and information technology through Schoolcraft College and The University of Toledo, talk with Schoolcraft and University of Toledo representatives in one location at one time.
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Connor Kirkpatrick of New Hudson watches as Victoria Taylor-Sluder, park interpreter, demonstrates the sap-collecting process. PHOTOS BY LAURA COLVIN

Kensington staff shares 'Sweet Story'

Visitors get look at maple history

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Ken Klemczak was at Kensington Metropark in Milford on Saturday to learn about the process of making syrup and sugar from the sap of maple trees.

"I'm going to try it at home," said Klemczak, who owns about six acres of land in Howell. "For me, it's about sustainability. I don't think the foods we're consuming today are very healthy; it's time to get back to the way things used to be."

Klemczak was among dozens who came out during the weekend to learn about "Maple's Sweet Story," a program geared at teaching participants about the process of producing maple syrup from a maple tree.

The program lasts about an hour and begins with an introduction by a park interpreter, who shows participants how to identify a suitable maple tree, as well as how to tap the tree to get the sap running.

Park interpreters present the information in a way that will encourage people to try the process at home.

"It's definitely a home-grown industry," said Victoria Taylor-Sluder, park interpreter. "You really don't need very many trees to make your own syrup."

Although it was a bit cold for sap Saturday—outdoor temps need to be at about 36 degrees before the sap will run—plenty of folks came out to see the process and possibly get a breath of fresh air. In the weeks ahead, when the sap begins to run, other aro-



Clara Penney, 5, of Livonia gets a taste of maple syrup from Chris Williams, park interpreter, as Clara's mom Kristy Penney and brother Isaac Penney, 2, look on.

mas may be in the air as well, as the evaporator steams away to boil the sap into syrup.

"Boiling the sap creates a wonderful smell," Taylor-Sluder said. "It smells like toasted marshmallows out here in the spring."

Real maple syrup products will be available for sale and to sample and visitors can also stop by the French and Native American camp to hear and see how sugaring techniques have changed through-

out the years. "It's good just to get outside; we've been inside too long this winter," said Kristy Penney of Livonia, who came out with her husband and kids.

"Maple's Sweet Story" takes place at the park from noon to 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday in March. Park officials encourage participants to dress for the weather, as the program takes place outdoors.

Registration is not required for the week-

end programs. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children 3-12 years old; children younger



George Sluder talks to visitors about 18th century Native American techniques for maple sugaring. LAURA COLVIN

than 3 are free. A vehicle entry fee is required at all metroparks. Contact Kensington

Metropark at 248-684-8632. kolvin@hometownlife.com 248-390-7396

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS MARCH 18, 2014

Notice is hereby given that public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2014 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2014 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$97,102. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15% of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

PUBLIC SERVICES		Allocation	
Senior Services		\$14,565	\$7,283
	Council on Aging Senior Alliance		\$5,059 \$2,224
Senior Transportation			\$7,282
	Senior Transportation		\$7,282
ADMINISTRATION		\$9,710	\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR		\$72,827	
	ADA Township Park Improvements		\$72,827
TOTAL ALLOCATION		\$97,102	

If Wayne County Determines after all applications are received that additional funds shall be available for public service projects the proposed allocations shall be as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE

PUBLIC SERVICES		Allocation	
Senior Services		\$47,580	\$11,124
	Council on Aging Senior Alliance		\$8,900 \$2,224
Senior Transportation			\$33,986
	Senior Transportation		\$33,986
ADMINISTRATION		\$9,710	\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR		\$39,812	
	ADA Township Park Improvements		\$39,812
TOTAL ALLOCATION		\$97,102	

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2014 funds upon completion of the public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2014 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014.

Nancy Conzelmann
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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OUR VIEWS

Drive smart to handle potholes and protect work crews

You know the roads are getting pretty bad when a recent top news story was about the 20-plus vehicles that blew out tires and damaged rims hitting a pothole on I-96 at Merriam Road in Livonia.

Our wish for warmer weather has brought on a nightmare we don't normally deal with in this time of year — potholes. We've gone from slipping and sliding on snow-covered streets and freeways to bouncing and dodging the cavernous pits that have opened up on paved and dirt roads. They've turned commuters into bone-jarring, tooth-rattling rills and, in some cases, costly repair bills.

Considering the winter we are having, it should come as no surprise that our roads resemble the surface of the moon. The sudden manifestation has come early this year and predictions are it will only get worse.

Potholes happen when snow and ice melt as part of the seasonal freeze-thaw cycle. Cracks let water get below the pavement, which freezes and forces the pavement to rise. As temperatures rise above freezing, a hole develops below the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

There's no escaping potholes. Certainly, they can be cleaned out and filled in with hot or cold patch but, as the name indicates, it's only a patch. Those repairs don't last and are also affected by the freeze-thaw cycle.

The best way of dealing with potholes is to avoid them, but sometimes that's not possible. The only option is to try to minimize the possibility for damage when you strike one.

Michigan motorists in key urban areas pay between \$305 and \$536 annually in unnecessary vehicle repairs due to potholes, according to a January 2014 report by TRIP, a national transportation research group. According to TRIP, bad roads cost Michigan drivers \$2.3 billion per year in unnecessary vehicle repairs. If you also factor in additional costs related to congestion and safety, that figure rises to \$7.7 billion per year.

The Weather Channel has some tips about dealing with potholes:

» Don't try to "fly" over a pothole by going fast. Most are big enough to do damage even if you're traveling at highway speeds. In fact, the faster you speed, the greater damage the pothole can do.

» Don't gallop. You have a better chance of dodging the pothole the driver in front of you hit by not riding on his or her bumper.

» Don't brake when hitting a pothole. It's one of the worst things you can do. You want to have the most possible suspension travel over the front wheels when you hit the pothole. That means letting off the brakes the moment before you hit and allowing the car to absorb the blow.

» Be wary of puddles. It may look like water to you, but under that murkiness can be a massive pothole, sometimes large enough to do severe damage to the car.

So how serious are this year's potholes?

Last week, Jordan Avgoustis @JGooes23 tweeted: "Gonna make an app called dodge the potholes. Difficulty levels will be easy, medium, hard, expert and Michigan."

And the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association is again holding its Pothole Pocketbook Contest at justfixtheroads.com/contest. Winners will be announced each week during March and the prizes are up to \$500 toward vehicle repair costs.

The contest is open to all Michigan-licensed drivers, age 18 or older, who have endured vehicle repairs caused by bad roads since January 2013. To enter, drivers must submit a photo or scan of their itemized repair bill at justfixtheroads.com/contest, along with the contact information of their mechanic or body shop to verify the repair. Drivers must also submit photos of their vehicle's damage and (if possible) the specific pothole(s) they hit.

MITA is a leading advocate for increased infrastructure funding in Michigan to save lives and money. According to Lance Binioniemi, MITA vice president of government affairs, the state's extreme weather may be breaking up roads and bridges, but so is a continued decline in adequate funding.

"This contest will help to make things easier for a few lucky motorists, but the only real way to reduce the high cost of bad roads for everyone is for the Legislature to invest in our roads and bridges now to save lives and money," he said.

And while you're watching out for potholes, also keep an eye open for work crews who are out there doing the patching. Give them plenty of leeway and slow down. Certainly it might be an aggravation with the traffic congestion they create, but taking a little extra time to get someone else's wheel off a pothole rather than a pain in the pocketbook because of flat tires, bent rims and even damage to the suspension.

You can report potholes on state roads to the Michigan Department of Transportation by calling 888-296-4546. However, MDOT only repairs potholes on state trunk lines — freeways with M, I, or U.S. designations like I-94, M-14, U.S.-10. For potholes on routes other than state trunk lines, contact your county or local unit of government.

What do you think?



Car buffs will head to Autorama at Cobo Center this weekend to see 1,000 channeled and super painted hot rods and custom cars on display, including this 1956 Chevy 210 owned by Livonia resident David Henwood. What is your favorite car of all time? Email your response to bkadrich@hometownlife.com by noon Monday and it may appear as a letter to the editor in next Thursday's paper. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.) BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CVS choice

I think if CVS is going to stop selling tobacco because it's not healthy, then alcohol shouldn't be sold either.

Those who are addicted will find somewhere to purchase it. Myself, I gave those habits up years ago.

Caroline Norwood
Canton

Michael vs. the CBO

In a piece titled "Selective Fairness," Michael Hansen states, "before the CBO report came out there were numerous reports of companies reducing worker's hours to part-time," advancing yet another popular conservative myth.

Hansen's unsubstantiated claim not only contradicted the CBO report but also runs counter to Bureau of Labor Statistics data showing that part-time workers as a percentage of all workers rose sharply during the Bush administration doubling from 3 percent to 6 percent, peaking at 6.5 percent after Obama's inauguration. After Obamacare became law, the rate declined to 5.5 percent by September 2013. The most dramatic part-time gains came during the Bush administration and part-time levels are lower now than when Obama took office.

Hansen erroneously insists that the recent CBO report includes rising deficits. At www.Money.CNN.com is an item summarizing the February CBO report titled, "Deficit Continues to Drop Sharply" disproving Hansen's assertion.

Hansen revives the "if you want your insurance you can keep it" unkept Obama promise, although it seems that every person in every ad featuring a plan cancellation has since obtained coverage. Obama has admitted his mistake and tried to fix it, unlike President Bush who after using manufactured intelligence to justify a war that killed as many as 1 million Asians, ac-

cording to last one human rights organization, killed 5,000 Americans, disabled tens of thousands Americans permanently and will cost in the end \$3 trillion, according to Nobel Prize economist Joseph Stiglitz, said he "has no regrets" inferring he wouldn't do anything differently.

Hansen's piece also resurrects the oft-debunked zombie lie that Obamacare cut Medicare by \$717 billion. You had better believe that if there were "Medicare victims" in light of the deliberately misleading, inaccurate AFP ads featuring a cancer sufferer whose numbers upon minimal scrutiny "just did not add up" according to the *Washington Post* fact-checker Glenn Kessler, there would be dramatic TV ads about them.

As Politifact and so many others have pointed out, subsidies to providers through the Medicare Advantage plan will be trimmed because they overcharged taxpayers but these cuts will not impact benefits to recipients. Strange that Republicans appear so opposed to cutting waste, fraud and abuse but don't worry, every house Republican voted for the Ryan budget that hypocritically used a baseline containing these exact cost reductions.

Hansen touches upon two of many interesting dichotomies within the conservative bubble similar to the "Obama the tyrant" vs. "Obama the weak, incompetent buffoon" memes often coexisting within the same discussion. One is that Obama ordered 28 ACA exemptions to placate cronies vs. Obama hates business, the recipients of the overwhelming majority of the postponements. Another is "repeal Obamacare" dumping 25 million from coverage vs. Obamacare may leave 31 million uncovered. Wow, the cognitive dissonance stings!

Finally, Hansen shamefully promotes the divisive "Makers/Takers 47-percent" controversy. Actually Obamacare subsidies cover the working poor and ex-

tend to a family of four making up to \$94,000, so a lot of us "takers" appear to be working, wage-earning, tax-paying "makers."

Mitch Smith
Canton

Hit for inaction

The Michigan Senate recently passed a supplemental bill that, among other things, would transfer \$100 million for road maintenance. Even though this is just a transfer of funds and other projects shelved, it will be welcomed by the county and local agencies that have been short-changed the past four years.

Six Republican senators voted "no" on the \$360 million bill, among them Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Why, you ask, would he do that? Well, here's the answer in a nutshell.

Last fall, after failing to stop the Medicaid expansion, he led the charge to not give that law immediate effect. Several news sources warned at the time that our state treasury would take a multimillion-dollar hit because of this inaction. Well, the hit is here. The above supplemental bill includes \$73.3 million to pay for Colbeck's and the Tea Party's antics.

I can only surmise that with the election looming, Colbeck doesn't want the voters to see, in black and white, how much it cost us for him to please that front organization, "Americans for Prosperity (for the Rich)."

How many roads could be repaired or how many police officers, firefighters or teachers hired with that \$73.3 million? We will never know. But you can bet your last dollar on this: If even one paragraph of the Medicaid expansion bill would have enriched the Koch Brothers, the DeVos family or other billion-aires who fund the Tea Party, it would have taken effect before the gavel fell.

James Huddleston
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

SEMCOG envisions a greener infrastructure in our region

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, under the capable leadership of chair Joan Gebhardt, just announced a comprehensive report: The Region's Green Infrastructure Vision.

Heard voices of key stakeholder groups and the general public helped shape the direction for this vision. I was fortunate to be one of the in-person visioning session participants at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. As a participant from Livonia, I helped in mapping green infrastructure priorities. Results of this intensive outreach revealed that the public highly values protecting and enhancing the top three elements: natural areas, biking/hiking



Joe Neussendorfer
GUEST COLUMNIST

trails and trees along roads and downtown areas. In terms of specific targets of opportunity to increase green infrastructure (trees, bioswales and other vegetation) SEMCOG reports the priority locations are along rivers and lakes, on major roadways and on vacant property. The visioning sessions each produced maps that identified current and potential future green infrastructure targets of opportunity. These maps will be combined to form a regional map of green infrastructure priorities for southeast Michigan.

The winter 2014 issue of *Semscope* contains comprehensive information on the vision, including best practices reports from several communities. Readers may want to request a copy of this publication to learn more about the initiative. Requests should be made to the SEMCOG website: www.semco.org.

In a related initiative, there

is a new rating program that was created to assess the sustainability of public and private horizontal green infrastructure projects covering water, wastewater treatment plants and stormwater runoffs. It is like a LEED program for buildings, but designed for horizontal green infrastructure projects. It is called "Envision" and is a collaboration effort of Harvard University's Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure and three leading infrastructure organizations: the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Council of Engineering Companies and the American Public Works Association. Readers may obtain more information by visiting the Envision website: www.sustainableinfrastructure.org.

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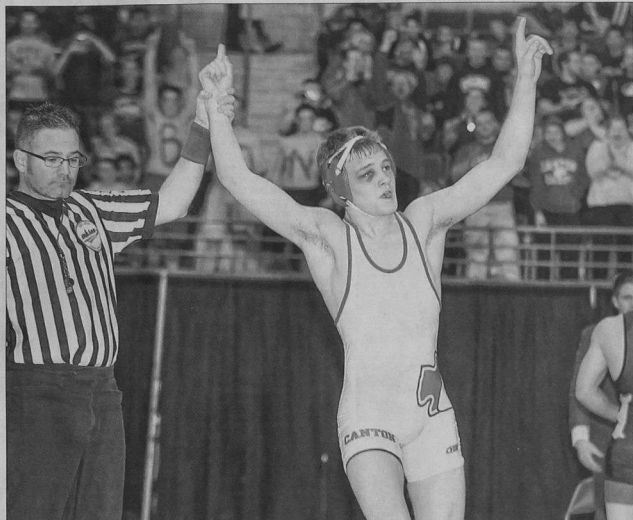
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STATE WRESTLING FINALS AT THE PALACE

BEN THERE,
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Raising his arms in triumph Saturday at the Palace is Canton's Ben Griffin after winning the state championship at 130 over Howell's Ben Calandrino. PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Canton's Griffin rallies for state title; Pantaleo's bid foiled by CC's Amine

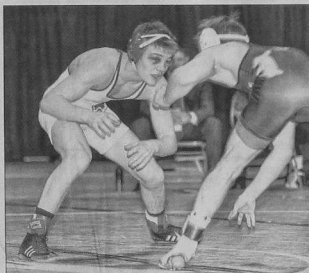
By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Trailing by one point with under 10 seconds left in Saturday's Division 1 championship bout at 130, Canton senior Ben Griffin literally turned it around in the nick of time.

Griffin's stunning reversal against Howell senior Ben Calandrino with seven seconds to go gave him a 2-1 victory at the Palace of Auburn Hills, enabling him to close out his high school career with his first championship. He finished 50-3 for the season.

"I didn't know how much time was left until they broke it and I saw 20 seconds," Griffin said. "But I'm glad I didn't panic, and I went to my bread and butter."

After Griffin got up from under Calandrino's grip and closed out the victory, he jumped up and down on the mat, pumping his arms high into the air. He followed that by leaping into the arms of



Battling it out for the 130-pound championship are Canton's Ben Griffin (left) and Howell's Ben Calandrino.

his coaches, Cory Mancuso and Mike Pantaleo. "He (Griffin) knew what he had to do," Mancuso said. "He's worked hard. He knows more than I do about wrestling, so he was well

prepared and he's a champion."

Griffin added that it was a special moment to prevail over his good friend and future teammate at Eastern Michigan University. "I

couldn't be happier to win the state title against a stud like Ben Calandrino."

Canton's bid for two championships at the individual finals came up short, however.

Senior Alec Pantaleo — taking a 52-0 record into his title bout at 145 against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Malik Amine — stunningly was pinned in just 34 seconds.

It was scoreless between Griffin and Calandrino until the second period when the Highlander (who finished 52-2) eked out a point.

One last shot

That held up almost until its conclusion as each wrestler circled and spurred, looking for a moment to pounce.

Officials resumed the bout with 20 seconds left and Griffin knew he had to make something happen. He did, to the delight of Canton's contingent of teammates, family

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BOYS HOOP DISTRICTS



Canton's Davon Taylor (No. 21), shown from an early season game against Plymouth, was a major thorn in the Wildcats' side Monday. At left is Plymouth's Kevin Justice (No. 4). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Chiefs
able to
hang onBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Nobody wanted to help his team close out Monday's district quarterfinal boys basketball victory more than Canton's Davon Taylor did.

The 6-6 senior forward helped stake the Chiefs to a big lead in the third quarter against Plymouth. But then, he ran into foul trouble and had to sit on the sidelines while the Wildcats began a furious comeback.

Thankfully for Taylor and the Chiefs, he returned in time to make some big defensive stops and connect on five of six free-throw attempts in the final two minutes to give district host Canton a 45-40 victory.

"I had four fouls. I was not trying to get the fifth foul to foul out," said Taylor, who was a force with 18 points and 15 rebounds. "So I was just playing smart, using my head, and (I) came in and knocked down some big free throws."

Back in the coach

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy concurred how crucial it was for Taylor to get back into the ballgame. He sat out several minutes in the fourth as Plymouth closed the gap to 39-36 on a put-back by junior Xavier Gardner and a trey by junior Josh Reynolds.

"Davon's a horse for us. When he's on the bench, we're not obviously as good," said Reddy, whose 14-7 team will face Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Wednesday night. "They did make their run when he was sitting out late. It was important that he was able to finish the game for us. Because those free throws he hit were huge."

Plymouth (9-11) nearly forced overtime, however. The Wildcats (12-23 in free throws for the game) split a pair from the charity stripe that would have made it 41-41 with 1:27 to play.

Then with under a half minute remaining, down 42-40, Plymouth lost the ball out of bounds in Canton's end — missing a glorious chance to tie the score. The Wildcats were not

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PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Chiefs again
win regionalPlymouth finishes 2nd, joins
Canton at team finalsBy Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Park is becoming the place for high school gymnastics.

Canton — last year's state runners-up — earned a second straight team regional championship Saturday at Plymouth High School while the host Wildcats finished second to also ensure a spot in Friday's finals, which are slated to begin at 2 p.m. at Plymouth.

The Chiefs led with 147.65 points while the Wildcats tallied 142.25 points (a school record).

Canton head coach John Cunningham said his team had two exceptional events (vault, floor exercise) and two others that could use some sprucing up



Canton's Maddie Toal performs her floor exercise routine Saturday. JOHN KEMSKI

before the finals where they will look to finally upset Grand Ledge as Division 1 champion.

"If we have a four-event good day, we're going to win," Cunningham said.

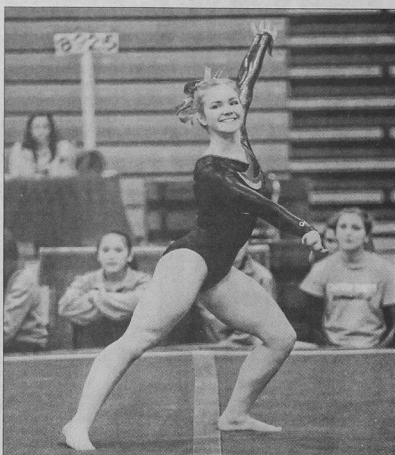
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BACK-TO-BACK 'CATS!



The Plymouth Wildcats celebrate Saturday night at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center after defeating Woodhaven 5-3 for their second consecutive Division 1 regional hockey championship. For the story, please turn to page B4. MICHELLE BAUER

Canton senior Melissa Green finishes with a flourish during her gold-medal winning routine on floor at Saturday's team regionals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Canton cast of stalwarts keeps on growing

Green, Moraw, Lucas leading poised Chiefs into team finals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With a roster as talented as it is deep, Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham can't wait for Friday's MHSAA team finals to unfold.

The Chiefs, who were state runners-up to Grand Ledge in 2013, are rolling into this year's finals at Plymouth High School (2 p.m.) fresh off Saturday's regional championship.

"If we have a four-event good day, we're going to win," Cunningham said. "If we don't, then somebody can beat us."

He will have some "good bad" decisions to make this week, however, pertaining to his ultimate lineup for Friday.

"I have seven girls that score nines," Cunningham said. "On any given day, any one of those seven can be my best girl. And so, to single out any particular one, let's just say I have a wonderful team. I love every one of them and all seven of them deserve to states."

"Now my big problem is picking five on each event. That's going to make my life difficult, but that's a good bad, for sure."

At the top of that list are Division 1 performers Melissa Green, Jocelyn Moraw, Stephanie Cox and Maddie Toal. Joining that group are Division 2's Erica Lucas, Hailey Hodgson and Ellie Bachman.

Saturday, Green won two individual events (vault, 9.575; floor, 9.6) and the all-around (37.550) in D1 while Lucas shared top honors in D2 all-around (35.825). Both are seniors.

"She's one of my seniors and she's been working really hard," said Cunningham, about Green. "She had a late start because she was a diver (on Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team). When we went to our first meet, she was with a week and a half of practice."



Twisting during another splendid vault routine at team regionals is Canton senior Erica Lucas. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"And she's been sort of behind all the way as we've gone through the season. But finally, it's coming into form."

Elite focus

Cunningham added that Green is supremely focused at the perfect time of the season, just like last season.

There were five events, including all-around at state meet last year, Melissa was my only five-event medalist," he noted. "And she's been that good all through her four years. She's just a real exceptional gymnast."

After Green stepped down from the podium for the fifth time Saturday (having medaled in all events plus all-around), she said the team is embracing the challenge to finally top the state charts.

"I feel like we're even stronger this year," Green said. "As a team we're just really close-knit and I'm just really excited for this upcoming week."

Another driven-to-succeed D1 gymnast for the Chiefs (who had another spectacular regular season, winning every KLAAs dual meet) is Moraw, a junior with a mind-over-matter persona.

She limped around under the Plymouth gym Saturday with parts of her body wrapped in plastic, but that didn't deter her from medaling across-the-board and taking home the gold medal on beam (9.625).

"I tell you what," said Cunningham, with a hearty chuckle. "Jocelyn's like an old lady. She's got aches and pains and tape and she comes through every time. Her uncle told her last year 'Just suck it up.' And she does. I said do you need a walker after she came off floor?"

"She's banged up, but great vault, great floor, beautiful beam. And she's defending beam champion, D1. We're looking forward to state meet."

And then there's Lucas, who is the defending state champion on vault in D2. At regionals, she medaled in all events and placed first on vault (9.35), floor (9.225) and tied for first with teammate Hodgson in the all-around.

"Erica aspires to be state champion again, I think she can do it," he said. "She certainly has the right attitude."

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Once again, the Canton Chiefs are team regional gymnastics champions. Canton topped the field Saturday at Plymouth High School and advanced to Friday's team finals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GYM

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"If we don't, then somebody can beat us."

Stellar quartet

Spearheading the Chiefs were seniors Melissa Green, Erica Lucas, junior Jocelyn Moraw and sophomore Hailey Hodgson.

Green landed a beautiful vault (9.575) to win that event in Division 1. She also won on floor (9.6) and had the best all-around score in the division (37.550).

"I've been just working really hard this season, especially these last two weeks getting into routines," said Green, about her across-the-board performance. "Every day at every event, I'm just working really hard to push my routines even better."

Moraw compiled a 37.475 all-around score in D1, for second place. She placed first on balance beam with a 9.625 showing.

Lucas and Hodgson tied at the top of the all-around leader board in D2 (35.825) while Lucas won on vault (9.35) and floor (9.225).

Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey said her team displayed the skill and consistency it has all season, led by Katie Salanga's first-place finish in D2 on beam with a school-record score of 9.625.

"It was down to the wire, but everybody hit on their routines today," Yockey said. "They hit the routine average that they've hit all season, nobody had any bad experiences, no low scores and they just nailed it today." Yockey added that Salanga "had a very solid performance, (has) a good attitude and she just enjoys whatever she does. It's very apparent."

Salang's standout was freshman Alexia Frantzeskakis, who medaled in D1 on all four events as well as the all-around (fifth, 36.425).

Also automatically qualifying was Grosse Pointe United, third with 141.15 points.

A fourth team qualifying from Region 3, Livonia Blue, made the cut as an at-large team, with 140.45 points.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association allows 12 teams into the finals (three from each region) along with the best fourth-place team for a 13-team field — as long as it reaches the 140-point plateau.

In addition, the following from P-CET teams qualified for the D1 individual finals (Saturday, March 8 at Plymouth):

Division 1

Vault: 1. Melissa Green (Canton), 9.575; 4. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 9.25; 5. Alexia Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.10; 6. Rebecca Simu (Plymouth), 9.075; 7. Hailey Metz (Plymouth), 9.05; 8. Maddie Toal (Canton), 8.90.

Bars: 2. Moraw (Canton), 9.25; 3. Metz (Plymouth), 9.10; 5. Toal (Canton), 8.875; 6. Green (Canton), 8.85; 7. Frant-



Plymouth's Brenna Connelly goes to work on the balance beam at Saturday's team regionals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Salem freshman Alexia Frantzeskakis earned Division 1 medals in all individual events plus the all-around at the team regionals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

zeskakis (Salem), 8.575; 8. Si-mu (Plymouth), 8.45.
Beam: 1. Moraw (Canton), 9.625; 2. Green (Canton), 9.525; 3. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.30; 4. (tie) Toal (Canton), Stephanie Cox (Canton), 9.050; 6. Simu (Plymouth), 8.925; 8. Metz (Plymouth), 8.60.

Floor: 1. Green (Canton), 9.60; 3. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.45; 5. Moraw (Canton), 9.35; 6. Toal (Canton), 9.30; 7. Cox (Canton), 9.275; 8. Metz (Plymouth), 9.075.

All-Around: 1. Green (Canton), 37.475; 2. Moraw (Canton), 37.475; 3. Frantzeskakis (Salem), 36.425; 6. Toal (Canton), 36.125.

Division 2

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.35; 2. Kayla Janeveski (Plymouth), 9.05; 3. Samantha Fontana (Plymouth), 9.025; 4. Hailey Hodgson (Canton), 9.0.

Bars: 4. Lucas (Canton), 8.475; 5. Hodgson (Canton), 8.325; 6. Brenna Connelly (Plymouth), 8.3; 7. Molly McSweeney (Plymouth), 8.275.

Beam: 1. Katie Salanga (Plymouth), 9.625; 2. Hodgson (Canton), 8.775; 3. Fontana (Plymouth), 8.7.

Floor: 1. Lucas (Canton), 9.225; 2. Hodgson (Canton), 9.2; 3. Ellie Bachman (Canton), 9.175; 7. Salanga (Plymouth), 9.025.

All-Around: 1. (tie) Lucas (Canton), Hodgson (Canton), 35.825.

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MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOWLING FINALS

Glenn's Dietz seizes the day, rules 'state'

Rockets put four in quarterfinals; Canton's Macunovich falls short

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

And if you think the Westland John Glenn girls bowling team couldn't top themselves following Friday's runner-up finish in the MHSAA Division 1 team competition ... think again.

On Saturday's singles event held at Sunnysbrook Lanes in Sterling Heights, the Rockets' made it practically their own intrasquad match as four indi-

vidual state qualifiers all reached the quarterfinals with two of their sophomores squaring off for the coveted title as Emily Dietz defeated teammate Julia Huren in the finals, 396-366.

Dietz, who rolled a two-game set of 194-202 to Huren's 177-189, became the first girls bowler in school history to earn an individual singles title. (In 2011, Glenn's Jordan Hornes captured the boys singles crown).

In the semifinals, Dietz rolled a 259-221-480 to oust Howell's Victoria Clawson, who rolled a 224-221-445. Huren, meanwhile, shot 211-279-490 to eliminate Nicole Mikae-

lian of Macomb Dakota, who recorded a 234-215-449.

Meanwhile, Canton freshman Meghan Macunovich, who the previous weekend won a D1 individual regional championship, did not make it into the Round of 16. She placed 32nd with a tally of 1,151.

In the quarterfinals, it was another Glenn matchup with Huren ousting junior Olivia Cabildo, 432-375, while Dietz defeated Renee Spicuzza of Sterling Heights Stevenson by a mere two pins, 391-389.

Glenn junior Jessica Pate also reached the quarterfinals before falling to Clawson by just two pins as well, 412-410.

Getting hot

In the six-game qualifying block, which cuts the field down from 20 to 16 for elimination match play, Dietz was the lowest qualifier among the Glenn contingent. Her six-game total was 1,258, including a high game of 238.

Huren, scoring a 1,339, was second behind Farmington freshman Candace Bradley (1,357) in the qualifying block. Olivia Cabildo was seventh going into the round of 16 with a 1,265 highlighted by a pair of 243 games, while Pate finished ninth with a 1,265, including a 244.

In the round of 16, Dietz

downed Elizabeth Ireland of Utica Eisenhower, 418-409, while Huren toppled Samantha Gainer of Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse North, 504-348.

Cabildo defeated Allison Morris of Ann Arbor Huron (395-381), while Pate stopped Juliana Zaccarella of Monroe, 389-384.

The only other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowler competing at Sunnysbrook Lanes was Plymouth senior Caitlyn Webb.

She finished with a total of 1,120, good for 41st place.

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D1 INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS

Palace podium for Plymouth quintet

Individual honors cap team's big season; Salem's Gross also all-state

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The headlines Saturday as far as Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers were concerned were Canton's Ben Griffin and Alec Pantaleo.

Griffin prevailed in his championship bout at the Palace of Auburn Hills while Pantaleo lost his title bid by way of a fall early in the first period.

But there were others from the Park who enjoyed a moment on the Division I podium at the individual state finals.

The team regional champion Plymouth Wildcats had five all-stars (top eight per weight class) out of their six wrestlers who competed in the three-day tournament.

It was great to see us get five guys on the podium," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "We wrestled really well on Friday to get on the podium."

Placing sixth overall were seniors Mohamad Youssef and Joey Shaver, at 119 and 160 pounds, respectively. Shaver earned a 9-8 decision over Grosse Pointe North's Andrew Luck in the quarterfinals.

In eighth place were senior Jon Conn (140, 46-11) and junior Brandon Harris (112, 50-7) while senior Sofus Nielson (37-13) finished second in the 145-pound bracket.

Youssef (52-5) dropped a 6-2 decision to Rockford's Stephen Jendritz in the fifth-place match while Shaver (45-11) was edged 5-4 in his fifth-pound match. Nielson bested Southgate Anderson's Jacob Galogah in the bout for seventh place.

Bounceback bouts

"Joey Shaver had a huge match in the quarterfinals with a great throw at the end of the match to win by a point," Guernsey noted. "Jon Conn and



Plymouth's all-state wrestlers include (from left) Joey Shaver, Brandon Harris, Jon Conn, Mohamad Youssef and Sofus Nielson. All finished in the top eight of their respective weight classes at the Palace. **NO SHAVEN**



Plymouth's Hussein Youssef (left) wrestles in the fourth round at the Palace. The senior, who surpassed 150 career wins, finished sixth overall at 119. **DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK**

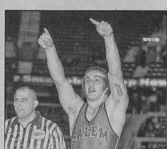
Sofus Nielson also rebounded really nicely after losing first round, by beating two wrestlers who have been ranked higher than them all year.

"Brandon Harris and Mohamad Youssef both came up short in some really good matches in the quarterfinals but were able to rebound nicely to get on the podium."

Salem's lone all-star was junior Mitchell Gross at 189. He lost his seventh-place matchup against Walled Lake Central's Alex Sovel to finish his season with a record of 40-8.

Others from the Park were knocked out early, including Plymouth junior Hussein Youssef at 171 (46-11) and Canton's KJ Wooley at 215 (38-12).

"It was great to see Sofus, Jon and Joey all end their senior years with getting on the podium and for Mo to get back there after placing last season," Guernsey said. "We have Bran-

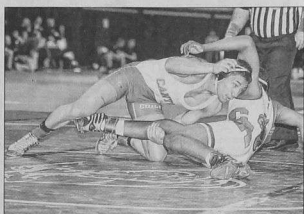


Victorious after his fourth-round win at the Palace is Salem 189-pounder Mitchell Gross. **DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK**

don coming back who gave the state champ (Davison's Max Johnson) his best match of the weekend (a 6-3 decision).

"And Hussein Youssef wrestled well in a weight where most of the guys will graduate, giving him a great opportunity to place highly next year."

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Canton senior Alec Pantaleo (left) goes to work during one of his three victories at the Palace. He was defeated in the championship finals at 145. **DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK**

WRESTLING

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members and fans in the corner of the lower bowl.

"In the last 20 seconds of a match, the key is to keep your composure and to keep you're the best at," said Griffin, sporting a black right eye sustained at the D1 regionals in Saline.

"Mine is the Granby roll or a Peterson. Everything worked out in my favor those last 20 seconds."

He then described his go-to move.

"When he goes to chop your arm on top, you slide your hips out and roll across your shoulders and you catch his leg and it rolls him right to his back," Griffin explained. "Almost didn't get it out there. But you know what? It worked in my favor today and I couldn't be happier."

Pantaleo's day at the Palace didn't work out as well, ending almost as soon as it started.

Amine (34-3), who won the state title at 140 in 2013, wasted no time in movement as he quickly put Pantaleo into a precarious spot.

"He (Pantaleo) got caught in a cradle, (Malik) took advantage of the position," Mancuso said. "He got his hands locked in a cradle and he finished it; that's what great wrestlers do. That was Malik's turn, last time we got the best of him. This time Malik got him."

"They're both going to go on and do great things at the collegiate level and Alec has got nothing to hang his head

about. He's a great wrestler and in my mind he's a champion. It just didn't happen for him today."

Road bump

Pantaleo, who was the 2012 state champion in the 135-pound weight class, will wrestle at the University of Michigan — the place his uncle Joe Pantaleo was a two-time All-American.

According to Mancuso, Saturday's crushing defeat might have kept Alec Pantaleo from his mission for an undefeated senior season and state championship.

But the coach added that it won't deter Pantaleo from going after college wrestling's ultimate prize during his Michigan career.

"There's going to be obstacles," Mancuso stressed. "And this will be a driving factor that pushes him for the next five years in college."

"Be an All-American, this is just a road bump. He's destined for a lot greater things than just this."

Griffin's Palace path to the finals included victories over Mino Trevino (Holt), Derek Humphrey (Davison) and West Bloomfield's Ross Bahro in Friday night's semifinal.

Bahro entered that bout with a 50-0 record.

Pantaleo's victories leading up to the championship bout included wins over Matt Mills (Grand Rapids), Milk Dawkins (Flint Carman-Ainsworth) and Walled Lake Northern's Christian Lauderback in the semifinals.

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PREP WRESTLING

Warriors' Francis earns runner-up finish in D4

Glenn duo, Wayne's Mauldin also grab D1 All-State honors

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

State champions Jordan Brandon of Westland John Glenn and Jordan Ainsworth of Livonia Franklin may have stolen the headlines, but there were several other noteworthy area performers at the MHSAA individual wrestling finals held Saturday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Not to be outdone was Lutheran High senior Zachary Francis, who earned runner-up honors in the Division 4 at 145 pounds.

Francis made his way to the finals opening with a first-round pin (3-42) Thursday against Pigeon Lake's Mauricio Diaz-Reyes. On Friday, Francis decided Springport's Zeth Caudill in the second round, 12-6, followed by a 4-2 semifinal victory over Darren Decker of Carson City-Crystal.

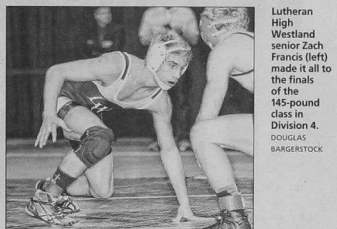
But Hudson Area's J.D. Waters proved to be more than a formidable opponent, as he

improved to 49-10 with a pin in 0:51 seconds over Francis.

Francis, who missed the first half of the season with an injury, finished the year 20-4 overall.

"His semifinal match against Decker from Carson City is the best I've ever seen one of my kids wrestle," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said.

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Lutheran High Westland senior Zach Francis (left) made it all to the finals of the 145-pound class in Division 4. **DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK**

ing state champ." Meanwhile, John Glenn had two other wrestlers earned all-state (top eight) honors led by freshman John Siemasz, who placed third at 103 to finish 55-4 overall, along with

Kevin Huynh, took fourth at 125 to finish 51-6.

Wayne Memorial senior Aaron Mauldin (285) also posted a fifth-place finish to go out 49-8 overall.

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Chiefs upend Holly, await regional final

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When the going gets tough, Brian Samulski knows he can count on his seniors — and such was the case again Tuesday night.

Canton trailed Holly 27-25 after three quarters in the regional semifinal girls basketball game at West Bloomfield. But the Broncos — who carried a 22-0 record into the contest — would not score their next point until the final minute, as the Chiefs prevailed 42-33.

Of their 17 points in the decisive fourth quarter, Samulski said his senior quartet of Paige Aresco, Taylor Hunley, Rachel Winters and Shannon Perry scored all but three.

Aresco led the Chiefs (19-4) with 16 points while Taylor Hunley contributed 12 points and nine rebounds. Winters

(nine points) and Perry (five rebounds) were solid contributors as Canton moves on to the regional final at 7 p.m. Thursday against Lakeland (13-10).

"Those four, they've got a lot of big-game experience and I thought that helped us in the fourth," Samulski said. "And we really wanted to try to wear Holly down. Their best player's an inside player, and I thought we did a good job of wearing her down as the game went on."

Holly forward Alyssa Copley scored 20 points but was held to four points in the fourth, all in the final minute after the outcome was decided.

Samulski noted a couple turning points down the stretch, including defensive pressure inside against Copley that led to a turnover and a "monster shot" with three minutes left by sophomore guard Natalie

Winters to open up a six-point lead.

In the final minute, Rachel Winters hit all four of her free throws to help clinch the win.

It was a closely contested game much of the way, with Holly up 12-11 after the first quarter and 18-17 at halftime. The Broncos then outscored Canton 9-8 in the third.

"I didn't really say anything" going into the final frame, Samulski said. "They know it's the fourth quarter, they know it's time."

Samulski said the Chiefs made just seven turnovers. "This time of the year it comes down to who you can defend, can you rebound, and can you take care of the ball. And I thought we did a pretty good job of that."

PCA 4L RUDOLPH STEINER 25: Plymouth Christian Academy advanced to the Class 2 regional final at Westfield Our Lady of the Lakes thanks to the Tuesday night victory over the Area 4B rival Steiner. The Eagles will face Clarkson Everett Collegiate, with tip-off at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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even able to get a shot off.

"They made a good read, we were going to wind it down and win it at the buzzer," Soukup said. "That's what we were going to do. We just gave away an opportunity, that's what we did."

Taylor hit a free throw to make it a 43-40 game and Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup called a full timeout with 8.7 seconds left. On the ensuing play, Reynolds (11 points) could not drain an open jumper near the three-point arc.

Taylor got the rebound, drew a foul, and canned two free throws with 1.5 seconds on the clock to finish off the Wildcats.

Posing a question

"Just think if we would have played that hard the whole game, huh?" Soukup said. "I

guess that's something we still got to work on as next year begins for this group of people, playing hard all the time."

"Just because things aren't going your way doesn't mean you stop playing hard. I think that's the lesson we will hopefully take away from this."

Still, Soukup said he was proud of the way the Wildcats battled. "But we came up just a little bit short, just outgunned a little bit this year."

One Plymouth player who was instrumental in leading the team back from deficits of 24-14 at halftime and 34-17 midway through the third was sophomore Brent Davis (13 points, seven rebounds).

Davis galloped into the paint for a layup-and-one, pulling Plymouth to within 34-24 with 1:40 left in the third.

He then buried a 3-ball from the left wing with under two minutes to play in the fourth, to shave Canton's lead to 41-39 and made a free

throw to make it a 41-40 ballgame.

Plymouth would not get any closer.

"We've had a lot of these one-possession games this year," Reddy said. "I know we made this down the stretch and hopefully we finish it like we did tonight on Wednesday night (against CCI)."

Reddy also pointed out the contributions of 6-8 senior forward Jordan Nobles, who tallied 11 points.

Nobles, however, hit two jumpers (including a trey) to open the third quarter, helping Canton go up 29-14.

"It's been like the year, a little bit inconsistent, but when we had to score he scored," Reddy said. "I know he made some big shots for us."

PCA WRAPS: Plymouth Christian Academy's regular season 5-15 after splitting a pair of games last week. PCA then defeated Birmingham Regional 56-37, spearheaded by Lucas Albrecht (15 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists).

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Lackey: Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat

Plymouth lineman signs with Northern Michigan University

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Marquette will have a new big man in town next college football season.

Plymouth senior offensive tackle Jacob Lackey recently signed to play with Division II Northern Michigan University.

The 6-5, 250-pounder can't wait to take on opposing linemen — not to mention the guarantee of cold weather in the Upper Peninsula.

"Very happy; definitely I know it's going to be cold," said Lackey, who hopes to line up at offensive tackle NMU. "But I'm thrilled. I'm thrilled to be able to play football at the next level."

And he'll still be a Wildcat, this time prowling in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Lackey decided to go to NMU without paying the cam-

pus a visit. Several months of conversations with coach Chris Ostrowsky and his staff made him feel good that he would be a welcome addition to the squad.

"It's like eight hours (to Northern Michigan)," Lackey said. "We tried to go on a visit but the Mackinac Bridge was shut down because of wind."

Asked about what his parents (Kevin Lackey and Maureen Cullen) thought about going to a college so far from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, he conceded his dad was "a little iffy, but my mom was completely supportive because paying for college is a big thing."

Work pays off

Jacob Lackey said he'll go up to Marquette and keep busting it in the weight room to bulk up for GLIAC action. Coming off surgery in Decem-

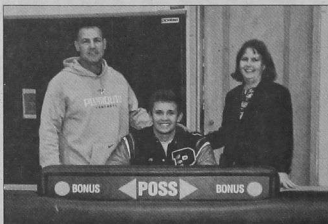
ber to fix a torn meniscus, he won't want to be hinged when his freshman season rolls around.

"Oh, they'll want me bigger as the years go on," Lackey said. "I want to get bigger as the years go on, too. Even now, I'm slowly working to my game weight."

His high school coach, Mike Sawchuk, was understandably elated about the signing.

"Jake worked his tail off to get where he is," Sawchuk said. "He is a great character kid that will succeed in whatever he puts his mind to."

"Northern Michigan is a better place now that he will be there. Super proud of him." Sawchuk witnessed how much Lackey wanted to succeed at Plymouth and is confident Ostrowsky won't be disappointed in the kind of player and person he recruited from the Park. Besides football,



From left, Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk, senior offensive lineman Jacob Lackey and Maureen Cullen (Jacob's mom) share Lackey's big moment after he signed with Northern Michigan University.

Lackey (3.1 grade-point average) is favoring business as the degree he will pursue.

Lackey also credited Sawchuk for helping him get to where he's going, even though it's a long way from home.

"He's a great coach," Lackey said. "He definitely prepared me for the next level. I mean, I couldn't have honestly asked for a better coach."

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Plymouth earns another regional crown, CC rematch

The Plymouth Wildcats claimed their second consecutive regional hockey championship Saturday with a 5-3 victory over Woodhaven at the Dearborn Ice Skating Club.

Plymouth advances to the Division I state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at the University of Michigan's Yost Arena. The Shamrocks ended the Wildcats' on the same stage last season.

"It's great to be able to bring two regional titles back to the park, but we believe this regional title is only the start of our journey," said team captain Kyle Bauer, a senior defenseman.

Senior forward Mike Schultz led the Wildcats on Saturday with two goals and one assist. His empty net goal (11th of the season) with six seconds left in regulation squashed Woodhaven's late bid to tie the game.

Plymouth jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one period on goals by Schultz and senior forward John VanDenBeur-

geury (10th of the season) but Woodhaven fought back in a back-and-forth second period.

Warriors forward Craig Yacoune scored on the power-play about eight minutes into the period.

Twenty seconds later, Wildcat defenseman Kyle Melnick made a leaping grab of the puck along the board, dropped it, skated in on goal and fired it home for his second goal of the season.

Woodhaven's Dominic Moore scored on a breakaway with 4:30 left in the second, then Plymouth's Andrew Jossey scored less than a minute later.

It was the junior forward's seventh goal of the season and restored Plymouth's two-goal lead heading into the final period.

The Warriors cut the lead to 4-3 with Alex Robinson's power-play goal 36 seconds into the third period. The Wildcats buckled down defensively in the third period, holding the Warriors to only four third-period shots on goal. Plymouth



Plymouth junior defenseman Andrew Jossey (No. 19) chips the puck past a Woodhaven player Saturday night. MICHELLE BAUER

outshot Woodhaven 37-21 in the game.

Wildcat junior goalie Erik VandenBosch stopped 18 of 21 shots, including a few timely saves on odd-man rushes, to earn his seventh win of the

season. Trevor Monaco stopped 32 of 36 Plymouth shots for Woodhaven (20-7-1).

"No doubt Woodhaven gave us all we could handle (Saturday)," Plymouth head coach

Gerry Vento said. "We knew it was going to be a difficult game, coming off such an emotional and physically draining game against Salem. The way Woodhaven played only made it more difficult for us."

"At the end of the day the boys did what they had to do, and we won back-to-back regional titles. Like I told them, they should be proud of that accomplishment."

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 15-9-3. Plymouth's earned at least 15 wins in all three seasons with Vento at the helm.

The team, Vento said, is looking beyond wins and expects to be more composed in the quarterfinal rematch against Catholic Central.

"I know the returners want the opportunity to at least improve upon last year's effort," Vento said. "Last year, there was a bit of shock and awe being part of that scene for the first time. That won't be the case this year."

Whalers' Nedeljkovic, Vilardi key 5-0 win over Spitfires

The Plymouth Whalers Saturday night scored two goals and an assist from Francesco Vilardi and a goal and two assists from Matt Misteel en route to a 5-0 victory over the Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena.

Besides Vilardi's pair (11-12) and Misteel's single goal (15), the Whalers also got goals from Ryan Hartman (23) and Brook Hiddink (2).

Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 26 Windsor shots to record his first shutout of the season and third in his career.

Plymouth improves to 25-30-7 and remains in the eighth and final spot in the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference playoff race.

The Whalers are 10 points ahead of Kitchener with seven games remaining for both teams.



Plymouth Whalers forward Francesco Vilardi scores one of his two goals Saturday night against Windsor at Compuware Arena. REINA LAVERITY / PLYMOUTH WHALERS

Windsor is 36-23-3-0 and is locked in fifth place in the Western Conference playoff race.

The Whalers led, 2-0 after one period and 3-0 after 40 minutes.

Just under 3,000 fans attended the contest.

Plymouth hits the road for its next two games, playing in Erie on Wednesday (6-45 p.m., 88.1FM WSDP) and Niagara on Thursday (6-45 p.m., 88.1FM WSDP). The Whalers' next home game is Sunday, March 9, against Saginaw at 2 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Crusaders off and running to 8-3 softball start

It's been a productive spring trip thus far for the Madonna University women's softball team.

The Crusaders, playing 11 games over the first five days, are off to an 8-3 start following a 9-0 victory Tuesday morning over Concordia University (Ill.) in a game played at Chain of Lakes Park in Tinusville, Fla.

Winning pitcher Bree Crampton improved to 5-1 with a five-inning perfect game. She struck out 13 and did not walk a batter. The junior has 57 strikeouts in 35 innings and a 0.26 earned run average.

Caitlyn Keuvelaar, the Crusaders' top hitter on the spring trip, went 2-for-3 with three RBI, while Mykian Kish added two hits and three RBI.

Keuvelaar is hitting .419 with one homer and 10 RBI.

Earlier in the day, MU routed Oakland City (Ind.) in five innings as Erin Combs (2-2) threw a five-hitter with Kristen Drabek going 2-for-3 with three RBI.

On Monday, MU played three times and went 3-0 starting with a sweep of a doubleheader against Concordia (Minn.), 13-2 (in five innings) and 5-0.

Erin Mayes went 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Morgan Kaiser and Kayla Rebain (Plymouth) each added two hits to five Combs, who threw a five-hitter, the victory.

In Game Two of the twinbill, Carlee Meek picked up her first win of the year throwing a four-

hitter. Nicole Salloum (Livonia Churchill) knocked in two runs, while Emma Cook added two hits.

MU also downed Oakland City, 4-0, to complete the hat trick as Crampton threw a four-hitter to go along with 14 strikeouts and only one walk.

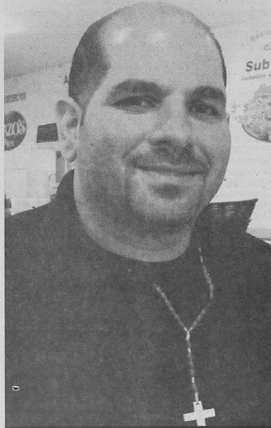
Kasey Triewerler, Mayes and Drabek each collected two hits in the win.

On Sunday, MU split a doubleheader with host Embury-Riddle (Fla.), winning the opener, 2-1, while losing the nightcap, 2-1.

Madonna also split on Saturday, with host Warner (Fla.) University taking the first game, 6-0, while falling 5-4 in nine innings in the second game.

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Musician plays his 'world blues fusion'

By Sharon Dargay
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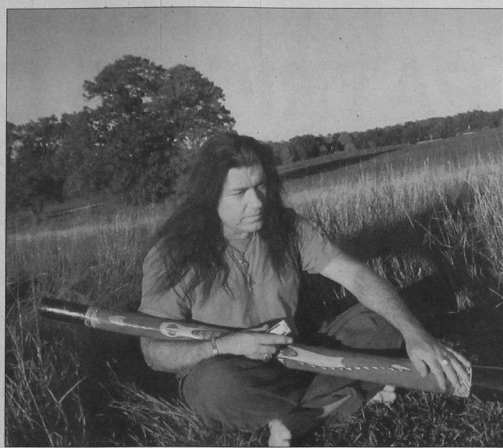
Peter Harper is ready to jam, Aboriginal-style. "It's a piece of wood with a hole in it," said Harper, describing the didgeridoo, an indigenous Australian woodwind instrument he sometimes plays on stage with his blues band, Harper and the Midwest Kind Band. "I was in Australia and a guy there played the didgeridoo. We were doing a blues jam and he brought it around. A didgeridoo is only one note, whatever you play you can't go far with it. But I thought, wow, I love the sound. I rushed back home to put didgeridoo in some of my songs."

Harper, who composes songs, sings, and plays harmonica, took the didgeridoo player on tour with his band for a year and then spent six months learning to play the instrument. He'll have it on hand when Harper and the Midwest Kind Band perform in the Blues@The Elks series, 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Admission is \$5 at the door.

"I love the sound. It has a beautiful drone that's opposite of the harmonica, which is harsh. It's got that warm drone," Harper said. "I still like to rip it up on the harmonica. That is my first baby, but the didgeridoo added to our repertoire."

From Australia to U.S.

Harper was born in England and at age 11 moved with his family to Australia, before landing in Grass Lake, west of Ann Arbor, after his first American tour in 1996. He grew up listening to blues,



Peter Harper includes sounds from the Australian instrument, the didgeridoo, in some of the blues music he performs.

rock and Motown sounds. "I got into things like Led Zeppelin, Cream. I loved Muddy Waters, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. I loved the hell out of Motown."

He played trombone and euphonium at school, and easily learned to play the harmonica.

"All I wanted to do was play in a band. Outside of school I met up with guys who were older than me. They had a

wonderful understanding of music. We started playing and I was 18 when I had my first band. I loved it.

"I started writing my own material. I never wanted to do covers. I studied music. If you have a love of something, you should understand what you're doing," he said, adding that his knowledge of music structure has enabled him to arrange his songs.

In Australia, Harper per-

formed on more than 1,500 commercials for film, radio and television. His harmonica performance has been featured on film sound tracks including *Lightening Jack*, *Elephant Boy*, and *Kuta*. He has performed with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, The Beijing Orchestra and has opened for Van Morrison, Canned Heat, John Mayall and others. Several of his songs have been featured on the

television reality series, *Dog The Bounty Hunter*. He has recorded six CDs.

Touring the U.S.

"I was playing in Melbourne in my band and a guy from GM was a big fan of ours. His home was in Detroit. He said, 'You guys should come to Detroit. You guys would be awesome.' He gave us his vehicle and we did our first U.S. tour pulling a U-Haul around. It was tough. There was no GPS then and we were just using maps. What an experience. We learned so much touring across the country."

In Detroit, Harper met R.J. Spangler, blues/jazz drummer and a co-founder of the Sun Messengers. The pair often jammed together at Metro Detroit clubs.

"Around that time it was jumping here. You had a Soup Kitchen Saloon and Fifth Avenue Billiards. There were so many places to play here. We thought it was awesome." He and his wife, Bobbi, settled in Michigan because "the people are the most normal" of any state in the U.S., Harper said.

"I love Michigan. We get a couple of months of nasty weather, but it's part of the excitement. I love the four seasons."

In addition to performing, Harper and his wife offer workshops in Aboriginal music, art and culture, including didgeridoo. They'll bring their "Australian Didge-ucation" program to the Baldwin Library in Birmingham on July 8.

For more on Blues@The Elks email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com or call 734-453-1780. For more on Harper and Midwest Kind, see www.harper.biz.

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 15-61, \$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.

Contact: 248-511-5717

ART & CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through March 14; open during business hours

Location: Cstick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The fiber artwork of artist Cynthia Bodene is on exhibit through March 14.

Contact: 248-473-1856

LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

Time/Date: Through March 29; open during brew pub hours

Location: In the Upper Hall Gallery at the pub, 149 Liberty, Plymouth

Details: "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerard Antonio, Colin McGroarty and Scott Moelich.

Contact: 234-207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening reception 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 7; runs through March 29

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters" shows works by Ellen Witt of Ann Arbor, Ellen Moukoulis of Livonia and Natalie Estep of Canton.

Call for entries: Submissions due 5 p.m. April 12 for "West of Center," an all-media show that will run June 6-28. Robert Sherman, Foundation Department chair and associate professor at the College for Creative Studies, will jury the show. Cash prizes will be awarded. Applications at www.northvillearthouse.org.

Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15 and 22

Location: Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Details: In this free art-making workshop, families choose one or both projects — a 3D window screen or a mosaic decorated box — inspired by the marble window screens and tile mosaics as seen in the exhibition Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, on view at the museum through May 4. Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exhibit.

Contact: 734-926-4128

AUDITIONS

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 10-11

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: 5 Women Wearing the Same Dress offers roles for five women, portraying ages 21-37 and one man, approximately age 28.

Contact: justgobarefoot.com

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 7-30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit

Details: Gallin Dance, a New York-based contemporary dance company, performs original works by Andrea Miller. Tickets are \$37 and \$32 for center members.

Coming up: Michigan Five Choreographer Showcase will highlight outstanding and creative dance from University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Hope College, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Tickets are \$27-\$22 for Jewish Community Center members.

Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: "(1)3" to the (2)2 A Detroit/ New York Choreography Expo" is a dance showcase with works by seven choreographers and dancers from New York City and Detroit; tickets \$20.

Contact: 313-887-8501; www.musichall.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 7 and Thursday, March 13, 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 8-9

Location: 760 Pennington Ave., Plymouth

Details: *The Hobbit: The Desolation of*

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Time/Date: 734-453-0870; www.penn-theatre.com

REDFOOT THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 15

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: *The Lady Eve*; \$5

Contact: 313-337-2559

SENATE THEATRE

Time/Date: Doors open 7 p.m., film screens 8 p.m., Saturday, March 8

Location: 6424 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: *Chicago*, the 2002 musical film starring Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere; \$5

Contact: 313-894-4100

MUSIC

AMC/GDR THEATERS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 26

Location: AMC/Livonia 20, 19500 Hagerty, Livonia; GDR Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Elton John: The Million Dollar Piano, captures John's performance live from The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. New. Tickets \$14-\$15

Contact: www.Fathomvents.com

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: Alex and Maggie Zakim, the featured performers on March 15, will perform a mix of American and Irish traditional songs. John Delle-Monache hosts. 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 BFSPres@baselinefolk.org

dent@aol.com for additional information.

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Yule Strom & Hot Potromi perform klezmer music; tickets \$13, \$10 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900

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: Harper and Midwest Kind performs on March 11; \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7-30 p.m. March 7-8

Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Blackthorn band performs, with Tim O'Shea. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students. Buy tickets at the Cstick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, by calling 248-473-1848 or by visiting recogtheatre.com

Contact: 248-473-1856

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: Dave Bennett Quartet with Bennett on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass, performs March 25; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Thursday, March 9

Location: First Methodist Church, 45201 E. Main, Plymouth

Details: The symphony and Plymouth Oratorio Society perform together in this "The Lives of Marlow" concert. They will perform Dvorak's *Te Deum* and the choruses from *Garmara Burna*. Tickets are \$30; seniors, 65 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Available at www.michiganphil.org

Contact: 734-451-2112

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Drive South, March 7; Krista Detor, March 13; Kitty Donohoe, March 14; The Potters' Field, March 19; Khalid Janif, March 21; Christopher Mark Jones with Steve D'Angelo, March 22; John Batoroff and James Lee Stanley, March 23; Nathan Bell, March 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302

THEATER

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus will perform *Brundibar*. This family-friendly children's opera, sung in English, tells the story of a brother and sister who join forces with a sparrow, cat and dog to outwit the evil organ grinder, Brundibar. It was performed 55 times by children of the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Holocaust survivor Ella Stein Weissberger played the Cat and will speak to the audience about how art and music inspired her hope for survival. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children, 17 and younger.

Contact: 313-237-7464 or michiganopera.org

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16

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

Details: Musical version of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* is a light and humorous take on the Grimm classic. Tickets are \$15, available from www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, by phone at 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460, or at the box office one hour before the show.

Contact: soy@mi.rr.com

STILL GOT IT PLAYERS

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9

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

Details: Canton's senior actor troupe presents *The Greaser Game*, about a group of over-the-hill friends who are challenged to a charity touch football game against a much younger team. Tickets, \$11-\$15, available at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

Contact: 734-394-5300



Andrea Miller is artistic director of Gallin Dance, which will perform March 12 at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, West Bloomfield.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH CLASSIC BREAD, BEEF RECIPES

Whether you're Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a time for Celtic celebrations, so try your luck with a classic like Irish Soda Bread, a popular Irish recipe with a hint of sweetness from cinnamon and raisins.

"Irish Soda Bread gets its name from the fact that it uses baking soda instead of yeast, which means making it is really as simple as mixing the ingredients together and baking it," said Mary Beth Harrington of the McCormick Kitchens. "It's perfect warmed up for an Irish-themed breakfast or dinner and it makes a great hostess gift for St. Paddy's Day parties."



IRISH SODA BREAD

Makes 16 servings
2½ cups flour
½ cup sugar
2 teaspoons McCormick caraway seed
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon McCormick cinnamon, ground
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup raisins or currants
1½ cups buttermilk
2 eggs
½ teaspoon McCormick pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 9-inch round cake pan. Mix flour, sugar, caraway seed, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Stir in raisins. Mix buttermilk, eggs and vanilla in medium bowl; stir into dry ingredients. Spread in prepared pan. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

CORNEDE BEEF AND CABBAGE

Serves 8

1 corned beef brisket, trimmed (3 pounds)
1 small onion, quartered
2 tablespoons McCormick Mixed Pickling Spice
1 teaspoon minced garlic
8 small red potatoes
2 cups baby carrots or 8 carrots, peeled and cut into 1½-inch pieces
1 small head cabbage, cored and cut into 8 wedges
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon parsley flakes

1. Place brisket in 6-quart saucetop or Dutch oven. Cover with about 2 quarts water. Add onion, pickling spice and garlic; cover.
2. Bring just to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 2 hours. (Do not boil.) Add potatoes and carrots; simmer 30 minutes longer. Add cabbage; simmer 15 minutes longer. Remove brisket and vegetables from saucetop.
3. Slice brisket across the grain. Mix butter and parsley; brush on vegetables.

To make Irish Soda Bread muffins, divide dough among 12 greased muffin cups. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Pair the bread with other hearty St. Patrick's Day classics, such as Shepherd's Pie or Corned Beef and Cabbage. Top the meal off with Leprechaun Lemonade and Paddy's Pudding.

Find more St. Patrick's Day ideas and recipes at www.McCormick.com, www.Facebook.com/McCormickSpices and www.Pinterest.com/mccormickspices.

— Courtesy of Family Features



SHEPHERD'S PIE

Serves 6

1 pound ground beef
1 package McCormick Brown Gravy Mix or 1 package of onion gravy mix
1 cup water
4 servings instant mashed potatoes
2 cups frozen peas and carrots, thawed
Parsley flakes, optional

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Brown ground beef in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Drain fat.
2. Mix Gravy Mix and water in small bowl. Pour over beef. Bring to boil. Add peas and carrots. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. Transfer meat mixture to 1½-quart baking dish. Top with mashed potatoes.
3. Bake 30 minutes or until gravy bubbles and potatoes are slightly browned. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired.

PADDY'S PUDDING

Makes 16 ½-cup servings

3½ cups cold milk
1 teaspoon green food color
2 packages (4-serving size each) vanilla instant pudding
1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 package (18 ounces) chocolate sandwich cookies, coarsely crushed

1. Pour milk into large bowl. Stir in food color. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes. Gently stir in whipped topping.
2. Layer crushed cookies and pudding mixture in 3-quart bowl, beginning and ending with crushed cookies.
3. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Garnish as desired with shamrock candies.

LEPRECHAUN LEMONADE

Serves 6

6 cups prepared lemonade
½ teaspoon McCormick Raspberry Extract
22 ½ drops green food color

1. Mix all ingredients in pitcher.
2. Serve over ice in beverage glasses.



Donation to MS Society

Metro Detroit — Edible Arrangements Metro Detroit Group, which includes stores in Plymouth and Farmington, this month will donate \$5 from the sale of each Orange Citrus Blossom arrangement to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Orange Citrus Blossom is a fresh fruit arrangement including orange slices, strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe, and honeydew, with optional chocolate-dipped fruits.

"We thought it was a great

way to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, particularly since it is in line with our own proactive year-round community outreach," said Vikki Hardy Brown, president of the Metro Detroit Group. Throughout the year, the Metro Detroit Group donates extra fruit to area food pantries, including Forgotten Harvest.

Bamboo leaf wrapping

Farmington Hills — Zhong Shu Temple's monthly vegetarian cooking class will focus on bamboo leaf-wrapped dumplings, a traditional Chinese

delicacy called Zong Zi. The dumplings are made with sweet rice, brown rice, azuki bean, with a stuffing of vegetable ground "meat," black mushroom, wood ear, taro root, pumpkin, red date and chestnut. Participants may take home a maximum six dumplings, at \$3 each. They must reserve them in advance by emailing to michigan temple@yahoo.com. The class starts at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Temple, 23845 Middlebelt.

CITY BITES

Maurice Salad and more

Plymouth — Phyllis Barkey will talk about dining at Hudson's department store during the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual "Mad Hatter Tea," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the museum, 155 S. Main. Barkey's interest and appreciation for Hudson's was rekindled in 2011 when she wrote an article for a magazine publication about Hudson's Mezzanine Tea Room. She's currently working on a Hudson's cookbook. Her presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea

with a twist — signature fare from the Hudson's menu, including Maurice Salad and Cheese Bread. The museum also will serve its "Mary's Blend" tea, a combination of almond and cherry flavors. Guests may wear their craziest hat to be eligible for a door prize. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers, if purchased by March 7; after that date, add \$5 to the price. Buy tickets at the museum or visit www.plymouthhistory.org.

RELIGION
CALENDAR

MARCH

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple-sauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421
CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10
Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6600 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: Violinist Kara Fenyo Bahcall and Pianist Naomi Maczella will perform works by Hungarian Jewish composer Karoly Goldmark. A kosher dessert reception follows. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for B'nai Moshe members and their guests
Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimoshe.org
EXERCISE CLASS

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 10 through April 14
Location: St. John Neuman Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer leads a class that includes aerobic movements for warm-up, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, followed by yoga-oriented strength and stretching work, abdominal and back exercises and final cool down. \$42 for six weeks
Contact: 734-455-5910
GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 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 the church
Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net
GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6
Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights
Details: Al Kresta, author/host of the radio show, *Kresta in the Afternoon* on AM 990 WDEO, will talk.
Contact: 313-274-4500

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COURTNEY,
DONALD E.

Age 87, March 1, 2014 of Westland. Beloved husband of Beverly and the late Phyllis. Loving father of Carol Courtney and Lea Anne (Charles) Loving. Grandfather of Gregory Godhard and Nicole Joy (Charles) Godhard. Great-grandfather of Rachel Godhard. Dear brother of Helen "Junior" Courtney. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd. between Ford and Cherry Hills, Westland. In state Saturday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, Westland Interment Union-Edel Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ANDERSON,
JANICE I.

March 1, 2014. Age 65, of Canton. Beloved wife of Loren E. Dearest mother of Timothy (Melinda), Anthony, Amy and the late Laura (Trevor). Dear sister of Vicki (Robert), Kay, and Karyl (Charles). Loving grandmother of Jamie, Eric (Jimmy), Michael, and A.J. (Leandra) and great-grandmother of three. Memorial gathering Saturday 10 a.m. from The L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford (W. of Lilley Rd.) until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, Heartmi.org. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



GADE, MARJOE C.

Age 83, of Livonia, passed March 3, 2014. Born in Hopkins, Minnesota, daughter of the late Henry and Clara Pokorny. Loving wife of the late Reidar. Cherished mother of Lisa (Jay) Asquini, Peter (Cindie), Marcus (Wendy) and Destree Gade. Beloved grandmother of Lina (Todd) Roesser, Carl Asquini, (Wendy) and Destree Gade. Beloved grandmother of Kate Monro Roesser. Dear sister of Roger and Jeanne Pokorny and the late Henry and Arlene Pokorny of Hopkins, MN, and sister-in-law of Ulf M. Mary and Jack have been lifelong members of Pine Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake. Mary was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at U of M. Mary and Jack have been lifelong members of Pine Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake. Mary was a member of the Women's District Golf Association of Michigan where she had many close friends and friendly competitors. Mary was an accomplished athlete, enjoying tennis, swimming and skiing in addition to golf. She succeeded in passing this competitive spirit to all of her children and grandchildren. Mary was described herself as "...100 lbs. of fun!" Mary and Jack were avid travelers and were long-time members of the Nomads Travel Group and enjoyed trips all over the world. Mary was a member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school. She will be greatly missed by all. Family will receive friends and family at a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Friday March 7, 2014 beginning at 11:00am at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Arrangements entrusted to the Pixley Funeral Home, Goddard-Tomlinson Chapel. Memorials appreciated to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. To share an everlasting memorial please visit: goddardtomlinsonchapel.com

BULL, MARY H.

Age 83, born on February 6, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on March 1, 2014 in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Loving wife of Jack Bull for 60 years. Beloved mother of John (Terry) Klockhoff, Bull Jr., Nancy (Aron) Lorenz, Jane (Denise) Bull, and Miley (Brad) Phillips. Cherished grandmother of Jared Phillips, Emmet Phillips, Madison Lorenz, Jean Klockhoff-Bull, Grace Klockhoff-Bull and John R. Bull III. Mary graduated from the University of Michigan at the age of 20 with a major in mathematics. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at U of M. Mary and Jack have been lifelong members of Pine Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake. Mary was a member of the Women's District Golf Association of Michigan where she had many close friends and friendly competitors. Mary was an accomplished athlete, enjoying tennis, swimming and skiing in addition to golf. She succeeded in passing this competitive spirit to all of her children and grandchildren. Mary was described herself as "...100 lbs. of fun!" Mary and Jack were avid travelers and were long-time members of the Nomads Travel Group and enjoyed trips all over the world. Mary was a member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday school. She will be greatly missed by all. Family will receive friends and family at a Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Friday March 7, 2014 beginning at 11:00am at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Arrangements entrusted to the Pixley Funeral Home, Goddard-Tomlinson Chapel. Memorials appreciated to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. To share an everlasting memorial please visit: goddardtomlinsonchapel.com

MARTINI, LUIGI

Longtime resident of Farmington Hills, joined our Father in heaven on February 9 after 93 wonderful years of life... filled with hard work, laughter, and endless love and support to his extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Christine, in 2009 after 68 years of marriage, and his sister, Mary Colico, of Royal Oak. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanette, son Ronald (Becky), six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Luigi was born August 24, 1920 in Castellari, Italy, to Emilio and Vennera Martini. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in the Detroit area when he was 7-years-old. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as part of the Army Medical Corps, 100th Infantry, Battle of Bulge, European theater. Family was Luigi's life and he worked so hard to provide for them. He spent 35-plus years working for Ford Motor Company at the Rouge River complex, while also owning a party store. Luigi could fix just about anything, and after retiring, even spent several years as a "Maintenance Manager" of a local office building. Luigi was a founding member of Farmington Hills' Catholic Church, as well as an avid dancer, traveler, and member of the 9-Ale Friday morning club up until last year. He loved getting the entire family together, whether it be to cruise the Caribbean or make his homemade linguine or gnocchi! The loving legacy of Luigi Martini will live on in every life he touched. A Memorial Service in celebration of Luigi's life will be held March 15 at St. Fabian's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mercy Home Care & Hospice, 1111 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy, MI 48069.



May you find
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 find comfort
 in family
 and friends

WEAVER,
MARGARET E.

Age 94, died at Estabrooks Havencrest in White Lake, MI, on January 29, 2014, after a long illness. Beloved mother of Kathryn (Marlborough, MA) and William (Milford, MI) was a long time resident of Farmington Hills, MI, where she substitute taught at Farmington's High schools and Jr.-high schools for over 20 years (1961 to 1985). Born Margaret Estelle Wolfiger in Hagerstown, MD, May 18, 1919, she was the daughter of D. Angle Wolfiger, past District Attorney, Washington County, MD, and Edna (Shilling) Wolfiger, a homemaker. Margaret graduated from the University of Maryland (B.S. in Physical Education), where she met her husband of 56 years, Harry B. Weaver (B.S. Engineering). Harry passed away in 2002. Margaret taught PE in Silver Springs and Baltimore, MD school systems for 13 years, and eventually loved coaching girls' basketball and field hockey. Margaret was an avid golfer, gardener and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She had many other hobbies including bridge, sewing and playing piano. In addition to her two children, Kathryn and Bill (Wanda), she is survived by grandchildren Allison Weaver Atkinson, Troy Weaver, Dana Weaver and three great-grandchildren.

memorial service is planned at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, on March 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church (Youth Ministry), 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Detroit Public Television, http://www.dptv.org; Gentiva Hospice, 2925 Telegraph Road, Suite 102 Southfield, MI 48033



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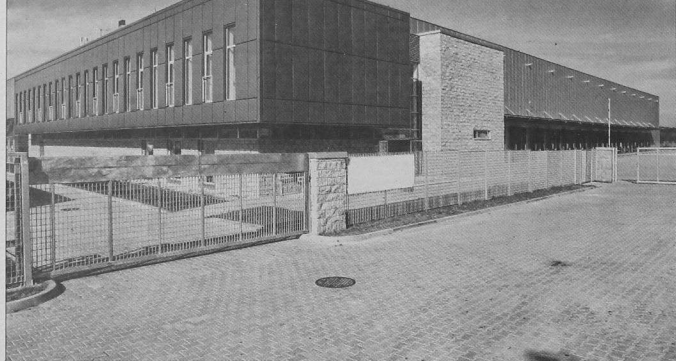
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INDUSTRY HULOS FOCUS ON ISSUES ADVOCACY

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit's Government Affairs Committee was recently honored by BOMA International at the 2014 annual Winter Business Meeting and National Issues Conference in Washington, D.C.

During the Board of Governors meeting at the conference, BOMA International recognized BOMA local and state associations for their excellence in grassroots and issues advocacy through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program, popularly known as the "Govies." BOMA/Metro Detroit was recognized in the category of Outstanding Single Government Issue for its work in defending the constitutionality of a Michi-



Paul Magy
is the
BOMA/Metro Detroit president.

gan state law passed in 2012 that protects commercial real estate loans. In a unanimous decision, the three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals in April 2012 ruled that a lender can only recover the real estate that was mortgaged if a loan goes into default, and may not seek to recover a borrower's personal assets.

The decision in this important case has very significant national ramifications with billions of dollars at stake for the commercial real estate industry around the country. Each year, BOMA Interna-

tional's State Government Affairs Committee acknowledges the work of BOMA local association volunteers in advocacy and education through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program. Awards are bestowed in three categories: Outstanding Government Affairs Committee; Single Government Affairs Issue; and Single Government Affairs Program/Seminar.

For additional information on the BOMA/Metro Detroit Government Affairs Committee, contact Janet Langlois at jlanglois@bomadetroit.org or visit www.bomadetroit.org. Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial

real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Check with lawyer on these pacts

Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers, who sell new condominiums, have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?

A: I presume that what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer as well as the single entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project want a release from the association of any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the co-owners. While I think that is improper, purchasers of condominiums from these developers working through single entity LLCs will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred, particularly when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of developers in the Metro Detroit area.

Q: Can you give me an update on the development of commercial property in the downtown San Diego area as I am thinking about investing?

A: There are a number of mixed use residential high rises that are being developed including a major development near Seaport Village. There will, of course, be ancillary developments and the residential/commercial community continues to thrive with more residents attempting to get into the downtown area. The rents are extremely high and the sales price of residential structures as well as commercial space continues to rise. There is obviously a limited amount of space near the harbor area and as the city continues to be concerned about the obstruction of views by residents with respect to any new construction.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 14-18, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
21700 Valley Woods Dr	\$375,000
80117 Georgetown Dr	\$327,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
24134 Bingham Pointe Dr	\$285,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1524 Canfield Dr	\$330,000
1159 Chapin Ave	\$367,000
1236 Edgewood Rd	\$600,000
940 Floyd St	\$350,000
447 Hanna St	\$488,000
1361 Holland St	\$505,000
468 Park St	\$192,000
1220 Smith Ave	\$305,000
691 Wallace St	\$550,000
35300 Woodward Ave #	\$195,000
206	
BLODMFIELD HILLS	
1776 Alexanderfield Dr	\$410,000
490 Fox Hills Dr N # 6	\$120,000
490 Fox Hills Dr N # 8	\$118,000
448 Fox Hills Dr S # 7	\$120,000

127 Linda Knls	\$1,035,000
7437 Wing Lake Rd	\$175,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3928 Cottontail Ln	\$499,000
1201 Fox Chase Rd	\$321,000
1845 Golf Ridge Dr	\$117,000
470 Lahser Rd	\$300,000
169 N Glenhurst Dr	\$808,000
3941 Shallow Brook Dr	\$365,000
3566 South Blvd	\$155,000
CHOMER TOWNSHIP	
3275 Chenoa St	\$180,000
8494 Golfside Dr	\$335,000
5271 Huron Hills Dr	\$232,000
2280 Ivy Hill Dr	\$473,000
2770 Ivy Hill Dr	\$300,000
5336 Lancaster St	\$417,000
5040 Parkgate Dr	\$130,000
4487 Treeline Ct	\$300,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22028 Albion Ave	\$85,000
38610 Brandmill	\$141,000
25126 Castlereigh Dr	\$220,000
30989 Cedar Creek Dr	\$215,000
38842 Country Cir	\$108,000
23695 E Newell Cir	\$120,000
21575 Eldred St	\$54,000
29510 Glenboro St	\$260,000
36661 Heirloom Cir	\$50,000

25450 Hunt Club Blvd	\$260,000
26228 La Muera St	\$207,000
29652 Middlebelt Rd	\$97,000
21305 Oxford Ave	\$108,000
28455 Shadylane Dr	\$125,000
28455 Shadylane Dr	\$55,000
35085 Silver Ridge Ct	\$200,000
22038 Springbrook Ave	\$69,000
27207 Tintercrest Cir	\$285,000
MILFORD	
917 Atlantic St	\$135,000
844 Byron Dr	\$160,000
545 Half Acre Dr	\$135,000
695 Pointe Ct	\$320,000
3969 Riverdell Cir	\$590,000
1122 Rivestone Ct	\$312,000
NORTHVILLE	
869 Horton St	\$235,000
22276 Lugin Dr	\$78,000
22286 Lugin Dr	\$100,000
41188 Pelliston Dr	\$130,000
NOVI	
25963 Clark St	\$338,000
25553 Keenan Ct	\$383,000
51194 Mayfair Ter	\$284,000
24573 Olde Orchard St	\$140,000
22267 Lugin Dr	\$225,000
22339 Peachtree	\$119,000
21778 Piccadilly Cir	\$532,000

24355 Surfside Rd	\$230,000
29382 Weston Dr	\$187,000
29386 Weston Dr	\$181,000
29390 Weston Dr	\$193,000
21924 York Mills Cir	\$439,000
SOUTH LYON	
24315 Brentwood Ct	\$340,000
23124 Chyenette Ct	\$396,000
61423 Dean Dr	\$171,000
58386 Holland Dr	\$70,000
58391 Holland Dr	\$70,000
24653 Padstone Dr	\$78,000
2253 W Liberty St	\$139,000
649 Woodland Dr	\$231,000
SOUTHFIELD	
29200 E Chanticleer Dr	\$110,000
30710 Red Maple Ln	\$175,000
25255 Southfield Rd	\$258,000
8899 Streamwood Dr	\$43,000
20203 Westland Dr	\$60,000
WHITE LAKE	
8815 Eastway Dr	\$40,000
8180 High Point Trl	\$338,000
90 Oak Pl	\$38,000
10765 Osborn Lakeshore Dr	\$508,000
14009 Sarasota Dr	\$135,000
8116 Seaview Ln	\$166,000
311 Shotwell Ct	\$208,000
747 Woodedge Ln	\$305,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 4-8, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
6836 Brookshire Dr	\$183,000
48251 Chesterfield Dr S	\$358,000
1686 Christopher Dr	\$111,000
1955 Crowndale Ln	\$375,000
177 Edinger Cir	\$160,000
51721 Federal Blvd	\$79,000
41935 Greenwood Dr	\$234,000
48241 Inverary Rd	\$445,000
1249 Lasalle Rd	\$425,000
17625 Pennfield Ln	\$57,000
7915 Oxford Dr	\$60,000
43337 Pepperwood St	\$180,000
3894 Ravensfield Dr	\$155,000
17625 Pennfield Ln	\$57,000
45999 Spinning Wheel Dr	\$245,000
3289 Lake Oak Ln	\$295,000
41808 Wayside Dr	\$180,000
3289 Lake Oak Ln	\$295,000
GARDEN CITY	
30148 Rock St	\$170,000
4439 Cardwell St	\$78,000
30055 John Hawk St	\$70,000
647 Lathen St	\$75,000
29457 Meadow Ln	\$86,000
33615 Rosilyn Ave	\$85,000
27355 Sheridan St	\$115,000
32118 Windsor St	\$175,000

LIVONIA	
12331 Camden St	\$218,000
38231 Donald St	\$145,000
37470 Eagle Dr	\$270,000
18180 Floral St	\$200,000
30551 Munger Dr	\$180,000
32953 Grennada St	\$190,000
33053 Grennada St	\$180,000
14445 Lancaster Rd	\$90,000
36656 Joazeiro St	\$174,000
33119 Kentucky St	\$139,000
37604 Kingsburn Dr	\$260,000
15282 Middlebelt Rd	\$332,000
16575 Middlebelt Rd	\$38,000
10202 Millburn St	\$73,000
30189 Minton St	\$110,000
34540 Minton St	\$136,000
30551 Munger Dr	\$180,000
9210 Newburgh Rd	\$198,000
18562 Norwich Rd	\$125,000
32762 Oakley St	\$127,000
18291 Parkside Dr	\$160,000
31540 Pembroke St	\$160,000
32321 Pinnacle St	\$157,000
16342 Rickford Dr	\$190,000
16208 Southampton St	\$128,000
36321 St Andrews Dr	\$40,000
29620 Wentworth St	\$180,000
28960 Westfield St	\$80,000
18508 Wilcox St	\$145,000
NORTHVILLE	
48303 Birmingham Dr	\$557,000
17003 Birchwood Dr	\$320,000
17821 Brian Ridge Ln	\$741,000
17932 Brian Ridge Ln	\$550,000

17247 Crestbrook Dr	\$582,000
17744 Crestbrook Dr	\$660,000
426 East St	\$160,000
19405 Fry Rd	\$324,000
17069 Lochmoor Ct	\$246,000
326 Pennell St	\$140,000
46209 Pinehurst Dr	\$545,000
50054 Teton Ridge Rd	\$703,000
78575 Waterstone Estates Cir	\$550,000
PLYMOUTH	
17019 White Haven Dr	\$275,000
348 Arthur St	\$422,000
46700 Harrington Ct	\$240,000
45885 Denise Dr	\$310,000
11320 Eastside Dr	\$96,000
44558 Erik Pass	\$212,000
10028 Fellows Creek Dr	\$102,000
642 Forest Ave	\$330,000
47671 Katherine Ct	\$730,000
32728 Newport Dr	\$82,000
35125 Hazelwood St	\$185,000
49866 Potpie Xing	\$155,000
373 R Dr	\$265,000
941 S Main St	\$148,000
1347 W Arbor Trl	\$140,000
12401 Woodlands Ct	\$418,000
REDFORD	
13021 Columbia	\$54,000
25525 Deborah	\$95,000
9312 Dixie	\$72,000
19905 Fox	\$49,000
20469 Kinloch	\$48,000
19376 Malowthur	\$80,000
9968 Manor	\$51,000

9968 Marion	\$41,000
24422 Negunee	\$117,000
24422 Orangelawn	\$40,000
14996 Salem	\$75,000
14934 San Jose	\$45,000
14009 Sarasota Dr	\$80,000
WAYNE	
4802 Bidle St	\$90,000
35624 Brush St	\$22,000
38100 Laureland Dr	\$96,000
4869 Moore St	\$63,000
3036 Rivers Edge Dr	\$76,000
WESTLAND	
2151 Ackley Ave	\$95,000
7416 Aquila Dr	\$106,000
32712 Avondale St	\$54,000
33718 Avondale St	\$118,000
32205 Biwood St	\$111,000
33713 Chief Ln	\$112,000
33504 Colonial Dr	\$160,000
34483 Fernwood St	\$77,000
31810 Tussock Ln	\$72,000
8614 Ingram St	\$118,000
474 N John Hix St	\$46,000
525 Ravencrest Ln	\$113,000
1556 S Main St	\$96,000
1350 S John Hix St	\$109,000
38388 Saint John Dr	\$83,000
7375 Summerfield Dr	\$185,000
31810 Tussock Ln	\$72,000
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