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### School of choice

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education agreed Tuesday to open its borders to students from outside the district for a handful of its programs.

Students from outside Plymouth-Canton will only be allowed into the programs on the condition there are spaces available after all eligible Plymouth-Canton resident students have been enrolled.

Programs include the Young 5s kindergarten, half-day kindergarten, the elementary TAG program and the district's STEM, Arts and International academies. The board capped the number of students from outside the district for the academy programs at 10 freshmen and 10 sophomores apiece.

The board will take up the issue of allowing the children of Plymouth-Canton employees who reside outside the district at its Feb. 22 meeting.

### Love Thy Neighbor

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is asking neighbors to "Love Thy Neighbor" by donating specific items to its food pantry. The drive, which runs Feb. 11-

16, is looking for body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoo and conditioner, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken and tuna, deodorant, shaving items and toilet paper.

Donations are accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

For more information contact Laurie Aren at laurie\_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or (734) 453-5464.



Eight-month-old Maizey Groff of Northville bundling up with Grandma Donna Zammit at the Plymouth Ice Festival Saturday.

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## With a thaw, then a chill, ice fest draws downtown crowds



Professional ice carver known Ditto works on his interpretation of a rabbit during Saturday's carving at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Facing unseasonably warm weather and the beginnings of an arctic blast in the same weekend, the 31st annual Plymouth Ice Festival drew crowds of visitors downtown.

The festival, with more than 100 sculptures, carving demonstrations, contests, entertainment, wintertime sports and food and drink, was Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Kellogg Park and on Forest Avenue and other downtown streets.

City officials said the festival ran smoothly, with big crowds, especially Saturday, and no major incidents.

"It was a great way to show off the community," City Manager Paul Sincok said. "The whole community, I think, shined through the course of this event."

Saturday's temperatures rose to above freezing, causing visitors to play guessing games when looking at some sculptures. "Certainly, the wind and the warm temperatures did a number on the ice," Sincok said.

Sunday's temperatures, however, fell sharply.

Visitors frequently mentioned the

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## Chamber plan offers more services, outreach

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Announcing a strategic plan that includes broader outreach and increased services for members, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce renewed its commitment to area businesses Wednesday morning.

"We are at the crossroads," Mark Baker, chamber board chairman, told a crowd of about 160 people during the 2013 kickoff breakfast at the Inn at St. John's. "I am more excited than ever before about the future of the Plymouth chamber."

Baker, a vice president at PNC Bank, said the chamber's five-year plan includes focusing on member manufacturing firms, promoting tourism in the Plymouth area, offering more help to businesses in finding qualified employees and more fully representing all types of businesses.

Wes Graff, chamber president, touched on the theme of an improving economy in explaining some of the plan's details: Expanding the use of social media as a sales and recruiting tool, working with regional organizations to promote the community as a tourism hot spot and listing available commercial properties online in order to market them.

"There's more money going around now. There're more opportunities," Graff said. "People are looking to expand."

### New apps

Listing the chamber's Facebook page, its 12,000-subscriber email newsletter and its smartphone application, or

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Wes Graff explains the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's five-year plan during the chamber's breakfast Wednesday morning.

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## Crowded field applies for open board seat

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

If the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has any trouble filling the open seat created by the resignation of Barry Simescu, it won't be because of a lack of interest.

More than two dozen applicants sent in letters of interest expressing a desire to fill the seat. Deadline for application was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Most of the interest, according to board President John Barrett, came in the waning moments before the deadline.

"Last week, we had maybe five (letters)," Barrett said. "Most of them came in late. We had an avalanche at the last minute."

The vacancy was created two weeks ago when Simescu, who served more than eight years, resigned because of increased responsibility at work.

Many of the 25 people who

applied for the seat will be familiar to residents:

- George Belvitch, the district's former director of elementary education.

- Mike Andro, a Canton resident who ran for the school board in 2011.

- Matt Dame, who also ran for the school board in 2011. Dame is also known for his part in the controversy over the books *Waterland* and *Beloved*.

- Greg Demopoulos, a former

Canton Township trustee.

- Kate Borninski, a member of Supporters of Academic Integrity for Plymouth-Canton, who was among those who argued in favor of *Waterland* and *Beloved*.

- Stephanie Goecke and John Nichols, both of whom ran for election in 2011.

- Deb Madonna, who now runs the Plymouth Miracle League, a

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# Gun report raises alarm, turns out to be toy

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A Monday report of a boy with a pistol on Plymouth's south side launched a scare via social media, but the gun turned out to be a toy and no crime was committed, police said.

The incident, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, shows how seriously the public and police take reports of guns, and should serve as a warning to children who play with them, and to their parents.

"It's not a game for police, especially with the current state of affairs," said Grabowski, referring to recent mass shootings and heightened awareness of guns. "They really need to be aware that people are going to call on these types of things, and we're going to respond."

Toy guns sometimes are made so they can easily be identified as toys — with see-through plastic bodies or orange tips on the ends of the barrels, for example — but Grabowski said passersby can't

always make that distinction.

Monday's incident started when police received a report of a boy in the area of Ross and Hartsough streets who had a silver pistol in the waistband of his pants, Grabowski said. Officers responded to the area but could not locate the boy, he said.

On Tuesday, police were able to track down the boy, speak with him and his parents and search his school locker, where nothing was found, Grabowski said.

Police learned the boy and some friends had been play-

ing in the woods near Smith Elementary School, building a "fort," and that he had taken the toy gun outside for their play. It was a see-through plastic, spring-loaded gun that shot plastic BBs without much velocity, the lieutenant said.

"No crime was committed. The kid didn't do anything wrong," Grabowski said.

Meanwhile, on Facebook, rumors had circulated that the boy had a real pistol, causing concern in the community, he said.

Grabowski said children and

their parents need to be cautious when it comes to toy guns. Not knowing what they might face when they arrive on a scene, he said, police will approach any reported gun incident as if it involves a real gun.

Children should not alter toy guns — such as by taking the orange tips off — to make them appear less like toys, Grabowski said.

"My best advice is, if you're going to play with these things, keep it inside," he said.

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Chastity Homes from J&J Connections serves up hot cocoa to Lindsey Goodin and Aaron Mason of Howell.

# Canine friends gather for ice fest

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth went to the dogs Saturday.

The 31st annual Plymouth Ice Festival brought out plenty of dogs on leashes. Cynthia Ksiazek of Canton visited with pooch LouLou, a mini Lab.

"We thought it would be a good place for the dog," said Ksiazek, who also brought a human friend. "LouLou likes to be outside. That's probably what we enjoy the most, it's not freezing out."

Ksiazek has attended the last five festivals in a row, and paused to talk at the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main. "I just live down the street," she said.

Nearby on Forest, in the area featuring Made in Michigan products, was Lynn Campbell of Dearborn, with dog Lucy, a lab mix.

"This is probably the third or fourth year I've come to the ice sculptures," said Campbell, who grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Ladywood High School.

Her Lucy is a rescue dog. "She's enjoying the

people attention and the canine attention as well," said Campbell. Campbell recalled getting her driver's license when the secretary of state's office was by the downtown post office.

The streets of Plymouth, and especially Kellogg Park, were crowded Saturday with visitors looking at sculptures, watching student and professional carvers at work, and also people-watching. Some stopped by Colleen Cannon's TranquiliTea shop on Ann Arbor Trail, where they could sample teas.

"This one in particular works well in my business," said Cannon of Livonia. "We get a lot of traffic because people want to warm up. We're happy they're enjoying the tea."

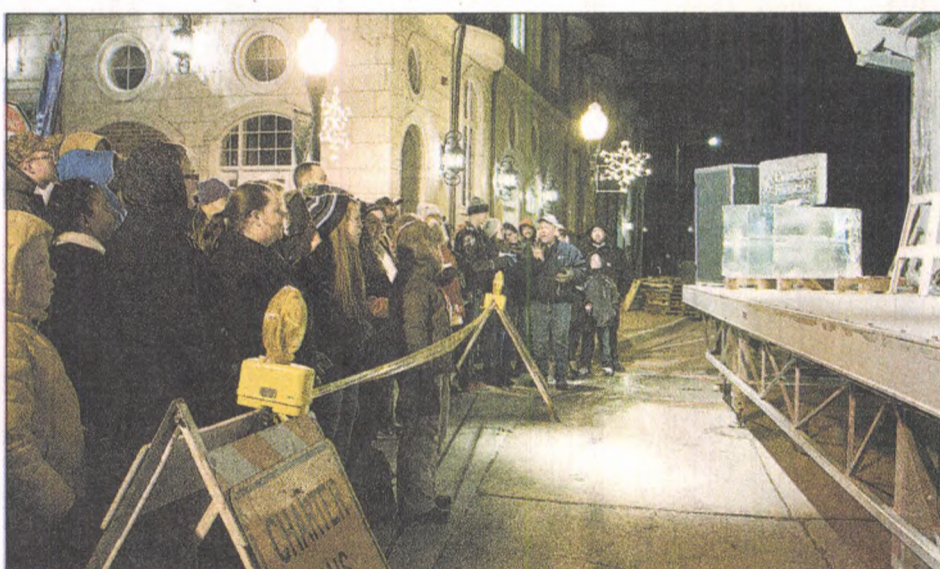
Most merchants she's talked to appreciate the business, although some regular customers don't come into town on fest weekends, such as for a business nearby that hosts birthday parties.

"I think a lot of them do really well," Cannon said. "Most of us do benefit from the heavier traffic."

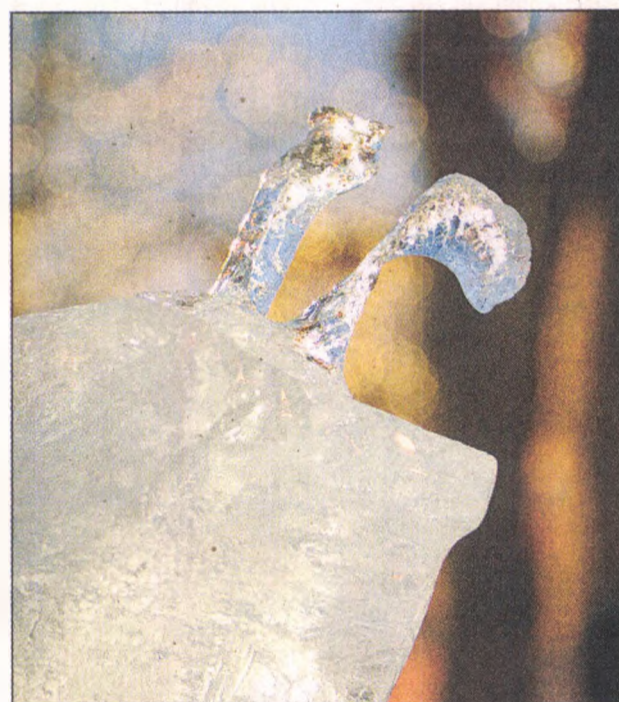
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Thomas Fink from Cut n' Carve Chainsaw Artistry and Tree Service demonstrates his craft to an eager crowd Saturday afternoon.



An excited crowd waits for the dueling chainsaw competition to begin Saturday night.



Many of the ice sculptures started to melt as temperatures warmed into the 40s Saturday afternoon. This sculpture started out as a set of golf clubs.

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downtown Plymouth ambience as one of the festival's main attractions.

"The busyness, the people, the kids, the food — a hometown feel," said Bridget Sexton, who was visiting Friday with husband Todd and their daughter Isabelle.

The 2013 festival appeared to have more major sponsors than in other recent years, enabling organizers to offer interactive and sports features like cross country skiing, skating on synthetic ice and snowboarding and skiing on snow brought in for that purpose.

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**CORRECTION**  
A story in Sunday's Observer, "Arts group gets help with factory plan," should have said the in-kind contribution the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities received from Mannik & Smith Group for environmental services was \$10,000.

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The portrait of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in the lobby of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is a reminder of the human cost of the struggle for civil rights.

# Rousing ceremony honors King, diversity

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

As an African American who remembers this country's racially segregated past, Canton resident Cal Wiley recalls a time when he doubted this nation would ever declare Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a holiday — much less elect a black president.

Wiley, 60, brought his wife of 22 years, Eileen, and their 17-year-old daughter Kelsey to Monday night's King celebration inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — the same day President Barack Obama was inaugurated for a second term. "I got two celebrations in one day, both of which I never really thought I'd see," Wiley said.

Eileen Wiley, who is white, said she might still be reluctant to visit some areas of the Deep South because she still is afraid of potential discrimination against her family. Kelsey, a Canton High School student, has studied history enough to know African-American parents and their children once fought hard battles to end segregation. She is thankful she doesn't have those worries.

"I feel welcomed. I feel safe going to school," she said.

With that, the Wiley family joined a diverse crowd inside the Village Theater for a crowd-rousing, ninth annual program

called "Building Bridges: Canton Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The audience gave a warm reception to the event organized by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, the King subcommittee and Canton Township.

### King's impact

Canton resident Chileshe Mulenga brought his mother Cynthia Mulenga, his girlfriend Vanessa Guiang and children Chelsea, 10, and Cailin, 5.

"It's important that my kids understand the impact Dr. King made — not just for us, but for their generation," Chileshe Mulenga said.

Chelsea praised King for "helping people get to go to school with each other and get a good education."

Anthony Davis, a King subcommittee member, said he reflected earlier Monday on King's dream — "a dream deferred, a dream realized. President Obama is realizing the dream."

As Monday's program unfolded, Stanley Jordan of NorthRidge Church's creative arts ministry portrayed King during a moving play punctuated by skits, songs and videos of King. Titled *Spirit of the Man*, it was written, produced and directed by ReGina Shamberger, who has long been involved in the cultural commission and King subcommittee.

Jordan spoke of King's history as an Atlanta-

born child who emerged as a highly educated minister to lead the civil rights movement, only to face racially motivated violence as he steadfastly declared through it all, "I have a dream."

During one skit, children of different races played together until a racist adult reminded them that such mixing was off-limits. Jordan recalled King's assassination April 4, 1968, after he went to Memphis, Tenn., to support a strike by sanitation workers. As Jordan told of King's death, Shamberger appeared as an angel in song from a balcony, as if ushering King to heaven.

### Driving out hate

Afterward, Davis led a panel discussion of area residents and graduates of Atlanta's Morehouse College, which King attended before he ultimately earned his doctorate in theology from Boston University.

Meanwhile, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy spoke briefly and used a passage from King that in part read: "Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

In a fitting finale, the New Hope Music Academy Choir, led by Isaac Pippen, performed stirring renditions of songs such as *We Shall Overcome* and, as the audience stood and clapped, *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*.

## CHAMBER

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"app," which allows users to explore the chamber website and look up information about member businesses, Graff said "we will continue to push that boundary" when it comes to communicating with new technology.

Graff also gave a shout-out to members, passionately congratulating them for creating opportunities and helping hold up the economy despite anti-business stereotypes and a government that, he said, sometimes seeks to demonize business.

"Every day, you should be proud," Graff said. "Every day, you step up to the plate."

Graff also:  
• Said the chamber's motto will continue to be "Plymouth Rocks!" for the next five years. He

called the motto a successful branding campaign.

"It speaks to who we are, what we are, why we are a vibrant community," he said.

• Pitched the chamber's program of \$1,000 scholarships for local college-bound high school seniors, which are based on community service. "It's so rewarding to see what these kids do," he said.

• Unveiled a new chamber logo, a green-and-white oval depicting housing, parks, the Kellogg Park fountain, downtown stores and a modern-looking high-tech building.

### Positive vibes

Graff said the symbols on the logo are meant to represent the entire community. "This is who we are. We represent all of you," he said.

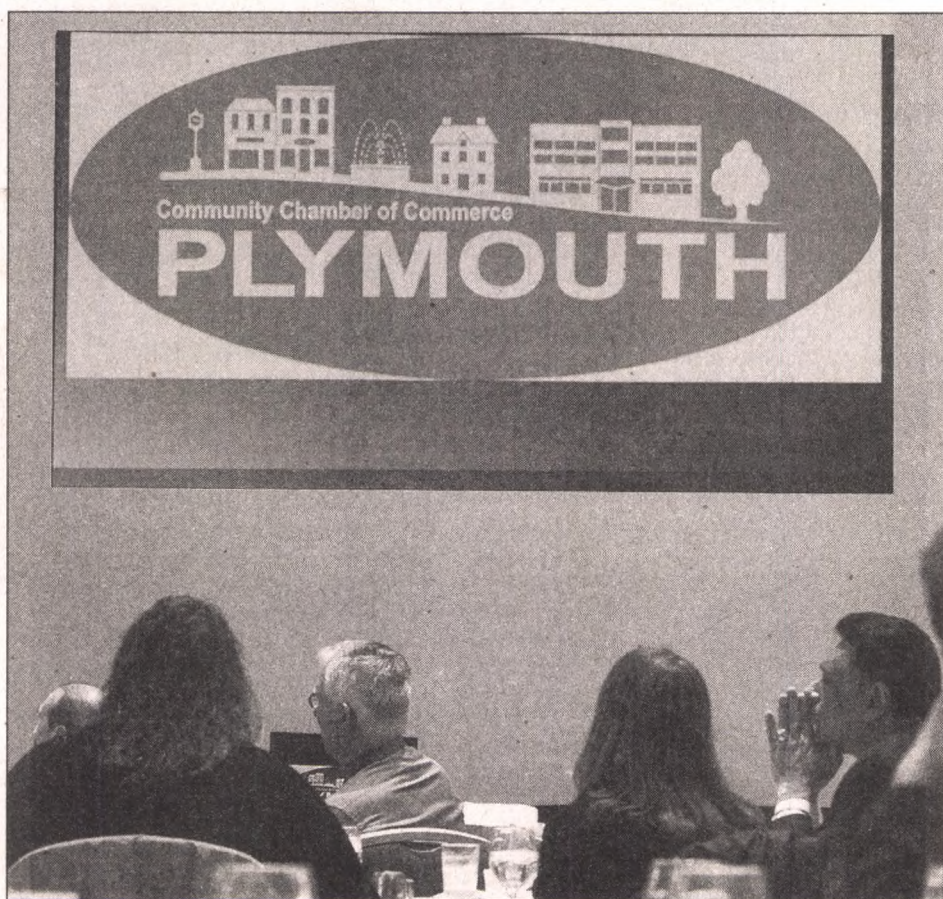
Breakfast-goers reacted positively to news of the chamber plan.

"It really shows progress," said Jim Glutting, president of Software Engineering Specialists, who called the plan "dynamic."

Chamber board member Kris Mayer, branch manager at Bank of Ann Arbor, said she especially liked how the plan involved communicating with people across different age groups, from those entering the world of business to those approaching retirement age. That involves everything from social media to traditional newsletters and pamphlets, she said.

"We look for ways to make sure we're communicating with everybody," Mayer said.

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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce rolled out a new logo Wednesday.

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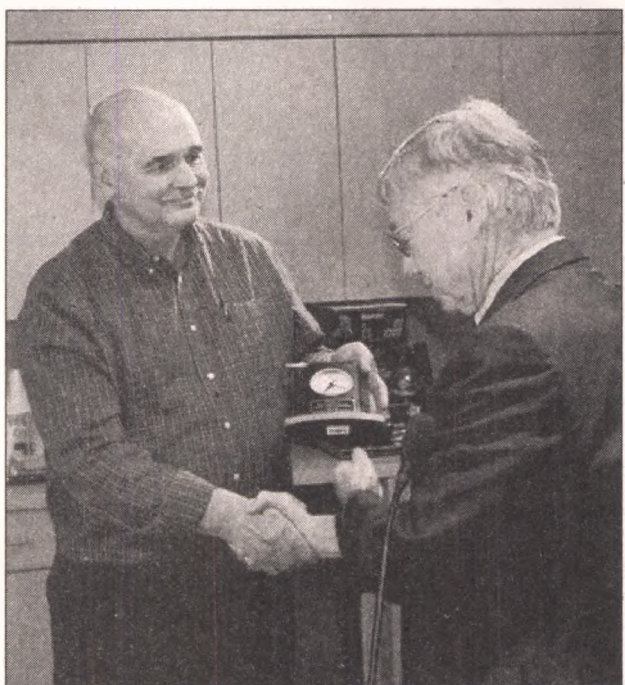
baseball league for special-needs players.

• Rita White, who ran for Plymouth Township treasurer last fall.

Other candidates include Mark Alsager, Rene Chen, Amy (McCusker) Conway, Kim Crouch, Donald David, Benjamin Edmondson, Michael Fisher, Brian Jansen, Ed Krol, Patti McCoin, Julie Rowe, Dean Rugh, Kevin Shankie, Don Turner, Jeff Ames and Sharika Robinson.

Interviews of applicants were scheduled to take place Feb. 4. Barrett said the board will like stretch them over two nights, Feb. 4-5.

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Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes (right) presents former Trustee Barry Simescu with a clock, signifying the time (more than eight years) Simescu spent on the Board of Education before resigning earlier this month.

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## Chicago pair charged in bank scheme

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Two Chicago-area men accused of using fraudulent credit cards at Canton banks to obtain cash advances are facing a Feb. 1 hearing in 35th District Court to determine if they should stand trial on charges that could land them in prison for five years.

Tiras Kaneil Prothro and Tabrian Jovan Collins, both 29, are headed to court after their arraignment Friday on two counts each of using a fraudulent transaction device and one count each of obtaining

between \$1,000 and \$20,000 under false pretenses.

Canton police had nabbed the two defendants Jan. 16 as they were leaving the Bank of America branch on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center, but Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said it is believed the men had gone to at least three area banks.

"We were alerted to their (alleged) activity," he said.

Prothro and Collins are



Collins



Prothro

accused of using fraudulent credit cards to obtain cash advances, though some

banks apparently denied their request, Schreiner said.

Local police believe the pair may be wanted in other areas including Illinois.

Prothro and Collins were arraigned Friday in 35th District Court, where court officials say they were released with \$50,000 personal bonds

as the investigation continues. They have been ordered to return to court for their Feb. 1 preliminary examination to determine if they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The charge of obtaining between \$1,000 and \$20,000 by false pretenses is punishable by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Using a fraudulent financial transaction device carries penalties of up to four years behind bars and a \$5,000 fine with a conviction.

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## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

### Identity theft

Someone apparently hijacked bank and phone accounts belonging to a Plymouth Township woman, setting up an automatic bill-payment schedule and having her phone calls forwarded to a number in Huntsville, Ala.

The victim told police about the scam Jan. 14, saying she discovered it while going over her finances, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report.

The woman told police she found more money in a bank account than there should have been, but also that an automatic bill-payment she had not authorized had been set up. Police did not release the name of the payee or the amount involved.

An employee at her bank told her that bank security had been trying to phone her about the issue, prompting the woman to go to her phone-service provider, where she was told someone posing as her had changed her e-mail address and had calls to her number forwarded to a number in Huntsville, Ala., the report said.

Police are investigating.

### Van looted

Cash, cigars, tools, stereo headphones and a ladder were among the things reported stolen recently from a company van parked outside a dry cleaners on Sheldon Road.

The burglary took place outside Lorey Cleaners, on Sheldon near Five Mile, between 2 p.m. Jan. 14 and noon the next day, a police report said.

The Chrysler Town & Country van had been forced open; police noticed scratches on the seal and a panel of the driver-side door, plus a hole drilled beneath the door handle.

### Battery theft

Batteries were stolen earlier this month from three different trucks parked outside businesses on Eckles north of Plymouth Road.

The first thefts, of seven batteries from two different semi trucks, occurred between 6 p.m. Jan. 11 and 6 p.m. Jan. 12, a police report said.

Three batteries were taken from one truck and four from another, police said. The chief mechanic at the transport business told police it would have taken a minimum of 20 minutes per truck, by someone with the proper tools, to unfasten and steal the batteries.

In the second theft, which occurred some time on Jan. 15 at a nearby business, was of two batteries from a smaller truck, a police report said.

— By Matt Jachman

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Identity theft

A 43-year-old man notified Canton police Friday in what could be a case of identity theft, a police report said.

The man, who lives on Siever, northwest of Beck and Geddes, told police he was notified by DISH Network that he had an account that was \$200 past due. The man told police his Social Security number was used for the account but with a different name and address.

The man contacted police because he didn't want the incident to negatively affect his credit. Police gave him an identity theft packet.

### Watches stolen

A 48-year-old man told Canton police four watches were stolen from a Ford Flex while it was parked in the driveway

of his home on Raminder Court, southwest of Joy and Beck roads.

The man reported the incident just recently, though he said it happened while he was out of town Jan. 3-4. He said his wife had parked the vehicle in the driveway and believed she had locked it, but she later noticed the glove compartment had been gone through and the watches were missing.

The watches were inside the vehicle because they were being taken to a shop for new batteries.

### Purse purloined

A 22-year-old woman notified Canton police Monday evening after she said her purse was stolen while she was at the Chuck E. Cheese location on Ford Road east of Lilley.

The woman told police

she had placed her purse underneath her jacket and later learned it was missing. She said it contained her driver's license, two Social Security cards, a Bridge Card and her keys.

### Harassment

A woman who lives in Cinnamon Pointe, an apartment complex northwest of Cherry Hill and Lotz roads, contacted police after someone has been harassing her over her 2013 Lincoln MKZ.

The 56-year-old woman said the problem began when she discovered Saturday morning that someone had scratched the passenger side of her vehicle from the door to the rear quarter panel. Then, she told police that someone left a note on her car Monday advising her that she needed to learn how to park.

### Hit and run

A 37-year-old man told police he was the victim of a hit-and-run accident as he was leaving the Kroger store northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center around 5 p.m. Saturday.

He told police he was stopped in his silver Honda Civic and was waiting for westbound traffic to clear before he pulled onto the avenue. He said a woman pulled up behind him, struck his vehicle, then pulled onto Michigan Avenue and left the scene.

The man told police damage was done to the

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# Vet benefits from car giveaway

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Jim Demmer knows that most families either have a member or know someone who has gone off to serve their country.

Demmer's father, Jack, is a World War II veteran, and his son, currently going to law school, has committed to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps' Judge Advocate General branch upon graduation.

So when the family's auto dealership, Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, got an invitation from auto insurance retailer Progressive to take part in that company's Recycled Rides program, Demmer and his staffers decided right away to help a veteran.

Progressive's program takes cars that have been "totaled" in accidents, repurposes them and provides them to needy families. Demmer jumped right on board at the invite.

"We do a lot of work with Progressive at our collision centers in Dearborn and in Wayne," Jim Demmer said. "Because of that relationship, they invited us to participate. They provided us the car, and our employees coordinated parts and put the labor into it on their own time to repair this car. The dealership donat-



Korean War veteran Edward Grady with retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone and Jack Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne. Demmer is a World War II veteran.

ed materials, tools and a place to work on it."

All that was left was to figure out to whom to donate the car. Once the Demmer staff decided to give it to a veteran, Jim Demmer hooked up with Legal Help for Veterans' Carol Ann Fausone. Demmer knew Fausone's husband, Jim, from their service with the Canton Community Foundation, and Demmer knew Fausone would be able to help.

She was, providing the name of Korean War veteran Edward Grady.

"We started going through cases to find someone to recommend" for the donation, said Carol Fausone, a retired Air Force general. "Grady's car lost its transmission, and that was the family's only transportation. Without it, they were going to be homebound. It was a perfect fit."

Progressive claims representative Chris Steggall, based in Plymouth, said the company has been running its Recycled Rides program nationwide for several years.

"I think it's just a way for us to give back to the community," Steggall said. "Once we started doing it, dealers started getting in touch wanting to get involved."

Grady recently received his refurbished 2005 Ford Taurus with about 100,000 miles on it. Demmer said workers did some minor collision repair and "made sure it was up to snuff."

"There are many deserving families," Fausone said. "But I believe we selected the right family this time."

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## AUTO-LAB DONATES TO FAMILIES

Staffers at Auto-lab of Canton South were happy over the holidays to present two families with cars.

The company started getting nominations back in November. Two vehicles donated for the program were a Pontiac Aztec from Shawn Murphy and a PT Cruiser from Bill Springer. With the help of Advance Auto Parts, Mark Chevrolet and the Auto-lab crew, the vehicles were reconditioned.

The family chosen to receive the Pontiac Aztec was single mom, Nikki, with her four children who have been without a car for the past six months. The PT Cruiser was received by single mom, Tyah, and her triplet



Auto-lab of Canton staffers helped rehab cars donated to a pair of local families over the holidays.

daughters.

"Words cannot express the joy that our Auto Lab family has felt, knowing what a difference these vehicles will make to everyone involved," Auto-lab's Michelle Turner

said. "We are so thankful to everyone who sent us nominations, we only wish we had more cars to be able to give. We will keep every family that was nominated in our thoughts and prayers."

## CRIME

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left rear bumper of his car.

### Note missing

Police went to the Spring PCS Mobile Solutions store on Ford Road

west of Haggerty after receiving a report earlier this month that a Samsung Note 2 display was missing from a shelf, a police report said.

The manager noticed the missing display after arriving for work. According to the police report, it is believed the

item was missing from the previous night after two men came into the store.

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— By Darrell Clem

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North American International Auto Show

# Hearts opened, champagne flowed

## Area residents party at Charity Preview

It's regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in the world, and for the 13,069 people who attended the 2013 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview, it was a sign that this region can more than rise to the occasion when it comes to helping children.

NAIAS reported that the 2013 Charity Preview, presented by Charter One / RBS Citizens, raised \$3,920,700 for nine children's charities during an evening of glitz, glamour and gorgeous people. The 2013 tally represents more than a 30 percent increase in funds raised over 2012 — the highest amount since 2008.

"I'm tired and my feet are sore, but I am thrilled that the people of Detroit and Southeast Michigan have once again opened their hearts for our kids," said Jim Seavitt, chairman, NAIAS 2013. "I have seen, from personal experience, the benefits that these funds provide, and I couldn't be prouder to be part of one of the greatest events which provides us the opportunity to do so much for so many."

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michi-

gan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit, and Think Detroit PAL.

Funds raised by the Charity Preview go even further with the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund. Each year, charitable organizations from throughout the region submit proposals for grants from the DADA Charitable Fund to support worthy programs to improve and enhance the lives of children and youth. Approximately 10 grants typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 are awarded from the fund annually.



JULIE YOLLES

Dawn and Scott LaRiche's personalities are always as sparkling as Dawn's dresses. Once again, for the largest one-night fundraiser in the world, Dawn designed and made her Charity Preview dress which complemented Scott's dapper tux. Scott's been extremely busy as the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) president, NAIAS Executive Board member and co-owner of Plymouth Township-based Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.



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Attending last week's Charity Preview were (from left) Elise and Jake Payton of Farmington and Mid American Fitness Studio Owner Karen and Keith Blazaitis of Farmington Hills. The couples had a lot to celebrate. Besides helping to raise nearly \$4 million last Friday at Charity Preview, they were celebrating Farmington Hills-based Mid American Fitness' 10th year in business.



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Tania and Steve Rein of Canton at the Mini display.



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Livonia residents John and Kelly Tracy check out the cherry red Ford 1903 Model A. John Tracy works for corporate sponsor TD Auto Finance in Farmington Hills.

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Plymouth's Fred Hill and the Briefcase Drill Team march in the Charity Parade.



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The stars come out for the Charity Preview.



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Sen. Carl Levin, with daughter Kate Levin Markel and Ann and Robert Greenstone, at the Cadillac exhibit.

# Arctic Edge helps with fundraiser

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena didn't hesitate to help when hearing that 15-year-old Ryan Rabinowitz of Novi was spearheading a benefit to collect area ice arena concessions to donate to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit that grants wishes to children who are terminally ill or facing life-threatening health problems.

What's more, Arctic Edge opted to allow Ryan to raise even more money by donating ice time and hosting an open skating fundraiser 5:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9,

at the arena, 46615 Michigan Avenue.

Those attending the "Round Up at the Rink" event are asked to donate \$5 for skate admission, with all proceeds going to Make-a-Wish. There is a \$3 charge for each person who needs to rent skates.

Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge event planner and coordinator, said she and other arena employees viewed Ryan's project as a cause worth supporting.

"When I heard what Ryan was wanting to do (by collecting concessions), I wanted to do more," Boggs said. "I wanted to make this a fundraising event where

people can learn more about Make-a-Wish and where families can have fun skating together while supporting a great cause."

Ryan's mother, Trish Rabinowitz, said organizers are hopeful the event will include a silent auction to raise money, and a DJ also has volunteered to donate time for the fundraiser.

Rabinowitz said her son last fall contacted ice rinks across Michigan asking them to help with his project. Arctic Edge is among those stepping up to help.

Ryan, a Novi High School freshman, doesn't take his good health for

granted.

"I'm truly grateful for everything that I have," he has said. He's on the prep hockey team at school and said, "It's the best sport in the world, in my opinion. Hockey's something very near and dear to my heart."

Boggs said she hopes the Arctic Edge event will raise money and awareness.

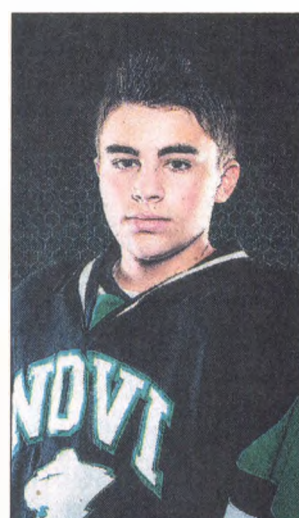
"Make-a-Wish helps many sick kids' dreams come true," she said. "I am happy to be part of making that happen — and happy to help Ryan succeed in his dream of raising money for Make-a-Wish as well."

Ryan started playing

at age 5, but he realizes some children can't go to school or live a normal life due to illness.

The "Round Up at the Rink" project was created by the family in part for his confirmation at St. James Catholic Church and NHS community service hours.

Ryan and his family would like to see the benefit become an annual event. Trish Rabinowitz and husband Alan are "very proud of him," the mother said.



Ryan Rabinowitz is organizing a fundraiser for the Make A Wish Foundation Feb. 9 at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Staff Writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

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## Charities can benefit from tax law revision

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Whenever a new law is passed, there are items contained in the legislation that most people are unaware of. Sometimes the items have nothing to do with the purpose of the legislation; they were added for other reasons. Other times they actually have something to do with the legislation, but get no publicity.

In the recent settlement of the fiscal cliff issue, there was a variety of issues contained in the legislation that did not get much publicity. One of those is something that can be very beneficial to taxpayers.

On and off for the last number of years, taxpayers who are over 70½ and who are required to take minimum distributions from their retirement account have had the option to



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

donate that money to a charity. This was something that was a win-win for the charity and the individual. The problem is that it hasn't been a permanent part of the law and therefore has been confusing. Although it is still not a permanent part of the law, it has been extended for 2013.

What the law basically states is that if you are over 70½ and are required to take required minimum distributions from your retirement account, you can directly transfer your distribution into a charity. By directly transferring the money into a charity, you do not receive a charitable deduction, but you

also do not have to include the distribution in your taxable income.

For people who are charitable in nature and over 70½, this is a strategy that you should consider this year. Remember, you do not have to donate your entire minimum required distribution; you can donate a portion of it.

I recognize that people donate to charity not for the tax deductions, but rather because they think it is important to make the world a better place. However, if you can accomplish your charitable purpose and at the same time be more tax efficient, there's nothing wrong with that. Good luck!

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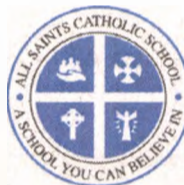
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## North American International Auto Show

# Engineers give vehicles a closer look at auto show

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

People lying underneath trucks. Others busy taking measurements of dashboards, truck beds and trunks.

It was all routine during last week's industry preview of the North American International Auto Show, where hundreds of engineers and automotive employees, including those from Wayne and Oakland counties, flocked to take a first-hand look at some of the cars their competitors are making.

Kevin Kennedy, a Detroit resident who works as a studio engineering manager at GM's Tech Center in Warren, said he is on the lookout for interior looks of the vehicles, especially center console areas.

He said one of the most impressive ones he saw during the preview was the brand-new Lincoln MKZ.

"It looks like the Lincoln MKZ, it has a pretty light, flow-through center console," Kennedy said. "They were able to put their electronic transmission, they don't have a shifter on the console."

But he couldn't leave



Heather Taucher of Waterford and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak of Canton walk through the auto show on industry preview day. They work for Chrysler and develop the Uconnect telematics systems for Chrysler and Fiat vehicles.

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the auto show without praising his own company for one of the biggest attractions of the show this year: the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

"It's incredible," he

said. "General Motors has done an outstanding job."

Jerry Maroudis, who works for Ford in Dearborn, said he's worked in vehicle seat design for years. While examin-

ing the Dodge Ram 3500 pickup truck, he observed many of the same qualities Ford trucks have.

"I'm just looking to see if their leather quality is as good as ours," he said.

"It is."

While some vehicles had many similar traits, Maroudis was able to find details that stuck out to him. He pointed to a thin strip of carpet exposed

on the base of the seat that wrapped around and could be seen from the front of the car.

"Like this? I don't like that," he said. "They wrap that around."

Some were coming from non-automotive companies to inspect elements of the vehicles. Mark Ackerman, who works for AGC Glass in Ypsilanti, was taking a hard look at the glass being used in several vehicles, including the new Lincoln Navigator.

Glass technology is one that isn't noticed as much by consumers, which means the advancements are a success, he said. An increase in glass called acoustic glass in many vehicles' front ends is reducing noise and providing a smoother drive.

"There are a lot of changes to the car that do that," he said. "One of those is acoustic glass in the front and laminated glass in the front doors."

It's an industrial move

that's gained lots of traction over the last decade, he said.

"It's on a lot of models," Ackerman said. "Over the last 10 years, the increase in acoustic glass in the auto show is dramatic."



Erin Wolak models near a red Dodge Dart at auto show preview day last week.

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The new Corvette Stingray.

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## Women drivers look for safety, style

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The automotive companies acknowledge that women have a great deal of influence on all car-buying decisions.

And while they don't specifically cater vehicles to one gender or the other, many of the companies are making subtle changes to meet their needs.

Cristi Landy, a Novi resident and marketing director in the small car division of Chevrolet, said women and men like a lot of the same things, but for her what is important is value and fuel efficiency.

Landy drives a Sonic RS with a six-speed manual transmission that is not only good on gas but fun to drive.

"I want comfort for my family and also able to take my kids and their gear," she said. "I prefer a small car because I like to zip into parking spots and I like better fuel economy."

Some of the features car companies have put

on their vehicles to better serve women are reconfiguring the door handles to protect against broken nails and making sure the trunks open all the way on activation for women who have their hands full.

A minivan is often thought of as a vehicle for women, but that is not the case for Brighton resident Chris Barman — despite what she may hear from her 11-year-old son and 13-year-old daughter.

The vehicle line executive for Chrysler instead drives a V-6, 8-speed, all-wheel drive Chrysler 300 complete with the luxury package that meets her needs and wants.

"It's a very comfortable car," she said.

Erin Wolak, a Shelby Township resident product specialist for Dodge, said style and value are what's most important to her.

"That is what I like about the Dodge Dart, it's sporty but not too aggressive," she said.

For former Berkley resident Annalisa Bluhm, it's inside the vehicle that

matters. She currently drives a Chevy Malibu, and "needs" a vehicle with connectivity features, Bluetooth, room for a stroller and comfortable seats that are heated.

Her ideal vehicle would be the Equinox.

"I'm a sucker for the small SUV," she said.

"The versatility is nice."

Simms Thomas, a product specialist for Toyota, said sometimes a woman's decision could be as simple as "I love that color," but often safety rises to the top of the list. Women want vehicles with numerous air bags, navigation systems, and backup assistance, among other features.

Thomas also said it's important the technology inside the vehicle is easy to manage.

"We want things that make it simple but still keeping comfort in mind," she said. "We want to be able to see out, have things at our fingertips and, of course, be stylish as well."

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## Auto show wows reporter

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

I've had friends chastise me in past years for not making it down to the North American International Auto Show.

In my almost 25 years of living in Michigan and mostly in southeast Michigan, I've never made it down to Cobo to see the newest models automakers have to offer. That changed after being assigned to write about the happenings for Observer & Eccentric Media last week.

Not being a "car guy" left me feeling over my head as the week began. Sitting in these rooms with writers who have covered autos for decades, and here I was, a reporter who spends his days writing about community news primarily in Redford Township.

Being in the fold of all those vehicles can be overwhelming. Ford, Chrysler, Mercedes, Land Rover, Maserati, there are so many exhibits and products that just ooze creativity. The engineers and auto industry employees that came in toward the latter part of the week provided the most insight on the vehicles. Many of them who work for the domestic automakers pointed out small details of the interior, glass and design most regular drivers wouldn't



Reporter David Veselenak liked the looks of the Dodge Charger at this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

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recognize. As one glass worker told me, "if you don't notice the glass, they've done their job well."

Each of those vehicles are end result of months of progress, building off the previous model or redesigning it altogether. This was evident especially at the Chevrolet display, where the crowds gathered continuously in front of the new Corvette Stingray.

The star of the show, cameras flashed onto the Corvette all last week, something many people wouldn't have believed could exist a few years ago when the phrase "Government Motors" became the moniker for a failing industry here in Michigan. It was great to see the domestic carmak-

ers with so much attention.

Detroit Auto Dealers Association President and Northville Township resident Scott LaRiche said it best last week. "The show last year proclaimed 'we're back' after the bailouts, but this year was taken to a whole new level." That feeling was evident in the showroom. If only that same feeling can head out the doors at Cobo and head down the streets in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties as the recovery continues.

David Veselenak is a reporter covering western Wayne County. He drives a 2004 Ford Focus. His favorite cars at the show were the Dodge Challenger and the Chevy Corvette Stingray.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Jim and Suzanne Cox just moved their Anytime Fitness center from its Plymouth location to its new home at 8501 Lilley in Canton.

# Move brings 24/7 fitness to Canton

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

**Anytime Fitness:** Fitness club, personal training, fitness classes and tanning. We have personal TV's on all the treadmills, Ellipticals and recumbent bikes (all cardio equipment) and private showers.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** Jim found out about it through a co-worker. He's an occupational therapist. A co-worker was planning to open an Anytime Fitness, but instead Jim was the one who opened one first.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** Close to our prior location in Plymouth, We live in Canton, so it's closer to home.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** We offer fitness classes 24 hours a day with our Fitness on Request system, where members can browse and select a class such as Yoga/Pilates, Spinning, Kickboxing, Step (called Stomp), Kinetics (Body Sculpting) and more. Fitness On Request is a com-

## ANYTIME FITNESS

**Business name and address:** Anytime Fitness, 8501 N. Lilley, Canton (in Golden Gate Shopping Center with Secretary of State)

**Your name:** James and Suzanne Cox

**Your hometown:** Canton

**Business opened when?:** Dec. 10 (originally opened in 2008 in Plymouth)

**Number of employees:** 10

**Hours of operation:** Open 24 hours for members, but staffed 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

**Business phone and/or website:** (734) 254-9191; www.anytimefitness.com/gyms/1446/canton-mi-48187

prehensive, video-based group fitness platform that allows Anytime Fitness to offer classes all day, every day for its members. Certain times of the day, classes are set to auto-start as well. And we also have live classes such as Zumba and Strength and Cardio. We strive to provide personal attention to members.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** We've opened two more locations in Ann Arbor in the last three years as well. Members have access to up to 2,000-plus total locations world-wide.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** We really are fortunate to be in a business that truly improves one's health. One of our members (from Plymouth location originally) lost over 170 pounds.

**Observer:** How has the recent economy affected your business?

**Anytime Fitness:** We've kept prices about the same as when we first opened. Lowered a bit, now about back to what they were when we opened the Plymouth location in 2008.

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

**Anytime Fitness:** Planning to offer more live classes in the future as well as small group training.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Trainer board

Plymouth resident Christina Eyers, supervisor of athletic training at Henry Ford Hospital, was reappointed to the Michigan Board of Athletic Trainers.

The 11-member board assists Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs with overseeing the licensure and practice of more than 1,000 athletic trainers statewide. Eyers was first appointed to the board in 2010. Her current term expires December 2016.

Eyers joined the Sports Medicine Division of Henry Ford's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in March 2011. She was named supervisor of athletic training last November. She is also a licensed and certified athletic trainer.



Eyers

Eyers holds a doctor of education degree in educational leadership from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in health studies from the University of Alabama and a bachelor's degree in movement science from the University of Michigan. She is also a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Great Lakes Trainers' Association and Michigan Athletic Trainers' Society.

### RealBarBQ party

RealBarBQ of Canton hosts a Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 3, that will feature raffles and an eating contest in addition to the game.

Raffles will be held at the end of each quarter. During half time, RealBarBQ will host a BarBQ Slider eating contest complete with super hot sauces. One winner will receive a \$100 RealBarBQ Gift Card.

Diners can reserve a Super Bowl XLVII table by calling (734) 667-3996. Tables are available for parties of four or more.

Real BarBQ of Canton is located at 42452 Ford Road (at Lilley).

### AWTEC honor

Earlier this month, the Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality presented one of its highest environmental stewardship honors to AW Transmission Engineering USA, Inc. (AWTEC) in Plymouth. AWTEC has been in business for almost 25 years and employs 240 members. They now become the 183rd Michigan facility to receive this honor.

The AWTEC facility earned designation as a member of the state's Clean Corporate Citizen (C3) Program, 2013. The C3 Program is a voluntary environmental program that recognizes environmental stewardship at Michigan facilities. Candidates demonstrate facility-specific environmental management systems, active pollution prevention initiatives, and a consistent record of compliance with state and federal environmental requirements.

AWTEC is a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and the Japan Business Society of Detroit, and most recently, Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership.

### Cellular Connection

The Cellular Connection, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., last week opened its first store in Canton, marking more than 50 locations for the company across the state.

The new store is located at 46554 Michigan Ave. next to the Toyota dealership, and offers guests the ultimate experience in interactivity while shopping for wireless devices and accessories.

TCC opened Friday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a live remote from radio station WKQI-FM (95.5) and TCC giveaways.

Customers can also find TCC stores in Westland, Livonia and Taylor.

In celebration of the new store, TCC made a charitable donation to American Cancer Society-Relay for Life of Taylor.

"There are so many options today when it comes to wireless devices and accessories, and our expert team has the knowledge to help our guests find the products that best fit their lifestyles," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "We're really eager to open our doors in Canton."

## CHAMBER CORNER

### Email power

Tamara Jaros and Kim Schott will reveal the closely-guarded secrets to attracting and keeping more visitors on your website and social media sites, cutting lead costs, being seen by more prospects, increasing sales and profits at a seminar, "How to attract all the customers you need using the POWER of Email Marketing," Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford.

To register online go to: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event>.

### Business workshop

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a Business Development Workshop, "The 13 Ways Small Businesses Can Jump Start Their Year," 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the chamber's meeting room.

Business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to attend. There is no cost, but the event can only accommodate 25 people.

In this 60 minute workshop participants will learn how to identify and how to remedy the 13 not so common mistakes that small business owners make and how to turn them into revenue pro-

ducing opportunities in 2013.

Be prepared to learn:

- Three ideas that will prevent from sabotaging your own business success
- A simple formula for handling customer complaints
- Three key ideas that will help you gain and keep new clients
- One proven strategy for multiplying your efforts and getting more done

The presenter, Tom Borg, is president of Tom Borg Consulting, LLC. He is a specialist in helping small businesses find, attract, sell to and keep the right kind of clients to maintain an increasingly profitable business.

There is no cost to attend, but we can only accommodate 25 people. To RSVP contact [teri@plymouthmich.org](mailto:teri@plymouthmich.org) or call (734) 453-1540.

### After Hours mixer

The Canton chamber hosts its first After Hours mixer of 2013 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and Bovitz, CPA, P.C. Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township. To RSVP or for more information, call (734) 453-4040.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Right on Rock

#### City took proper path in dealing with bar

The Plymouth City Commission did the right thing in forcing the owner of the downtown Rock Bar and Grill to either close or sell.

Commissioners forced the issue by threatening to recommend the bar's liquor license be revoked in the wake of alleged license violations and public safety incidents, including assaults and drunken driving, linked to the Rock since it opened in 2009.

The City Commission voted earlier this month to recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the Rock's license to sell alcohol be revoked, but, under an agreement with owner Kevin Montagano, also agreed to postpone forwarding its recommendation to the LCC for 90 days let that sale take place.

Montagano agreed not to contest alleged license violations and also not to contest, at the local level, the recommendation that the Rock's license be revoked.

It became clear something had to be done when the Rock was the subject of two recent public hearings as the City Commission considered recommending license revocation. Some Rock patrons defended the establishment, calling the management friendly and professional, while others criticized the bar, citing noise, litter left by patrons and people stumbling out of the Rock in the early morning hours.

It may be true the management was friendly and professional, though it doesn't appear much was done to curb the alleged violations. But with a certain value on its license — city officials point out only 14 licenses exist in the city to sell alcohol by the glass — something had to be done.

More and more, downtown Plymouth is becoming an attractive destination for people seeking good food and, above all, a good time. Commissioners' actions show they understand the kind of atmosphere necessary to provide it.

### Lawmakers should repeal gun law

Public Act 377 allows people to purchase guns from stores and other individuals with federal firearm licenses but no longer requires buyers — unless they purchase a firearm from a seller who does not have the federal license — to apply for a license to purchase from local police departments.

The new state law requires gun sellers to continue to follow the federal law that requires them to conduct a check with the National Instant Crime Background Check System (NICS), which essentially shows whether the buyer is a felon.

Gov. Rick Snyder wrenched local control from law enforcement and did it without conferring with or asking local police officials their experiences with gun permits or their experiences with the growing incidence of mental health problems in Michigan.

Prior to PA 377, a resident would apply for a license to purchase from their local police department. Police officials then not only checked a federal database of known felons, but used their specific knowledge of community residents, based on reports and interactions, and the potential problems certain residents might cause that would warrant a denial of that license to purchase.

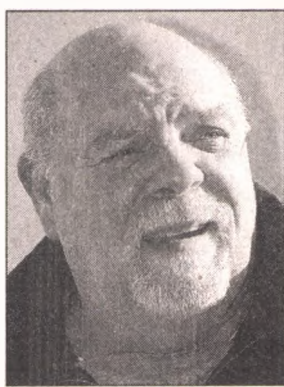
Snyder and his legislative friends not only stripped police officials of their local authority, but compromised their oath to protect citizens in their communities. Not all anti-social, violent or criminal behavior results in a felony record.

Legislators expect they aren't finished discussing gun legislation. We're happy to hear that. We hope they use common sense, restore local control and repeal PA 377 for the safety of Michigan residents.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Thinking of the Oscars, what was the best movie you saw in 2012?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"It was the old movie they showed over at the Penn. ('Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein.') I wish they'd bring some of the old movies back."

Stuart Hall  
Plymouth Township



"I read more than I go to the movies."

Helen Pianowski  
Howell



"'Act of Valor.' That was the one with the Navy Seals."

Brandon Henderson  
Canton Township



"'Warhorse.' That was an excellent movie."

Jay Henderson  
St. Helen, Mich.

## LETTERS

### Value for money

Ever wonder where all of your state taxpayer dollars go? I do. In fact, it was one of the questions that led me to run for office.

As a concerned citizen, I had requested state spending information from our representatives. I was frustrated by the lack of useful information provided in response to my queries. Upon entering into public service myself, I understand why my previous requests met with such poor results. They didn't have access to the information either.

Thankfully, the lack of useful spending data has now been addressed with the passage of SB 802, which I introduced to require all state departments to publicly disclose how they are spending our money. The spending plans for each department in state government will soon be posted online for all 10,000,000 citizens of Michigan to review and analyze.

Each state department will be responsible for defining their core services (i.e. the reason for their existence), their support services (i.e. IT, HR, accounting, legal ... or overhead) and their work projects (i.e. their investments toward the improvement of their core and/or support services). For each service or work project, we will be able to see how much is spent on salaries, benefits, contracts and more.

Coupled with the passage of Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker's SB 21 regarding metrics, we will now have the first statutory basis in our state's history for determining the price of government services and engage in "value for money" appropriations discussions!

This new public act will promote limited government by providing us with a valuable tool to rein in government spending. In addition, it will arm legislators and residents with the data we need to manage our government services more like a business, so that we maximize the value of every tax dollar that we spend and improve customer service.

It is my hope that the availability of this information will also help open the door to more civil, bipartisan discussions of spending priorities in state government ... and perhaps even to set the stage for such discussions to occur at the federal level.

Patrick Colbeck  
state senator, District 7

### Historic session

Michigan's 96th legislative session was one of the most historic in history. Thank you for electing me to be a part of it.

During this session, the Michigan House, working with Gov. Snyder and the state Senate, kept our promise to deliver jobs, get Michigan's financial house in order and put our state on a path to a sustainable recovery.

At a time when Washington, D.C., is looking at a \$16 trillion debt, rais-

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ing taxes and negligently refusing to pass a budget, Michigan's credit rating is going up, we've gone from a \$1.5 billion deficit to a \$300 million surplus, paid down more than \$20 billion in debt and made Michigan more attractive to job providers.

Washington's big government model does not create jobs, the private sector does. Government must provide a climate of opportunity and innovation — and get out of the way. Struggling families who need jobs, and our kids who want to stay in Michigan, deserve nothing less.

By virtually any measure, Michigan has turned the corner: Thousands of new jobs being created, the unemployment rate going down, home sales improving and our state's population going up for the first time since 2004.

We have more work to do, too. I will continue to work with local leaders on the Five Mile Road redevelopment, help Canton improve I-275 and fight to get more of our tax dollars away from Wayne County and back to our local roads and parks.

I'm re-introducing legislation to put the customer communities in charge of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department. We need to get DWSD out of court, out of the shadows and away from the political appointees who run it. I also voted against the Regional Transit Authority, a new layer of government that will impose a "car tax" on us, while creating gridlock with monster buses that won't serve our communities.

I've also been accused in Lansing of being overly protective of our public schools. Guilty. I have consistently voted against K-12 budgets that took money away from our schools, while supporting legacy cost reforms providing more than \$7 million to Plymouth-Canton and Northville. I'm also fighting to protect our schools from overreaching government control, while making sure our schools only admit students who live in our school districts.

My door is always open. Since 2010, I've held more than 400 coffees, library hours, one-on-one and group meetings and visited

thousands of homes. This year, I will hold "citizen innovation" sessions focused on local education, economic development, transportation and senior issues. I hope you can join in the discussion.

For more information, please visit my website at www.rep-kurtheise.com, call my office at (855) REP-KURT, or e-mail me at kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

Kurt Heise  
state representative, 20th District

### Decide at the polls

I am writing in repose to Sen. Pat Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise's Dec. 16 guest column in the *Observer*. The so-called "right-to-work" policy is bad for workers, but it's also bad for women. As a woman from Canton, I am particularly worried about its greater impact on women and our families.

Think about who the majority of today's union workforce are — women. Teachers, nurses, and social workers, as well as police officers, firefighters and janitors, are all part of different unions. People who work in the home health care field and take care of our children have also unionized in recent years. The majority of teachers, for example, are women.

The wage gap between men and women is also widening and women are getting paid less and less for similar work when compared with their male counterparts. With the "right-to-work" law in place, women who belong to the union workforce will now get paid even less. The fact is that the salaries offered by non-unionized workplaces do not equal those of unionized workplaces. At the end of the day, "right-to-work" means women will work more and get paid less to support themselves and their families, with even fewer work safety protections in place.

Why then should Michigan become the 24th state to adopt the so-called "right-to-work" legislation without any debate, committee hearings or feedback from the citizens of Michigan, including its women? Gov. Snyder even went back on his word that "right-to-work" was "off the table."

Since signing the "right-to-work" legislation Dec. 11, the popularity of the governor has significantly declined. As an active community member, I am ready for 2013 to be a year of holding our elected representatives accountable and engaging with community conversations at every level.

Although the next elections will not take place until November 2014, we must not forget the actions our representatives are taking now and decide at the voting booth if they have earned another term.

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## Cool resolve

Penguins survive big rally by D1 Norsemen, prevail 7-6

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Just 13 seconds is all it took Tuesday for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to show they wouldn't go quietly against a tough opponent from their league's top division.

That's when PCS defenseman and senior captain Ashley Saunders blasted a slap shot from the left point that cleanly beat Grosse Pointe North goalie Sarah Richardson.

Saunders followed up with an unassisted goal five minutes into the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League encounter at Arctic Edge and the rout was on. Right?

Not so fast — the Norsemen, sporting an 8-1 record in Division 1 entering the contest, weren't about to let the D2 Penguins skate them out of the arena. A five-goal PCS lead midway through the game morphed into a hectic, 7-6 nailbiter.

"They (Penguins) came out, played their game and beat one of the best teams in the league right now," said PCS head coach Mary Beth Trainor, whose team nearly gave up the big lead due to a parade of penalties in the final two frames. "We had a lot of penalty trouble."

### Hot streak

Registering a three-goal hat trick for PCS (6-5) was Saunders, who has scored five goals over the



Penguins' captain Ashley Saunders is pumped up after scoring the second of her three goals Tuesday night against Grosse Pointe North.

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past two games. "I think after that, I know I got pretty pumped up," said Saunders, about her game-opening goal. "I got really excited and

I think that helped the team get on a roll." It was 3-1 after the first, following senior forward Jordan Patterson's goal (assisted by Emily King).

Markers by Annelise Niermann, Saunders again and freshman Amanda Hoehn (from

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### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Eagles falter early

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Defending Class D boys basketball champion Southfield Christian didn't need any help from Plymouth Christian Academy in Tuesday night's game.

But they got it anyway, parlaying a bevy of extra chances around the basket into a 88-61 victory over the visiting Eagles — who were unable to take advantage of Mick Noel's 29-point performance.

The win improved Southfield Christian's record to 7-4 overall, 3-1 in the Michigan-Independent Athletics Conference-Blue; PCA's record dipped to 7-3, 2-2.

The game got away from PCA in the first quarter, when Southfield Christian built a 25-9 lead.

"It wasn't so much them getting a lot of shots off real fast, it was more of us giving up a lot of second- and third-chance opportunities," PCA head coach Dominique Washington said. "We weren't able to keep guys in front of us. ... It was simple things, box out the guy who took the shot. A lot of

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## Brett's big for Briton

Salem alum Brett de Bear, an Albion College junior guard from Plymouth, posted her eighth 20-point game of the season Jan. 19 as the Britons knocked off Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association rival Adrian College, 67-58. de Bear made all 12 of her free throws and finished the game with 23 points.

She is third in the league in scoring in league games, averaging 16.1 through nine contests.

## S'craft men trip Macomb

Richmond Jackson's double-double enabled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to earn its first MCCA Eastern Conference win of the season Saturday with a 66-61 triumph over visiting Macomb Community College.

Jackson scored 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as the Ocelots improve to 4-11 overall and 1-5 in the conference.

Mathew King (Redford) Thurston chipped in with 12 points hitting 8-of-10 free throws, while Grantham Bettner (Salem) added 10 points.

The Ocelots won despite committing 24 turnovers.

John Irons and DeMarqus Stingley tallied 17 and 14 points, respectively, for the Monarchs (6-10, 0-6).

## Lady Ocelots falter, 54-37

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team couldn't overcome a 20-point halftime deficit Saturday at home falling to unbeaten Macomb Community College in an MCCA Eastern Conference game, 57-34.

Bilgees Grant led the first-place Monarchs, now 15-0 overall and 6-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Jadyn Bieniewicz also scored 10 points and Sara Chehab grabbed 12 points for Macomb, ranked No. 12 in Macomb NJCAA Division II.

Courtney Dyer and Ajai Meeks led the Lady Ocelots (5-11, 2-4) in scoring with nine and eight points, respectively.

Schoolcraft shot only 13-of-48 from the floor (27.1 percent) and committed 24 turnovers.

## Teams eye Observerland crown

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Last year's Observerland Wrestling Tournament ended in a dead heat between Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn.

And there's no reason this 22nd annual edition, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill, shouldn't end up in a photo finish as well.

The odds-on favorite would have been Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1 ranked team in Division 1.

But for the second

straight year, the Shamrocks, who are 16-3 in dual meets this season, have elected to send their varsity 'A' team on another road trip to Ohio, this time to Cincinnati Moeller.

Franklin and John Glenn both scored 182.5 points apiece to share the crown a year ago, while the CC varsity 'B' team placed third in the 14-school field with 165.

"This year's Observerland should be extremely close," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "There are a dozen teams that have a kid good enough to

reach the finals. All of the teams in the KLA South have studs on their teams along with holes. I don't think this tournament will be won in the finals, I think it will be the team that can rack up points in the consolation matches."

Franklin, which has captured four Observerland titles since 1992, has three wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com.

Among those rated for the Wayne County champions are senior Dan Martinez (125), senior; Jordan

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### MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** 22nd annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 26 (first-round matches start at 9 a.m. followed by the finals at approximately 5 p.m.).

**Where:** Livonia Churchill H.S., 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

**Admission (all day):** \$5. **Participating schools:** Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Farmington Harrison,

North Farmington, Plymouth, Salem, Garden City, Redford Union, Lutheran High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Belleville, Northville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

**Past champions:** Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10, '11); Franklin (2005, '06, '07, '12); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); John Glenn (2004, '12); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).

## Early goals spark Whalers' 7-1 romp

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers flipped the script Monday afternoon, parlaying a strong first period into a 7-1 rout over Erie at Compuware Arena.

In the first period of the Ontario Hockey League game, Plymouth outshot Erie 25-4 and skated off with a 3-1 lead — which could have been much bigger if not for the yeoman's effort in goal by the Otters' Devin Williams.

With that, Plymouth (23-14-5-3) did to the Otters what Sault Ste. Marie did to the Whalers Saturday night. The Greyhounds built a 4-0 lead midway through the game en route to a 7-3 win.

"I thought we just had a good start and that's what I talked to them about," Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci said following the matinee contest



Plymouth Whalers' forward Zach Lorentz (No. 9) works along the boards with Erie's Jimmy McDowell (No. 4) in pursuit. Lorentz scored his first two goals as a Whaler in Monday's 7-1 win.

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played before 2,268. "We haven't done that very well lately. It was a good job."

Getting things going was forward Zach Lorentz, registering his first goal in six games

since being traded to the Whalers.

Lorentz added another goal and an assist for a three-point performance, breaking the scoring ice with Plymouth nearly two weeks after being traded

from Windsor for winger Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills).

"He had a real good game today," Vellucci said. "He had two nice goals."

Vellucci started Lorentz

at center (between Matt Mistele and newcomer Sebastian Uvira) instead of his customary left wing, and the move paid fast dividends.

"I don't know if he's played center before," Vellucci said. "He played center (today) and played real well."

Plymouth scored again less than two minutes after the Lorentz goal, when hard-working forward Cody Payne cut in front of Williams to redirect defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto's slap shot.

### Early dominance

Just past the midway point of the opening period the Whalers went up 3-0 on a power-play goal by forward Ryan Hartman, his 19th of the season.

When Hartman scored, the Whalers enjoyed a 20-2 edge in shots on goal.

Erie (15-24-3-4) sliced

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## Naubert gets WHAC honor

For the fifth time this season, Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) has been named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week (ending Jan. 20).

The 5-foot-10 Naubert averaged 18.5 points, 8.5 assists and seven rebounds per game as the Crusaders went 2-0 with win last Wednesday at Indiana Tech (78-68) and at home Saturday over Concordia (90-63).

He shot 56.5 percent (13-for-23) from the floor and 83.3 percent (10-for-12) from the free throw line as first-place MU, ranked No. 19 in the latest NAIA Division II rankings, improved to 16-5 overall and 11-2 in the WHAC.

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Niermann and Elizabeth O'Donohue) extended the PCS lead to 6-1 with 8:52 left in the second.

Just 25 seconds later, however, North started to rally when Bryn Moody's shot got past PCS junior netminder Becky Lough.

The Norsemen closed the gap to 6-3, benefiting from an extended 5-on-3 power play.

Lough held the fort for a while, making several of her 26 stops. However, freshman forward Elizabeth Gallagher (three goals) finally jammed a rebound over the goal line.

"Becky Lough played a great game, she kept us in it," Trainor said. "She made a few big saves. The goals she did give up, we were shorthanded."

North picked up the pace and physicality in the third period, outshooting PCS 14-3. For the game, the Norsemen held a 32-20 edge in shots on goal.

Gallagher's twin sister Lindsay made it 6-4 just 2:53 into the final stanza and she scored again with 10 minutes remaining to make it a one-goal game.

North still had a power play and plenty of momentum, which Trainor and her assistant coaches tried to stem with a timeout.

"We told them to get



Skating past Grosse Pointe North goalie Sarah Richardson on the way to scoring a goal Tuesday is Penguins' forward Jordan Patterson.

back to basics," she stressed. "We were kind of standing around and watching them dictate the pace."

"As soon as we gained control of the game again is when we settled it down."

### Hanging on

The strategy worked as junior forward Morgan Cusumano snapped a wrist shot from between the circles for a short-handed tally, giving the Penguins a 7-5 edge with five minutes left.

Saunders chipped the puck to Cusumano for the lone assist on what turned out to be the game-winning goal.

Cusumano's marker provided PCS with the margin of victory because Elizabeth Gallagher then brought the Norsemen within 7-6 with 2:03 on the clock. Setting up the goal was Lindsay Gallagher.

"That (Cusumano's goal) gave us a little bit of peace of mind for about a minute," said Trainor, shaking her head. "And then they scored again to make it 7-6."

North nearly evened things up with goalie Lauren Hartt (who relieved Richardson after the Penguins' third goal) pulled for an extra attacker.

Lough came up with a couple crucial stops, and



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Getting a jump on Grosse Pointe North's Kelly LaBarge (No. 22) Tuesday is Morgan Cusumano (No. 10) of the Penguins. Cusumano later scored what proved to be the game-winning goal.

persistent checking by Patterson and junior forward Jenna Carter helped the Penguins to finally move the puck out of danger as the game ended.

"I think this game was a real good learning experience," Saunders said. "I think maybe we got a little too confident after the second period, it was a good lesson to be learned."

"I think next game we're going to come out real hard."

That next game is Thursday at Regina.

**PCS 8, BLOOMFIELD 2:** On Saturday against D2 opponent Bloomfield, the Penguins were led by Carter's hat trick and three assists by Alexis O'Flynn.

Chipping in with two goals was Patterson, while O'Donohue also scored. Despite the margin of victory,

Trainor saw room for improvement — important for the team to get ready for North. "It was real sloppy," Trainor said. "If we played the same way tonight we would have got merced."

**NELSON LEAVES STAFF:** After Tuesday's game, the Penguins wished assistant coach Emily Nelson good luck in her new job in Memphis, Tenn. It was Nelson's final game behind the PCS bench.

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## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

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Jan. 22 at Churchill H.S.

**Vault:** 1. (tie) Maggie McGowan (Red) and Jane McCurry (P), 8.65 each; 3. Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.6; 4. (tie) Shannon Diaz (Red) and Rebeca Simu (P), 8.55 each.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Simu (P),

9.125; 2. Katie Kretzschmar (Red), 9.025; 3. Diaz (Red), 8.875; 4. Haley Metz (P), 8.825; 5. Marissa McVey (Red), 8.8.

**Balance beam:** 1. Sarah Uhlman (P), 9.35; 2. Katie Salanga (P), 9.25; 3. McVey (Red), 9.1; 4. Kretzschmar (Red), 8.925; Diaz (Red), 8.775.

**Floor exercise:** 1. McCurry (P), 9.3; 2. McVey (Red), 9.1; 3. (tie)

Simu (P) and Metz (P), 9.0; 5. McGowan (Red), 8.85.

**All-around:** 1. McVey (Red), 35.55; 2. Simu (P), 34.975; 3. Uhlman (P), 34.625; 4. McGowan (Red), 34.35; 5. Sam Fontana (P), 34.225.

**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 3-1 overall, 3-1 KLAAs Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 3-5 overall, 1-2 Kensington Division.



A shot by Plymouth Whalers' forward Cody Payne (No. 8) eludes Erie goaltender Devin Williams during Monday afternoon's Ontario Hockey League contest at Compuware Arena.

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the lead to 3-1 before the end of the first, when Luke Cairns collected a rebound and flicked a backhander past Whalers goalie Matt Mahalak (24 saves).

It only took about three minutes of the second period for Plymouth to restore its three-goal lead.

Center Vince Trocheck skated around the Erie net and centered the puck to Payne in the low slot. Payne ripped a shot inside the left post for his second of the game and 13th of the season.

The onslaught continued with defenseman Connor Carrick's power-play goal at 13:07, opening up a 5-1 spread. Carrick drove a shot from the left point that whipped past Williams. Setting up the goal with his third assist of the game was Trocheck — who now has 10 points in five games since being traded to the

Whalers from Saginaw.

Adding insult to injury for Williams and the Otters, the Whalers stormed the Erie goal in the final minute of the second and scored with less than one second left. Lorentz retrieved the puck behind the Erie net and stuffed it inside the right post with a wrap-around move that barely beat the clock.

Rookie goaltender Daniel Dekoning started the third period in relief of Williams, and his teammates perked up. Erie outshot Plymouth 15-8.

But the Otters could not beat Mahalak, particularly during a power-play surge foiled several times by the Plymouth goalie's quick catching hand.

The only goal of the final period came on another Plymouth power play. Curcuruto scored, from Lorentz and Garrett Meurs.

### Filling the void

The production from Lorentz, Trocheck and Uvira helped the Whalers overcome the loss of for-

wards Rickard Rakell and Tom Wilson.

"We haven't had a full lineup," Vellucci said. "Now Wilson has a suspension coming. We'll know tomorrow or the next day."

Wilson drew a minor, major and game misconduct in the third period of the Sault Ste. Marie game.

As for Rakell, he currently is with the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. He made his big-league debut Saturday against Vancouver.

How long he will stay should be known soon, Vellucci said.

"It's five games before they make a decision," he added. "He could stay the whole year, but that's no problem."

In the loss to the Greyhounds, Trocheck scored his first goal as a Whaler to make it a 4-1 contest in the second. Shorthanded goals in the third by Danny Vanderwiell and Hartman made it 5-3, but the rally fizzled.

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## Salem icers stop Plymouth streak

Salem scored three goals in the first period and went on to post a 4-2 victory over Plymouth in a KLAAs boys hockey contest Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena.

Leading the Rocks (8-6-1 overall, 4-3-1 in the KLAAs) with two goals was Noah Willer, with Jack Driscoll and Kory Johnston also scoring. Jake Sealy registered two assists, with single helpers going to Alek Zultowski, Jake Fedel and Nick Danis.

Stopping 28 of 30 shots for Salem was netminder Parker Godfrey, including several key

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saves down the stretch to preserve the lead.

"It was one of our more complete games this year," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We have been working hard on trying to use our team speed more effectively in game situations and I thought we did a better job of that."

Plymouth entered the game riding the momentum from a 2-1 victory over Livonia Stevenson, but trailed 3-2 after one frame. Lighting the lamp for the Wildcats

were Nick Schultz and Cam Nadell.

But the Wildcats (14-2-1) were unable to get the equalizer against Godfrey and thus had a nine-game winning streak snapped.

Plymouth goalie Eric VandenBosch stopped 29 of 33 Salem shots.

It was Salem's second consecutive win. On Jan. 12, the Rocks defeated Forest Hills Northern 4-3 in overtime.

"Hopefully, this is a win that we can build off of and continue to get better as we get closer to playoffs," Ossenmacher added.

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Atienza, junior (125); and Allen Steele, senior (189).

Glenn is coming off a difficult dual meet tourney Saturday at home against state-ranked Hartland (No. 3 in Division 1), Oxford (No. 5 in Division 1) and New Lothrop (No. 2 in Division 4).

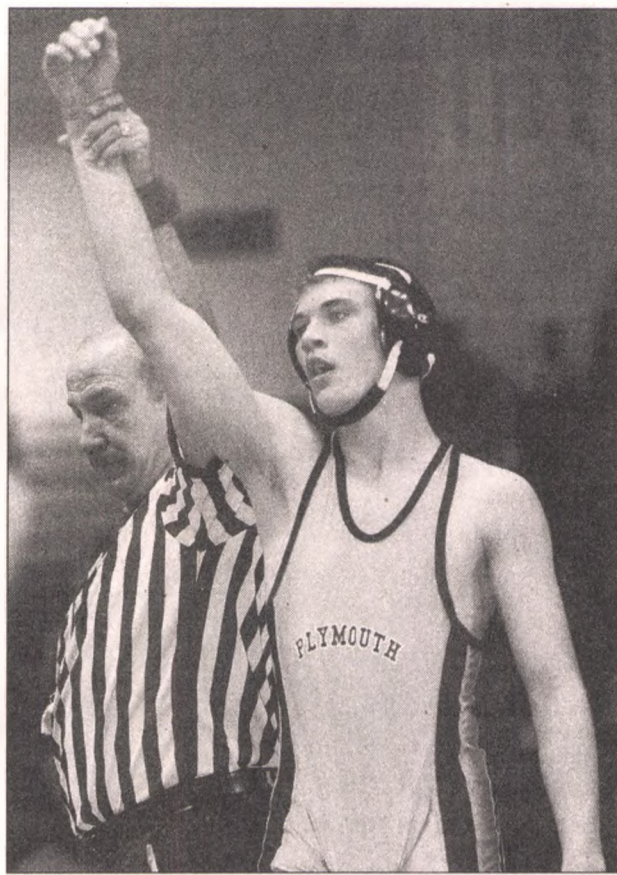
The Rockets boast four wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes including senior Kyle Gillies (112), senior Travis Mann (145), junior Jordan Brandon (215) and senior Dylan Morantes (285).

**'Cats could contend**  
Plymouth could also factor heavily in the final outcome.

The Wildcats are led by top-10 wrestlers Mohamed Youssef (103), a junior; Trey Berry (119), a senior; Chase Kailil (130), a senior; and Alec Breckenridge (140), a senior.

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said his team has had tournament success this season (fourth at Wayne County; third at last weekend's Jaimes Invitational in Tecumseh) and he likes the chances of that continuing.

For the Wildcats to have a shot at a tourney



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Plymouth's Jon Conn, shown after winning the Observerland championship in his weight class in 2012, is one of the Wildcats who could do some damage at this year's tourney.

championship, Guernsey emphasized that wrestlers elsewhere in the lineup will need to score some points.

"Hussein Youssef (152) has looked strong against tough competition all season and could be a dark horse if he improves by the slightest margin," Guernsey said. "Joey Shaver at 160

has put together a great season thus far and a high placing at Observerland would highlight the improvement he has shown."

Others with potential to place include returning champion Jon Conn at 135, freshman Spencer Schiftar (125) and junior Daniel Ahearn (130). A bonus is the recent

return from injury by sophomore 119-pounder Brandon Harris, who "has looked strong lately and should place high."

Wayne Memorial is enjoying its best season in years and the Wolfpack will rely on top-10 ranked individuals Allen Parker (145), a senior, and Aaron Mauldin (285), a junior, along with Harvard-bound Sam Ekanem (171), also a senior.

The Wolfpack just competed in a strong tournament over the weekend that featured Division 1 ranked teams Davison (No. 2), Temperance Bedford (No. 4), Brighton (No. 8) and previously ranked Holt.

"It is always tough to predict how we will do at an individual tournament," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "For the past few years we have been a much better dual team than a tournament team. Then again, we finished fifth at Holt last Saturday, which is the toughest individual tournament we've ever been to. So it's hard to say. We could finish in the top three or we could finish middle of the pack. It depends on how my team prepares this week."

Farmington, meanwhile, boasts Oakland County champion Manny Govantes (130), a top-ten ranked senior with a 29-1 record, along with Brandon Schulz (135),

who is 19-8; Wesley Kuutila (160), 23-7; and Ryan Southerland (171), 23-6.

Farmington coach Al Beyar said he would be happy with a top-five finish at Observerland. The Falcons (18-5) had an opportunity to set a school record for dual-meet wins going into Wednesday competition.

### Top-10 talent

"We don't have much contact with a lot of those (Observerland) teams like we used to, so it's kinda hard to compare where we fit in," Beyar said. "I'm sure our upperclassmen will be able to hold their own and do well."

"It's always a tough tournament and, there are a lot of state placers that come out of that tournament, usually. So it's a good gauge for the upcoming state competition."

Other top-10 ranked wrestlers in Division 1 scheduled to compete Saturday include Salem senior Tyler Gross (171), Churchill junior Manny Haddad (285) and Farmington Harrison's Andrew Fialka (135).

Lutheran Westland's duo of junior Zachary Francis (130) and sophomore Caleb Richter (135) are also ranked in the top 10 in Division 4 by MichiganGrappler.com.

"John Glenn, Wayne and Plymouth appear to

be the teams to beat," Chiola said. "I haven't seen much of the Farmington schools, but I know they have some good wrestlers."

"You never know who Catholic Central is going to bring, but I know they have solid kids on their 'B' team. Hopefully my team will rise to the occasion. It should be an exciting day and the finals are always worth watching."

Salem head coach Pete Israel is optimistic that several of his wrestlers will have decent showings. "At the lower weights Alex Arble (112) and Caleb McCabe (130) have been improving over the last couple of tournaments and hope to make a mark this weekend," Israel said. "Both Gross brothers (Tyler, 171; Mitchell, 189) should do well in tough weight classes."

"They were tested last weekend at the Williamston tournament and should be tested this weekend as well. Another person that should do well is Tony Agostini at 215. Tony has been working hard and I hope this weekend it shows on the mat."

The individual finals are expected to start around 5 p.m. All day admission is \$5.

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## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

### DEXTER FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE SWIM & DIVE INVITE Jan. 19 at Dexter H.S.

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Dexter, 1:45.77; 6. Salem (Brian Kuang, Brandin Yee, Charles Liu, Brendan Wellman), 1:54.50; 7. Canton (Cole Malhoit, Gerard Niermann, Travis Majtara, John Everitt), 2:00.27.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Jacob Ehrman (Saline), 1:51.57; 6. Kuang (Salem), 1:58.53; 10. Gregory Payne (Salem), 2:08.26; 13. Nate Albin (Canton), 2:13.67; 14. Malhoit (Canton), 2:14.09; 15. Noah Adams (Canton), 2:14.29; 18. Aaron Smith (Salem), 2:31.13; 20. Mark Fluegemann (Canton), 3:15.23.

**200 IM:** 1. Robbie Zofchak (Dexter), 2:03.80; 2. Liu (Salem), 2:07.12; 7. Patrick Casey (Salem), 2:16.87; 9. Colin Urbaczewski (Salem), 2:25.40; 17. Matthew Croop (Salem), 2:40.62.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Colin Schettenhelm (Milan), 23.48; 8. Majtara (Canton), 25.40; 13. Everitt (Canton), 26.70; 15. Andrew Loehnis (Canton), 27.05; 21. Nicholas Fornalewicz (Salem), 27.33; 24. John Vary (Salem), 27.81; 28. Frank Jawor (Salem), 28.40; 30. Anthony Garbarino (Canton), 28.48.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Joe Smith (Chelsea), 233.25 points; 4. Nick Osann (Canton), 142.90; 5. Austin Tetlow (Canton), 136.40; 12. Zach Bartolec (Salem), 108.50; 13. Michael Falzon (Salem), 103.30.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Andrew Pek (Dexter), 56.37; 3. Wellman (Salem), 1:01.68; 6. Payne (Salem), 1:02.90; 9. Urbaczewski (Salem), 1:04.46; 15. Albin (Canton), 1:08.61; 17. Malhoit (Canton), 1:10.21.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Ehrman

(Saline), 50.24; 9. Majtara (Canton), 55.95; 15. Matthew Chin (Salem), 59.73; 17. Adams (Canton), 1:01.46; 21. Fornalewicz (Salem), 1:01.70; 25. Everitt (Canton), 1:02.26; 30. Nicholas Marion (Salem), 1:02.63.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Jimmy Morgan (Dexter), 5:01.84; 2. Liu (Salem), 5:09.96; 10. Niermann (Canton), 5:45.98; 11. Brendan Casey (Salem), 6:07.81; 13. Spencer Torok (Salem), 6:30.20; 14. Connor Wingate (Canton), 7:30.95.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Dexter, 1:39.40; 2. Salem (P. Casey, Matthew Croop, Urbaczewski, Payne), 1:44.46; 7. Canton (Everitt, Adams, Albin, Loehnis), 1:48.21.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Zofchak (Dexter), 54.81; 5. P. Casey (Salem), 59.54; 6. Kuang (Salem), 1:00.78; 9. Wellman (Salem), 1:03.88; 15. Marion (Salem), 1:11.59; 21. Grant Smith (Canton), 1:17.15; 22. Garbarino (Canton), 1:18.34; 23. Jacob Adams (Canton), 1:18.54; 25. Alex Middleton (Canton), 1:24.47; 27. Wingate (Canton), 1:40.20; 29. Eduard Margina (Canton), 1:43.38.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Tyler Kimbrell (Milan), 1:04.40; 4. Niermann (Canton), 1:10.68; 9. Yee (Salem), 1:15.36; 15. Chin (Salem), 1:19.79; 16. Grant Kurili (Canton), 1:19.82; 17. Nicholas Landon (Salem), 1:22.55; 18. Ali Ghannam (Canton), 1:22.66; 20. Croop (Salem), 1:23.17; 23. B. Casey (Salem), 1:25.79; 26. Alec MacDonald (Canton), 1:26.76; 27. Joon Park (Canton), 1:28.23; 29. Evan Bridges (Salem), 1:36.83; 30. Eric Standing (Canton), 1:38.80.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Dexter, 3:25.65; 4. Salem (Kuang, Wellman, P. Casey, Liu), 3:39.04; 7. Canton (Niermann, Albin, Majtara, Adams), 3:50.97.

On Saturday at Cherry Hills Lanes in Westland, Salem's varsity girls bowling team won the eighth annual Wayne County Tournament, edging Westland John Glenn 330-329 in the finals.

In the opening round of the finals, the Rocks defeated Flat Rock by a 337-307 tally. Salem outpinned Plymouth in

### PREP BOWLING

Round 2, 364-309 to set up the showdown with Glenn.

For the day, Kristin Larkins led the Rocks with a 184-213-215-612 scoreline. Bridget Maul (180-188-203-571) and Rachel Lopez (185-202-159-546) also enjoyed big showings at the tourney.

Also helping the cause were Brynna Samuel (144-126-270), Rachel Boucha (157) and Katherine Kehoe (144-153-297).

### Varsity boys

In the varsity boys' county tournament, Salem lost the first round of the finals by one pin, despite strong performances by Jimmy Bowling (225-236-

213-674), Kevin Williams (287-160-215-662), Steven Cadwell (289-181-192-662) and Tyler Snyder (256-172-183-611).

Salem's JV boys team lost in the second round of the finals. Top performers were Zachary Gonyea (213-235-178-626), Tony Przytutski (181-231-168-580) and Jacob Kurth (168-193-189-550).

# Salem girls win county tourney

## BOYS WRESTLING RESULTS

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 19 at Franklin

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Livonia Franklin, 288 points; 2. Northville, 228; 3. Garden City, 171; 4. Allen Park, 156; 5. Lutheran High Westland, 162; 6. Livonia Clarenceville, 105; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 97; 8. Franklin (B), 89.5; 9. Rochester Adams, 62; 10. Garden City (B), 45; 11. Clarenceville (B), 15; 13. Lutheran Westland (B), 10; 13. Lutheran Westland (C), 10; 14. Adams (B), 9.

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**103 pounds:** 1. Jack Nawa (L), 5-0; 2. Antonio Herrera (L-F-B), 4-1; 3. Zolfokar Bazzi (DHC), 3-2; 4. Manny Rankiri (LW), 2-3.

**112:** 1. Kevin Charara (N), 3-0; 2. Nathan Brech (RA), 2-1; 3. Jonny Segasser (GC), 1-2.

**119:** Nick Robertson (L-F) pinned Jeremy Nelson (L-F-B), 4:37; **3rd place:** Ryan Conroy (GC) decisioned Trevor Lerner (N), 9-4.

**125:** Zachary Francis (LW) dec. Sean Speer (AP), 1-0; **3rd:** Shunhe Wang (N) dec. Mitch Sanford (RA), 9-4.

**130:** Spencer Compo (N) dec. Justin Slowik (DHC), 6-2; **3rd:** Ben Lewis (AP) p. Jacob Bavol, 0:56.

### 135:

Danny Martinez (L) p. Caleb Richter (LW), 3:48; **3rd:** Sean Wagner (N) p. Dan Schmidt (AP), 2:16.

**140:** Max Mudar (N) p. Kenneth Steele (L), 4:18; **3rd:** Brian Spehar (GC) dec. Joey Walker (Cville), 11-4.

**145:** Dominick Slagle (Cville) p. Patton Fickett (GC), 5:17; **3rd:** Jacob Richter (LW) won by major dec. over Sam Addy (RA), 11-1.

**152:** Nick Frazier (L-F) won by technical fall over Alex Coe (N), 5:40; **3rd:** Tony Dunlap (AP) won by major dec. over Cameron Fyffe (Cville), 16-5.

**160:** Jordan Atienza (LW) won by tech. fall over Matt Wisniewski (GC), 4:54; **3rd:** Aaron Bibik (Cville) dec. Martin Kemp, 5-2.

**171:** Brett Thrushman (L-F) p. Robbie Brown (AP), 5:04; **3rd:** Dan Huber (L-F-B) p. Joah Jarvis (DHC), 0:40.

**189:** Allen Steele (LW) dec. Adam Bruch (GC), 10-3; **3rd:** David Richtwick (N) dec. Alex Reardon (LW), 6-5.

**215:** Toreano Nichols (GC) p. Alex Justice (N), 0:31; **3rd:** Joe Fortin (L-F) dec. Chuck Castillo (L-F-B), 7-1.

**285:** Jon Wines (N) p. Emmanuel Emmou (GC), 3:12; **3rd:** Brad Hura (LW) p. Emilio Ascencio (GC), 4:22.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Rocks need asst. track coach

The Salem varsity girls track and field team is looking for an assistant coach "with knowledge in the two throwing events of discus and shot put." Please contact head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or Salem-GirlsTrackandField@pcc-smail.net if interested.

### Salem tennis meeting set

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing Salem girls tennis this spring is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Salem High School library. Forms will be filled out and uniforms ordered for the upcoming season. This will be the only opportunity

to order a uniform. Interested players should bring a current physical dated after April 30, 2012, as well as the following: health care policy information; a copy of parent's driver's license and car insurance for team travel; a check made out to Salem Girls Tennis to order a uniform.

### Nike combine

Nike Combine Training for high school football players to prepare for the 2013 season will begin Sunday, Jan. 27, at D1 Sports in Bloomfield. Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine. To register, go to [www.coach-jacksonspeed.com](http://www.coach-jacksonspeed.com) or for more information contact coach Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

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# Rocks on the rise

Salem edged host Brighton 34-31 Tuesday night in a KLAA cross-over varsity girls basketball game that had veteran head coach Fred Thomann smiling.

"It was an outstanding game for us," said Thomann, whose team is 4-7 overall going into Friday's KLAA Central contest against Northville (7 p.m. at Salem).

Thomann said a balanced offense and improved fundamentals keyed the win over Brighton (9-2 overall, first in the KLAA West with a 5-0 mark).

Leading the way with 12 points was Janyra Wilson, with other contributors including Kelly Whalen (seven points), Bre Beaver and Shara Long (six points each) and Katie Latack (four points).

Long and Beaver were the top rebounders, with seven and five, respectively. Distributing the ball well were guards Wilson and Katie Kavulich, with three assists each.

"Our turnovers were really down tonight (eight) against a very athletic team," Thomann said. "Our ball handling is getting better, our recognition skills are getting bigger. It was a big win for us."

A 13-7 second quarter helped the Rocks open up a 19-12 halftime lead and Brighton couldn't chip away too much after that.

Thomann said Friday's game against the Mustangs might set the tone for the rest of the regular season, because the Rocks are tied with Northville for second in the KLAA Central (3-2 each) with Novi in first (5-0).

"We play Northville on Friday to see if we can

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

get back into this division race."

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 45, PARKWAY 43:** Aldreanna Fikes' putback with 18 seconds left proved to be the difference Tuesday as Lutheran High Westland (4-8, 3-2) pulled out a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (7-5, 4-3).

Fikes finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Chandler Davenport also added 10 points for the Warriors, who outscored Parkway 11-7 in the final quarter.

Lutheran Westland also avenged a 46-45 setback last Thursday at home to the Eagles.

"We were excited to play them tonight," Lutheran Westland coach Sandi Wade said. "It was another battle with many lead changes. It wasn't a perfect game, but we did things towards the end to win. With good defense we forced a turnover with seven seconds left in the game."

Taylor Swartz led Parkway with a game-high 17 points. Lutheran Westland made 7-of-17 foul shots, while the Eagles hit only 4-of-11.

**GREENHILLS 59, HVL 43:** Senior Jackie Oestreich scored 11 of her game-high 22 points in the third quarter Tuesday to lead host Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-4, 5-1) past Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-5, 2-5) in a MIAC Red Division game.

The Hawks, who couldn't recover from a 35-21 halftime deficit, got 11 points from junior guard Sarah Setian and 10 from sophomore Julie St. John.

"Greenhills shot very well in the first half," HVL coach Kris Ruth said. "We were very slow and ineffective in our half-court offensive set."

**LADYWOOD 50, REGINA 44:** On Tuesday, host Livonia Ladywood (8-4, 3-2) jumped out to a 33-20 halftime lead en route to a Catholic League Central Division win over Warren Regina (6-6, 0-5).

Senior guards Andie Anastos and Shelby Walsh led the victorious Blazers with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Regina's Emily Nelson led all scorers with 20.

Ladywood was 7-of-11 from the foul line, while the Saddlelites hit 4-of-6.



Team Total team members include John Cooke, Jake Fuller, Austin Herbert, Austin Reinke, Matt Beasley, Sean Stanners, Griffin Sibbo, Brett Braun, Mark Longe, Travis Sparling, Ray Tague, Collin Cummings, Matt Molchan, Zach Rogers, Steve Ramos, Connor Murray, Mark Hoffman, Jack Van Acker, Connor Holton, Tommy McMaster, and Collin Smith. Some of the players are from Canton and Plymouth.

## Area lacrosse team earns bronze

The Team Total Michigan Varsity lacrosse team, based at Total Sports in Wixom and earned the bronze medal at the National Tournament of Champions over the holiday break in Tampa, Fla.

To qualify, teams must have been in the finals of a premier summer or fall event. Because Team Total Michigan Varsity team, which is coached by Dwayne Hicks and Chris Cooper, won the Patriot Games tournament this summer, they qualified.

The first day was not the best day for Team Total, which includes players from Canton and Plymouth. Although the team played well at times, unforced errors and missed opportunities resulted in two tough losses — to Florida Elite and Mesa Fresh from Philadelphia.

Day two would see a different Team Total — faster, more aggressive, and making fewer mistakes was the plan for the day.

Against the No. 6-seeded Road Warriors (players from Syracuse and Six Nations), Total was running and gunning, but so were the Warriors. In a close game, it came down to the team who controlled the ball and made key plays at the right time. In both cases, it was Team Total. Final score 9-7. Total moved on to the Elite Eight.

### Rematch

In the quarterfinals, Total would be in a rematch against Florida Elite. Total came out faster, more aggressive, found their sticks skills, and were incredibly confident. Total dominated the match, winning 9-2 and earning a trip to the

semi-finals.

On Day 3, Total faced FCA (Fellow Christians Athletes) — one of the premier travel team programs in the country — in the semi-finals. FCA came out fast trying to dictate the pace and winning the ground ball battle. At halftime, FCA was up 2-1.

In the second half, it would be more of the same. As FCA worked to control the ball, Total would apply the pressure resulting in several penalties and goals. On the offensive side, Total had trouble finding their groove, and FCA won 8-3.

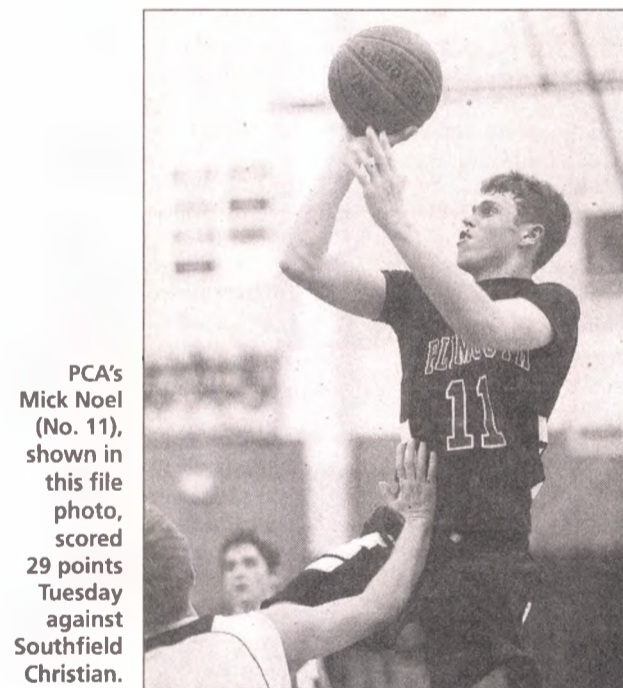
In the other semifinal, Mesa Fresh defeated Northern Lacrosse (which consisted of Canadian players including several national team members) in overtime. Therefore, it would be Total vs. Northern for the bronze medal.

Total struggled throughout the first half, missing several key opportunities. At the end of the first half, the score was 5-2, Northern.

The second half was all offense as both teams let their shooters loose on the cages.

With 22 seconds left in the game, Total scored the go ahead goal to make the score 9-8. Then, as the final seconds ticked off, a ground ball scramble in the midfield led to a fast break and a game tying goal for Northern.

The bronze medal would be decided in overtime. Northern's strategy of holding the ball and testing Total's defense would backfire as one of their handlers was stripped in the open field. This led to a pass upfield to a breaking midfielder who threw a perfect pass to Collin Cummings who put in the winning goal.



PCA's Mick Noel (No. 11), shown in this file photo, scored 29 points Tuesday against Southfield Christian.

## HOOPS

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times the guy that shot the ball was getting his own (rebound) and putting it back for an easy two."

The Eagles bounced back slightly in the second, getting outscored just 21-17 to trail 46-26 at halftime.

Another example of helping the home team occurred early in the third quarter.

According to Washington, Noel raced in on a fast break and threw down a two-handed dunk "that kind of got the crowd into it. But then they called a timeout and I think they went on a 15-1 run after that."

Southfield Christian's 30-14 edge in the third opened up a 76-40 margin to pretty much seal up the win.

In addition to Noel, PCA received 14 points and seven rebounds from Daniel Jipping and seven boards from Matt Sumner.

Scoring 21 points for

Southfield Christian was Bakari Evelan while Leonard Crosby tacked on 14.

"We know what we need to work on," Washington said. "Obviously, Southfield's one of the better Class D teams in the state, they're the defending state champions."

"If we want to be able to compete we got to learn from our mistakes and just keep it going. Try to do better than the last time."

The next time is 8:30 p.m. Friday at PCA against Birmingham Rooper (the girls' varsity game will precede it at 7 p.m.).

"Everybody outside of Inter-City and Southfield Christian we're supposed to beat," he added. "Those are two of the top-5 teams in the state in our class, No. 2 and No. 3, respectively."

**INTER-CITY 55, PCA 45:** In their loss Friday night at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, the Eagles were led by Mick Noel's 11 points.

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# Potent attack

## MU men avenge Concordia loss, 90-63

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Coach Noel Emehiser had little, if nothing to complain about following Madonna University's resounding 90-63 men's basketball win Saturday over visiting Concordia.

The fourth-year coach was able to sit back, relax and clear his bench while watching his team dismantle the Cardinals to improve to 16-5 overall and remain all alone in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference at 11-2.

Twelve different players scored in double figures led by junior point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson), who had 16 points to go along

with eight assists and six rebounds.

Eoghann Stephens, a senior forward, added 15 points and tied the MU single game record with seven blocks.

Juniors Fred Williams and Travis Schuba chipped in with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"I thought our guys did a great job of just trying to perform the game plan to the best of their ability," said Emehiser, whose team jumped out to a 50-27 halftime lead while shooting a torrid 59.4 percent from the field (19-of-32). "They were very selfless. They only really did what they were capable of to the best of their ability."

"We got some breaks, things went our way, but

I thought we made a lot of our breaks today."

The Crusaders were also able to avenge a 72-69 setback back on Dec. 1 at Concordia.

"They (Concordia) really hurt us in transition the first time — quick passes up, their shooting ... their shooting," said Emehiser, whose team led by as many as 41 in the second half. "And once they started hitting shots we tried to defend them individually instead as a team. And so we focused trying to keep them out of transition, and at the same time better team communication, and only doing your job as opposed to trying to take the game into our own hands."

The 17th-ranked Crusaders (NAIA Division II), who remained one game ahead of Davenport in the WHAC column, returns to action 8 p.m. Wednesday at home against Lourdes (Ohio).

"Without a doubt it's the chemistry," said Emehiser, whose team has won eight straight. "You look at one or two guys on the stat sheet, but it's a team effort. Everyone believes in what their job is and everybody is performing their job at a high level."

Concordia (10-10, 9-5) got 12 points from Josh Fugate and 10 off the bench Edison Vushaj.

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## Herring lifts Madonna women to win

By Brad Emons  
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Madonna University played lockdown defense Saturday to pull off a 56-50 upset win Saturday over Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference leader Concordia University, the NAIA's No. 8-ranked team in Division II.

The Crusaders, now 12-8 overall and 8-5 in the WHAC, held the Cardinals (16-4, 13-1) scoreless for a span of 8 minutes and 40 seconds during the second and limited Concordia's top score Abbey Hengesbach to 16 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

"By far that's the best defensive effort we've

had," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We worked a lot on trying to stop Abbey. She still ended up with 16, but I don't think you can actually stop her. She's that good of a player, but they did a real-ly did a good job. I think she got a little frustrated. We were able to help out quite a bit."

MU used a balanced scoring attack with senior center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) scoring 13 points, while Shantelle Herring and Michelle Lindsey each added 10.

Herring, a 5-foot-8 senior from Macomb Dakota, also pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds. "Shantelle Herring's

defense really led us and it just pulled the rest of the team along with her, and we were stellar," said Graves, whose team led 36-31 at halftime. "She had 14 rebounds and her steals came in critical spots in the basketball game. She just did some really nice stuff."

Concordia got 15 points and a game-high 21 rebounds from 5-11 senior forward Hannah Sabol.

But the Cardinals shot only 31.7 percent from the floor (19-of-60), including a paltry 19.4 percent in the second half. And to make matters worse, Concordia made only 47.4 percent from the foul line (9-

of-19).

"I think the kids had a reason to go out and win this game," Graves said. "This is a rivalry game for us. Whenever Concordia comes here or we go there you know it's going to be a good basketball game. They were so fired up for this game. I just tried to allow them the emotional part and try and use that, while I was staying technical about basketball. They just kept their heads about them and played really hard. If we can do that consistently, this is a team nobody wants to face in the playoffs."

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## Life coach shares her conversion story

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues the fourth season of its popular series, "Why Be Catholic," with guest speaker, Robin Beck, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

Beck, a former charismatic Baptist and author of *I Only Came for Ashes*, will share the story of her unexpected journey from 30 years in an alterna-

tive lifestyle to full communion with the Catholic Church following an unplanned stop at a Catholic Church for ashes one Lenten Wednesday.

Beck has a counseling psychology degree from Rochester College and is a life recovery coach, working in health care and rehabilitation centers throughout Michigan.

St. Michael's is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman. No admission fee or reservations are required. The program is open to all.

For more information, including the availability of child care, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or see [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### January

#### ANNULMENTS

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

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

**Details:** The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register

**Contact:** (734) 455-5910

#### FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25

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

**Details:** Free movie night features the film "Sarah's Choice," about a career woman who has an unexpected pregnancy. She envisions three options and then makes a choice. There will be a special meal of braised country ribs (free will offering) along with the film. Call the church for dinner reservations

**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

#### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30

**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

**Details:** Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration. There is no charge but donations are accepted

**Contact:** (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

**Details:** Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house

**Contact:** [www.saintgenevieve.org](http://www.saintgenevieve.org) or call (734) 425-4420

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

**Location:** All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints, may tour the school and meet teachers, staff and students. This year's open house will highlight All Saints' rigorous new curriculum, which since 2012 encompasses not only the State of Michigan and Common Core standards, but also the Core Knowledge curriculum developed more than 25 years ago by education reformer E.D. Hirsch. Core Knowledge is a sequenced set of age-appropriate content in history, geography, science, literature, and the arts that is taught cumulatively from one grade to the next

**Contact:** [www.allsaintscs.com](http://www.allsaintscs.com) or (734) 459-2490

#### OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27

**Location:** 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take student-led tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's, SE Michigan's only two-time MANS accredited School of Distinction, offers a traditional faith-filled environment, with a commitment to high academic standards, service to others, a strong science and technology curriculum, coupled with many opportunities for significant parent involvement and extracurricular activities such as sports and scouts. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish.

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 226, or [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org)

### February

#### CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10

**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia

**Details:** Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are admitted free

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**BUGEJA, ROBERT MICHAEL**

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**LOUGH, DOROTHY "DOT"**

71 years, died peacefully in her home. She is survived by her loving husband Edward of 55 years of marriage, her daughter Laurie (Tony), son Daniel (Suzy) and four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Troy, Rebecca and Jacob. Memorial visitation Friday 10am until time of service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to: Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646 [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)



**WHITE, HELEN E.**

Age 87, of Prudenville passed away on Sun. Jan. 20, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor with her family by her side. Helen was born on Nov. 15, 1925 in Detroit, MI.; to Constantine & Mary (Telescu) Johns. Helen married her loving husband of 60 years Harry S. White on Oct. 6, 1946 in Detroit. The couple moved to Prudenville in 1979 from Livonia. Helen enjoyed spending time at the Houghton Lake Senior Center with "The Ladies". Helen is survived by her daughter; Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter; Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Novi, four grandchildren Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie, Brittany, four great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Lisa White. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Harry S. White in 2006; son; Michael in 1995; son; Phillip in 1999; sister; Elsie, sister; Florence and a brother; George.

Visitation is scheduled at Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 11 am until the time of the service. The funeral will take place on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 1 PM. Father Joe Muszkiewicz will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Denton Township Cemetery in the spring. You may express your condolences to the family at [www.christler-holdship.com](http://www.christler-holdship.com)

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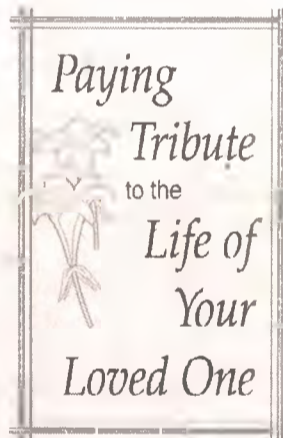
**JONES, BARBARA ANN**

Age 73, January 18, 2013. Beloved wife of Earl for 55 years. Loving mother of Judy (Ric) Kargel, Gary, Shirley (Charlie) Walker, Cathy (Dave) Glenn, Becky Morgan and Randy (Laurie). Dear grandmother of Julie (Joe), Tony, Stephen, Ricky and the late Chris. Loving great-grandmother of Shane and Joey. Dear sister of Mike (Debbie) Bush and Jon (Jayne) Bush. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews, family, friends and all of Garden City. Funeral services were held at the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



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Age 95. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Charles (Shirley). Loving Grandmother of Christopher and Gregory. Sister of the late John Staniones and Aunt to Carol Daniels. Visitation Thursday, 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday 1 pm to 8 pm with the funeral service Saturday at 12 Noon at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile) in Redford. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery



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## Science meets art

### Health professionals, students express themselves through music

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Kara Gavin shares the French horn section of a local orchestra with a dentist, health economist, cardiac surgeon, freshman bioengineering student and a lab scientist.

"Right there you can see what the orchestra is all about," said Gavin, a Plymouth resident and lead public relations representative for the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin writes about U-M medical research by day and plays classical music by night as a member of the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra (LSO). The group is made up of medical and science professionals, and U-M science alumni and medical students who also play musical instruments.

"It's a neat group. In medicine, people specialize, they work in their area. But this group really brings people together who wouldn't otherwise meet. You'll have a senior surgeon sitting next to a diabetes specialist sitting next to a third year medical student and the third year medical student is the one who has the lead part, because she is the best player. All the hierarchy and rank disappears for a while."

"I guess I'm on the creative end of the health sciences. I think for me, getting to meet all these different people and seeing what they are like



The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra will perform its winter concert Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

outside of being scientists and doctors is really enjoyable."

The Life Sciences Orchestra, which will present its winter concert, Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, is an activity of Gifts of Art, a program that brings art and music to the University of Michigan Health System.

Gavin has been with the Orchestra since its inception when David J. Brown, M.D., then a medical resident, co-founded the group with other medical students and

staff in 2000. The idea was to give staff and science students a performance outlet.

"It was pretty much a 'hey kids, let's put on a show' type of thing. We started meeting in the summer of 2000, We found a conductor by reaching out to the (U-M) Music School," Gavin said. "There was lots of excitement from the start. From there it has grown and we're now in our 13th season."

**Flute soloist**  
Now an associate pro-

fessor and pediatric otolaryngologist, Brown plays flute and takes instruction from Amy Porter, a professor at U-M's School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Porter, who performs internationally, will play Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 1 in G major at the upcoming Life Sciences Orchestra concert.

The program also includes an upbeat, festive piece by Shostakovich and a symphony by Mahler that combines everything from bird calls to German drinking songs.

"It has great spirit," Gavin described the Mahler work. "And the final movement is big and brassy. Even if someone isn't a big classical music fan, this is the concert to come to because it is very accessible and very enjoyable music."

"The level of playing we're able to get with the people we have playing with us is on a level with some of the best amateur orchestras. We're proud to be able to do that."

The group auditions new players annually and members meet every

### MOZART, MAHLER & MORE

**What:** The U-M Life Sciences Orchestra winter concert

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30

**Where:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor

**Details:** Amy Porter, a U-M professor and world-renowned flutist, will perform "Flute Concerto No. 1" by Mozart during this free concert. The orchestra, made up of musicians who work day jobs in medicine, dentistry, bioengineering, research and other science careers, will play "Symphony No. 1 in D Major" by Gustav Mahler and "Festive Overture" by Dmitri Shostakovich. Music director is Oriol Sans

**Coming up:** Mark your calendar for the group's spring concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at Hill Auditorium. The program will include a tuba solo by the winner of the group's concerto competition

**Contact:** orchestra@umich.edu; www.umich.edu/~lsorch/

Sunday from September through August to rehearse. It plays a free winter and spring concert at Hill Auditorium.

### Playing with others

Ian Tran of Canton recently graduated from U-M Dearborn with an environmental science degree and has played violin with the LSO since 2008. He views his membership as "more than just a leisurely endeavor."

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It's the fifth year the performing arts company has included Detroit on its world tour, which this year will include visits to 100 cities in North America, South America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

"Since Detroit is a multicultural city, we have found that audiences here really appreciate the values of traditional Chinese culture. If you enjoy beautiful costumes, exciting music and high-flying dance techniques, then you will certainly enjoy our performance! Not only that, but the universal themes of compassion, courage, spirituality and hope are hallmarks of Shen Yun," said Hsiao Tenlu, event promoter, in an e-mail to the Observer.

Shen Yun, based in New York, consists of three dance companies

### SHEN YUN

**What:** Classical Chinese dance and music brings 5,000 years of Chinese civilization to life. The show includes ethnic and folk dances, athleticism, vocalists, and music by an orchestra featuring classical Western and Chinese instruments. Nearly 100 artists perform

**When:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 24-25 and Saturday, Jan. 26; 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26; and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

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and three orchestras — featuring both classical Western and Chinese instruments — totaling some 300 artists. The performing arts organization has drawn artists from around the world. They share a mission to revive ancient legends

and virtues of "divinely inspired" culture through the performance of short, energetic dances, set to music.

The music and dance expressively tell the stories and two narrators fill in any cultural gaps with brief introductions.

At the core of Shen Yun choreography is classical Chinese dance. The expressive art form was passed down and refined in imperial courts throughout many dynasties, evolving into one of the most comprehensive dance systems in the world.

Along with unique movements and poses, classical Chinese dance includes an array of dynamic techniques — difficult jumps, spins, flips, and aerials that enhance a dancer's powers of expression, while heightening the performance's athleticism and energy.

The troupe's training regimen includes calisthenics, moves at the barre and Chinese classical dancing instruction

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Amy Porter will perform with the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra on Jan. 30.

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"I find that keeping up with music, especially playing in a symphony where you are playing music with other people, there are some benefits in just how I'm able to keep my mind clear or even just the actual act of playing music ... you hear a lot of times people say it's cathartic. So in that sense I definitely made it a priority," he said.

Tran enjoys the diverse group of health and science professionals that make up the LSO.

"In many ways they use other aspects of life to inform how they play or what they appreciate about the music. I remember one rehearsal when one of the bassists was talking about one of the composers we were playing and their connection to some research in diabetes," Tran said. "It's a very rich environment."

Gavin said LSO members have formed quartets and quintets that perform in the hospital and sometimes hire out for receptions and other events.

Students involved in the U-M orchestral conducting program have taken turns leading the LSO, giving them a chance to work with "people from a whole different world."

"I can't say enough about them. I think sometimes they try to get us type-A personalities to loosen up a bit. Medical types can be tense and in music you have to let go and be emotional and express," she said. "The folks in the orchestra have high-pressure jobs, doing surgery or running a lab. It's very intense work. But Sunday night we come together and rehearse. Sometimes a few people run out and answer a page on a pager. But for a couple hours a week they get to do something completely different and just play music."

**SHEN YUN**

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and rehearsal.

"We spend seven to nine hours training and rehearsing daily," says Angelia Wang, principal dancer, in a video clip on the group's website. "In classical Chinese dance... there are many different types (of turns) but they are all difficult in that your body is slanted. From my perspective it was difficult in the beginning to really get the feeling. Your focus is actually down instead of forward

like a normal turn."

Choreographer Yungchia Chen describes classical Chinese dance techniques as "rich and varied." They're divided into jumps, turns and flipping techniques.

Dazzling costumes and animated backdrops intertwine with the dance, the orchestral compositions and mini-dramas. All work together to bring the culture of ancient China to life.

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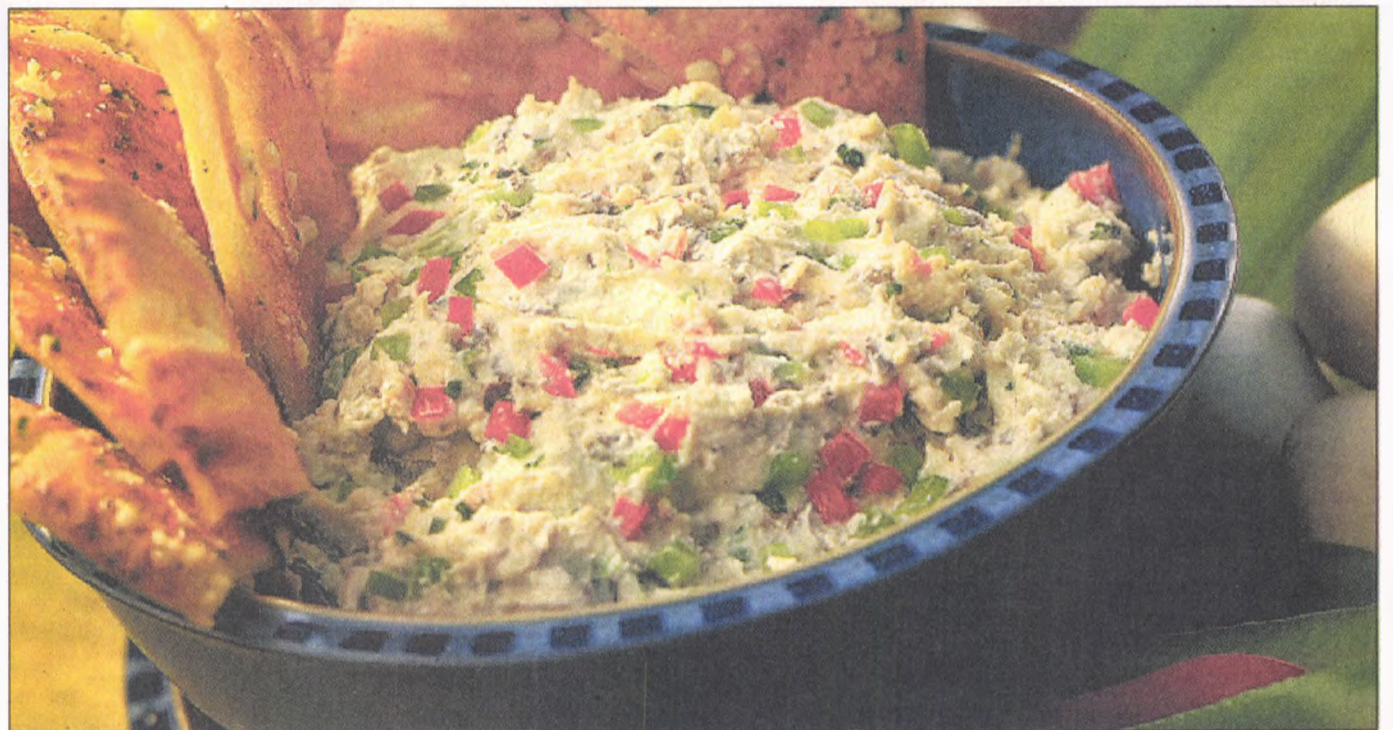
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### Touchback Snap Mushroom Dip

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½ cup ricotta cheese  
3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese  
8 ounces cream cheese

Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a skillet over medium high heat. Add the mushrooms and saute until they are soft and all liquid is evaporated. Transfer to a bowl to cool and set aside.

Slice pitas into 8 wedges each and transfer to a baking sheet. Brush with olive oil and toast in the oven until crisp, about 15 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients to the cooled mushrooms and mix well. Serve with toasted pita wedges.

### Fireballs

Makes about 3 dozen

1 (12-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips  
¼ cup butter or margarine  
½ cup walnuts, toasted and finely chopped  
2 tablespoons dark rum  
1 ½ teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce  
½ cup sugar

Melt chocolate and butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir in walnuts, rum and Tabasco Sauce and mix well. Refrigerate mixture about 15 minutes. Shape into 1-inch balls, then roll in sugar to coat. Store in refrigerator.

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Makes 8 servings

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Salt and black pepper to taste  
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Remove wing tips from chicken wings and discard; cut remaining wings apart at the joints. Season with salt and pepper to taste and place on a broiler pan with a rack. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until crisp and golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels.

Meanwhile, combine orange juice concentrate, water, honey, and Tabasco Sauce in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened and reduced by half.

Place chicken in a large bowl or pan and pour orange sauce over them; toss until well coated. Serve hot or at room temperature.



Hot & Sticky Orange Chicken Wings

### Buffalo Deviled Eggs

Makes 24 halves

12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and cut in half lengthwise  
¼ cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons pickle relish  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce  
¼ teaspoon celery salt  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon ground pepper  
2 tablespoons finely chopped celery

Remove egg yolks from whites and place yolks in a medium bowl. Mash with a fork and add mayonnaise, pickle relish, mustard, Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce and celery salt. Stir until smooth.

Arrange egg white halves on a serving tray and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Transfer yolk mixture to a gallon-size plastic bag and work it into one corner of the bag. Hold bag tightly above mixture; twist until mixture is firmly positioned. Using scissors, snip off tip of bag. Twist bag to press yolk mixture into egg white halves until they are filled. Sprinkle with chopped celery and refrigerate eggs until ready to serve.



Buffalo Deviled Eggs

### Buffalo Chicken Chili

Makes 6 servings

3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 celery stalks, diced  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced  
2 large garlic cloves, minced  
1 pound ground chicken or turkey  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
2 tablespoons ground cumin  
1 ½ teaspoons salt  
1 (28-ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes  
½ cup water  
¼ cup Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce

1 (15.5-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained  
3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese

Heat oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add celery, onion, green pepper and garlic; cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender-crisp. Remove vegetables to bowl with slotted spoon.

Add remaining tablespoon of oil to same saucepan. Cook ground chicken over medium high heat until well browned on all sides, stirring constantly. Stir in chili powder, cumin and salt; cook 1 minute.

Add tomatoes with their liquid, water and Tabasco Buffalo Style Sauce. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low; stir in vegetables, cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans; cook 5 minutes longer.

To serve, top each serving with some crumbled blue cheese.



Buffalo Chicken Chili

### Dressed Seafood Po' boys

Makes 4 servings

1 cup mayonnaise  
1 clove garlic, pressed  
2 ½ teaspoons Tabasco Original Red Sauce, divided  
1 loaf French bread, cut into 4 (6-inch) pieces, or 4 (6-inch) hero rolls  
Oil for deep-frying  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
¼ cup milk  
¾ cup cornmeal  
¾ cup all-purpose flour  
Salt  
1 pound medium shrimp, peeled, or 3 dozen shucked oysters  
2 cups shredded lettuce  
1 ripe tomato, thinly sliced

Combine mayonnaise, garlic, and 1 ½ teaspoons of the Tabasco Sauce in a small bowl. Split French bread or rolls in half; scoop out some of the soft insides and dis-

card. Spread inside of bread halves with mayonnaise mixture.

Heat 3 inches of oil in a deep-fryer to 375°F. Meanwhile, combine egg and milk in a small bowl. Combine cornmeal, flour, and ½ teaspoon salt in a shallow pan. Sprinkle shrimp with salt to taste and the remaining 1 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce; toss well.

Dip shrimp in egg mixture, then coat with cornmeal mixture. Shake off excess coating and fry in hot oil until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels.

Fill bottom halves of bread with hot shrimp and top with lettuce, tomato, and top of bread. Serve immediately.



Dressed Seafood Po' boys

## Fannie Mae survey: Consumers more upbeat on housing

Some dark clouds remain on the horizon

Consumer confidence in the housing sector grew last month, marked by continued positive attitudes toward home price, rental price, and mortgage rate expectations, according to Fannie Mae's December National Housing Survey results.

The growing belief held by Americans that these housing indicators will climb in 2013 may inspire a boost in home purchase activity during the coming months. However, while consumers seem confident that housing activity is on the rise, their outlook toward the economy and personal finances appears to have resumed a more unsettled trend following a show of optimism in November.

"The highest share of consumers in the survey's two and a half-year history expect home prices to increase in the next 12 months. This view is consistent with Fannie Mae's expectation that home prices will rise going forward on a national basis. Combined with consumers' growing mortgage rate and rental price increase expectations, the positive home price outlook could incentivize those waiting on the sidelines of the housing market to buy a home sooner rather than later and thus support continued housing acceleration," said Doug Duncan, senior vice president and chief economist of Fannie Mae. "Despite continued strengthen-

ing in the housing market, consumers' concerns over the fiscal cliff and debt ceiling have caused considerable volatility in their perceptions of the larger economy. This uncertainty seems to be prompting a growing share of consumers to expect their personal finances to worsen and may contribute to weaker near-term economic growth."

Below are a few of the top survey highlights:

### Homeownership and renting

- The average 12-month home price change expectation jumped to 2.6 percent, the highest level since the survey's inception in 2010.

- At 43 percent, the share who believe home prices will go up in the next 12 months reached the highest level recorded, up 6 percentage points over November.

- The percentage who think mortgage rates will go up continued to rise, increasing by 2 percentage points to 43 percent, the highest level since August 2011.

- Twenty-one percent of respondents say it is a good time to sell, a 2 percentage point decrease from last month's record high, but a 10 percentage point increase year over year.

- At 4.4 percent, the average 12-month rental price expectation hit the highest level since the sur-



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This house on Starkweather in Plymouth had long been a two-family dwelling until Scott and Alison Jones planned to make it a single family home again. A recent Fannie Mae survey revealed some encouraging signs in the housing market.

vey's inception, up 0.4 percent over last month.

- Forty-nine percent of those surveyed say home rental prices will go up in the next 12 months, a slight increase from last month.

- The share of respondents who said they would buy if they were going to move decreased slightly to 66 percent.

### The economy, household finances

- At 39 percent, the share of respondents who say the economy is on the right track fell by 5 percentage points from last month's survey high.

- The percentage who expect their personal financial sit-

uation to get worse over the next 12 months continued to rise, reaching 20 percent and the highest level since August 2011.

- Twenty-two percent of respondents say their household income is significantly higher than it was 12 months ago, a slight increase over last month and a 5 percentage point increase over September.

- Thirty-seven percent reported significantly higher household expenses compared to 12 months ago, a 3 percentage point increase over the past month and the highest level since December 2011.

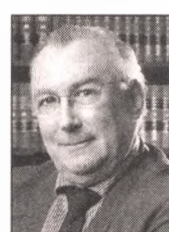
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## Windmill evolving legal area

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** We are thinking about buying a farm and placing windmills on it and I am just curious about what constitutes "wind rights" and are they legally recognizable rights incident to the ownership of real property.

**A:** These are all interesting questions, including whether landowners can be held liable if wind turbines on their parcels disrupt the energy productivity of wind flowing on downwind property; can landowners legally sever a wind estate from their land and transfer it separately from the surface rights like a



Robert Meisner

mineral estate; and can a wind energy restriction that effectively appropriates private air space for a government entities use trigger a compensable regulatory taking? Simply said, the relative lack of case law upholding wind leases and easements and the unique characteristics of wind as a natural resource creates uncertainty over the nature of wind rights. As wind energy development continues to spread throughout the country, the need for clear answers to the novel questions described in your question and other property law questions surrounding wind energy will only grow. Enacting thoughtful legislation to address these issues is one affordable way for states to encourage energy development in their jurisdictions, but in any event, you should consult with a knowledgeable property lawyer for further assistance which may involve the creation of law in this area.

**Q:** Knowing that Columbus is the capital and also the home of Ohio State University, we are wondering what the hotel opportunities are in the North part of the Columbus as we are thinking about condominiumizing it, either with respect to new construction or a conversion. What do you think?

**A:** There is a hotel megaplex just north of I-270 off of U.S. 23 in Columbus which contains most of the major three-star hotels with a number of five-star restaurants. These hotels are obviously very desirable because of their location, but there is an area near the Polaris Shopping Center which has a great deal of raw land which would be suitable for new construction. A hotel condo may not be a bad idea given the nature of the influx of visitors to Columbus regarding both professional sports and the University as well as the fact that it is the State Capitol. Buying a used hotel for conversion is more problematic because of the limited spaces in the units which may not provide for adequate amenities, but each location is fact intensive and you are best advised to consult with a marketing and real estate expert in the Columbus area.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
164 Alexandria Ct	\$379,000
44965 Coachman Ct	\$136,000
256 Constitution St	\$85,000
1125 Dundee Dr	\$133,000
2324 E Roundtable Dr	\$165,000
2245 Fairway Cir	\$143,000
42659 Hanford Rd	\$130,000
6970 Harvard Ln	\$52,000
48951 Ivybridge Way	\$70,000
313 Kings Way	\$138,000
1478 Knightsbridge Rd	\$170,000
3340 Milcroft Ct	\$185,000
2100 Morrison Blvd	\$100,000
47162 N Pointe Dr	\$330,000
3487 Parklawn Dr	\$148,000
47440 Pembroke Dr	\$70,000
46596 Registry Dr	\$219,000
42024 Saratoga Cir	\$132,000
42286 Saratoga Cir	\$136,000
3677 Shepherd Ln	\$175,000
4755 Sherwood Cir	\$220,000
43936 Somerset Sq	\$136,000
41563 Strawberry Ct	\$199,000

46568 Swanmere Dr	\$270,000
7040 Woonsocket St	\$173,000
43889 Yorktown St	\$170,000
GARDEN CITY	
28611 Beechwood St	\$72,000
31743 Chester St	\$113,000
30707 Elmwood St	\$70,000
2033 Gilman St	\$50,000
31412 Hennepin St	\$22,000
32539 James St	\$82,000
5935 Lathers St	\$20,000
32960 Rosslyn Ave	\$49,000
LIVONIA	
34425 Five Mile Rd	\$93,000
14063 Alexander St	\$128,000
18963 Bainbridge Ave	\$169,000
10015 Bassett St	\$115,000
9336 California St	\$130,000
12475 Cardwell St	\$116,000
8921 Crown St	\$143,000
9650 Deering St	\$86,000
17329 Ellen Dr	\$370,000
14474 Fairway St	\$222,000
15561 Fitzgerald St	\$135,000
20238 Floral St	\$50,000
8949 Frederick St	\$114,000
15073 Gary Ln	\$150,000
18354 Gillman St	\$93,000
17428 Golfview St	\$225,000
19353 Hardy St	\$145,000
29149 Hathaway St	\$76,000
32112 Hees St	\$97,000
36242 Hees St	\$119,000

14266 Hubbell St	\$111,000
18613 Lathers St	\$52,000
32660 Lyndon St	\$177,000
38815 Lyndon St	\$155,000
27429 Meadowbrook St	\$147,000
33621 Michele St	\$110,000
8965 Parent St	\$118,000
14424 Park St	\$98,000
19592 Pollyanna Ct	\$192,000
33745 Pondview Cir	\$42,000
33727 Richland St	\$150,000
29705 Robert Dr	\$105,000
38047 Ross St	\$165,000
9841 Seltzer St	\$80,000
8865 W Deborah Ct	\$130,000
30631 Wentworth St	\$168,000
18346 Westchester Dr	\$380,000
19367 Whitby Dr	\$206,000
15080 Yale St	\$143,000
NORTHVILLE	
341 First St	\$110,000
16748 Brooklane Blvd	\$488,000
39614 Greenbrier Ct	\$260,000
19733 Hayes Ct	\$73,000
19700 Meadowbrook Rd	\$185,000
42282 Norwood Ct	\$75,000
42076 Queen Anne Ct	\$83,000
17248 Victor Dr	\$325,000
39469 Village Run Dr	\$245,000
39476 Village Run Dr	\$255,000
16559 Winchester Ct	\$344,000
15898 Winchester Dr	\$131,000
20479 Woodcreek Blvd	\$353,000

PLYMOUTH	
766 Coolidge St	\$160,000
48950 Fox Dr S	\$485,000
42157 Old Pond Cir	\$110,000
1742 Old Salem	\$200,000
1492 Penniman Ave	\$303,000
361 Pinewood Cir	\$65,000
41679 Riveroaks Dr	\$172,000
861 William St	\$225,000
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25579 Deborah	\$69,000
25841 Dover	\$42,000
9968 Garfield	\$50,000
12851 Garfield	\$48,000
19170 Indian	\$20,000
8944 Lenore	\$75,000
25839 W Seven Mile Rd	\$70,000
9705 Wormer	\$45,000
9726 Wormer	\$23,000
WESTLAND	
36529 Avondale St	\$96,000
34000 Barton St	\$30,000
7912 Beatrice	\$106,000
30836 Beechnut St	\$68,000
35072 Bock St	\$74,000
7382 Central St	\$22,000
32537 Joy Rd	\$85,000
36140 Oregon Ave	\$20,000
7701 Randy Dr	\$111,000
8514 Sanford Dr	\$81,000
33145 Shawnee St	\$72,000
193 Stephanie Dr	\$150,000

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 8-12, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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21676 Corsaut Ln	\$266,000
32600 Norwood Dr	\$345,000
31445 Sunset Dr	\$205,000
22235 Village Pines Dr	\$343,000
16207 Wetherby St	\$278,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1693 Banbury St	\$141,000
150 Bird Ave # 18	\$57,000
1300 Buckingham Ave	\$577,000
967 Donmar Ct	\$220,000
1271 Lyonhurst St	\$695,000
1031 Madison St	\$273,000
2736 Pembroke Rd	\$225,000
1021 Stanley Blvd	\$375,000
2757 Windemere Rd	\$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1922 Eagle Pointe	\$152,000
1270 Greenglen Ct	\$180,000
4855 Quarton Rd	\$390,000
1549 S Hill Blvd	\$120,000
923 S Shady Hollow Cir	\$388,000
2273 Somerset Rd	\$169,000

801 W Long Lake Rd # F2	\$73,000
820 Willoway Estates Dr	\$321,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 46	\$65,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3498 Bloomfield Club Dr	\$437,000
3825 Carriage Ln	\$364,000
2838 Heathfield Rd	\$180,000
58 Manor Rd	\$365,000
4171 Meadowlane Dr	\$169,000
4004 Parkwood Ct	\$160,000
566 Reynard Ct	\$455,000
4800 Stoneleigh Rd	\$900,000
719 Upper Scotsborough Way	\$265,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5630 Blackmoor St	\$110,000
2160 Canal St	\$133,000
1795 Cedar Bend Dr	\$405,000
8410 Golf Lane Dr	\$245,000
3181 Lacosta Ct	\$200,000
309 Muskoka	\$100,000
5815 Pickbourne St	\$76,000
4563 Racewood Dr	\$286,000
4488 Ravinewood Dr	\$200,000
6000 Teeples Creek Ln	\$255,000
FARMINGTON	
23895 Drake Rd	\$264,000
22870 Frederick Ave	\$124,000
33821 Glenview Dr	\$119,000
31550 Lamar Dr	\$118,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	

34527 Bunker Hill Dr	\$209,000
28298 Burton Ln	\$209,000
25248 Carrollton Dr	\$235,000
31100 Claymore Rd	\$285,000
28275 Farmington Rd	\$110,000
29855 Fox Club Dr	\$252,000
29390 Glen Oaks Blvd W	\$85,000
32810 Hearthstone Rd	\$215,000
36875 Howard Rd	\$447,000
35745 Johnston Rd	\$185,000
29427 Lake Park Dr	\$220,000
35765 Lone Pine Ln	\$175,000
30658 Maplewood Cir	\$147,000
28899 Millbrook Rd	\$525,000
34490 Rhonswood St	\$53,000
30487 Salisbury St	\$85,000
30684 Sudbury Ct	\$248,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18541 Dolores Ave	\$140,000
MILFORD	
337 Mill Pond Ln	\$224,000
1068 Riverstone Cir	\$241,000
NOVI	
45242 Bartlett Dr	\$84,000
45174 Courtview Trl	\$281,000
45196 Courtview Trl	\$328,000
1505 East Lake Rd	\$285,000
26222 Fieldstone Dr	\$269,000
44567 Gwinnett Loop	\$161,000
24305 Homestead Ct	\$275,000
28024 Hopkins Dr	\$159,000
102 Lashbrook St	\$250,000

42041 Loganberry Rdg S	\$175,000
23593 Valley Starr	\$139,000
39708 Village Wood Cir	\$44,000
39786 Village Wood Cir	\$59,000
45100 W 10 Mile Rd	\$178,000
22054 York Mills Cir	\$451,000
SOUTH LYON	
24667 Brompton Way	\$358,000
228 Brookwood Dr Unit 7	\$67,000
25045 Carriage Ln	\$40,000
52073 Copperwood Dr N	\$320,000
53772 Edgewood Dr	\$235,000
863 Glen Meadows Dr	\$30,000
54885 Grenelefe Cir W	\$65,000
23806 Maple Ct	\$313,000
23740 Prescott Ln W	\$479,000
61704 Rambling Way	\$149,000
53771 Springfield Dr	\$214,000
1074 Stable Ln	\$190,000
SOUTHFIELD	
5 Bedford Towne St	\$40,000
21039 Harvard Rd	\$139,000
18441 Magnolia Ave	\$85,000
16999 Morrison St	\$152,000
16325 Pennsylvania St	\$120,000
28902 Red Leaf Ln	\$75,000
18301 W 13 Mile Rd Unit A7	\$61,000
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