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## Canton retains top police accreditation

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer



Mutchler

After passing a stringent on-site analysis by an outside team, the Canton Police Department has retained its status with an international agency, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Canton remains the largest municipal police department in Michigan – and one of only eight law-enforcement agencies across the state – accredited by CALEA, an agency dedicated to strengthening crime prevention and boosting community confidence in local

police work. Canton retained its status in a decision this month by CALEA after the township police department satisfied more than 450 standards during an on-site visit last November by a CALEA team. Canton was first accredited in 2007.

"I'm very proud of how the department has made CALEA a solid part of our culture over the past six years," Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said. "It was rewarding to hear that members of the

on-site assessment team were impressed with how deeply embedded CALEA has become within the Canton Police Department."

Mutchler has commended Canton police Lt. Patrick Sullivan, the local department's CALEA accreditation manager, for his role in helping Canton achieve its third consecutive accreditation. Mutchler said Sullivan worked "diligently" on the project.

Mutchler appeared before a CALEA panel last week in Garden Grove, Calif., to receive the gold standard honor, considered the latest in public safety. Local officials say CALEA

accreditation brings numerous benefits to the community, such as potential control of liability costs, a stronger defense against litigation and an independent vote of confidence by outside experts that the local department is running at top efficiency.

The latest accreditation is for three years.

"It makes me proud," Mutchler said. "Whenever we can get that kind of endorsement, it feels good."

CALEA, based in Virginia, performed its analysis in Canton last November by sending Gary Lafone, a retired Conover, N.C., police chief and CA-

LEA analyst, and Phil Patrone, a retired Roanoke, Va., police captain.

"This has been a top-notch agency – one of the best we've dealt with," Lafone told the Observer in November.

According to CALEA, Canton is among accredited Michigan agencies that also include Huntington Woods, Norton Shores, Port Huron, Portage, Wyoming, the University of Michigan and the Wayne County Airport Authority's law-enforcement division.

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## PEER PROGRESS

P-CEP program expands special-education mainstreaming

By Matt Jachman  
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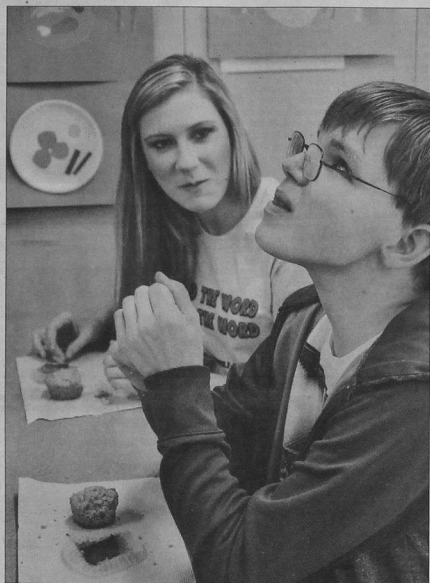
Students who may have been shunted aside a generation ago are joining their high school peers in Plymouth-Canton Education Park classrooms with the goal, for both groups, of preparing for independent futures.

P-CEP's Human Services Exploration courses – a foods class at Plymouth High School and an art class at Salem High School – bring students in general education together with students with cognitive impairments or autism (or both) or other disabilities. Working in pairs, they cook and bake, explore artistic creativity, have conversations, polish social skills and deepen understandings that will serve them later in life.

The classes further the concept of special-education mainstreaming. "Special education is more out in the open," said Lisa Benages, the foods teacher at PHS. "Now there's an awareness."

The courses are a way to get general-education students acquainted with the human-services field and the work involved with careers in, for example, special education, therapy or social work.

Sixty to 70 general-education students apply to the program each year; Benages said the program looks for those who work hard and demonstrate



Blake Bockmann and Elizabeth Guglielmi sample lactose-free carrot muffins, baked in class by Blake, as they talk about movies, birthdays, favorite foods and more during a Human Services Exploration class. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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## Crowd jams meeting to support fired coach

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Passionate players speak up, B1.

A decision to replace popular Salem High School girls soccer coach Scott Duhl was met with a loud and resounding objection Tuesday from more than 100 players and parents at the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting.

But supporters who spoke passionately about reversing the decision aren't going to get what they want, despite filling the board meeting room to well past capacity.

Duhl, who also coaches the

boys team in the fall, was removed from the girls assignment last week by officials at Coach Easy, the third-party contractor the district uses to fill non-faculty coaching positions. The decision does not affect his status with the boys program, according to a statement released by the district.

"Parent and student concerns have been heard and we also care deeply about the P-CCS interscholastic athletic

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Former Salem player Emma Tardiff was among the many supporters of ousted girls soccer coach Scott Duhl. JOHN KEMSKO/EXPRESS PHOTO

## Verizon store gunman ordered to prison

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

An Inkster man who fired a semiautomatic assault rifle as he and two accomplices robbed a Canton Verizon store has been sentenced to 15-27 years in prison, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said Monday.



Porter

Antonio Jerome Porter, 19, learned his fate as he was sentenced by Judge Timothy Kenny for a brazen robbery that occurred in February 2013, when he shot open a sliding glass door an employee had rushed to lock when he saw the three men approaching.

Canton Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said Porter's sentence should serve as a warning to others who might contemplate such a crime, which occurred in broad daylight at a Verizon store on bustling Ford Road east of Sheldon.

"I very much appreciate the judge's sentence and the ruling on this case," Mutchler said, "and I agree it sends a strong message that this type of crime will not be tolerated in our community."

Porter's sentencing came after he pleaded guilty to charges of armed robbery, discharging a firearm into a building, felony firearm and breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime. Kenny also slapped Porter with fines and court costs totaling \$19,326.

Porter received credit for 389 days he spent in jail awaiting the outcome of his case.

Two 19-year-old accomplices, Eric James-Lee Wilkins of Inkster and Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson of

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## COACH

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programs," Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, said in the statement. "We, too, are disappointed in a tough but necessary decision."

District officials wouldn't comment on the reason behind Duhl's removal, but several speakers Tuesday said it was allegedly done after Duhl used an inappropriate word, slang for a male body part, in a meeting with his female players.

Duhl wouldn't comment after the meeting. But plenty of players were doing the talking for him.

"As a female athlete, I appreciate the fact (Duhl) doesn't treat us like 'girls,'" he treats us like athletes," Salem player Hayley Rogers said. "He is not of poor character. He's honest and he has great integrity."

Meissen said in his statement it's not up to the administration to reverse the decision. The assignment of coaches is delegated to leadership at the building level with oversight by the building principal. Out-of-district coaches are employed by a third-party contractor, which is responsible for all final employment decisions related to their assignment.

Therefore, the superintendent would only become involved in this

matter if the district believed there was a violation on behalf of the third-party contractor, which employs coaches. In this case, the process was managed appropriately at the building level, the third-party employer was contacted and the district will work with the third-party employer if there are any additional questions it has regarding what took place, Meissen wrote.

"Please know that students, staff and individuals assembles to perform services in the district are held to a high standard of conduct and performance," Meissen said, "and though we all regret the circumstances surrounding this emotional issue, the

superintendent and Board of Education are not involved in this personnel decision." George Kithas, who currently coaches boys teams at Churchill High School in Livonia, has been named Salem's girls coach for the 2014 season. In this statement, Meissen said the district will post the position before next season and Duhl will be allowed to apply for it then.

"We hope to re-focus our energy and attention on supporting our students' education as we move past this tough time for all," Meissen said. "(Kithas) was highly recommended and is enthusiastic about this opportunity."

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Westland, face sentencing in May after they pleaded guilty to the same charges.

The teens have been jailed with bonds totaling more than \$1 million since they shot their way into the then-new Verizon store, leaving customers and employees terrified and fearing for their lives during the late-morning incident. Canton police have said Porter fired an AR-15 to blast open the door.

Customer Gerry Souby, a 72-year-old former Navy man and five-time heart bypass patient who has since died, had described the

horror to the *Observer* after the incident occurred, saying he ducked to the floor and shielded a woman who was with him.

The intruders didn't fire any shots at employees or customers during the robbery, but Souby had said he and others felt "helpless" and believed they were going to be killed. He secretly called 9-1-1 during the incident.

The teens fled in a car to a nearby residential neighborhood, where they then ran on foot and hid in a storm cellar until Canton police located and captured them without incident.

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## P-CEP students push a new 'r-word' — respect

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Human Services Exploration students netted about \$1,200 for Special Olympics last week as they kicked off their "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign at the three Plymouth-Canton Education Park high schools. The students — students in general education and special education working together in the same classrooms — sold baked goods, T-shirts, lanyards, bracelets and other items in the cafeterias during lunchtime at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools to raise the money and to raise awareness of the hard words can cause.

The words in this case are "retarded" or "retard," sometimes used by teens to insult each other — jokingly or not — but hurtful to other students with cognitive or other impairments that can make school life difficult.

Lisa Benages, who teaches an HSE food preparation class, said those words, used unthinkingly, can be as hurtful as some racial slurs.

The HSE students' Spread the Word to End the Word campaign, part of a national movement, had students signing banners pleading not to use the "r-word" because of the harm it can do. The items they were selling in the school cafeterias, alongside baked goods they had created themselves in an HSE class,

carried similar messages, including buttons urging respect for everyone.

During a visit to an HSE class last week, students cheered when Benages announced the sale's take-home day. Plymouth High School: \$902.73. It was the break-even point for the project, she said.

"Everything we make tomorrow is profit," Benages told the class. "It will all go to Special Olympics." On Wednesday, Benages said that donations were still coming in, but that the effort should reach \$1,200 after expenses. That's well over the approximately \$800 HSE students raised for Special Olympics last year.

Teacher Kathy Kava, one of the founders of the HSE program, said HSE and Spread the Word to End the Word have added benefits in getting general-education students accustomed to interacting with students in special programs.

"Now they realize they're more like their peers," Kava said.

Teacher Lauren Delapaz, new to HSE this year, said she was motivated to join by helping out in an HSE classroom last year during what was her planning hour. It was more rewarding, she said, to work in the classroom and take bring her planning work home for later.

"What it does for the students, both the special-education students and the general-education students — it's remarkable," she said.

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compassion and leadership skills. Often, she said, they're motivated "because someone in their family or their church has special needs."

"It gives them that ability in high school to find their career path," said Benages, a family and consumer sciences teacher with a master's degree in special education. General-education students who show dedication can continue the HSE program after their first semester in an advanced leadership role, observing in the room, assisting teachers and helping draw up lesson plans.

For the special-education students, the courses teach skills, such as cooking and good kitchen habits, that will be important for living on their own, plus help them build social confidence and positive relationships with people in the broader society.

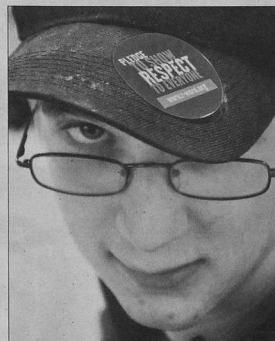
"I just find it so heartwarming to see these relationships build and these opportunities given to the kids that they didn't have before," Benages said.

"I love it. It's my favorite class," said Elizabeth Guglielmi, a senior who is planning to study special education in college.

## Topics of conversation

Benages pushed the small tables in her classroom kitchen together for an HSE foods class on a recent afternoon.

"Sitting like this is more like a regular table," she told students as they settled in for class. The purpose, she said, was to foster conversa-



Michael Andrew wears an important message on the brim of his cap. Bill Bresler (staff photographer)

ation around the tables as students enjoyed muffins they had baked earlier in the week.

"What sort of things can you talk about and ask people?" Benages said.

There was no shortage of topics. In small groups, the students talked about movies, hanging out with friends, favorite foods, favorite (and least favorite) classes and more.

Blake Bockmann said mathematics is his favorite class.

"I like like the money," he said, explaining that the class uses discussions about money to teach math.

"I hate math," Hannah Mitchell said. Her favorite class, she had said earlier, is the HSE class.

Blake thought for a moment when asked his favorite movie, then settled on *Men in Black*. Across the table, Cather-

ine Thornburg said she liked to watch anything with Reba McEntire.

At a nearby table, sports, birthdays and visits to Cedar Point were among the topics.

"I go out to dinner," Josh Patrick said when asked how he celebrates his birthday. Red Robin is where he likes to go, he said. "They sing for me."

In the same group, Julia Majorana offered that soccer is her favorite sport — she plays at home — and pizza her favorite food. "I make it at my house," she said.

One girl became agitated early in the class, pointing to a visual scale to show the intensity of her feelings as an aide tried to calm her. Benages said she was probably reacting to the change in routine — having the tables pushed together for conversation. The girl was led into the hallway for a time, but by the end

of the period was calm and participating.

## Real-world experience

Senior Nichole Masserant, working with Josh on this day, said she planned to study physical therapy at Oakland University and that HSE is introducing her to people with conditions she might see in that profession. Even a general-education HSE student works with five different special-education students over the course of a semester.

It can be challenging, Nichole said, recalling a student with whom she had difficulty communicating — realizing how to communicate with him as time went on.

Natalie Koivula, who was paired with Julia, said she likes interacting with the special-education students and noted they recognize they're building skills, like cooking, that they'll need for greater independence.

"Sometimes they need a little guidance," Natalie said. "But they can pretty much do it on their own."

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## Middle school bids come in under projected budget

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

It's going to cost less money to build a new middle school in Canton than Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials originally thought.

After opening 186 bids for 40 divisions of work on the new school, representatives from construction manager McCarthy & Smith totaled construction costs that come to some \$29.2 million, more than \$3 million less than the

\$32.5 million administration officials expected.

"We're quite thrilled with the bidding," McCarthy & Smith's Bill McCarthy said. "It was a strong turnout."

The district is building a 134,500-square-foot structure on Cherry Hill at Canton Center. The school, which is expected to house 800 students, will replace Central Middle School. It's being built out of proceeds from the district's bond approved by voters in May.

Construction is ex-

pected to begin next month.

The cost could rise a little, though it's likely to still come in under the original budget, McCarthy said. The board considers some alternate choices for the project.

The most notable of those alternatives include an auxiliary gym (with a cost of \$575,000), a new running track (\$203,560) and tennis courts (\$37,097).

The auxiliary gym would most likely be built at the new middle

school; it could be built at one of the other schools, but it would be more expensive. The track could be built at any of the district's existing middle schools under the addition/improvement plan approved as part of the bond.

Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and finance, said the track is necessary because the district's only middle school track will likely go away when Central Middle School closes.

"No matter where it's built, we do need a track to support our middle school programs and to replace a track that is likely to be lost at Central Middle School," he said.

Killian said the auxiliary gym could be used not only for athletic programs, but also for other clubs, activities and even storage. He said building it "provides us with a positive impact as well as other athletic-related programs."

"We recognize it's a significant investment, (but) it's backed by some strong teaching and learning aspects," Killian

said.

But Trustee Mark Horvath said he couldn't support the gym, in large measure because it's part of the original construction plan announced to the public.

"I said from the beginning I wanted to stay on time, under budget and for what we promised the community," Horvath said. "I'm not going to be able to support going over the budget by postponing voting on the gym and most of the other alternatives, likely until at least its May meeting."

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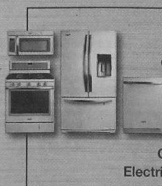
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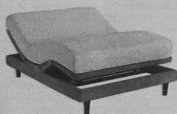
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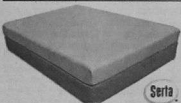


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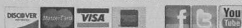
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# A conversation with ...

## ... Plymouth's movie maven

By Matt Joachim  
Staff Writer

Ellen Elliott is the executive director of the Friends of the Penn, the nonprofit that runs Plymouth's Penn Theatre, and has completed many major restorations and upgrades there, including new seating, an interior redecoration, new front doors and a marquee that was restored to its original appearance.

Elliott, the Friends of the Penn's first property owners took over the moribund Penn in late 2006 and turned the \$3-a-ticket movie house into a community gathering spot and one of the talk downtown attractions. The Penn has regular showings of second-run Hollywood movies, hosts concerts and special events and has seasonal-themed film festivals, such as for Halloween and Christmas. The pop-over is pretty good, too. The Penn marked its 70th birthday in 2011.

The dynamic Elliott started her professional career with a degree in chemistry and did graduate work in information systems. "I'm in a much different place than I ever imagined I could be when I started in college," she said.

Her husband Joe, a mechanical engineer, volunteers to take care of building issues at the Penn, sometimes putting in 10-hour days when a major project is going on. Movie going has been a staple of their courtship. "I got engaged and the next night went to the movies," Elliott said.

The Observer sat down — or, rather, stood at the Penn's candy counter — with Elliott one afternoon last week to



When Ellen Elliott was in high school, she and her then-boyfriend (now husband) Joe sat on the right side of the Penn Theatre. She still loves popcorn, even though she never has time to watch the movies at her workplace. **BUS BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

talk about her theater career.

**Observer:** So how did you get your husband involved at the Penn?

**Elliott:** "We did it together. I didn't have to rope him into anything."

**What is your favorite movie that you've seen at the Penn?**

**Well, what kinds of movies do you like?** "I like movies where people overcome some great obstacle."

**What's the oddest thing that's happened in the time the Penn's been open?**

"We've found some strange things in the bathroom. We've found some strange things in the auditorium. ... We always enjoy people watching during the festivals."

**You've sort of become the unofficial spokeswoman for downtown Plymouth, speaking up on issues of concern to downtown merchants.**

"I'm an advocate for downtown. ... You have to choose your battles, as you do with your chil-

dren."

**How do you go about picking the movies to show here?** "Sometimes I'm choosing the best of the worst."

**What movie that's been shown here has gotten the biggest audience reaction, positive or negative?**

"Frozen. ... The one that was surprising to me was a movie we just showed called *About Time*."

**How do you like dealing with the movie studios and distributors to get more movies here?**

"Dealing with the movie studios is like dealing with the public in general. ... It's an interesting dynamic."

**What keeps you motivated here?**

"Every week there's something different."

**Know anyone in the Plymouth who'd make a good candidate for "A conversation with ...?"** Email suggestions to [mjachman@hometownlife.com](mailto:mjachman@hometownlife.com).

# March out of winter this weekend

Bust out of the wintertime blues with The Salvation Army South-east Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center family thrift stores, as they celebrate the change of seasons during an exclusive 50 percent off clothing sale. All 34 metro Detroit thrift stores will keep their doors open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, for the "March out of Winter" sale.

As the seasons begin to change, families will need to stock up on spring and summer clothing," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center. "We hope the 'March out of Winter' sale will help alleviate the added costs of purchasing seasonal clothing and, by shopping at The Salvation Army,

you're not only helping your pocket book — you're helping change lives."

All proceeds from the 34 metro Detroit thrift stores benefit The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Centers, independently funded, 180-day residential rehabilitation program for adults.

In addition to 50-percent savings on clothing, shoppers can pick up great deals on shoes, accessories, home goods, furniture and more during bonus sales announced throughout the day. Local thrift stores are at:

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» 28982 Ford Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City, 734-261-7175  
» 33600 Plymouth Road, near Farmington

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## Lions getting ready for White Cane Week

The Canton Lions Club will be raising funds needed throughout the communities of Belleville and Canton when the sponsor its annual White Cane Week, April 25 through May 3. Club members will be working at the L. George's Coney Island on Michigan Avenue and Holiday Market at Lilley and Cherry Hill.

They also can be found in the streets of Belleville during White Cane Week, a fundraising drive that benefits the blind and hearing-impaired.

The Lions are assisting people in both communities during this trying economic time. The Lions purchase many pairs of eyeglasses.

Kids whose parent cannot afford to buy them. They also sponsor a scholarship program which allows for the

sight-impaired to attend college.

These programs, along with Penickton Center for Blind and Handicapped Children, Michigan Eye Bank, Leader Dog School for the Blind or Seelings, which writes Braille books, are just a few that the club contributes to.

According to Lion Larry Wegrzyn, president of the Canton Lions Club, "it takes many fundraising events for the Lions Club to assist those in need." The club holds fundraisers such as a euchre tournament, pancake breakfast at the Canton Liberty Fest and the corn roast in August during Canton's Village Faire, among others.

"The Lions are dependent on the public's contribution to complete all these worthy

projects," Wegrzyn said. "We encourage the public to support our efforts and contribute what they can."

The Canton Lions Club is the spring project allowing the Lions to renew with the public the various needs the hearing-impaired have in life. It may be a low-vision reader or a cataract operation for the sight-impaired. The hearing-impaired need hearing aids or a hearing phone, which allow them to have contact with their family and friends.

The Canton Lions Club is currently seeking new members to assist with the needs in the communities it serves. For more information or to get involved contact member Bill Winkler 734-254-9404 or email [gobvill@wow-way.com](mailto:gobvill@wow-way.com).

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Trivia night

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 4, 7-9:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Koppernick Tech Center, 40525 Koppernick, Canton

**Details:** The Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women host its fourth annual Trivia Night. Proceeds benefit college scholarships for women and girls in the community. Cash prizes for first and second place. Refreshments served. Cost is \$20 per person or \$100 per team (up to five people).

**Contact:** Register your team at [www.aauw-pcmi.org](http://www.aauw-pcmi.org) or call Trivia Questions: email [AAMW\\_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com](mailto:AAMW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com) or call 435-4453-5009.

### Get out of debt

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** The Financial Health Fair Corp. and St. Michael's Lutheran Church present "How to Get Out of Debt in 5-7 Years — Including Mortgage" with Bob Mariani. Admission to the event is free (additional materials are available for purchase) and child care is provided. Bring a list of your creditors, balance, monthly payments and a calculator and leave with an idea of when you will be out of debt.

**Contact:** Call 734-459-3333 to sign up and request your registration packet and personalized, confidential report.

### Montessori open house

**Date/Time:** Sunday, April 6, 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton

**Details:** Plymouth-Canton Montessori School hosts an open house for parents interested in enrolling children in preschool or kindergarten programs. Teachers and staff will be available to provide classroom tours of the school and light refreshments will be served.

**Contact:** For additional information, call 734-459-1550 or visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org).

### Air Force Band

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Peace Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University  
**Details:** The U.S. Air Force Band of Washington, D.C., will present a free public concert,



### Look who's 40

Plymouth High School math teacher Todd Pfeiffer was surprised by a delivery of balloons reading one that said "Over the hill," Tuesday in the high school office. Pfeiffer took the delivery, sent by wife Michele, with a smile, noting that Michele's 40th birthday is coming up in July and that "what goes around, comes around."

featuring the U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing ensembles. The concert is sponsored by Eastern Michigan University Bands and the EMU Department of Music & Dance. Tickets are not required for this event; however, patrons who obtain tickets will receive seating priority.

**Contact:** The request free tickets by mail visit [emudm.edu/mid](http://emudm.edu/mid) bands and fill out a request form. Tickets can also be picked up in person at the EMU Department of Music & Dance main office, located at N101 Alexander Music Building in Ypsilanti.

### BNI meeting

**Date/Time:** Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** The BNI Northville's \$1 million Referral Chapter meets every Thursday morning.

**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.NorthvilleBNI.com](http://www.NorthvilleBNI.com).

### Barefoot auditions

**Date/Time:** Monday, March 31, 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Barefoot Productions presents auditions for *Mothershed Out Loud*, a comedy conceived by Susan R. Rose and Joan Stein with costumes from 14 American writers. This production is co-directed by Craig A. Hane and Dana Naughton. The cast includes a collection of comedic and poignant monologues, duets and short scenes. There are roles for two men and three to nine women (ages 19-70). Actors should bring a headshot and resume. If available, there will be cold readings from the script. Performances are May 16-18.

**Contact:** For more information visit our website at [www.barefoot.com](http://www.barefoot.com) or call Craig Hane at 734-276-9075.

### Coffee with a Cop

**Date/Time:** Thursday, March 27, 9-11 a.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 8-10 a.m.

**Locations:** Sam's Club on Ford Road (March 27) and Holiday Inn Express on Michigan Avenue (April 8)

**Details:** The Canton Police Department has scheduled two upcoming Coffee with a Cop sessions. These sessions are open to the public and provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts.

**Contact:** For more information, or if your business or organization is interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, contact the police department at 734-394-5401.

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**Book signing**  
**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 29, 1-3 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Author Beverly Dunn, a Plymouth resident, will be available to sign copies of her book *Marriage, Incarcerated*. Dunn describes the genesis of an abusive relationship, the abuse that followed and the staggering revelation of her husband's true identity.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-458-5642 or email Michelle Whitman at [michelle@keymcg.com](mailto:michelle@keymcg.com).

### Ask a lawyer

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** 588 N. Mill, Plymouth

**Details:** The Law Office of David C. Helm, PLLC, will host a free "Ask a Lawyer" event. Local attorneys will be on hand to meet with community members regarding a variety of legal issues in areas such as criminal offenses, employment, real estate, probate matters, estate planning, personal injury and many more.

**Contact:** Call David Helm at 248-673-8804.

### Good health

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 2, 7-15 p.m.

**Location:** Sunflower Clubhouse, 4500 Howard, Canton

**Details:** The public is invited to "Spring Into Good Health" at the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors group meeting. Dr. Robert Potter, Canton's well-respected primary natural health care provider, will be sharing information on diet, exercise and nutrition and offering tips to implement this spring health goals.

Also on the evening's agenda: a charity raffle sponsored by Dave & Buster's to benefit Big Family Farm, Michigan, signs up for the Easter egg hunt, door prizes and more.

**Contact:** To RSVP, email [noreen@keymcg.com](mailto:noreen@keymcg.com).

at [nryab@yahoo.com](mailto:nryab@yahoo.com) or call 734-981-0486.

### Coping with grief

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Arbor Hospice offers "Coping With Grief" by Author, Ron Gries, who wrote during the last years of his wife's life and continued after she died. That writing, later, turned into a book, "Through Death to Life," that offers insight and support to those who grieve the loss of their spouse. All of Arbor Hospice's grief support programs are open to everyone, regardless of whether a loved one received services from Arbor Hospice.

**Contact:** For more information or to register, contact Sara Swanson of Arbor Hospice's grief support services at 734-794-5463 or [swanson@arborhospice.org](mailto:swanson@arborhospice.org).

### Win a bike

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Max & Erma's of Canton, 2440 N. Canton

**Details:** Max & Erma's of Canton will host a bike drawing with join Max & Erma's each Tuesday through April 22 for "Kids Eat Free" and enter to win a bicycle and helmet. The drawing will take place 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22. Donors can help Max & Erma's give bikes to everyone by dropping off used bikes April 5. Donors will get a coupon for a free hamburger, redeemable during the National National Hamburger Month.

**Contact:** For more information, call 734-981-3370.

### Prom dress sale

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton

**Details:** The Annual Prom Dress Sale features what organizers call "a wonderful collection" of new and used dresses, both long and short dresses, as well as some formal shoes and jewelry. No dress is priced over \$20. Dress donations are greatly appreciated and being accepted in the office at Plymouth High School.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Lisa Benag at [lpccsmail.net](mailto:lpccsmail.net).

### Northville luncheon

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville

**Details:** The Northville Chamber of Commerce host its annual Luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. Featured speakers include state Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Township Supervisor John Six, city of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Tickets are \$40 per person.

**Contact:** Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at [tracisncock@northville.org](mailto:tracisncock@northville.org).

### Newcomers Mom2Mom

**Date/Time:** Saturday, 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 a free 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 734-520-5626 or email [cpallancia1975@yahoo.com](mailto:cpallancia1975@yahoo.com).

### 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, 45070 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been 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 — even those who were not in the office at Plymouth High School.

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**Contact:** To RSVP or for more information, go to [www.VVA528.org](http://www.VVA528.org).



## Paulun, former Canton fire chief, dies

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Former Canton Fire Chief Melvin Paulun is being remembered as a hard-working leader who led the township's once-fledgling fire department during an era of rapid change.

Mr. Paulun, who retired in 1992 after he rose from part-time service to become full-time chief during a career that spanned more than 30 years, died March 17 at age 82. He had been living in Dexter.

"Mel oversaw the department during a time of great change in Canton," said his successor, retired Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

Mr. Paulun was a longtime Manchester resident who was born in Beloit, Wis., the son of Karl and Hattie Paulun. He married Lillian Harrison in Garden City in 1954; she preceded him in death in 2001.

He is survived by his children, Connie (Anthony) Azopardi of Taylor, Sandra Sherman of Roseville, Paul Paulun of Cadillac, Rick (Dorothy) Paulun of Dexter, Karen (Rob) Cripe of Florida and Jennifer (Gary) Krause of Waterford; seven grandsons; three granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Missing man found

Canton police returned a 31-year-old man to a facility for the mentally impaired in Ypsilanti Township after he was found walking without shoes shortly before 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the BP gas station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads, a police report said.

Police went to the gas station after receiving reports of a man who had been spotted and who may be a man missing out of Washtenaw County. Police found the man wearing a blue sweatshirt and black pants, but no shoes. He told them he needed a ride to Wayne, the police report said.

Police took the man back to the home from where he had been missing in Ypsilanti Township.

### Caught in the act

Police went to the Sherwood Village mobile home park on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, after a 22-year-old woman called to say an in-

truder was going through her belongings outside her residence, a police report said.

The victim said she heard her dog barking, looked outside and saw a white female, age 50-60 with gray hair and a pink shirt, going through a shed next to her house, the report said. Police received the call shortly before noon Saturday.

The resident confronted the intruder, who claimed her son used to live there and she was looking for something he had left behind. She then got into a Chevy Silverado and left with a white male who was in the vehicle.

The resident said a bin of clothing had been taken from near her front porch. She told police her china dolls had been bagged up and were damaged, but they were left behind.

### Home intruder

A 33-year-old woman who lives on Keystone, southeast of Ford and Morton Taylor roads, notified police that someone apparently had gone

into her house while she was away Friday evening, a police report said.

The woman left, but received a message from her mother-in-law asking why she had left the front door open. The woman told police she had locked it.

The woman told police someone may have entered the house through an unlocked sliding door in the rear of the house. She said she believed the intruder may have been spooked by her dog and left through the front door.

### Pay it backward

Two female teens who left a Canton restaurant without paying their tab returned and settled up with the eatery after Canton police tracked them down and left messages by telephone for them, a police report said.

The suspects, a 17-year-old Romulus female and a 19-year-old Livonia woman, were among a group of five young people Sunday afternoon who had gone to the L. George's restaurant on Michigan Ave-

nue east of Sheldon.

One of the customers complained of finding a black hair in her food, prompting the owner to remove that meal from the bill, a police report said. Then others in the group complained of finding a blonde hair in their food and asked to have the bill reduced, but the owner refused amid suspicion that the customers, some of them blonde, had placed the hair in the food themselves.

The owner became suspicious because no one in the kitchen had blonde hair and neither did the food server who was waiting on the table. The two suspects left the restaurant without paying and made obscene gestures as they drove off, the police report said.

Using information they obtained during an investigation, Canton police made contact with the females, who then returned to the restaurant to pay their bills rather than face legal action.

—By Darrell Clem

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Shoplifter flees, police arrest suspect

A Redford Township man was arrested Friday evening after a suspected shoplifter ran from a security worker at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road.

Two officers found the man, 25, at Terry Street and Pinetree Drive, ordered him to the ground and handcuffed him, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officers were responding to a report that a man accused of shoplifting had run from a Kmart security worker after being confronted outside the store and the man at Pinetree and Terry fit the description given and appeared to be trying to change clothes, the report said.

The man was cited for third-degree retail fraud.

The Kmart security worker told police he had witnessed a

man in the store pick up a \$29.99 multi-media cable, discard the packaging and put the cable in a pants pocket. He then left the store without paying for it, the worker said.

The security worker confronted the man outside and he at first complied with the worker and returned to the store, then turned suddenly and ran out and northward across Ann Arbor Road, the worker told police.

### Identity thefts

A township man was billed for a business service he hadn't sought and hadn't used, police report.

The man told police March 18 he recently learned someone had used his name and Social Security number to open an account with a Texas company that handles credit-card transactions for businesses. He canceled the ac-

count, he said, but not before being billed \$162.58.

A township man reported that his 6-year-old son's Social Security number had been used on someone else's tax return.

The man told police March 19 that he was electronically filing his income taxes earlier in the month when a computer message told him the number belonging to his son, whom he had claimed as a dependent, had already been used. He contacted the Internal Revenue Service, he said.

### Cable fraud

Two accounts with a local cable provider were fraudulently opened in a township woman's name recently and bills totaling more than \$2,400 racked up.

The woman told police March 19 she had received a call from a bill collector trying

to collect on the cable bill, though she had never had an account with that cable company. A call to the company, she said, revealed that an account in her name had been opened at each of two Detroit addresses.

### Tax fraud

The Social Security and electronic personal identification numbers of a Canton Township woman were reported stolen recently, police report.

The woman told police March 20 that she was filing her income taxes when she found the numbers had already been used and had, in fact, been stolen a decade ago. The IRS told her to file a report, the woman said she lived in Plymouth Township at the time the numbers were stolen.

—By Matt Juchman

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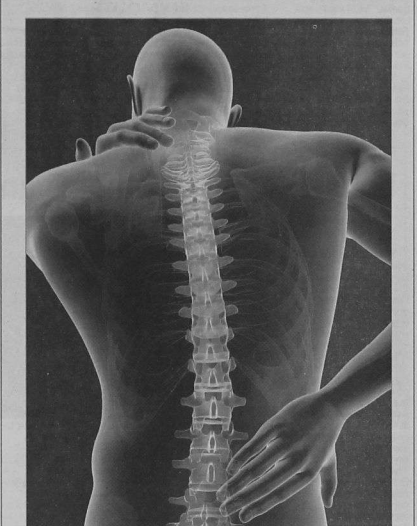
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The Observer team (from left) – Karen Smith, Brianna Palarchio, Bill Walker, Jim Jimmersom and Susan Rosiek – swept the competition against FridayMusings. Palarchio bowled a high game of 300, Walker a 297 and Jimmersom a 278. Smith and Rosiek alternated as the fourth member of the team.

## Observer team sweeps bowling competition, but real winner was Seedlings Braille Books for Children

Another 3,000 high-quality, low-cost Braille books will be made available to blind children around the world, following a bowling event Saturday benefiting Livonia-based Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

The 27th annual Bowling for Braille Books raised "right around \$30,000, with more coming in," Therese Vick, community outreach coordinator for the Livonia-based nonprofit, said Tuesday. Every \$10 raised makes another braille book possible.

The event, held at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, is Seedlings' biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's event, with more than 140 bowlers filling all but one lane of the bowling center, raised about the same amount as last year's.

The event is special, not only because of the great cause it benefits, but because of who participates. That includes blind bowlers – "kids who grew up reading our books," Vick said – and local businesses participating in friendly rivalries, such as the Observer newspaper and FridayMusings.

The Observer team beat the Musings team for the first time in three years Saturday, after Observer team members



Seedlings founder Debra Bonde (left) with Brianna Palarchio of Commerce, who bowled a perfect 300 at Saturday's event.

Brianna Palarchio of Commerce, Bill Walker of Plymouth and Jim Jimmersom of Northville bowled games of 300, 297 and 278, respectively. Susan Rosiek, executive editor/publisher of O&E Media, and Karen Smith, community editor of the Livonia and Redford editions, took turns bowling as the fourth member of the Observer team.

"From the first frame, it was clear that they were out for revenge," Bill Joyer of FridayMusings wrote in his semi-weekly newsletter emailed to subscribers

Tuesday.

Joyner described the experience as humbling, but said, "The real winners were the world wide fans of Seedlings, circulating their braille books in 75 countries and all 50 states, raising over \$30,000. This will provide another 3,000 books." Vick said more than 40 volunteers helped to make the event possible. "The event was fantastic. It was so nice to see everybody having such a happy time," she said.

Palarchio and Walker both won a trophy for high game. Top fundrais-



"It was a clean sweep. I'm willing to acknowledge that for the first time in three years," said Bill Joyner (left), whose FridayMusings team lost to the Observer team. The Musings team also included Kathy Ventitelli of Southfield, Dave Morrow of Garden City and Karen Weingarden of Milford (right).



Joe Derdelakos (from left) of Conti Painters; Gretchen Alaniz, a Schoolcraft College trustee and Seedlings board member; Kathy Hoen of Community Alliance Credit Union; and Brian Wolverton of Livonia Family YMCA formed a solid team, but still fell short in the friendly competition.

ers were Tiffany Taylor of Farmington, Jonathan McGrail of Warren and Jim Kidd and Gretchen Alaniz, both of Livonia. Winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were Brian Wolverton of Canton and

Karen Weingarden of Milford.

Seedlings' next fundraiser is the Summer of Giving event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, at Fleming's Steakhouse in Livonia. Tickets are \$50

each and include an array of select wines and an assortment of appetizers. Only 60 tickets are available.

Contact Seedlings at info@seedlings.org or call 734-427-8552.

## Conservation club holds annual Friends of NRA banquet

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

With the entire banquet floor available, Bob Haviland is looking for the largest crowd ever at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center for the Western Wayne County Conservation Association's annual Friends of the NRA banquet next week. This is the sixth year the organization has put on the banquet to benefit the NRA Foundation. After three sellout years at the clubhouse on Napier Road in Plymouth Township, the organization moved to Fox Hills. The switch has allowed the event to grow and raise more money, 50 percent of which is returned to the state through grants.

"We started out at our club and we knew the best we could do was 160-165 people," said Haviland, a member of the WWCCA Friends of the NRA Committee that is putting on the event. "We sold out for three years, but we didn't make a lot of money. The first year we were at Fox Hills, we did \$22,000 on the banquet and did another \$3,000 in another raffle. Last year we raised more money, just over \$32,000. That's a new record for us. Each year, we keep growing."

The banquet will be Friday, April 4, at Fox Hills. Doors open at 5 p.m. to view prizes and silent auction items. Games start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. In



The WWCCA is offering a Gal N Gun instructional clinic for women July 19 and Sept. 20.

addition to a live auction, there will be special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$40 each and include entry in a drawing to win a firearm.

### Another sellout

Haviland is expecting another sellout, with 285 of the 320 tickets already sold. Tickets are purchased in advance through April 2. No tickets will be available at the door.

Auction and raffle items include gift certificates for breakfast, lunch and dinner, sports memorabilia, charters, golf outings, hunting trips, select pistols, rifles and shotguns and florist items. There also will be a ladies table with jewelry, shooting apparel and accessories geared toward the woman enthusiast. There also will be periodic raffles of popular firearms.

"We'll have the stan-

dard NRA items and Red Wings memorabilia. We're hoping to get some Detroit Tigers items," Haviland said. "We have a lot of good prizes in the raffles and auctions and stuff is still coming in."

Two items that were popular last year – a hot air balloon ride and a portrait by Helen Yancy – will be among the auction items. "The portrait by Helen Yancy is kind of an interesting one," Haviland said. "It can be anything you want. Last year's winner had a portrait done with his dog. It turned out nice."

The club also will have a variety of games, including a new one called Gonopoly. Played like Monopoly, participants buy rolls of the dice and move around the game board. They have the chance to win free rolls and bonuses like tickets for rifles and a gun drawing only for those



Among the activities the WWCCA offers is Air Gun Fun Shoots for youth on its air gun range.

who play the game.

The banquet is a month earlier than in previous years, giving the club access to the entire banquet center. It's also allowed for the relocation of the silent auction table, making it visible to everyone in the room.

"People can watch what's going on with the items they're interested in," Haviland said. "I think it's a good change and will create a little interest."

### Main fundraiser

The banquet is the club's main fundraising event for the partnership with the WWCCA formed with the NRA Foundation in 2009. The club has earned

the foundation's High Caliber Club designation that past two years by raising more than \$25,000 each year. The next level is High Caliber over \$50,000. Haviland doesn't think the club will hit that amount this year; it will be more like \$35,000 to \$40,000. Fifty percent of the money raised at Friends banquets around Michigan return to the state to support public shooting programs for youth and women and range development. The WWCCA has received more than \$30,000 in grants.

The WWCCA was organized in 1937 in Westland and moved to its current location – 80 acres of land at Napier

Road in Plymouth Township – in 1965. Its members hail from such Wayne County communities as Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland and Redford to as far away as St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointes. The club also attracts shooting enthusiasts from Farmington, South Lyon, Northville, Novi and Milford.

The Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is at 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth. For more information about tickets, contact Nancy Garneau at 734-259-3341 or Haviland at 734-516-7921.

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# BeckRidge Chorale covers The Beatles

On Sunday, March 30, the BeckRidge Chorale will sing the music of The Beatles at Northville High School.

"This is the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' first appearance in the United States. Having lived and been schooled in England, The Beatles have always been a favorite," said Michael Gross, artistic director of the BeckRidge Chorale. "The performance will be a little different. We are inviting our audience to dress up in their favorite Beatles era outfit and will be encouraged to

sing along a few times during the show. "I know it is hard to listen to The Beatles and not sing along," he added. "I decided we will invite the audience to join us on some of the better known Beatles favorites. Why fight temptation?"

While the concert celebrates 50 years of The Beatles, the BeckRidge Chorale is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

"It's hard to believe we have been together all these years," Gross said. "I've been very blessed to have been here for 35

of those years. I am also thrilled to say I have a few singers who have been singing with me throughout my entire tenure. I've been incredibly lucky."

Members of the BeckRidge Chorale are auditioned and come from all over southeast Michigan. The concert takes place at Northville High School on Six Mile Road in Northville. Doors open at 2 p.m. and the concert starts at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) or by calling 734-667-3127.



The BeckRidge Chorale will play a concert March 30 at Northville High School featuring the music of The Beatles.

## Newcomers' sale benefits Big Family

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club President Noreen Rybar knows the nonprofit Big Family of Michigan serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults through programs that provide the children the chance they deserve for happy, productive lives.

The organization relies on the generosity of others to fund and support its ongoing initiatives and, April 5, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club is going to help.

That's the day the club hosts its annual Mom2Mom sale. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Big Family of Michigan. New and gently used maternity baby and children's items, including furniture and play equipment, will be offered at 50 different tables sponsored by members of the community.

The sale takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit in Canton.

Admission is \$1 for anyone over 12 years of age. "A few years ago, I followed an issue of 18-year-old youths aging out of the foster care system," Rybar said. "It seemed absurd to me. I then read with interest about the work of Big Family of Michigan and the support they give to these young adults. It was also wonderful to learn that Canton's own



Javon Coppins was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Big Family to attend the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology. Our board was pleased to choose Big Family of Michigan to benefit from our annual fundraiser."

Big Family of Michigan Founder Jeanne Fowler said the group feels "very fortunate" to be chosen as the charity for this year's fundraiser.

"The funds we receive from the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club are greatly needed and will support our ongoing youth programs," Fowler said. "The sale is also a wonderful opportunity for young mothers to get great deals on items they need as their families

grow." Formed more than 40 years ago, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club is a social and charitable group. The club hosts a variety of family events, among them Book Clubs, Playgroups, Couples Social, Let's Do Dinner, Walking and Chick Flick Nights. Showroom of Elegance in Canton is the club's major sponsor.

Carrie Pollaccia is the chairperson of the April fundraiser and additional sponsorship support is provided by Dave & Buster's. Persons in the sale can contact chairperson Carrie Pollaccia at 313-520-5626 or [cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com](mailto:cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com) or Rybar at 734-981-0486 or [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com).

## Kids to learn about farm life at Maybury day camp

Maybury Farm has openings for its 2014 summer Day Camp for Kids.

The program, which is open to children ages 6-11, offers a variety of activities that are designed to be both educational and fun. Campers will enjoy learning all about farm animals, including grooming, feeding and walking them. Children will also take nature hikes, play games, build crafts and learn team-building skills as they get to know all about farm life and the importance of farm animals in everyday life.

Camp hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from July 9 through Aug. 22. The cost is \$55 per camper per day or \$145 per week. Kids can sign up for one day or for a whole week.

The Northville Community Foundation operates Maybury Farm, a historic farm located at 50165 Eight



Children will learn about farm life at Maybury Farm's summer Day Camp for Kids.

Mile (just west of the Maybury State Park entrance) in Northville Township.

To register children for the camp, call 248-374-0200. Space is limited.

To learn more about the summer day camp or Maybury Farm, con-

tact Jessica Striegler, the Northville Community Foundation events and fundraising manager, 248-374-0200 or [necfmanager@gmail.com](mailto:necfmanager@gmail.com). You can also visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) or [www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm](http://www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm).

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Central City Dance & Fitness Center is located at 6700 Canton Center Road in Canton.

## Studio caters to young dancers

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

Central City: Central City Dance & Fitness Center is a family-friendly dance studio that offers unique performance opportunities, quality dance instruction and fun-filled fitness classes to the community. We are not competitive-driven, but rather community-oriented. The studio caters to aspiring dancers ages 3-18. In addition, we boast a comprehensive award-winning adult program, all-boy classes and a specialized preschool program. We offer birthday parties and studio rentals in our state-of-the-art, 22,000-square-foot facility. Central City Dance has seven spacious rooms, a large

reception/gathering area, the City Snack Bar with seating up to 50 and ample parking available.

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

Central City: Upon graduating in 1998 from the University of Michigan with a degree in dance, Tim Smola had aspirations of moving to New York to follow his dreams of dancing professionally. But his plans soon shifted after meeting his wife Tamara. The two got married and soon after opened Central City Dance & Fitness Center. They joined the Chamber of Commerce and met with former DDA member Kathleen Salla before even opening the studio, to see how they could get involved in the community. "We wanted a studio that was

community-driven rather than competitive-driven. We wanted to open a studio that offered more than just the end-of-the-year recital," Tim said.

Tamara has been educating students since 1986. She is the recipient of Canton's "Distinguished Service to the Arts Award 2011," "Canton Community Supporter Award 2006" and was nominated for the prestigious Athena Award, acknowledging businesswomen who have made a difference in the community. Tamara is a member of the Cecchetti Council of America-Professional Ballet Syllabus and producer and artistic director of the Central City Christmas Spectacular, a Broadway-style Christmas show.

### DETAILS

**Business name/address:** Central City Dance & Fitness Center, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton  
**Your name/positions:** Tim and Tammy Smola, owners/artistic directors  
**Your hometown:** Canton  
**Business opened:** 2002  
**Number of employees:** 20  
**Hours of operation:** 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday  
**Business specialties:** Dance and fitness classes for the entire family, ages 3-and-up, jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, breakdancing, lyrical, modern, yoga, Zumba, tai chi, Pilates, Jazzercise, all-boy classes, adult classes, preschool classes. Also, studio rentals, Disney auditions (twice a year), birthday parties.  
**Business phone/website:** 734-459-0400; www.CentralCityDance.com

**Observer: Why did you choose Canton?**

Central City: We chose Canton Township because it is a family-friendly, business-friendly community that supports the performing arts. The families we've had the pleasure to meet, from both the Canton and Plymouth communities, are great people, supportive, friendly and dedicated.

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

Central City: Having a large facility allows us to offer a comprehensive class schedule, morning classes, multiple fitness and wellness classes, a snack bar, dance wear store, prop shop, a theater space and seven stage-size dance studios.

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

Central City: We started our studio in a 2,500-square-foot facility with 350 students. We expanded our business four separate times to the space that we are currently in. Since opening in 2002, our business has transformed and we added our fitness programs, studio rentals, birthday parties and a black box theater called the Studio 7 Performance Annex.

**Observer: Do you have a story to share about your experience as a small-business owner?**

Central City: Just recently, Central City

Dance was animated by a local artist. The 2½ minute animation is posted on our website. It is comical, light-hearted and depicts our studio's offerings.

**Observer: Do you have any advice for other small-business owners?**

Central City: Give back to your students, your business, your community.

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

Central City: We will continue to provide quality dance instruction, unique performance opportunities and offer dance and fitness classes for the entire community to enjoy. We have plans to continue to grow our theater programs, fitness programs, community rentals and birthday parties and will continue to collaborate with corporations such as Walt Disney World to provide audition opportunities for our dancers as well as the entire performing arts community.

We are very excited to announce that our dance wear store, Downstage Dancewear, will be expanding its products and services in the spring of 2014. Being the only dance wear store currently in located in Canton, we understand that we have a great responsibility to service the needs of the performing arts community and will continue to expand our offerings.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Miller Canfield directors**

The law firm of Miller Canfield has re-elected Douglas M. Kilbourne and elected Thomas D. Collis and Robert J. Hadad to serve two-year terms as managing directors. They are part of a five-person management administration that works with the CEO to oversee the



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firm's offices in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Poland and China.

Collis, a Plymouth resident, is a principal and deputy group leader of the Public Finance Group. A 20-year bond lawyer, he assists municipal and other governmental agency clients in evaluating, structuring, documenting and accessing capital markets for all of their capital needs. He received his J.D. (1993) from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A. (1990) from the University of Rochester.

The law firm of Miller Canfield offers business, governments, nonprofits, individuals and families a broad array of integrated legal services. For more information, visit [www.millercanfield.com](http://www.millercanfield.com).

### Business seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors an Institute of Business Development seminar, "How to Build a Culture of Service Excellence," from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, at Schaeffler Technology Center, 16600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The seminar, presented by Premier Executive Forums, is designed to teach participants, among other things, tips to improve how employees communicate with customers, strategies to improve service to internal customers and barriers to handling emotions and solving problems.

Early bird registration fee is \$97, the regular registration fee is \$157 and the non-member fee is \$197.

RSVP by calling the chamber office at 734-453-4040.

### Showcase and Taste

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

The event 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.

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 [ter@plymouthchic.org](mailto:ter@plymouthchic.org) or call 734-453-1540.

### How-to anniversary

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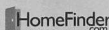
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## Help disabled find employment April 8 at community event

Community Living Services will host a Community Participation Event for employers from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Detroit/Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Expressway.

The agency is seeking to open doors for employment and community connections for people with disabilities. There are disabled people

seeking jobs in such areas as child care, clerical, custodial, flower shop, health/beauty, hospitals, food service, garden, grocery, hotels, landscaping/nursery, pet care, retail and schools.

For information, contact Tiffany Devan at [tdevan@comlvserv.com](mailto:tdevan@comlvserv.com) or call 734-722-7185. Online registration is at [www.comlvserv.com/cepe2014.html](http://www.comlvserv.com/cepe2014.html).



Northville Township's new Cantoro's Italian Market was a crowded, busy success on its first day of business. There was a line of shoppers and visitors awaiting its 8 a.m. opening. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# A 'fantastic' first week

Customers flock to Cantoro's new Northville store

By Kurt Kuban  
Staff Writer

If its first week in business is any indication, the new Cantoro's Italian Market in Northville Township is going to have a very successful future.

The store, located on Haggerty just north of Five Mile, has been filled with customers since opening to the public for the first time last week. "It's pretty exciting," said Van Karibian, the store's manager. "It's great to see so many people come through the doors. And the customers really seem to be happy."

The location is the second Cantoro's Market owned by the Fallone family, but the new store is significantly larger than their other store on Middlebelt in Livonia, which will remain open.

The store offers aisles full of imported Italian groceries, cheeses, wines and other items. Sausage and pasta are made on-site using fresh ingredients. A wide selection of wines, specialty liquors and Michigan craft beer is also available. The store also has several tables set up for meals and a bar. The upstairs overlooking the market is large enough to host wedding receptions.

Downstairs, the market holds its wine cellar, a place where tasters, enthusiasts and businesses can hold events complete with winemakers. There will be several clubs that will meet in the wine cellar, including wine clubs, a cheese club and a dinner club.

Since opening last



Vince Cangialosi hands over a loaf of fresh-baked Italian bread at Cantoro's.

week, the new store has been attracting people from all over the area, including Dale and Phyllis Neumann of Livonia, who stopped by Tuesday. Dale said the store is "terrific," noting how large it is and its diversity of products.

"It's hard to take everything in on just one visit," he said. "Plus it would be helpful to know some Italian, because there is so much I'm not familiar with. It takes a little education to really appreciate everything they have to offer."

John and Rosa Monte also stopped by the store. The Livonia couple has been shopping at Cantoro's other location for years and wanted to see how the new store compared.

"I think the place is just fantastic," John Monte said, as his wife unloaded a shopping basket full of goods into the couple's vehicle. "If they don't have it here, they just don't make it. I wish the owners the best of luck, because this place is really nice."

Karibian said store management is pretty happy with the excitement surrounding the

opening week and they will continue to make improvements to offer the best shopping experience possible for their customers.

"There's been a few glitches here and there, but we're working them

out as we go. The biggest complaint has been the parking lot situation. We've had so many people, it's been a bit congested out there," he said.

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## IRS issues warning on phone scam

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service issued a warning to beware of the largest-ever phone scam now targeting taxpayers.

According to the IRS, scammers are contacting taxpayers claiming to be from the IRS and telling them that they owe money and they must pay their tax liability with either a prepaid debit card or a wire transfer.

These lifelines threaten taxpayers who refuse to pay with arrest, loss of their driver's license and, in some cases, their businesses.

I recently wrote about tax scams, but I want to revisit the issue in light of the IRS warning.

It is important to know that the IRS initially contacts someone by letter—not by phone. If you get a call from someone who says they are from the IRS, particularly from someone who is aggressive and threatening, hang up. The call is bogus.

Even if the caller ID information says the IRS and even if they know the last four digits of your Social Security number, hang up. These lifelines generally don't stop at one call. They've been known to call twice to increase their credibility. Don't fall for it—just hang up.

However, if you do receive a letter from the IRS, you need to



take action and respond accordingly. One of the worst things that you can do in dealing with the IRS is to ignore it. Do not automatically assume that the IRS is correct and pay any liability that it claims you owe. However, you do need to respond. If it turns out that the IRS is correct and that you do owe money, even if you can't afford to pay it, you need to respond. If you ignore the situation, it will only get worse.

The IRS has a variety of payment programs and, in certain situations, it will even forgive the debt. However, to take advantage of any of these programs, you must respond in a timely fashion.

I could write a column every week on new scams. There is no way to protect ourselves 100 percent, but we can put up barriers to make it more difficult. Staying aware and asking questions will help.

Good luck.  
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## OUR VIEW

# Right choice about roads

## Townships stepped up to stem pothole tide

As this seemingly interminable winter has worn on, complaints from local residents about the condition of roads have flown and rightfully so.

Residents don't want to hear what they consider excuses like budgetary issues or lack of crews or too many roads. They just want to be able to drive a road without needing NASCAR training to dodge potholes the size of moon craters.

So officials in both Plymouth and Canton townships did something about it.

In Canton Township, crews fixed hundreds of potholes this winter, helping besieged, cash-strapped Wayne County fight what seems a losing battle amid one of Michigan's worst road seasons.

Canton Public Works employees used more than seven tons of cold patch to repair the worst potholes and spent thousands of dollars on labor, materials and equipment on county roadsways.

Plymouth Township has been filling potholes on thoroughfares for several weeks, using public works employees and about 25,000 pounds of cold patch, for which it paid \$4,000.

The city of Plymouth, of course, has done its usual outstanding job taking care of its roads, keeping them as clear as possible when it snows and fixing them when necessary. Of course, the city has responsibility for its roads.

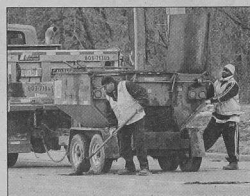
Neither Plymouth nor Canton township has such responsibility for those roads; that falls to Wayne County. The problem for Wayne County roads aren't the only ones for which they're responsible. Wayne County's Department of Public Services and its 140-member road crew staff has to maintain 1,986 lane-miles of state highways and trunk lines (I-75, Ford Road, Ann Arbor Road, Michigan Avenue, etc.), more heavily traveled county roads like Canton Center, 2,472 lane-miles of primary roads and 884 miles of local roads.

The Plymouth Township board got a little pushback from one of its own when Trustee Charles Curmi called it "mission creep" and questioned the cost. But there were good reasons for stepping up. Canton's municipal services chief, Tim Paas, put it the most succinctly: "There are some really large potholes out there."

Not surprisingly, both Canton Supervisor Phil Laloy and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume used the same reasoning for justifying their crews doing the county's job.

"We made the decision for the health, safety and welfare of the community," Reaume said.

There are times when residents wonder if their governments are working in their best interests. This is one case where the governments — including the city of Plymouth, which always takes care of its roads — showed they were.



Wayne County road crews got some help filling potholes from crews in Plymouth and Canton townships. BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

## What do you think?



Construction is expected to begin next month on this 134,500-square-foot \$29 million middle school on Cherry Hill at Canton Center in Canton. While this building is expected to open with some 800 students in September 2015, Board of Education trustees recently heard information the district will lose some 600 students this year alone. Given declining enrollment, should the district go ahead with the construction? Send your opinions to bkr-dv@hometownlife.com and they'll be used in our Letters to the Editor section.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thankful for 'the guys'

It appears we may survive this winter after all. Through it all, as tough as it was, driving in snow, rain, sleet, ice, frigid temps, I kept thinking of the people that had it even tougher than those of us creeping along in our warm cars to work, scurrying across the parking lot to get into the warm buildings out of the bluster of mother nature on steroids — as Tim Russert used to call them, "the guys."

The guys who pick up our trash, weaving their way through snow packed, icy streets, in and out of the truck, hurling tons of trash daily into the back of the truck, jumping back in, only to jump back out in 10 seconds for the next stop. It's a hard job any day of the week, but this winter? It had to be extra tough. Thank you for doing your job.

The guys who work on the water mains, who climb utility poles, dig in the ground frozen down feet rather than inches, through ice encrusted snow. Thank you for keeping the lights on, the water running and the gas flowing. It's a tough job any day of the week, but this winter? It had to be extra tough. Thank you for doing your job.

The delivery guys and the mail guys. Day in and day out, weaving through the streets, jumping in and out of their trucks, trying not to get stuck running up icy snow-covered sidewalks or driveways to deliver your holiday packages, your medical supplies, your mail, your pizzas, flowers or to pick up your mail and packages. It's a tough job any day of the week, but this winter? It had to be extra tough. Thank you for doing your job.

The emergency services guys. The many runs they went on for accidents, medical emergencies; the anxiety of crawling down a treacherous road to the hospital with a very sick person

in the back — would they make it on time? Fighting fires in the bitter cold and being exposed to the elements for hours to save us, our house, our family, our pets; looking for a lost loved one or settling a family dispute or tracking down a theft or watching for traffic violations. The dead batteries, the stuck cars, the flat tires, the wrecks, the tow truck guys were there 24/7. In and out of their car, truck, rig, day in day out, night in and night out. It's a tough job any day of the week, but this winter? It had to be extra tough. Thank you for doing your job.

The snow plow guys. Night after night, getting in their trucks, racing from parking lot to sub, up and down the roads and highways so in the morning we could tell the road from the ditch; we could drive — albeit slower and scarier — but we could navigate in and out of town, shopping centers, work, library, medical centers because they worked all night, pushing and shoving the endless snow fall, salted and scraped and salted again so we would be safe. It's a tough job any day of the week, but this winter? It had to be extra tough. Thank you for doing your job.

Every day I crawled to work and dashed across the few feet of parking lot. I was ever so thankful that they were at work, keeping our community of Canton moving along, doing their job. I think we should take the opportunity to say thank you — to the mail carrier, UPS driver, EMS, police, fire, trash haulers, the tow truck drivers, bus drivers, utility workers, public works guys and snow plowers and more for really braving this horrid winter, this winter of all winters, for us.

Thank you guys. Every single one of you.

Melissa McLaughlin  
Canton

### Remembering Mr. Ford

Born March 14, 1925, he passed away March 9, 2014.

He was a public figure. His grandfather was Henry Ford, whose own fame is well known. His grandmother was Clara Ford. His father was Edele Ford and his mother was Eleanor Clay Ford.

His son is William Clay Ford Jr., executive chairman of the Ford Motor Co. and the director emeritus of The Henry Ford Museum.

This is an illustrious family, grounded in American values. They obviously work hard. The contributions of the Ford family to the development of the United States and our current way of life cannot be understated. They even contributed to the safety and security we enjoy as a nation because of the equipment they fashioned to defend ourselves from our enemies.

The Ford family, like most American families, made the most of what was offered to them and produced more than they needed.

Mr. William Clay Ford Sr. was a fine engineer, accomplished businessman and more.

On March 10, 2014, a news-caster said, "The day after William Clay Ford Sr., owner of the Detroit Lions has died, we can see the direction the franchise will take."

For shame. I honor Mr. Ford and I was sorry to hear that he is gone. I hold great esteem for his family and all those who work hard, see to their duties and care for their family and friends. I offer my condolences. Who else will stand gracious?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

## GUEST COLUMN

# Eliminating judges is the wrong move for Wayne County

I was a dark day in Lansing last Thursday, March 20. Yet again, Detroit and Wayne County have fallen victim to the ignorance and arrogance of Lansing politicians. Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court will lose four judges and Detroit's 36th District Court will lose one judge thanks to a series of bills that were passed in the House. The bill to eliminate four judges from Wayne County's 3rd Circuit came out of The Judicial Resource Recommendations, issued



Phil Caranagh  
GUEST COLUMNIST

every other year from the Supreme Court Administrator's Office. Unfortunately, the SCAJO only considers the docket of the court and fails to take into consideration the reality of the judicial system in Wayne County and Detroit.

The SCAJO claims that a reduced number of cases on the docket means there is a de-

creased need for judges. However, I don't think anyone is under any delusions that there has been a real reduction in crime in Wayne County. If there appears to be fewer cases on the docket, this is because of the gross lack of funding for police officers and the prosecutor's office. When we have fewer officers on the street and fewer resources going to the prosecutor's office, it becomes increasingly difficult to process cases to the point of reaching a court docket.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy has stated numerous times in her ongoing battle to procure the funds that are constitutionally mandated to operate this core function of government that without proper resources, her office is unable to process warrants. Known criminals are free to

roam the streets because there simply aren't enough people to arrest and prosecute them. This is a disgrace in Wayne County. Not only is this shameful lack of funding allowing criminals to walk free, but now Wayne County is losing four judges because of it.

When this bill was in the House Judiciary Committee, I offered amendments to try to save these judges from the chopping block. Despite my efforts to educate my colleagues on the error of this bill, my amendments were voted down along party lines. When this bill cutting judges in Wayne County reached the House floor, I again attempted to explain to my fellow legislators that this is wrong for Wayne County. I offered amendments to try to save at least two judges and, when that was gavelled down, I tried to save one judge

from elimination. House leadership announced that these amendments had failed mere seconds after I offered them, hardly allowing for any real consideration of the amendments. Of course, no roll-call vote was taken. I could vote for the removal of much-needed judges in Wayne County, so I voted no on this bill.

While I had been fighting for months to save Wayne County judges, the move to eliminate a judge position from Detroit's overburdened 36th District Court was an unexpected blow. This is a particularly insulting move from the House, as judicial positions in Van Buren County and Pontiac were restored. It is hard to fathom the ignorance of these legislators in deciding that Detroit and Wayne County can afford to lose judges. These are the busiest courts in the

nation. I offered an amendment to restore the judge position in the 36th District Court, but that was also shot down.

I am saddened and disappointed by the passage of these bills. They do nothing to ensure the safety of citizens in Wayne County or Detroit. Instead, these bills will place an even heavier burden on the already overworked and underfunded judicial system in Wayne County and Detroit.

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## SOCCER PLAYERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

## Community comes out in droves for ex-coach

Decision to oust Salem  
soccer coach Duhl pannedBy Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

When a young person in today's age can avoid socialization and technology for two hours, something must have strangled their attention.

That certainly transpired Tuesday night, when more than 100 supporters crammed into the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Office in downtown Plymouth for the

school board's weekly meeting. They were in attendance to pay their homage to recently fired Salem girls varsity soccer coach Scott Duhl.

A number of players were there, too, wearing T-shirts with their number and Duhl's name.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools spokesperson Kate Dietrich said that the district would not comment on the reasons for Duhl's departure, citing district policy.

Although the district would not comment, the supporters did.

## Raising their ire

Student-athletes and parents who have gotten to know Duhl over the years filled out comment cards, making them eligible to voice their opinions on behalf of Duhl.

Despite the uncertainty of the reasoning for Duhl's firing, former Salem soccer parent Marion Krutty shed some light on what is being kept a secret to most.

"The unconfirmed reason of why Coach Duhl was dis-

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Salem girls soccer players sport T-shirts with fired coach Scott Duhl's name on the back during Tuesday's meeting. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## PLYMOUTH GOALIE HIGHLY COVETED



Alex Nedeljkovic successfully tracks another puck into his goalie equipment. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## THE PUCK STOPS HERE

By day, Alex Nedeljkovic walks around Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with a wide smile and friendly demeanor, like many other students who attend the sprawling campus.

But by night, when the 18-year-old Plymouth Whalers goaltender dons his hockey gear, the smile is gone.

He replaces that with almost ferocious focus, staring down opponents and the many pucks that are sent his way off their composite sticks.

Nedeljkovic has had to do that a lot during the 2013-14 Ontario Hockey League season, turning aside more than 2,000 shots while backstopping the young Whalers to eighth place in the Western Conference. This week, Plymouth and Guelph are embroiled in a first-round playoff series.

"It's been tough, but it's a good challenge," said Nedeljkovic, a Cleveland-area native in his second season with Plymouth. "It's a challenge that I like and a chal-

Whalers' Nedeljkovic wows NHL scouts  
with talent, work ethic, smartsBy Tim Smith  
Staff Writer*"Yeah, that's one of my goals is to someday win a Vezina Trophy. That's something I definitely use as motivation."*ALEX NEDELJKOVIC,  
PLYMOUTH WHALERS GOALIE

lenge coming into the season I knew was going to happen.

"One way or the other, whether I was going to like

it or not, it was going to happen. I had to somehow find a way to get over that and just come every night ready to play and ready to

battle and give our team a chance to win."

## On their radar

National Hockey League scouts also have filled their notebooks with positive reviews after flocking to Compuware Arena to watch the 6-0 "Ned" dominate on so many nights.

As a result, in Central Scouting's midseason rankings, Nedeljkovic was deemed the top-rated Canadian Hockey League goalie in the 2014 NHL Entry Draft (to take place in June). The CHL includes 54 teams that are part of the OHL, Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

In 61 games, he faced 2,207 shots and made 2,042 saves (.925) while giving up just 2.88 goals per contest. On a team hard-pressed to score (the Whalers 19th out of 20 teams with 187 goals), his acrobatics were good for a record of 26-27-0-7.

"It's just a pretty good honor," said Nedeljkovic, in

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## OHL PLAYOFFS

## Gutsy Whalers weather Storm

Late goal by Lorentz lifts Whalers  
to 2-1 victory in Game 3By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

How big was Tuesday's Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Compuware Arena for the Plymouth Whalers?

It was so big that Connor Sills absorbed a brutal check from behind in the opening minutes of the Western Conference first-round contest against Guelph, needed five stitches and set up the important tying goal midway through the second period.

And Plymouth netminder Alex Nedeljkovic didn't mind facing another onslaught of shots (he stopped 52 of 53 Guelph shots) if it meant backstopping the Whalers to a victory in Game 3.

Nedeljkovic kept his team in the game long enough and his teammates got him just enough offense — with Zach Lorentz scoring the winning goal midway through the third period — to pull out a 2-1 victory.

"The guys did a great job," said Nedeljkovic, the game's No. 1 star. "We might not have outshot them or anything like that, but we did a good job of outplaying them in the corners and outbattling them and outwilling them."

That's definitely a big part of the game. They can get 100 shots as long as we're the ones outworking them in the corners."

Plymouth escaped falling into a 3-0 series hole as a result of the triumph, played in front of just under 2,000 fans. The series continued with Wednesday night's Game 4 at Compuware, with the Whalers having a chance to even the

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Plymouth defenseman Alex Peters (No. 2) gains a step on Guelph's Chadd Bauman (No. 26). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 2

## Return of Winters boosts Canton's hopes

Strong defense geared up  
to frustrate KLAAs opponentsBy Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Rivals in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division can't be thrilled about the Canton Chiefs getting an elite defender back for the 2014 varsity girls soccer season.

When the Chiefs open up the schedule 7 p.m. Friday at Saline, senior defender Rachel Winters will be in the lineup. She missed 2013, having played for her club team.

"She is back this year and will be a solid part of our team," said Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy about Winters, who will play Division I soccer next year

at Bowling Green State University. "She brings composure and a skill level we need to be a top team this year."

With Winters and senior co-captain Gabriella Epelman (both co-captains) on the back line, Reddy is confident the Chiefs will bounce back from last season's 9-7-1 record and district loss to Salem.

"She (Epelman) is one tough player and is back from injuries from last season and ready to play," Reddy said. "She is hard working and a great teammate and captain as well. She helps in the back immensely and can move up on the outside for us as well."

Like Winters, Epelman is slated to play at the collegiate level in 2015, with the University of Toledo (D-I).

Canton's third senior co-captain is midfielder Chloe Donlin.

"She is a strong and hard-working player for us," Reddy said. "She is versatile and played anywhere we asked her to last year due to team injuries."

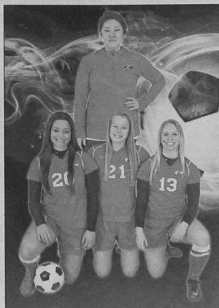
"She has improved so much over the years and will be a player to watch out for."

## Getting better

That trio brings plenty of experience to the field, but the Chiefs have a lot of other players (14 returnees, nine seniors) who have plenty of varsity time on their resumes.

Veterans such as Kelsey Cheaney, Cristen Pederson, Taylor McArdle and Erica Lucas will share minutes at midfield.

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Leading Canton this season will be co-captains (front, from left) Chloe Donlin, Rachel Winters and Gabby Epelman. Standing is head coach Jeannine Reddy. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



## GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW - PART 2

## Vets, newbies ready to spark PCA

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

The weather might not be cooperating, but things are looking up for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team.

Tuesday's home opener against Arbor Preparatory was canceled due to unplayable field conditions, but first-year head coach Nathan Yates and new assistant coach (and former PCA player) Annette Sormerick can't wait to see their team in action against a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference opponent.

"I am very excited for this season," Yates said. "We have the right

mixture of veteran and new players to produce a quality team. The girls have set goals for the team this year which include winning the MIAC conference and winning a regional title.

"Hopefully the weather starts cooperating and we can actually get the season underway."

Plymouth Christian's 2013 team made plenty of noise — winning a Division 4 district title despite only having nine players.

"This year's group might not be much bigger in numbers, but Yates is optimistic that a good nucleus of returnees and newcomers is in place.

Senior co-captains Martha Mullett and Katelynn Barkell and junior co-captain Sarah Durham will lead the way.

"Martha will be shifting from defense to offense this year and Katelynn will be continuing on as an offensive threat," Yates noted.

The Eagles also feature three "very promising" freshmen in Jessica Paulson, Aleze Peters and Aliya Pries.

"Jessica and Aleze will be counted on for offensive production, while Aliya will be the goalkeeper for this year," Yates added.

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Speaking during Tuesday's school board meeting is Salem varsity girls soccer player Hayley Rogers. The team came out in support of former coach Scott Duhl. (JOHN KEMSKI) EXPRESS PHOTO

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missed, because I don't think it's really clear, was due to an inappropriate word, a male body part, in a sentence, as an adjective. Not specifically calling anyone that term," Krutty said.

Duhl is not being represented by the district because he is not an employee.

Krutty also claimed that Duhl should have been the first to know about the release of his duties, but wasn't.

"We would like to understand why. How can the team be removed, formed about him no longer being the coach before he was?" Krutty said.

The support of Duhl was never-ending. Students and parents late to the meeting crowded in the hallway outside of the meeting, sticking their heads through the windows outside the office, to catch a glimpse of the action.

Hayley Rogers, co-captain of this year's Salem girls varsity squad, was the first of eight speakers on Duhl's behalf.

"As a female athlete, I appreciate the fact that he doesn't treat us as girls, but instead, as athletes," Rogers said. "Sometimes he uses slang or street talk, but that is part of who is

who he is. He is not of poor character. Actually, he is the opposite. He is honest, passionate about his work and has great integrity with a proven track record."

Jason Kaye, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Community soccer community for 16 years, said Duhl "became a liability for a school district when a disgruntled family upset over their daughter's team assignment after tryouts, acted in a self-serving, vindictive nature."

"Scott Duhl, who denied them a position on the varsity roster, was treated like a cancerous cell and quickly cut and removed. Quite simply, wrong diagnosis, rush to judgment, faulty procedure, botched operation," Kaye continued. "I strongly encourage our school board and district administration team to reconsider their decision, and reinstate Scott Duhl to his position as head coach of the Salem girls varsity soccer team."

Duhl also coached the boys varsity soccer team and took them to the Division I State semifinals in 2013.

## Hard to believe

Brady Cole, senior captain of the 2013 team, was in complete disbelief of anyone that could not appreciate Duhl's character.

"There's no one more in this room I have more

respect for than Scott Duhl. He's done so much more for this program than just be a coach.

He's caring, compassionate, and extremely knowledgeable about the game," Cole said. "He's actually cared, which is a lot more than you can say about most coaches at the Park."

Duhl took over as girls varsity head coach in 2013 for long-time head coach Ed McCarthy.

For Emma Tardiff, a senior on the 2013 club, she was immediately impressed with his character and coaching ability. Tardiff played for McCarthy in her first three seasons at Salem, but was pleased with how Duhl handled himself in his first season.

"Being part of the Salem soccer team pre-Scott Duhl era and during the Scott Duhl era, I can tell you that this man is an extremely valuable coach to have at Salem High School. He's a dedicated man that wants each and every one of us to succeed," Tardiff said.

"I have played for few coaches that have gained the kind of respect that Scott gained for the Salem soccer community."

"The fact that he gained it in only one season, really says something about his style of coaching and ethics. We respected him highly as a coach."

## SOCCER

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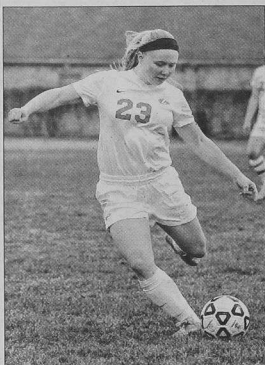
"They all have improved and show the eagerness to learn and get better," the coach said.

Those players will team up with newcomers Madison Archibald (sophomore forward) and Hannah Lapko (freshman forward), who Reddy said "both have a great game mind, skill and speed. I'm excited to see what they can accomplish up top together."

Another key returnee is sophomore and second-year player Natalie Winters.

"She has a great vision of the game and works very hard," Reddy said. "She can play in different positions and hopefully can be a top scorer for us this year."

Also ready to help the cause will be defenders Katie McGlacken, Paige Messmer, and forwards Kelly Schmidt and Emily Spreitzer.



One of Canton's returning seniors is Erica Lucas, shown from last season. (JOHN KEMSKI) EXPRESS PHOTO

"I can't wait for the season to start and see what we can do on the field together," Reddy added. "We are a very close knit team and

hopefully that (camaraderie) and teamwork will get this team far this season."

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified contractors to submit a proposal for Assignment of rights to a Wireless Telecommunication lease, Sale of tower and/or Tower management agreement. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brindza, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at tiffany.brindza@pcscmail.net or (734) 416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations at brodie.killian@pcscmail.net or (734) 416-2740. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Kimberley Crouch, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, consisting of Construction of:

New Cherry Hill Middle School-BD 109 Roofing / Sheetmetal

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:00 P.M. local time on Thursday April 3, 2014 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth-Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

109: Roofing and Sheetmetal

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indolper Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Friday March 21, 2014 via the following:

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/4 size bidding documents for a refundable \$75.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening. Bidders may download bid documents from [gradbeam.com](http://gradbeam.com) free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iron Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iron Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance, further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is authorized by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Board of Education Secretary Kimberly Crouch.

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## ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY

## Ice talent proves to be a cut above

## FIRST TEAM

**John Lethemon, Sr. G, Farmington:** Lethemon was the primary reason the Falcons won the Division 3 state title, backstopping the team to 20 wins, including six straight in the playoffs. In doing so, he was named to the all-state first team for the second year in a row.

Lethemon stopped 876 of 934 shots for a save percentage of .938. He made an amazing 60 saves in a 3-2, state quarterfinal win over No. 1 Cranbrook. His goals-against average was 1.99.

Lethemon has signed to play for Springfield (Ill.) of the North American Hockey League.

"John had an unbelievable season," coach Bill Newton said. "He certainly carried us to the end. He's going to play a lot more hockey after high school."

"He works for everything he gets. That's the beauty of him. He's a real motivated kid, and he's going to go into hockey."

**Kyle Bauer, Sr. Def., Plymouth:** The captain and four-year varsity player was as steady as a rock on the blueline for the Division 1 regional champions.

Bauer, who tallied one goal and seven assists, was a plus-13 and made the all-KLAA team.

"Kyle's numbers were lower because he was always assigned to shut down the opponent's top line," coach Gerry Vento said. "He played in all situations and logged big minutes."

**Grant Newton, Sr. Def., Farmington:** Farmington's gameplan was centered around a strong defense. It was anchored by all-state goalie John Lethemon, but the Falcons had good players surrounding him and supporting him.

One of those was senior captain Grant Newton, who excelled at clearing the puck and shutting down opposing forwards and centers. He also scored one goal and had 11 assists.

"He certainly did a great job of being a leader," Newton said. "He's a gritty guy who works his butt off all the time and just never complains. His attitude is, 'What do I need to do now?'"

He somehow, some way gets things done. He's not a big guy, but he plays physical and hard all the time. He had a great run in the playoffs; that's for sure."

**Dominic Lutz, Sr. F, Liveston:** The senior captain, voted Mr. Hockey by the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey Coaches Association, finished the year with 43 goals and 38 assists.

The left winger, a four-year varsity member, also had 43 goals his junior year and ended his career with well over 100 goals.

"Dominic has been a joy to coach, the success he has had in our program has been remarkable," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said of the Dream Team and all-KLAA selection. "He has truly left his mark. The attention he has helped bring to our program is immeasurable. We will all enjoy watching him play at the next level."

"He was a leader on-off and the lead and led us to our first-ever state title (as a junior) and a 21-6 record as a senior."

**Tyler Irvine, Sr. F, Liveston:** The senior center, a Division 1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA pick, paced the Spartans with 54 assists (fourth in the state) to go along with 26 goals.

"Tyler had a remarkable senior year," Mitchell said. "His vision on the ice and skills with the puck are something to see. Who could forget the highlight of his goal that made No. 3 in ESPN's Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays. He was a member of one of the best lines in Michigan high school hockey that brought such positive attention to the Stevenson program."

The greatest thing about Tyler is that as good of a player he is, he is even a better person. His passion, energy and attitude were contagious and

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## SECOND TEAM

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Ray Chartier, Sr. F, Liveston  
Austin Meltzer, Sr. F, Liveston  
Josh Smith, Sr. F, Plymouth  
Jason Newell, Sr. F, Salem

## Nick Heffron, Sr. F, Farmington

## Mike Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth

## THIRD TEAM

Ryder Godfrey, Sr. G, Salem  
Austin Meltzer, Sr. F, Liveston  
Grant Newton, Sr. Def., Farmington  
Roman Frestone, Sr. Def., Farmington  
Drew Pridmore, Sr. F, Liveston  
John VanDusenbury, Sr. F, Plymouth  
Drake Cole, Jr. F, Farmington  
Colin Soud, Sr. Def., Plymouth  
Jason Peters, Sr. F, Farmington  
Chris Whitteggson, Sr. F, Farmington  
Kylan Pluck, Sr. F, Canton  
Jack Driscoll, Sr. F, Salem

## Josh Daskal, Sr. F, Liveston

## C. Cronin, Sr. F, Liveston

## Nick Kozmin, Sr. F, Farmington

## Austin Bortell, Jr. F, Farmington

## COACH OF THE YEAR

## Bill Newton, Farmington

## HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Andrew Sparks, David Tavel, Evan Gibbons, Franklin, Trevor Lavelle, Ryan Pace, Stevenson: Cole Christie, Dante Seydel, Michael Gendin, Jon McDonald, Alex Allen, Alex Delfino, Canton: Josh Borg, Karl Snow, Colin Smith, Plymouth: Eric Vardolich, Jared Madlock, Jake Labovinsky, Salem: Josh Soud, Cam Clark, Cole Peterson, Noah Miller, Farmington: Eric Hamilton, Trent Walker, North Harrison: Frank Zab, Stephen Coulter, Will Semczak, Jory Lajay

fed off by the rest of the team. He is an exceptional player who will be missed. We can't wait to watch him at the next level."

**Devin Kelly, Sr. F, Liveston:** The third-year varsity player, named first-team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA, was the third member of Stevenson's famed Production Line as he finished with 14 goals and 43 assists (57 points).

"Devin did an exceptional job manning the middle in what was one of the best lines in Michigan," Mitchell said of the right winger. "His vision and unselfishness helped make that line at times unstoppable. Devin was equally skilled at passing off and creating, as well as finishing and scoring. He was a danger to do both."

"Devin has a relentless passion for this game. He has helped take the Stevenson program to new heights. He plays with an edge, which will help him be successful at the next level."

**Jake Sealy, Sr. F, Salem:** The senior captain capped off an outstanding high school career for the Rocks, scoring 11 goals and 23 assists in 24 games — good enough to be named to the Division 1 All-State second team (he also was an all-state pick in 2012-13).

Sealy teamed up with linemate Jason Newell to form a potent scoring unit, sparking Salem to the KLAA South Division co-championship. He finished his three-year career with 17 points, third most in school history.

"Jake Sealy has the highest hockey IQ of any player that I have coached," coach Ryan Ossensmacker said. "He sees the game extremely well, which is one of the reasons he is a tremendous playermaker."

"Jake has the ability to slow the game down and make the players around him better."

## SECOND TEAM

Andrew Rozenbaum, Jr. G, Liveston: The junior posted a 2.02 goals-against

average with a .924 save percentage in his first season as the Spartans' top goaltender en route to Division 1 first-team all-state and all-KLAA honors.

Rosenbaum went 17-4 this season with victories against state powers Birmingham Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary and Rochester Unified.

"Andrew was outstanding for this season," Mitchell said. He committed to being an outstanding goaltender. He really stood tall for us at key times this season. Our ability to forget the 2-1 win against Orchard Lake St. Mary at the MIHL Showcase or how unbelievable he played in the double OT playoff loss versus Trenton when he stopped 46 shots. We're thrilled he is only a junior."

**Ray Chartier, Jr. Sr. Def., Liveston:** The senior, named first-team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA, was a mainstay on the Spartan blue line this season.

Chartier was also fourth on the Spartans in scoring with nine goals and 19 assists. "This was done while usually playing against one of the opponents top two scoring lines," Mitchell said of the academic all-stater. "Ray really came into his own as a top defenseman for us this year. He was just solid for us in so many ways. He was great on the back end and had a nice offensive flare to go with that. He helped anchor our blue line."

**Austin Meltzer, Sr. Def., Farmington:** Meltzer was the other half of Farmington's top defensive duo. He's a similar type of player who gets the job done with hustle and desire, and he also plays with great energy and determination.

The Falcons were outshot in a majority of games, relying on their goalie and defensemen the Meltzer to limit opponents' scoring. Meltzer also had one goal and six assists.

"He's like the energizer bunny," Newton said. "He gets

whacked and beat up and he keeps on going. Nothing slows him down. He's not afraid to be physical and just gets things done."

He was one of the key guys in our stretch run, because he and Grant ate up a lot of ice time. They always played against the other team's best players. That's a true sign of guys playing really well, and we had a ton of confidence in them as coaches."

"Every time the (Chris) Brown line (for Cranbrook) was out there, we did everything in our power to make sure Grant and Austin were out there against them."

**Josh Smith, Jr. F, Plymouth:** Another one of Vento's solid all-around players, the junior all-conference selection and assistant captain led the Wildcats with 17 goals, 18 assists and registered a plus-26 mark. Smith also earned selection to the second all-state squad.

"Josh is a complete player," Vento said. "He played in all situations and was typically matched against the opponent's top line."

**Jason Newell, Sr. F, Salem:** Whenever the Rocks needed a big goal, Newell seemed to provide it for them, registering 22 goals along with 11 assists in 24 games.

His efforts earned him selection to the all-KLAA team and he finished fourth in career goals with 45.

"Jason has the rare combination of tremendous size and talent," Ossensmacker said. "He was a very heavy shot which is very difficult for goalies to adjust to because of how much he can change the angle with which he shoots because of his long reach."

Ossensmacker praised the Sealy-Newell tandem for more than on-ice abilities. "In addition to being good hockey players, both are even better young men and it has been a pleasure to work with for the last three seasons."

**Nick Heffron, Sr. F, Farmington:** Farmington's most skilled offensive player, Heffron missed a handful of games late in the season when the Falcons struggled to score goals. But he returned just in time for the tournament and played a key role in the run to a state title.

Heffron, who finished with 32 points on 14 goals and 18 assists, stole the puck near the Cranbrook net and scored the winning goal in the third period of the 3-2, quarterfinal win.

"When Nick came back and played, that helped us immensely," Newton said. "He allowed us to get more balanced and to have three lines of attack. He brings another skill set to our team and the (top) line with Drake Cole and Jason Petras."

"Of all of Nick's skills, his ability to finish (his plays) is what we need the most. Give him the puck near the net and a majority of the time he scores for you."

"That play he made for the third goal against Cranbrook was probably the biggest goal of our season. That was huge."

"That whole line was huge. Of the seven goals we scored in the last three games, that line has had them."

**Mike Schultz, Sr. F, Plymouth:** Despite missing the first part of the season, the playmaking senior forward still scored a big impact as the Wildcats went 15-10-3 and played in the D1 quarterfinal against Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Schultz scored 11 goals and added 22 assists in just 18 games, and sported an impressive plus-23 mark.

"Mike's numbers were lower because of games played," Vento said. "But he still led the team in assists and averaged almost two points per game."

## COACH OF YEAR

## Bill Newton, Farmington:

The first-year head coach talked about raising banners when he took the job last summer. The Falcons will do exactly that after winning the Division 3 state championship.

Farmington stunned No. 1-ranked and defending champion Cranbrook in a quarterfinal game, 3-2, and it won the second game, 2-1.

Grand Rapids CC and No. 3 Sault Ste. Marie.

The Falcons (21-10) also captured their second regional crown during a six-game tournament run. The banner raisings will take place in November before the season opener at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

For his work in leading Farmington to its first state championship in any sport, Bill Newton was named the Observer's Coach of the Year.

"Obviously, it's tremendous. I've won a lot of awards, but this is the state title. We could have lost the first game to Shrine, and I would still have thought the season very successful."

Brad Leck was a pleasure for me and our assistant coaches to go to practice every day. We had 19 really, quality young men.

"We're going to miss the eight (seniors) who will be exiting the program, because they were a huge part of the success and the catalysts of the program this year. But eight more will fill in and we'll get them all the way up to speed."

"Once again, I always credit the three assistants (former Farmington players Chris Newton, Chris Gendron and Brad Leck) who do the majority of the work."

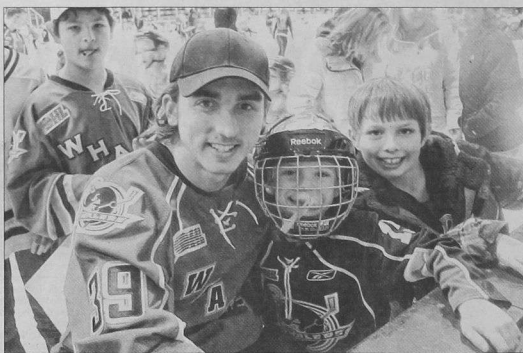
Newton, 53, is an Ontario native who started playing hockey at a young age. He played junior hockey in Oshawa and later for coach Ron Mason at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

His older brothers are involved in hockey, too. Tim is an assistant coach at Michigan State, and Bruce is the marketing director for Hockey Canada.

Their dad, Ray, coached all three sons in youth hockey. Newton is a manufacturer's rep for a company whose business is hockey related.

"Hockey has been a really huge part of our family," Newton said. "All three brothers have made a living off the game of hockey."

It's not just about stopping pucks for goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, shown greeting young Plymouth Whalers fans during a March 9 postgame skate at Compuware Arena. DENISE KOWAN/PLUMOUTH WHALERS



## GOALIE

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the corridor outside the Whalers dressing room following a practice last week. "There's a lot of goalies in the league and throughout Canada, so there's 40 goalies every night dressing in the league so it's a pretty big honor to be number one ranked in the Ontario Hockey League and CHL."

"I just kind of use that as motivation for the draft, keep working harder."

Whalers goalie coach Stan Matwijiw has no doubts about that. He also expects to hear Ned's name called by a NHL general manager at some point during the draft in Philadelphia.

"Honestly, at his age, I've never coached anybody that's been as talented as him," said Matwijiw, who through his Bandits Goalie School (which he founded in 1999) has also worked with a number of professional goalies including former Detroit Red Wing Chris Osgood. "That's the bottom line, end of story. He's that good, fundamentally."

"His maturity is far beyond his years. He's extremely coachable. So yeah, he's got it all going."

### Big dreams

Nedeljkovic also is setting some big-time goals for the future. He doesn't just want to be drafted by a NHL team and make it to The Show, he intends to win the Vezina Trophy, the league's best goaltender. That's like a high school business student planning on running a corporation someday.

"Yeah, that's one of my goals is to someday win a Vezina Trophy," Nedeljkovic noted. "That's something I definitely use as motivation to get me through practices and through workouts and things like that to keep getting better and to keep pushing myself."

Whalers captain and fifth-year defenseman Nick Malysa shook his head when talking about how unbelievably good Nedeljkovic has been all season.

"It's relaxing," Malysa said. "If you make a mistake you know he's going to be back there and stop the puck, that's just a relief off your shoulders."

"We've been blessed with just amazing goalies in this organization during my time here. We've had (Matt) Hackett, (Scott) Wedgewood, (Matt) Mahalak and now Ned, and just having goalies like that is just a relief."

## Knights rule MAHA Girls Tier 2 tournament

Canton girls help team capture 12-and-under crown

The Livonia Knights notched their second Michigan Amateur Hockey Association 12-and-under Girls Tier 2 state championship in three years with a 5-1 victory March 16 over the Traverse City Northstars at the Dearborn DISC Arena.

The Knights, who finished 37-11-4 overall, dominated the field as Claire Antilla scored on the team's first shift assisted by Megan Matthews and Michelle Marzolo. The team features several players who are Canton residents.

Grace Garby then scored four minutes later from Anna Braschewitz followed by a pair of second-period goals by Marzolo to make it 4-0.

The Northstars, which reached the championship game with a 10-0 semifinal win, got on the board with seven goals left in the second period.

But Antilla answered with 27 seconds remaining in the second and the Knights clamped down defensively during the final period allowing only five shots to seal the win.

Earlier in the day, the Knights pulled out a 3-2 victory over the Kensington Valley Ravens, who finished 3-0 in their bracket and had beaten the Knights a week earlier.

Marzolo scored twice within a two-minute span during the second period and Klaudia Roznowski added a backhanded rebound shot with 12 seconds



Celebrating a Plymouth Whalers victory is hot goaltending prospect Alex Nedeljkovic. RENA LAVERTY | PLUMOUTH WHALERS

According to Matwijiw, who started working with Nedeljkovic in 2011-12 (the then-10th-grader played Midget Major with Belle Tire that year), his protege has plenty of physical attributes.

But he also brings an almost unparalleled work ethic and attention to detail.

### Quick study

"When you give a kid something, you suggest something to him," Matwijiw said. "And when a guy picks it up the first time you tell him, yeah, you know you got something pretty special there."

Matwijiw said he works with all the elite goalies that go through the Bandits program about "11 A.P." — having a purpose each and every time out on the ice.

"It's just trying to get guys to realize you can go out every practice and make yourself a better player," he emphasized. "It's proven that if you write something down you have a 70-percent better chance of retaining the information."

"So I ask them to write something down before practice, two things before every practice, and make sure you go out there and execute. Again, it's just setting short-term goals."

During Whalers games, Matwijiw is up in the press box with his iPad, logging every save, puckhandling decision, "basically points of interest that I want to point out to him, good or bad, that we get a chance to look over."

After games, Matwijiw and Nedeljkovic huddle next to each other in the

dressing room poring over that night's report.

There are plenty of times when the pupil pretty much knows what the teacher is going to say. He is that astute at his position.

"He's a sponge, he takes everything in," Malysa said. "He wants to learn every day, he works hard and that's just a testament to him and how great he's been raised and how much he wants it."

### Bold move

Here's how much he wants it: Nedeljkovic displayed his incredible maturity and confidence by leaving his family for two years, going solo to metro Detroit, playing for Belle Tire during his sophomore year of high school.

At the end of that year, he was drafted by Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Yellucci and in 2012-13 Nedeljkovic split time between the Metro Jets (Junior A) and Whalers (he joined Plymouth as Mahalak's backup and eventually took over as the No. 1 guy).

He was so good that he was named the OHL's top goalie and rookie for February 2013.

Still, it took some time adjusting to P-CEP and the Compuware scene — playing hockey in a region filled with high-profile major league and college teams while living with a billet family.

"You know, there's a lot more people up here that come and watch," Nedeljkovic said. "You're a lot more exposed, playing hockey in front of all these colleges, Michigan State and Michigan, all the OHL teams (scouts) that come and watch from around the Detroit area."

"So it was different getting used to a different family, getting used to a different school, and even hockey was a little bit different."

Things started to calm down a bit beginning last summer, when parents Butch and Theresa Nedeljkovic brought the rest of the family from Parma to metro Detroit.

Alex Nedeljkovic then moved back in with his folks (including his younger brother Andy, who just finished his Bantam Major season with Victory Honda) and started to move on up.

"It's been a lot easier living out of home and having a good home-cooked meal every night," he said, smiling.

And in a few months, Nedeljkovic very well might be some NHL team's meal ticket.

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Members of the Livonia Knights include: Claire Antilla (Northville), Grace Balch (Canton), Anna Braschewitz (Livonia), McKenna Cei (Canton), Grace Garby (Canton), Megan Goleniak (Canton), Emily Kostienley (Livonia), Kennedy Marzolo (Livonia), Michelle Marzolo (Livonia), Megan Matthews (Allen Park), Kamryn Murray (Livonia), Anna Otte (Canton), Victoria Pilut (Livonia), Klaudia Roznowski (Livonia), Nicole Stefanick (Livonia), Marnie Waggoner (Canton) and Beth White (Livonia). HOCKEY WEEKLY

remaining in the same period to make it 3-1.

The Ravens scored midway through the third period to cut the deficit to one, but the Knights stood tall and played solid team defense led by their goalie Kennedy Marciv to hold on for the victory.

The Knights started off the weekend with a 9-2 triumph over the DISC Wild Flowers as Antilla and Megan Goleniak (Canton) each scored a pair of goals.

Marzolo contributed a goal and three assists, while Grace Garby added a goal and two assists. Braschewitz, McKenna Cei (Canton) and Beth White also had goals, while Kamryn Murray and Marnie Waggoner (Canton) each collected two assists.

Ceci had the prettiest goal of the game with an end-to-end rush from her

defensive position to score on a nice wrist shot.

In the second round, Livonia suffered its only tournament setback with a 2-1 loss to Traverse with Marzolo netting the only Knights goal with four minutes left in the second period.

The Knights, however, bounced back in their third round-robin game with a 2-1 triumph over the previously undefeated Ann Arbor Cougars to finish second in their bracket as Marzolo and Nicole Stefanick tallied goals.

Rounding out the Knights squad, coached by Carrie Sinola, includes Grace Balch (Canton), Emily Kostienley, Anna Otte (Canton) and Victoria Pilut.

Assistant coaches include Matt Ceci, Carlo Marzolo and Ed Kostienley. The team manager is Heidi Marzolo.

## WHALERS

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series at 2-all.

### All-out effort

Whalers assistant coach Don Eiland praised Nedeljkovic. But he also gave props to the rest of the team for a blue-collar effort.

"Even before we got the lead it was a total team effort," Eiland said. "They are a good team, that's why they finished first in our league."

"But you got to give our guys credit. We didn't lay down, ... they got a lot of shots (but) most of them were from the outside. It was a total team effort, we played hard. We really played hard tonight."

Lorentz proved to be in the right place at the right time for Plymouth's winning marker at the 9-minute mark of the second.

Linemate Danny Vanderwiel took a feed from defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto and ripped a shot from the right half-wall.

The puck glanced off Guelph netminder Justin Nichols (solid with 25 stops) and ricocheted off the leg of Lorentz (parked on the doorstep) and into the storm cap.

That might have been payback for Guelph's lone tally against Nedeljkovic, at 15:32 of the first frame by Ryan Horvat. Scott Kosmachuk sent the puck toward the front of the Plymouth goal and it appeared to be kicked in.

After a lengthy review, the marker was allowed to stand.

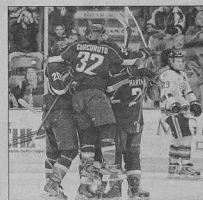
Sills got some payback himself for the punishment he received from Brock McGinn (who received a major and game misconduct at 3:07 of the first for checking the Plymouth winger from behind).

Skating into the right circle, Sills drove a shot that Nichols stopped with his blocker. The puck bounced to the goalie's right where Victor Cris Rydberg spun and fired the rebound into the net to make it 1-1.

Guelph turned up the offensive heat in an attempt to get that tally back, outshooting the Whalers 16-8 in the period and 34-20 after 40 minutes.

It was more of the same in the third, as the Storm sent 19 more shots toward Nedeljkovic — but the goalie was equal to the task.

Meanwhile, the rest of the Whalers battled every shift, getting sticks in passing lanes and sacrificing their bodies to block shots.



The Plymouth Whalers rejoice after scoring the go-ahead goal Tuesday night against Guelph at Compuware Arena. RENA LAVERTY | EXPRESS PHOTO

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Canton grid parents meeting

The first Canton High School Football Booster Club meeting will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 31 in the Canton High School library.

Parents of current 8th-11th graders interested in playing football for Canton High School next season are encouraged to attend.

Visit [cantonhifootball.com](http://cantonhifootball.com).

### Canton Leisure Services camps

On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive plays. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch and a water bottle.

» **Basketball:** There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Those sessions (for ages 7-14) will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: Session 1 - July 7; Session 2 - July 25; Session 3 - July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents.

» **Baseball:** The baseball camp is slated to run July 14-18 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. in Canton. Ages 7-14.

To register, go to [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org), call Canton Recreation (734-483-5600) or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

### MU cross country

Madonna University will stage its summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners from 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75.

MU will also hold long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park. The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

Email MU coach Pat Daugherty at [pdaugherty@madonna.edu](mailto:pdaugherty@madonna.edu).



AT SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

# Cebrate spring with annual jazz concert

By Sharon Dargay

Staff Writer

Jazz fans will get two chances to hear their favorite music next month at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

New York-based pianist Michael Weiss will perform in concert on Tuesday, April 8, after teaching classes in jazz piano and improvisation, composition and arranging at the college. Then on Monday, April 14, the Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo, along with the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, will present their "Up Jumped Spring" concert, featuring music by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, George Gershwin, Stan Kenton and other jazz greats.

That's just the beginning of a busy spring-summer semester in the jazz program at Schoolcraft.

Ricardo Selva, Ph.D., director of jazz studies, is working to bring another jazz artist to the college in June and will lead his students in performing locally on a July 4 parade float. Aspiring jazz musicians also can look forward to a two-week intensive training camp, with performance and recording opportunities, from July 14-25 at the college. The Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft coincides with the camp.

"From the present to December 2014 I anticipate plugging in even more events," Selva said. "The audience we've attracted is formidable. It's hard to get audiences these days, but we're getting 250-450 people at our concerts. I have to pinch myself. Some people feel lucky getting 100."

"We've been growing our audience. We have 550 people or so (concert attendees) in our data base. It's tremendous."

## Concert, classes

Both upcoming concerts are free and the piano master class and improvisation, composing and arranging clinic are open to the public. Anyone interested in participating in either session should contact Selva.

"I need to get an idea of their skill level," Selva said, referring to the piano master class, which will start at 1 p.m. on April 8. "We probably wouldn't want a 4-year-old child to sign up, although they could come and listen. Everyone is welcome to attend as an audience member or observer."



Michael Weiss will perform Tuesday, April 8 at Schoolcraft College, in Livonia.



Ricardo Selva directs the musicians in the jazz program at Schoolcraft College.

The jazz improvisation, composition and arranging clinic will run from 3-5 p.m. that same day. Weiss will play a few music selections with jazz program students at the evening concert. He'll also perform with Selva, on saxophone, Marion Hayden, on bass, and Sean Dobbins, on drums.

Selva said he'll likely perform one of the tunes that he initially composed for a photo series by the Rev. Bob McCabe, pastor of St. Pius X Church in Southgate. The project, "Winters on the Street," focuses on the homeless and can be seen and heard on YouTube.

"It's sad, but beautiful," Selva said, describing McCabe's work. "I'll probably do one of the pieces I wrote. It's an upbeat piece, be popish. It's very lively."

Selva described Weiss as a "musician of diverse background." He won second prize in the 1989 Thelonious Monk Institute International Piano Competition and a grand prize in the 2000 BMI/Monk Institute Composers Competition. The Michael Weiss group has played at the Detroit International Jazz Festival, the Stanford Jazz Festival and major venues.

"He started out as a

## JAZZ CONCERTS

» Michael Weiss, jazz pianist performs 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, after teaching a piano master class and a clinic in jazz improvisation, composition and arranging. Ricardo Selva on saxophone, Marion Hayden on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums will accompany Weiss. Master class and clinic participants also will perform.

» The Schoolcraft Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation Combo and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform their "Up Jumped Spring 2014 Concert" 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14.

Both concerts will be held in the Diponio Room, at the VaTeach Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Hagerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door on April 14 for students scholarships and the jazz program.

straight-ahead be bop jazz player. He's done projects in a lot of styles and has broadened his depth of the different styles he plays," Selva said. "He's a prolific writer as well."

## Jazz vocalists

The jazz program's annual Up Jumped Spring concert includes a twist this year.

"I have a group of vocalists and all have wonderful gifts to contribute. I've never had so many vocalists. It adds a whole other dimension."

He and four singers in the jazz program will per-

form several arrangements including *Accentuate the Positive*, a song that was recorded by Johnny Mercer and the Pied Pipers in 1944.

"It resonates with my philosophy of the jazz program," he said, adding, "the song is so charming." "This is going to be fun."

For more about the concerts and other upcoming jazz program activities, including the summer camp, visit [schoolcraft.edu/music](http://schoolcraft.edu/music). Contact Selva at [rselva@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:rselva@schoolcraft.edu) or call 847-721-7299 or call the Schoolcraft Music Department at 734-462-4403.

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ANIMALS

#### DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1-Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and August

**Location:** I-96 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14, children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

### ART & CRAFTS

#### CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through April 22; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** Cortic Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Oil paintings of Anthony Macioce

**Contact:** 248-473-1856

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 8-16, opening reception and artist talk, 6-9 p.m., Friday, April 4

**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville

**Details:** "Detritus," an exhibit of works by airbrush master, Tom Theves

**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 Sheffman, Foundations Department chair and associate professor at the College for Creative Studies, will jury the show. Cash prizes will be awarded. Applications at [www.northvillearthhouse.org](http://www.northvillearthhouse.org)

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

### COMEDY

#### EMERGENT ARTS

**Time/Date:** Open mic, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 12:20 and 27, following 5 p.m. "Comedy Dojo" classes

**Location:** The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

**Details:** Chili Chillis, national headliner comedian and former staff writer for *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, coaches new and experienced comics in the nuances of their craft during his Comedy Dojo. Mark Sweetman emceeds the open mic. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more about the fee-based classes, visit [ChiliChillis.com](http://ChiliChillis.com)

**Contact:** 734-985-0875

### FILM

#### MJR DIGITAL CINEMAS

**Time/Date:** Saturday-Sunday, through April 6

**Location:** Westland Grand Digital Cinema 16, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details:** Spring Children's Film Festival includes *Walking with Dinosaurs*, March 28-30, and *Nut Job*, April 5-6. Free to children 12 and under; parents pay \$1. Admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Call for times.

**Contact:** 734-298-6257

### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, and Thursday, April 3, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

**Details:** *The Nut Job*, admission \$3

**Coming up:** *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](http://www.penntheatre.com)

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### REDFOOT THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. April 11 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 12

**Location:** 17360 Lahar, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

**Details:** *Ben Hur*, \$5

**Coming up:** Three Stooges Film Festival, 8 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, \$6 admission

**Contact:** 313-537-2560

### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, March 28

**Location:** 150 General Lectures Building, 5045 Anthony Wayne Drive, at West Warren Avenue in Detroit

**Details:** The Italian Heritage Society and The Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan sponsor the Michigan premiere of *La Mia Strada*, a feature-length documentary by Michael Angelo Dilauro that links ancient and contemporary Italian society with its Italian-American counterpart. \$20 admission, check or cash, at the door.

**Contact:** 313-886-6894

### MUSEUM

#### YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

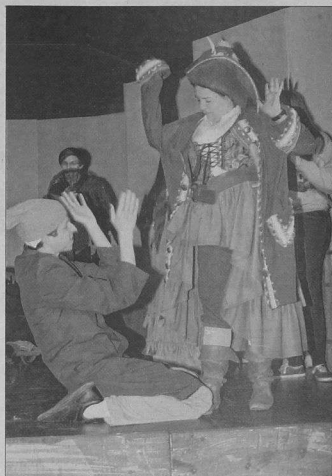
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5

**Location:** Hangar 1 on the northwest side of Willow Run Airport. Enter under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management, at Willow Run, Kirk Profit Drive, Building 2601, in Ypsilanti

**Details:** 19th annual Bomber Buffing Party. It's an airplane polishing party for all ages. Polish the "Yankee Lady," a 8-17, and the "Yankee Warrior," a 8-25. You're encouraged to bring clean, soft rags. A pizza luncheon will be served

**Contact:** [yankeearmuseum.org](http://yankeearmuseum.org)

## Motley Crew



Motor City Players performs *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday March 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Motor City Theatre, 27555 Grantland, south of I-96 and west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students, seniors and children, 18 and younger. For more information, contact Nancy Florkowski at 313-535-8962; [nancy@myt.org](mailto:nancy@myt.org).

## Spring-inspired brunch

**A**s winter gives way to spring, it's the perfect excuse to gather together with your loved ones. This time of year is ideal for casual brunches, so for your next midday feast with friends and family, take your inspiration from the changing weather and create a brunch menu that mimics the flavors of the season.

Whether you're planning a brunch for a group of five or 15, a little pre-planning will help ensure the event is big on fun and low on stress.

» Take a cue from Mother Nature to establish the theme for your party. Simple bouquets of early-season blooms provide a colorful and welcoming backdrop for a casual brunch hosted indoors or out. Use

vases in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors to create a sweetly whimsical look.

» A buffet-style brunch makes it simple to serve your meal and it allows guests to mingle and snack as they wish, leaving you free to visit and enjoy a leisurely party, as well.

» Big taste comes in small packages. Serve your guests a plethora of smaller, bite-size appetizers which allows them to sample different flavors. Keep with your spring theme by incorporating fresh, seasonal ingredients.

To discover more delicious recipes, check out [www.mussel-mans.com/recipes](http://www.mussel-mans.com/recipes) or visit [www.musselmans.com/recipebook](http://www.musselmans.com/recipebook) to download the free e-recipe book.

Courtesy of Family Features

### BBQ SAUCE-GLAZED PINEAPPLE HAM PICKS

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Yield: 36

**1/2 cup apple butter**  
**1/2 cup barbecue sauce**  
**2 tablespoons Dijon mustard**  
**(optional)**  
**1 pound cooked ham, cut 1/2-inch thick**  
**5 fresh pineapple**  
**Wood toothpicks**

Preheat oven to 400. Pour apple butter, barbecue sauce and mustard into bowl and stir to combine. Cut ham and pineapple into 1/2-inch cubes, about 36 each. Place one pineapple chunk on each toothpick, followed by a chunk of ham. Stand the picks up on baking sheet and brush each one with BBQ sauce mixture. Cover all sides. Bake for 10 minutes. Serve warm with remaining sauce for dipping.



### AWESOME APPLE BUTTER BREAKFAST CAKE

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour  
Yield: 9 servings

**2 1/2 cups baking mix (such as Bisquick)**  
**1/2 cup milk**  
**1/2 cup sugar**  
**1 egg**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**  
**2 cups apple butter**

**Topping:**  
**1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut**  
**1/2 cup pecans, chopped**  
**1/2 cup sugar**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**  
In bowl, stir together baking mix, milk, 1/2 cup sugar, egg and 2 tablespoons of melted butter. Pour two-thirds of batter into 8-by-8-by-2-inch glass baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Cover with apple butter. Drop remaining batter by spoonful on top. Combine coconut, pecans, 1/2 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons butter. Sprinkle on top of cake. Bake at 350 for approximately one hour, until cake tester inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Note: Pan will be very full so do not substitute a smaller pan. You may want to place a cookie sheet under the pan in the oven in case of drips.



### APPLE AND BLUE CHEESE TOASTS

**8 ounces blue cheese**  
**3 ounces cream cheese**  
**1 thin baguette, cut into 36 thin rounds**  
**1/2 cup toasted walnuts, chopped**  
**1/2 cup apple butter**

Process blue and cream cheeses in a food processor until smooth. (Can be covered and refrigerated for several weeks.) When ready to serve, pre-heat oven to 450. Place sliced bread on a wire rack and bake until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Cool to room temperature. Toast walnuts in a small skillet over low heat, shaking pan occasionally, until fragrant and slightly darker in color, about 5 minutes. Spread a portion of the cheese mixture on each toast. Top with a dollop of apple butter, sprinkle with chopped walnuts, and serve.



### FRENCH TOAST ROLL-UPS

**16 slices white sandwich bread**  
**1 cup apple butter**  
**2 eggs**  
**1/2 cup milk**  
**1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (divided)**  
**1/2 teaspoon nutmeg**  
**2 tablespoons butter, melted**  
**1 tablespoon sugar**  
**3 ounces cream cheese, softened**  
**1/2 cup apple butter**  
**1/2 cup powdered sugar**  
**2 tablespoons milk**

Preheat oven to 375. Line a baking sheet with a silicone mat or grease well (the roll-ups will stick to the pan). Flatten a slice of bread with a rolling pin to about half of its original thickness. Spread roughly 1 tablespoon of apple butter evenly on top. Roll up the bread (apple butter side inward) and set aside, seam side down. Repeat with the remaining bread. In a bowl, beat together the eggs, 1/2 cup of milk, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg. Dip each roll-up into the egg mixture, completely covering and shake off the excess. Place on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes. Pull out of the oven, brush the top side with melted butter, flip each roll, then brush the bottom with butter. If they stick, gently use a spatula to loosen them. Leave the bottom side up and bake another 10 minutes. In a small bowl, add the sugar and the remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. When the roll-ups are done baking, roll each one in the mixture. Serve warm with dipping sauce. Dipping Sauce: In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese and 1/2 cup of apple butter until smooth. Gradually beat in the powdered sugar and then the remaining 2 tablespoons of milk.

### Vegan foods

Novi — More than 50 restaurants and food vendors and more than 50 exhibitors, will be on hand at VegFest, a vegan tastefest and expo presented by VegMichigan, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Actress Daryl Hannah will be the featured celebrity speaker at 12:45 p.m. Other presenters will include Jill Fritz, Michigan senior state director for the Humane Society of the United States, 11:30 a.m.; John Salley, a vegan and former Detroit Piston, 2 p.m.; and Joel

Kahn, M.D., cardiologist, 3:15 p.m. Vegan cooking demonstrations will be at 12:15 p.m. with chef John Heath of Jazzie Veggie in Ann Arbor; 1:30 p.m. with chef Robert Hindley of Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield; and 2:45 p.m. with chef Erica Boyd of Detroit Vegan Soul. VegMichigan members are admitted without charge. Nonmembers pay \$7 in advance at [vegmic.org](http://vegmic.org) or \$10 at the door.

### Taste of Sweden

Canton — Hungry for Gravlad Lax or some Prinskorv? You'll find them along with other Scandinavian fare at

the Paskbord, a Swedish Easter Smörgåsarbuffet, Friday, April 11, at IKEA, 41640 Ford Road. Two seatings are available, from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The traditional, all-you-can-eat buffet will include assorted herring, hard-boiled eggs with shrimp, Silron or Tangkorn, shrimp with cocktail sauce, Gravlad Lax, marinated salmon, smoked salmon, poached salmon, assorted cheeses, tossed salad, cucumber salad, red beet salad, a variety of breads, lingonberries, Swedish meatballs, mashed or boiled potatoes, Swedish ham, Prinskorv (sausages), Jansson's Temptation, assorted desserts and

cookies, and beverages. Cost is \$9.99 per person and \$2.49 for kids, 12 and under for IKEA family members; and \$12.99 per person and \$4.99 for kids, 12 and under for nonmembers. IKEA Family is a benefits program that offers membership perks including special product discounts, sneak previews, free coffee and tea in the IKEA Restaurant, and more. Consumers can sign up for the free program online or in-store. Space for the buffet is limited. Buy tickets at the store. For group orders of five or more tickets, email [ikea21FO26@ikea.com](mailto:ikea21FO26@ikea.com). 888-888-4532

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## FITZPATRICK, ROSEMARY ANN

87, of Farmington, died Saturday, March 22, 2014. She is the beloved wife of 64 years to David; devoted mother of David (Peggy) Fitzpatrick, Michael (Kathleen) Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Sharon (Russell) Davies, Mary Kravatske and Daniel (Robin) Fitzpatrick, loving grandmother of Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Adina Oostervik, Adelle Fitzpatrick, Tera Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Alexandra Fitzpatrick, Rachel Schulte, Matthew Kravatske, Victor Kravatske, Amelia Rose Kravatske, and Katie Fitzpatrick, great-grandchildren of Ed, Aila, Ravi, Bilis, Aticus, Camdyn, Gunner and Paxton, fond sister of William, Robert, Marion and Cecelia. Rosemary raised six children, worked to Morning Mass every day, made her own clothes, worked as a fashion model for Saks Fifth Avenue and J.L. Hudson, and served as president of the local chapter of the Junior Chamber (the "Jay-Cees"). She was a member of the City's Beautification Committee. Sensitive, gracious and wise, she loved to cook, sing, laugh and dance. Visitation Thursday, March 27, 2-8:30 p.m., with prayers and remembrances at 7 p.m., at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River, downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200, heeneys-sundquist.com. Funeral Mass Friday, March 28, 10 a.m. (in state 9-30 a.m.), at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 2245 S. Power St., Farmington. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

## HARRISON, THOMAS C.

Aged 98, March 23, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Madeleine. Dear father of the late Barbara Campbell. Grandfather of Christian Campbell, Kevin (Dale) Campbell and Heather (Howard) Lane. Great-grandfather of Sabrina (Timothy) Thomas, Donovan Campbell, Hunter Lane and Haden Lane. Great-great-grandfather of Lily Thomas. Also leaves behind his dear friend Dot Toole. Tom was a gracious loving man who never told anyone no! He expressed his love in every moment known to the Super Suggester at Ford Motor Company. His suggestions changed the way cars are built to this day. He was a man of many jokes, with the gift of telling them with perfection. He is greatly missed. Memorial gathering Thursday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Memorial Service at John N. Santeu & Sons Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (bwn Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill).

**Santeu Funeral Home**



## HOFFMAN, GEORGE E. JR.

March 23, 2014, age 49 of Plymouth. Beloved husband of Audrey. Loving father of Anna and Nicholas. Dear brother of Suzanne Gallina. Loving son of Lawrence Gallina. Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 4401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).



**VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOME**



## MCCORD, EDNA "GAE"

Edna "Gae" McCord died March 22, 2014 at Providence Hospital in Novi. Gae, the daughter of Milton and Velma Bell Oeche, was born May 22, 1926 in Toledo, Ohio. She was a founding member of the Plymouth Arts Council and a member of the Fox Run Adult-Learning Institute in Greenville, S.C. She was originally of Fox Run, a community-based continuing education program targeting residents of the Fox Run adult-learning complex in Novi. She also served on the boards of St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and Fox Run's Renaissance Gardens. On the day of March 1946, Gae married her Bryan, Ohio high school sweetheart and returning infantryman, Denver Paul McCord. Together, they attended the Ohio State University. The couple eventually moved to Plymouth, where they raised four children, and suffered and survived the loss of a fifth, Matthew, aged 2, in Scottsdale, AZ, where the family lived 1963-64. Certainly, this tragedy energized Gae's interest in the arts and her compassion for others. "Perhaps her real, true passion was for humanity—for people: all kinds of people," according to her son, Bill, a teacher at Novi High School. "I've never known anyone who had so many good friends from so many different parts of the world."

In 1979, Gae and Denver retired to Keosauqua, Key, S.C., near the water, with warmer winters, however, Denver had a series of debilitating conditions dating from the Battle of Bulge, and was in decline for several years. Gae's opinion was, "It's two old duffers have been through a lot together, and we will go through whatever else life has in store for us together." After Denver's death in 1994, Gae moved to Greenville, where she was active at the Peace Center for Performing Arts and FULIR. In 1999, to be closer to her sons, Andy and Bill and their families, she moved to Fox Run. In October 2012, she suffered another loss when Andy died of cancer. This year, Gae had experienced a period of good health and unusually high spirits when she was taken to the hospital on the night of March 21; there, she recovered somewhat, and was quite lucid before falling asleep; her heart failed around dawn. Gae is survived by sons Patrick (Tish) McCord of Bridgeport, CT, and William (Tracy) McCord of Plymouth; daughter Maria (William) Nedzel of Columbia, S.C.; daughter-in-law Joan Firestone McCord and grandchild Matthew Denver McCord, a student at Ohio Wesleyan University (son of Andy and Joanna) of New Hudson; and grandchildren Casey and Maria McCord of Plymouth. A memorial gathering will be held at Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, for the convenience of her friends at Fox Run. Following a visitation hour from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. There will be a visitation period following the service as well. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her favorite charity, Doctors Without Borders in memory of her compassionate spirit.

## SIEBERT

### FRED LAWRENCE III

died peacefully at his home in Harbor Springs, MI, on March 23, 2014. Fred is survived by his wife Catherine (Friend) Siebert; his son Paul Siebert, of Plymouth, MI; Daughter Lori Siebert of Green Valley, AZ, and daughter Lisa Siebert of Telluride, CO. Fred is also survived by step-son Richard Hunter of East Grand Rapids, step-daughter Aimee Dyer of Harbor Springs, and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Turner Siebert. Fred was born in Toledo Ohio, where he graduated from DeVilbiss High School. He went on to attend Purdue University to study Mechanical Engineering and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. After serving in the US Army for two years, Fred began his career with Ford Motor company, retiring as a Quality Control Manager in 1987. He went on to start Quality Methods and Systems, where he served as a consultant for several years. Fred was a long time resident of Plymouth, Michigan, where he was active in the Community Arts Council. He loved sailing and travel, and was a member of the Detroit Yacht Club and the Nomads Travel Club. In 2004 Fred and Cathy moved to Harbor Springs, MI. As a resident of Birchwood Country Club, he and Cathy enjoyed a warm and active social life. He served on several committees. Fred loved cooking, crossword puzzles and reading. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family. Arrangements were made through Schiller Funeral Home of Harbor Springs. Online condolences may be made at [stonefuneralhome.com](http://stonefuneralhome.com).



## WELLS, ROBERT DAVID "BOB"

Age 53, grew up in Plymouth and attended Salsburg High School of Canton, class of 1979. Bob was good with kids and loved being a Dad and a Grandfather. He enjoyed fishing, and was a true sports fan, especially the Detroit Tigers. He also loved animals, particularly his dog Kasey. He is survived by his mother, Marie Long (Norman) of Plymouth; his father, Harvey Wells (Carol) of Carbon Hill, Alabama, and his grandmother, Lorraine Wells, of Plymouth. Bob is also survived by his four children: Anne Wells (Pete) of Belding, MI; Nicholas Wells (Kim) of Carson City, MI; Philip Wells of North Branch, MI; Jessica Wells of Ohio; and his fiancée, Manda Stieling of Iowa. MI Bob also leaves three brothers: Mark Wells (Carol) of Westland, Michigan; Larry Wells (Phyllis) and Ken Wells, both of LaCrosse, WI; and great-aunt Dolly Warford, plus nieces and nephews: Whitney, Amber, David, Steven, and Emily Wells, and a great-niece, Jayme. A Memorial Service is planned for Bob at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45501 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI, this Saturday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon. Bob was predeceased in death by his grandparents: Lewis (O'Hol) Wells, and David and Anne Ingall, all of Plymouth. MI Bob! See ya when we get there!

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

May you find comfort in family and friends

A loving tribute

May you find peace in this time of sorrow.

May the memory of your loved one...

...bring you peace.

## HUDSON, LORRAINE M.

Age 93. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Rodney (Doris) Susan Griffin (Dennis Heinanen), Alan (Lisa) and Peggy (Wally) Leightner. Proud grandmother of Shannon, Roxanne, Adam, Nathan, Natalie, great-grandma of Hudson and Archer. Dear sister of Norrene (Sam) Green. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd., Livonia (E of Livonia) Thursday 3-9pm, Funeral Friday 11am at the funeral home. Please visit online guestbook [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)



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# REAL ESTATE



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## JOHN REAM HOPE TO OPEN PUBLIC LATE SUMMER

Luxury homes showcased Aug. 29 through Sept. 14

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Homearama 2014 is a public service activity of HBA featuring homes built by HBA profes-

sional builder members including Moccasin Companies, Cranbrook Homes, MJC Companies and Arteva Homes. The community was developed by Kirkland Adams Development.

Thousands of hours have been devoted to shaping the Pinnacle community as the "crown jewel" of Oakland County's Billion Dollar Mile. Its luxury homes will be set amid streets accented by brick pavers, wrought iron sculptures and a grand domed promenade. Acres of preservation areas, streams and stone bridges will add to the elegance and creativity of the community.

Each home is being de-

signed, built, fully decorated and landscaped by the area's top professionals. Homes will feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and energy saving features. These Dream Homes offer visitors the unique opportunity to gather luxury design and decor ideas that could be used in their own homes. Bringing The Dream Home is the theme for the event.

On-site and advance ticket sales will be available. Over 50,000 home owners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2014. Special events are also planned during the run of the

event. More information will be available at [www.HomearamaHBA.com](http://www.HomearamaHBA.com) beginning in April.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing 700 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

## N.J. court mixes liability claim

**Q:** Our homeowners association has sued a homeowner for payment of maintenance fees. That member filed a counterclaim alleging that the association had caused monetary damage to him by engaging in bad faith conduct by its involvement in a lawsuit filed by a group of other members in the community who accused the association of withholding financial information which allegedly caused a rejection for his reverse mortgage loan on his unit because of that lawsuit. What do you think?



Robert Melsner

**A:** Under the Business Judgment Rule, the general test for whether an association has acted properly is whether its action was authorized by statute or by its own bylaws and, if so, whether the action was fraudulent, self-dealing or unconscionable. Generally, the Business Judgment Rule isn't available as a general defense if the association's fiduciary duty was breached by fraud or acts performed in bad faith. In a case similar to yours, the New Jersey Appellate Court held that the association cannot be liable for damaging individual unit owners simply because its actions in the course of litigation on behalf of all owners may have affected some of the members unfavorably. In the case in New Jersey, the court indicated that the litigation strategy the association used was actually quite successful for the membership as a whole since the lawsuit was dismissed without a year of hostility being imposed on the association.

**Q:** My neighbor hosted a party in a residence used by his parents without their consent. Alcohol was available for consumption at the party and some of the guests, most of whom were in a year who was charged an admission fee. The money collected in entrance fees was used to buy additional alcohol. During the party, an intoxicated person who was charged a fee to purchase consumed alcoholic beverages supplied by my neighbor who unfortunately was seriously injured in an automobile accident. The victim's parents have now considered filing a lawsuit against the neighbor and his parents. Do you think they have any valid claims?

**A:** The case is state-specific and case specific in regard to what the liability would be, but it would seem to me that both the parents and the person serving alcoholic beverages would be liable for allowing the sale of alcohol to an obviously intoxicated minor. It is, of course, important to recognize that the sale of alcohol is regulated in Michigan and there could well be direct liability for the damages incurred similar to that of a DRAM shop claim against a bar that sells alcohol to an obviously intoxicated customer.

**Robert M. Melsner 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 Operating and Managing Your Condominium." It is available for \$29.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit [www.condominium-living.com](http://www.condominium-living.com). This column should not be construed as legal advice.**

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - OAKLAND COUNTY

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

#### BEVERLY HILLS

15755 Birchwood Ave \$151,000  
17195 Birchwood Ave \$242,000  
17860 Locherbie Ave \$275,000  
16145 Madoline St \$146,000  
31165 Sheridan Dr \$180,000  
18688 N 13 Mile Rd #2 \$185,000  
**BIRMINGHAM** \$347,000  
30265 Oakview Way \$347,000  
**BIRMINGHAM**  
5521,000  
275 Bryn Mawr St \$521,000  
1523 Chapin Ave \$421,000  
1389 Lake Park Dr \$225,000  
1977 Lakeside Dr \$197,000  
1115 N Old Woodward Ave Unit \$860,000  
232 Pilgrim Ave \$652,000  
662 Purdy St #20 \$205,000  
600 W Brown Blvd #109 \$172,000  
1288 Washington Blvd \$330,000  
3333 Village St \$189,000  
1078 Wilminton Dr \$290,000

#### BLAINEFIELD HILLS

3459 Devon Brook Dr \$279,000  
5633 S Adams Way \$235,000  
1037 Anthony Ln \$713,000  
7125 Cathedral Dr \$242,000  
480 E Long Lake Dr \$970,000  
2363 Kingsmith Rd \$142,000  
5680 Koly Rd \$465,000  
999 Stratford Pl \$330,000  
1715 Tiverton Rd \$873,000  
2 Vaughan Xing \$873,000  
100 W Hickory Grove Rd #7 \$63,000

#### BLEEFIELD TOWNSHIP

1367 Club Dr \$529,000  
1737 Fog Ridge Dr S \$529,000  
2499 Heronwood Dr \$810,000  
310 Kendry \$213,000  
6650 Lahar Rd \$200,000  
5026 Sebring Ct \$450,000

1543 Threaddneedle St \$467,000  
1350 Trailwood Path # C \$128,000  
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
6080 Amatore St \$125,000  
2340 Baltusor Dr \$265,000  
3105 Belle Terre \$200,000  
3446 Benette Rd \$325,000  
2265 Calhoun \$235,000  
5049 Carinas Way Ct \$257,000  
4410 Commerce Woods \$239,000  
8133 Cooley Lake Rd \$135,000  
5004 Elkin St \$178,000  
8753 Flagstaff St \$150,000  
5231 Huron Hills Dr \$313,000  
9381 Park Ln \$499,000  
8420 Pine Cove Dr \$490,000  
8529 Pine Cove Dr \$375,000  
3100 Royal Blvd \$140,000  
2461 Solace Dr \$62,000  
3581 Stallion Way \$300,000  
4781 Surwood Dr \$450,000  
9574 Trace Hollow Ct \$25,000  
9577 Trace Hollow Ct \$296,000  
3001 White Tail Ct \$296,000  
**FARMINGTON**  
3131 Orchard St \$65,000  
21045 Robinwood St \$178,000  
29070 Fox Grove Rd \$214,000  
**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
29117 Aranel St \$212,000  
21074 Colwell St \$53,000  
35787 Congress Rd \$87,000  
24026 Creekside Dr \$127,000  
29423 Earth Ln \$625,000  
21223 Flinders St \$75,000  
29070 Fox Grove Rd \$285,000  
39304 Geneva Dr \$285,000  
35110 Gilegany Cir \$250,000  
28555 Green Castle Rd \$175,000  
1000 Hamilton Ave \$190,000  
30420 Havelock Ct \$235,000  
33854 Harlan Dr \$130,000  
21304 Juniper Ct \$130,000  
2811 Kendalwood Dr \$187,000  
26181 Kittarct St \$187,000  
28946 Lake Dr \$265,000  
24145 Locust St \$326,000  
21610 Manchester Ct \$365,000  
29652 Meadowbelt Rd Unit \$185,000  
240 \$95,000

31284 Minty Pines Dr \$150,000  
29391 New Bradford Dr \$221,000  
29624 Nova Woods Dr \$287,000  
33701 Oak Point Cir \$228,000  
36183 Parklane Cir \$260,000  
29692 Pine Ridge Cir \$127,000  
21935 Randlewood Dr \$201,000  
37077 Sandalwood \$200,000  
26300 Springfield Dr \$188,000  
31674 Treastin St \$180,000  
36985 Valley Ridge Dr \$287,000  
28428 W Eight Mile Rd \$18,000  
Unit B10 \$215,000  
28933 W Nine Mile Rd \$140,000  
31822 Wayburn Dr \$140,000  
**FRANKLIN**  
24505 N Cromwell Dr \$221,000  
**MILFORD**  
2230 Cooley Lake Rd \$269,000  
270 Cumberland Trl \$358,000  
781 Forestberry Ct \$220,000  
847 Mill St \$280,000  
639 Shaw Ct \$100,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
22839 Bentley Dr \$120,000  
49314 Chantl Dr \$198,000  
44871 Gateway Dr \$350,000  
730 North Trl \$215,000  
51240 Park Place Dr \$460,000  
37996 W Meadowhill Dr \$261,000  
384 Welch Rd \$232,000  
880 Yorktown Ct \$155,000  
**NOVI**  
30709 Ardmore Ct \$88,000  
45207 Bartlett Dr \$431,000  
49992 Blackberry Trl \$340,000  
39608 Burton Dr \$173,000  
22084 Cascade Dr \$247,000  
21964 Clover Ln \$228,000  
23235 Cranbrooke Dr \$220,000  
2234 Edgewater \$132,000  
25774 Groveland \$365,000  
29370 Harvest Dr \$320,000  
22828 Heatherbrae Way \$266,000  
26055 Island Lake Dr \$425,000  
41677 Juniper Cir \$150,000  
24423 Knollwood St \$192,000  
50293 Langley Dr \$55,000  
50345 Langley Dr \$50,000  
50560 Langley Dr \$664,000  
50371 Langley Dr \$50,000

50392 Langley Dr \$531,000  
1502 Lebanta St \$39,000  
27029 Maxwell Ct \$251,000  
130 N Haven St \$19,000  
24549 Queens Pointe \$205,000  
45003 Roundview Dr \$245,000  
24505 Timmons Dr \$150,000  
21965 Sunrise Blvd \$245,000  
30988 Thantwood Dr \$200,000  
30242 Viewcrest Ct \$285,000  
**SOUTH LYON**  
56698 Bridge House Ct \$93,000  
1051 Colt Dr \$175,000  
23967 Copperwood Dr E \$325,000  
1230 Hackney Ct \$370,000  
317 Harvard Ave \$125,000  
60829 Lillian St \$85,000  
209 Maplewood Ct Unit \$90,000  
53969 Shinnecock Dr \$430,000  
1196 Vassar \$135,000  
837 Westhills Dr \$170,000  
**WESTLAND**  
21716 Aberdeen St \$216,000  
28915 Carmel Dr \$85,000  
19633 Jeanette St \$32,000  
28300 Kenmore Dr \$144,000  
29513 Marshall St \$110,000  
27064 Nantucket Ct \$153,000  
24548 Pierce St \$92,000  
25596 Red Leaf Ln \$167,000  
5000 Town Ctr #201 \$100,000  
30105 Vernon Dr \$170,000  
18225 Westhaven Ave \$44,000  
18430 Westover Ave \$43,000  
24105 Woodland Dr \$395,000  
**WHITE LAKE**  
367 Akhurst Ln \$281,000  
20220 9555 Bonnie Briar St \$220,000  
1151 Clearwater St \$135,000  
9817 Colelake Ct \$285,000  
8926 El Dorado Dr \$256,000  
9163 Glasgow Dr \$187,000  
975 Golden Dr \$335,000  
8517 Huron River Dr \$130,000  
10254 Lakeside Dr \$177,000  
82 Lisa Cir \$197,000  
613 Rumor Ct \$62,000  
9613 Shelby Dr \$259,000  
775 Sunnybeach Dr \$285,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 25-29, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

46540 Bartlett Dr \$217,000  
40429 Bay Harbor Ln \$127,000  
7380 Charlton Dr \$310,000  
42255 Chase Dr \$255,000  
436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr \$44,000  
436 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr \$155,000  
16471 Creeks Bnd \$208,000  
4668 Dunton Rd \$270,000  
16215 E Lakeview Ln \$173,000  
45486 Fieldstone Dr \$234,000  
46386 Harford Ln \$238,000  
4681 Hunters Cir E \$104,000  
4281 Hunters Cir W \$106,000  
44668 Inverary Rd \$425,000  
46638 Inverness Rd \$366,000  
42771 Lily Pointe Dr \$76,000  
47464 Lindenhurst Blvd \$285,000  
45671 N Stonewood Dr \$173,000  
1994 Oakhurst \$195,000  
793 Pinehurst Dr \$285,000

43059 Providence Ln \$146,000  
47600 Royal Pointe Dr \$365,000  
41390 Southwind Dr \$75,000  
41394 Sturgeon Ct \$218,000  
**DADESBORO**  
28455 Lenox St \$95,000  
32710 Maplewood St \$95,000  
21954 Roslyn Ave \$82,000  
33241 Roslyn Ave \$119,000  
**LIVONIA**  
38682 Seven Mile Rd \$36,000  
31443 Alabama Ct \$109,000  
11309 Auburndale St \$149,000  
29155 Barkley St \$109,000  
36711 Bennett St \$232,000  
9293 Cardwell St \$55,000  
14892 Cavour St \$188,000  
9139 Danzig St \$175,000  
14348 Denne St \$155,000  
31301 Dorais St \$135,000  
36104 Fairway Dr \$159,000  
14754 Fairway St \$133,000  
16802 Farmington Rd \$155,000  
16910 Farmington Rd \$115,000  
30158 Greenland St \$185,000  
19494 Hardy St \$153,000  
20414 Hugh St \$125,000  
38033 Mason St \$157,000

11037 Mayfield St \$139,000  
11037 Mayfield St \$700,000  
27811 Meadowbrooke Ave \$30,000  
30230 Oakview St \$150,000  
30891 Orangelan St \$103,000  
35876 Orangelan St \$139,000  
36310 St Andrews Dr \$43,000  
17977 University Park Dr \$150,000  
18273 University Park Dr \$90,000  
29624 W Chicago St \$125,000  
19960 Wayne St \$124,000  
**NORTHVILLE**  
42341 Ambly Ct \$182,000  
42928 Beal St \$290,000  
19233 Fry Rd \$228,000  
19576 Maxwell St \$158,000  
619 North Cir \$128,000  
19146 Northridge Dr \$53,000  
40720 Parkview Dr \$468,000  
20285 Rippling Ln \$241,000  
543 W Dunlap St \$320,000  
16534 White Haven Dr \$320,000  
46625 Arborcreek Cir \$330,000  
399 Auburn St \$328,000  
24111 Hilltop Dr E \$363,000  
41091 Micol Dr \$149,000

262 N Holbrook St \$227,000  
432 Pacific St \$240,000  
49946 Plymouth Way \$192,000  
42490 Schoolcraft Rd \$131,000  
**REDFORD**  
14301 Dixie \$93,000  
15580 Gaylord \$50,000  
15038 Inkster Rd \$50,000  
15479 MacArthur \$70,000  
26372 Margaret \$80,000  
11316 Maria \$170,000  
7682 Norborne \$54,000  
**WAYNE**  
34258 Winslow St \$53,000  
**WESTLAND**  
37150 Armstrong Dr \$128,000  
15038 Inkster Rd \$135,000  
37744 Avondale St \$128,000  
32081 Birchwood Ave \$29,000  
35748 Booth Ave \$29,000  
45461 Canyon Dr \$192,000  
37256 Gilchrist St \$62,000  
32631 Grandview Ave \$86,000  
380 Margold Cir \$104,000  
35409 Pleasant Ln \$96,000  
724 S Henry Ruff Rd \$64,000  
752 Van Lwin St \$67,000  
7309 W Frum Ct \$105,000



