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Scholarship applications are available in the counseling offices of each of the high schools. A copy of the application form is also available online at [www.plymouthrotary.org](http://www.plymouthrotary.org). The deadline for applications is March 9.

## Staging 'Grease'

Forever After Productions presents "Grease" on the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill Jan. 27 through Feb. 5.

Grease follows 10 working class teenagers through the complexities of a year filled with high school romances, dances and drama. The 35 member chorus is composed of youth from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities.

Performances are 7 p.m. Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4; 2 p.m. Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5; and 9:30 a.m. Jan. 30-31.

Tickets are available at [www.foreverafternow.com](http://www.foreverafternow.com), or by calling (734) 547-5156. All tickets are \$15. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Forever After Productions is a community theater company for children and young adults ages 6-21. For more information, go to [www.foreverafternow.com](http://www.foreverafternow.com).

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# Decision looms for banned book

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

The committee reviewing the appropriateness of Toni Morrison's *Beloved* for use as an Advanced Placement literature text is expected to announce its decision Friday.

Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes said at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting the committee met for a second time Tuesday, but members wanted a little more time to consider the issue. Committee members are considering information and comments they heard at the initial review meeting Jan. 10.

At issue: Whether *Beloved*

should continue as a textbook in the AP English classes despite the use of graphic sexual content.

"The committee has finished their work," Hughes said. "They will take an anonymous vote and the decision should come Friday."

If committee members are looking for opinions, they got an earful from another crowded board meeting room Tuesday, where about a dozen people went to the podium to voice support for the AP English program as a whole and both *Beloved* and *Waterland* in particular.

Christine Yancy of Plymouth, whose daughter is currently in

the AP English class, said her daughter found the books challenging and a key part of the course work. She said the whole point of the AP course was to challenge students to think.

"I am adamantly opposed to having great books pulled out of the hands of students who want to be academically challenged," Yancy told the board.

Tim Roraback said the book was not only appropriate for teaching to AP students, but pointed out its reputation among scholars is also good. He cited a *New York Times* poll that asked prominent book reviewers their opinion on the best work of fiction in the last 25 years.

"If the Pulitzer Prize isn't enough for you ... care to guess which book topped the list?" Roraback asked rhetorically. "It was *Beloved*."

Meanwhile, Graham Swift's 1983 novel, *Waterland*, faces a similar review, which Hughes said won't be scheduled for "probably two or three weeks." Hughes said part of the issue was obtaining copies of *Waterland* for committee members, since reading the book is part of the committee's charge.

*Waterland* remains removed from the curriculum pending the review.

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There were plenty of Rosie The Riveters in the Plymouth area.

# New exhibit looks at home-front war effort

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Urban farms were Victory Gardens, recycling and conservation were more in vogue than they are today and people opened V-Mail instead of e-mail in the Plymouth of the early 1940s.

Seventy years ago, the country plunged into World War II against the Axis powers, having just suffered a devastating attack by the Japanese on the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor. At home, communities and private industry, with massive federal government oversight, rallied to support the war effort, saving vital resources and directing them to the front, focusing manufacturing on weapon-making, preparing for civil defense and doing what they could to boost the morale of those doing the fighting.

A new exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, "Ration Stamps

## WAR EFFORT ON DISPLAY

**What:** "Ration Stamps & Bombers: WWII at Home"  
**Where:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth  
**When:** Runs through Sunday, June 17; museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the museum is closed on holidays  
**Why:** The exhibit takes a look at how World War II affected people in Plymouth and the Detroit area  
**Contact:** Call (734) 455-8940

& Bombers: WWII at Home," takes a look at those times, particularly as they affected people in Plymouth and the Detroit area — the vaunted Arsenal of Democracy that built so much of the machinery of war.

## Pitching in

"Everybody came to do the best they could to help the war effort," Donna Keough, the museum's exhibit committee chairwoman, said during a tour Tuesday. While the exhibition features displays on several Plymouth residents and their contributions, they were among the "thousands

from this area, this community" who pitched in, Keough said.

Some names in the exhibit are familiar ones in Plymouth, including Edwin Schrader (his father and uncle co-founded what is now the Schrader Howell Funeral Home), who commanded a landing ship in the South Pacific and took part in several invasions, and Margaret Dunning, who marks her 102nd birthday later this year and was a driver for the American Red Cross motor pool in the war years of 1942-45.

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# Carvers keen on opening of Ice Fest

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Ice carvers from around the country are gathering for the 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which opens

Friday in Kellogg Park and the streets

of downtown.

The event, which has been through several incarnations (and name changes) since its founding in the early 1980s, mixes artistic expression with friendly competition and crowd-pleasing sculptures and displays. For some of the veteran carvers whose work will be on view, it's a chance to mingle with the public, show off their talents and enjoy what one



BILL BRESLER  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local carving legend Ted Wakar of Canton said the Plymouth Ice Festival has always "been a great community event for me."

of them called Plymouth's "movie town" environment.

"It's always been a

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## Kicking things off



JULIE YOLLES

Detroit Auto Dealer's Association Vice President and North American International Auto Show Committee member Scot LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, 8-year-old Norah Hancock, representing charity recipient March of Dimes; and NAIAS 2003 Chairman Emeritus Bill Demmer of Northville attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and Auto Show Charity Preview to kick off this year's show, which runs through Sunday.



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# Party preference required in February primary

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Local voters in next month's Michigan presidential primary have to say whether they want to vote a Republican ballot, a Democratic one or, in Plymouth Township, a nonpartisan ballot.

But the party preference requirement, which is not a part of other kinds of elections in the state, is causing confusion among absentee voters, some of whom are returning their absentee applications without making a choice, the clerks in Plymouth and Plymouth Township say.

"A lot of people are even for-

getting to mark anything," said Eric Bacyinski, the deputy clerk in Plymouth Township. "It's creating a lot of leg time and a lot of work."

"This one is confusing," said Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser of the once-every-four-years requirement. "They actually have to say what type of ballot they want."

If no preference on an application is marked, Bacyinski and Langmesser said, it is mailed back to the voter, with a note explaining the information is needed.

The preference requirement, which was also in effect for the 2008 presidential primary, is designed to discourage cross-

over voting; on the GOP side, there are several contenders for the presidential nomination, while for the Democrats, only President Barack Obama's name will appear on the ballot. The Democrats will actually nominate their candidate at a caucus in May.

In Plymouth Township, a proposal that would create a special assessment district, with the aim of establishing a new tax that would support the Plymouth Community Fire Department, is also on the ballot because of a successful petition drive, so voters who don't want to participate in the presidential primary can request a

nonpartisan ballot and still vote on the assessment proposal.

Bacyinski said the township clerk's office had sent out nearly 3,700 absentee applications as of late last week, and that about 30 percent of those returned don't have a preference checked. Langmesser said only 3 percent or 4 percent of the applications that have arrived in her office don't have a preference checked; the city has sent about 1,100 absentee applications, she said Tuesday.

Also, Langmesser said, some applicants are neglecting to check the box declaring they are U.S. citizens — a new feature on the applications — and

some also are not signing their applications. Both are required, she said.

Less troublesome for Langmesser and Bacyinski, they said, is an area on the application that asks for phone numbers and an e-mail address.

Some applicants object to providing the contact information, they said, and are asking if it is mandatory. It isn't, they said, although it would be helpful to the clerks' offices in case of problems with an application or a ballot.

The primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28.

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## EXHIBIT

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But there are lesser-known figures, like Ruth Wellman (later Kellar), who was on active duty with the Coast Guard Women's Reserves, and John Schmidt, a torpedo bomber with the Navy late in the war. Ruth Kellar passed away late last year, having settled in Minnesota; Schmidt, 85, is going strong as the head of the museum's maintenance crew.

### Helpful hints

The exhibit includes items from the museum's collection plus things borrowed from other institutions, such as the Michigan Military Museum and the Yankee Air Museum. On display are ration stamps, uniforms, posters and fliers urging people to conserve and buy war bonds, and pamphlets offering hints on how to stretch household groceries. "Use it up, wear it out, make it do," one flier exhorts.

"Things came out of the attic," said Pam Yockey, a member of the exhibition committee. "Everything got reused."

Mannequins dressed in period clothes show different aspects of the home-front effort: A Rosie the Riveter heads off to work, uniformed personnel recruit a young man, children collect scrap metal and a "Doughnut Dolly" stands ready to serve treats and coffee to servicemen passing through a bus or train station.

"Everybody seemed to have a responsibility, and they carried it out with pride," Keough said.

The exhibition has a personal touch for both Keough and Yockey.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The exhibit includes memorabilia from Plymouth area resident John Schmidt, who served in the U.S. Navy. He now heads the museum's maintenance department.



Margaret Dunning served as a Red Cross motor pool volunteer, driving a truck. She donated old tires from her 1930s-era Packard.

Keough's father, Stan Baloh, helped build

engines for military aircraft, and documents of

his are on display (his earnings for 1943 were not quite \$4,000), while a letter home (V-Mail; the V stands for victory) from Yockey's dad, Ward Cornish, who was stationed in the Pacific, jokes about scraping the mold off cookies his parents had sent. Yockey has about 200 such letters.

"A lonely young man writing home," is how she described that time in her father's life. "I would've liked to read the letters the family sent back."

Also on display is a Norden bombsight from the museum's collection. The sights — mechanical computers that helped bombardiers hit their targets while taking into account the planes' speed and altitude — were manufactured by Burroughs, which had opened its local facility in 1938.

Keough said the museum's aim is to provoke a response from visitors who remember the war years and may have had a role to play.

## AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

### FOLK SOCIETY

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Jan. 21, 7-9:30 p.m.

**Location:** Joanne Winkelman Hulse Center for the Performing Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

**Details:** The BaseLine Folk Society hosts an "open microphone" night, with eight open mic spots available. If more than eight performers sign-up, a lottery will be held for the open mic spots. Each performer will do two-songs, cover or original are welcome. Featured performer is Kathy Nieman and Friends, with host Doug McClennen.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Mike Mullen, (248) 719-3464 or mjimmullen@yahoo.com

### HEISE COFFEE

**Date/Time:** Friday, Jan. 20, 7:30-9 a.m.

**Location:** Panera Bread, 400 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents an opportunity to meet with him locally. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

**Contact:** Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

### EUCHE CHALLENGE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Elks club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

**Details:** The Metro Detroit Euchre Tournament is designed as a fun night out for people who like to play the game. Proceeds will support the Canton Chiefs Wrestling Team, a State of Michigan Top 10 Team. Cash awards will be given to the top four players. There will be free door prize drawings, a raffle for more great prizes and a silent auction.

**Contact:** Pre-register by emailing MetroDetroitEuchre@yahoo.com or call Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685.

### ART EXHIBITS

**Date/Time:** Began Jan. 10; reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

**Details:** The PCAC begins its new year of monthly art exhibits with "slacker art," a collection of oil paintings by Andrew Slackta, his first solo exhibit. The self-taught artist's landscapes run the gamut from realistic photo recreation to expressionistic, his still-life pieces combine formal composition with a distinctive mix of pop art and his unconventional portraits display elements of surrealism and emotional sophistication. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information, or visit www.plymoutharts.com.



## Veteran assistance

As part of their ongoing dedication to public service efforts, Plymouth-Canton High School Girl Scouts from Troop 40501 helped wrap 850 Christmas packages, destined for military veterans in three VA hospitals in the Detroit area and across southeast Michigan, as well as three shelters for veterans. The Ambassador Girl Scouts helped members of Elks Lodge #1780 bring some holiday cheer to these homeless and hospitalized veterans. These gift packages focus on personal care and comfort items, such as soap, toothpaste, socks, lotion, tissue, shampoo, playing cards, and much more.

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# Boosting police force, cutting legacy costs among commission goals

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth officials will look at adding to the police force, increasing the availability of downtown parking and trying to reduce legacy and health-care costs — while still offering employees competitive compensation — in the next 12 months.

Those were among the six goals formally adopted by the City Commission during a special meeting Monday. The commission, picking from a list of 16 possible goals suggested by individual commissioners, was to narrow it down to five, but after each listed his or her choices, three goals had received three votes each, and commissioners simply expanded the list.

"I think they're all worthwhile," said Mayor Dan Dwyer. "Doesn't mean you're going to get 'em all. It just means they're all goals."

On the other hand, however, Dwyer had warned earlier: "We can't have 20 goals and do them all poorly."

Commissioners noted work toward some of the adopted goals, such as

resolving the remaining issues pertaining to the city's withdrawal from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, is already under way. Much of that goal involves negotiating future retiree costs, and "cordial" discussions with Plymouth Township have been taking place, officials said.

The other two goals are making a decision regarding emergency dispatch service, which is now shared with the township, and improving and streamlining the processes by which potential developments are reviewed by the city's boards and commissions.

The latter goal was backed by freshman Commissioner Meg Dooley, a former Planning Commission member. "We often had questions and we didn't know when the appropriate time was to ask them," she said of her time on the planning board.

Dwyer said the goal is not to ensure projects get approved, but to make the process simpler.

City Manager Paul Sincok argued for increasing the 15-member police force by two officers, saying that liquor license and alcohol enforcement issues have made that a

pressing need. He was apparently persuasive, as the goal made the list despite getting only one vote in an earlier round.

"The number of bars we have in this town, we're going to have to address that issue," Sincok said, while acknowledging the city budget will make expanding the force difficult. "This is a very tough goal," Sincok said.

Sincok said he envisions being able to dedicate two officers to alcohol enforcement, from handling licensing and license-renewal issues to patrolling afternoons and nights, which include peak bar hours.

Work toward increasing parking availability downtown is another goal toward which officials are also already working, with a 2011 parking study and the formation of a committee to study the issue, along with involvement by the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle was absent Monday, but Dwyer picked his goal priorities for him, making them identical to those Loiselle had noted on an earlier list.

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Aaron Costic, a pro ice carver from Ohio, said Plymouth reminds him of his hometown of Medina, Ohio, because of its Norman Rockwell-esque feel.

## ICE FEST

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great community event for me," said carver Ted Wakar of Canton Township, who added he has carved ice for every Plymouth festival since the beginning. "I've always enjoyed interacting with the public."

Aaron Costic said Plymouth reminds him of his hometown of Medina, Ohio, because of its Norman Rockwell-esque feel.

"I kind of feel the same way about Plymouth. It's kind of like a movie town," said Costic, who now lives in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Costic, who shares a 7,000-square-foot studio with several other carvers, said many of the sculptures he has planned for Plymouth will be interactive: a dinosaur figure that people can sit on, a "polar bear throne" for photo oppor-

tunities and a life-sized Eskimo figure that visitors can put their faces to to become the character, also for photo ops. Costic will also be helping carve the Fire & Ice Torch, an ice chimney with wood inside. A torch will be lit at 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday in Kellogg Park.

Wakar said he hasn't settled on all his festival projects, but is commissioned to do a 1920s beer wagon, using 10 blocks of ice, for the Box Bar on Ann Arbor Trail, plus a news desk for Channel 2 and an ice bar for E.G. Nick's on Forest Avenue, which is sponsoring an over-21 party.

Wakar has competed in many ice-carving competitions, even traveling several times to Japan, where he and brother-in-law Jim Bur Jr. won a team competition in Asahikawa a few years ago, the only Americans with that distinction.

Wakar, who teaches carving in the culinary program at Schoolcraft College and also has a carving business, Frozen Images, said he likes that he works with a natural substance that can be manipulated in a number of ways but has a limited lifespan.

"You have to experience the moment between the carving and the final melting of it," Wakar said.

Temperatures are predicted to be in the 20s this weekend, with a 30-percent chance of snow Friday, some sun Saturday and mostly cloudy skies Sunday.

The Plymouth Ice Festival has a website, [www.plymouthicefestival.org](http://www.plymouthicefestival.org), and also a page on Facebook. Festival hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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## Exhibitors wanted for band craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters hosts their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 10, at Plymouth High School in Canton.

Exhibitors who handcraft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event, a juried art event produced twice each year by the club to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit [www.pcmb.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmb.net/artcraft) to download an application and submit with photos as

soon as possible. A limited number of openings are available. Jewelers need not apply; the maximum number of jewelers permitted is set for the Spring show.

For more details, contact exhibitor coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714 or chairperson Lori Barnett at (734) 454-9052. Approximately 100-plus exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last five years, more than 16,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fundraisers we host each year," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2012 Ply-

mouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised is used to fund our Winter Drumline, Winter Guard, and Marching Band later this year. Last November's craft event had record-breaking attendance, so we know the community is accepting and supportive of our great events."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

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**Larceny from vehicles**

The catalytic converter was reported stolen Saturday morning from a Chevrolet Cavalier parked outside an apartment on Lilley Road.  
 • A navigation device and cash were reported stolen Monday from a Ford Flex that was parked in the driveway of a house on Cooke Avenue, in the area of Ridge and Powell roads. The victim told police the car had been locked, but there were no signs of forced entry.

An employee told police the incident had taken place within the past two weeks.

**Vandalism**

A van parked at the Red Olive restaurant, on Ann Arbor Road west of Main Street, had all four tires slashed one night last week.  
 The vandalism was discovered by employees early Friday morning, a police report said.

**Stolen for scrap**

• Metal automobile seat frames were apparently taken from a trash bin at a Johnson Controls facility on Halyard, west of Beck and north of M-14, Monday evening.  
 A security guard reported the theft after seeing a man and a woman leave the trash-bin area in a black Ford Taurus in which the guard spotted seat frames. The guard had confronted the man there just before the two left, a police report said.  
 • The brass covering over the exposed parts of two different lawn sprinkler systems were reported stolen Jan. 11 from two businesses on General Drive, in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

**Trailer theft**

A silver-colored trailer was reported stolen Friday from Penske Truck Leasing, on Eckles near Schoolcraft Road.  
 An employee told police it was discovered the trailer was missing in mid-December, but it was thought to be at another Penske location. When it could not be located, a police report said, it was reported stolen.

**Theft try**

Some apparently tried to steal a van at Child Time, a day-care facility on Helm Street, south of Five Mile between Sheldon and Beck, late last year or early this year.  
 A Jan. 9 police report said the Chevrolet van was found with steering column and ignition damage. There were no signs of forced entry, police said.

— By Matt Jachman

# Market aims to ease winter blues

By Darrell Clem  
 Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Winter Market — a place to buy seasonal goods, support the area economy and beat the winter doldrums — returns for a third year as organizers and vendors prepare for what could become another attendance-shattering turnout.

An offshoot of the popular warm-weather Canton Farmers Market, the winter version has been confirmed for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for three Sundays — Feb. 12, March 18 and April 22 — inside the historic Cady-Boyer Barn, in Preservation Park on Ridge north of Cherry Hill.

Christine Laming, owner of her Canton home-based Jam by Hand business, expects to sell 15-20 flavors such as hot pepper jelly, raspberry jalapeno jam and peach berry cobbler.

"I will definitely have the Michigan apple butter," she said.

Like other vendors, Laming returns to Canton's markets because her loyal customers look forward to buying her products.

"I'm getting a lot of return business," she said.

**Hot spot**

Laming is among some 20 vendors who make Winter Market a hot spot on cold days.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said the attendance spiked 50 percent from 2010 to 2011, climbing from 1,000 visitors to 1,500. Some are return patrons, and Lloyd expects a large turnout for the 2012 season as well.

"Most people leave the Winter Market with something in hand," she said. "More people are finding the benefits of buying local, reducing the carbon footprint because the goods don't have to be transported, and the money they spend stays in the state — so it benefits the local economy."

According to the Michigan Farmers Market Association, the number of local markets rose from 150 to 275 during



Bob Jastrzebski's Canton-based Bobilin Honey is a favorite at the Canton Farmers Market, winter or summer.



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Canton's Winter Market returns this year for what is expected to be another busy season. Last year, Robert and Jodie Broadwater held hands with their son, Nolan, on their way to the market.

the last five years. Lloyd said Canton's Winter Market provides a way for local folks to get out and enjoy a winter Sunday inside the heated Cady-Boyer barn.

Patrons can find items such as fresh spinach, honey, farm eggs, artisan cheese and bread, apples, cider, frozen blueberries, flavored butters, organic grass-fed and antibiotic-free meats, homemade sauerkraut, dried peppers, mustards, smoked fish, hand-cut jerky and non-food products such as hand-crafted soaps, dog treats and soy candles.

**Spinach special**

Two vendors, Hand Sown Farm and Prochaska Farms, plan to bring spinach they are growing in their "hoop houses" — a type of green house that uses solar energy to heat the ground during winter months.

"We are thrilled this season to have hoop-

house produce at our winter markets," Lloyd said.

Market visitors also are encouraged to bring donations of pasta for the local Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry. First-grade Daisy Troop 40726 will coordinate the collection and have boxes of pasta for sale for \$1 for those who want to help.

This year's Winter Market vendors include Jam by Hand, Zingerman's Creamery, Prochaska Farms, Hand Sown Farm, Day Dream Cafe, Kapnick Orchards, Bobilin Honey, Boyer Meat Processing, Cellar Door Soap, Captain John's Smokehouse, Joe Sansonetti's Kitchen, Sunbears Just Bones, Nicky's Family Recipes, JKM Soy Candles and Farmington Soap Works.

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## New scam attempt invokes supposed Gaddafi fortune

A new twist on the well-worn "Nigerian banker" scam is making its way across the phone lines and fax machines of people in the Plymouth area.

Police in Plymouth are warning people to dismiss a message from someone who purports to have been close to Col. Muammar Gaddafi, the late Libyan dictator, and offers a share of \$52 million of the Gaddafi fam-

ily's money in exchange for help in transferring the money from a bank in Luxembourg.

Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski said this type of con occurs year-round, but that he decided to issue a warning after a resident anonymously dropped off a Jan. 13 fax with the would-be scammer's pitch.

In the fax, the recipient isn't asked for money, but

for permission do have the supposed Gaddafi fortune be transferred to his or her bank account, which appears to be an attempt to get sensitive account information. The fax is signed by a Jumai Abdullah.

People should ignore such faxes, phone calls and e-mails, said Grabowski, and can contact their local police for guidance.

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# 'He's with God'

## Family plans memorial to honor missing son

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

A week since her son, 27-year-old Kent Morton, fell into the Detroit River, Fawn Salvatore still calls him on his cellphone. She rings and goes into voice-mail and she tells him, "I love you, I love you."

She knows he will never hear her words again. She has come to grips with the fact that while he survived a 150-foot fall from the Ambassador Bridge where he had been working, he succumbed to the river's chilly water and seven mph current. He was last seen near the Bob-Lo docks south of the bridge, and the search for his body continues on downriver.

"You know how they say people never survive the fall, I think I know why he survived," the Garden City resident said during an interview Tuesday. "He swam and put his hand up. I know he did that for his daughter Makayla."

Known as Morty to his friends, Morton will be remembered at a memorial gathering Sunday afternoon at the John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Officiated by the Revs. Earl Duncan and Jordan Duncan of Morning Star Church, the memorial will have music, including the singing of his mother's favorite song, *I'll Fly Away*, and comments by his friends and his brother Shane.

The Salvatores wants everyone who attends the event to wear orange, Kent's favorite color and a reminder that he graduated in 2001 from Garden City High School.

"Everything with him was orange," his mother

### KENT MORTON

A memorial gathering for Kent Morton will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at John Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Forkster Road, south of Ford Road in Garden City.

Mr. Morton, 27, died Jan. 11. He is survived by his daughter Makayla Morton, parents Fawn and Mario Salvatore, father David Morton, siblings Shane Morton, Amber Morton (Josh), Bret Morton, Sarah Minich (Jason), fiancée Kristi Waltgott, grandparents Robert and Sandra Zube, Juanita and Mario Salvatore and Marge and Delbert Morton and seven nieces and nephews.

Donations to the family can be sent to Morning Star Church, 29863 Dawson, Garden City, MI 48135, with a note of "Kent Morton" on the front of the envelope.

said. "I want everyone to wear orange, even if it's a dirty T-shirt, I don't care. Don't dress up, except Shane will. He'll wear a suit with an orange tie. We're even letting off 100 orange balloons."

Planning the memorial has brought some normalcy to the family, whose anguish was seen and heard in the media's coverage of the search. They spent four days at the river's edge and another day protesting in front of Cobo Hall when the Detroit Police Department switched its attention

from their son to the North American International Auto Show.

On Tuesday, they sat in the family room of their Garden City home, waiting to hear if something someone saw in the shallow waters off Grosse Ile might be Morton's body. Bad weather in the morning had delayed a search by Coast Guard helicopter and boat.

### Like his dad

Mario Salvatore worked for Seaway Painting of Livonia for 28 years. Morton started working there when he was 17 doing "little jobs." When he was hired two years ago, Morton decided he wanted to work outside, unlike his father, who prefers interior painting.

"He loved it, he wanted to do bridges, he wanted to be outside," Mario Salvatore said. "He loved doing bridges, even though it's dangerous work."

"He admired this guy here," said Fawn Santore, patting her husband's hand. "That's why he became a painter like his dad. He wanted to do what his dad did."

Mario Salvatore was working on a job in Lansing when the president of the company called to tell him what had happened. It was a half-hour after Morton had fallen. The workers on the bridge had "called 9-1-1, the Coast Guard and everyone else" and then his boss.

"He told me he had fallen off the bridge and hadn't been found," said Mario Salvatore, who then called his wife.

"He called and told me and I knew he was gone, we both knew he was gone," Fawn Salvatore said.



Kent Morton was with his daughter Makayla when she competed in a cheer competition in Macomb County earlier this month.

The Salvatores know very little about the circumstances of the accident. They do know the man working next to him tried to grab him and catch him. "He feels real bad,"

Fawn Salvatore said. "He looked for a piece of wood or something to throw him. He was his friend."

### His hometown

Morton, like his mother, grew up in Garden City. He swam for a club team for 10 years and at the high school. As an adult, he played softball every year. He also stuck close to his hometown. When his marriage ended, he and Makayla lived with the Salvatores until he purchased a home last year that was just five blocks away.

"The reason he worked was for Makayla, the reason he took that job was to

get a house for her," said Maureen Duncan, a close family friend. "Makayla was his life. He was always involved with Makayla. If Makayla was there, Kent was there."

He was with Makayla when she cheered with Young Champions at a competition in Macomb County a few weeks ago. He was supposed to be at Morning Star Church that evening to see her receive the awards she had earned in the church's Pioneer program.

"A couple days before this happened, he painted her room because she wanted it to be hot pink. He was an awesome dad," Duncan said.

Morton also did a lot of painting for others, including at the church. He never charged for the work, he just did it.

Engaged to be married, he told his parents New Year's Eve that his fiancée was pregnant.

"He was so excited about the baby," Fawn Salvatore said. "And Makayla was so excited she was going to be a big sister."

Fawn Salvatore volunteers at Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus and cared for Makayla after school. She saw Morton every day. The last time was last Tuesday night.

"He would tease me, when he'd leave, he'd joke with me," she said. "He always said, 'I love you, mom.' I'd always tell him to be safe."

The Salvatores are amazed at the people who are helping the family. Randy Patzer, owner of the Garden City ACE store, has set up a bar code so people can make donations while checking out or buy paper slips that are hanging up around the store. Canisters, provided by the Garden City Goodfellows, are being put out in businesses like Plato's and McKay's Party store on Inkster Road.

Memorial Elementary 1-2 Campus is holding a bake sale at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, and the Westland Jaycees are doing a bowling fundraiser. Morning Star Church also has been accepting donations for the family.

"Many people have come to the church to make donations," Duncan said.

As the wait goes on, Fawn Salvatore said it's the family's strong faith that holds them together, although she admits she has her moments. Son Shane has "been their rock through all of this," talking to the media when she knew she couldn't.

"He's worried that I can't do this, but I can," she said. "I know where Kent is. He's with God."

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# Ice fest, turning 30, helped to shape Plymouth's image

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

You can thank a 43-year-old television news magazine for inspiring a local institution, the Plymouth Ice Festival, that now also has some years — going on 30 — behind it.

Festival founder Scott Lorenz says he was inspired 30 years ago by a segment of CBS's 60 Minutes that spotlighted the Sapporo Snow Festival, a giant display of snow statues and ice sculptures in Japan's fourth-largest city.

"This was incredible, because they had these giant ice sculptures that were as big as a building," Lorenz said Monday, recalling the 60 Minutes episode.

Lorenz, then general manager of the Mayflower Hotel, which was owned by his family, envisioned staging a similar event in downtown Plymouth. He approached his father, Ralph, with the idea.

"You're crazy. It'll never work," was the response, he said. Then-City Manager Hank Graper said the same thing, according to Lorenz.

### Quick first launch

But Graper got back to him shortly with an assist: he had mentioned the idea to a few people, and suddenly had some sponsors and a budget. And Ralph Lorenz, too, offered help, suggesting his son get in touch with the chefs who taught ice-carving at Schoolcraft College. After contacting Midwest Ice, a Detroit supplier dating from the 1920s, they were in business.

"We put the first one together in 45 days," said Lorenz, who owns a public relations firm, Westwind Communications. The first show had a dozen or two sculptures, he said.

The festival grew steadily in the 1980s, and Lorenz said he tried to continually improve it, traveling to ice shows around the country to glean ideas, flying to Japan to attract top carvers, signing big sponsors such as Northwest Airlines, and adding sculptures that let

the festival branch out from Kellogg Park into a number of downtown streets.

At its peak in the late '80s, Lorenz said, there were about 200 sculptures on the streets and a few dozen in the park.

The public was drawn to it, the media loved it, and the festival put Plymouth on the map for a lot of people, Lorenz said.

"As far as publicity and exposure for the town, nothing else comes close," he said.

### 30th on tap

The 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, and producer Sam Walton said the foundation built by Lorenz and others, as well as the show's loyal following, has gotten it this far.

"It's a testament to patrons and promoters," Walton said recently of the festival's longevity. "The momentum that's been developed has just been fantastic, and that's what's gotten us 30 years down the road."

Walton, whose Signature Professional Group is producing its third festival, is billing it as a family friendly event with more ice and more activities than the last one.

"The ice is obviously a big draw, but we're trying to offer something for everybody," Walton said.

That includes a petting zoo, wintertime sports activities and equipment demonstrations, the extension of the Fire & Ice display into a second evening, a video game center from Play First Mobile Gaming, a live show by the Radio Disney cast and expanded competition opportunities for carvers at the college level. Plus, there will be more ice sculptures — 130 and counting, up from about 115 last January and about 100 in 2010, Walton said.

The festival has landed McDonald's as a major contributor, with a \$15,000 grant. The fast-food giant will be sponsoring a major sculpture, helping support (along with the Sun & Snow sports shop) the winter sports activities and giving away samples of its gourmet coffee drinks.

## Schedule of Events:

### Friday, January 20

**3:00 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day  
Food vendors open and available  
Greenhills School Hot Spot opens  
Street merchants and product displays open  
Major ice sculptures being carved and completed throughout the day  
Metro PCS Ice Throne (Times TBD)  
**3 - 5 PM:**  
McDonald's Winter Fun Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports  
**4 - 8 PM:**  
The Salvation Army is on site to collect clothes for the needy  
**6:30 - 8 PM:**  
Meet the Plymouth Whalers at Sun and Snow Sports  
**7:00 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
(intersection of Penniman and Union Street)  
Opening ceremonies  
Presentations by board of directors  
Cutting of the ice ribbon  
Super Grover of Sesame Street Live! makes an appearance  
The Shawn Riley Band live in concert immediately following ceremony  
**8:00 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Lighting of the MGM Grand Detroit Fire & Ice Torch  
**9:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for business for the day

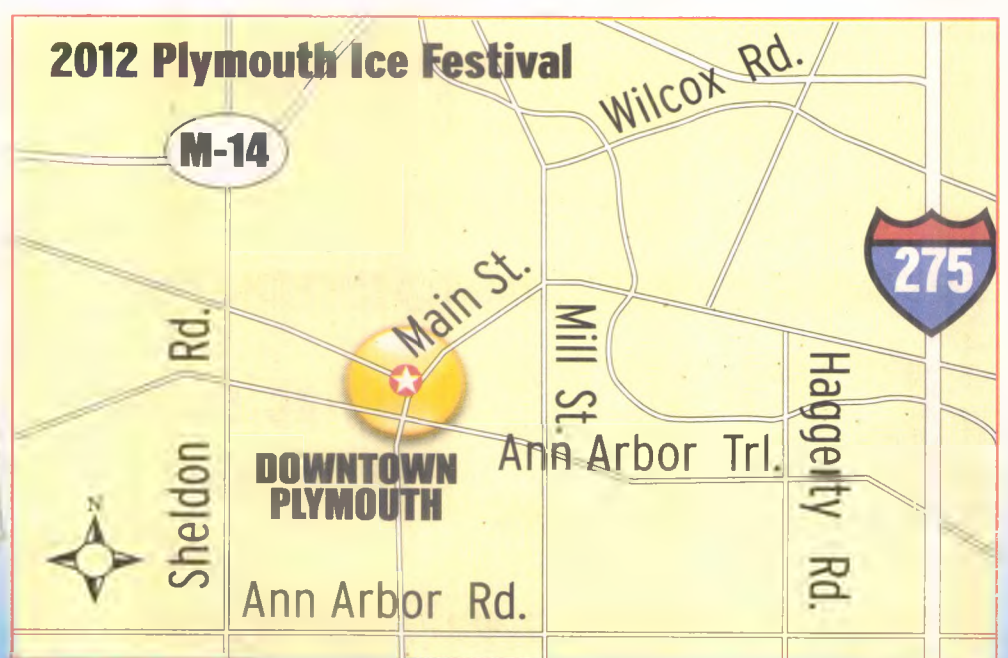
### Saturday, January 21

**10:00 AM**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day  
Food vendors open and available  
Greenhills School Hot Spot opens  
Street merchants and product displays open  
Major ice sculptures being carved

and completed throughout the day  
Metro PCS Ice Throne (Times TBD)  
**10 AM - 11:30 AM:**  
Meet the Plymouth Whalers' mascot, Shooter the Whale, at Sun and Snow Sports  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
McDonald's Winter Fun Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports  
**10 AM - 5 PM:**  
The Renewal by Anderson Petting Farm (near the intersection of Forest Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail)  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Genisys Credit Union College Individual Carving Competition  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
Radio Disney Live! On stage, presented by Michigan Education Trust  
**12 - 3 PM:**  
Greenhills School Hot Spot Home Depot "Little Builders" kit construction project  
**12 - 4 PM:**  
The Salvation Army will collect clothes for the needy  
**3 - 4 PM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Judging and scoring for Genisys Credit Union College Individual Carving Competition  
**4:30 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
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**7 - 8 PM:**  
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**Kellogg Park Area**

Lighting of the MGM Grand Detroit Fire & Ice Torch in Kellogg Park  
**9:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for the day  
**Sunday, January 22**  
**10:00 AM:**  
**Kellogg Park Area**  
Festival opens for the day  
Food vendors open and available  
Greenhills School Hot Spot opens  
Street merchants and product displays open  
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**4:30 PM:**  
**Don Massey Cadillac Main Stage**  
Genisys Credit Union College Team Carving Competition Awards Ceremony  
**6:00 PM:**  
Festival closes for the weekend

View sculptures 24 hours in Kellogg Park, the Gathering, Central Parking Deck and throughout the Downtown area.



## 2012 Plymouth Ice Festival

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## Forms available for CCF scholarships

Applications are now available for the Canton Community Foundation's annual college scholarship program for Plymouth and Canton students.

The annual scholarship program is one of the foundation's success stories. In the past 20 year, the foundation has awarded \$521,000 to 504 recipients, including adults returning to college to complete their education.

"We remain committed to the scholarship program, especially when the costs of higher education continue to increase and families continue to struggle financially as the slow economic recovery continues," said Joan Noricks, CCF president.

Scholarship applications are available on the foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org). Applications are available on the website's front page, as well as in the "Receive" section in the drop-down menu.

All application materials are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 9. All materials should be turned in at the foundation offices, 50430 School House Road,

Suite 200, near Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton.

The foundation's scholarship program includes financial aid opportunities for Canton and Plymouth resident students of all ages who are at different stages in their educational pursuits, as well as a number of different study areas. Applicants should be certain they are applying for the scholarship appropriate to their educational plans.

The following scholarships are available for Canton and Plymouth applicants:

- Canton Community Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000, one available.

- Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University Scholarship, \$1,000, two available.

- Canton Community Foundation/Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship, \$500, one available.

- Canton Community Foundation/Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarship, \$500, one available.

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- Jack Demmer Ford Scholarship, \$1,000, one available.

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- Dr. Syed Taj Family Scholarship, \$500, three available.

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The following scholarships are available for Canton applicants only:

- Canton Women's Connection Scholarship, \$500, two available.

- Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, \$500, one available.

- Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship for Youth Leaders, \$500, one available.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact the Canton foundation at 734-495-1200 or at [info@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:info@cantonfoundation.org)



Competing in this weekend's Distinguished Young Woman Michigan 2012 program are Eberechi Ogbuaku, Inkster (front row, from left); Lisa Cook, Alpena; Bethany Ehardt, Milford; Payton Reilly, Howell; Ankita Nallani, Troy; Theresa Hall, Inkster; Maricia Stafford, Ypsilanti (back row, from left); Marie Idunate, Westland; Christine Houle, Saline; Emily Sioma, Grass Lake; Elesia McCray, Macomb; Brianna Shareef, Wayne-Westland; Sarah Baker, Irish Hills, and Allison Zylka, Plymouth-Canton.

## 14 compete for Michigan's Distinguished Young Woman honor

Teens from Westland and Plymouth-Canton will be among the 14 hopefuls participating in the 54th annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program Saturday, Jan. 28, at Saline High School.

Fourteen contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for more than \$10,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local event throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Alabama.

The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent. Brianna Shareef and Maria Idunate of Westland and Allison Zylka of Plymouth will compete in the program which starts at 6 p.m. They were winners at their local programs and have now advanced to the state scholarship program.

At the state program, contestants will perform on stage in an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. For their talent selections, Shareef, the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland, will perform a lyrical dance to "Tonight." Idunate, the Distinguished Young Woman of Westland, will perform a jazz dance to the song "Don't Rain on my Parade." Allison Zylka, the Distinguished Young Woman of Plymouth-Canton, will perform a tap dance to "Band Play Out."

Contestants are also evaluated in based on academic scholastics and interview. This year's program theme is music from the movie *Footloose*.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at Saline High School the day of the event or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by e-mail at [Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org](mailto:Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org). Ticket are \$15 and all proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since it first began in 1958, more than \$90 million in college scholarships have been awarded.

More information on the scholarship program is available online at [www.ajm.org](http://www.ajm.org).

## Festival lauds cultural diversity

Visitors will experience music, dance and drama from around the world when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

This cultural and educational festival offers participants entertainment and experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions on the main stage of The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

The festival celebrates the diversity of the local community through song and dance from various cultural groups. Featured dance performances will represent various cultures and countries, including India, Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand, Ireland, China, the Middle East, and the United States.

Attendees can enjoy Choral performances by the New Century Chinese School and the Plymouth Canton Chinese Learning Center. In addition the New Century Chinese School will present a Pipa solo by Mr. Tian along with featured Chinese dancers. A special performance



The International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Saturday.

will be presented by Opera Singer, Jesus Murillo, from The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan with Accompaniment by Elena Lacheva. Additional featured artists include: the New Hope Church's Praise Dancers, Mimes of Ministry, Women's Liturgical Group and Steppers of Soul, as well as Monica Prasad on the Sitar. Also included in the lineup are performances by: The O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance; Triple Threat Dance & Theater Company; Troupe Ta'amullat; and the Hoaloha Hula Dance Company.

Tickets are just \$2 at the door. This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5308 or visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

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# Auto show gets rave reviews

A world of great vehicles, connectivity and interaction awaits families and auto enthusiasts at the 2012 North American International Auto Show. The show runs through Sunday and continues to draw thousands of enthusiasts.

"Nearly every display here at NAIAS features an interactive family-oriented element," said show chairman Bill Perkins. "The more than 500 vehicles are fantastic to look at and sit in, and with today's emphasis on connectivity and advanced technology, the exhibits take the show to the extreme. I've said all along, this show will educate, astonish and entertain. And it's doing just that."

New special events have been added, including the main floor NAIAS Parade of Cars and Stars, which has been pleasing thousands of onlookers twice daily. Led around the inner loop of the show floor by police motorcycles with flashing lights and sirens, three luxury vehicles — an Aston Martin, a Bentley and a Chevrolet Corvette — drive slowly around the show as thousands of digital cameras flash. The parade will be repeated at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Other activities include coloring contests in the Cobo Center Food Court; Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan; and live musical entertainment. In Michigan Hall, the Pure Michigan Ride and Drive test track remains open throughout the show, enabling visitors to take a test drive in an electric or

hybrid vehicle. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 7-12 and \$6 for senior citizens. Children under age 6 are admitted free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information on the show, visit [naias.com](http://naias.com).

NAIAS Interactive Exhibits include:

- Cadillac**
  - Cadillac User Experience live demonstration, tech walls, interactive display walls
- Chevrolet**
  - Time Splice Camaro experience
  - Sonic Boom Music Mixer
  - Build Your Own Button
  - Graffiti Wall
  - Favorite Concept voting
- Cobo Center coloring contest in the Cobo Center Food Court (located at the end of the concourse toward the Detroit River)**
- CODA**
  - The Commitment Wall for guests to tweet about how they plan to change the world
- Ford**
  - Ken Block Gymkhana Experience
  - Ford — Living Connected Cloud Experience Ride
- General Motors**
  - OnStar iLink
- Kia**
  - Xbox Connect
  - Kia — Close Encounter Dance with "Hamsters"
  - Kia — Eco Challenge Simulator
- Toyota**
  - Scion — sXperience Music Maker
  - Safety Simulator
  - Live Talk Show
  - The Fun V, or the smart phone on wheels



The bold Chevrolet display conveyed confidence that the brand is coming on strong.

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BMW's head-turning plug-in hybrid i8 concept looks like it was inspired by movie 'Tron.'

DAVID BLOOM



Acura's hybrid all-wheel drive NSX concept. A 400 Hp production could be in showrooms in three years.

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The Ford Motor Company's exhibit included a ride that took visitors forty feet into the air into a view room where they saw a two minute video on Ford's ideas of transportation in the future.

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Ara Topouzian of Farmington Hills checked out the Ford display during his visit to the North American International Auto Show. Topouzian is the economic development director for the city of Novi

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Chevy's all electric two-passenger EN-V concept vehicle is designed for intracity use to ease congestion and reduce pollution. GM has already signed up for a pilot project to use the vehicle in Tianjian, China. Will it make it to the streets of your hometown?

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Nathan Mueller and Jay Grossman cover the North American International Auto Show for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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Lyon Township DDA employee Michelle Aniol was down at the North American International Auto Show on Jan. 11 helping out at the Pure Michigan booth.



## Getting to know your cell phone plan

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist

You can't surf the web, watch the news, or refresh your Twitter stream without hearing talk about the next round of super-phones.

The Apple iPhone4s, Motorola Droid Bionic and even some new BlackBerry units have been making headlines recently for their 8-megapixel cameras, 1GHZ processors and 64gb on board storage.

You can read up on the newest phones and their specifications down to the screen size, phone and phone weight through a Google search.

What isn't easy is figuring out changes to your phone plan that could be necessary if you upgrade a to a smartphone from a basic cell phone device.

Over the past few years, carriers have made it a requirement for smartphone users to pay for data plans or unlimited texting plans. So whether you are buying a discounted Windows phone or a BlackBerry in conjunction with your two-year service agreement, your smartphone may lead to additional costs.

If you surf the web with your mobile device a lot, you will need a larger data allowance than the 200mb bottom-tier plan many carriers offer.

New customers can get a 2 gigabyte (GB) plan from AT&T for \$25 per month, or Verizon for \$30 per month. AT&T also offers a 4GB plan for \$45 and Verizon for \$50.

But what most people don't know is data overage charges aren't unreasonable — only \$10 per GB at both AT&T and Verizon. So don't pay up for a plan, simply eat the overage charge if you use your phone too much in a given month.

Better yet, when you access the web through



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

when you use data directly from their mobile network.

If you are still worried about expensive data usage, Sprint offers unlimited everything plans starting at \$79.99 per month. But don't be fooled by the small print — there's a \$10 per month surcharge for certain smartphones, like the iPhone4s. Add in phone insurance, regulatory fees and tax and you could be paying closer to \$100 — but in fairness, that's likely much cheaper than whatever Verizon is gouging these days.

If you think gouging is an unfair term to describe phone companies, consider this: In the past few years, AT&T and Verizon have removed unlimited data plan options for new customers because they say data is too expensive.

Google, Amazon, Dropbox and YouSendit.com, meanwhile, offer multiple GBs of free storage on the web for literally any non-paying web customer.

Data isn't even the worst marked-up service on your phone bill. Depending on the carrier, your text messaging plan could be marked up near 4,000 percent.

Research has shown that text messages can cost phone companies as little as one-third of a cent, yet they charge around \$20 a month for unlimited texting plans, \$30 for unlimited family texting.

Customers can go without texting plans (if the company lets you), but then they will be charged about 10 cents per text —

wi-fi, say from your wireless router at home, you won't be charged data usage.

Phone companies only charge

about double what phone companies previously charged.

Why the increase? Companies are trying to get their cash before texting goes down the path of the typewriter and becomes obsolete.

Free messaging apps like BlackBerry Messenger have been around for more than five years, but they required confusing PINs and a separate interface to contact other BlackBerry owners for free.

The new iPhone4s, however, has built-in technology that sends text messages between iPhones through a program called iMessage — and it's completely free. iMessage will cut down on cell phone bills — maybe even yours. iMessage may even mean you can cut down your individual or family texting plan.

Or you could just visit the phone store and flex your cell phone knowledge until the service rep budges and gets you an unadvertised plan like 1,000 text messages for \$10. A \$10 plan would still be a ripoff, but less than you are likely paying now. With any luck, texting will become much cheaper when it's time to extend or change your contract again.

Note: Did you know most cell phone providers offer deep corporate discounts on monthly recurring charges such as minutes and data? Check to see if your company offers a discount and have the discount applied to your next bill.

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## Area florist honors 'every day' people

Lori Morrison was talking to an out-of-state colleague recently and, during the course of the conversation, hatched an idea she hopes helps recognize "every day" people who go "above and beyond" in every day life.

Once a week for the rest of the year Morrison, who owns Ribar Floral in Plymouth, will deliver a bouquet of flowers to one deserving person in the Plymouth-Canton community who has "done a good job."

Nominations can be made by anyone, and anyone from the local area deemed by the nominator to be worthy, can be nominated.

"It could be your mailman, an exceptional waitress, a co-worker, good Samaritan, or anyone you think is deserving," Morrison said. "All you have to do is fill out a nomination form, and the entries will be reviewed by the staff and picked from that week's submissions."

Morrison knows flowers are sent to express emotion; in fact, she said, it has become her "calling card" over sending a thank-you card.

"People love to receive flowers ... It's one of the joys of this business, to see people get so excited when the delivery is made," Morrison said. "If you want to make



Ribar Floral owner Lori Morrison with Domenic Tasselli, the owner of The Crow's Nest on Canton Center Road in Canton, who was the first week's winner in Ribar Floral's promotion.

someone's day, if you want to say thank you for a job well done, if you want to recommend the services of one person to another, then it is time to pay a compliment. The wonderful thing about gratitude is that it multiplies."

Each week's winner will receive a bouquet of flowers free of charge. The first winner was Domenic Tasselli, the owner of The Crow's Nest on Canton Center Road in Canton, whose "kindness and sincerity with his customers is something that goes above and beyond," Morrison said.

Morrison said she posted the idea for the promotion on her Facebook page, and the response "was overwhelming." She plans to post the weekly winners, and other information about the promotion, on the store's Facebook page and in the store.

To nominate someone, e-mail ribarfloral@aol.com (the subject line must say Good Job Bouquet). Forms are also available in the store, located at 728 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information, call the store, (734) 455-8722.

### IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Clinic offers state-of-the-art services

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

Clearly You: Clearly You is not a hole-in-the-wall facial studio, we share 3,200 square feet of medical office space providing a safe and confidential environment for our clients. We have 2 dedicated treatment rooms, semi-separate waiting area and skin care product boutique featuring unique products such as TanTowels and Eyeslices.

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

Clearly You: We decided to open our own business because patients kept asking Dr. Bekker who in the area he could refer them to for cosmetic improvements. We decided to keep the patients in-house and increase our services to accommodate their requests.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Clearly You: Clearly You started out with one small treatment room and a corner niche for skin care products. Clearly You quickly outgrew its space and we began looking for a place of our own three years ago. We finally found a brand new building in north Canton that was convenient for our Plymouth and Canton clients.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Clearly You: We have a fun boutique with unique retail items and offer interactive events such as the Caribbean Beach Party and Ladies Night Out. We were the first in the area to offer Latisse, the FDA approved treatment to grow longer, fuller lashes.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Christa Bekker: Being a small business owner is a challenge but the rewards have been great. Our business is very family oriented, most of our patients and clients have seen our kids in the office helping out and being a part of the move to Canton. We hope to become more involved with the high school complex, as we are less than a mile down the street.

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

Clearly You: Since we are just down the



Clearly You manager Christa Bekker (left), owner Dr. Jerome Bekker and licensed aesthetician Allison Hiembaugh.

### CLEARLY YOU

**Business name:** Clearly You  
**Your name:** Christa Bekker, manager; Dr. Jerome Bekker, owner; Allison Hiembaugh, licensed aesthetician  
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## OUR VIEWS

# The right choice

## Books should be kept in P-CEP curriculum

The committee reviewing Toni Morrison's novel, *Beloved*, for its appropriateness as a text for Plymouth-Canton's Advanced Placement English course decided Tuesday it needed a little more time to make a decision, and that's all well and good.

In the end, though, we believe the committee should leave not only *Beloved*, but also Graham Swift's 1983 novel *Waterland*, in the curriculum.

*Beloved* underwent a committee review last week following a complaint from a Canton couple about what they called the obscene nature of some passages in the book. The same Canton couple — former school board candidate Matt Dame and his wife, Barb — made the same complaint that led to the banishment of *Waterland* from the classroom in a unilateral decision made by Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent.

Hughes was wrong to ban *Waterland*, and the nearly non-stop parade of teachers, parents and current and former students who've spoken out against the ban show we're not alone in our thinking. Hughes acknowledged he knew little of the district's process for taking such action, an admission which was a surprise — and a disappointment — coming from someone with his experience in charge of the state's third-largest district.

Teachers have hailed the books as "beautiful" and "scholarly," and say they "fit into the district's themes of reaction to trauma and post-modernism and new historicism beautifully."

Teachers in this district are consistently lauded as high-quality, professional educators; shouldn't they be trusted to teach a text in which they believe?

Teacher Gretchen Miller correctly points out the AP English classes in which these books are taught are composed of juniors and seniors soon destined for life beyond the halls of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The passages in the book, while distinctly graphic, are but a small portion of the text, and do not by their nature turn the entire work into pornography, as the Dames and a few others charge.

While we certainly don't encourage the use of pornographic material in our classrooms, we do acknowledge, as others do, that teenagers of this age and intelligence are exposed to far worse on television, in movies and in video games.

Parents of AP English students, who choose that advanced academic path, are warned that material taught in these classes is more mature in nature. Perhaps the district could go one step farther and alert parents to exact passages, in an effort to help parents and their students decide if the course is right for them.

Dame said he believes students should be given options, and said his daughter is given another text to read and excused from the classrooms while the books in question are discussed. He also said his daughter's grade in the class isn't being affected.

That's the way to come up with a way for everyone to win. The student isn't exposed to material to which she or her parents object, and the rest of the students (and many current and former students have spoken vigorously in defense of the books) get to learn from authors, and teachers, they respect.

One parent told the board Tuesday she was "adamantly opposed" to having great books pulled out of the hands of students who want to be academically challenged.

There are surely other texts that could be taught in these classes, other options to which teachers could turn to solve this problem. Substituting those for *Waterland* and *Beloved* would certainly be the easy solution.

It just wouldn't be the right one.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# Having just observed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, what are your thoughts on the present state of race relations?

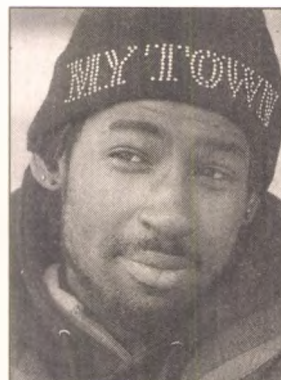
We asked this question Monday at the Plymouth District Library.



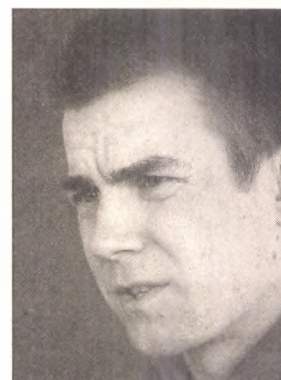
"I guess progressing. ... The world is becoming more open to what everybody's got to say."  
**Karah Gehrken**  
Plymouth Township



"I think we're pretty close on that. ... It's just not as big a deal to us."  
**Jessica Dabkowski**  
Plymouth



"They're good. ... I think we're living his dream right now."  
**Deanthony Davis**  
Canton Township



"I think the people younger than the age of 30 have a better outlook on race relations. ... I think things are getting better."  
**Michael Dabkowski**  
Plymouth

## LETTERS

### Not 'banning'

The books under discussion should not be banned. It is time to take the heat out of this argument that is occurring in our school district.

Is every book that is chosen or not chosen for a district considered "banned?" It does not matter whether the words are beautiful, the text is valuable or the lesson is purposeful. Districts have to make decisions regarding texts based on several considerations.

Some texts are eliminated from a classroom because they are too easy or too hard. Are those books "banned?" Banning books creates anger and heat on so many fronts. So the discussion should be what are the considerations for choosing a book in our school district. The first measure is, "Should minors have access to sexually explicit materials?" If one will look at the argument this way, the answer is simple: no. No sexually explicit materials should be available to any student age 17 and under no matter if it is metaphorical, beautiful or purposeful.

These are children, legally, and exposure to this material is a parental decision, not a district decision. Moreover, while these texts may have some significant literary merit and may be perfect in a college setting, the fact that these texts are sexually explicit precludes them from being presented to minors.

The second measure is, "What are the AP standards for a text?" According to the remarks made by the teacher noted in the lead article Thursday, Jan. 12, she stated that she uses the materials to teach postmodernism and new historicism. These are very sophisticated subjects, but are not requirements for an Advanced Placement English Course.

AP tests are much like ACT tests in that they are both skill-based tests, but the AP test is significantly more difficult. It requires students to analyze complex texts for literary elements. Any content, such as the lesson that was mentioned in the article, is not required in any way for a student to pass the AP test. To be fair, the College Board, the company that creates the AP test, does recommend *Beloved* as a work of significant literary merit. However, the college board never has directed any school to teach it, and it offers numerous texts that do not have any explicit material.

Therefore, another text of equal literary merit could easily replace this text as there are many recommended by AP. So this teacher could easily choose another text and rework the lesson by choosing a more age appropriate text.

The third consideration is, "How does this text meet the new Core Curricular Standards and the current Content Expectations that have been adopted standards by the State of Michigan Department of Education?" Both of these standards are skill-based standards not content based standards. Once

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again, finding a text that is both sophisticated and complex is easily done. The state may recommend postmodernism be taught, but it is not mandated.

So let's stop the "banning" of books and start making a curricular decision that honors standards which are already in place. Now, the decision becomes an easy one.

**Denise Paczewitz**  
Canton

### Challenged books

I am a parent of a current Advanced Placement English student affected by the challenge to the books *Waterland* and *Beloved*. I attended the Board of Education regular meeting Jan. 10 (available on community access television) and the Complaint Review Committee meeting (Jan. 11, not available on community access television), and have read both books in their entirety. I have also reviewed the PCEP Program of Studies (2011-12), the course syllabus and even the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

My conclusions:  
• To call these works of literature "pornography" is simple-minded. You can't cherry-pick a couple of pages out of a lengthy literary work, and conclude that it is pornographic. Per Merriam-Webster, there needs to be an intent to cause sexual excitement. I don't see that intent.

What I see is an intent to use actions and events, which are not joyful, pleasurable or glorified, to advance larger plots, inform characters' motivations and help to explain the future thoughts and actions of those characters in the stories being told.

• The PCEP Program of Studies lists not one, not two, but five alternative courses that can be selected by students wishing to take one of the two Advanced Placement English exams administered by the College Board. This is fantastic and something the district can be very proud of!

The syllabus for this particular course, given to the students three to four months before the start of class, informs students that they

must "exercise intellectual, emotional and social maturity in dealing with challenging and provocative material" and that they must "be flexible in allowing their point of view to grow and be refined as they are exposed to new ideas in texts and class discussions."

Any parent who expects to have their student be able to pick from six AP offerings, and demand a change in the curriculum halfway through the year, shows neither emotional nor social maturity, or flexibility in allowing their point of view to grow and be refined.

• The PCCS Administration, and our Board of Education, would be making a tremendous error in substituting its/their judgment for that of the educators who have assembled and are teaching this curriculum. Allow a student out of the class if the parents insist. Don't conform the education of so many students to one family's world view, when the school district already offers that family so many comparable educational options which may be more compatible with their sensibilities.

**Jeff Longe**  
Plymouth

### Educational value

As a P-CEP sophomore, I understand that I am not an AP English student, but I do pride myself in saying that Mr. Read, an AP English teacher, is my Honors Modern Literature and the Arts teacher.

I was astounded to find that parents in the Plymouth-Canton area were inclined to censor the school's curriculum. Regarding Mr. Dame's recent quote that, "parents should have the right to choose what's right for the kids to read," I am slightly confused. What if my parents choose that they would like me to study *Beloved* and *Waterland* as my older sister did when she was in AP English at the Park? If *Beloved* was to be taken off the AP English curriculum, then I think it would be very unfortunate that future AP students would not be able to analyze all themes and subjects of classic literature in a controlled environment.

I feel that parents should have some say in what their own children read, but I do not believe that other parents in the area, with views that largely differ from my own family, should have the right to limit what I read at school and what I learn about in class.

I strongly believe that a small group of parents and adults in our area should not have the right to control what themes students study in class, based on their personal values. Such decisions should be made by educators based on the education value of the materials with alternative for students with concerned parents. This way parents and student with different values do not have the values of others imposed on them and their education.

**Teagan Reese**  
Plymouth



# Organize information for 2011 income tax returns

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

The most important part of preparing tax returns is to have the necessary information. Over the next few weeks, you will start to receive that information in the mail. Whether it is a W-2 from work or a 1099 from a bank or brokerage house, the information is essential to preparing your return. I cannot stress enough how important it is to save this information for your tax preparer. Whether a professional is doing your return or you're doing it on your own, you cannot afford to misplace



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

this information. For example, not including the information from a 1099 on your tax return is going to result in IRS scrutiny. Whether it is just a letter from the IRS or an audit, you can be sure that if you don't report the information contained in a 1099, you will be contacted. I don't know anyone who wants extra scrutiny from the IRS. That is why it is so important to retain these documents.

It's also a great time to start gathering other information that you will need to accurately file your tax returns. For example, if you made charitable contributions last year, make sure that you have the necessary receipts from the charity itself. Remember, the cancelled check itself is not sufficient documentation for a cash contribution of \$250 or more. You need a receipt from the

organization. In today's world, you're going to need backup documentation for just about any deduction you're going to take. Now is the time to organize that information.

This is also a great time to make the decision whether you are going to prepare your returns or if you are going to hire a professional. If you are doing the return, I recommend purchasing a software package. If you hire a professional, especially if it is for the first time, make sure it is someone who has experience doing taxes and is dedicated to staying current with the changes in the law. In addition, make sure that they are going to be around. If you receive scrutiny from the IRS, it is always beneficial to have the assistance of your tax preparer.

Preparing tax returns has become more com-

plex and more difficult. Therefore, more people probably do need the assistance of a professional. However, that is not necessarily true for everyone. Many people have relatively straightforward returns and can potentially do their tax returns for free. For a number of years, the IRS has partnered with software companies to offer the capability for people to do their tax returns online for free. This is 100-percent legitimate and it is something that many should consider. It is relative-

ly simple to do. Go to the IRS website at www.irs.gov and click on the tab for individuals, click on the tab for e-file; you will then be directed to a page where you can select from a number of different free software packages. Generally, the software is only for federal returns, but for the great majority of us, those are the more difficult returns.

It would be nice if we didn't have to file tax returns and didn't have to bother with the IRS. However, we all know that's not going to hap-

pen. Our obligation as citizens is to file fair and accurate tax returns and, thus, we ought to make it as easy as possible on ourselves. One thing that will lessen the anxiety and make it easier is to start early and take time to organize your documentation. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

# Project success due to member support

By Bill Lawton  
Guest Columnist

During the holiday season, many of us spend time with friends and family. We reminisce about days of old and look forward to a peaceful, prosperous and healthy new year.



Bill Lawton

Outside of the Thanksgiving holiday, we often forget to thank the people in our lives that have helped us and those around us in a meaningful and profound way. Of course, those who serve others do not do so because they are seeking applause or thanks. They help others because they believe in their hearts it is the right thing to do - for the people they are helping and for their community in general.

It is to honor their selfless actions that we at Community Financial took it upon ourselves, on behalf of our Community Financial team and our members, to thank some of the people and organizations that serve others in our communities. Because they all

help make our communities stronger, we also wanted to help them do even more.

In early December, we kicked off the "Season of Giving," during which we donated over \$50,000 to non-profit organizations serving the same communities we serve - Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Gaylord, Hillman and Lewiston. Throughout the month, donations were announced through our Facebook and Twitter pages, often to the surprise of the recipients, as a sign of our appreciation for all they do.

We are proud to have been able to donate, on behalf of all our members, to the: Salvation Army; The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW); Plymouth Community Foundation; Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation; Canton Community Foundation; Gaylord, Hillman, Atlanta, Jo-Berg and Lewiston schools; Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan; Otsego County Community Foundation and food pantries in Canton, Gaylord, Hillman, Lewiston, Novi and Northville.

Giving back to the communities we serve is at the heart of our mis-

sion as a community credit union. Our Community Financial team, as well as our members, live and work in the communities we serve, so it is incumbent upon us to support those groups that do so much good in our hometowns.

We know there are so many groups that deserve support from the community and we wish we could have donated money to each and every one of them this year. We hope to have the opportunity to support more groups throughout 2012.

We pride ourselves on supporting our communities both financially and through volunteering to support those organizations that are important to our colleagues, our members and our communities. Community is in our name and at the core of our mission, and we are proud to thank and support those who make our communities great and are striving to make them even better.

On behalf of our Community Financial colleagues, our members and everyone in our communities, thank you for all you do.

Bill Lawton is president and chief executive officer for Community Financial.

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

### ORDINANCE #2012-01

#### CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain, and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN for a period of (30) years.

#### THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. GRANT TERM.** The CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan Corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee", the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty (30) years provided, however, that the CITY OF PLYMOUTH shall retain its right to use, control, and regulate the use of its streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and public places, and the space above and beneath them.

**SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION.** In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

**SECTION 3. CONDITIONS.** No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. Grantee shall, within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made at the sole cost and expense of the Grantee. When provided notice by the City of a relocation of the City's utility system, Grantee shall move and/or relocate its equipment as necessary to relieve any physical conflict with the City's utility system at the sole cost and expense of the Grantee.

**SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY.** The Grantee shall use due care in exercising the privileges contained and shall at all times keep, save, and hold the CITY OF PLYMOUTH free and harmless from, defend, and indemnify the CITY OF PLYMOUTH against all losses, costs, and expenses, including attorney fees, to which it may be or become subject to by reason of the negligent construction, and/or maintenance of the structures and equipment authorized herein. In case any action is commenced against the CITY OF PLYMOUTH on account of the permission granted herein, the Grantee shall upon notice, defend the CITY OF PLYMOUTH and hold it harmless from all loss, costs, and damages, including attorney fees, arising out of such negligent construction, operation and/or maintenance.

**SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS.** Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

**SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE.** The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished thereunder.

**SECTION 7. RATES.** Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said City, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition thereof being made by either said City, acting by its City Commission, or by said Grantee.

**SECTION 8. REVOCATION.** The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation. This revocation may occur for any or no reason whatsoever at the will of either party at no cost, expense, or penalty for said revocation.

**SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.** Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

**SECTION 10. REPEALER.** This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of the gas ordinance adopted by the City Commission on September 10, 1973, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to, CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

And amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Power Company.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall not be finally enacted, nor become effective until said ordinance shall be complete in the form in which it was finally enacted and remain on file with the City Clerk for a period of thirty (30) days before final enactment thereof. Further, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty (30) days from its adoption unless within said period, the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication thereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between the City and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the City Commission of the CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ON the 19th day of January, 2012.

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## Balanced attack powers Salem

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Tuesday's false start aside, Salem wasn't about to let one defeat morph into a losing skid.

After starting the season 8-0, the Rocks finally lost a game (last Friday to Livonia Stevenson). Then Tuesday at home against Novi, veteran coach Bob Brodie's boys basketball team fell behind 5-0.

"I wondered there for a minute because we got off to a slow start against Stevenson, too," Brodie said. "We were down 25-8 in the first quarter. And I saw remnants of that, we were down five-zip all of a sudden."

But Salem stopped the bleeding right there, ultimately outworking and outscoring the Wildcats by a 61-42 score in the KLAA Central Division contest. The victory upped Salem's record to 9-1 overall and 3-1 in the division.

"That bubble (unbeaten streak) gets so big and all of a sudden it bursts," Brodie said. "It kind of relieves the pressure, but you never know how the kids are going to bounce back after that. They did a nice job tonight."

Novi (2-7, 2-2) still led 8-7 mid-

way though the first quarter, but the Rocks reeled off 10 straight points to take control. During that stretch, Salem received two field goals each from senior guard Tyler Stewart and junior forward Cameron Werner.

Stewart made it 17-8 with 1:30 left in the quarter with a power dunk — having taken a feed from Werner, who intercepted a Novi pass to start the play.

In the second frame, Novi cut the deficit to 21-18 after senior guard Kyle Clemmons drained a triple.

But the Rocks answered with nine straight points. Starting the run were buckets by junior forward Ahmad Khalid and senior center Josh Peterson; Stewart literally slammed it shut with another stuff.

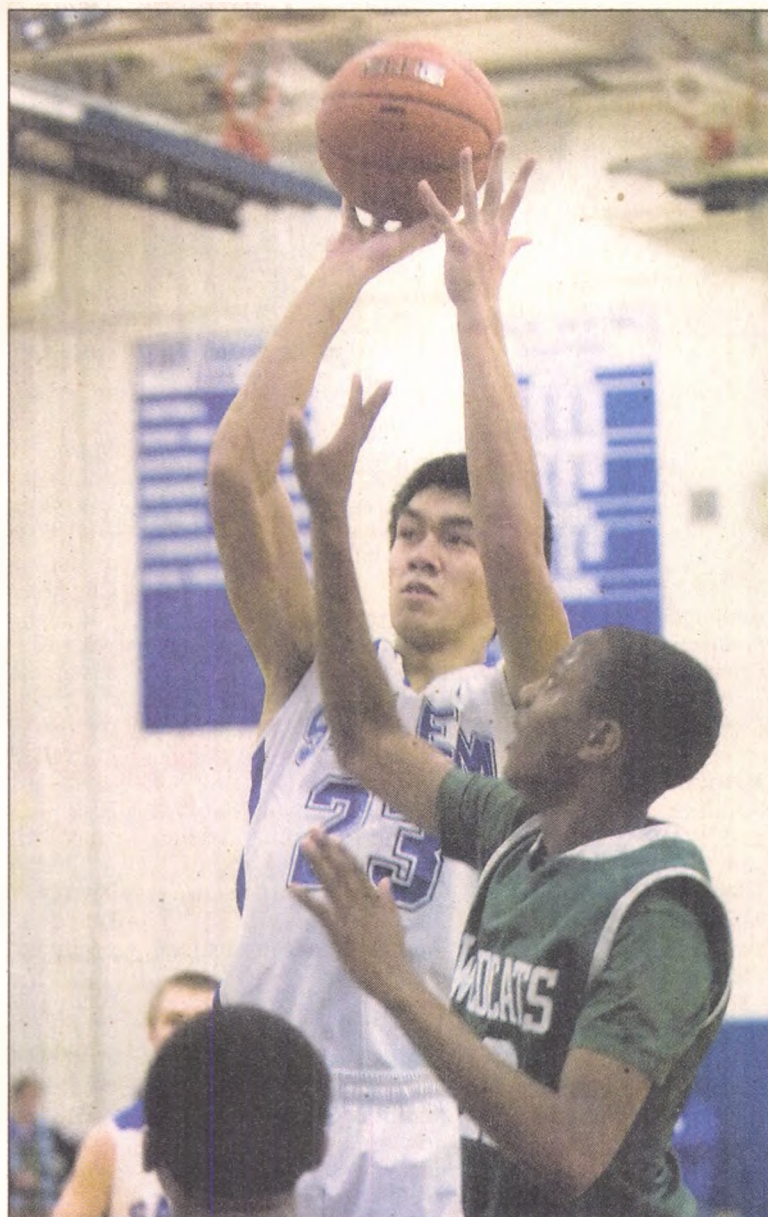
### Help from many

Salem took a 30-22 lead into the intermission and kept the pressure on in the third.

Doing much of the damage in that quarter was junior forward Chris Dierker, with seven of his team's 11 points (as the Rocks went up 41-27 after three).

Sharing scoring honors for

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Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 23) sends a shot on its way, despite defensive pressure from Novi's Charles McKinney (No. 12).

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## Canton gymnasts still perfect

Canton's varsity gymnastics team improved to 5-0 on the season with Monday's tri-meet triumph.

The host Chiefs won 143.475 to Howell's 137.25 and Brighton's 134.85, despite dealing with bumps and bruises, coach John Cunningham noted.

Freshman Jocelyn Moraw was outstanding, taking firsts on uneven parallel bars (9.525) and balance beam (8.95), while tallying 36.625 in all-around points (also first).

Canton also won the other events, with Erica Lucas taking the top place on vault (9.7) and Nicole Lasecki first on floor exercise (9.2).

Other highlights for the Chiefs included Melissa Green's score of 8.85 on bars (third) and 8.8 on beam (fourth), Pia Simon's fourth-place 9.0 on vault, Marina Milad's sixth place on floor (8.75) and Ayana Lewis' scores of 9.05 on bars (second place) and 8.95 on floor (third).

## Lack of clutch shooting dooms Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Missed chances in the late going cost Plymouth in Tuesday's KLAA South Division boys basketball matchup against visiting Wayne Memorial.

For the umpteenth time this season, the Wildcats found them-

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selves in an overtime game — and then some. Plymouth made it to a second OT before losing 65-61.

"We had opportunities to put them away in the fourth quarter and in the first overtime with free throws," Plymouth

head coach Mike Soukup said. "We just had a lot of timely misses. We had timely missed layups that really hurt us."

"We had looks that were there at the basket, point-blank, and we just missed them."

It was a 56-56 contest after regulation, although Soukup said the

Wildcats could have finished off the Zebras with better shooting from the foul line. Plymouth made just 9-of-18 free throws in the game.

The game reached a second OT with the teams tied 60-60, but Plymouth (4-5, 2-2) could not stave off the Zebras (4-3, 2-2).

Scoring 17 points and contributing seven rebounds was junior wing guard Brendan Swanson.

"The kid's playing unbelievable right now," Soukup said about Swanson. "He's really a tough kid, he just embraces

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## 'Hockey night' to help Cigile family

Plymouth trip's a winner, B3

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

All three varsity boys hockey teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park recently logged plenty of miles and games by taking part in tournaments in Traverse City or Sault Ste. Marie.

But those squads won't need to go too far Friday, with a so-called "Hockey Night in Canton" twin-bill slated for Arctic Edge Arena.

At 6 p.m., Canton will skate against Northville; following at 8 p.m. will be the Salem-Plymouth tilt.

One ticket (\$5, \$3 for students in the Plymouth-Canton district) is good for admission to both games.

### Not just hockey

But hockey isn't the only thing on the agenda. The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Hockey Booster Club is presenting 50/50 raffles for each game to benefit the amateur Hockey Association coach Rick Cigile — who was paralyzed last June in a tragic swimming accident in Florida.

Proceeds will help the Cigile family with costs associated with medical bills or "for whatever they need," said Marilyn Smiatcz of the booster club. Cigile's son Jeremy is a player on Plymouth's varsity squad.

Arctic Edge is located on Michigan Avenue (south side) between Canton Center and Beck roads.

"Hockey Night in Can-

ton" should be enticing from what will take place on the ice, too. The Chiefs, Wildcats, Rocks and Northville are all very competitive teams in the KLAA Kensington Conference.

### Tough sledding

Meanwhile, Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak's team split two games in Sault Ste. Marie last weekend, defeating Escanaba 2-1 on Jan. 13, but dropping a 6-4 decision Saturday against the host Blue Devils at the North vs. South Winter Classic.

Against Escanaba, senior linemates Duggan Tear and Taylor Baker scored while sophomore goalie Robbie Beydoun was stellar (stopping 29 of 30 shots).

The following night, Tear scored two more goals with Baker adding a goal and two assists. Senior defenseman Brandon Schlieger also scored a goal, with two assists each by senior forward Brandon Grillo and sophomore defenseman Collin Smith.

But their efforts came up a bit short as the Chiefs dropped to 9-5 overall.

"The team never gave up, but you know, we got to find a way to get other people involved," Majszak said. "The same core group of guys is doing a lot of our offense."

Plymouth also played at the Soo tourney, going 2-0, while Salem took part in a holiday tournament in Traverse City the last week of December.

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Tom Wilson (No. 10) of the Plymouth Whalers scores in the third period Monday, lifting a rebound over Windsor goalie Jaroslav Pavelka.

RENA LAVERTY

## Wilson's catalyst in victory

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers played on Martin Luther King Day, but there was nothing peaceful about their afternoon game against Windsor.

Sparks and fists were flying Monday all over Compuware Arena in the OHL matinee, won by the Whalers 5-1 before nearly 3,000 fans.

In fact, Whalers forward Tom Wilson recorded the "Gordie Howe Hat Trick," with a goal, assist and fight.

"I think it was," Wilson said, when asked if that was his first-ever Gordie Howe Hat Trick. "I try for those every night, but they're hard to come by, especially the goals and assists. But I was happy to get that."

Wilson, who graduated from Plymouth High School, decidedly won

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his scrap with Windsor winger Stephen Alonge midway through the second period, with the Whalers up 1-0.

"He (Alonge) had been asking me to go, so finally we were up against the glass and he said let's go," Wilson said. "So I just threw a couple rights and landed on top of him. I mean, fights are to get the boys going, and that's what happened there."

### Fired up

That fight sent a jolt through the team and energized the fans, and the Whalers scored just 13 seconds later to go up 2-0 when forward Jamie Devane banged in the rebound of a shot by forward Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) with 10:58 to go in the middle period.

"I thought it did," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said about whether the Wilson fight helped ignite the Whalers after a sluggish start to the second.

Plymouth had given up a flurry of six shots in the first two minutes, but wound up outshooting Windsor 22-3 for the rest of the period.

"He (Wilson) had a real good game. That's how he's got to play to be successful," Vellucci continued.

The Whalers (30-10-2-1, first in the West Division) kept firing shots and fists (there were seven fights in the game) and went up 3-0 with 1:51 to go in the second on Stefan Noesen's power-play goal — assisted by Wilson.

The 6-4, 200-pounder then scored at 10:52

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## Salem to host baseball clinics

Youngsters will have their chance to again learn all about baseball from Salem's varsity players and coaching staff.

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic will take place Saturday, March 24 and 31, in the high school gym.

For a fee of \$28, kids will get three hours of instruction, focusing on pitching, hitting and all phases of fielding, along with a T-shirt.

Each player should bring a baseball glove and hat to one of the following sessions, space permitting:

Session 1: Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 11-14; 14; Session 2: Saturday, March 24, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10; Session 3: Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 7-10; Session 4: Saturday, March 31, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call Mary Theisen at (734) 354-9181 or e-mail salemrocksbaserball@gmail.com.

## Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.



## HOOPS

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Salem with 11 points each were Stewart, Peterson and Dierker. Chipping in with six each were Werner, Khalid and junior guard Kevin Mack.

Peterson had six rebounds, while Dierker helped the cause with six blocks, four assists and three steals.

That the parade of offensive contributors was long did not surprise Brodie, who has come to expect such "all-in" performances.

"That's been the truth all year long," Brodie said. "Tyler, Dierk or Peterson, (senior guard Grant) Bettner. Guys step up and they cover each other if somebody has a bad game."

The Rocks were pretty much on target from the early moments, connecting on half of their attempts for two-pointers (24-of-48). Conversely, Novi struggled from inside or outside the arc, making 10-of-30 tries for two-point field goals and just 4-of-22 trey attempts.

"The key to us is defense," Brodie said. "We have to play good defense every game. We gave up 67 last week (against Stevenson) and only gave up 42 today. That's a big improvement."

Novi's top scorer was sophomore guard Nelson



Battling for inside position Tuesday are Salem's Josh Peterson (No. 44) and Novi's Michael Jocz (No. 34), while Cameron Werner (No. 22) of the Rocks closes in.

Cagle, with 10 points.

### Another challenge

Adding seven points and five rebounds was senior forward Alex King, while senior center Michael Jocz scored five points and led the Wildcats with six boards.

Obviously disappointed with how the game went was Novi head coach Brian Tass.

"They (Rocks) just wanted to play harder than we did," Tass said. "We didn't physically rebound well at all. We weren't very strong tonight."

"(We) have to have a

tougher mentality than that. I thought we were real soft."

Salem will visit South Lyon for a 7 p.m. Friday game, one Brodie expects to be a big challenge.

"They're a tough squad and they're always tough to beat up at their place," Brodie said. "Those kids really play hard, they're strong and tough and they're going to want a piece of us just like Stevenson did. So we got to come ready to play."

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# Cheston comes up big for 'Cats

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

A breakout night by Plymouth sophomore center Shelby Cheston lifted the visiting Wildcats to a 45-33 victory Tuesday over Wayne Memorial in a KLAA South Division girls basketball contest.

With a strong all-around performance, Cheston scored 19 points and also was a force with 17 rebounds and seven blocks.

Also in double figures for the Wildcats (7-3 overall, 3-1 in the South) were Jada Woody and Kylie Robb, with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

"Shelby was great," Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear said. "She really made finishing at the rim tough for Wayne. I'm really happy for her. She is really starting to develop as a complete player."

The Wildcats led 23-19 at halftime and pulled away with a 12-6 edge in the third.

Robb also was instrumental in the win, scoring seven of her 10 points in the second half.

Wayne dropped to 2-8 overall and 1-3 in the division.

### Chiefs roll, 48-18

A 15-2 second quarter turned a close game into a rout Tuesday as host Canton easily dispatched KLAA South rival Livonia Churchill, 48-18.

Robyn Mack again was the offensive catalyst for the Chiefs (8-2, 3-1), scoring 15 points along with five rebounds, five steals and five assists.

Helping Canton's cause were Paige Aresco (nine points, four rebounds), Kiara Schneider (eight points, four boards) and Rachel Winters (six points).

Tallying 12 for the Chargers (3-5, 1-3) was Erin Menard.

Actually, Canton got off to a slow start — falling behind 7-0.

"But we only let them score two the rest of the half," Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski said. "I thought we played with a lot of energy and got



Jada Woody (No. 20) and Shelby Cheston (No. 34, middle), shown from earlier this season, keyed Plymouth's victory Tuesday.

to a lot of loose balls tonight."

Canton will visit Livonia Franklin 7 p.m. Friday.

### Salem falls short

The visiting Salem girls basketball team hung tough for a while Tuesday night against KLAA Central Division leading Novi. But the Rocks were unable to keep it going for 32 minutes, dropping a 38-30 decision.

Scoring 18 points for the Rocks (1-8, 1-3) was Bri Berberet, while Katelynn Krause (seven points) and Breanne Beaver (12 rebounds) also had solid showings in a losing effort.

Kerri McMahan led the Wildcats (7-2, 3-1) with 12 points.

"The third quarter was our downfall," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann. "We missed three layups and we went 2-6 from the free throw line."

The teams were deadlocked 7-7 after the first quarter and Salem trailed just 20-16 at halftime. But in the third, the Wildcats broke loose with a 9-2 advantage.

### Big win for PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy played sound

defense Tuesday night, posting a 56-33 victory at Oakland Christian in a MIAC matchup.

Jenny Malcolm (15 points, nine rebounds), Emily Gerulis (11 points, eight rebounds, six steals), Karen Windle (10 points, five steals), Jenna Abraham (seven points) and Rachel Smith (nine rebounds) all made significant contributions as PCA improved to 6-3 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC.

Eagles head coach Carol Gerulis said Malcolm "did a little bit of everything" while Abraham came back from taking a big hit early in the game to help the cause.

She added that Emily Gerulis "played well for us again" although missing most of the second quarter to foul trouble and Windle "had a solid all-around game. ... I thought we played good defense all night long."

PCA led 14-7 after the first and 26-21 at halftime before taking control in the third with a 13-6 edge. The Eagles then closed things out in the fourth, outscoring the Lancers by a 17-6 margin.

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## CAGERS

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what we're teaching. He plays his role and doesn't try to do too much."

Adding 12 points for the 'Cats was junior forward Sid Acharya, while Sean Moore scored 15 points for Wayne.

The task doesn't get any easier for Plymouth, visiting division-leading Westland John Glenn on Friday night.

**CANTON 48, CHURCHILL 43:** Visiting Canton out-rebounded Livonia Churchill by a 26-18 margin Tuesday night and that sparked the Chiefs to this KLAA South Division boys basketball victory.

Leading Canton (8-2 overall, 3-1 in the KLAA South) with 16 points was senior center Paul Baumgart, who also grabbed five rebounds and blocked two shots.

Chipping in with 10 points was freshman guard Greg Williams, while junior point guard Josh Mayberry tallied nine points along with three assists. The top rebounder for Canton was senior guard Kyle Adams with seven

(along with four points). Canton built leads of 9-4 after one quarter and 20-15 at the intermission, and then padded that lead to 34-25 after three.

Duane Scott Jr. scored 11 points for Churchill (2-6, 0-4). **OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 62, PCA 60:** Senior center Eric Jipping's streak of double-doubles ended Tuesday night against visiting Oakland Christian — but barely.

Jipping scored 32 points and pulled down nine rebounds for Plymouth Christian Academy (3-5 overall).

Adding 15 points for the Eagles was Mick Noel. PCA will visit Parkway Christian this Friday.

# Mercy rules Ladywood

By Dan O'Meara  
Observer Staff Writer

It didn't look good for Farmington Hills Mercy when it spotted Livonia Ladywood a 12-3 lead and lost point guard Candice Leatherwood to an ankle injury in the first quarter Tuesday.

But the other Marlins rallied and survived a late Ladywood comeback for a 61-56 victory in a Catholic League Central Division girls basketball game at Mercy.

"We needed to settle down and relax," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "Once we realized we were going to have to play without Candice, a couple players had to step up in terms of our ball handling. I was really proud of our kids, because we had a lot going against us early, being without Candice and also being behind."

Mercy forged a 23-23 tie at halftime with an 18-point second quarter and 10 first-half points by sophomore guard Allie Gorcyca.

The Marlins (8-2, 2-1) continued to bring pressure in the third quarter and made an 11-0 run for a 43-32 lead.

Ladywood scored the last five of that period, but Mercy had a solid, 10-point advantage nearing the midway point of the fourth, 52-42.

Baskets by Briana Combs and Sara Even started a rally by the Blazers (5-6, 1-2), who were able to apply a full-court press and do what Mercy had done earlier after the made baskets.

Four free throws by

Andi Anastos and back-to-back triples by Combs put Ladywood within two, 58-56, with less than half a minute to play.

"I'm just proud of our kids' effort," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "We had a long third quarter, but I'm very proud of the way our kids fought back. We just couldn't get over the hump. I'm frustrated with the result but eager to see us play our next game."

"At the beginning of the third quarter, (the Marlins) hustled and found a way to make their breaks. It seemed every ball that bounced off the rim bounced to them and they found a way to hit a layup or a three. But they played hard and they capitalized on our mistakes."

Mercy's Gorcyca, Sierra LaGrande and Sarah Benson combined for six straight free throws to keep the Marlins on top, 60-56. The Blazers committed a turnover and fouled Gorcyca, who added one more point to the Mercy tally.

Gorcyca, who had one triple basket in each quarter, finished with 21 points, as did junior forward Kiley Gorski for the Blazers.

"That's going to help her confidence a lot," Morris said of Gorcyca. "She's a very good shooter and she showed that tonight. She made six threes (Friday) against Marian. Fortunately for us, she picked up right where she left off the other night."

"She struggled a little bit early in the season as kids do, transitioning

from jayvee to varsity. I thought she started to get it going a little bit against Notre Dame Prep two games ago; obviously, the games she had against Marian and Ladywood helped us a lot."

Morris also gave credit to Samantha Bauer and LaGrande for the jobs they did in handling the ball and running the offense in Leatherwood's absence.

"It really put a burden on some of our kids," Morris said. "They hadn't been in that position before. I thought they did a great job in a tough situation. That's two sophomores who stepped up and did a very nice job."

Benson finished with 17 points and Bauer 13. Gorski sparked the Blazers early with 12 first-half points and was on the receiving end of numerous assists by Anastos, who posted 19 points; Combs added 11.

"(Gorski) was a beast," Coratti said. "With kids like that, you know we're going to find a way to start getting some Ws because, with kids like that, you can't lose. They work hard each and every day."

"(Gorski played well) and Anastos was just relentless attacking the basket, so they presented some challenges for us," Morris said. "But we were able to hold on. I thought we had clutch free throw shooting down the stretch."

Mercy made seven of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter and was 12-of-18 overall at the foul line; Ladywood was 8-of-14.



## Fierce Force

The Plymouth Canton Force fourth-grade basketball team went undefeated in the MXP Saline Holiday Tournament on December 17th, winning all four games by an average of 33 points. "I could not have been more proud of the boys performance during the tournament," head coach Doug Sartain said. "They played solid team basketball on both ends of the court and were really never tested." Members of the team include: (front row, from left) Ethan Rottell, Aidan Bruce, Gunner Wooden, Doug Sartain; (middle row, from left) Patrick Burke, Jake Victors, Jalen Parker, Esaias Ester; (back row, from left) coaches Wooden and Sartain.





PHOTOS BY MICHELLE BAUER

Enjoying the snow and hockey in the Soo last weekend is Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team. Also playing in the so-called North-vs.-South tournament were the Canton Chiefs.



Battling a Sault Ste. Marie player in the face-off dot over the weekend is Plymouth's Mitch Claggett (No. 10), while Wildcats' teammate Sean Smiatacz (No. 23, far right) is ready to help.



Plymouth goalie Peyton Wilburn (No. 29) watches the puck during a game in Sault Ste. Marie against Escanaba.

# Northern exposure's a winner for Wildcats

Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team overcame a two-goal deficit en route to its fourth straight victory, 6-5, over Escanaba on Saturday.

The win completed a sweep for the Wildcats as they played two weekend games in Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Sault High Hockey Showcase.

The Wildcats (7-6 overall) trailed 3-1 early in the second period before scoring four unanswered goals by sophomore Conor

Browne, seniors Jeremy Cigile, Zack Gambrell and Cody Staub (power play).

The Eskymos narrowed the gap to 5-4 on a goal by Jake Bastin 4:41 into the third period. Junior Spencer Godin added an insurance goal at 7:48.

Escanaba's Ryan Meintz's goal cut the Plymouth lead again with 5:48 left in the game, but the Wildcats were able to hold on for the victory.

Junior Cam Nadell had a goal and an assist and

sophomore Michael Schultz added three assists for Plymouth. Making his season debut, senior goaltender Peyton Wilburn stopped 20 of 25 shots to earn the win. The Wildcats also had 25 shots on goal.

"The boys showed a lot of heart and character coming back from a 3-1 deficit, after such as disappointing first period," said Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento. "Obviously, it was a great week-

end winning two games, now we need to build off this and look to the games ahead."

**PLYMOUTH 3, SOO 2:** On Friday, Staub's breakaway goal with 4:05 left in the third period was the difference as the Wildcats edged Sault Ste. Marie in the first game of the tournament.

Off a defensive zone faceoff, fellow senior Matt Goertz tipped the puck to Staub who broke free for his goal of the season.

After a sluggish and scoreless first period, in which the Wildcats were outshot 5-4, the Blue Devils opened the scor-

ing with Ryan Dalsky's power play goal early in the second period.

Plymouth responded more than two minutes later with a shorthanded goal by junior Mitch Claggett, who scored his ninth goal of the season when he fired in a rebound off a shot by senior Zack Gambrell.

Plymouth took the lead at 10:32 on junior defenseman Dean Gunther's third goal of the year, assisted by senior Sean Smiatacz and sophomore Mike Schultz. The Wildcats outshot Sault High 20-11 for the period and 31-24 for the game.

"I was really happy after our

slow start with how we put together a solid second and third period to get the win," coach Vento said. "It is not easy to travel up north like this and play, but our guys eventually got their legs."

After Staub's insurance goal, the Blue Devils narrowed the gap on Will Gauthier's goal with 3:30 left in the game, but senior goalie Rich Guglielmi was strong in the end to secure the Wildcats' third consecutive victory.

Plymouth's and Canton's hockey teams each made the trip to the Upper Peninsula as part of the weekend Sault Hockey Showcase against Sault High and Escanaba.

## 'Super' showings at PCS bowling tourney

The Wayne Memorial boys bowling team received a 667 high series from Elliot Arnold to unseat defending champion Westland John Glenn in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament held Saturday at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Arnold, a senior, posted a high game of 247 as the Zebras captured the 16-team boys team title with a pinfall total of 3,602.

The MHSAA tournament format consisted of three match games and four Baker sets under Kegel Middle Road Pattern lane conditions.

Wayne recorded a high match game of 1,006 and two Baker games of 201 and 216.

Rounding out the top 10 teams at the third-annual tournament were Salem (3,520), John Glenn (3,514), South Lyon East (3,501), Canton (3,450), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3,415), Berkley (3,384), Flat Rock (3,376) and New Boston Huron (3,325).

Several varsity bowlers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had stellar performances.

Those included Salem's Steven Cadwell (225), Kevin Williams (202); Canton's Aaron Madsen (223), Alex Champagne (220), Brian Faust (214), Josh Pozan (212); Plymouth's Eric Thompson (223) and Rob Korstjens (208).

Glenn, missing individual state singles champion Jordan Hornes, is ranked No. 2 in the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association poll. The Rock-



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Plymouth's Eric Thompson (shown from earlier this season), bowled a 223 game during Saturday's tournament at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

ets posted match games of 999 and 993 to go along with a high Baker of 209.

In the JV boys division, Plymouth finished first, led by Joe Langell (210) and Zach Behr (203). Finishing with scores of 212 and 200, respectively, were Salem's Brandon Allison and Canton's Nick Blain.

**Girls recap**

In the PCS Tournament for girls, Corunna took top team honors with a total of 3,174 highlighted by a high match game of 965 and Bakers of 181 and 182.

Runner-up John Glenn was just 34 pins behind with a 3,140 total highlighted by an 841 match game and a 192 Baker.

Corunna's Katie Arendt took individual honors

with a 579 series, including a 223 game.

The Plymouth varsity girls came in third (3,012), with Emily Fraser's high game of 203 one of the highlights for the Wildcats.

Salem tallied 2,800 points for eighth overall (led by Kristin Larkins' 204 top score) while Canton placed ninth with 2,740. Charlotte Zimmer rolled a 213 game for the Chiefs.

Livonia Ladywood finished 14th in the team standings with totals of 2,542.

Ladywood's top scorer was Amy Lewandowski, who placed 24th with a 478 series including a 183 high game.

Other finishers for the Blazers included Veronica Estigoy, 33rd (427 series,

157 high game); Shelby Fielding, 36th (423 series, 148 high game); Sarah Knapp, 74th (134 high game); Victoria Aina (165 high game).

In the JV girls division, won by Farmington Hills Mercy, top PCEP games were tallied by Megan Plave and Keeli Winquist of Canton, with scores of 153 and 140, respectively.

Salem bowling coach Kathie Hahn credited her Plymouth counterpart, Tammy Thompson, for the tournament being a "huge success this year, and we hope it continues to grow in the years to come."

Meanwhile, the coaches thanked the 47 teams who made the trek to the tournament, including some traveling from as far as the Lansing area.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Salem tennis meeting set

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing on the 2012 Salem girls tennis team is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in the Salem High School library.

It will be the only opportunity for players to order uniforms for the coming season.

Spring tryouts will begin on Monday, March 12.

For more information, contact Salem coach Lin Ware at (734) 453-0669 or via e-mail at tennis-coachware@gmail.com.

### Baseball camp

The sixth annual Future Stars baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia.

Session 1 consists of hitting, base running skills, and infield work, along with taking the extra base, hitting for average, and proper infield approach.

Session 2 consists of pitching and defense, pitch location, catching drills, and outfield approach.

Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (bring your own).

The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (includes T-shirt).

For more information, e-mail Franklin coach Matt Fournier at mfournie2@livoniaschools.org; or call (734) 968-0499.

### Youth baseball

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage mail-in registration for its 2012 co-ed instructional T-ball (ages 5-6) and coach-pitch (ages 7-8) baseball through Feb. 10, along with walk-in and fax-in registration through Feb. 17.

Registration is open only to those residing in the Livonia or Clarenceville public school districts. Enrollment is limited to the first 640 participants in each division. Forms are available at area schools or can be picked up at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard.

The season runs from May through July with T-ball scrimmages Monday evenings and coach-pitch on Thursday evenings.

Late registration will be from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 31 at the LCRC (for Livonia and Clarenceville Public School district residents only).

Non-resident registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, April 1 at the LCRC's Parks and Recreation office and will run through April 30 on a first-come, first-serve basis (or until teams are filled).

Open registration fees are \$40 (residents) and \$50 (non-residents). Late registration fees are \$50 (residents) and \$60 (non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2410 (option No. 2).

## WHALERS

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of the third period, completing his big day and the game's scoring. Line-mate Andy Bathgate's blast was stopped by Spitfires netminder Jaroslav Pavelka — who faced 54 shots — but Wilson

jumped into the slot to chip in the rebound for his sixth goal of the season.

"I was pretty happy to see that one pop out on the doorstep and bury it," Wilson said. "No regrets tonight. I think the boys worked really hard."

Other Plymouth goals were scored by forward Michael Payne (at 2:49

of the first) and defenseman Austin Levi (Canton, formerly of Farmington Hills) in the first minute of the third period.

Levi sent a rising wrist-er from inside the blue line that zipped past Pavelka on the short side. The goalie was screened on the shot.

Windsor (19-21-3-1) ruined the shutout bid

by Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood (26 saves) when Nick Ebert scored on the power play. Ebert roofed the rebound of a shot by Alexander Khokhlachev at 8:45 of the third.

Vellucci, who said the Whalers came out with a chip on their shoulders after Saturday's disappointing 2-0 loss at Com-

puware against Mississauga, noted that the Plymouth-Windsor bash was a typical rivalry game. "We both played hard, we both played physical and we both have tough teams."

The Whalers play road games this week against Owen Sound and Brampton before returning home for a 7 p.m. Satur-

day game against Sault Ste. Marie.

**PLYMOUTH 6, KITCHENER 1:** Meanwhile, Jan. 13, Plymouth scored three goals in each of the first two periods to rout host Kitchener. Forwards Mitchell Heard and Rickard Rakell each tallied two markers, with other goals scored by Bathgate and Aleardi (his team-leading 24th).

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Hear gypsy tunes at church concert

Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Mitchell and pianist Lydia Qiu will perform gypsy music Sunday, Feb. 5 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, in Plymouth. "Songs of the Gypsy" will start at 4:30 p.m. and is a part of the church's Resounding Art in a Sacred Space concert series. The program will include music by Brahms, Verdi, Bizet, and Dvorak. Mitchell, a Utah native, received a bachelor of music degree from the University of Utah and a master of music degree from the University of Michigan. Her repertoire ranges from opera to cabaret to art song and she can be heard on the Ohio Light Opera's recording of *The Firefly*. In her last performance at St. John's in 2010, she performed the role of Fiordiligi in a production of Mozart's opera *Così fan tutte*. Qiu has taught private lessons and master classes at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China, as well as several other renowned schools. She works for the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance as a vocal coach, staff accompanist, and coordinator of accompanying services. Qiu holds degrees from Capital University, the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Michigan. Admission is a donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. For more information on the program, the concert series, or the church, call (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit the church Web site at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

**ALTENBERNT, ANNA I.**  
Beaverton, Michigan

Mrs. Altenbernt 92 passed away peacefully Monday January 16, 2012 at Tender Care of Midland following a lingering illness. She was born in Delray, Michigan on January 6, 1920 to the late Frank & Anna (Giba) Dely. She married Nelson Altenbernt on June 27, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan. He survives her. They moved to Beaverton in 1982 and have enjoyed their home here with the family an especially the grandchildren. She is survived by a son David & Connie Altenbernt of Romeo and a daughter Nancy & Gary Singleton of South Lyons; 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; a brother Edward Dely of Plymouth; 3 sisters Barbara & Fred Warren of Gaylord, Betty Liddle of Surprize, AZ and Irene & Robert Phillips of Wayne; a half brother Fred Dely and a half sister Erma Vezinaw. She was predeceased by 2 brothers Steven & Louis Dely and 2 sisters Helen Dely and Mary Clark. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with cremation taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory. Arrangements were entrusted to Sisson Funeral Home.



**GREENLEE, ROBERT E.**

Age 89, of Lafayette, IN formerly of Livonia, MI died Sunday January 8, 2012 at Indiana University Health, Lafayette, IN. He was born August 13, 1922, in Michigan to the late Leonard and Esther Froelich Greenlee. Bob served in the United States Navy in WWII and on March 23, 1946 he married Viola Gumas in Detroit, MI and she survives. Mr. Greenlee worked for the City of Livonia Department of Public Works for 30 years and at the time of his retirement was Foreman of Roads. He was a member of the American Legion in Redford, MI and enjoyed golfing. Surviving along with his wife is a daughter Gail M. Zhmendak husband William of Lafayette, IN and grandchildren Billy Zhmendak wife Reagan, Christi Wetter husband John and great grandchildren Logan, Mia and Aydan. Also surviving is a brother Leonard Greenlee of Wyandotte, MI and a sister Elaine Gumm of Taylor, MI. He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph Greenlee. Those wishing may contribute to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Association.



**LINTON, CHRIS**  
6/15/59 ~ 1/4/12

Age 52, Port Orange, FL Passed away peacefully, January 4, 2012. Born in Wayne, Michigan on June 15, 1959, he grew up in a family with proud parents, Duane and Arlene, and three sisters Karen, Brenda and Sandy. Chris graduated from John Glenn High School in 1977. Chris was a skilled machinist working at Jack Roush Performance Engineering in the early 1980's and ending with a career that encompassed most of the Space Shuttle Program. Honor, love of family, friends, and country were all very important to Chris. He met his wife, Kathleen on New Years Eve 1982, on a trip to Florida. Together, they raised daughter, Jennifer, and were blessed to have 24 years together. Survivors include his wife Kathleen Linton, daughter Jennifer Lafland (Alan), granddaughters Annsley and Ashlynn, his parents, Duane and Arlene, his sisters, Karen Linton (Glen), Brenda Czubaj (Ray), Sandy Yetter (Shawn) as well as countless nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held in Port Orange, FL on Monday January 9th, 2012. A memorial service is being held in his honor on February 4th, 2012 at the Wayne Moose Lodge: 38050 Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184. Between 2:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. All friends and family are welcome.

**MICHIE, MARTHA**  
(nee TORIKKA)

Age 97, January 15, 2012. Wife of the late George. Survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 11 a.m. until Funeral Service at 12 p.m. Please share a memory at: www.rgrharris.com



**TOVEY, BETTY MARIE**  
NEE PLUNKETT

Age 88, January 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late David J. Loving mother of Mary Louise (Derek) Kroes, David C. (Patricia), Kathie (Bill) Hellstein, Patricia (Nandu) Srinivasan, Joan (David) Boroniec, and James L. (Lisa). Cherished grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of ten. Visitation Thursday 5-8 and Friday 5-8 with Rosary 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. In state Saturday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago, in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

**ROBERTS, ISABELL JEAN**

Age 83 January 14, 2012. Beloved wife of John H. Loving mother of John Jr. and Melody (Daryl) Jackson. Cherished grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of seven. Dear sister of the late Kenneth (Sara) Hatcher, Charles (Joyce) Hatcher, the late Marion Stewart, Margery (Alexander) Janowski. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



**STEFANKO, KENNETH R.**

January 13, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Martha (48 years). Loving father of Christopher Kenneth Stefanko and Scott Fitzpatrick Stefanko. Dear brother of Gerald (Eiko) Stefanko, James Stefanko, Mary Miner and Robert Stefanko. Uncle to many. Kenneth retired from General Motors after 48 years. He was internationally recognized as a Metal Finishing expert. He continued working as a consultant with several companies up until his death. There was a visitation held on Monday, January 16, 2012 with a Prayer Service and Eulogies at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel. The Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia, MI. Memorial Donations may be made in Kenneth's name to either Angela Hospice Care Center or International Mesothelioma Program www.brighamandwomens.org/mesothelioma Please leave the family a message of condolence or share a treasured memory by going to www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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**HOSKINS, JACK**

January 17, 2012, age 81. Loving husband of 56 years of Dorothy. Dear father of Paul Chris Hoskins and Allen J. (Lori) Hoskins. Dear grandfather of Ally and Ashley Hoskins. Also leaves 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation Friday 5-8pm with services following on Saturday at 11am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

**MCMARTIN, CHRISTINA "TINA"**

Called home to her Lord on January 15, 2012. Beloved wife of Hugh. Loving mom of Erika (Kenny) Ingle, and Bradley (Paula). Proud grandmother of Cameron Ingle, Donovan Ingle, and the late Luca Ingle. Dear sister of Lisa Minto. The family will gather with friends Thursday from 3 PM until the 5 PM memorial service at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Rd (west of Sheldon) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**CHARD, MARK J.**

Of Livonia and Alger; died January 10, 2012 at age 63. Beloved husband of Anne C. (nee Kennedy) Chard. Father of PFC Chard, Brigette and Andrew (Melissa) Holt. Grandfather of Taylor Dalziel and Aidan Holt. Brother of Jan Jones and Lee (Marion) Chard. Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Marion Chard. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements handled by the Prescott chapel of the BURESH FUNERAL HOME. Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Cancer Center. Online register book available at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com.

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## Trade winter blahs for friendly barks at dog show

By Sharon Dargay  
 O&E Staff Writer

More than 7,000 wet noses and wagging tails will converge for the third annual Michigan Winter Dog Classic this weekend at the Suburban Collection in Novi.

Dogs will go head to head in conformation judging, obedience tests and rally trials.

But Alan Dorfman, show chairman and a Farmington Hills resident, says the event isn't just about competitive canines.

"We've made it educational and fun for families. We're making it a family affair," said Dorfman, president of the Oakland County Kennel Club, co-sponsor of the show with the Livonia Kennel Club.

"We're bringing in the Rock-N-Roll K-9's so families can watch dogs perform. We're bringing in Border Collies for duck herding. When we do weight pull with Alaskan Malamutes, instead of using weights on the cart, we use kids.

"I teamed with the Detroit Zoo this year and I have four Zoo mascots coming. We were the first ones last year to do a 4- to 6-month-old puppy show. We sent in the 4- and 5-year-olds (handlers) with them. The crowd loves it. Those are the kinds of things we do that other shows don't."

### Canine Good Citizen

The four-day event consists of four shows, two presented by the Livonia Kennel Club

### MICHIGAN WINTER DOG CLASSIC

**What:** See more than 7,000 dogs compete in conformation, obedience and rally events

**When:** Noon-6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Jan. 20-22

**Where:** The Suburban Collection, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

**Details:** The Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club offer four days of judging in conformation, obedience and rally competition; a puppy judging event; Rock-N-Roll K-9's show; duck herding with Border Collies, Weight Pull; Frisbee demonstration by Crash, a dog that has performed on the "Late Show with David Letterman;" Canine Good Citizen Testing; police canine demonstration; animal rescue organizations, vendors. Admission is \$35 for families (two adults and three children), \$10 for adults, \$8 for kids, 7-12, and senior citizens, free for children 6 and under

**Contact:** www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com; (248) 348-5600



Dog, handler and judge meet in the ring at a previous Michigan Winter Dog Show Classic. Conformation — judging dogs against a breed standard — will continue all four days of the show, presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland County Kennel Club, in Novi.

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and two by the Oakland Kennel Club, with conformation judging and other competitive events held each day. Demonstrations, performing dogs, and educational programs round out the schedule. Pet goods vendors and animal rescue groups with adoptable animals will be on hand each day.

Breeders can register their dogs for a variety of health tests on Friday and Saturday and the Canine Good Citizen testing noon-3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday is open to both mixed breeds and purebred dogs. Dorfman said dog owners can register on the spot for the tests, which challenge dogs to exhibit 10 skills including sitting and staying on command, coming when called and behaving nicely with other dogs. Visitors who test their dogs can't bring them into the show area, although Dorfman said they may bring crates to contain their dogs while they attend the Michigan Winter Dog Classic after testing.

Bobbie Green of Redford, test coordinator, welcomes show visitors to watch the Canine Good Citizenship tests.

"I'm always happy to talk with the public on why we do it and how the dogs are being evaluated. I can evaluate a dog almost anywhere. I try to make it as comfortable as possible for the handler and their dog," she said.

### Showing dogs

Green, who also grooms and breeds dogs, learned about handling and conformation when she was 18 years old. It was the late 1960s and her sister had begun to take Great Danes into the judging ring.



The Michigan Winter Dog Classic gives beginning handlers a chance to show off their puppies in the judging ring.

"My sister got me involved in showing dogs. She had Great Danes at the time and got involved in the shows and got me involved."

Now Green shows terriers. The president of the Terrier Club of Michigan, Green will show two 14-month-old Cairn Terriers in conformation each day of the Michigan Winter Dog Classic.

"They are doing quite well and they are a ball to work with. They are quite fun," she said.

"They've been shown since they were 6 months old. They are sisters."

Their mom, "Mistywys Silver Skye" is an American, Canadian and UKC Champion who has twice played "Toto" in the Wizard of Oz on stage

in youth and high school productions.

Green said it was "great fun" watching her "four-legged" child on stage and she suspects sisters, "Ellie" and "Star" could possibly follow in their mom's paw prints one day.

"We have a lot of fun with our dogs. We enjoy sharing them with the public and talking with people about the different things they can do with their dogs. You can have fun with your animal doing lots of different things ... obedience, rally, therapy dog work."

Breed and Best in Show judging at the Michigan Winter Dog Classic will be streamed live Saturday and Sunday on the event's Web site. Watch the action at [www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com](http://www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com).

## Concert honors life of arts philanthropist

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings will celebrate the life of the late Edgar Hagopian at its next "Nightnotes" concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham.

Hagopian's love of traditional Armenian music will be reflected in the evening's repertoire. It will include traditional Armenian folk songs, famous opera arias, and pieces for piano and violin. Pianist Robert Conway, violinist Henrik Karapetian and singer Rubik Mailian, Komitas Choir Director at St. John Armenian Church of

Greater Detroit, will be the featured musicians.

Hagopian was known throughout the community for his kind nature, love of the arts and strong desire to give back to the community. He supported the arts and worked to make them accessible to all. In addition to making financial donations to the arts, he also donated his rug showrooms as venues for concerts, lectures, fundraisers and art shows.

The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings has performed its "Nightnotes" concerts at Hagopian World of Rugs in Bir-

mingham since 1993.

Discounted advance tickets for A Celebration of Life are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available online at [detroit-chamberwinds.org](http://detroit-chamberwinds.org) or by calling (248) 559-2095. Admission at the door is \$27 for adults and \$15 for students.

A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings draws its musicians primarily from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Michigan Opera Theatre. Visit its Web site at [detroitchamberwinds.org](http://detroitchamberwinds.org).

## GET OUT!

### Art

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Exhibits:** Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus exhibit runs through Feb. 12 and includes 64 works. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$8 for youth, 6-17. Other exhibits include Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Feb. 24

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

**Details:** The work of Patrice Erickson, all original oils, is on exhibit. Erickson is inspired by nature and strives for landscapes that are rich in color

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

#### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Through Jan. 28

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

**Details:** "Etch, Sketch and Stilettos," is an exhibit of the work of Topher Crowder. The artist is inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, and 1960s/1970s comic books

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

#### VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 24

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** "Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel," celebrates the history of Gospel music in Detroit

**Contact:** (734) 394-5300 or visit [cantonvillage-theater.org](http://cantonvillage-theater.org).

### Comedy

#### GO COMEDY!

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

**Location:** 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

**Details:** Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

**Contact:** (248) 327-0575; [gocomedy.net](http://gocomedy.net)

#### JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

**Time/Date:** Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

**Location:** 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

**Details:** Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

**Contact:** (248) 348-2420 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Norm Stultz, through Jan. 21; Paul Hooper, Jan. 25-28; Andy Hendrickson, Feb. 1-4; Basile, Feb. 8-11; Mikey Mason, Feb. 15-16; Rich Guzzi, Feb. 17-19; Coco, Feb. 22-25; Glen Wool, Feb. 29-March 3

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** Jeff Caldwell, Jan. 19-21; Frances Dilorinzo, Jan. 26-28, Scott Henry, Feb. 5-7; Mark Sweeney, Feb. 12-14; Jeff Caldwell, Feb. 19-21; Frances Dilorinzo, Feb. 26-28

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

### Dance

#### DANCE MONTH

**Time/Date:** Jan. 26-Feb. 18

**Location:** Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Dorfman Legacy Project, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27; Dorfman Repertory program, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28;



"Evening Peace" by Patrice Erickson is among the oil paintings by the artist on exhibit through Feb. 24 in Farmington Hills.



Mattie Moss Clark is among the gospel music singers featured in an exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Michigan Five: University Showcase," 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4; Allure Dance Company, dance for children, 3-12, 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Ticket prices are \$15 for Jewish Community Center (JCC) members and \$20 for non-members for the Michigan Five showcase; \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble; and \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members for all other programs. Call the box office for student and workshop prices. Contact: (248) 661-1900; [www.theberman.org](http://www.theberman.org)

#### MOON DUSTERS

**Time/Date:** 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

**Location:** Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

**Contact:** Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

### Film

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 20-21, 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26

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

**Details:** "J Edgar," \$3

**Coming up:** "The Muppets," 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 2, and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 28-29

**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Jan. 20 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 21

**Location:** 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

**Details:** "Forbidden Planet," tickets \$4

**Contact:** (313) 537-2560

### Museums

#### CHARLES H. WRIGHT

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

**Details:** Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

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- **Make it Lean:** According to MyPlate from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, lean protein is a core element of an overall healthy plate. Fresh pork is a delicious way to meet the dietary recommendations and can readily be paired with fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Pork cuts from the loin such as a loin roast or chops are a delicious, leaner alternative for your next "low and slow" meal.

- **Keep it Together:** Help roasts keep their shape during slow cooking by tying them with cotton kitchen twine (also called butcher's twine). If you don't have it on hand, use unwaxed and unflavored dental floss.

- **Spice it Up:** Pork pairs well with so many flavors — experiment with different spice combinations to find your favorite. To add a mild garlic taste to your next slow-cooked roast, before cooking, cut garlic cloves into 12 slivers, pierce 12 holes all over the pork with the tip of a knife and insert a garlic sliver into each hole.

For more inspiration and delicious recipes, visit [www.PorkBeInspired.com](http://www.PorkBeInspired.com).



Slow-Cooked Pork Tortas

### Slow-Cooked Pork Tortas

Yield: 8 servings

2 ½-pound boneless pork sirloin roast  
1 ½ teaspoons chili powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
¼ cup water  
8 crusty rolls, split lengthwise  
2 7-ounce packages (about 1 ½ cups) prepared guacamole  
3 tomatoes, cored and cut into 16 slices

Rub pork roast all over with chili powder and salt. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork and cook, turning occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a 3 ½- to 5-quart slow cooker. Add water and cover. Cook on low until the pork is fork-tender, 5 ½ to 6 hours. Transfer pork to a cutting board and let stand 10 minutes. Discard liquid in crockery insert. Slice pork crosswise into 16 thin slices, discarding string.

For each serving, place 2 pork slices in a roll. Top with about 3 tablespoons guacamole and 2 tomato slices. Cut in half crosswise and serve warm.

Nutritional information per serving: 400 calories, 12 grams fat, 3 grams saturated fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 640 mg sodium, 36 grams carbohydrates, 38 grams protein, 3 grams fiber



### Sweet and Spicy Thai Pork Loin

Makes 8 cups or 8 servings

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 5 hours

2 pounds pork loin, cut into 1-inch cubes, trimmed  
1 yellow onion, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1 cup long, thin beans (or string beans), cut into 1-inch lengths  
1 cup Sweet Thai chile sauce (like Mae Ploy or Thai Kitchen)  
½ cup canned reduced-sodium chicken broth  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ cup water  
1 tablespoon fresh basil leaves, torn  
1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves, torn  
1 tablespoon fresh cilantro leaves, torn

Combine all ingredients except fresh herbs and cook at low for 4 to 5 hours (or on high for 2 to 2 ½ hours).

Just before serving, add fresh herbs and check seasoning. Transfer pork and sauce to a serving bowl. Serve over rice or Asian noodles.

Nutritional information per serving: 220 calories, 2.5 grams fat, 75 mg cholesterol, 480 mg sodium, 19 grams carbohydrates, 25 grams protein, 1 gram fiber

### Candace's Carnitas Tacos

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: About 6 hours

6 servings

2 pounds boneless pork shoulder roast (Boston butt), trimmed  
1 carrot, diced  
½ onion, diced  
¼ cup dry red wine or chicken broth  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
4 cups thinly shredded red cabbage  
3 tablespoons mayonnaise  
Salt and pepper  
12 7- to 8-inch corn tortillas, warmed  
1 avocado, pitted, peeled and thinly sliced  
Combine carrot, onion and wine in slow cooker.

Sprinkle roast on all sides with chili powder, rubbing it into meat. Season on all sides with salt and add to slow cooker. Cover and cook on low until roast is falling-apart tender, about 6 hours.

Use tongs or a slotted spoon to transfer meat to a large bowl. Use two forks to shred meat into bite-sized pieces. Moisten/season with cooking juices to taste. Cover to keep warm and set aside.

### Iron Range Pot Roast

Serves 6-8

3-pound boneless pork shoulder roast, (Boston Butt)  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
1 teaspoon fennel seed, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon celery seed  
½ teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 large potatoes, peeled and cut into ¾-inch slices  
4 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced  
¼ cup beef broth, (or water)

Mix together seasonings and rub over all surfaces of pork roast. Brown roast in a little oil in large skillet over medium-high heat, turning often to brown evenly. Place



In a medium bowl, combine cabbage and mayonnaise. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange 2 tortillas on each serving plate. Fill tortillas with pork, cabbage mixture, and avocado and serve. (Alternately, arrange pork, cabbage mixture and avocado on a platter and let everyone make their own tacos.)

Cooking tip: For even more flavorful carnitas, brown roast on all sides in a lightly oiled skillet before sprinkling with chili powder.

Nutritional information per serving: 590 calories, 26 grams fat, 6 grams saturated fat, 95 mg cholesterol, 940 mg sodium, 47 grams carbohydrates, 36 grams protein, 7 grams fiber

potatoes and garlic in 3 ½-4 quart slow cooker, pour broth over and top with browned pork roast. Cover and cook on Low for 8-9 hours, until pork is very tender. Slice pork to serve with vegetables and juices.

Nutrition per serving: 380 calories; Protein: 34 grams protein, 17 grams fat, 520 mg sodium, 115 mg cholesterol, 6 grams saturated fat, 20 grams carbohydrates, 2 grams fiber

Courtesy of Family Features

## Almonds add flavor and crunch to winter dishes

Winter foods typically mean one thing — comfort. Regardless of climate or geographic location, we crave the root vegetables and braised meats that complement the season and keep us full and warm. Luckily, almonds in all their forms guarantee these dishes taste as indulgent and delicious as the very foods we crave.

Chef Anthony Rose of the Drake Hotel in Toronto, is a pro at using seasonal foods and almonds to create comforting, delicious and unexpected dishes. Rose's wintry creations take the best of what the season has to offer and adds the distinct crunch and flavor of almonds.

"I love the rich, buttery flavor and crunch of toasted almonds. They make the perfect addition to any dish, whether a starter, main course or even in desserts and cocktails," Rose says. "Braised dishes and winter salads always benefit from the unrivaled crunch almonds can provide."

Chef Rose's winter recipes, such as roasted beets in a tangy mustard-almond vinaigrette and braised pork shoulder with an apple-almond compote, create an entire menu that balances seasonal ingredients with zesty flavors and the crunch of almonds. But it's his Almond-Crusted Pumpkin Fritters that lend a colorful, festive and crunchy start to any cozy gathering.

Visit [www.AlmondBoard.com](http://www.AlmondBoard.com) for more recipes by Chef Anthony Rose and the Almond Innovator team, Jenny McCoy, pastry chef of Craft in New York City, and Matthew Bianchiello, mixologist of the Library Bar in Los Angeles.

### Almond-crusted pumpkin fritters



### Almond Crusted Pumpkin Fritters

1 pound cooked Kabocha squash (1 small raw)  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon crushed chili flakes  
½ pound cooked russet potato (1 large raw)  
1 cup salt  
3 tablespoons chopped sage  
1 ounce grated parmesan  
1 ounce grated cheddar  
1 egg yolk  
Zest of half a lemon  
4 eggs  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
1 ½ cups toasted crushed almonds  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 bag micro greens

Preheat oven to 350°F. Split squash width wise; scrape out seeds. Drizzle each half with olive oil. Sprinkle with chili flakes, a pinch of salt and pepper. Let sit for 20 minutes.

Stab each potato four times around with fork. Line sheet pan with salt; place potatoes on top. Place squash face-down on another parchment-lined sheet pan. Bake squash and potatoes in oven for 1 hour or until soft. Remove from

oven. Carefully split open potatoes lengthwise to steam; allow all to cool completely. Discard salt.

When cool, scoop out squash and potato into bowl. Add sage, parmesan, cheddar, egg and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper. Combine thoroughly; a chunky texture is fine.

Set up three bowls and one parchment-lined sheet tray. In one bowl, whisk together eggs; place almonds and flour separately in two remaining bowls.

With large spoon or scoop, take about 2 tablespoons of squash mixture and form an oval; dredge in flour, dip in egg and roll in almonds before placing onto sheet pan. Repeat with remaining squash. Refrigerate until ready to fry.

In deep, heavy bottomed pan, heat oil to 300°F. Carefully pan fry fritters until golden brown, approximately 2-½ minutes each side. Remove from oil. Drain on paper towel; sprinkle with pinch of salt. Serve hot on small bed of microgreens with or without sauce.

— Courtesy Family Features

## CITY BITES

### Apple recipes

STATEWIDE — The Michigan Apple Committee is searching for some of the best recipes highlighting apple varieties grown in Michigan and will accept entries through Jan. 31. Along with receiving a KitchenAid stand mixer, the top three highest-scoring recipe winners may also be featured on recipe cards distributed by the Michigan Apple Committee at select retailers and farm markets in the Midwest. Recipes will be judged on taste, originality, preparation, and apple significance. Visit [www.MichiganApples.com/contests](http://www.MichiganApples.com/contests) for mail and e-mail entry instructions.

### Wine fundraiser

SOUTHFIELD — The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, will present its eighth annual auction, food, and wine event 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the St. John Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway.

The event features wines from around the world, along with complementing foods and music. Tickets are \$65 per person and are available by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 153.

Proceeds of the event benefit the Solanus Casey Center, a spiritual center dedicated to the holiness of Venerable Solanus Casey. For more information, visit [www.solanuscenter.org](http://www.solanuscenter.org)



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## Energy efficiency vital for winter months

With winter in full swing, many people are looking for ways to save money through energy efficiency. Better Business Bureau is offering a checklist for homeowners to safely prepare their homes for the cold winter months, and perhaps save a few dollars in the process.

According to the Energy Information Administration, home heating costs this winter are expected to rise by 10.2 percent for homeowners who rely on heating oil. Luckily, homeowners can fend off some of the rising energy costs by winterizing their home before the harshest weather takes hold.

"With the unpredictability of Mother Nature, now is the time to prepare for the winter months ahead," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "Taking the time to winterize your home gives you the peace of mind that you will not only save money, but be energy efficient as well."

The following is a BBB home winterizing checklist for consumers to consult when preparing for the cold months ahead:

•Furnace. Furnaces older than 15 years might be due for a replacement. For new-



er furnaces, BBB recommends making sure the furnace filter is clean, the thermostat is working properly and the pilot light is functioning. Homeowners can also hire an inspector to do the job and make sure the furnace is in safe working order.

•Chimney. Before lighting up the fireplace, homeowners should have

the chimney inspected for animals, debris and leaves that may have fallen in. BBB also recommends installing a screen over the chimney opening.

•Gutters and ridge vents. Gutters should be cleaned to prevent any clogs that would cause rainwater to back up and freeze, making the gutters expand and crack.

The ridge vents need to be cleaned as well in order to allow the house to "breathe" correctly. Otherwise, air will stagnate and create an unhealthy environment.

•Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors. BBB recommends testing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and installing fresh batteries. Homeowners

should consider replacing smoke alarms older than 10 years.

•Caulking and weather stripping. To prevent leaks, homeowners should inspect the caulking around windows and doors and check for cracking and peeling. In addition, BBB recommends ensuring that doors and windows shut tightly and no cold air is coming in due to worn weather stripping.

•Seasonal equipment. Homeowners won't need their spring and summer equipment for a few months, so BBB recommends draining the water from garden hoses and air conditioner pipes, and the gasoline from the lawnmower and other garden tools. It's also time to pull out the snow shovels and plows and ensure they are in good repair.

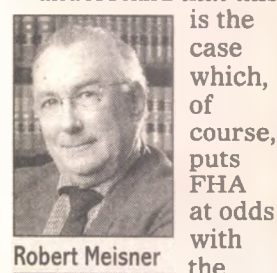
•Emergency kit. When a winter storm strikes, an emergency kit should have all essential materials in one handy place. An emergency kit should include flashlights, candles and matches, a first aid kit, bottled water, nonperishable food and a battery-powered radio. BBB recommends creating the same emergency kit for the car as well, including a couple blankets.

For more consumer tips, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

## Lawyer: Fee policy a negative

**Q:** Do you have any information concerning announced plans by FHA to begin disqualifying condominiums from FHA financing if an association charges a deed based transfer fee at the time of sale?

**A:** Yes, I understand that this



Robert Meisner

is the case which, of course, puts FHA at odds with the Federal Housing Finance Agency which earlier in 2011 determined that such fees benefit community associations that do not impact on the sale of community association properties. This is yet another unilateral action by FHA without public notice or input that will have a detrimental effect on the condominium market where transfer fees are utilized.

**Q:** Our landlord removed and has stored some of our personal property after we were evicted. I think by taking away our property they may have converted it. What do you think?

**A:** The Supreme Court of Michigan has held that placing a former tenant's property in storage does not constitute conversion. In addition, your landlord's removal of an evicted tenant's personal property is not wrongful if the landlord undertook the removal pursuant to an eviction order. Obviously, removal of personal property pursuant to an eviction order can constitute conversion if the manner of removal was unnecessary to the eviction. Of course, if the landlord willfully or carelessly destroys the personal property, the removal was wrongful. Obviously each case is fact intensive and you should consult with an attorney.

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### HOMES SOLD/ REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 3-7, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Address	Sales Price
42519 Addison Ave	\$134,000
244 Constitution St	\$98,000
540 Delaford Dr	\$239,000
1390 Delancy Cir	\$355,000
39426 Dorchester Cir	\$228,000
45680 Drexel Rd	\$193,000
550 Fairfield Ct	\$289,000
6915 Foxcreek Ct	\$206,000
50063 Grant St	\$249,000
42601 Joy Rd	\$120,000
41629 Larimore Ln	\$500,000
45930 Maben Rd	\$126,000
46671 Mornington Rd	\$260,000
1537 N Beck Rd	\$124,000
6406 Pickwick Dr	\$137,000
43736 Proctor Rd	\$150,000
1715 Ranier Blvd	\$150,000
48155 Roundstone Ct	\$410,000
42271 Saratoga Cir	\$119,000
44123 Sheridan St	\$200,000
47837 Stratford Ct	\$320,000
591 Terrace Ct	\$400,000
417 Torrington Dr W	\$322,000
2131 Vine Way Dr	\$59,000
43629 W Arbor Way Dr	\$49,000
41083 Westfield Cir	\$175,000

41632 Wild Turkey Ln	\$110,000
2762 Woodmont Dr W	\$149,000
GARDEN CITY	
30833 Beechwood St	\$39,000
30511 Broom St	\$95,000
31568 Hennepin St	\$51,000
30237 Leona St	\$40,000
LIVONIA	
38194 Ann Arbor Trl	\$36,000
20215 Antago St	\$7,000
35450 Bristol St	\$173,000
33338 Broadmoor Ct	\$265,000
29740 Curtis Rd	\$84,000
35328 Curtis Rd	\$265,000
11043 Denne St	\$124,000
16866 Farmington Rd	\$102,000
28422 Gita St	\$119,000
17347 Golfview St	\$160,000
36246 Hammer Ln	\$240,000
20300 Hubbard St	\$112,000
9308 Idaho St	\$80,000
29509 Jacquelyn Dr	\$115,000
17660 Loveland St	\$169,000
14453 Lyons St	\$72,000
20058 Myron Dr	\$229,000
33483 Nancy St	\$95,000
29550 Oakley St	\$109,000
15641 Oporto St	\$108,000
15026 Pere St	\$153,000
20379 Pollyanna Dr	\$273,000
19933 Rensellor St	\$56,000
30162 W Chicago St	\$86,000

29779 Westfield St	\$126,000
NORTHVILLE	
48226 Binghamton Ct	\$401,000
16056 Brook Trout Ln	\$134,000
16540 Cottonwood Ct	\$300,000
39661 Dun Rovin Dr	\$166,000
16097 Johnson Creek Dr	\$132,000
19324 Meadowbrook Rd	\$395,000
45546 Pebble Beach Ct	\$610,000
15727 Penderbrook Ln	\$362,000
15733 Penderbrook Ln	\$398,000
15390 Prestwick Cir N	\$710,000
210 S Rogers St	\$475,000
42675 Savoy Ct	\$72,000
45989 Tournament Dr	\$650,000
39577 Village Run Dr	\$229,000
PLYMOUTH	
11914 Amherst Ct	\$430,000
11073 Chestnut Dr	\$162,000
48129 Colony Farms Cir	\$100,000
13932 Eaton Dr	\$280,000
555 Lindsay Dr	\$160,000
9428 Mayflower Ct	\$183,000
40726 Newport Dr	\$65,000
10698 Pinehurst Rd	\$214,000
48986 Plum Tree Ct	\$280,000
11704 Russell Ave	\$78,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$30,000
14701 Thornridge Dr	\$200,000
REDFORD	
14041 Arnold	\$92,000
9984 Berwyn	\$64,000

14189 Breakfast Dr	\$112,000
25912 Cathedral	\$60,000
15558 Centralia	\$20,000
15534 Fox	\$44,000
18617 Glenmore	\$22,000
15988 Indian	\$40,000
25357 Ivanhoe	\$32,000
9924 Leverne	\$64,000
16191 Lexington	\$65,000
25650 Plymouth Rd	\$65,000
8876 Virgil	\$68,000
12802 Wormer	\$26,000
WESTLAND	
31425 Ann Arbor Trl	\$500,000
32652 Birchwood St	\$63,000
370 Brookfield Dr	\$68,000
38524 Chestnut Ln	\$65,000
37539 Colonial Dr	\$55,000
8033 Coventry St	\$24,000
31140 Gladys Ave	\$65,000
7442 Hartel St	\$50,000
6134 Huff St	\$155,000
5795 Newberry Estates Dr	\$169,000
39245 Nottingham St	\$50,000
8325 Opal Dr	\$30,000
8485 Rickie Ln	\$88,000
37110 Riviera Dr	\$193,000
1438 Shoemaker Dr	\$35,000
7462 Woodview St	\$25,000
33055 Woodworth Ct	\$35,000
33740 Yuma St	\$799,000

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 26-30, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
31099 E Rutland St	\$187,000
18575 Hillcrest St	\$276,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1989 Bowers St	\$330,000
2010 Bradford Rd	\$145,000
768 Davis Ave	\$114,000
759 Hazelwood St	\$485,000
1141 Lake Park Dr	\$605,000
840 Pierce St	\$465,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1916 Pine Ridge Ln	\$140,000
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1048 Home Ln	\$265,000
5755 Monterey Ct	\$205,000
2945 S Woodward Ave #2	\$55,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1571 Ashover Dr	\$233,000
4528 Broughton Dr	\$460,000

1851 Crosswick Rd	\$400,000
7443 Old Mill Rd	\$330,000
4516 Ranch Ln	\$360,000
935 Rockaway Rd	\$125,000
4524 Stoneleigh Rd	\$1,290,000
5175 Wing Lake Rd	\$199,000
2224 Yarmouth Rd	\$1,375,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2613 Collendale	\$390,000
3220 Creekview Ln	\$375,000
1871 Four Oaks	\$220,000
3778 Hearthstone Dr	\$245,000
3269 Ledgewood Ct E	\$279,000
4625 Racewood Dr	\$372,000
5910 Strawberry Cir	\$329,000
5922 Strawberry Cir	\$302,000
FARMINGTON	
23995 Colchester Dr	\$110,000
23235 Farmington Rd	\$70,000
23337 Liberty St	\$116,000
23203 Violet St	\$43,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29893 Beacontree St	\$119,000
24811 De Phillipe Dr	\$135,000
30659 Huntsman Dr W	\$300,000
27780 Independence St	\$27,000
29508 Juneau Ln	\$110,000
29644 Middlebelt Rd Unit 250	\$52,000

36053 Parklane Cir	\$170,000
29329 Regents Pointe	\$127,000
31925 Rocky Crst	\$161,000
27991 Rollcrest Rd	\$27,000
22667 Vacri Ln	\$165,000
FRANKLIN	
32715 Redfern St	\$315,000
Lathrup Village	
27650 Bloomfield Dr	\$135,000
27265 Lathrup Blvd	\$113,000
18210 W 11 Mile Rd	\$68,000
MILFORD	
691 E Dawson Rd	\$234,000
1045 W Dawson Rd	\$182,000
NOVI	
22251 Antler Dr	\$350,000
27354 Benjamins Way	\$224,000
51183 Brompton	\$240,000
41827 Cherry Hill Rd	\$184,000
31240 Columbia Dr	\$128,000
45346 Courtview Trl	\$280,000
47470 Edinborough Ln	\$560,000
30860 Golden Rdg	\$172,000
27125 Maxwell Ct	\$208,000
42755 Morgan Creek Ct	\$326,000
41149 Park Forest Ct	\$150,000
23145 Sarnia Dr	\$528,000
1251 West Lake Dr	\$150,000

29428 Weston Dr	\$168,000
SOUTH LYON	
54893 Grenelefe Cir W	\$375,000
204 Maplewood Ct	\$33,000
61603 Rambling Way	\$130,000
SOUTHFIELD	
18634 Addison Dr	\$104,000
29385 Chatham Ct	\$114,000
4 Fairfax Towne St	\$30,000
29408 Guy St	\$88,000
21679 Hidden Rivers Dr N	\$27,000
27320 Marshall St	\$70,000
19409 Melrose Ave	\$60,000
23612 Plumbrooke Dr	\$76,000
25720 Southfield Rd # A204	\$45,000
29281 Stellamar Dr	\$118,000
28214 Sutherland St	\$32,000
29090 Wellington Rd W	\$74,000
WHITE LAKE	
10150 Curtis Ln	\$190,000
348 Dakota Ln	\$213,000
8895 Eastway Dr	\$270,000
450 Hilltop Dr	\$50,000
450 Hilltop Dr	\$150,000
970 Moldovia Dr	\$285,000
8992 Sussex St	\$160,000

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

- 1 Mosey along
- 6 Fish-like
- 11 Swampy place
- 12 Century plants
- 14 Microscopic building block
- 15 Hone a razor
- 17 Gold Rush st.
- 18 "Bien" oppo-site
- 19 Above, to a bard
- 20 Youth org.
- 21 Talk big
- 23 Water lily leaf
- 24 Marshall Dillon
- 25 Red-faced
- 27 Kid or bird
- 28 Pea soup
- 29 Daisy — Yokum
- 30 Pub order
- 33 Business deal
- 37 Russo or Magritte
- 38 Untold centuries

- 39 EPA concern
- 40 John, in Aberdeen
- 41 Diner order
- 42 Ring combat-ant
- 43 Not C.O.D.
- 44 Slid off course
- 46 Very small — serving
- 47 Grilled a steak
- 49 Really went for
- 51 Type of elec-tron tube
- 52 Horse clam

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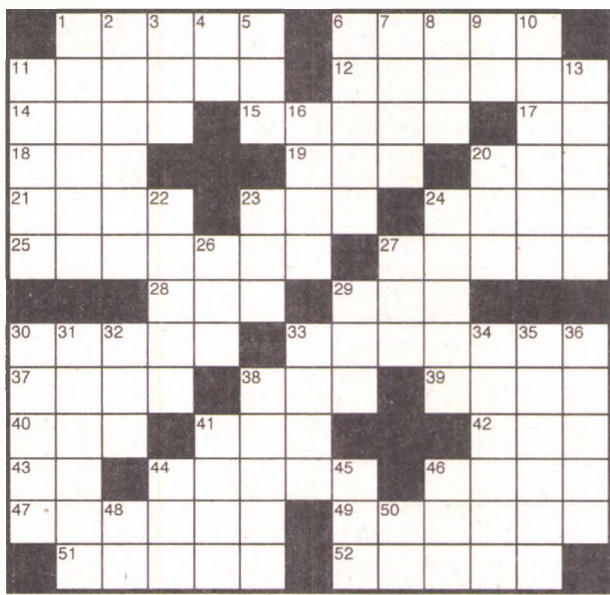
- 1 Rite sites
- 2 Long green
- 3 Like some raps
- 4 Sz. option
- 5 Codgers' que-ries
- 6 Got along
- 7 Marty Feldman character
- 8 Break for a toddler

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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RAMS BOT PHDS
SLAM LOA LAIR
VOCE UPBRAIDS
PEELERS OZ
LLB TWANGS
RUBES SOS YET
AGED OHM PERE
FLA ICH TOTEM
TYRANT AIM
BC GRAPPLE
WIREHAIR ELIA
ALIT AGA IONS
GEMS HAY IDEE
    
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- 9 CA neighbor
- 10 Dough raisers
- 11 Dance origi-nating in Brazil
- 13 Aquarium denizen
- 16 Little hopper
- 20 Cote sound
- 22 Faux pas
- 23 Cribbage board accessory
- 24 Bumps into
- 26 Witty remark
- 27 Catch some rays
- 29 Many adults
- 30 Faucet problems
- 31 Harvested
- 32 — -Margret
- 33 Show of hands
- 34 Strike caller
- 35 Carpenter's tool
- 36 Incited, with "on"
- 38 Shake off
- 41 Ran in the wash
- 44 Old marquee letters
- 45 He preceded U
- 46 Move jauntily
- 48 Three-toed sloth
- 50 Nyet's oppo-site

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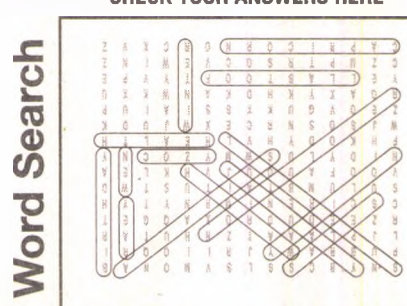
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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Sudoku**

6	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	7	6	5	4	3	2
3	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9
4	3	2	1	9	8	7	6	5
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	4	3	2	1	9	8	7	6
2	1	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
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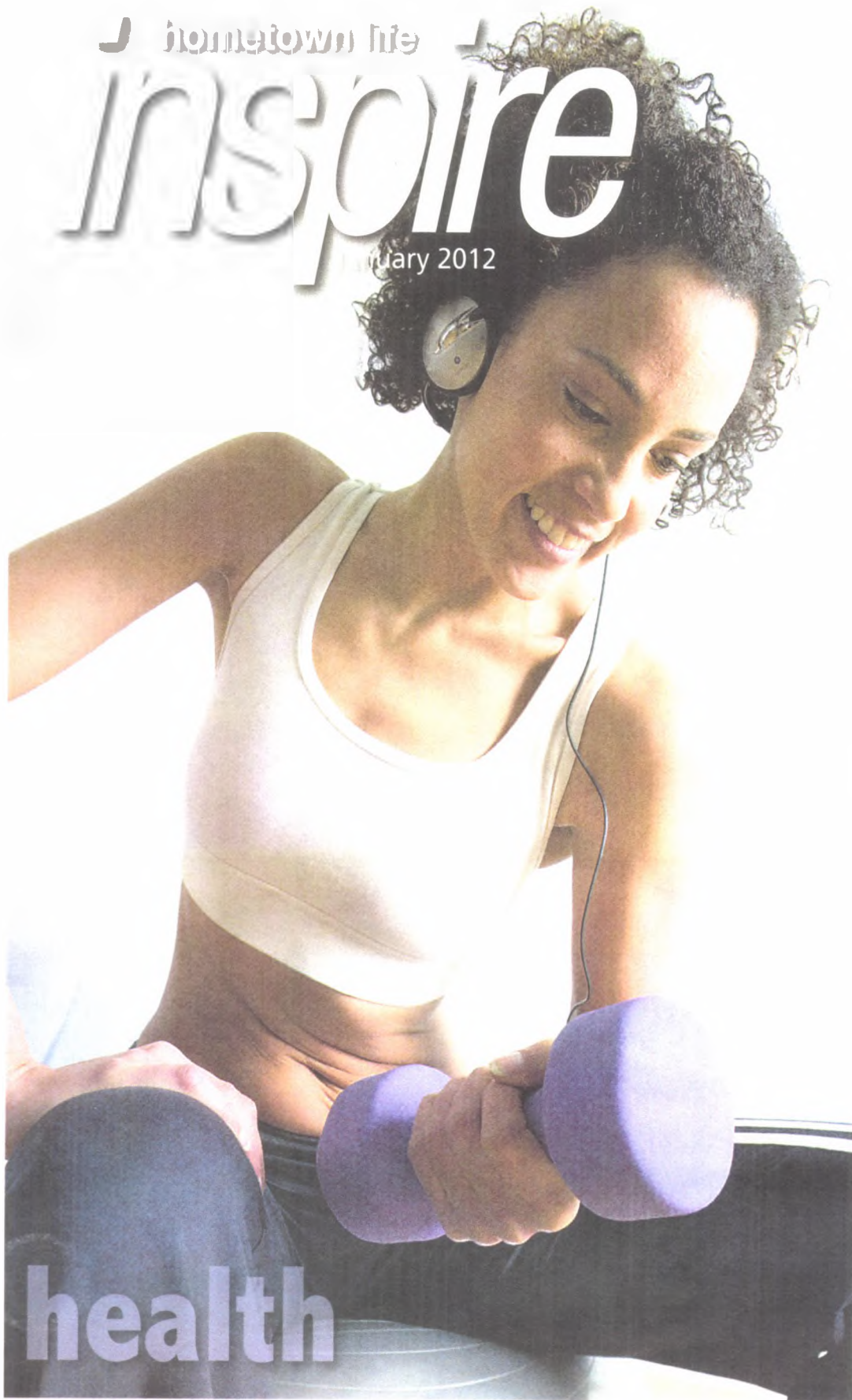
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# An adventure Down Under

**By Jay Young**  
Correspondent

To say I was “gobsmacked” by my recent trip to Australia and New Zealand would be an understatement. (Gobsmacked is one of a number of colorful colloquialisms used in both countries meaning “astounded, speechless or overawed”). These two countries are so unique and so diverse, I’ll divide my story into two parts, starting with Australia.

According to theory, Australia was once part of an ancient super continent called Pangaea. About 200 million years ago, this huge landmass started to break up and our current continents drifted over time to their present locations. Australia broke off from Antarctica and moved northward with an unusual group of animals called marsupials who were originally from South America. They radiated into the unique creatures we find there today and form one of the special attractions of this country.

## The journey begins

We started our journey in the city of Melbourne, Victoria, located in the southeast corner of the country. It served as the first capital of the federation of Australia until the capital was moved to Canberra in 1927. Melbourne is still considered by some to be the cultural capital of the country, although its bigger cousin and chief rival Sydney would beg to differ. It’s a beautiful place, often referred to as Australia’s garden city because 25 percent of the



Jay Young is pictured in front of Ayers Rock or Uluru as it is called by the indigenous peoples of the area. The well-known monolith is located in the center of the country in the outback of the Northern Territories.

city is set aside as parkland.

We took a day trip from Melbourne with some Aussie friends along the southern coastline on The Great Ocean Road and saw magnificent coastal vistas ending at Otway National Park. We

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## BEER TRACKER

# The Soft Parade

Fruit has crept into nearly every style of beer, from light lagers to bourbon-aged stouts. The tinkering nature of craft brewers looking to push the experimental envelope is the likely source of this burgeoning interest. Infusing the sweet, sour or tart character found in fruit is bound to deliver a personality that the master brewer can't resist.

Traditional fruit beer is brewed throughout the world, though Belgium is recognized as

one of the largest producers. The most popular is called kriel, which is Flemish for "cherry." Classic kriel has a distinct red hue, and the taste is on the sweeter side. In the U.S. market, fruit beers tend to be very complex and

the best are a challenge to create. The intensity of flavor fluctuates greatly but the base style should be apparent and always harmonize with the fruit of choice. These brews make excellent dessert beers and even better floats when poured over ice cream.

Local brewers have collaborated with Michigan's fruit growers to harvest some of the best specialty beers in the market today. Cerise by Founders Brewing and Archangel from North Peak both hit the mark with cherry-infused offerings. Dark Horse churns out Tres Blueberry Stout which makes a great winter treat. Short's Brewery takes a blended approach, pureeing raspberries, blackberries and strawberries to create a ruby red elixir known as The Soft Parade. This rye ale boasts a robust berry aroma, and a slight earthy tartness balanced by sweet bready malts. When seeking a Fruitopia experience Bellaire is never too far away.



Nate Parsons



## TASTING NOTES

- **Beer:** The Soft Parade
- **Brewery:** Short's Brewing Company
- **Origin:** Bellaire, Michigan
- **Style:** Rye ale – fruit beer
- **ABV:** 9%
- **Glassware:** Pint (becker, nonic, or tumbler)
- **Description:** Pours muted red with little fanfare, the razor thin foam line is bright white with a slight pink hue. Lacing appears sticky as it holds the inner glass. Aroma is berry, more tart than sweet with a hint of cake batter. Raspberry is front and center on the tongue but earthy accents from a rye backbone balance the load. A calculated hint of tart fruit, sweet malt and crisp hops close out the dry finish for a well-rounded experience.
- **Conclusion:** Historically, fruit beer is the red headed stepchild of the industry, but don't expect too much from The Soft Parade ... it's already awesome!

### Where to Purchase:

- Hillers Market, 425 N. Center Street, Northville – 6pk / \$11.95
- The Wine Palace, 13971 Middlebelt, Livonia – 6pk / \$11
- Bella Vita, 28870 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. – 6pk / \$11.50
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# AUSTRALIA

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were hoping to see wild koalas munching on eucalyptus leaves and were not disappointed. Walking along a quiet path among the trees we suddenly heard grunts and saw the trees were full of these cuddly, tree-borne inhabitants. Contrary to popular belief, koalas are not bears, but one of that unique group of animals called marsupials, who are characterized by giving birth to relatively undeveloped young.

## A home visit

Our next stop was Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, the fourth largest of the country's six states and two territories. It was here at the Cleland Wildlife Park that we viewed some of the most unusual and interesting animals and birds in the world including kangaroos, wombats, wallabies, Tasmanian devils, dingoes, echidnas, bandicoots, emus, lorakeets and koalas.

A day trip outside Adelaide brought us to one of the premier wine growing regions of the country, the Barossa Valley, known among oenophiles for producing some of the finest Shiraz grapes and red wines in the world. We visited four vineyards spread around this gorgeous valley, which measures roughly 13 by 14 kilometers in area and enjoyed a delightful luncheon of locally grown produce. Needless to say, by the end of the trip, we were glad the guide was driving!

We concluded our stay in Adelaide with a delicious home cooked dinner prepared by a local family, one of the highlights of every Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) trip we have taken (this was our third). It provides a chance to really get to know about the life and times of regular, ordinary people, which is lost if one only stays in American-style hotels and eats only American-style food.

From Adelaide we flew over the heartland of the Northern Territories to the famous town of Alice Springs. "Alice" is gateway to one of the most famous natural landmarks in the world, Ayers Rock or Uluru, as it is known by the Aborigines.

## Learning and discovery

Before traveling to Uluru we visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) established in 1928 as means of bringing medical treatment to those people living in remote livestock stations. At its inception, there were only two doctors to service an area of almost two million square kilometers. Today the RFDS is responsible for the care of 270,000 people from 21 bases across Australia.

Another Learning & Discovery (L&D) session, as OAT calls it, involved a visit to the headquarters of the School of the Air



Linnea and Jay Young in front of two of the most famous structures in Australia, the Sydney Harbor Bridge and Opera House.



A koala rests comfortably in a eucalyptus tree in Otway National Park during a stop along the Great Ocean Road in southern Victoria, Australia.

program. Similar to the RFDS, it provides long-distance correspondence schooling to primary students in isolated outback areas. Started in 1951 in conjunction with the RFDS, it used shortwave radio to reach students until 2004, when it switched to satellite technologies to reach its current 120 students.

Another fascinating L&D visit was to the old Telegraph Station built on the site of the original town. Alec Ross, an Aboriginal man, served as our living history guide. He described how the telegraph station, built in 1872 as part of a cross continental telegraph line, later became the precursor of Alice Springs. It included a school and boarding house for "half-caste" children whom the government forcibly removed from their mothers to be raised and edu-



Alec Ross, a living history guide at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station, points to a photo of himself as a young child growing up at the station. Many Aboriginal children were taken from their mothers and raised by the government as a national policy.

cated by the state. It is estimated between 1910-70, approximately 20,000 to 25,000 indigenous children were separated from their families under this program. Alec was a member of this "lost generation" and was raised at this station.

## Uluru

Located about 200 miles southwest of Alice is perhaps one of the most recognizable wonders of the natural world, the sandstone monolith known as Ayers Rock or Uluru. Rising about 1,100 feet above the ground, it measures 5.8 miles around and appears to change colors at different times of the day and year, glowing red at sunrise and sunset. Uluru and the nearby Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) formation, are sacred to the Aboriginal Anangu people of the area and hold a prominent place in their "dreamtime" stories of creation. We spent several hours walking around this "island mountain" observing caves and springs used by the Aborigines as gathering and hunting areas.

From Uluru we flew 2 ½ hours north-east to Cairns, the capital of the state of Queensland and then on to the resort town of Port Douglas, a popular portal to the Great Barrier Reef. The next day we boarded an ocean-going catamaran for a trip to the Low Isles, where we spent the day snorkeling among the beautiful and colorful coral formations that surround the islands.

The following afternoon, we journeyed farther north (getting progressively hotter and wetter) to Cape Tribulation, so named by the English explorer Capt. Cook because he holed his ship Endeavor on the Great Barrier Reef and had to spend weeks here repairing his ship. We stayed at the Ferntree Rainforest Lodge, located in the Daintree National Rainforest, the only place on the planet where two world heritage sites border each other — the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef. The highlight of this portion of our journey was a fascinating walk through an unspoiled, first growth tropical rainforest where we heard two Cassowaries (large flightless birds) fighting over territory (or maybe a female).

## Australia's largest city

The final leg of our journey involved a three-hour flight to Sydney, the largest city in Australia and capital of the state of New South Wales. This sophisticated and cosmopolitan city is the site of two of the most iconic structures in Australia, the Sydney Opera House and the Harbor Bridge. Opened in 1932, the bridge is affectionately known as the "coat hanger" because of its arch-based design. It links the central business district with the North Shore of the city and is the world's tallest steel arch bridge.

The Sydney Opera House, one of the 21st century's most distinctive buildings, is a multi-venue performing art center hosting over 1,500 performances a year. It was conceived and largely built by Danish architect Jorn Utzon and opened in 1973. We had the pleasure of attending a concert by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, which was a rare treat indeed. Space does not allow a more detailed discussion of these two magnificent structures, but suffice it to say they are incomparable in their conception and design and stand as symbols of the great and wonderful country of Australia.

Canton residents Jay and Linnea Young are retired educators who are attempting to see the world while enjoying their children and five grandchildren. They have traveled with Overseas Adventure Tours ([www.oattravel.com](http://www.oattravel.com)) on their last three trips.

Next month: Adventure Down Under, Part II: New Zealand



# Exercise, healthy eating changed their lives

## Healthy eating plan changed his mindset about food

Very few people decide they're going to lose weight and then succeed on the first attempt. Like quitting smoking, for many it's an ongoing battle that never really ends.

For Dennis Zelazny, it took a few unsuccessful efforts to shed pounds before he finally found a program that worked for him. He's a perfect example of it's never too late.

Zelazny, 53, began following the Weight Watchers® program in February 2011. He didn't have much faith that it would pay dividends — but that was 75 pounds ago.

"I attempted to do this a couple of times," Zelazny said about losing weight. In February 2011, I decided to join with a friend of mine who's extremely overweight. After a month or two, I was very into it."

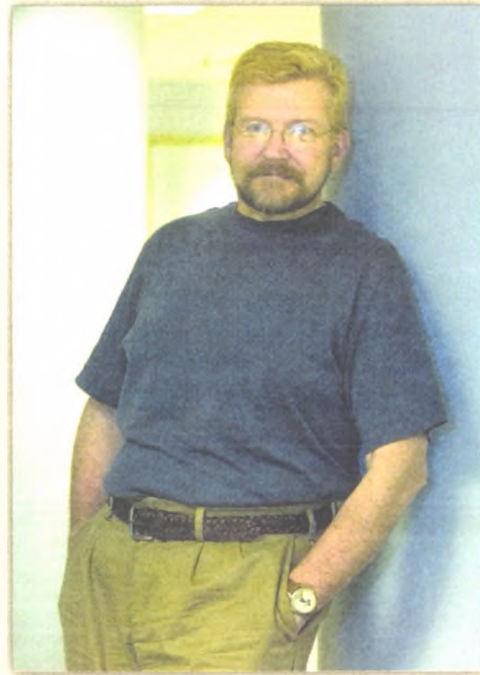
Zelazny, a publishing resources manager with the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*, had battled obesity for most of his adult life. He said long hours and lousy eating habits had contributed to his being diagnosed with diabetes. After shrugging off his doctor's orders, he found himself passed out on his bedroom floor one night.

"That was one of the moments," he said, "but it wasn't the one that pushed me over the edge." Instead, Zelazny came to the realization that he was — is — a food addict.

"I used food as a reward," he said. "If I was frustrated, I would eat. If I was up against a deadline, I would eat. I had to undo all that thought process. I fit the profile of a compulsive eater."

"Food is an issue," he added. "You have to face the demons. You have to make the program your own. You can't starve yourself."

After starting Weight Watchers®, Zelazny saw the wisdom in healthy eating and portion control. While he is still a skeptic concerning WW products — "I ate most of what they rec-



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Dennis Zelazny after losing 75 pounds.



Dennis before joining Weight Watchers.

ommended as long as the package didn't say 'Weight Watchers,'" he said — he knows the concepts and principles taught do work.

"During the program, they talked about weighing and measuring everything," he said. "It sounds stupid, but it really made a difference."

Zelazny said he still has 40 pounds to go to reach his goal of

165 pounds, but he realized over the holidays that his mindset had changed when he ended up throwing away some junk food that in years past never would have survived Christmas Eve.

"I know I can do better and I want to do more," he said. "I've fought this all my life and now I'm going to try to get (to 165 pounds)."

"You have to have fun," he said of his approach to life as well as weight loss. "I laugh about it and keep laughing. You have to."

— By Bill Emerick



DAVID REED

Melissa Demorest, an attorney from Royal Oak, and Amanda McDonald, a chemistry teacher at Birmingham Seaholm High School, say partner training has helped them stay motivated and attain their personal fitness goals.



Melissa Demorest (taken two years ago) before she embarked on her diet and fitness regimen.



Amanda McDonald and her daughter, Emily (not quite two months old), in August 2010.

Jill Halpin  
Contributing Writer

Changing your life through diet and exercise sounds challenging, but it can be done and is well worth it.

Just ask Melissa Demorest, 31, an attorney from Royal Oak and Amanda McDonald, 33, a chemistry teacher at Birmingham Seaholm High School. The women dropped over a combined 75 pounds last year and feel better than ever both mentally and physically.

"Yes, you can definitely change your life through diet and exercise. I wouldn't say it is easy, especially at first, but it is worth it," McDonald said. "You have more energy and a better outlook on life. At least half of it is mental. If you can do this, you can do other challenging things in life, too."

When McDonald began her new diet and exercise regimen, she was 5 feet, 6 inches, tall and weighed 180 pounds. A year later, she weighs 150 pounds and feels "great."

Demorest, an attorney and lifelong athlete who was looking to get back into shape, stood 5 feet, 4 inches, and weighed 170 pounds. She now weighs in at 135 pounds and, more importantly, went from a size 10 to a size 4.

### Increased energy

"I feel great, except for having to spend more money on new clothes," Demorest said with a smile. "I have a lot more energy throughout the day, much more than when I first started working out."

McDonald began working out in 2009, when local athletic trainer and exercise guru Jen Dunbar began holding "boot camp-style" workout sessions at Seaholm High School three days a week early in the morning. Seeking to drop some pounds before getting pregnant, she decided to enroll in the boot camp along with joining Weight Watchers® at the same time.

"My husband Scott and I were ready to have a baby, but I knew I definitely did not want my weight to go over 200 pounds while I was pregnant. Even though I never thought of myself as overweight, I knew that I needed to drop some pounds before I became pregnant," said the mother of now 18-

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## TRAINING TIPS

For those looking to make changes in their lives through diet and exercise, Melissa Demorest and Amanda McDonald offer some advice.

- Don't kid yourself, it will be difficult at first, especially for about the first two or three weeks, McDonald said. "Getting through the first two weeks of weight training is difficult if you have never done it before," she said. But make sure you keep up with it and talk with your trainer about finding ways to get through the pain, she said. "Now I look forward to weight training. It is still difficult sometimes, but it means I am using a muscle that I have not used before. The more you keep with it, the less you hurt overall," McDonald said.

- It does take a while to see results, but if you are working out three times weekly, you definitely will see results, Demorest said.

Be consistent with boot camp or whatever your exercise routine is. "I keep track of how many times I go on my calendar on my cell phone. I can see how many times I've gone; if I am short, I try to make it up," she said.

- Both women agree that making health dietary changes can aid weight loss and training. "I changed the way I was eating, making sure I eating enough fruits and vegetables, eggs, avocados ... and I tried to not eat too much processed foods," Demorest said.

McDonald, who still follows the Weight Watchers® dietary plan, warns against the dangers for being too hard on yourself when changing your diet. "Don't give up any food. It will only make you want it even more. Just be smart with it. If you give it up totally, it makes it more attractive." She adds, "I still have a little square of chocolate in my lunch every day just so I don't feel like I am missing anything."





# Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

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month-old Emily.

McDonald noted that even as she reached her goals and became pregnant, she continued to attend boot camp and work out, working with trainer Dunbar to modify her exercises for safety reasons.

"I had the easiest pregnancy in the world. I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop since I had heard so many horror stories about bad pregnancies," McDonald said.

The pregnancy was a breeze, McDonald said. "I had no cravings, no morning sickness and I got back to my pre-pregnancy weight within a year," something that she attributes to both her training sessions with Dunbar and Weight Watchers®.

It was in the early morning exercise and training sessions that she met Demorest.

The two, similar in both age and ability, struck up a companionship and began working out together, pairing up during most sessions, McDonald said.

"Most mornings, we would work out together. We both had individual goals and it helped quite a bit to have someone else to do this with," she said.

Demorest, too, had been looking for other opportunities to expand her workouts.

"I had been doing workouts on my own and I knew working out with a class would be a lot more motivating than working out on my own," Demorest said. "Jen had started a boot camp at Birmingham Seaholm and I decided to check it out."

### Boot camp

The boot camp sessions that both Demorest and McDonald attend at Seaholm are held three times a week for 45 minutes beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays, and attract a wide range of fitness seekers of all ages and abilities.

"There are people with injuries, chronic conditions, anyone who is interested in feeling better," Demorest said.

The boot camps are an extension of Real Detroit Muscle, a Troy gym that Dunbar opened last May aimed at helping people of all ages get healthy and fit. Prior to opening the gym last year, Dunbar was holding smaller boot camp workouts and training sessions at three different extension centers around metro Detroit, including the Seaholm location.

Dunbar, a former women's lacrosse coach at the University of Michigan, has a long history of coaching and training in



Jen Dunbar, former women's lacrosse coach at the University of Michigan, soccer player and lifelong athlete, owns Real Detroit Muscle and runs the boot camp workouts at Seaholm High School.

sports, ranging from lacrosse to tennis to soccer in and around the metro area.

A native Detroiter, Dunbar is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and holds a master's degree in exercise physiology from Wayne State University. A former soccer player and lifelong athlete, she has always been interested in health and fitness. In addition to coaching, she was also working with many local high school teams and athletes helping them train for their individual sports and continuing to hold boot camp-style workout sessions around the area.

When the opportunity to open her own gym arose, Dunbar resigned her position at U-M and forged ahead with her dream of opening a facility to help people reach their potential. For Dunbar and others, it is much more than just a fitness boot camp.

"I wanted to create a non-intimidating, welcoming environment where people can work out together and get some individualized attention and a little competition if they want that," Dunbar said.

"I always had a problem labeling it boot camp because it is so much more than that. It is a whole body exercise and strength program, aimed at helping the complete person," she said. "It is almost as if there are little communities with people reaching out to one another and encouraging each other to keep going."

Dunbar believes that the communal atmosphere at the Real Detroit Muscle Gym and its extension centers is a key to helping attendees reach their goals and maintaining their fitness levels.

### Partnering

Partner training and working with oth-

ers can also be very helpful in attaining personal goals, she said.

Demorest agrees. "For me, it's better because you get to know people. It really helps to have people around you that are interested in how you are doing, and being accountable to them," she said.

Being accountable to others plays a role in maintaining your goals once you have reached them, Demorest said.

"If you're not there, not showing up, they'll check up on you — ask where you've been and how you are doing," she said.

Demorest also believes that the smaller class size allows for personalized attention.

"I had done some dance aerobic classes and other things, but I always felt a little anonymous. In many classes, you are just following along with an instructor. In boot camp, there is the personalized attention with someone making sure you're doing what is right for you and your goals," Demorest said.

Athletic and involved in sports for most of her life, Demorest said that once she graduated from law school and began sitting behind a desk, finding the time to be active became difficult.

"I was tired at the end of the day. I tried working out in the evening, but didn't always get around to it. It was hard to get to it after a long day's work," she said.

McDonald said she also had trouble getting to a gym after a day of teaching high school.

"I had tried working out in other classes in the evening, but I was tired and it was easy to make excuses" to not go and work

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## Make breakfast part of your New Year's resolution

It's a new year, so why not make it a new you? Put those resolutions into action by making simple changes to help improve your lifestyle. Start with the meal that helps start your day and create a versatile, fulfilling breakfast by adding almonds, in all their forms, to your morning meal to help provide you with the energy you need.

Matthew Biancianiello, master mixologist at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel's Library Bar, is known for his innovative cocktail creations and use of fresh ingredients. His creativity extends to healthful smoothies that help jump start your morning and your metabolism as well. For an easy smoothie, Biancianiello suggests using almond butter or almond milk for a creamy base with a burst of flavor.

"One of my favorite smoothie recipes uses a combination of both almond butter and milk, along with fresh fruit, juices and seasonings for a unique blend that's sure to get your day going," says Biancianiello. "It takes no time at all to add and blend the ingredients, and the result is a satisfying drink that you can take with you on the go."

Including a handful of almonds in your breakfast is one simple solution that not only packs a powerful nutritional punch, but also helps keep you satisfied throughout the morning. There are all kinds of ways almonds can help boost your breakfast:

- Toss a handful of whole natural almonds and fresh berries into your morning yogurt.
- Look for cereals containing crunchy sliced or slivered almonds.
- Top whole wheat toast with almond butter and sliced bananas, or spread almond butter onto apple slices.
- Use almond milk in your oatmeal, and top with dried or fresh fruit.
- Sprinkle sliced almonds into your breakfast parfait layered with low-fat



The Southside of Morocco Smoothie

yogurt and fruit.

• Toss toasted, sliced almonds into scrambled eggs or a veggie omelet for an extra healthy boost.

Try out Biancianiello's delicious The Southside of Morocco Smoothie recipe to help get your day started, and visit [www.AlmondBoard.com](http://www.AlmondBoard.com) for more recipes and breakfast ideas.

### The Southside of Morocco Smoothie

Yield: 1 smoothie

- 3 strawberries
- 2 ounces pomegranate juice
- 5 mint leaves
- ¼ ounce fresh lime juice
- ¼ ounce agave syrup (1-to-1 ratio with water)
- 1 slice fresh ginger
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 1-2 tablespoons almond butter

Add each ingredient to blender or food processor; mix until well blended. Serve in glass with or without ice; garnish with mint sprig. For a slushy texture, blend ingredients with ice or substitute with frozen strawberries.

Nutritionals: Calories 158; Fat 9.8g; Saturated Fat 1.7g; Mono Fat 14.3g; Poly Fat 2g; Protein 8.9g; Carbohydrates 18g; Fiber 2.4g; Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 79.8mg; Calcium 51.9mg; Magnesium 54.9mg; Potassium 243.8mg; Vitamin E 4.3mg

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Boot camp members at a recent early morning session in Seaholm High School included (from left standing) Amanda McDonald, Elaine Torvinen, Ed Murphy, Jen Dunbar (trainer), Todd Mendel (front row), Julie Topping, Linda Bender and Melissa Demorest. Also part of the class but not pictured are Laura DeMeulemester and Kathy Minns. The boot camp is an extension of Real Detroit Muscle, a Troy gym that Dunbar opened last May aimed at helping people of all ages get healthy and fit.



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## HEALTHY

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out, she said.

Both Demorest and McDonald agree that the early-morning workouts made all the difference in the world in helping them meet their weight loss and fitness goals.

"If you go early in the morning, it is easy to get it done," Demorest said. "Now, I need to make sure I get there. It is a good start to a good day."

McDonald added, "The beauty is that it is only 6 a.m. You get up and do it and you're done. Getting it done early freed me mentally because I didn't have to worry about doing it throughout the day."

Both women also credit Dunbar's ability to keep the workouts "fresh" as something positive that always keeps them coming back for more.

You never know what part of the body you will be focusing on, Jen always surprises you, McDonald said.

"We do weights, jump ropes, a lot of pushups and ab workouts, different exercises ... for me, that is a big deal ... every time you go it is different and you never know what it is going to be. It keeps it interesting and helps keep you motivated," Demorest said.

For most, it really is about getting and staying shape, being fit and maintaining a healthy weight, Dunbar said.

"This is what most folks are looking for from their exercise programs. However, many people forget about the importance of building muscle strength," she said. "Most people are after fat loss, which is important, but building body strength is very important, too. If you develop whole body strength, you can do whatever random tasks you need to do to get through the day.

"There is a huge misconception among women about working out and gaining bulk," Dunbar added. "I love muscle — you want muscle. It helps you do the thing your body was meant to do. Women and girls are built different than men and have enough trouble developing muscle ... muscle actually creates the lean look that people are after."

### Friendly competition

Dunbar believes that a competitive aspect that enters into some workouts can help people in reaching their fitness goals as well.

"There is some competition at times," Dunbar said. "If you are someone who is into competition, you can always find it, and if you like it, it can be good for you, too. You can compete against almost anyone at all different levels.

"It is all about finding what works for you and then feeling comfortable enough in your surroundings to stick with it," she added.

Dunbar is sure of one thing: It is possible to change yourself through diet and exercise.

"Sports and fitness have always been a part of my life, so I haven't experienced it myself," she said. "But people have told me, and I have seen it over and over again: You see people lose weight and get fit and they stand a little taller. They are more confident, definitely. You begin to carry yourself with a greater presence because you feel a little better.

"Once you accomplish a goal like getting fit, you can accomplish anything," she added.

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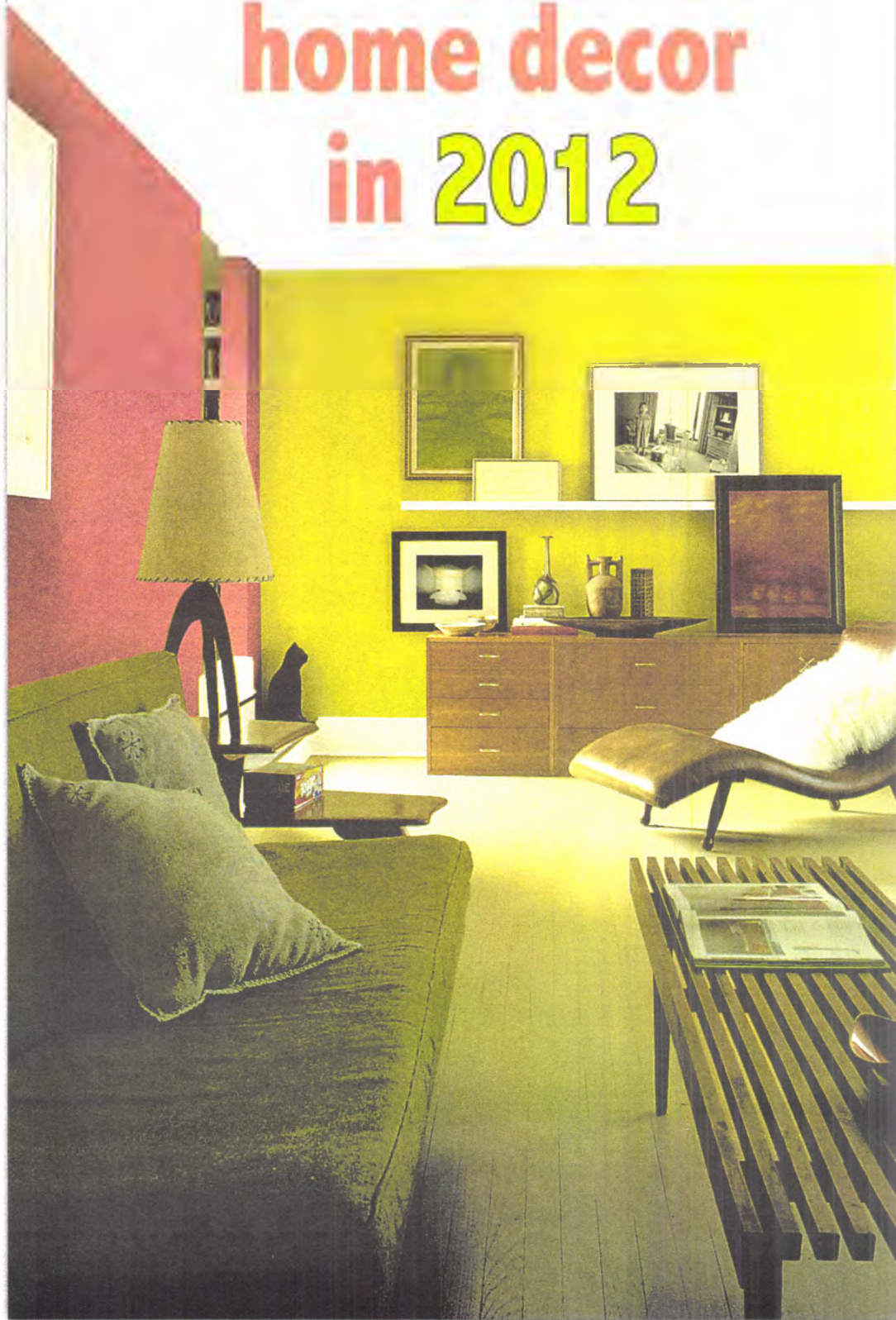
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# Renew home decor in 2012



January is a time when many people commit to starting fresh or developing some positive changes in their lives. As you consider what you will change in 2012, think about where you spend the majority of your time. Your surroundings can greatly influence your mood and actions, and a refreshed interior can help you step forward into a new and improved lifestyle. Enjoying life more in 2012 could start with just a few simple updates to your home.

## Color

Home decor trends are constantly evolving, and one of the most obvious aspects of changing style is color. An easy, cost-effective way to instantly modernize your home is to update your walls to a posh hue. Try a shade from Pratt & Lambert's 2012 Color Trends palette, which features a broad range of colors to fit any style. After tracing the development of today's styles back to their origins, the brand's Color + Design team released the 2012 trends forecast. Titled "Trace," this forecast features five palettes: Essence, Instinctive, Enough, Echo and Expressive. From shimmering ethereal shades, to rich earth tones, to bright vibrant hues, Pratt & Lambert's 2012 Trends provide the hottest color options to update every room in the home. Use these colors as inspiration for other decorating elements as well to create a cohesive, modern atmosphere.

## Accents

Whether your taste is classic and elegant, natural and rustic, or clean and modern, accessories have a huge impact on the feel of any room. Mirrors, wall hangings, table art, pillows and floral arrangements are just some examples of accents that can completely change the look and feel of a space. Don't be afraid to combine materials and styles, either. An ornate brass mirror can work well to complement the clean lines of a modern end table or the intricate fabric of an antique footstool. Avoid clutter as you add

visual accessories by using baskets, chests and other storage pieces to conceal magazines, books and other common items.

## Rearrange

Replacing your current furniture may not be in your budget, but don't underestimate the effect rearranging your current pieces can have on your space. Simply changing the layout of a room costs nothing and can have a dramatic impact on the functionality and atmosphere of your home.

Place larger furniture pieces against the wall to open up floor space and avoid blocking walking paths. Or, you might arrange your sofa or elongated pieces of furniture at an angle in the corner of the room to give the illusion of a longer wall and also instantly create hidden storage opportunities. This update is as temporary as you want it to be, so don't be afraid to try something new. You might even rearrange every few months to keep things fresh throughout the year.

## Lighting

To instantly give your space a new look, consider changing the lighting. Whether it's a large hanging fixture, wall sconces, standing lamps or recessed can lights, adjusting your current lighting will have a significant effect on the ambience of any room. A mixture of light sources works best for most spaces, and a visit to a local lighting store will confirm the options are endless. While many lights will serve functional purposes, others may serve as pure decoration to highlight an aspect of the room, such as a piece of artwork. And, like furniture, remember that simply adjusting the locations of table and floor lamps can have a dramatic impact your room's feel.

Bring your home into the new year in style and update your color, accents, layout and lighting to start fresh in 2012. By focusing on a few key areas, you can enjoy an improved living space easily and affordably.



# Winter care for canines, top 10 toxins for pets in kitchen

By Dr. Mark Alsager  
Guest Columnist

In cold weather, a dog's need for food, shelter and loving care increases. Here are some guidelines and recommendations.

1. Don't leave a pet outside too long in cold weather when the wind is creating a dangerous chill factor. Short-haired dogs can get frostbite in a short period of time. Any dog can get frostbite on their tail, ears and feet if left outside too long.

2. Adequate shelter is important. Provide an outdoor doghouse with warm bedding so your dog can get out of the wind and cold when necessary.

3. Be careful about walking near frozen ponds and rivers; the ice may not be thick enough to support a dog's weight or your own.

4. Grooming is important to help maintain thermal regulation. A matted coat can't trap the warm air

next to a dog's skin to provide warmth.

5. Increasing food intake can give your pet additional calories to help maintain his/her body's internal furnace.

6. Be sure that after giving a bath, the coat is thoroughly dry down to the skin.

7. Antifreeze used in automobile radiators is sweet tasting and very dangerous to a dog's kidneys. Be aware of antifreeze on the ground and be sure to dispose of it safely if you do your own radiator flush. Also, do not allow your dog to lick puddles.

8. Rock salt and ice melt can be irritating to footpads. Also, if ingested, it can cause medical problems. Rinse your dog's feet off after a walk.

9. Provide plenty of fresh water. Your dog can get dehydrated in winter. Water sources can sometimes freeze.

10. Be careful of supplemental heat sources. Fireplaces and portable heaters can cause severe burns. Make sure fireplaces have screens and heaters are kept out the reach of pets.

11. Like people, dogs can be more susceptible to illness during cold months. Contact your vet if you notice any signs of illness.

## Toxins in the kitchen

1. Chocolate: Milk chocolate in the form of a one-pound bar can be deadly to a 10-pound dog, making this one of the most common toxins. Bakers chocolate can be up to four times more toxic. Symptoms include vom-

iting, hyperactivity, hypertension and seizures. Call a veterinarian immediately if there is a possibility that there was ingestion. A small ingestion of chocolate does not usually cause a problem.

2. Grapes: Grapes and related products such as raisins can be toxic even in small amounts. The toxin is not well understood, but symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy and even kidney failure, which may not show up until days later.

3. Xylitol/sugar-free gum and candy: This is becoming an increasing problem in our canine patients who "shop" the kitchen counters, purses, school bags and other places where gum is kept. Xylitol can cause a dramatic drop in blood sugar, which can cause weakness, coma or worse.

4. Fatty table scraps: This is a big problem in our garbage pickers. High-fat foods can cause dramatic inflammation of the pancreas.

5. Onions and garlic: This is an oral irritant causing drooling, ulcers in the mouth, vomiting, diarrhea and weakness. There can also be damage to red blood cells that may require treatment.

6. Compost: It doesn't seem fair that doing something good for the environment can cause injury to your dog. Certain deadly fungal infections can occur from ingesting contaminated compost, causing vomiting, diarrhea and neurological problems.

7. Human medications: Taking too much of a medication can be very serious. It is when an owner tries to treat their pet at home with a human medication that serious illness can occur. Always call your vet before giving a medication. We would be happy to try to advise you about what can be used safely (example: never give Tylenol to a cat).

8. Macadamia nuts: This is simple — just don't feed them to your pet and call us if accidental exposure occurs.

9. Household cleaners: This group of toxins cause oral, stomach and intestinal irritation. Rinse your pet's mouth out immediately after exposure and call the vet.

10. Unbaked bread dough/alcohol: Ingesting raw dough can cause bloat, a serious distension of the stomach, and the fermentation could actually cause alcohol toxicosis. Inducing vomiting shortly after ingestion can be helpful.

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# Add insulation to keep out the cold

By **Lon Grossman**  
Guest columnist

**Q:** You inspected a house for us six years ago and because of the thoroughness of your inspection we did not buy the house. We now are in a condo and are having a problem we thought you might be able to help us with.

Our bedroom faces the lake and the west winds. Our guest room is on the opposite side of the condo over the garage. During the winter one of these rooms are always freezing cold, sometimes only 55 degrees. The builders said they did what they could, or what they were willing to do and that was to add more insulation in the attic. This did not fix the problem and over the years we've had to resort to using a space heater. I've come to learn (over the years) that everyone who owns this same model has the same problem.



Lon Grossman

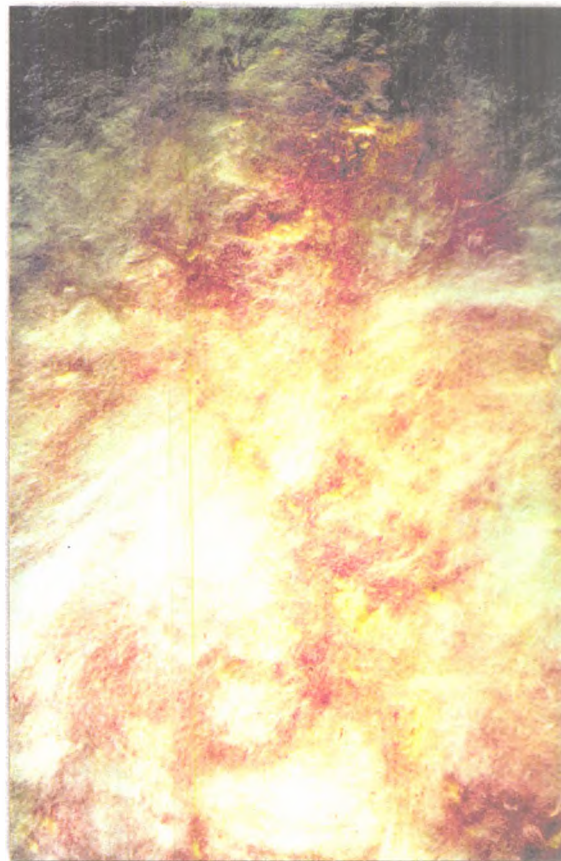
Recently I had Family Heating, Cooling and Electrical out and they said with units like ours they put in zones, but with a finished basement, this was not possible. They did suggest installing boosters in the vents but from what I've been told by others, this would not solve my problem, so I am leery.

As far as the rooms that get cold, it is always one or the other that gets this way, and depends on which direction the wind is blowing. Do you think I should have blown-in insulation put into the walls before I have them install the induct blower?

**A:** When the builder added more insulation they should have also added blown-in insulation within the west wall, not just in the ceiling. Insulation should also be added (or installed if there is none) into the ceiling of the room over the garage as well as to the ceiling of the garage.

I trust Family Heating, Cooling and Electrical. They are a good company and if they feel there is no other alternative but to add an induct blower then go with their suggestion. But I would do it along with having more insulation added.

**Q:** We came across an article, which stated that all cracks and other cold entry points in the attic should be closed off



to reduce heat loss. That makes sense, but isn't it the way our house and many others were originally constructed?

**A:** There are two schools of thought. One says keep the heat you're paying for in the house, below the ceiling. It also suggests that the attic should be ventilated using roof and soffit vents. What causes a problem is that most people do not

seal all openings to the attic (areas around the chimney, scuttles, recessed lights, fans, chases, etc.)

With enough insulation and ventilation, as well as sealing all energy leaks, this is an excellent design for our area (summer and winter).

Totally sealing and enclosing the entire attic using a product such as an Icynene Insulation System is another process. They close/seal all attic vents and spray on an expanding insulation. This product is an excellent insulation, as well as an air barrier. While I like the product, I personally would only use it for cathedral ceilings or attics with HVAC. You can do your own research on it by going to [www.icynene.com](http://www.icynene.com) or calling (800) 758-7325.

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8	7	5	6	3	4	1	9	2

Intermediate

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Advanced

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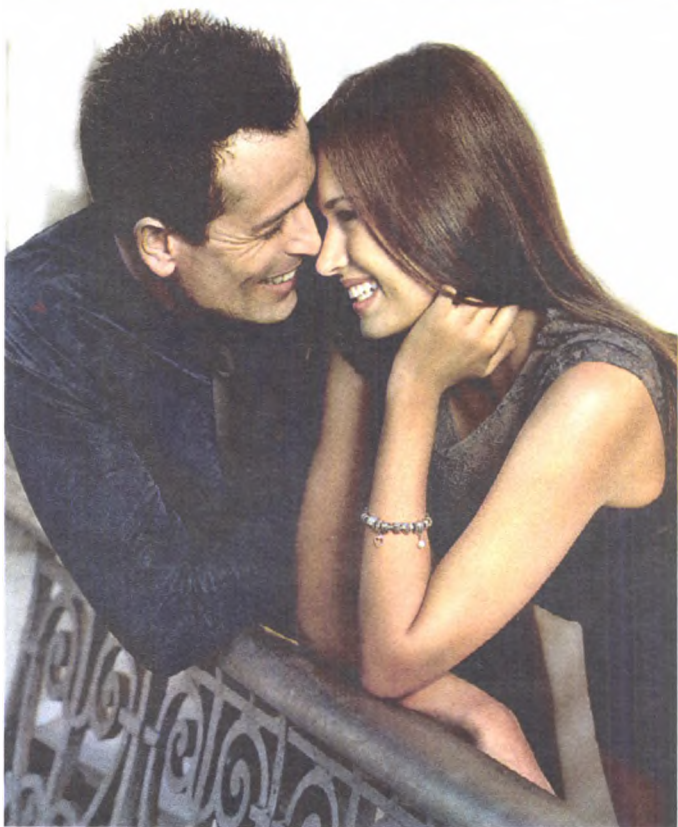
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