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Canton could reap state surplus

Local officials hope for infusion of cash

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Addressing the Canton Township Board of Trustees, Colbeck said a chunk of a \$971 million state budget surplus could trickle down to Canton and other Michigan communities.

However, he conceded Lansing already has begun to chip away at the surplus amid talks

aimed at patching up potholes that plague Michigan's car-damaging roads.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who already has lobbied for communities to receive a share of the state surplus, said he welcomes any relief the township can get from Lansing.

"That's music to my ears — the more you can give back to us," LaJoy told Colbeck, R-

Canton.

However, Colbeck said any sharing of surplus money would be a one-time gift.

"It's not something where you go off and hire a bunch of police and fire (employees)," he said.

On other news from Colbeck: He said the Senate has allocated \$100 million partly to patch Michigan's pothole-riddled roads, though he indicated

the House was seeking to bump up the amount. Colbeck voted against the measure because of a Medicaid expansion provision, saying he is working for a more comprehensive solution to road funding.

In Canton, meanwhile, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the township has

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The Hindu Temple of Canton is ready for its annual free health fair, which in the past has drawn large crowds. SUKAN RAVAL

Hindu Temple's free health fair seeking participants

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

The Hindu Temple of Canton, moving to save lives by detecting health threats and early disease, has announced a free two-day health fair to help area residents who might forgo or delay medical care, often because they can't afford it.

Jatin Desai, a health fair organizer, said the Hindu Temple hopes to reach

beyond its site on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center to draw a diverse group of people to the event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 6 and April 27.

"Hinduism is a way of living and we believe the more we help our community, the more healthy our society will be down the road," Desai said. "This is open to all walks of life, regardless of faith."

The Hindu Temple has paired with Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, or MAPI, for the 12th annual event.

"They have the same mission as us," Desai said. "They want to make sure that the community can be a beneficiary of early detection of any health is-

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Town hall addresses identity theft

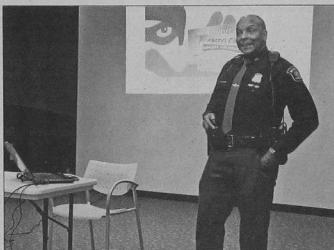
By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Dian Slavens said she gets as many emails about identity theft problems as any other subject.

Canton Police will tell you identity theft is one of the biggest crimes residents report to them.

So it made sense for Slavens, the state representative from Canton, and Lt. Craig Wilcher of the Canton Police Department to team up with the Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's office and the Michigan State Police to conduct a town hall forum to help residents learn how to beat the criminals. Slavens hosted the forum Monday at the Canton Public Library.

"I get a lot of emails and talk to a lot



Michigan State Police Trooper Walt Crider talks about identity theft at a town hall meeting Monday in Canton.

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School district, U-M agree to partnership

University staff will work to prepare students

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Educators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will team with faculty at the University of Michigan to make sure P-CSS students are coming out of high school ready for either a college or professional track.

Under the agreement, U-M staff and faculty will take part in the P-CSS monthly Professional Learning Community meetings in order to "further the development, enhancement and alignment of the district's curriculum" to make sure students are college- and job-ready.

"This is an opportunity for our teachers and teachers to partner with U-M," said Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. "We hope this is the first of many (partnerships)."

The district's Board of Education accepted Tuesday a first reading of the partnership agreement. The board is expected to approve the partnership at its March 25 meeting.

The agreement is for one year, but will automatically renew each year unless either side provides 60 days' notice of termination.

Under terms of the agreement, U-M faculty will collaborate with Plymouth-Canton instructional leaders to support the continued development of 21st century learning "with rigorous and relevant curriculum" to help students further their education in a post-secondary environment.

"This partnership is important for us ... to participate with college professors to make sure we are making our students college ready," Farina said, adding administrators hope to pursue similar agreements with schools like Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and Schoolcraft College.

U-M staffers will also help Plymouth-Canton instructional leaders in "shaping collaborative professional development" by sharing best practices that "lead to increased student growth and achievement."

Trustee Mike Maloney acknowledged the district's partnerships with other schools in the past, but said adding an agreement with the University of Michigan is important.

"We've had relationships with other schools, but up to now have not engaged with U-M," Maloney said. "This is going to be a great thing for our schools."

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Local church aids food pantry with annual St. Patrick's party

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton church, remembering the mass starvation that plagued Ireland in the late 1840s, has renewed its pledge to fight area hunger by hosting a St. Patrick's party Saturday, one day before the festive 50th annual St. Patrick's parade in Detroit.

Once again proving there's more to the Irish holiday than green beer and revelry, St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, has announced its seventh annual party to raise money for the St. Patrick's Food Pantry in Detroit.

"We believe strongly

in supporting efforts, especially hunger programs, given that our heritage includes many people who starved in Ireland and those who came to the United States," said Barb Weir, president of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division, of Canton.

That group, along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Patrick Ryan Division, plans to host St. Thomas a Becket's party starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, featuring a corned beef and cabbage dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, dessert and entertainment by the Kish Celtic Band and the O'Hare Irish Dancers.

Tickets are \$25 and

available by calling 734-981-1333 or paying at the door, Weir said. Free child care is available.

The event includes the crowd singing Irish songs, a bake sale of Irish treats and a photo booth where organizers say patrons can get their green on. St. Thomas a Becket also plans to honor Tom and Bridie Flynn, Detroit parade grand marshals chosen by the United Irish Societies for their contributions to the Irish community and to Detroit.

"We'd like to have people come out and have fun and support the (St. Patrick's) food pantry," Weir said. "The whole community is welcome."

About 300 tickets will be sold. Every year, St. Thomas a Becket sends about \$3,000 to the food pantry, which provides food each month to 350-400 needy people in the Cass Corridor of Detroit, near St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Those who come to the pantry doors include the unemployed, veterans, the elderly, people with special needs and families with children, among others.

The need is great, supporters say, and resources are limited. "It's important to us to give to the poor, the hungry and the people who need it more than we do," Weir has said.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and the La-



Sharon Cole, director of St. Patrick's Food Pantry, looks over food that will go to the area's hungry

dies Ancient Order are Irish Catholic organizations devoted to works of charity, friendship and Irish heritage. For more information on AOH, call

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IDENTITY

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of people about this problem," Slavens said. "I just thought it made sense to talk about it."

While actual statistics aren't readily available, Wilsher said identity theft is a "problem" in Canton.

"It's definitely one of our biggest crimes," Wilsher said. "We have a dedicated detective working on computer-based crimes. We're going to see what we can do to combat that."

According to Trooper Walt Crider of the MSP's Metro Post in Oak Park, there are some 12 million victims of identity theft nationwide in a year. Those victims lose an average of some \$5,000 apiece.

One of the most telling statistics, according to Crider: One in every eight Americans has had a credit card hijacked by an identity thief. He told a story

reminiscent of the Jason Bateman movie *Identity Thief*, in which Bateman's identity is stolen and he winds up being arrested for a crime the identity thief committed.

The story Crider told, through the use of a video, was of a California woman who had her driver's license stolen, then committed a crime and failed to show up for court. A warrant was issued and the woman was arrested. The woman's driver's license had been hacked was actually arrested several times before the issue was finally resolved.

"People believe identity theft is something that can't happen to me," Crider said. "If we keep making the same mistakes, we're going to have to pay a price we don't want to pay."

Crider said it could take some 600 hours of work to repair a case of identity theft.

He and Susan Davis, representing Schuette's office, talked about the

ways identity thieves operate. Davis talked about one of the more popular tricks, dubbed the "Grandparent Scam," a scam she called "very popular in Michigan." In the trick, the thief will call an elderly person claiming to be a grandson and inventing some sort of "trouble" they've gotten into.

They'll ask the "grandparent" to wire some money to help them out of the jam. Davis said that should be the biggest warning sign.

"Wiring money is a big red flag for scams, because it's just like cash," Davis said. "They get it and they're gone."

To avoid some of the scams, Davis and Crider offered a few tips:

» Never email bank account or credit card information to anyone asking for it. Legitimate banks/companies won't ask for that information over an email.

» If you're going to a charity, check to see

how much of your donation actually goes to the charity's services and how much is lost to the people doing the fundraising. Some charities, Davis pointed out, use professional fundraisers to raise money, but those fundraisers often keep a large chunk of the money.

» Beware of emails/phone calls where someone offers you a large amount of cash and "all you have to do is send us a small amount of money for processing fees." Davis said these scams are big business, pointing out the Federal Trade Commission estimates some \$40 billion is lost to telemarketing scams each year.

"They're pretty good at what they do," Davis said of the scammers. "There are a lot of things you have to be aware of."

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sues."

As many as 60-70 doctors are expected to become involved in the health fair, open to residents in Canton and beyond.

Don Hazaert, director of Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, a coalition of health-related organizations, lauded the Hindu Temple's efforts.

"It's a terrific program that communities are going to need for some time to come," Hazaert said, despite the phasing in of efforts such as the Affordable Care Act.

"While there's plenty of good news on the health care front, programs like this are important and should be embraced by their communities."

For the April 6 event, the Hindu Temple has confirmed it will accept only the first 350 people who sign up by March 31 by stopping at the temple or going to www.thehindutemple.org or www.mapusa.org, Desai said.

For that three-hour session, patients are asked to fast after midnight because medical personnel plan to draw blood to screen for a complete blood count, cholesterol, prostate health and blood sugar levels that, if elevated, can lead to diabetes.

Minimum age for the blood test is 18.

For the April 27 health fair, patients who had their blood drawn during the first session are asked to return to bring their results and get medical advice from doctors.

"We want to help them learn how they can change their lifestyle to make it better for them," Desai said.

No prior registration is necessary for the April 27 session. Desai said anyone is welcome to attend and get their blood pressure and hearing tested.

Moreover, visitors will be able to speak with primary care physicians and specialists in cardiology, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, rheumatology, dentistry, gastroenterology, podiatry, endocrinology, nutrition, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, physical therapy and internal medicine.

Visitors are asked to bring their current prescriptions and any medical records they might have. Information booths also are planned with pharmacists and recommendations for nutrition and lifestyle improvements.

When the Hindu Temple of Canton organized its first community health fair more than a decade ago, Desai said it had humble beginnings with around 100 visitors — a number that had quadrupled by last year.

Desai commended Oakwood Hospital-Wayne for being a consistent partner, saying it has been "a major contributor in terms of resources for this health fair."

Canton declares snow emergency

Canton has declared a snow emergency as yet another snowstorm blankets southeast Michigan.

That means vehicles should be removed from Canton streets so road crews can plow and salt snow-covered roadways and keep them as safe as possible for residents, police officers and firefighter paramedics.

The snow emergency runs from noon Wednesday until 11 p.m. Thursday.

Vehicles not removed from streets could be ticketed or towed.

Also, the Canton Public Library closed at noon Wednesday due to conditions.

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stepped up to apply cold patching to some county-operated roads.

» Colbeck said Gov. Rick Snyder has indicated he hopes to increase the constitutional portion of state-shared revenue to local communities in his 2015 budget. He also said more money may be available through the state's Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

» Colbeck said several Lansing bills are in the works to replace revenues local communities would otherwise lose through the repeal of the state's personal property tax on businesses. Canton

stands to lose \$450,000 a year unless the money is replaced.

» He said he welcomed Olympic gold medalists and Canton-trained ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White to the Senate floor. "They are just the salt of the earth, humble," he said, two days after Canton celebrated Davis and White at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

» Colbeck said he is hopeful work could begin this spring on paving Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill — the first phase of efforts to improve traffic along traffic-clogged Ford.

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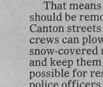
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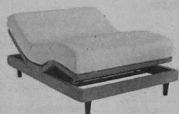
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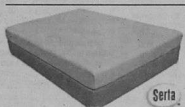
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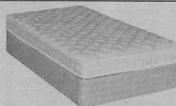
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Woman helps Canton cops nab reckless driver

By **Darrell Clem**
Staff Writer

Quick action by a female motorist helped Canton police nab a Plymouth man who is accused of reckless driving Monday afternoon, threatening the safety of other drivers and crossing the center line to illegally pass a school van, police said.

Police Sgt. Mike Kennedy said the woman made the right decision by notifying police

after she got the other driver's license plate number, rather than reacting in anger and potentially causing a road rage incident to escalate.

"It's not worth it to get involved in an altercation," Kennedy said.

According to a police report, the woman said an aggressive driver in a black Honda Civic got behind her on Geddes west of Beck and then followed her north on Beck, driving dangerously close behind her, flashing

his lights and swerving across the center line and then over to the shoulder of the road.

The woman indicated to police she was afraid to brake or slow down. She said the other motorist finally drove around her vehicle in a no-passing zone on Beck before turning east on Cherry Hill, where she said the Honda Civic illegally crossed the center line and passed a school van.

The woman took pictures of the man's vehicle with her cell-

phone to support her allegations and notified police.

The erratic driver was spotted and stopped by police on northbound Canton Center near Ford Road. The 39-year-old man indicated to police he was in a hurry to get to work, though he denied driving recklessly.

The police report indicated the man was cited for traffic violations such as reckless driving.

Kennedy said law-abiding drivers caught up in such sce-

narios should try to move over to let the other motorist pass, maintain a legal speed and avoid causing the situation to escalate. He said reckless driving should be reported to police, along with information such as the type of car involved, a license plate number if possible and which direction the driver is headed.

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Elderly woman killed in accident at Westland gas station

By **LeAnne Rogers**
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Westland police are wrapping up their investigation into an accident that killed an elderly Canton woman Friday afternoon.

About 1:15 p.m., the woman, 92, was walking through the parking lot of the Speedway gas station on the corner of Cherry Hill and Wayne Road when she was struck by a GMC Sierra pickup truck driven by a Romulus man, 72. Police were not releasing the name of the woman.

"It appears she was short — 4 feet, 9 inches — and an elderly male in a large pickup truck was maneuvering to get up to a gas pump," Westland Police Sgt. Dan Serrano said. "He didn't see her. He made a sharp turn and ran over her."

The Canton woman had parked her car in the drugstore parking lot south of the gas station and was walking toward the station, Serrano said.

"We don't know why she was going to the gas station. Her family didn't know why she was out at that time of day," Serrano said. "She only had a small change purse and a key fob with her (when the accident occurred)."

Neither alcohol nor speed were factors in the accident, he said. Police were wrapping up their investigation Monday.

"It's not likely that the driver will be charged. When someone dies, we have to submit a report to the (Wayne County) prosecutor," Serrano said. "We are seeking direction from the prosecutor on whether there will be criminal charges."

Heroin incident

Canton police found a 31-year-old Ann Arbor woman who apparently had been injecting heroin while she sat in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue near Belleville Road, a police report said.

The incident happened about 9 p.m. last Thursday.

Police were patrolling the parking lot and noticed a black jeep backed into a parking space in a secluded area of the lot. A woman inside the vehicle was seen with her head against a head rest and her mouth open with the car running.

Police noticed a spoon on the center console, opened the door and started the woman, a police report said. She reportedly told an officer she had relapsed and was using heroin again.

Police noticed blood on the front of the woman's neck and a used needle on the car seat. She told authorities there was a bag of crack cocaine in the center console.

Police confiscated the spoon and the crack cocaine. The woman reportedly said she had a bacterial infection from using dirty needles and

Debit card used in fraud

A Plymouth Township man reported to police Sunday that a debit card of his had been used without his knowledge in the cellular phone department of a store in Flint.

The \$221.64 purchase had been made a short time before; the man's bank reported the fraud to him and reported that other attempted purchases had been declined, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said.

The victim didn't know if he would be held financially liable for the purchase. Police advised him to put a fraud alert on his credit record.

The man said a similar incident had happened about a month earlier involving a business account, but that he hadn't reported it to police.

Mystery iPod

A township man reported the March 5 delivery of an Apple iPod Shuffle that he hadn't ordered. The music player had been ordered through an electronics shop, the man told police, and cost a total of \$54.98, billed to a credit card. The man said he hadn't had any problems with identity theft or unauthorized credit card purchases.

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department made the following runs between March 4-10:

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east of Beck and Michigan Avenue, between midnight and 4:30 a.m. Friday.

The man said he parked the vehicle at midnight and learned it was missing when he returned to the spot. A police report said the car had black racing stripes on the hood and sides.

The man's black leather wallet also was in the vehicle and it contained his driver's license, health insurance cards and debit card. He also had a black leather bag containing clothing in the vehicle.

Found wallet

A 22-year-old Belleville woman came to the Canton Police Department to drop off a wallet she had found Friday night in the parking lot of the Game Stop store on Michigan Avenue.

Police looked at identification in the wallet and learned it belonged to a woman with whom they had previous contact due to a retail fraud incident. Police left a voice mail message for the woman about the recovered wallet.

— By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

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• **Friday, March 7** — EMS call on Haggerty at Joy, on Woodgrove, on Amesbury, on Sycamore Valley and on Colony Farm Circle.

• **Thursday, March 6** — EMS calls on Russell, on Pinetree, on Ann Arbor Road, on Northville Road and on Main.

• **Wednesday, March 5** — Vehicle accident with no injuries at North Territorial and Wendover; EMS calls on Northville Road and on Brougham.

• **Tuesday, March 4** — Person in distress on Hill Top Drive, EMS calls on Woodleigh Way, Plymouth Oaks, on 1275 north of Plymouth, on Pincrest, on Brougham and on Schoolcraft.

— By Matt Jachman

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Concert raises funds for veterans' therapy

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Steve King had a pretty tough act to follow when he headlined a fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities earlier this month.

King, frontman for Steve King and the Ditties, was about to take the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, but concert-goers first got a chance to hear 17-year-old Kelsey Rose, who sang during the reception prior to King's concert.

Rose was so good, she drew an (anonymous) email response which

read, "Steve King and the Ditties still have their chops. After all the years they showed they can rock it out better than ever! But what we didn't expect was the lovely singer in the lobby doing the pre-show. She was exceptional! When we heard that voice was coming out of a 17-year-old, well, we were floored!"

Still, King and the Ditties managed to wow the crowd. The partnership sold more than 300 tickets and raised more than \$8,100 from the concert.

The proceeds from the concert, as well as all of the partnership's 2014

fundraisers, will be used to renovate the World War II Veterans Dormitory on the old Henry Ford factory property the partnership bought last year.

In a new development, the partnership has enlisted the services of local architect Bradley Cambridge, who will offer his services to the partnership as it turns the dormitory into an art therapy facility for veterans.

Michael Meissen, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was in the audience and praised the partnership's efforts at building the arts commu-



Local favorite Steve King and the Ditties headlined the fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. JILL ANDRA YOUNG

nity. "The cultural arts are important to our community and I applaud the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities for their work to fund

raise in support of the arts complex project," Meissen said.

"Like the Village Theater, this complex would serve as yet another great asset to the

community and is something we can all rally behind and support."

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County announces 'Pothole Blitz' program

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The brutal winter and looming I-96 shutdown through Redford and Livonia have created a need for having local roads in good shape. Several Wayne County officials are hoping a program announced Tuesday will help make travel on alternate routes easier.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz and other local officials were on hand at the Wayne County Road Commission building on Grantland in Livonia to announce a program called "Pothole Blitz," an initiative designed to increase pothole repair on major county thoroughfares in a target area of western Wayne County.

"I think it's no secret a

lot of people's minds center around potholes," Ficano said. "Livonia and Redford, having to do with the closing of I-96, we realize that that's going to put an additional strain on surface streets. I think there's approximately 60,000 that use that (highway) between Newburgh and Telegraph where the closure's going to be."

60 seasonal workers to be hired

Under the plan, Wayne County expects to hire 60 seasonal workers earlier than usual to begin helping fill potholes. Schedules will be adjusted to maximize availability of personnel to help take care of potholes, especially in the target area stretching from Telegraph to I-275 and Eight Mile to I-94, which contains communities such as Livonia, Redford, Gar-



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano answers questions about the "Pothole Blitz" program. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

den City, Westland, Wayne and Dearborn Heights.

So far, it's estimated Wayne County has filled more than 71,000 potholes this winter, one of the snowiest and coldest in Michigan history.

The initiative is ex-

pected to cost about \$625,000, funds the county expects to receive through Act 51 money.

Alan Heimkamp, assistant county executive, said the county commission's Ways and Means Committee approved the budget adjustment Tuesday for the project.

"We might have some additional expenditures based on some overtime, buying some additional patching materials and what have you," he said. "Please slow down, be vigilant and let's be safe for both our workers and our motoring public."

Kirksey said hearing the county's plan to address problematic potholes was positive and said he has expressed interest to the county in having road stretches of road such as Seven Mile between Newburgh and Farmington taken care of sooner rather than later.

"That was right at the top of the list," he said. "I do applaud the county for thinking out of the box and getting ahead of the problem itself."

Report potholes

Those looking to report dangerous potholes to the county can call 888-762-3273 or visit compass.waynecounty.com and click the hazard triangle.

Ficano said those seasonal employees will be out filling potholes regularly, so long as they are not needed to remove snow from the roads.

"There have been stretches where they've gone 40 days with only five days off in the snow-piling and the efforts they've had," he said.

"But the way the system actually works is if they're not actually plowing the snow... they're full-time occurrence is to

do the potholes and the patching. Everybody's efforts are going to be in this."

The county maintains all the roads in Redford and maintains only the major roads in Livonia, which include Seven Mile, Six Mile, Five Mile, Plymouth, Joy, Inkster, Middlebelt, Merriman, Farmington, Haggerty, Grand River and the interstate freeways.

While Kirksey said the plan is a welcome one to help Livonia motorists, it does not go all the way in fixing some of the roads that have been decimated by weather this winter, including Seven Mile. He said that road could need more than just patching in future years.

"A lot of that cold patch doesn't stay in the hole for more than a day or two," he said. "In some instances, the patching of potholes will not do it."

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Discovery band wows crowd at Disney World

The eighth-grade symphony band from Discovery Middle School performed a diverse program for an international crowd during a recent trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and also participated in the famed "You're Instrumental" workshop sponsored by Disney and their staff.

The concert performance occurred on the Waterside Stage in Downtown Disney, amidst a large crowd of tourists that included citizens from around the globe. One of the songs the band played was *Around The World In 80 Measures*, a piece band director Marc Whitlock said takes the national melodies of more than 14 countries and combines them into one production.

"I wanted us to have a piece of music that would be recognizable to anyone who passes by," Whitlock said. "After our concert, many audience members commented to me how much they enjoyed this piece."

Another crowd favorite, Whitlock said, was a musical piece titled *Junkyard Jam*, which uses metal pieces such as brake drums, propane tanks and garbage cans and features the percussion section.

"The best part of the trip for me was observing how the students carried themselves with class and integrity and they were so focused that I could talk to them with a thousand people around us and still be heard easily," Whitlock said. "Their hard work and high achievement continued the traditions of excellence for our band program. I couldn't be more proud of our Discovery eighth-grade students as they represented our school and district very well."

Shirley Potter, head chaperone on the trip, said the joy of hearing the symphonic music of the eighth-grade band live on stage, combined with fun in the sun and the magic of Disney, was "an awesome combination filled with memories to last a lifetime."

"School band trips are an awesome experience for students ... they gain life skills and experiences such as money management, development of social skills with peers, decision-making skills and reliance on their own decisions without mom and dad there to guide them," Potter said. "This results in improved self-confidence and a sense of independence."

Obviously, the kids had fun, but also believed they got something educational out of the trip. "I thought the trip was a really good idea because of the learning and fun that we had," eighth-grader Alex Johnson said. "It was a good team-building experience."

Chaperone Kari Barton said the trip to Florida "was a wonderful experience" for kids and chaperones.

"I was so proud of the kids as they performed on stage in Disney and am so thankful for the opportunity to get to know all of the band kids better," Barton said. "It was such a wonderful time that I would do it again in a heartbeat! Our kids were a very respectful group, no matter where they were. They represented their school in a way that all families would be proud of."

For fifth-graders attending Discovery next year, the band program will have an instrumental fine night and informational meeting in the near future to help with musical decisions. Students will receive a packet in the mail with detailed information about this meeting and about the Discovery Band.

Under Whitlock, the Discovery Middle School Band Program consists of more than 200 students in grades 6-8. Class offerings include two brass classes, two woodwind classes, two percussion classes and three concert bands. All students participate in Symphonic Band (eighth), Concert Band (seventh) and Beginning Band (sixth) and have opportunities to perform in chamber ensembles, percussion ensembles and other small instrumental groups throughout the year. Discovery Middle School regularly has a large percentage of students participate in regional music events and other musical opportunities.

Those interested in learning more about the Discovery Band should contact Whitlock at 734-416-7960.



Discovery Middle School's eighth-grade band, under the direction of Marc Whitlock, enjoyed the sights and sounds of Walt Disney World.



Band members got out in the sun during their trip to Disney World.



Crowds gave Discovery Middle School eighth-graders a rousing welcome in Florida.



Discovery Middle School band members on the boardwalk at Disney World.



In addition to performing, the Discovery Middle School band also participated in the "You're Instrumental" workshop.



Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse were on-hand to welcome the Discovery Middle School band.

Movie buffs win O&E Oscar™ contest

Scott Dickey of Canton is the grand prize winner in the *Observer & Eccentric* Media Academy Awards™/Oscar™ contest.

Dickey said he just followed the advice of his kids, who got him to enter after seeing an ad about the prize of the winning movie tickets.

"I just filled it out and the kids said, 'Make sure you pick *Frozen*,'" said Dickey, who said *Frozen* was the only Oscar™

contender he saw this year. "I knew who Matthew McConaughey was, but everything else was just a guess."

Dickey won a 12-month movie pass for two to any *Imagine* Theatre.

He was among five contestants who answered seven categories and the tie-breakers correctly. He was selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

Second-place winner is Nancy Crouse of Livonia,

who won four passes to any *Imagine* Theatre.

Winners of the Double Play promotion were Abby Goldfaden of Southfield and Teresa Allen of Livonia. Double Play winners received a pass for two to view a special showing of several Best Picture nominated films last month at *Imagine* Novi last month.

Visit hometownlife.com for other chances to win theater tickets and other prizes.

Be on guard against tax fraud schemes

Every year at this time, the IRS publishes its top tax fraud schemes.



Rick Bloom

ADVICE MATTERS

It is important to keep in mind that, ultimately, you are responsible for what ends up on your tax return. You can't use the excuse that a professional prepared your return. The bottom line is, you signed your return and you are responsible.

If you take deductions you're not entitled to, the IRS can assess you the additional tax along with interest and penalties.

One scam the IRS says is increasing is scammers who call pretending to be representatives from the IRS. They tell people that they are either entitled to a large refund or that they owe money.

The goal is to steal money or obtain your sensitive financial information. These callers tend to be aggressive and often call more than once. In addition, when they call they are able to make the caller ID display IRS.

Know that the IRS will initially contact you through the mail. There-

fore, if you get a call from someone claiming they're from the IRS, hang up, because it is a scam.

Scammers don't just call, they also send emails claiming the IRS needs information in order to process your return. Once again, this is an attempt to steal sensitive financial information. The emails look legitimate, but they are not. If you get an email from the IRS, delete it.

Posing as tax preparers

In addition, many scammers pose as tax preparers. They say that by having them complete your return, you're going to get a much larger refund and will be able to take advantage of certain deductions.

They charge you excessive fees to do your return and the end result is that the IRS denies your deductions.

You are potentially left paying the tax, along with interest and penalties.

It is important to have only those professionals with credentials and integrity prepare your return.

The last scam that I want to highlight, and

one that I've mentioned in the past, is people who create bogus charitable organizations. They use names that sound similar to reputable charities and they solicit money either through email or phone calls.

It's important to watch out for these scam artists. If you are affected by them, your hard-earned money won't go to charity and the IRS will deny your charitable deduction.

There are many more scams that relate to taxes. The bottom line is, keep your guard up at all times. Remember this simple rule: If something sounds too good to be true, it is.

If you hire a professional to prepare your return, make sure it is someone who will stand by his/her work.

Preparing your tax return is too important to leave to just anyone.

It may cost a few extra dollars to use a qualified and reputable professional, but it is worth it.

Good luck.

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Observer: Tell us about your business, including the services and products you feature.

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

PAWSitive Pet: My love of animals led to this career, which gives me the ability to provide animals with care and love.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

PAWSitive Pet: I have lived in Canton for eight years. I love the area and the people. I couldn't



Jennifer Williams opened PAWSitive Pet Massage & Concierge in October 2012.

DETAILS

Business name: PAWSitive Pet Massage & Concierge.
Your name and title: Jennifer Williams, owner and pet concierge specialist

Your hometown: Belleville

Business opened when? October 2012

Number of employees: 2

Hours: Office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Your business specialty: Pet massage, pet concierge, pet sitting and dog walking.

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think of a better area to be in.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

PAWSitive Pet: I specialize in customization of services for my clients.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share with our readers about your experience so far?

PAWSitive Pet: Each client has their own unique set of guidelines pertaining to their pet needs. That's why we specialize in customizing.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

PAWSitive Pet: It's much more difficult. You

have to come up with new, creative, innovative ways to get in front of new customers.

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

PAWSitive Pet: Network! Partner with as many people and other pet-sitting businesses as you can. You never know when you're going to need them.

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

PAWSitive Pet: We are always accepting new clients in the Canton, Plymouth and Northville area. Our goal is to have pet owners and their pets experience the care they need combined with peace of mind.

JB Ashtin announces group of new hires

Plymouth-based JB Ashtin Group, Inc., a provider of health care communication through science, strategy and solutions, announced the following new hires and promotions:

■ Mary Lake has been hired as the company's sales manager. Lake joins JB Ashtin with 14 years' experience in marketing, sales, promotions and business operations. Previously she was a territory manager for Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and a pharmaceutical sales representative for Merck & Co.

■ Autumn Kelly has been hired as publications manager for the Scientific Services group. Kelly brings 10 years' experience in the medical publication field and was formerly with the Prescott Medical Communications Group in Chicago. At JB Ashtin, Kelly will perform all project/publication man-



Lake Kelly

agement responsibilities, including ongoing in publication plan time line development, coordinating all medical writing projects, liaising with authors and clients and overseeing all publication submission activities.

■ Cheryl Stone has been promoted to senior director, business solutions. Stone will assume a seat on the corporation's leadership team and will be an active contributor in determining overall business strategy and success of JB Ashtin.

■ Melissa VanLangen has been named the company's finance and human resource manager.



Stone Taft

In addition to primary oversight for HR-related functions, VanLangen will also manage all accounting and transaction processes for JB Ashtin.

■ Kathy Taft joins JB Ashtin as sales and office coordinator. Taft will oversee the day-to-day administrative needs of the office and will work directly with the business development team and the company president.

For more information about JB Ashtin, call 734-459-3144 or visit www.jbashtin.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business mixer

Ribar Floral sponsors its monthly Business-2-Business mixer at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Stella's Black Dog Tavern (formerly Doyle's), 860 Fralick, in downtown Plymouth.

There are no fees or groups to join. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas.

For more information, call 734-455-8722 or visit the mixer website at www.Business2BusinessMixer.com

Skin care field tests

American Laser Skin-care announced it has selected its Plymouth location for a field test of two additions to its skin rejuvenation services portfolio.

The Plymouth clinic, 44670 Ann Arbor Road, will be one of the first clinics in the country to test the Palomar Icon and Envy SilkPeel skincare systems.

"We believe our aesthetic skincare customers here are quite discerning," said Dr. Ravinder Jaria, American Laser Skin-care's medical director in Plymouth. "With our headquarters in metro Detroit, we're excited to share these new products and give our local clientele the chance to experience them."

The Palomar Icon Aesthetic System uses state-of-the-art laser and optimized light technology to treat hyperpigmentation, rosacea, facial vascular lesions, surgical scars, fine lines, wrinkles and stretch marks. SilkPeel is a unique microdermabrasion technology that is the only medical-grade in-office procedure to use patented dermalinfusion technology. This allows SilkPeel to treat a wider variety of skin conditions. The process uses a diamond-tipped hand piece to remove the top layer of skin while simultaneously infusing the skin with a potent topical SilkPeel serum.

For more information, visit www.AmericanLaser.com.

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



Circle of Life Chiropractic held a ribbon cutting at its office at 598 N. Mill in Plymouth's Old Village. Cutting the ribbon is Dr. Jenny Darling, joined by supportive friends and family. Circle of Life Chiropractic provides effective, gentle and pure chiropractic care for the whole family. It is a new practice with an old-school approach. Veterans or active-duty military and their families get a 50-percent discount.

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 give your support for the chamber.

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

Chamber luncheon

Canton's State of the Township Luncheon is set for 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will address the audience. The event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Xuehrer Law Group PC.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Coffee connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Thursday, March 13, hosted by ambassador co-chair Deena Heath of Huntington Bank. 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 set 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 exhibiting should email teri@plymouthchm.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 \$1,100 each.

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Angela Hospice annual Laughter Lifts You Up fundraiser is March 20

Everyone loves to laugh, but if you need an excuse to do a lot of laughing, how about a ladies night out to help hospice patients and their families? You can laugh and support a good cause at Angela Hospice's annual Laughter Lifts You Up event, Thursday, March 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"This is our biggest event of the year," said Mary Beth Moning, executive director at not-for-profit Angela Hospice. "It's really a lot of fun for all the women who attend and many come year after year with their sisters or girlfriends—but it's also a great way for people to support Angela Hospice and the patients in our care."

One of those patients is Westland resident Debbie McKittrick, who has been with Angela Hospice for more than a year and knows what hospice can offer those with a terminal diagnosis.

"Hospice is probably the best thing you can do," McKittrick said. She's facing lung cancer and liver cancer and was told she had about three to six months to live. Now a year and a half later, she says Angela Hospice has given her her life back.

"Hospice isn't there to help you die," McKittrick said, "they're there to help you have a quality



Celebrating a ladies night out for a good cause at last year's Laughter Lifts You Up are (from left) Monica Marini of Dearborn Heights, Michelle Buchanan of Livonia and Janice Tosto of Canton.

life. Since I've been with hospice, my health has gotten better. They have gotten me on medications that keep me in control and I have got energy and strength that I never had before. I'm actually going to Curves now and working out."

In addition to the physical care she has gotten to manage her pain and symptoms, McKittrick has been impressed with the resources and counseling her hospice nurse and social worker have provided as well.

"They've built me up to make me the person I am today," she said.

Events like Laughter Lifts You Up help fund these programs, including the non-reimbursed services that Angela Hospice provides, such as grief counseling and prenatal hospice care.

Laughter Lifts You Up has become so popular with the community that an 11:30 a.m. luncheon show was added this year in addition to the 6 p.m. dinner show. Both shows will feature Lynn Trefzger, an award-winning comedian and entertainer for Disney Cruise Lines. "We're very excited to have Lynn Trefzger as our comedian," said Larry Kralowski, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "Her comedic style is unique and would appeal to everyone."

In addition to the comedy show, guests will be treated to a gourmet entrée and dessert, plus complimentary wine, beer and soda bar.

For tickets, visit www.AskForAngela.com, or call Kralowski at 734-953-6045. Tickets are \$50 each.

W-W to switch to four-day week during summer months

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Employees of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools who work during the summer will be getting long weekends after the school board voted this week to move the district for a four-day work week beginning Monday, June 16.

This is the second year the district has closed each Friday during the summer. In a pilot program last year, Wayne-Westland went to the four-day week for nine weeks, saving more than \$95,000 in utilities and overtime.

"It was a win-win for the district," Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "Part of the intent was to arrange time for parents to come in before or after work. There was a cost savings we had not anticipated."

"It was very well-received by the employees," said Kelly Bohl, senior executive director of human services. "The original intent was for it to be more of a morale-booster. When we talked with the employee groups, they said they

appreciated the long weekends."

This year's four-day schedule will run for eight weeks, ending Friday, Aug. 8. All of the district's schools and administrative offices will have extended hours Monday through Thursday and be closed each Friday. Employees will not be required to work the extended hours the week of the Fourth of July.

The length was shortened to eight weeks after last year's program showed employees needed to return to working five days a week sooner to accommodate the start of school.

The district's administrative offices, its 11 elementary schools, two upper elementarys and two middle schools, as well as the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center and Tinkham Alternative Education Center will be

open from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and from 6:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Building administrators and secretarial employees have the option of working the proposed hours or from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday would be charged as a vacation day.

Skilled trades and custodial employees also have the option of working from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., with Friday counted as a vacation day.

The district had expected to save about \$20,000 with the pilot program, but saved more than triple that amount. According to Deputy Superintendent Jim Larsen-Shidler, the district saved \$10,337 in reduced utility costs and another \$84,750 in overtime expenses.

The unintended consequences are a nice surprise, "board Vice President Thomas Buckalew said about the savings.

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OUR VIEWS

Beware of scams during tax season

Residents need to take precautions

April 15 isn't the only day during tax season that your wallet can feel a sting.

Scam artists are making the rounds heading into tax time. The Brighton Police Department recently alerted the media to a fraud in which a caller might tell residents that he or she is from the Internal Revenue Service and claims that a debt must be remedied at once. Targets are typically directed to pay with a preloaded credit card or wire transfer.

Say what you will about the IRS, but it doesn't operate that way. This scammy scam preys on unfounded fears about getting in trouble with the government. This is more Uncle Sam than Uncle Sam.

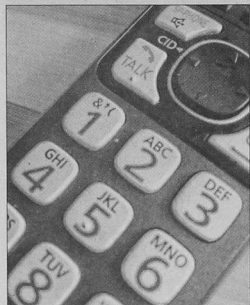
According to the IRS, there are some red flags to recognize if you get such a call.

- » Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names to identify themselves.
- » Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- » Scammers spoof an IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- » Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- » Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

- » After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or department of state and the caller ID supports their claim.
- » Very sophisticated in some respects, and very misleading at the same time. Your tax filings are due April 15, no sooner, and here is some more advice from the IRS about how to respond to these sorts of calls:
- » If you owe or think you owe the IRS some money, call the agency at 800-829-1040. The employees at that line can help you with a payment issue.
- » If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes — for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above — call and report the incident to the U.S. Treasury Department inspector general for tax administration at 800-366-4484.
- » If you've been targeted by this scam, contact the Federal Trade Commission and use its FTC Complaint Assistant at <http://www.ftc.gov>. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Nobody likes to pay income taxes. Nobody likes to be scammed. Keep yourself in the know and prevent yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims to fraud.

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What do you think?



The construction equipment is already on site in preparation for the closing of I-96 from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia in April for reconstruction. With the closing of the entire freeway, motorists will have to find alternate routes. Do you have a game plan to avoid the traffic congestion? Let us know, email your response to bdrich@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.) BIL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Become a city

I commend Phil Lajoy and his administration for a job well done in Canton. However, to be fair and transparent, I think the figure of "a \$20 million loss in revenue over five years fueled by declining property tax revenues" is misleading, because for at least as many years prior to the housing bubble bursting the township was collecting a large excess of tax revenue, too, due to properties that were extremely over-valued.

And also, with our population up over 80,000 and climbing, isn't it time to consider becoming a city? I understand that it's not something that can happen overnight and that it would come at a price. But how much? If we don't at least take a look at it, we'll never know.

Canton has a lot of neighborhood homeowners associations that are responsible for their own maintenance of common areas (parks), snow plowing and turns out we're responsible for road repairs, too. Problem is, we all have full-time jobs and we don't get paid to take on the added responsibility of running an HOA.

I'd rather see Canton become a city and pay city taxes and let the city do it. And I assume it would lead to more city jobs. More jobs is a good thing, too. And I wonder if it would also make us eligible for more road revenue, even open up the possibility for additional exit ramps for I-275.

As property values continue to bounce back and the financial pressure eases, let's give the employees their concessions back first, but at some point the township administration should put together a plan for what it would take to become a city and present it to the taxpayers for consideration. Please.

Jim Leddy
Canton

Campaign 'strategy'

A couple of weeks ago, I received the 2014 property assessment from Canton Township. Knowing that home prices are up a bit and the Headlee Amendment limitation, it appears the amounts are fair.

Last week I received a mailing from the Michigan Senate and one from the House of Representatives. Both contained information on how to appeal property assessments. However, that's the only

thing they had in common.

Democrat Rep. Dian Slaven's gave facts and figures about the new income tax on seniors and other tax deductions recently lost. The one from the Senate, authored by Patrick Colbeck, was entirely about how to appeal, not one word about how taxes were raised (or that he voted for them). Well, I guess I would try to divert the issue to some assessor, too, if I had nothing else to offer.

I once overheard a politician talking about campaign strategy. He said the voters have short memories and you take advantage of that. Throw them a bone before the election, deflect attention from unpopular issues you voted for and take credit for the successful ones you had nothing to do with. Find a sympathetic character to champion your cause and — presto! Your past deeds disappear.

Seeing the political ads already being run by Rick Snyder and the right-wing skill organizations, I guess I wasn't the only one eavesdropping.

James Huddleston
Canton

Teen consequences

Recent *Free Press* reporting offers views of the student/security guard assault at a Detroit high school. The following is a narrative of editorial comments and attorney statements regarding the incident:

"His (the student's) violent response was an unwarranted and dangerous escalation of the situation." (Removal of a hoodie.) This country's salvation is an adherence to the rule of law. The first lesson is clear: Actions have consequences.

Consequences are one thing, but brutal, unforgiving consequences are far too typical in our criminal justice system. In a just world, though, he ought to be given a chance to prove he can be mature enough to learn from his mistakes.

The student's attorney stated he has no prior contact with the system. He is extremely remorseful, but he is ready to move forward. It certainly is our position that Mr. Campbell should not be criminalized.

The Detroit Public Schools has taken an initial step and the student has been suspended. However, Michigan law is very clear regarding future action. In part Section 380.131a of the Michigan School Code reads as follows:

"If a pupil commits a physical assault at school against a person employed by or engaged as a volunteer or contractor by the school board, the School Board shall expel the pupil from the school district permanently, subject to possible reinstatement."

"The individual may initiate a petition for reinstatement at any time after the expiration of 180 school days after the date of expulsion."

"The individual shall not be reinstated before the expiration of 180 school days after the date of expulsion."

Yes, actions do have consequences.

Jim Brenner
Redford

All People Matter

March is national social work month. This year's theme is All People Matter. It makes me proud to be a social worker.

All People Matter is the core value of my profession. My training has taught me to challenge oppression and help individuals and families realize their full potential. Often there is a stigma attached to the title of "social worker." People associate it with professionals who must take children at-risk away from their families. Actually, social workers serve as experts in many important areas such as: EAP (employee assistance programs), gerontology, addiction rehabilitation, community development, legislation and social policy, education, poverty, food access, mental health and LGBT rights. Professionals must abide by a strict code of ethics or they lose their license.

Jane Addams, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and former Congressman Ron Dellums are all social workers. Across the globe, we not only believe that all people have dignity and deserve respect, we work to make it so. American social work profession has a commitment to improving conditions and quality of life opportunities for everyone. "Social work is the profession that does the front line work when other professions stand back," said Dr. Maxine Thomas, director of the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

We do this work because all people matter.

Colleen Crossey, M.S.W.
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OUR VIEWS

Time is right to strip R-word from state laws

Last week, the Michigan House of Representatives unanimously approved House Bill 5351 as part of an eight-bill package which, if approved, would eliminate the word "retarded" from Michigan statute and replace it with scientific and appropriate language.

The House vote came Wednesday, March 5, which just happened to be the Spread the Word to End the Word national day of awareness. For six years, Special Olympics has been asking people to take the pledge to stop using the R-word and its variations.

Spread the Word to End the Word is an ongoing effort to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retarded" which started out as a replacement for such degrading ones as moron, imbecile and idiot.

It is now has become just as dehumanizing, hurtful and offensive.

According to the website, www.R-word.org, the R-word has become "a common taunt used to make fun of others." It's used to denote behavior that is clumsy, hapless and even hopeless, but "whether intentional or not, the word conjures up a painful stereotype of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

David Knezek, D-DeARBorn Heights, sponsored the bill. A volunteer with Special Olympics, he was surprised to find that this day and age, "the state of Michigan refers to those who have intellectual disabilities with such insensitive and antiquated language" in its laws.

His bill would delete the mentally retarded references from

the statute dealing with intermediate school districts and replace the term with developmentally disabled. Knezek believes that eliminating this derogatory term in state laws "is a tremendous step toward addressing the stigma associated with developmental disabilities in our society."

As a society, we still have a lot to do to eliminate such offensive language from our vocabulary. We are offended to hear the N-word and should be to hear the R-word. Taking the pledge is as much about ending its use as telling people with intellectually disabilities you are part of our group.

That's why it's good to see that Knezek's bill passed unanimously in the House and we're confident the bill will receive a similar reception in the Senate. It's change whose time has come.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Plymouth Relay kickoff

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. (registration)
Location: Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Relay for Life committee kicks off its 2014 relay season with a ceremony designed to inspire and motivate Relay volunteers to finish the fight. The committee shares the work the American Cancer Society can do and the progress we have made because of Relayers, hear a story of hope from a cancer survivor, celebrate the efforts of last year's Relay and get pumped for the season ahead. Anyone interested in learning how to get involved in the fight against cancer in Plymouth should attend the kickoff.

Newcomers Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Thursday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The Newcomers and Neighbors invite the public to their charity Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults. The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club expects 40-plus tables selling new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment. Related local business vendors. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1.
Contact: For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email pollockc1975@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: April 9 from 1-3 p.m.
Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton
Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance, and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.



Festival of hymns

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth presents a Festival of Hymns by Hal Hopson, with brass quintet, hand bell choir, organ and the Chancel Choir joined by friends from the community, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Hymn writers in costume tell their stories, alternating with choral music and audience sing-along in this historical overview of hymnody. All choral singers are invited to be part of the choir. There are two required rehearsals: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, and 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Admission is free, a free-will offering will be received. First United Methodist Church is at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-5280 or email marcia@pfumc.org

Museum friends

Date/Time: Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Don Soenen, a member of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex Committee, will discuss a possible future for the Central Middle School's building at the meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum. PABC is a collaborative team of community leaders, policymakers, sports teams, nonprofits, businesses, and residents, has been studying the feasibility of, and assessing community support for, the conversion of Central Middle School and the 18 acres on which it sits, into an arts and recreation complex. Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-8940.

Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.
Location: Canton High School Allen Dubois Little Theater

of the Appalachians and contemporary writers. Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performance.
Contact: Email BaseLine President Scott Ludwig at BSFpresident@aol.com

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 Faust of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national Hnt Foundation.
Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholdsthecure.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 national Hnt Foundation. 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.

YouTune boogie

Date/Time: Saturday, March 16, 6 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 link to Frederic Chopin, having studied classically at Oakland University in Rochester with Dr. Flavio Varani. The performance features classics like Swanee River, Over the Rainbow, The Entertainer and Rumble Boogie. Admission is free.
Contact: 734-453-0750.

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 Philip's Barkey speaking on "Dining at J.L. Hudson's." Barkey's presentation is divided into three parts: Joseph Lowthian Hudson and his magnificent store; dining at Hudson's; shopping at the Grand Dame of Woodward Avenue. The presentation will follow 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 door prize awarded. 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 a continental 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 finance and programs.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgarner at 734-453-8879, ext. 2, or send email to cindy.bumgarner@pcpw.org by Monday, March 17.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8-9 a.m.)
Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Veterans Affairs Center 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by 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.
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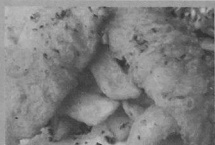
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CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Canton cagers marching on to Breslin Center

Chiefs' Aresco scores 28 points to lift team to win over Cavaliers

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The last time Canton made it to the Class A girls basketball semifinals, Paige Aresco sat on the Breslin Center sidelines as a wide-eyed freshman.

Aresco has another chance to go to the Michigan State University arena, and this time she will be a key factor as the Chiefs square off at 1 p.m. Friday against Grand Ledge in a Class A semifinal.

The senior forward had a lot to do with Canton's impressive 62-45 victory over Flint Carman-Ainsworth Tuesday night at Fenton High School, scoring 28 points.

"I'm super excited to be in the Final Four, this is awesome," Aresco said. "We worked so hard, so this is great for it to pay off."

Aresco connected on 12 of 16 from the free-throw line and made a handful of dandy backcut layups after finding openings in the Cavaliers' post defense.

"The lane was open, so I was going to take it to the rim," Aresco noted. "They were kind of turning their back sometimes, so I just took it."

Two other fourth-year players will be returning to Breslin: Point guard Barack Winters (12 points, four assists Tuesday) and forward Shannon Perry.

Another key Canton senior is center Taylor Hunley, who wasn't with the 2010-11 team. Hunley was a physical force against the Cavaliers with 14 points and six rebounds.

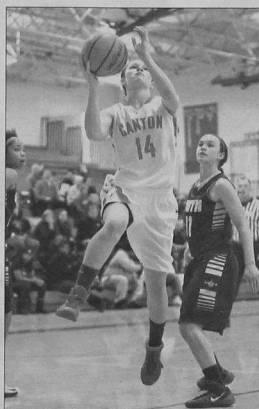
Bring it on

According to Aresco, pressure games and situations such as this week's are nothing new to the Chiefs (21-4).

"We've had a lot of experience with big games this year already," she continued, "so we're ready to go when we roll into these tough games."

Canton varsity head coach Brian Samulski praised his

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Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14), shown from earlier this season, sparked the Chiefs to Tuesday's win in the Class A quarterfinals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

GIRLS STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Jenna Carter (foreground) of the Penguins circles the Walled Lake net while teammate Emily King is parked in front of Wild goalie Sam Carrier. Both Carter and King scored as PCS won the Division 2 girls hockey title. JEFF CARTER

WHEW!

PCS Penguins sweat out late penalties, win D2 girls hockey title

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Up just 2-1 with a championship on the line, Alexis O'Flynn sat in the penalty box Saturday night for what she called the longest 90-second stretch of her life.

After O'Flynn joined Brianna Waggoner in the box in those frantic final minutes, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins had to kill off a 5-on-3 Walled Lake power play if they wanted to avoid overtime and capture the Division 2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crown. But thanks to stellar goal-

keeping by senior Becky Lough and strong support from her teammates, the Penguins' PK collectively killed off the late penalties and closed out their third D2 championship in five seasons.

"Oh my gosh, I wanted to cry," said O'Flynn, a senior defenseman and PCS team captain. "If they would have scored on that I would have never forgiven myself. That was so stressful, the most stressful minute-and-a-half in my whole life."

Concurring with that sentiment was Penguins senior goaltender Becky Lough, who made 17 saves in the win—



Carrying the puck Saturday night is PCS Penguins senior defenseman and team captain Alexis O'Flynn (No. 22). JEFF CARTER

including a dandy kick save against Walled Lake senior sniper Kylie Armstrong, who had tallied an unassisted goal

with 4:57 left in the third to slice PCS' lead to one.

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BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Bobcats rally to crush Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's Cole twins were on a mission to start Monday's Class A boys basketball regional semifinal against Grand Blanc at Linden High School.

Just 10 seconds into the matchup of KLAA teams, Brady Cole drained a trey from the left wing to open up the game's scoring. By the time the quarter was half over, senior guards Brady and Connor Cole each had two triples to their credit as Salem was off and running, 15-4.

Yet although that healthy lead enabled Salem to maintain the edge all the way into the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to survive the Bobcats' swelling tide of intense speed and pressure all over the floor. That tide ultimately drowned the Rocks, 53-52.

"It was a fragile lead all night, it wasn't like we had a command of the game at all," longtime Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "Their pressure was non-stop, it was relentless and it eventually wore us down."

"The officials let the guys play and there was a lot of body contact, we just didn't handle it very well late in the game. We lost our composure a little bit."

Not helping matters were little things that added up big-time at the end of the night. Salem (17-6) made just 10 of 20 free-throw attempts and committed 29 turnovers (compared to 16 by Grand Blanc).

The Rocks also missed several uncontested layups and could not box out big physical Bobcats post players such as 6-6 senior Jaylin Blake (12 points) and 6-1 senior Alexander Brackett. It was Brackett who scored with 8.5 seconds left to give Grand Blanc (21-2) the victory.

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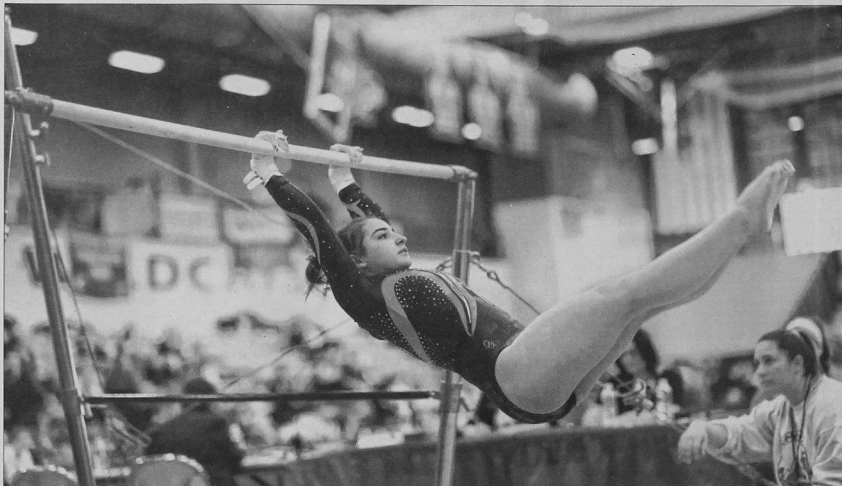
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INDIVIDUAL GYMNASTICS FINALS



Salem freshman Alexia Frantzeskakis performs her routine on uneven parallel bars during Saturday's individual gymnastics finals at Plymouth High School. BRIAN QUINTOS

Park gymnasts make mark at individual finals

Canton's Toal, Lucas, Hodgson earn championships

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Less than 24 hours after the Canton Chiefs won their first-ever team gymnastics championship, they were back at Plymouth High School competing at the MHSAA individual finals.

What makes the Chiefs do for an encore? Veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham reveled Saturday as he watched Maddie Toal and Hailey Hodgson win the Division 1 and Division 2 individual state championships on balance beam, respectively.

Toal led the D1 field with a 9.725 score, with teammate and defending state champion Jocelyn Moraw not far behind (third, 9.6). In D2, Hodgson's tally of 9.375 bested Plymouth senior Katie Salanga (second, 9.225) with Canton's Erica Lucas fifth (9.15).

"Maddie was absolutely solid and composed," said Cunningham, adding that Toal missed the school record by only .075.

Another first-place finisher was senior Lucas on vault, for the third year in a row. She won with a 9.475.

"Erica saves her exceptional performances for state meet," Cunningham noted.

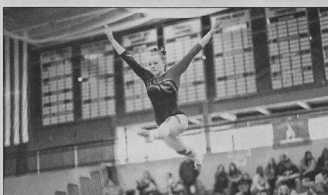
He termed Moraw's across-the-board showing "fabulous," with one third-place finish (9.6 on beam) and three fourths (9.525, bars; 9.5, floor; 9.2, vault). She was fourth in D1 all-around with 37.825.

Lucas and Hodgson were second (36.25) and fourth (35.85) in D2 all-around.

The Chiefs also were spearheaded by senior Melissa Green, who finished her prep career with strong showings in D1 on uneven parallel bars (eighth, 9.0) and floor exercise (sixth, 9.4). Both were all-state performances as the top 10 per event receive MHSAA medals.



Division 1 balance beam champion Maddie Toal of Canton jumps high into the air during her performance. BRIAN QUINTOS



One of Saturday's top all-around performers in Division 1 was Canton junior Jocelyn Moraw. BRIAN QUINTOS

Cunningham said Ellie Bachman (8.875) and Stephanie Cox (9.15) also hit some nice floor routines.

Stellar 'Cats

Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey raved about the efforts turned in by her gymnasts, with senior captain Salanga at the top of the list.

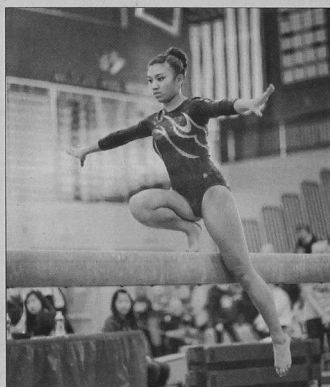
Salanga, who was the D2

regional champion on beam, finished second on Saturday.

"Always steady as a rock and sure-footed, Katie shines on beam," Yockey said. "Her consistency will be sorely missed as she leaves us to go on to MSU this fall."

Another Wildcats all-stater was sophomore Haley Metz, who placed 10th in D1 on bars with an 8.975.

Junior Kayla Janevski's 9.0



Plymouth senior Katie Salanga displays her poise and agility on the balance beam. BRIAN QUINTOS



Doing a handstand on uneven parallel bars is Plymouth sophomore Rebeca Simu. BRIAN QUINTOS

score on D2 vault was good for 10th place and all-state honors.

Just missing out on 10th in D1 vault was sophomore Rebeca Simu (11th, 9.225) while senior Brenna Connelly "finished her career with an amazing floor and beam at team finals and her best score for the season on bars (8.4) at individual finals."

Connelly was presented

with the MHSJCA team sportsmanship award.

Salem's freshman stalwart, Alexia Frantzeskakis, took home a handful of medals. Frantzeskakis came in third on D1 vault with a 9.525, seventh on floor (9.375), ninth on beam (9.175) and ninth on all-around (36.575).

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PREP GYMNASTICS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL GIRLS GYMNASTICS FINALS MEET RESULTS March 8 at Plymouth H.S. DIVISION 1

Vault: 1. Rachel Hogan (Grand Lodge), 9.725; 2. Alexia Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.525; 11. Rebeca Simu (Plymouth), 9.225; 12. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 9.2. 16. Haley Metz (Plymouth), 9.05; 19. (tie) Maddie Toal (Canton), Melissa Green (Canton), 8.9. **Uneven bars:** 1. Hogan (Grand Lodge), 9.75; 4. Moraw (Canton), 9.525; 8. Green (Canton), 9.0; 10. Metz (Plymouth), 8.975; 11. (tie) Toal (Canton),

8.95; 17. (tie) Frantzeskakis (Salem), 8.5; 23. Simu (Plymouth), 8.375.

Balance beam: 1. Toal (Canton), 9.725; 3. Moraw (Canton), 9.6; 9. (tie) Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.175; 13. Simu (Plymouth), 9.075; 17. Green (Canton), 8.9; 20. (tie) Stephanie Cox (Canton), 8.75; 22. Metz (Plymouth), 8.725.

Floor exercise: 1. Christina Shabet (Troy), 9.7; 4. (tie) Moraw (Canton), 9.5; 6. Green (Canton), 9.4; 7. (tie) Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.375; 10. Toal (Canton), 9.350; 17. (tie) Cox (Canton), 9.15; 20. Metz (Plymouth), 8.975.

All-around: 1. Shabet (Troy), 38.675; 4. Moraw

(Canton), 37.825; 7. Toal (Canton), 36.925; 9. (tie) Frantzeskakis (Salem), 36.575; 11. Green (Canton), 36.2; 13. Metz (Plymouth), 35.725.

Vault: 1. Erica Lucas (Canton), 9.475; 3. Hailey Hodgson (Canton), 9.2; 10. (tie) Kayla Janevski (Plymouth), 9.0; 16. (tie) Samantha Fontana (Plymouth), 8.95.

Uneven bars: 1. Jennifer Gmeiner (Grosse Pointe United), 8.925; 12. Lucas (Canton), 8.575; 16. (tie) Brenna Connelly (Plymouth), 8.4; 23. (tie) Hodgson (Canton), 8.2; 30. Molly McSweeney (Plymouth), 8.025.

Balance beam: 1. Hodgson (Canton), 9.375; 2. Katie Salanga (Plymouth), 9.225; 5. Lucas (Canton), 9.15; 36. Fontana (Plymouth), 7.65.

Floor exercise: 1. Meredith Jonik (Farmington), 9.225; 4. (tie) Hodgson (Canton), 9.075; 9. (tie) Lucas (Canton), 9.05; 12. (tie) Salanga (Plymouth), 9.0; 20. (tie) Ellie Bachman (Canton), 8.975.

All-around: 1. Cassidy Tehornt (Grand Rapids Forest Hills), 36.40; 2. Lucas (Canton), 36.25; 4. Hodgson (Canton), 35.85.

Top 10 per event are all-state medalists.

DIVISION 1 BOYS STATE HOCKEY FINAL

Shamrocks wear hockey crown

Catholic Central defeats
defending champ Brighton, 5-1

By Perry A. Farrell
Gannett Michigan

Novi Detroit Catholic Central wanted this match-up. The Shamrocks wanted two-time defending state champ Brighton in the Division 1 hockey title game Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

They wanted to avenge last year's 2-1 loss.

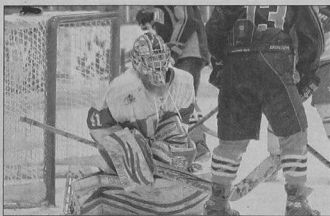
This is what they wanted in front of a standing-room-only crowd. They wanted it for Matt Sorisho, a senior who was paralyzed from the waist down after suffering an injury during an elite league game. He was in attendance for the first time since the game at Orchard Lake St. Mary's six weeks ago and watched the 5-1 victory.

The team put a jersey on Sorisho and let him participate in the handshake line and trophy presentation.

"We were very fortunate to match up against Brighton after what happened last year," coach Doug Tami said. "We had a handful of boys that were in the locker room that remembered the feeling. We had a purpose today."

Carter Cerretani and Ryan Burnett led the offense with two goals each and goalie Spencer Wright was solid as Sorisho watched from a suite. "He's my best friend and I wouldn't go anywhere without him," Cerretani said of Sorisho. "I love him to death. I was glad to see him out there. We wanted to play Brighton because of what happened last year. I thought we came out fast with a lot of energy and our special teams played great."

Said Burnett: "It really meant a lot to have him out there; we tried to play for him the whole season." CC (24-7) scored first on



CC goalie Spencer Wright smothering a Brighton shot.

Burnett's first goal with an assist from Mitch Ossowski at 3:54.

Brighton (23-7-1) then made a crucial error to give the Shamrocks another goal.

Lee Pietila was sent to the penalty box for holding and, seconds later, was joined by teammate Todd Killunen for cross-checking. With a two-man advantage, CC didn't waste time, going up 2-0 on

Cerretani's first goal with an assist from Burnett at 5:00.

"It's tough when you have to extend yourself on a five-on-three or a five-on-four," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "Obviously, it's tough to get here and lose, but this is the third straight year for some of our guys and not many players can say that."

Brighton scored in the second period on a power-play

goal by Danny Bosio, with assists from Pietila and Aaron Sturos, to make it a one-goal game.

The Bulldogs made the mistake of allowing the Shamrocks another five-on-three when Tyler Hayes (hooking) and Brian Dowd (slashing) were sent to the penalty box.

With Dowd two seconds from getting the Bulldogs back to full strength, Domenic Mancinelli scored for the second time in two days, this one a power-play goal on an assist from Alex Kreutzer to make it 3-1.

"That was really a big goal," Bosio said.

CC dominated play to that point, with a 29-10 edge in shots on goal and using the two power-play goals for a lead after two.

Cerretani put the finishing touches on revenge with a power-play goal 13 seconds after Pietila went to the bench on an interference penalty.

Brighton had its own five-on-three advantage with seven minutes to play. Not only didn't the Bulldogs score, but Burnett added his second goal.

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It's all good

The late siege by Walled Lake came during the Wild's second 5-on-3 power play in the contest, played at McCann Arena in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Just knowing my team was there for me really helps," Lough said. "It was a struggle, it was hard, but during the second period (after the first 5-on-3) I told them if they ever did that again I was going to hurt them, and then they did it again."

"It's OK, because we won, so I think we're good."

O'Flynn said the defense needed to shadow Armstrong as much as possible throughout the game, not just on the penalty kill.

"She (Armstrong) has got a rocket so just keep her to the outside and don't let her get a shot on Becky," O'Flynn noted. "We've had penalties all season, we've been a big penalty team so our penalty kill has gotten a lot of practice this year."

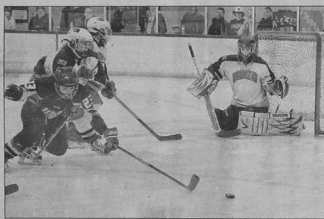
"Becky was there when we needed her, she handled it very well."

PCS head coach Mary Beth Smith (who along with assistant coach Brad Johnson also won the Michigan "Penguin" titles in 2010 and 2012), admitted that her team won't "the hard way. The girls are completely exhausted after killing off that many penalties, but it's been awesome."

Saturday's win was a little bit different than the triple-overtime triumph over Farmington Hills Mercy in 2012 at Arctic Edge in Canton. The Penguins also won in 2010 over Port Huron, the first year Smith and Johnson coached the program (a varsity team comprised of players from all three Park high schools). "It's been a remarkable journey," said Smith, taking a few minutes



The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins are all smiles after winning the Division 2 championship of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League with a 2-1 win over Walled Lake. JEFF CARTER



In position to make one of her 17 saves Saturday night is Penguins senior goalie Becky Lough, while backchecking defender Megan Brace ties up a defender. JEFF CARTER

utes away from posing with players and the MMGHSHL D2 chalice. "Every team has been completely different, so it's been a different experience every year."

"I just feel so blessed to let these girls have these memories."

Getting the jump PCS (10-7-2-1) got on the scoreboard in the second period on a goal by junior forward Emily King with 6:37 left in the frame.

On the goal, senior forward Morgan Cusumano dished the puck from the right boards between the circles, where King one-timed a low shot past Walled Lake goalie Sam Carrier. That marker pumped up the team as well as

the enthusiastic PCS cheering section. "That got us going for sure," said Cusumano (two assists), about King's clutch tally. "When she got that goal we were just on our game from there. We were on the puck 100 percent, I'm just proud of our whole team."

Before the end of the second period, Lough and the Penguins had to hold off the Wild on the first 5-on-3 situation.

Armstrong's backhandler from the left side of the net was sealed off by Lough and her defense made sure to limit other chances for Walled Lake (5-12-3-0).

Early in the third PCS sophomore forward Kayla Savoie set up Cusumano for a scoring chance,

but Carrier was equal to the challenge to maintain the 1-0 score.

The Penguins did get the breathing room they needed when senior forward Jenna Carter — who was a skating and playmaking standout all game — banged in the rebound of Cusumano's shot.

When Carter scored (with 9:15 left in the third), it put PCS up 2-0. The goal turned out to be the championship clincher.

"I wasn't really expecting it," Carter said. "I just shot it and it went in."

"I was really surprised and I was like so happy and excited, it was just unbelievable."

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'Amazing' feeling for Penguins' seniors

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Just like in 2012, Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins Jenna Carter, Alexis O'Flynn and Becky Lough Saturday night enjoyed the thrill of lifting a championship trophy and skating off in ultimate triumph.

Two years ago, circumstances were much different. PCS knocked off Farmington Hills Mercy in a triple-overtime thriller at Arctic Edge Arena. "This time around might not have been as dramatic — a 2-1 victory in regulation over Walled Lake — but for the seniors, it perhaps was even sweeter."

"It's much, much better because I'm a senior and so it really feels good," said Carter, a forward and assistant captain who scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal. "Because, you know you don't get to play much anymore."

"It just feels great to win as you're leaving." According to team captain and defenseman O'Flynn, beating Walled Lake was "an unreal moment, I'm

glad to have it with these girls. I wouldn't want to share this with anyone else."

"I'm just glad it was a plus for PCS not to have to go up against the Marlins again."

Mercy was upset by the Wild last Thursday; PCS defeated Regina on an goal by sophomore forward Megan Brace with just 23 seconds to play in regulation.

"I'm just so glad Mercy wasn't in this," O'Flynn said. "We've been rivals for years, I didn't want to see them again in playoffs for this."

Two other seniors were not with PCS for the 2012 championship, including goalie Gwen Gadulka (in goal for the D2 semifinal win) and forward Morgan Cusumano (also an assistant captain).

"I came on this team last year and we didn't win states, unfortunately," Cusumano said. "But this year it just tops this off, winning states."

"It's the most amazing feeling in the world. I really didn't expect it. But all that hard work really paid off."

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PCS forward Morgan Cusumano skates down the ice during Saturday's title game. She wasn't with the team when it won the 2012 championship. JEFF CARTER

STATE CHAMPS

Farmington captures Division 3 hockey crown with 2-1 victory over Sault Ste. Marie

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Kim Petras would be especially proud of her son, Jason, a sophomore forward on the Farmington High School hockey team, and all of the Falcons. Jason scored both goals and played a major role in Farmington winning the Division 3 state championship Saturday afternoon with a 2-1 victory over Sault Ste. Marie at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

The win was an emotional event in itself, but it was made even more so because the team had dedicated its season to Mrs. Petras, a staunch supporter of the program who succumbed to

cancer last month after a three-year battle with the disease.

"Jason has been a warrior and a catalyst for this hockey team from that point," Farmington coach Bill Newton said as he fought back tears in the postgame meeting with the press.

"We have a motto on our website and in our locker room that we're hashtag-king-strong. Kim was Jason's mom. She was an educator, she was a beautiful woman. She fought to the very end. For this young man to come out here today and score two goals and help us win a state championship, I can't be more proud of him."

The state championship is the first in hockey for the Fal-

cons (21-10) and the first MHSAA-sponsored championship for a Farmington-only team.

The Falcons were on the scoreboard just 38 seconds into it when Petras redirected a shot by senior Roman Firestone from the blue line.

"In every single playoff game to get here, we scored the first goal, so we knew we had to get off to a good start," Petras said. "I give credit to my teammates and my linemates. They got it to the net and made things happen. I was just there to put it in."

In a near replay of the previous game, Farmington was on the defensive for much of the second and third periods, but



The Falcons guard the net — John Lethemion.

As was the case in nearly every game this year, the Falcons were outshot by Sault

Sainte Marie, 30-22, but the final tally was a lot closer than many other games.

"(The 2-0 lead) takes the pressure right off me," Lethemion said.

BLITHE SPIRIT

Schoolcraft College produces fast-paced comedy

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College will end its theater season with laughter when it stages Noel Coward's comedy, *Blithe Spirit*, for three weekends beginning March 21-22.

"I love the play. It's hysterical with the confusion of who is talking to whom," said James Hartman, theater professor and director.

Blithe Spirit, written in 1941, centers on Charles Condomine, a novelist who hopes to gather material for his next book by holding a seance at his home. Instead, he ends up being haunted by the ghost of his wife, Elvira, who accidentally appears during the seance. Only Condomine can see Elvira, who continually tries to ruin his marriage to his second wife, Ruth, who can't see or hear her.

Hartman said he thought about giving the play a more contemporary spin but decided it was unnecessary.

"Noel Coward has done a beautiful job. There are a few references in it that younger people may not be familiar with. But I think it plays well (so) in the '40s, which is the period we're doing it in. I've not updated it at all."

"Holding a seance is timely, that can happen in any period. And the idea of a ghost coming back by accident I think is hysterical. I think all the fun stuff plays well without any updating."



Cynthia Szczesny plays Madame Arcati and Tommy Patrick Ryan is Charles in Schoolcraft College's upcoming production of *Blithe Spirit*.

He changed one character in the play from a maid to a butler, a role played by Sean Thomas, a Schoolcraft student and Northville resident. Elizabeth Tummello of Walled Lake plays Ruth and Kristen Campbell of Canton plays Mrs. Bradman. Tommy Patrick Ryan of Wayne, who played Polonius in Schoolcraft's production of *Hamlet* last year, takes on the lead role of Charles Condomine. Franz Margitza of Dearborn, as Dr. Bradman, Ronya Rose Mallard of Canton, as Elvira and Cynthia Szczesny of Dearborn, as Madame Arcati, round out the cast.

Crew members are Schoolcraft students Kyle Lepore of Dearborn, stage manager;

Loren Thomas Thrun of Garden City, lighting board operator; Heather Hicks of Clinton Township, sound board operator; and Bridget Coletta of Livonia, props manager.

Hartman designed the set, lighting, costumes, and the program, in addition to directing the play. Hartman staged *Blithe Spirit* at Schoolcraft for the first time in 2002.

"The advantage is having different insight as the director," he said, explaining why he repeats some plays. "Each time you do it there are different actors and a different set, yet it's the same words. It's exciting to re-stage something I staged years before." He doesn't recall specific blocking or the cast from his 2002



Tommy Patrick Ryan (seated) plays Charles, Sean Thomas is Edward and Elizabeth Tummello is Ruth in *Blithe Spirit*.

show, but remembers "the excitement of the play."

Two intermissions will separate the play's three acts. Hartman said he keeps the story "moving" to add to the humor and keep the audience's attention.

"I've made it very physical. There are few times the actors sit or stand in one position for very long," he said. "The way the lines are written, they have a certain tempo or rhythm built in. How much you tighten it depends on the production. I help the audience to focus by the way I block it."

Blithe Spirit is at 8 p.m. March 21-22, 28-29 and April 4-5. The first two weekends include dinner, which starts at

6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The menu includes a salad of butter lettuce, caramelized sweet onion crouton, marinated tomato, and red wine vinaigrette; country-style braised Swiss steak; sweet potato-roast garlic gratin; buttered beans and pearl onions; baked apple dumpling with gingered caramel sauce; and coffee or tea. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$27. Tickets for the play only, April 4-5 are \$15. Call 734-462-4596 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday or 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Tickets also are available at the campus bookstore.

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Contact: 248-473-1856

LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

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

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

Details: "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerardo Antunoz, Colin McGorey and Scott Moelch
Contact: 734-24-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday through March 29
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters" shows works by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor, Ellen Moucoult 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 Scheffman, Foundations 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.northvillearthouse.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 mosaic decorated box — inspired by the marble window screens and tile mosaics as seen in the exhibition *Duke's Shangri-La: Architectural Landscape and Islamic Art*, on view at the museum through May 4.



Zoe Stirett, and Natalie Parkinson, both of Canton, in Spotlight on Youth's *Snow White*

Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exhibit
Contact: 734-926-4128

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15

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

Details: Michigan Five: Choreographer Showcase will highlight outstanding and creative dance from University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Hope College. Tickets are \$27; \$22 for Jewish Community Center members
Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

FISHER THEATRE

Time/Date: 7-30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18-23

Location: 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

Details: Heartbeat of Home, is a new music and dance spectacular created by the producers and director of Riverdance; tickets are \$35-\$85
Contact: 800-982-2787; broadwayindetroit.com

MUSIC HALL

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

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: (313) to the (212) 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.musicall.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 14-15, 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth



Works by fiber artist Cynthia Bodene, including this piece, *What a Little Rain Can Do*, are on exhibit through March 14 at City Gallery in Farmington Hills.

Details: Saving Mr. Banks, admission \$3

Coming up: American Hustle, 7 p.m. Friday, March 21 and Thursday, March 27, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23; *The Nut Job*, 7 p.m. Friday, March 28 and Thursday, April 3, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30; *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD 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

Coming up: *Singin' in the Rain*, 8 p.m. March 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 29; *Ben Hur*, 8 p.m. April 11 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 12; \$5; Three Stages Film Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, April 25 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26; \$6 admission includes *Whoops, I'm an Indian*, *Grips*, *Grunts* and *Groans*, *Flat Foot Stooges*, *Cookoo Cavaliers*, *In the Sweet Pie and Pie* and *Squareheads of the Round Table*

Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSIC

AMC/GDR THEATERS

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

Location: AMC/Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, 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, Nev. Tickets \$14-\$15

Contact: www.FathomEvents.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



Christopher Mark Jones performs March 22 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

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: BFSpresident@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: Yale Strom & Hot Pstrom 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: \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: 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

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

Location: 223 S. Main, Ply-

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Details: Matthew Ball, "The Boogie Woogie Kid," plays a free family-friendly concert

Contact: 734-453-0750

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, March 19

Location: In the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on the main campus, on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: This music faculty concert features Gerardo Ascheri on piano, Paul Michaelson on trumpet, and Barton Polot on piano. Donations at the door help fund scholarships

Contact: 734-462-4403

SELIGMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23

Location: 22305 W. 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents piano on Peter Serkin and the Orion String Quartet on Saturday and Serkin in a solo concert Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$24 available at www.chambermusicdetroit.org

Contact: 248-855-6070

Check out telescopes, planetarium at upcoming show

The Ford Astronomy Club will hold its annual Astronomy Show and Swap Meet, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Holy Cross Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia.

Admission is \$. Children under 15 are free. Speakers will include:

• 10 a.m., "Beginning Astrophotography" by Clay Kessler, owner of Telescope Support Systems in Plymouth.

• 11:15 a.m., "Astronomy Potpourri" by North Vance from the University of Michigan Planetarium

• 12:30 p.m. "Starting off Right in Astronomy (and, how to buy that first telescope)" by Tom Trusock, a science teacher from Bad Axe.

• 2 p.m., "Time-Lapse Astrophotography" by Axel Mellinger, an associate professor of astronomy at Central Michigan University.

Don Kaser of the Michigan State Center for Western planetarium shows at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Vendors and hobbyists will sell a variety of astronomical equipment.

For more information, visit www.fordastronomyclub.com.

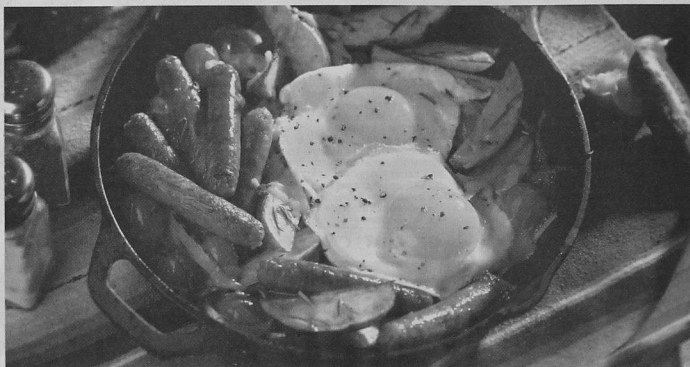
Bring family together with Breakfast

Gathering family and friends around the breakfast table is a great way to make new memories. These breakfast recipes are full of flavor and are easy to prepare, giving you more time to enjoy a delicious meal with your loved ones.

Breakfast Tortilla Cups can be made ahead and baked when you want. Corn bread with Spicy Sausage and Red Peppers is a colorful accompaniment complemented nicely with Sausage Breakfast Skillet with Sautéed Tomatoes & Basil. Mini Quiches are bite-sized delicacies prepared in advance and served at room temperature.

For more delicious reasons to eat breakfast, visit www.johnsonville.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



SAUSAGE BREAKFAST SKILLET WITH SAUTÉED TOMATOES & BASIL

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves: 2-4

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Original Recipe Breakfast Sausage, divided
- 2 medium red skinned potatoes, (about 1½ pounds) cut into very thin wedges
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, dried or fresh
- ½ pint grape tomatoes, (about a cup)
- ½ cup Gouda cheese, shredded
- 2 to 4 large eggs, fried, scrambled or poached
- ½ cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
- salt and pepper, to taste

In a bowl combine thin-sliced potato wedges, onion slices, rosemary and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Toss together. Use half the package of sausages (about 7 links). In a 10- to 12-inch skillet over medium heat, add potato mixture and cook for 5 minutes, turning the potatoes occasionally so that they start to brown on both sides. Add the sausages to the pan and continue cooking alongside the potatoes, another 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally to evenly brown the ingredients in the pan. Add the tomatoes, stir to combine and heat through allowing the tomatoes to brown slightly and burst, about 3 minutes. With a spatula carefully push ingredients to the sides of the pan leaving a space in the center to fry or scramble your eggs just the way you like them. Remove from heat and sprinkle your egg skillet with shredded Gouda cheese and fresh basil.

BREAKFAST TORTILLA CUPS

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 18 minutes
Serves: 12

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast Sausage Links
- 9 flour tortillas (6 inches), at room temperature (thicker, home-style tortillas work best)
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican blend cheese
- 6 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- ½ cup finely chopped cilantro
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- Salsa

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into small pieces and set aside. Coat muffin pan and both sides of tortillas with cooking spray. Cut tortillas into quarters. Arrange three tortilla pieces in each muffin cup, overlapping to fit. Press tortillas gently and firmly into muffin pan. Tortillas should stick up higher than muffin cup sides. Arrange half of the cheese in tortilla-lined muffin cups. Top with sausage and the remaining cheese. In a bowl, combine the eggs, milk, bell pepper, cilantro, salt and pepper. Carefully pour into cups. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until eggs are set. Serve with salsa.



CORNBREAD WITH SPICY SAUSAGE AND RED PEPPERS

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves: 8

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast Sausage Links
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup butter, melted
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Remove sausage links from casings. Use kitchen scissors to cut the casings. In a skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain and set aside. In a bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In another bowl combine the eggs, milk and butter; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the sausage, red bell pepper and cheese. Pour into a greased 8-inch-square baking pan. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve warm.



MINI QUICHES

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 16 minutes
Serves: 24

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Maple or Original Pork and Chicken Breakfast Sausage Links
- 40 whole wheat crackers, crushed (about 2 cups crumbs)
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 package (12 ounces) frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained and chopped
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 12 eggs or 3 cups liquid egg whites or egg substitute
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into ¼-inch pieces and set aside. In a bowl, combine cracker crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle into the bottom of 24 muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Divide sausage evenly among the muffin cups. Top with the broccoli, corn and cheese. Combine the eggs, salt and pepper; carefully pour into muffin cups. Bake for 16-20 minutes or until eggs are set. Let stand for 2 minutes before removing from pans.

Corned beef

Westland — St. Simon and Jude Parish will get into the holiday spirit with a St. Patrick's Day sandwich dinner, 5:30-7 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the church, 32500 Palmer. Reuben sandwiches will be \$7, corned beef sandwiches will be \$6. All meals come with chips, cole slaw, drink and dessert. A

kids' meal also will be available for \$4 and will include a grilled cheese, chips, dessert, and drink. For more information, contact Kathy Hansen at khansen8907@sbcglobal.net or 734-716-4436.

Fish dinners

Wayne — Friday Fish Fry isn't just for Catholic churches. The First United Methodist

Church of Wayne also offers a Lenten fish dinner, 4-7 p.m., Friday through April 11, at 3 Town Square, Wayne. Meal choices are baked or fried fish, with baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cole slaw and a roll. Kids' meals include nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable slaw and a roll. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for kids' meal. Home-

made pies also are available for \$1 a slice, 734-721-4801.

Tea time

Plymouth — TranquiliTea, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, will hold its third annual "Harney Tea Affair," noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Harney & Sons Fine Teas is a New York-based team company that sells approximately 300 different

teas. TranquiliTea will offer a variety of its teas — from herbal to green to black — for tasting. Patrons may sample the variety for free and anyone who buys something at the event, will get chance to sample Harney & Sons' "Paris" brand tea. A raffle also will be held for a selection of Harney's cinnamon spice tea. Call 734-459-9686 for more information.

CITY BITES

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 29

Location: Don Hubert WV Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$13 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual. Bethany is an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It provides peer support to all divorced and separated of all Christian faiths

Contact: 248-988-0454

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 17

Location: Congregation B'nai Mohe, 6600 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Violinist Kara Feyno Bahall and Pianist Noemi Maczelka 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 Mohe members and their guests

Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimohe.org/1245 p.m.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, March 29

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

Details: A full orchestra and the combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" and other Baroque masterpieces. The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Free admission. **Contact:** 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, March 14

Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland

Details: *Rose in December* is a film about Jean Donovan, a lay missionary who, along with three American nuns, was murdered in December 1980 in El Salvador. The film chronicles her life from her affluent childhood in Connecticut to her decision to become a volunteer with the Maryknolls in El Salvador, to her tragic death. The film follows the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Coming up: *The Faces of Poverty* on March 21

Contact: 734-722-1343

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, for five weeks; began March 12

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

GRIEF SUPPORT

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

Location: Faith Community Church, 18500 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week, non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-662-7491

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, through April 9

Location: La Kolb Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory" (John 14:17-19)

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Worship followed by a light lunch

Contact: 734-522-6830

LENTEN SOUP DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., soup dinner; 7:15 p.m., video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, March 18, 25, April 1 and April 8

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" will be coled by Pastor Bob Hoey and Ann Kappel

Contact: 734-425-2800

LENTEN VESPERS

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

Location: St. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church, 750 N. Beech Day, Dearborn Heights
Details: The Very Rev. Norman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Kuskotim Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this second of five Lenten services. The homilist will be the Rev. John Weibing, pastor of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia

Coming up: The third vespers service will be held on Sunday, March 23 at St. Mary the Proteress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield

Contact: 734-422-0278; pascha-books@global.net

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services

Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Veno, north of Warren Road, Westland

Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word," began March 2

Contact: 734-425-0260

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, through April 10

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and lust may affect a

person's life and relationships with God and others. Includes suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniamichael.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m., Sunday, March 23

Location: St. Genevieve, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Meet the principal and teachers, tour the classrooms, learn about clubs and extracurricular activities, and hear first-hand from parents and students about the school. School offers 3- and 4-year-old preschool, young 5s and grades K-8

Contact: 734-425-4402

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

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

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Meditative readings, music and art

Contact: 734-464-1222

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, March 29

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Guest speaker, Carolyn Bira of Holy Cross-Fushing, will present "Identity Check: Remind Me Who I Am?" Dexter High School Chantier Quintet is the musical entertainment. Cost is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Registration forms are available online at www.christioursavior.org or call the church

Contact: 734-522-6830

APRIL

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Time/Date: Register at 12:45 p.m., Saturday, April 12

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Family Easter celebration includes an egg hunt, games and crafts for children, 10 and under, along with the Easter story. Bring a basket to collect eggs

Contact: Melissa at 734-466-8694

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study

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

Location: Kirby's Cove Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-664-9491

Our Lady of Loretto

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Day, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

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

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

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

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

held

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m., every Thursday

Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawneese, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergarten

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 248-638-2463

Dunlap Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms build friendship, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristin at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying freely and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m., Monday-Friday

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed

Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m., Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated

Occasionally: Includes guest speakers, open to the public and visitors are welcome

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lefdwdo.org

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

St. Mary's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others

Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: 248-374-5920

SING CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew

Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

Apostolic Christian Church

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REALTORS GLAD TO SHAKE HANDS, GET LEADS AT CANTON EXPO

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Canton Home Improvement Expo gave local Realtors a chance to meet and greet March 1-2 at the Summit.

Reaching out to customers, as well as the bankers who attended, was Keller Williams Realty's John Gitre, a Canton resident who sells in the Novi-Northville area. He's been in the business 10 years.

"Great," Gitre said of business. "Sales are up, home prices are up. You can't really ask for a better market at this time."

Interest rates remain relatively low, Gitre added. He's lived in Michigan his entire life and was able to ride out the recession.

"Our economy is cyclical," he said. "People pulled back." They were worried about further job cuts and weren't spending.

In 2011, he saw the Michigan economy and housing market start a rebound. "They felt more secure. That major weight's been lifted off their shoulders," said Gitre, who's online at www.johngitre.com.

His buyers rarely chose fixer-uppers. Gitre agreed school systems are key, but "it's important to our clients," he said. "We work with them, and where family and friends live."

"You have to approach every buyer differently," he said. It was his first year at the Home Improvement Expo, under sponsorship of Canton Township, the Canton Cham-



Realtors, bankers and many other home pros were present at the annual Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit March 1-2.

ber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"I plan on being back here next year," he said, adding, "One thing I like about real estate, you're always learning. I find it an interesting industry to be in."

He's glad there are fewer short sales and foreclosed homes now, and noted even those tend to be in solid shape. "A smart seller will fix up their house, do the minor things," Gitre added.

Realtor Marie LaGrowth with Remerica HomeTown in Plymouth Township, and a Canton resident, she and husband Denny, a Realtor with

who she works, also had a table at the expo.

Marie LaGrowth has 17 years in the field. "Things were tough and go for everybody, but they are starting to come back," she said. She agreed 2011 was when the market began to improve.

"It's very good for all of us," she said, adding home values are coming up some. "So now's the time to buy, especially if you're moving up."

The LaGrowths sell throughout Wayne, Livingston, Oakland and Washtenaw counties and even have a Boston, Mass., customer on an estate sale. "It makes it so much easier," Marie LaGrowth said of technology

enabling them to expand services. "We're flexible now."

The baby boomers want to downsize," she said of current customers, also with young families seeking bigger quarters. "There's a lot of demand," she said, and good deals.

"Hard work" got them through the recession. "But we did it. It's on the way up," she said. She has a variety of customers at Remerica HomeTown and hears from them on the couple's website, www.LaGrowth.com.

"It all depends on what their needs are," she said.

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Senior status documents vary

Q. We are on the board of a senior community under the exceptions to the Fair Housing Act, and we asked our members to complete an age verification form and provide a copy of a driver's license. In the past, we have filled out an affidavit of compliance which asked for a signature under penalty of law. I thought the fulfilled our requirements to maintain our senior status. What do you think?

A. An affidavit satisfies the requirement, but so does a driver's license. By their nature, senior communities engage in permissible discrimination. Such discrimination is allowed by the federal government under the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 which is overseen by HUD. To meet the age verification requirement, all the documents are deemed reliable by HUD; birth certificate; driver's license; passports; immigration card; military ID; and any other local, state, federal or international documentation so long as the document contains information regarding the age of the individual.

Q. Our condominium association decided on a plan to renovate the whole complex except for one building. It levied an additional assessment against all unit owners of all the buildings except the one building where no work was going to be done. Two years later, the unit owners in that building requested renovations and after receiving bids, the Association assessed each building unit owner in that building over and above the amount that had been assessed against the other co-owners in the earlier building. So in our building have paid only the amount that the others in the other buildings paid. The question is do we have an obligation to pay more than what the other buildings were additionally assessed? What do you think?

A. Obviously, the answer to your question is somewhat intensive and you must look at the documents to determine the ability of the board to assess and in what manner. However, in a similar situation out in North Carolina, the Supreme Court there agreed with the trial court that the assessment was invalid because the Condominium Act, the Declaration (Master Deed) and Bylaws all require that assessments be levied pro-rata, based on the percentage of the unit owners' respective undivided interest in the common areas. They pointed out that in that case there were two separate assessments years apart and the latter assessment levied against only unit owners in the latter building. The court ruled the governing documents to require that each assessment must be levied pro-rata uniformly upon each co-owner.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," 2nd edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.26 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-444-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 21-25, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS		
17621 Birchwood Ave	\$255,000	
19369 Kinross Ave	\$294,000	
15701 Kirkshire Ave	\$175,000	
22200 Orchard Way	\$270,000	
35255 Plumwood St	\$380,000	
32050 Sheridan Dr	\$245,000	
30300 Woodhaven Ln	\$419,000	
BIRMINGHAM		
30725 Ivy Glen Ct	\$320,000	
CANTON		
1917 Cole St	\$189,000	
19170 Cole St	\$252,000	
390 N Eton St	\$92,000	
315 N Eton St # A	\$92,000	
909 Pierce St	\$735,000	
685 Southfield Rd	\$530,000	
240 W Lincoln St	\$212,000	
1685 W Lincoln St	\$220,000	
CLIFTON HILLS		
2076 Devonshire Rd	\$185,000	
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4061 Hidden Woods Dr	\$275,000	
7456 Lindenmeier Dr	\$505,000	
651 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$1,150,000	
4355 Ridson Ct	\$195,000	
4446 Tanbark St	\$500,000	
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP		
6631 Castle Dr	\$200,000	
2043 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000	

320 Hillbrook Dr	\$359,000	
3890 Lincoln Rd	\$1,300,000	
18001 Oak Lake Shore Dr	\$405,000	
1250 Marymar Ln	\$425,000	
557 Newburne Pointe	\$460,000	
2434 Parcels Cir	\$114,000	
13385 Carillon Ct	\$1,148,000	
310 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$195,000	
1834 Spring Grove Rd	\$252,000	
204 Woodedge Dr	\$265,000	
5175 Woodlands Dr	\$280,000	
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP		
1771 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000	
5456 Bridge Trl E	\$364,000	
3535 Car Dr	\$340,000	
215 E Wise Rd	\$110,000	
2813 Greenlawn Ave	\$275,000	
8493 Hummingbird	\$310,000	
5675 Lancaster Ln	\$315,000	
2650 Old Sherwood Dr	\$270,000	
234 Palmetto	\$190,000	
9557 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000	
6180 Turnberry Dr	\$235,000	
FARMINGTON		
35624 Briar Ridge Ln	\$193,000	
24041 Farmington Rd	\$240,000	
23620 Woodhewn Ct	\$300,000	
FARMINGTON HILLS		
26350 Ardmore Dr	\$390,000	
28484 Bayberry Rd	\$175,000	
5145 Belmont St	\$145,000	
35305 Blue Spruce Dr	\$214,000	
29638 Briarton Dr	\$155,000	
36837 Chesapeake Rd	\$205,000	
32241 Farnsworth Rd	\$160,000	
25977 Kileigh Dr	\$183,000	
30169 Kingsway Dr	\$268,000	

35133 Meadow Ln	\$145,000	
29701 Minglewood Ln	\$200,000	
32368 Oak Hollow St	\$250,000	
2148 Raleigh Rd	\$223,000	
29286 Stillwater	\$304,000	
30578 W 10 Mile Rd	\$123,000	
28926 Wellington St	\$375,000	
FRANKLIN		
25620 Meadowdale St	\$603,000	
30135 Woodside Dr	\$379,000	
LATHRUP VILLAGE		
597 Rainbow Dr	\$165,000	
28280 Woodworth Way	\$150,000	
MILFORD		
999 Byron Dr	\$147,000	
637 Dorchester Way	\$260,000	
3110 E Maple Rd	\$265,000	
637 Greenwood Ln	\$385,000	
1471 Lane Tree Rd	\$209,000	
290 Napa Valley Dr	\$293,000	
505 S Main St	\$237,000	
1290 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$255,000	
NORTHVILLE		
20912 E Glen Haven Cir	\$85,000	
42171 Gladwin St	\$132,000	
51120 Park Place Dr	\$579,000	
42159 Pelletier Dr	\$293,000	
42152 Roscomon St	\$95,000	
NOVI		
31688 Ardmore Ct	\$105,000	
24766 Bashian Dr	\$115,000	
22682 Bertram Dr	\$413,000	
28318 Carlton Way Dr	\$168,000	
28398 Clymer Dr	\$87,000	
50413 Drake Bay Dr	\$672,000	
24316 Jamestown Rd	\$205,000	

24764 Jamestown Rd	\$300,000	
27022 Ladbrooke St	\$258,000	
27022 Ladbrooke St	\$274,000	
44533 Louvet Ct	\$240,000	
45651 Marlborough Pl	\$424,000	
22744 Meadowbrook Rd	\$102,000	
41617 Mitchell Rd	\$248,000	
24602 Olive Orchard St	\$245,000	
2440 Shawood St	\$221,000	
23931 Copperview Dr W	\$318,000	
60 E Ridge St	\$65,000	
SOUTH LYON		
57479 11 Mile Rd	\$431,000	
59272 Carnegie Ln	\$302,000	
23531 Copperview Dr W	\$302,000	
60 E Ridge St	\$175,000	
61194 Greenwood Dr	\$73,000	
253 Harvard Ave	\$131,000	
23472 Springhill Ln E	\$368,000	
23335 Sawgrass Ct S	\$397,000	
58709 Swing Beam Ct	\$360,000	
SOUTHFIELD		
507 Fifth St	\$135,000	
27301 Berkshire Dr	\$127,000	
21771 Frazer Ave	\$20,000	
18115 Magnolia Ave	\$100,000	
28555 River Creek Dr	\$190,000	
27140 Selkirk St	\$141,000	
17359 Silver Maple St	\$135,000	
21468 Stahltn Rd	\$174,000	
WHITE LAKE		
524 Union Lake Rd	\$46,000	
24 Wildrose Dr	\$255,000	

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CANTON		
40581 Blythefield Ln	\$129,000	
50584 Birch St	\$260,000	
338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$163,000	
44941 Coachman Ct	\$149,000	
4149 Cornerstone Dr	\$124,000	
434 Country Club Ln	\$346,000	
45491 Glenmary Blvd	\$335,000	
4148 Hunters Cir W	\$81,000	
2141 N Arbor Way	\$93,000	
45425 Plum Hollow	\$260,000	
75223 N	\$203,000	
42427 Saltz Rd	\$170,000	
48491 Sherstone Dr	\$248,000	
4052 Shenwood Cir	\$215,000	
738 Sorel Dr	\$223,000	
46871 Torrey Hill Ct	\$269,000	
1768 Torrey Hill Ct	\$452,000	
47167 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$238,000	
43539 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$79,000	
GARDEN CITY		

31028 Balmoral St	\$80,000	
32319 Balmoral St	\$108,000	
5850 Deering St	\$20,000	
LIVONIA		
36261 Club Dr	\$37,000	
18900 Cromwell St	\$204,000	
17403 Country Club Ct	\$220,000	
36039 Curtis Rd	\$330,000	
11019 Fairfield St	\$151,000	
11011 Flamingo St	\$140,000	
30001 Hathaway St	\$120,000	
31693 Hillbrook St	\$209,000	
9112 Hix Rd	\$145,000	
9112 Hix Rd	\$145,000	
9627 Ingram St	\$165,000	
19225 Meadowridge Dr	\$127,000	
16523 Middlebelt Rd	\$48,000	
10031 Mulberry St	\$140,000	
31066 Montclair St	\$127,000	
18512 Norwich Rd	\$127,000	
29643 Nottingham Cir	\$91,000	
11240 Osborn St	\$113,000	
33869 Pondview Cir	\$69,000	
19980 Rensselaer St	\$22,000	
29104 Saint Martins St	\$177,000	
10511 Seltzer St	\$132,000	
32345 Sumner St	\$146,000	
35843 W Chicago St	\$140,000	

16629 Westbrook St	\$265,000	
20335 Whittby Dr	\$255,000	
NORTHVILLE		
44594 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$370,000	
44921 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$385,000	
16370 Brookwood Ct	\$286,000	
39491 Champion Ct	\$223,000	
619 East St	\$700,000	
17281 Lake View Cir	\$410,000	
15885 Morningdale St	\$155,000	
9605 Neptune Ct	\$127,000	
18020 W Northville Trl	\$393,000	
41334 Windsor Ct	\$131,000	
LYNDHURST		
304 Blanche St	\$199,000	
42260 Clemons Dr	\$243,000	
42595 Five Mile Rd	\$165,000	
500 Ford Dr	\$59,000	
88691 Marlowe Ave	\$129,000	
48071 Newport Dr	\$83,000	
48660 Timbert Crest Ct	\$375,000	
9669 Wintercrest Cir	\$333,000	
REDFORD		
26326 Barbara	\$36,000	
20452 Beech Daly Rd	\$36,000	
9241 Brady Ct	\$132,000	
16887 Centralia	\$75,000	
17666 Centralia	\$76,000	

18846 Delaware Ave	\$63,000	
19573 Dixie	\$65,000	
15473 Dixie	\$28,000	
14236 Marshall Dr	\$184,000	
14330 San Jose	\$89,000	
1971 Seminole	\$60,000	
26611 Summit	\$50,000	
17454 Sumner	\$70,000	
24543 W Chicago	\$29,000	
15325 Woodbine	\$51,000	
WAYNE		
5036 Gloria St	\$25,000	
WESTLAND		
7527 Adams St	\$100,000	
7660 August Ave	\$100,000	
32505 Avalonide St	\$106,000	
33405 Brandon Ct	\$20,000	
33405 Brandon Ct	\$22,000	
38605 Canyon Dr	\$116,000	
2116 Ellsworth Dr	\$18,000	
44118 Florence St	\$114,000	
30305 Ledgeridge Pl	\$135,000	
8218 N Grace St	\$160,000	
37108 Norene St	\$115,000	
36277 Steinhauer St	\$75,000	
1538 Surrey Hts	\$85,000	
7886 Terry Dr	\$100,000	
7610 Woodview St	\$37,000	

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie Deady, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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- 7 Vitality
- 11 Hound's trail
- 13 40-cup brewer
- 14 Bulling bull
- 15 Translucent mineral
- 16 Attractive
- 18 Let know
- 20 Camel halves
- 21 Dangerous curve
- 22 Outlook
- 23 Clink glasses
- 26 Single (2 wds.)
- 30 EAP personnel
- 31 Carry wisely
- 32 Sci-Hi lander
- 33 Dugout seats
- 36 Bohemian
- 38 — tai (rum drink)
- 39 Historian's word
- 40 Full pot
- 43 Satisfy

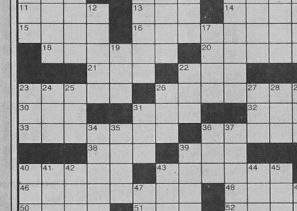
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- 48 Surrealist painter
- 50 On the horizon
- 51 Grand
- Opry
- 52 Do the butterfly
- 53 Secluded
- 54 Geol. formation
- 55 Siesta
- 1 Mr. DeLuise
- 2 Vanhalla host
- 3 First name in perfume
- 4 Sleeve ends
- 5 Deuterium discoverer
- 6 Cable channel
- 7 Flammable gas
- 8 Hi's wife
- 9 "Juden"
- 10 Tompkins
- 11 Egg drummer
- 12 Loan figures
- 17 Pigeon talk
- 19 Adherent
- 22 Great as a dog does
- 23 Play about Capote
- 24 Add— (extras)
- 25 Embers, finally
- 26 Future flower
- 27 Rough sheller
- 28 No— and/or butts
- 29 Fiddle idly
- 31 Wahine's welcome
- 34 Darb Vader's side
- 35 Moonbeams
- 36 Sharpen a cheddar
- 37 Lines on a map
- 39 Priscilla's suitor
- 40 Fanatic's feeling
- 41 News, briefly
- 42 Course of action
- 43 Attack with snowballs
- 44 Like lumber
- 45 Charles Lamb
- 47 Gobbler
- 49 Mischievous child

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