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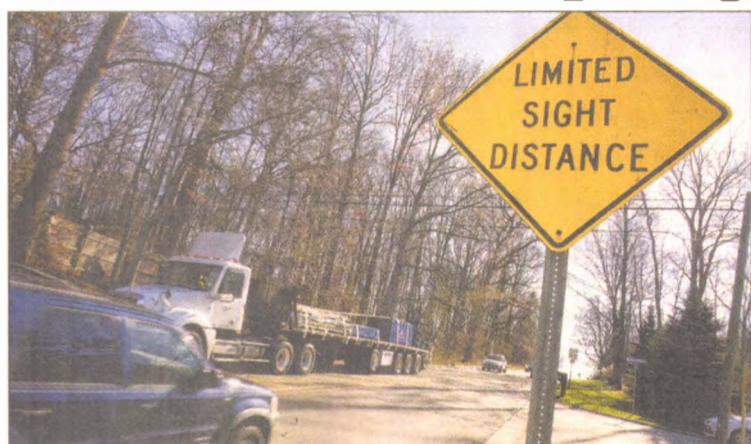
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## Beck Road project to ease traffic woes



Beck Road between Warren and Ann Arbor roads is expected to be widened to three lanes. **BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Motorists weary of traffic bottlenecks and deteriorating driving conditions along a rough stretch of Beck Road in Canton and Plymouth townships are expected to benefit from a major project in 2015.

Wayne County intends to reconstruct Beck and widen it to three lanes between Warren and Ann Arbor roads to accommodate a left-turn lane and ease traffic congestion, which worsens during peak times near the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"It's on the books to be done in 2015," Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price said. "It's been a long time coming. That road is in bad shape. Canton and Plymouth townships have grown substantially. We need to upgrade that road because it has been very dangerous."

The project also is expected to involve the repaving of Beck from Ann Arbor Road to Ann Arbor Trail, Price said, pushing the estimated price tag close to \$5 million.

Canton resident Jim Dietz is among the local residents who have called for efforts to im-

prove driving conditions along the car-rattling stretch of Beck Road by reconstructing or resurfacing it.

"That was really what I was concerned about," he said.

However, Dietz has mixed feelings about widening the road, saying it will improve traffic flow and reduce bottlenecks, though it will likely lead to higher traffic counts.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said local officials have received complaints about traffic congestion along Beck Road, especially

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The last of the Daisy Wall falls to the wrecking crew. **BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

## WALL TUMBLES

Daisy remnant falls to wrecking crew

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

And the wall came tumbling down. In a matter of minutes Monday morning, the last remnant of the 131-year-old Daisy Air Rifle factory – what had come to be known around Plymouth as "the Daisy Wall" – was brought to the ground as crews working for Daisy Plymouth LLC went to work clearing the site in preparation for completion of the condominium project.

The demolition of the wall came just a week after the Plymouth City Commission unanimously approved an agreement with Daisy Plymouth LLC for the demolition of the wall, on Union Street near Main. The deal requires the wall to come down before building permits can be issued. The developer has said that he hopes to have the foundation for one condominium building finished before the weather gets colder.

When the wall was the only thing left

standing back in 2005, it was going to be incorporated into the construction of the condo complex. But Craig Singer, vice president of Milford, Singer and Co., the parent company of Daisy Plymouth LLC, said Monday that idea probably wasn't viable from the beginning and certainly isn't now, given economic factors.

"You couldn't justify building a four-unit building and trying to integrate that wall," Singer said. "The way it was supported was structurally sound. But once you bumped into it ... it was an old wall. To integrate it structurally into a building wasn't feasible."

Right after the commission's decision, Wendy Harless, president of the Plymouth Preservation Network, said not keeping the Daisy Wall "is a missed opportunity" to draw tourists interested in the history of the famous air rifle. She said she regularly hears from air rifle collectors around the country who "can't believe we let it go."

On Monday, she said she couldn't bring herself to come to the site until after the wall had come down. Once it was down, Harless and other PPN members got busy

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## Assault suspect bound for trial

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

The 15-year-old girl at the center of a case against the 37-year-old man charged with sexually assaulting her Tuesday testified she believed they were in a relationship and that she went with him willingly during the two days the pair was missing last month initially to complete a suicide pact.

The girl, now a sophomore in high school, said she had known Robert L. Messer of Northville as a family friend since she was "5 or 6," but that their relationship changed about the time she was in sixth grade.

"I was convinced I had emotional feelings for him, much stronger than just being a family friend," the girl said in answer to questioning from Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Aimee Fowler. "I told him multiple times."

Messer, 37, a barista at Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, is charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, four counts of third-



Defendant Robert L. Messer (left) takes notes during his preliminary hearing Tuesday in 35th District Court.

degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of accosting a minor for immoral purposes. He was arrested Oct. 29 in Washtenaw County after being found there with the teenager, two days after they disappeared from his mother's house.

Following the girl's testimony, which lasted a little more than an hour, 35th District

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## Democrats fete Schauer at local meet-and-greet

**By Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

The lights were out at John and Mary Bartek's Plymouth Township home, courtesy of Sunday's high winds and rains that hit southeast Michigan.

But the power outage that turned off the lights did nothing to dim the enthusiasm of the 50 or so members and supporters of the Plymouth Democratic Club gathered for a meet-and-greet with Mark Schauer.

The Democrat gubernatorial candidate, who plans to challenge Gov. Rick Snyder in the 2014 election, stopped by to talk to club members eager for a change in Lansing.

He gave them what they wanted to hear. "I didn't vote for Rick Snyder, but I gave him the benefit



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer (right) talks with Plymouth Township resident Bob Benefial during a meet-and-greet Sunday afternoon.

of the doubt ... I thought he'd be this 'business' guy," Schauer told the gathered crowd. "I thought we were getting sort of a Milliken, and we got more of a DeVos instead. I've talked with a lot of people around the

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## BECK

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near the high school complex.

"The road has been deteriorating over the last few years," Faas said.

Price said the project also is expected to ease flooding that affects the Beck-Ann Arbor Road intersection during heavy rains.

"If it rains," he said, "it floods."

Price said the project will address that situation, allow motorists to make left turns without disrupting traffic congestion and lead to an improved road configuration near the P-CEP.

Wayne County is expected to use federal aid to pay for 80 percent of the project, with the county picking up the remaining tab.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume is among local officials who believe the improvements are needed.

"I think it's going to improve the safety of intersections along Beck Road," he said, adding that the stretch of road needs better driving conditions.

Price announced the latest project as he also confirmed Wayne County by early next year is expected to install a traffic light at the Beck-Saltz intersection, described by Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy as "a very dangerous intersection."

Officials are hopeful the traffic light can be installed by April or May.

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## SUSPECT

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Court Judge Michael Gerou bound Messer over on all six counts, although Messer's attorney, Jonathan Jones, objected the prosecution hadn't met its burden of proof for the first-degree CSC or the accosting charges.

Messer's arrest ended a two-day period when the pair had agreed in an online conversation to a suicide pact. The girl testified the pair went to Maybury State Park to hike and "find a secluded

spot" where they could kill themselves with "folding knives" they were carrying.

In direct testimony, the girl testified the pair had sexual relations for the first time at Messer's home when she was 12. Ultimately, the girl testified, she and Messer got to the point where they were having sex "four or five times" a month.

"We would have sex often and I was convinced I was in a relationship with him," she testified.

On Oct. 27, the girl testified, Messer picked her up at her home and they returned to his

mother's house, where he was living following a divorce. The pair had breakfast, watched a movie and then embarked on the hike at Maybury State Park.

Once there, she decided not to go through with the suicide pact, the girl testified, a decision with which she said Messer agreed. No reason was given for the suicide pact.

As they returned to Messer's residence, the girl saw her stepfather's car in Messer's driveway and knew that a suicide note she'd left had been discovered. The girl testified she panicked

and told Messer to "keep driving."

"I knew they had found the note ... I panicked," the girl said.

She testified they drove to a Washtenaw County field, where they parked for two days with no food. Police eventually found them in the field and arrested Messer. The girl was treated for what police described as minor, self-inflicted wounds.

In trying to convince Gerou to dismiss the first-degree CSC and the accosting charges, Jones said the girl was hesitant about whether she was 11 or 12 when the sex first

started and the fact the suicide pact was mutual showed the girl was not coerced.

"There has to be force and (the victim) said it wasn't forced," Jones said. "When I asked, 'Did you go by your own choice,' she said yes."

Gerou dismissed that argument, citing the disparity in ages of the defendant and victim, and bound Messer over on all six charges. Arraignment is scheduled Nov. 26 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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Plymouth Community Development Director John Buzuvis chooses a few bricks for posterity. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## WALL

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preserving as many of the lintels and bricks as they could.

"It's really sad to see a piece of Plymouth history go," Harless said. "This is the kind of thing our group tries to keep from happening."

Harless said the lintels will be used in as yet-undefined project, the details of which she said are still being worked out. The bricks will be used as a fundraiser and can be purchased for \$20 apiece. Harless said the PPN will deliver the bricks to donors living within 10 miles of Kellogg Park; others will have to make arrangements.

The planned unit development agreement governing the Daisy

Square project, which was begun a decade ago, was amended last year to allow the wall to be demolished. It was also agreed a park would be built where the wall stood; Singer said Monday construction of that park will begin "first thing in the spring."

Singer's company is planning 21 two-story townhouse condominium units, in seven buildings, on about three acres at Daisy Square, which Daisy Plymouth LLC purchased from the original developer, Joseph Freed and Associates.

Mayor Dan Dwyer said the developer has worked hard to match the look of the buildings it plans to the look of the existing townhouses that were completed by the original developer.

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## SCHAUER

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state who are dissatisfied."

It was the kind of small-venue meeting Schauer has been doing since announcing his candidacy. It was the third of five similar events he did Sunday alone.

It's part of the strategy he's adopting in order to beat the perception that no one knows who he is. A poll done last year by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic polling group, showed some 72 percent of Michiganians had no idea who Schauer is. Ironically, the same poll showed him with a 44-36 lead in a hypothetical race against the incumbent governor.

Schauer said Sunday that polls show the race is a dead heat, with Snyder holding a within-the-margin-of-error 36-33 lead. He said groups like the Plymouth Democratic Club are going to make the difference if he is to unseat Snyder.

"This campaign will be won by people in this room, the doors they knock on and the contacts they make," Schauer said. "If people vote to the level of 2006 rather than 2008, I'll be elected governor."

Schauer mingled with club members and supporters for about a half-hour, then talked for some 20 minutes about the ways he'll challenge Snyder's record. He was critical of the gover-



Canton Township resident Aaron Shepherd (left) talks with Mark Schauer (center) and Michigan Democratic Party political director Stephanie White during Sunday's meet-and-greet.

nor's handling of the right-to-work situation last year. He also criticized Snyder for "cutting \$1 billion from public education" and "a half-billion dollars from higher education."

He said Snyder has "raised taxes on retirees," "raised taxes on people with children (with the elimination of the child-care credit)" and "he's raised taxes on the working poor." According to Schauer, Michigan has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the country and the "highest percentage of children living in poverty in the Great Lakes region."

"You raise taxes on the poor and give a \$2 billion tax break to corporations and it doesn't even create jobs," Schauer said. "Cutting education is mortgaging our future and it isn't working."

Mary Maguire, president of the Plymouth

Democratic Club, said the event is an effort by the club to connect people in the local community with the folks who want to represent them.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to connect with (Schauer)," Maguire said. "His message is absolutely right on. He has the same core values as people around here and people in the state of Michigan."

The Barteks, who hadn't met Schauer before Sunday, were happy to open their home to him.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about him," John Bartek said.

"A lot of people are disappointed with (Snyder). It's not turning out the way they thought it would. This is about helping people get to know (Schauer)."

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Nov. 17 *Plymouth Observer* about raises for Plymouth Township elected officials should have identified Brinton Baker as the chairman of the Plymouth Township Compensation Commission.

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Debi Hollis of Royal Oak is president of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial and Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor the sculptor for the project. They spoke Nov. 18 to a gathering of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Plymouth-Northville, Daughters of the American Revolution. This clay sculpture shows a Rosie the Riveter. SUSAN STONEY

## Memorial to laud sacrifices of 'Greatest Generation'

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Debi Hollis of Royal Oak and Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor are both children of military veterans. Halbert's dad was a World War II veteran, while Hollis, president of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, is the daughter of a Korean War veteran.

They brought their story of the fundraising and plans for a World War II memorial at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak to a Nov. 18 meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Plymouth-Northville, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Station 885 in Plymouth.

"We have quite a unique story to tell," Hollis told the 46 members and guests. "We wanted to cover the whole state of Michigan, how we became the Arsenal of Democracy."

She and sculptor Halbert displayed two one-third size (the memorial will feature life-sized) sculptures, a clay one of Rosie the Riveter and a bronze of a young serviceman reading a letter.

"We want it to be integrated into the fabric of the community," Hollis said. "It's an opportunity to learn."

The oval shape will feature a central grassy area for events in warmer weather and an ice rink in winter. Hollis told of children playing at a famed battle site in Europe and being rebuked by their parents. A nearby veteran there urged the parents to allow children's play - a freedom he had fought to preserve.

The fundraising will require some \$3 million, plus an additional \$1 million endowment to cover maintenance and other costs. The project grew out of the 2006 Honor Flight initiative, started by a Royal Oak businessman.

World War II veterans from Michigan wanted to travel to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial there. "They were



Sculptor Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor describes the process of creating a statue for the memorial, this one a one-third scale in bronze of "Mail Call" showing a World War II serviceman reading a letter from home. The memorial is to be at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. SUSAN STONEY

coming from everywhere to go on an Honor Flight trip," Hollis said.

Their later effort, after that was accomplished, was to build the memorial on the northeast corner of 13 Mile and Woodward.

A king of England, in the 1600s, had hidden in a tree and saved his life, she said. In 1938, the United Kingdom sent acorns from that tree here, which were planted and tended at the Detroit Zoo.

Ten years later, those saplings were planted at the 13 Mile and Woodward site for a planned memorial, which was delayed many years.

In 2012, the memorial plan was refined and Michigan legislators brought on board, Hollis said. On Feb. 5, 2013, the state resolution making it an official state memorial was signed.

The memorial will tell the "who, what, where" of Michigan service personnel, some 12,500 lost in the war, as well as contributions on the home front. The 13 pillars include service, sacrifice, labor, industry and commitment, as well as change, Hollis said.

There will be an approximately 40- by 35-foot granite map of Michigan contributions. A Wall of Stars will recall lives lost, although names won't be listed, and a Walk of Honor will feature remembrance bricks.

Halbert said the nine life-sized figures in three areas will cover land, sea and air. With Rosie the Riveter for air will be two air corpsmen. Land

is represented by "Mail Call," the soldier with his letter, while the sea portion includes a seaman.

The sea portion is reminiscent of children during World War II in the U.S. collecting milkweed for life vests, Halbert said. The regular material used wasn't available.

He described for an attentive audience his process of making the sculptures. "It's a pretty involved process," he said, comparing it to a painter sketching in pencil first. "I'm actually sketching in three-dimension."

The memorial organizers will use 10 each of several sculptures for fundraising, those done in one-third scale. The women of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, celebrating its 87th anniversary at the luncheon, were pleased to give a starting gift of \$1,800 for memorial bricks for the Walk of Honor.

"Keep on the good work, both of you," said Marie Pleuss of South Lyon, second vice regent for the chapter.

Hollis noted servicemen and women of World War II, and the Rosies who helped them, are passing rapidly.

"We're losing them, a lot of them every day," she said. "We want these men and women to see it," she added of the Michigan memorial.

Information on the Michigan memorial, including how to donate, is available online at [www.michiganww2memorial.org](http://www.michiganww2memorial.org).

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## Storm damage, outages don't spare Plymouth

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Communities all over southeast Michigan got knocked around by powerful storms and high winds that moved through the area Sunday and the Plymouth area was no exception.

Several areas of both Plymouth and Plymouth Township were still without power Monday morning and both communities were dealing with issues of downed wires, downed trees and flooding.

Firefighters from the combined Northville-Plymouth department, in fact, sat on one set of downed wires until about 3 a.m. Monday, according to City Manager Paul Sincock.

Some areas of downtown Plymouth had partial power as late as Tuesday, while others had been restored to full power.

Sincock said representatives of DTE told him they were searching for, but had thus far been unable to find, the source of the outage.

As of about noon Monday, DTE was estimating nearly 3,000 residents in the Plymouth area were being affected by the power outage.

"It's been a busy 12 hours, that's for certain," Sincock said.

By Monday, Sincock said, power had been restored.

Meanwhile, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials were also dealing with power problems. District spokeswoman Kate Dietrich said four P-CCS buildings - Truesdale, Field Elementary School, East Middle School and the district's maintenance building - were without power before the school day began Monday.

She said, however, that power to Truesdale and Field was restored before the start of the school day. East Middle School, she said, had partial power and



Power was out in parts of downtown Plymouth, including the traffic light at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

was being connected to generators that would bring the school to full power.

As of about 11 a.m., Dietrich said, generators had helped lift building temperatures into the 60s. Classrooms with windows had continued on, while classes in rooms without windows had been moved into the media center.

But some staff and several parents had taken to social media by mid-morning to complain about the conditions - students were apparently only able to make their way down

hallways with the use of cell-phone flashlights - and wonder why school hadn't been canceled at the school in light of the power outage.

"Student safety is, of course, our first priority," Dietrich said. "There was sufficient natural light and we were able to get some supplemental lighting in (with generators). It's been a productive learning day."

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## Bicyclist hit by car faces civil infraction

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A 44-year-old bicyclist is facing a civil infraction after he swerved into traffic on Joy Road near Lilley, causing an 84-year-old man to hit him with a Honda Odyssey, Canton police Lt. Pat Sullivan said.

The driver, meanwhile, has been cleared of any wrongdoing.

"There was no wrongdoing on his part whatsoever," Sullivan said.

The incident happened about 5:10 p.m. Oct. 30. The bicyclist is likely to face a civil infraction such as impeding traffic or riding on the wrong side of the road, authorities say.

The bicyclist was traveling toward traffic rather than lawfully riding in the same direction when he swerved into the path of the

Canton man's car, Sullivan said.

"He was going westbound in the eastbound lane, right up by the fog line," the lieutenant said, referring to the white painted line on the side of the roadway.

A few months earlier, the same bicyclist had struck the side of another car while riding in Canton, though he wasn't seriously injured during that incident, police said.

After the latest incident, the bicyclist was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by Canton paramedics, where he had been listed in serious condition.

Police had said in an initial statement it appeared alcohol was a factor in the crash.

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## CANTON CRIME WATCH

### Confused man

Canton police took a confused 61-year-old man to his home in Garden City after he was stopped at Ford and Napier roads while driving erratically, a police report said.

Police received a report about 12:40 a.m. Monday of a vehicle swerving near Ford and Canton Center roads. Officers caught up with the driver near Napier.

The man told police he was going to Westland even though he was driving west in Canton, a police report said. He also didn't know the time and told an officer he was 26 or 27 years old, though he is 61.

The man told police he had been to a friend's house in Dearborn to buy fireworks. He said the fireworks were in the back of his truck, but

police found none.

Police spoke with a neighbor of the man, who said similar incidents have happened before.

Canton police took the man home.

### Shattered window

A 40-year-old woman reported a side window of her car was shattered while she was driving in the area of Ford and Haggerty shortly after 4 p.m. Friday, a police report said.

The woman told police she was westbound on Ford under the I-275 overpass when the incident happened, causing no injuries.

The woman told police she didn't hear any other noise. Police searched the car and checked the area near the incident, but found nothing that might have caused the car window to shatter.

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The *Observer* is looking for your favorite Thanksgiving traditions and we're offering rewards for the most unusual, most creative, most heartwarming stories.

Do you always go to the America's Thanksgiving Parade downtown? Or do you just watch it on TV? Are you among the thousands of fans who just have to be at Ford Field for the Lions game?

Is there a favorite food that just has to be on your Thanksgiving table? Does your family help feed the homeless or senior citizens? Do you get together and play a fun game of touch football in the yard?

Maybe there's a certain way you cook your turkey. Or a special entree, veggie or dessert you just have to have.

Whatever the tradition is, we'd like to hear about it. Share your special tradition with readers (send a photo, too, if you'd like; just make sure it's a JPEG image). Your special traditions will be published in our Thanksgiving Day edition (in homes and on the street Wednesday, Nov. 27).

Our panel of editors will select five favorites and award a movie pass for two to any Emagine Theatre. Just email your tradition (and an accompanying photo, if you have one) to *Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com) by Monday, Nov. 25.



## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Donate for Abby

**Date/Time:** Sunday, Nov. 24, 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** Superbowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton

**Details:** This fundraiser is designed to raise money for the veterinarian bills for Abby, who was attacked by a vicious dog. The event features 50/50 raffles and silent auction. Cost is \$20 for two games (with shoes), two pieces of pizza and pop. Participants do not have to bowl to take part in raffles or the auction.

**Contact:** Call 734-331-7922 for more information.

### Auditions open

**Dates/Times:** Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25-26, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

**Details:** Spotlight Players hosts auditions for their next production. Registration starts at 6 p.m., with auditions beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Contact:** More audition information can be found by visiting <http://www.spotlight-playersmi.org/>. Actors and volunteers for costumes, props, set designer, sound, lights and a running crew are being sought.

### Toy show

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

**Location:** Livonia Elks on Plymouth Road east of Merriman in Livonia

**Details:** Admission will be \$4, with children under age 12 free for a toy show, featuring Hot Wheels, comic books, games, *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* items, movie, TV and music memorabilia, posters, beer signs, GI Joes, non-sports cards, Pez, lunch boxes, etc., will be sold at the toy show.

**Contact:** For more information or for tables, call Joe at 586-790-6290.

### Cookie Walk

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Northville 1st United Methodist Church, 777 Eight Mile, Northville

**Details:** The Northville 1st United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2013, a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. ASP is a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia.

### Grief workshop

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Living Peace Church, 684 Deer, in Plymouth

**Details:** Facing life after the death of a loved one brings with it many emotions and fears. It's normal to feel overwhelmed, angry, and alone. The holidays are often very difficult as you move through without your loved one. For this reason, Living Peace Church is sponsoring a Hope for the Holidays workshop. This workshop will be

presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville.

**Contact:** Call Nancy at 734-895-7408.

### Caregiver's Support

**Date/Time:** Second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

**Location:** Summit on the Park, 26000 Summit Drive, Canton

**Details:** It is both a special privilege and burden to be a caregiver for an elderly loved one. Friends meet monthly to discuss difficulties, share solutions, and know that they are not alone. There are no experts in caregiving, only those who have learned more, because they lived it. All are welcome.

**Contact:** For questions contact Tom at 313-618-7212, or [thomassal@peoplepc.com](mailto:thomassal@peoplepc.com).

### Hospice support

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email [achristensen@cchcnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchcnet.net)

### Support group

**Date/Time:** Second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

**Contact:** For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at [prettymonarch@comcast.net](mailto:prettymonarch@comcast.net).

### Bipolar support

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608, Plymouth.

**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

**Contact:** Call Nancy at 734-536-3457 for directions.

### Blood drives

**Dates/Times/Locations:** » Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Kenneth

Church, 14951 Haggerty in Plymouth, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

» Tuesday, Nov. 26, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

» Friday, Nov. 29, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive in Canton, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Details:** The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the above dates, times and locations. Appointments can be made and walk-ins are welcome, when possible.

**Contact:** Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 to set up an appointment.

### Community health fair

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 3-5 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

**Details:** The Plymouth Community United Way is partnering with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, the Plymouth Council on Aging and Plymouth Lions Club to present a Community Health Fair. The event is free and open to the public. Fern Vining, a certified diabetes educator and retired registered nurse, focuses on Diabetes Awareness. A representative of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be there to talk about their Senior Assessment Resource Institute 4-4:20 p.m.

**Contact:** For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or email [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org).

### Diabetes support

**Date/Time:** Second Thursday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at 734-454-0859.

### MOPS meetings

**Date/Time:** First and third Friday of each month, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth Township

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides encouragement, nurturing and support and features a schedule of activities that includes speakers, crafts and group discussions.

**Contact:** Heather at 734-437-9517 or email [stekmops@gmail.com](mailto:stekmops@gmail.com), or visit [www.stekmops.org](http://www.stekmops.org).

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## Storm knocks out library's power

The Plymouth District Library was closed Monday through Wednesday, due to a power outage caused by the weekend storm.

Susan Stoney, community relations specialist, said the decision was made Monday morning when staff arrived about an hour before public opening.

"There were some

lights on. But then we really discovered the extent of it," she said. Staffers called group leaders for events scheduled Monday at the library, as well as shutting down computers.

Library Director Carol Souchock assessed the situation Monday evening. A decision was made to remain closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Fines on materials due back Monday through Wednesday will be waived for the duration, a Facebook post announced.

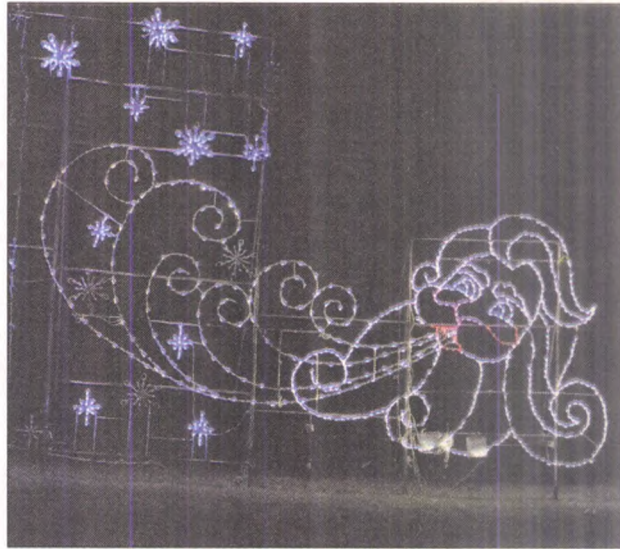
Stoney noted the electricity in the building at 223 S. Main powers the heat, as well as the computers and other parts of library operation.

— By Julie Brown





The penguin takes a plunge into the icy waters from his igloo during the Lightfest.



Old Man Winter reminds visitors of the weather yet to come this winter.



The toy soldiers salute those who attend the Wayne County Lightfest in Hines Park

# Hines Parks is aglow, thanks to 20th annual Lightfest



Crowds enjoyed a perfect late fall evening at the Hines Park for the 20th anniversary of the Lightfest. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

It's the largest and longest drive-through holiday light show in the Midwest and it's going on in Hines Park now through Dec. 31, except for Christmas Day.

This is the 20th year Wayne County Parks has put on the 4½-mile long light show that stretched from Merriman Hollow at Warren Road in Westland to the Warrendale area at Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

Hundreds of parents and children crowded Hines Park for the opening last week that featured music by the Livonia Franklin High School Choir, Santa Claus, fireworks and, of course, a trip through the Lightfest.

Lightfest features more than 47 giant animated holiday-themed displays, including two new additions. The displays also have been converted to less expensive to operate and environmentally beneficial LED lights.

Lightfest is open 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday for the show.

Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

Dates to remember are Dec. 3, 10 and 17 which are Toy Nights. On those three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Toys will be donated to the Wayne County Family Center.

And families can stop by Santa's Workshop at Warrendale Park at the end of the Lightfest drive. Santa will be there starting Friday, Nov. 22, through Tuesday, Dec. 23, during Lightfest hours. There also is a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa.

Wayne County Lightfest sponsors include Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, McDonald Modular, Play Environments, Motor City Mountain Biking Association, Observer & Eccentric Media, Entertainment Express Limousines and Beatthetrain.com.

For more information on Lightfest or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).



One of the two new displays in this year's Lightfest is the "Time Tunnel."



Scott Staley of Garden City with sisters Allison and Kirstin keep their eyes on the sky as the fireworks display that ushered in the 2013 installment of the Wayne County Lightfest.



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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Santa's arrival

Santa's Arrival in Kellogg Park is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 29. Visitors are invited to bundle up and help welcome Santa back to Plymouth with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Christmas Carol arriving by fire truck.

The Salvation Army will be in full force for collections and sharing some hot chocolate. Santa and friends will arrive on a fire engine at 6 p.m. He will be welcomed by city officials and will pull the lever to light all of the Christmas trees in Kellogg Park.

Once the ceremony is finished, Santa will be welcoming children to his house in Kellogg Park until 8:30 p.m.

Restaurants will be open for dinner and many shops will be open until 9 p.m. with holiday specials.

Santa will then be available in his house the following dates/times: noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

### Pottery sale

The Village Potters Guild is holding its annual Holiday Sale beginning today, Thursday, Nov. 21.

Functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the guild will be available at this much anticipated event. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware and large platters. Prices range from \$4 to \$200.

There will be an opening reception 5-8 p.m. today. The sale continues from 10 a.m.



Santa Claus and 3-year-old triplets Elaina, Emery and George Kolb threw the switch that lit the Kellogg Park tree last year. Santa arrives in downtown Plymouth at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23; and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. The studio is located at 340 N. Main St. in Plymouth, behind the Crossings Restaurant.

For more information or directions to the studio, please visit [www.villagepottersguild.org](http://www.villagepottersguild.org) or call 734-207-8807.

### Holiday luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its December Holiday Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) or \$30 for non-members and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature holiday music performed by GEQ Jazz Entertainment. Toys and gifts will be collected for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

December's Holiday Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and

reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-4040.

### Community breakfast

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Economic Forecast Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road.

The speaker is still being finalized. The event is sponsored by Michigan Health Answers.

For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-1540.

### Technical partnership

Representatives from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Schoolcraft College and the Plymouth Canton Community Schools have been meeting to discuss opportunities to encourage and teach students needed technical skills as part of their high school education.

Local manufacturing employers have identified the acute need for more workers in fields like CNC operators, welders and other technically related fields that provide good wages and have a strong demand for the foreseeable future.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



The Comfort Inn Plymouth unveiled its completely remodeled property Nov. 14 at its grand re-opening ceremony. Many local officials attended the event, including township Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Cal Matle from Congressman Kerry Bentivolio's office. Cutting the ribbon are owners Mike and Basil Bacall. Their property now boasts an indoor pool, business center, meeting rooms and a beautiful staircase.

### Coming to town

The Post Bar will soon make it debut in downtown Plymouth on Penniman Avenue.

According to Plymouth Downtown Development Authority officials, the state of Michigan recently approved the liquor license transfer and the new owners will soon be making some renovations before opening in the former Rock Bar location.

### Goodfellows partners

Showroom of Elegance, a fine jewelry store located at 6018 Canton Center Road, is joining with the Canton Goodfellows to host a canned food drive for Canton families this holiday season. Through Dec. 11, guests who visit Showroom of Elegance and donate either a \$10 non-perishable food item or a \$10 monetary donation receive one of three free gifts. The free gifts with \$10 donation are sterling silver ball earrings, sterling silver hoop earrings or a \$25 gift card for a repair service. These gifts are available while supplies last.

"Being a partner once again for this important cause is so incredibly important to the Showroom staff and the patrons who make the drive possible," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance. "Past years have been successful, but we are hoping to always top our previous level of donations col-

lected."

The Canton Goodfellows was formed in the 1940s by Edward Hauk and Robert Waldecker, Canton residents. To learn about volunteer opportunities with the local charitable organization, contact the Canton Goodfellows at [cantongoodfellows@gmail.com](mailto:cantongoodfellows@gmail.com)

Questions about the food drive can be directed to the Showroom staff at 734-207-1906. Regular store hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

### Toys for Tots

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change of Plymouth is supporting the local Toys for Tots chapter this holiday season. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 18, when all will be collected. Victory Lane has consistently been a supporter of local organizations that help strengthen the community.

As a part of the program, Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys during the months of November and December in collection bins throughout the community. Around Christmas, the toys are then delivered to local children.

Anyone wishing to support Victory Lane can stop in and drop off an unwrapped toy in the collection bin. Those who would rather support Toys for Tots financially can do so by visiting [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org). For more information on store locations and hours,

please visit [www.victorylane.net](http://www.victorylane.net) or call 734-667-4304.

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change is located at 903 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

### Soft toy

The IKEA Soft Toys are coming to IKEA Canton and celebrating their 10-year milestone.

Since 2003, the IKEA Soft Toy campaign has donated \$74 million to UNICEF and Save the Children and impacted approximately 10 million children in 46 countries. For each purchase of an IKEA Soft Toy, including fairytale-character stuffed animals, finger puppets and books available at affordable prices, \$1.34 is donated to the Soft Toys for Education Campaign.

Running through Jan. 4, the 10th annual Soft Toys for Education Campaign will hit IKEA Canton to raise money to educate children around the world.

IKEA Canton will also have a special donation bin for those who don't have a child to give a soft toy to this holiday season. All donations will be given to Project Night Night, an organization that provides free of charge to homeless children who need childhood essentials to feel secure, cozy, ready to learn and significant. Each Night Night Package contains a new security blanket, an age-appropriate children's book and a stuffed animal – all nestled inside of a new canvas tote bag.

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A sign on Main Street in downtown Plymouth announces the imminent opening of Alpine Chocolat Haus in the former Gabriel's site between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail.

## Alpine Chocolat Haus coming to downtown Plymouth site

A sign on Main Street in downtown Plymouth announces the imminent opening of Alpine Chocolat Haus, in the former Gabriel's site between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail. This past weekend, the store's windows were covered with paper announcing a fall opening.

"He certainly wants to be open by the holidays," Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority,

said of the business owner, identified on the website [www.alpinechocolathaus.com](http://www.alpinechocolathaus.com) as Bruce Brown, also called "der Chocolatmeister."

The website notes other locations in Gaylord, Boyne City and Sault Ste. Marie, as well as describing product lines.

"I think it's always important that all our storefronts get filled," Bruscato said, agreeing the site is prominent. "Of

course, we'd like to have it up and running."

Jim McKeon is the property owner. Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, agreed with Bruscato.

"It's always good to have a tenant on Main Street," Graff said. "Obviously, you want to get your storefronts filled."

— By Julie Brown



# Marchers end season on high note

By Peggy Fenwick  
Correspondent

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's season came to a close Saturday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis with the squad's best performance of the season.

The marchers concluded their final performance of the 2013 show titled *Inferno* during their semifinals performance with 36 other bands at the Grand Nationals. Plymouth-Canton finished in 18th place out of 91 bands with a score of 86.05 and earned the highest score of any Michigan band competing that weekend.

Anna Graham, Plymouth-Canton booster and mother to junior flutist Paige, was very pleased after the Saturday semifinal performance.

"I felt they did awesome today. Very smooth, no obvious mistakes. Exponentially better than when they did states," Graham said.

When asked what changes were made between Nov. 2 and Saturday, Graham said, "They worked their butts off. They had practices until midnight some nights. I think they refined all their skills during that time."

### Trip to Indy

Plymouth-Canton's preliminary performance was Thursday evening. Several local parents peppered the audience Thursday, wearing bright yellow and waving large silver stars and a big crescent moon. The moon and stars are part of the legend for Plymouth-Canton started more than 20 years ago by a former band director. At the conclusion of the preliminary performance, the halls were buzzing with excited Plymouth-Canton



Drum Major Sarah Wohl beams with confidence that the P-CEP marchers delivered at the end of their preliminary performance at Grand Nationals. HELEN REBANDT



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band finished 18th in a 91-band field at the Grand Nationals in Indianapolis. RAFAEL BERNAL

### CRAFT ENSEMBLE

Local residents can show their support for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and its Music Boosters by attending the group's final fundraiser of 2013. The juried Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Plymouth High School. Admission is \$2. Strollers are welcome.

fans.

Friday during the day, the hometown marchers had a rehearsal at the Indianapolis Convention Center, located right across the street from the stadium. In the evening, the students walked down the street to the Circle Centre Mall and visited with family and friends who were waiting up on the third floor food court.

Around 9:30 p.m. Friday, 36 bands were announced to continue on in the three-day national competition. Only three Michigan bands - Plymouth-Canton, Walled Lake Central and Muskegon Reeths-Puffer - advanced to the semifinals.

Saturday morning started with a 6 a.m. breakfast prepared by volunteer parents. For

the 10:30 a.m. performance, the stands were jammed with fans both young and old. Most band fans are identifiable wearing hometown colors. Plymouth-Canton fans are easy to spot in the crowd with their trademark bright yellow fleece jackets and 2013 *Inferno* shirts.

### The final performance

After the morning performance, fans, staff and chaperones gathered outside in the parking lot near the Plymouth-Canton buses. After an inspirational speech given by band directors, the students returned to the buses to change out of their uniforms and eat sub sandwiches prepared by parent volunteers.

Madison Rich, a Salem

junior and color guard member, was pleased with the performance.

"It was really awesome. I feel like we were more aligned as a group and more confident going back onto the Lucas Oil field," Rich said as she folded her flags in hopes of using them later in the evening.

Trumpet player Brandon Moubadder, a Canton senior, was very happy after the high-energy performance.

"Amazing. It was crazy. You could feel the emotions coming out of the whole band. Best run of the year and a whole different band in comparison to the state championships two weeks earlier," Moubadder said. "If we don't get another chance to perform tonight, everyone is super proud of our performance this morning. Still the best run of year."

Drake Clifton, another senior and Plymouth High alto sax player, was filled with emotion for his last band competition.

"This performance was fantastic for me and the ensemble," Clifton said. "Almost everyone

going to miss these people," Clifton said.

Canton senior drummer Tony Nyberg was very happy with his section's performance.

"I couldn't be happier about today's performance and the people in drum line this year," Nyberg said.

"We did really well this year. It started out rough (with many freshman players), but they pushed through and became pretty good."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Turf war unwise

## Working together on recreation plans makes more sense

There's a battle brewing over recreation in this community. It's a fight no one should want and one that could easily be avoided.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards drew a line in the sand last week when he presented the township's 2014 \$13 million budget, a budget he said includes \$50,000 for "a study, a survey, to see what residents of Plymouth Township want" in a recreation center.

The problem is he made his presentation – and the timing is, at best, odd – minutes after Don Soenen, a member of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex committee, asked township officials to participate in a study of the possibility of converting Central Middle School in Plymouth into a cultural and recreation center after the school closes in 2015.

Edwards objected to participating in the planning when the facility would be in the city. That's not surprising; he's a staunch advocate for township programs, initiatives and growth.

But the argument – "It's in the city, not the township" – is dated and, in this economic day and age, counterproductive.

There aren't enough details about Edwards' plan – all he's talked about thus far is a recreation center – while the PARC plan would include a pool, gymnasium, fitness center, auditorium, arts studios, meeting space, senior citizens center and more.

Edwards is right; township folks should be included in any survey. It's important to find out what they want. While he doesn't really believe it, Edwards could be surprised to find township residents (in his mind, taxpayers) would support the PARC plan. It's also important to find out if they don't want it.

PARC supporters likewise need to be careful to not just dismiss Edwards' concerns. He's a longtime official who has demonstrated he has a sense of what his residents want.

Edwards called the need for a recreation center "a quality-of-life issue," saying township property values are adversely affected by the township's lack of amenities. We disagree. The township offers a golf course, a beautiful park complete with a sprayscape and a soccer park.

We're talking about a lot of money here. Edwards said he believes a recreation center would cost some \$26 million. PARC supporters are saying it would take \$20 million to \$25 million to transform Central Middle School.

Refusing to work together makes no sense. There's no reason the PARC survey couldn't include questions about whether township residents would rather see a standalone recreation center than a downtown Plymouth arts/recreation complex.

Splitting the cost of such a survey could be a cost savings to the township. Edwards could get the answers to the questions he asks and save a little money, to boot.

Hundreds of people showed up last week to a PARC meeting at the Penn Theatre and it seems extremely unlikely they were all from the city of Plymouth. That should suggest to Edwards and the rest of the township board that there is at least viable interest from township residents in the PARC plan.

Maybe they'd rather see a township-only facility, but there's only one way to find that out – you have to ask.

There are merits to both plans. The problem with getting into a battle over it is this – both sides could lose.



The Penn Theatre last week was nearly full of citizens wanting to hear more of the plans for Central Middle School, suggesting there's plenty of interest in a recreation/arts complex. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## COMMUNITY VOICE

# When is the earliest point in the season at which it becomes civilized to put up Christmas decorations?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



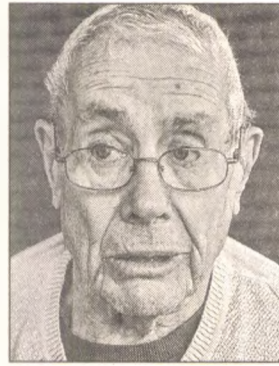
"I think maybe the first part of December."

Louann Muneio  
Plymouth Township



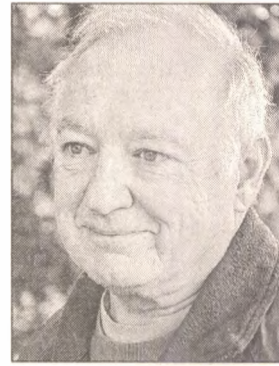
"I like doing it right after Thanksgiving."

Pam Prouty  
Plymouth



"After Thanksgiving. ... We don't put 'em up normally until 10 days before Christmas."

Al Crowley  
Plymouth



"Anytime after Halloween. You put 'em up in good weather. My wife even puts up decorations for Halloween."

Sam Lamerato  
Canton Township

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### One community

This is in response to Ron Edwards' opinion on the development of the Central Middle School into an arts and recreation center.

While Mr. Edwards is certainly entitled to his opinion, it is just that, his opinion. His opinion should not be considered the voice of the township residents. I have been a tax-paying resident of the township for 48 years but I, as Don Soenen does, consider myself a member of the Plymouth community.

Because the site is located within the city, it should in no way be considered a city-only center. We do not consider Kellogg Park, Penn Theater and other facilities as city-only facilities.

To let this Central School facility slip away from the community would be a real mistake on our part that would be felt for future generations.

I hope Ron Edwards rethinks his position and begins to think in terms of "community" rather than city vs. township.

Ken Sullivan  
Plymouth

### Appalled by behavior

I was appalled at Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards' statements and behavior at the recent Board of Trustees meeting.

Don Soenen, a Plymouth Township resident, made a proposal to have city, township and school officials cooperate on a study to build a recreational facility at Central Middle School. According to this paper, Mr. Edwards said, "I think we need our own facility" and "We have been losing on our property values left and right because we don't have the amenities."

Doesn't he understand that a recreation center at Central would be Plymouth Township's facility? No location would serve

the fine residents of Plymouth Township better, or improve property values more. Perhaps Mr. Edwards hasn't noticed, but Plymouth Township is a doughnut and Central Middle School is at the center of that doughnut.

Any other location within the boundaries of Plymouth Township would have to be on the far west side, so clearly Mr. Edwards doesn't care about the property values or quality of life of Plymouth Township residents on the east side. I hope those residents vote him out of office at their earliest opportunity so that we can start to rebuild our relationship as one Plymouth community.

Jeff Sisolak  
Plymouth

### Consider research

A recent letter from Scott Julian, Ph.D., warned that published scientific research on child outcomes of same-sex parents was not all of the same quality and that inappropriate methodologies could lead to erroneous conclusions.

His point that it is important to consider author biases and methodological appropriateness has wide applicability. Readers and policy makers must carefully consider the best that academic research has to offer to support stands on such issues parenting outcomes.

Unfortunately, Dr. Julian has presented an inaccurate assessment of the research he cites, reinforcing the imperative that readers must inform themselves and come to their own conclusions. Simply having a Ph.D. does not make one an expert in all fields nor render one immune from personal bias.

The central conclusion of the noted research by Marks (2012 in Social Science Research) is that the available data on same-sex parenting "are insufficient to support a strong generalized claim either way." In other

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words, research methodologies have a long way to go before the question of parenting outcomes for different types of families can be definitively answered.

The research by Regnerus (2012 also in Social Science Research), also cited by Dr. Julian, has a variety of flaws, the most critical being that it does not separate out stable same-sex families from single instances of a same-sex relationship nor does it control for the host of other factors that might also impact outcomes for children of same-sex couples such as adoption or age of adoption. In short, the definitions and indicators used have serious flaws.

Regardless of the topic, we support Dr. Julian's advice to carefully consider the best available scientific research, including the methodology, sampling, representativeness and conclusions, before reaching a conclusion about a particular issue. We are sorry he did not follow his own advice.

Laura Reese, Ph.D.  
Plymouth

## GUEST COLUMN

# Republicans railroad state's citizens, democratic process

Whether the reason was for allegations of a pending legal case regarding the way the Legislature behaved during the 2012 lame-duck session (violating the Open Meetings Act by locking people out of the Capitol) finally being heard or trying to protect Gov. Snyder's "NERD Fund" from any challenges, the Republicans railroaded through at lightning speed Senate Bill 652, which completely removes the Court of Claims from the 30th Judicial Circuit Court and places exclusive jurisdiction within the Michigan Court of Appeals.

This move stacks the courts in the Republicans' favor and would allow them to quickly pass controversial legislation, obtain a governor's signature and create laws without constitutional concerns or even receiving a hearing. This includes many claims, demands and counter-claims against the state or any of its departments, commissions, board, institutions, arms or agencies and puts undue burdens on people filing Freedom of Information Act or Open Meetings Act claims against the state. Republicans claim this bill



Phil Cavanagh

brings fairness to the judicial system by having this heard in a court where the judges are all elected by the citizens of Michigan instead of a court with county-elected judges. But this is blatant move by the Republicans to rig the judicial system against the people, allowing a political party in power (currently Republicans dominate all three branches of government) to hand-pick the judges who hear cases against the state of Michigan. This move stacks the Court of Claims in the Republicans' favor, making it harder for citizens to hold our government accountable for its actions.

Whether Republican or Democrat, we are all elected to serve by people who hope and pray that we will protect and uphold their constitutional rights. Everyone should be allowed a fair process through the judicial system. This bill makes a mockery of our constitutional design-

nated separation of powers by allowing the Legislature to meddle in the affairs of the court. The Republicans, by passing this strictly on party lines, scream the message to citizens that we will make it difficult for citizens to hold their government accountable.

I came up to Lansing to address real issues facing our great state. Not once have I had anyone say to me that we need to remove the Court of Claims, a trier of fact and original jurisdiction, and place exclusive jurisdiction with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

This was a self-serving act that will diminish the public's faith in government, our judicial system and lead many around the state to believe that corruption doesn't just lie within the city of Detroit and Wayne County's borders, but instead has spread like a poisonous rash over our great state.

State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, represents the 10th District, which includes Redford and a portion of Detroit. He can be reached at 517-373-0857 or philcavanagh@house.mi.gov.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW - PART 1

## 'Cats to play 2-way game

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The departure of a handful of top players isn't about to put a dent into Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Gerry Vento's enthusiasm about the 2013-14 season.

Vento, who is entering his third season at the Wildcats' helm, lost all-state defenseman Dean Gunther along with prolific forwards Nick Schultz, Mitch Claggett and Joe Burke to graduation. Also gone is another top forward from last season, Mike Schultz.

But with a group of players led by senior defenseman and team captain Kyle Bauer that will battle, hit and play "heavy on the puck," the Wildcats should once again be a formidable squad in the KLAAs South Division.

"We'll be OK," said Vento, whose team opened the season



A new boys high school hockey season is dawning for Plymouth goalie Jared Maddock (left) and Canton forward Christian Flack, shown from a 2012-13 game. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tuesday at Cranbrook-Kingswood. "We're a team that's not going to score a ton of goals but I think we'll be able to defend the puck pretty well. That's always a good thing."

It remains to be seen whether Plymouth can come close to what was accomplished last

season.

The Wildcats (22-6-3 in 2012-13) shared the KLAAs South championship with Salem, then won the team's first-ever regional title before losing in the Division 1 state quarterfinals to

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## All Chiefs on deck

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Last year was one to forget for Canton's varsity boys hockey team, who finished with a dismal 4-14 record.

As for 2013-14, rookie head coach Brad Barath is hoping the program will begin to see better days and a better record in the KLAAs South Division.

"It's fun, I'm excited for it to start," said Barath, a former Chief player who was an assistant coach in recent seasons with the team. "It's going to be a challenge, definitely. But the past four years as an assistant taught me well and I'm looking forward to taking over."

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## Storm, a star and food drive on tap

The Plymouth Whalers will host the Guelph Storm for a 7 p.m. Ontario Hockey League game Saturday at Compuware Arena. But it will be much



List

more than hockey taking place.

Fans will be asked to bring canned food items to the game, to be dispatched to needy families through Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

For a donation of five cans to the game (or a donation of \$5), fans receive five chances to win \$1,000 worth of prizes from Meijer to be given away to help stop hunger this holiday.

Prizes include the following:

- » Grand Prize \$500 Meijer Gift Card;
- » \$200 Meijer Gift Card;
- » \$100 Gift Basket features a \$50 Meijer Gift Card & EA NHL 14;
- » \$100 Gift Basket features a \$50 Meijer Gift Card & Madden 25 PS3 Gift Basket;
- » \$100 Gift Basket features a \$50 Meijer Gift Card & So Sweet Bike.

To ensure the success of this year's food drive, Livonia Dermatology (a sponsor of the Whalers) is presenting actress Peyton List to meet young fans and families and sign autographs beginning at 6 p.m. List plays Emma Ross on the hit Disney Channel comedy series *Jessie*.

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## Coaching vacancies

The Salem girls track and field team is looking for two assistant coaches for the 2014 season.

Coaches should have a background in sprints, relays, hurdles, high jump or long jump.

If interested, contact the Salem athletic department at 734-416-7774 or head coach Dave Gerlach at 734-416-7708.

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

## 'Always a Chief'



Even though Bob Richardson is retiring from coaching duties with the Canton boys track and field team, his smiling face is sure to still be around the Park. NAUSHEEN CHISTI

Longtime Canton track coach Richardson decides time's right to retire

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There's always been that "kid in the candy store" look on Bob Richardson's face the day of another big high school track meet.

But with the 65-year-old Richardson's recent retirement from coaching Canton's varsity boys track and field team, he won't wear that facial expression quite as often.

"I've had a very rewarding coaching career and probably the thing I'll miss the most is the day you have the track meets," Richardson said. "You get all that excitement, and a kid has just a great time or a great distance. Those are all the memories that high school sports are supposed to be about."

He opted to step down in order to spend time with his growing family, including two grandchildren who are expected sometime in 2014.

"It's been a fun ride, but the time is right," said Richardson last week. "My three sons, they're all now married and one of them lives in Arizona. I'll be heading out that way in December. And that's why I thought this is the time."

Taking over the team will be former Westland John Glenn coaching fixture Jess Shough, who helped Richardson during the 2013 season.

"I've had a couple meetings with him," Richardson said. "I've turned over my coaching keys to Mr. Jess Shough. He's great, knowledgeable, a great communicator and that's what it's all about. You have to be able

*"I've had a very rewarding coaching career and probably the thing I'll miss the most is the day you have the track meets."*

BOB RICHARDSON, retiring Canton track coach

to communicate with the kids."

### He'll be around

Richardson, who by the way emphasizes that he's "a young 65," still plans on being around the team he coached since 1989 and the high school he taught math in from 1979 until his retirement in 2010.

He'll also be spotted working at the scorer's table during girls and boys basketball games this winter — provided they fit around his vacation plans.

"I'll always be a Chief," the Howell resident noted. "That's never going to change."

For the record, after the Central Michigan University grad came to Canton from his first job (Paw Paw), he first was coach of the Chiefs' girls track and field program for six seasons.

"It (retirement) was all my initiation," Richardson said. "This is my 25th year with the Canton men's program. When I first came to Canton in '79 I was the women's head coach, for six years."

"And then I got the guy's job in '89 and I was there ever since. Twenty five years with the boys, six years with the girls. We had a few accomplishments."

One that he is most proud of is having athletes from each of his 25 boys teams (1989 through

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

## Bad bounces cost Plymouth Whalers in tough loss to Sarnia

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Saturday was Hockey Night in Plymouth for a while, with an enthusiastic crowd doing the wave and chanting "Let's Go Whalers."

But then Sarnia cashed in on a couple of fortunate bounces to steal a 4-2 victory from the Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers were thrilling a standing room Scout Night crowd of 3,823 through 40 minutes, leading 2-1 and heavily outshooting the Sting — parlaying strong forechecking and physical play into plenty of opportunities.

Plymouth (9-13-0-1) continued that heavy pressure early in the third against Sarnia goalie Brodie Barrick, but could not extend the lead.

That would prove significant as the Sting (8-14-0-1) tied the Ontario Hockey League game at 1:10 on a breakaway marker by winger Davis Brown.

Whalers defenseman Alex Peters tried to knock a Sarnia clearing attempt down at the Sting blueline. But the puck bounced right onto the stick of Brown who skated in on Plymouth netminder Alex Nedeljkovic and blasted a shot over the goalie's blocker.

"I thought the second goal was a bad break at the blue line," Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "They rim it hard and it we tried to hold it in with our glove and it kicks off our glove right to them for a



Plymouth Whalers forward Zach Lorentz (No. 9) celebrates after scoring Saturday against Sarnia goalie Brodie Barrick at Compuware Arena. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

breakaway."

What happened 6:45 later was even tougher to swallow.

With Plymouth on the power play, the puck was cleared into the Whalers zone. Sarnia defenseman Anthony DeAngelo, by himself along the goal line to the right of Nedeljkovic, wheeled and slid a shot that hit the goalie's skate. Officials ruled the puck crossed the line, although the subsequent video replay to see that it did was inconclusive.

### One to forget

That was crucial, because the video replay was inconclusive, meaning that the goal counted.

"The third goal you can't give up," Elland said. "You got to make the save there. But Ned's been great for us all year so he gives up a bad goal, that's few and far between."

"We don't have a great angle here. We couldn't tell from the replay, we just watched it and we couldn't tell. But if they rule it a goal, it's got to be clear and conclusive that it's not."

Nedeljkovic said it was a case of overthinking a situation instead of just reacting to what DeAngelo did.

"Yeah, it was just a surprise kind of shot," said Nedeljkovic, who stopped 24 of 27 shots (Sarnia also scored an empty netter). "He was by himself. You got to kind of expect that he's going to do something random with it being by himself."

"But there's just too much thinking going on there, too much thinking of what he might do and not so much reacting to what he actually did do."

He shook his head about the play, but emphasized he has no choice but to turn the page.

"That's one that you want back in any game, whether you're up 2-1, or tied 2-2 like that or you're up 5-1," Nedeljkovic said. "You want that one back, it's not a good feeling giving up an easy goal. You kind of kick yourself in the butt a little bit with that, unfortunately that ended up being the game winner."

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## MHSAA seeks scholars

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Scholar-Athlete Award program will present 32 \$1,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2013-14 school year.

The program, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, has presented more than \$30,000 since its inception in 1988-89.

Applications from individual schools are limited to the number of available scholarships in their enrollment class.

Applications are available only in digital format on the MHSAA website at mhsaa.com.

Students must submit applications to their school athletic director, principal or guidance counselor by Nov. 25.



PREP VOLLEYBALL

# Chiefs' Cucuz set to become a college 'Cat

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Whether Sasha Cucuz is a dream volleyball player or a nightmare depends on which team's coach you're talking to.

Next season she will either thrill or torment coaches in the American East Conference. Last week, Cucuz signed her national letter of intent to play Division I volleyball at the University of New Hampshire.

"I'm really happy," said Cucuz about getting the scholarship to play college volleyball on the East Coast. "It's a great school and it's a great program."

The 6-1 Canton senior — a southpaw-swinging right-side hitter of all things — is a player her own coach and teammates revel in having on their side. Her opponents? Not so much.

"Having a power right-side is every coach's dream," Canton head coach Steve Johnson confirmed. "Having a southpaw power right-side is every other team's worst nightmare."

"Her ability to attack the other team's setting position with power led her to a very successful run with us."

Cucuz made quite an impact in just two years after transferring from Indiana as a sophomore.

The team captain led the Chiefs in kills and solo blocks. She was one



Canton senior volleyball player Sasha Cucuz signs to play at Division I New Hampshire. Parents Bo (left) and Dasha (right) were on hand for the ceremony.

of the key reasons for the team's KLAA South Division championship. Her efforts led to selection to the all-conference squad.

"We had a really great team this year," said Cucuz, a Plymouth resident. "We (were) more challenging, we just were able to communicate and work well together."

Her outstanding senior season followed exceptional play at the club volleyball level with A2 and Premiere.

In a press release, UNH head coach Jill Hirschinger announced that Cucuz would become a Wildcat next fall.

"We are excited to add Sasha to our program," said Hirschinger. "She is a very versatile player with a background in both hitting and setting."

"It will be great to add another left-handed attacker to our offense. She comes from a terrific, hardworking family and will be a great addition to our Wildcat family."

Her parents, Bo and Dasha, attended the Nov. 13 signing ceremony in the Canton High School team room. Also on hand was Tia, her sister.

Sasha Cucuz said she focused on finding a college in the eastern portion of the United States, adding that she likes that area a lot.

In addition to volleyball, she is a four-time scholar athlete and National Honor Society member who served as secretary for the CHS student council.

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DIVISION I WOMEN'S GOLF

# Butler's perfect choice for Canton senior McDougall

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Make no mistake about it, Kelsey McDougall is ecstatic about her opportunity to play Division I women's golf at Butler University.

McDougall, a Canton High School senior, last week signed her NCAA letter of intent to play at Butler — moving this year from the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference to the Big East.

But she won't forget about her four years with the Canton Chiefs, either. The All-Observer first teamer and all stater capped off an outstanding prep career with her fifth-place finish at the Division 1 state finals at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.

"Given that golf is such an individual sport, it has been great to spend my high school career in a close-knit team environment," wrote McDougall in an email to the *Observer*. "Everything I have learned from the experiences I've had on the Canton girls golf team have helped me prepare to become part of the Butler team next fall."

Canton coach Tom Alles raved about McDougall's tireless work ethic, which helped her to average 38 strokes per nine holes and 79 per 18 in 2013.

That combination of commitment and obvi-



Flanked by her proud parents, Kristi and Chris McDougall, Canton senior Kelsey McDougall signs to play Division I women's golf at Butler University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ous talent netted McDougall several D-I scholarship offers, but she opted early on for the Indianapolis-based college.

"I had three Division 1 scholarship offers, but from very early on in the recruiting process, Butler was my favorite," McDougall noted. "I verbally committed soon after receiving the scholarship offer from coach (Bill) Mattingly in July."

McDougall, who was joined at the recent signing ceremony by parents Dave and Kristi and sister Annie (a junior at Canton), was immediately comfortable with the size of the campus and its strong academic program (she

is a scholar-athlete at Canton and carries a 4.16 GPA.

"I liked the size of Butler's campus, its proximity to Indianapolis, and coach Mattingly and the team made me feel right at home," McDougall said. "My goal from the beginning was to find a school with strong academics where I could also have the opportunity to play golf."

She added that Mattingly has "created an environment that will allow me to improve my golf game while also focusing on my studies. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to play a sport that I love at a school that I love."

## WHALERS

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Elland said the Whalers did do a lot of good things in the game, despite missing four key scorers to injury or ill-

ness (Ryan Hartman, Carter Sandlak, Victor Crus Rydberg and Matt Mistelet).

"With the guys we have out of the lineup we're going to struggle to score goals," Elland noted. "I thought we played hard and I thought we

made some improvements, but with the guys we have out we're always going to have a hard time scoring."

Sarnia went up 1-0 with 9:47 to play in the opening frame when winger Nikolay Goldobin drove a shot through the

Plymouth goalie's pads. Dropping the puck back to Goldobin was center Nicholas Latta.

### Back to back

Plymouth then scored twice within 30 seconds midway through the middle stanza to go up 2-1.

With 9:10 left, Whalers defenseman Mitch Jones (Rochester Hills) blasted a slapper that Barrick (34 saves) stopped but could not control. The rebound slid to winger Connor Sills, who sent the puck

into the cage from the right of the crease for his second marker of the .

Also drawing an assist on the goal was forward Danny Vanderwiel.

The Whalers then scored again at the 11:20 mark on a wraparound by left wing Zach Lorentz (his ninth goal of the season), whose line was a thorn in Sarnia's side all night. Assisting were wingers Liam Dunda and Brook Hiddink.

Lorentz stuffed the puck inside the left post, after gaining control at

the opposite post following a missed attempt by Barrick to smother a centering pass from Dunda.

"Z (Lorentz) played well, a lot of guys played well," Elland said. "I thought the effort was there. We just didn't get a bounce and you got to make that save. But like I said, Ned's been great for us for a long time, so you can excuse that one."

The Whalers return to action Friday at Saginaw before hosting Guelph at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Naubert lifts Madonna men to WHAC victory

Madonna University's Bobby Naubert showed why he's the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year on Saturday.

The 5-foot-10 senior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson poured in a game-high 25 points, added seven rebounds and dished out four assists as the Crusaders opened WHAC play with a 60-55 win over host Indiana Tech at the Schaefer Center.

Naubert was the only Crusader to score in double figures, while Travis Schuba and Fred Williams chipped in with eight points apiece, as MU improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC.

Plymouth native Matt Jenkins (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard) grabbed team-high eight boards.

Tanner Watkins tallied a game-high 26 points for the Warriors, who slipped to 3-4 and 0-1.

Madonna led 21-20 at halftime and led by as many as seven in the second half.

The Crusaders shot 22-of-51 from the floor (43.1 percent) and 11-of-17 from the foul stripe (64.7 percent).

## Ocelot men fall

Marquez Carpenter-Ma came off the bench to pour in 24 points Saturday as host Sinclair Community College (2-1) pulled away down the stretch to beat Schoolcraft College (2-2) in a non-conference encounter, 76-56.

Carpenter-Ma was one of four Sinclair players to score in double figures as C.J. Reed and Trace Cureton added 12 points apiece, while Ramar Hairston contributed 11 for the Pride.

The Ocelots got 22 points and 11 rebounds from Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston), while Andrew Mapley and Terrell Sewell (Canton) added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Sewell and Mapley also combined for 17 rebounds with nine and eight, respectively.

Schoolcraft, which trailed 44-37 at the half, shot only 34.7 percent from the floor (25-of-72) and committed 23 turnovers. The Ocelots also struggled at the foul line going 13-of-22 (59.1 percent).

Sinclair made 20-of-29 free throws (69 percent) and was 24-of-62 from the floor (38.7 percent).

## MU women routed

Things didn't go as well Saturday for the Madonna University women's basketball team, which fell to Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne, 98-85.

It was the WHAC opener for both teams.

The Warriors (4-2, 1-1) jumped out to a commanding 52-22 half-time lead and had four players score in double figures led by Rayana Villalpando's game-high 28 points.

Chelsea Carradine (Redford Thurston), who was a perfect 7-of-7

from the floor, along with Ulyssia Richmond, each added 15 points, while Sabina Filipovicova contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Junior guard Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored a career-high 22 points for the Crusaders (1-4, 0-1), who shot 18.8 percent in the first half (6-of-32).

Tori Duffey came off the bench to add career-best 18 points.

MU was only 3-of-21 (14.3) from three-point range and was outrebounded 45-34.

## Lady Ocelots fall

Despite double-doubles from Tabitha Mann and Chelsea Wesley, the Schoolcraft College (1-3) fell Saturday to host Sinclair Community College of Ohio (3-3) in a non-conference women's basketball game.

Mann finished with 20 points and 18 rebounds, while Wesley contributed 18 points and 10 boards as the Lady Ocelots couldn't overcome a 43-29 half-time deficit.

Schoolcraft also got 10 points from center Teniece Roberts.

Jenae Curtis and O'Sha Owens paced the victorious Pride with 24 and 22 points, respectively. Ashley Morrow and Breanna Ball chipped in with 16 and 14, respectively.

The Lady Ocelots committed 29 turnovers and shot 33.8 percent from the floor (24-of-71).

The Pride made 28-of-66 field goals and 19-of-27 free throws (70.4 percent).



Ladywood senior Katie Franczak scored in the consolation heats of the butterfly and backstroke. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mercy Marlins swim to 23rd straight Catholic League title

Livonia Ladywood takes 4th place

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills Mercy coach Shannon Dunworth doesn't mind the Catholic League swimming and diving championships taking place a week before the girls state meet.

In fact, contrary to the old way of thinking on the issue, he prefers it that way.

The one-week separation between major meets has never been an impediment to the Marlins doing well.

They won their 23rd consecutive championship and 47th in the last 48 years Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

"The old school of thought was that swimmers are a lot more fragile than they are," Dunworth said. "If you want to be a gunner in this sport, you have to swim fast when the time calls for it, regardless of when that is."

The old way of thinking has been slowly trickling away over the past two decades, he added.

"I like having it a week out; I think it's just great," Dunworth said. "Most leagues meets are two weeks before the state meet. Ours is only one week, which means we get to work hard one more week."

"When the season is 12 weeks long, one week is a big deal. I prefer to have it as late as possible, so we don't have to pull the hard work quite so early."

The Marlins won all three relays and seven of

the nine individual events Saturday while amassing 674 team points and winning decisively over rival Birmingham Marian.

The Mustangs finished with 524 points and were followed by Notre Dame Prep (268), Ladywood (193), Regina (153) and Bishop Foley (121).

"There were a lot of close races," Dunworth said. "I love to win those close races and, when they were close, we won them."

"Other teams certainly do a commendable job. Marian has a terrific team and I'm sure they'll do well at their state championship. I couldn't be happier. Our kids performed exceptionally well."

Senior Elliot Schinella won the backstroke again, shattering the record (56.67) she set last year when she finished the race in 56.02.

Schinella was a double winner again, taking first place in the butterfly this year instead of the 50 freestyle.

Junior Maddy Loniewski also won two events, repeating as league champion in the 200 IM and the breaststroke.

Mercy's other winners were junior Roxanne Griffone in the 500 free, senior Erica Allor in diving and junior Kathleen McGee, who won the 500 free for the second year in a row. Marian's Mollie Pulte won the 200 and 100 free races.

The Marlins had runner-up performances from McGee, sophomore Ellyse Conn, senior Christine Peterson, freshman Alaina Skellett (two) and senior Hannah Knoop.

"I'm happy to talk

about every single individual, from the great job Elli Schinella, Roxie Griffone, Maddy Loniewski and Kathleen McGee did to some kids who didn't win," Dunworth said.

"Alaina Skellett is just having a terrific year. She's a very hard worker, a very focused girl and it's certainly paying off for her."

"Roxie Griffone is having a breakout year. She won four events - three relays and one individual - which is Roxie sacrificing for the good of the team. She and Maddy share that. Maddy had two individuals and two relays."

Mercy also tied its 2010 record in the 200 freestyle relay in which Schinella, Loniewski, McGee and Griffone swam 1:35.41.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Loniewski, Griffone, McGee and Schinella broke the record (3:32.64) the Marlins set last year by winning that event in 3:29.90.

Skellett, Knoop, Conn and Griffone won the medley relay in 1:46.26.

While he doesn't put an emphasis on Mercy's string of consecutive titles, Dunworth was pleased to see this year's team do well.

"Although we don't talk about it, nor do I care about streaks, we enjoy each team being successful," he said. "Then we can look back and be proud that we maintained a tradition."

"There are a lot of good swimmers there and, if you're going to win or be in the final heat, you're going to have to be pretty darn good. So we're happy to have a lot of kids in those races."

## SWIMMING & DIVING

### CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Nov. 16 at Livonia Rec Center

**Team standings:** 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 674 points; 2. Birmingham Marian, 524; 3. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 268; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 193; 5. Warren Regina, 153; 6. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 121.

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Mercy (Alaina Skellett, Hannah Knoop, Ellyse Conn, Roxanne Griffone), 1:46.26; 2. Marian, 1:47.46; 3. Notre Dame Prep, 1:57.30; 4. Ladywood, 2:04.41; 5. Bishop Foley, 2:18.50; 6. Regina, 2:20.53.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Mollie Pulte (BM), 1:50.40; 2. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 1:53.88; 3. Clare Nienstedt (BM), 1:56.93; 4. Mary Kate Nodland (BM), 1:59.68; 5. Morgan Jones (LL), 1:59.71; 6. Jackie Baldus (FHM), 2:00.18; 7. Emma Michalczuk (FHM), 2:00.78; 8. Madison Clement (BM), 2:00.89. Consolation: 9. Erin Judd (FHM), 2:02.25; 14. Renee Cole (LL), 2:28.63.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Maddy Loniewski (FHM), 2:06.44; 2. Ellyse Conn (FHM), 2:09.14; 3. Jordan Ewald (FHM), 2:13.37; 4. Hannah Knoop (FHM), 2:13.50; 5. Taylor Miller (BM), 2:17.79; 6. Hannah Richard (BM), 2:18.51; 7. Allison Kavanagh (NDP), 2:19.18; 8. Rebekah Irwin (BM), 2:19.88. Consolation: 9. Amanda Coletti (BM), 2:21.26; 11. Monica Rzepka (LL), 2:35.93.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Roxanne Griffone (FHM), 23.66; 2. Sophia Schott (BM), 24.47; 3. Maren

Taylor (BM), 24.72; 4. Kailyn Swantek (BM), 25.19; 5. Christine Edwards (FHM), 25.64; 6. Katy Kouvaris (FHM), 25.74; 7. Hannah Schmidt (FHM), 25.94; 8. Christina Schott (BM), DQ. Consolation: 9. Alanna Tarnacki (LL), 26.44.

**Diving:** 1. Erica Allor (FHM), 426.10 points; 2. Christine Peterson (FHM), 366.40; 3. Emily Ridge (NDP), 297.20; 4. Skylar Tisko (FHM), 276.10; 5. Nicole Taormina (WR), 275.85; 6. Molly Griffin (LL), 257.90; 7. Page Bimberg (FHM), 241.75; 8. Julie Fudala (WR), 226.05.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Elliot Schinella (FHM), 57.21; 2. Alaina Skellett (FHM), 57.39; 3. Ellyse Conn (FHM), 57.48; 4. Michaela Bargardi (FHM), 58.78; 5. Hannah Richard (BM), 1:00.75; 6. Allison Murphy (BM), 1:02.19; 7. Maddie Torres (BM), 1:02.63; 8. Andrea Cavataio (WR), 1:05.22. Consolation: 9. Lauren Hix (BM), 1:05.48; 10. Abby Pelon (LL), 1:06.32; 12. Tiffany Pijor (LL), 1:07.41; 14. Katie Franczak (LL), 1:12.96; 16. Renee Cole (LL), 1:19.63.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Mollie Pulte (BM), 50.65; 2. Sophia Schott (BM), 53.94; 3. Maren Taylor (BM), 54.87; 4. Katy Kouvaris (FHM), 55.34; 5. Jessica Kayden (FHM), 55.40; 6. Christina Schott (BM), 55.59; 7. Erin Judd (FHM), 56.57; 8. Christine Edwards (FHM), 56.74. Consolation: 16. Morgaine Rendell (LL), 1:11.13.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Kathleen McGee (FHM), 5:06.64; 2. Morgan Jones (LL), 5:14.12; 3. Clare Nienstedt (BM), 5:17.01; 4. Emma Michalczuk (FHM), 5:18.15; 5. Caroline Reamer (FHM), 5:22.63; 6. Mary Kate Nodland (BM),

5:29.94; 7. Julia Wright (BM), 5:32.74; 8. Madison Clement (BM), 5:35.12. Consolation: 9. Christina Butarakos (FHM), 5:34.59; 11. Tiffany Pijor (LL), 5:54.65.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Mercy (Elliot Schinella, Maddy Loniewski, Kathleen McGee, Roxanne Griffone), 1:35.41; 2. Marian, 1:35.73; 3. Ladywood, 1:49.19; 4. Notre Dame Prep, 1:53.76; 5. Bishop Foley, 2:01.66; 6. Regina, 2:01.83.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Elliot Schinella (FHM), 56.02; 2. Alaina Skellett (FHM), 56.87; 3. Jordan Ewald (FHM), 59.28; 4. Michaela Bargardi (FHM), 59.46; 5. Amanda Coletti (BM), 1:03.27; 6. Allison Murphy (BM), 1:05.04; 7. Megan Nelheisel (NDP), 1:05.29; 8. Tessa Giod (BM), 1:06.46. Consolation: 9. Lauren Hix (BM), 1:06.24; 13. Katie Franczak (LL), 1:17.20.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Maddy Loniewski (FHM), 1:06.61; 2. Hannah Knoop (FHM), 1:10.27; 3. Jensen Pecora (FHM), 1:11.00; 4. Taylor Miller (BM), 1:11.12; 5. Kathleen Lemie (BM), 1:11.44; 6. Kaitlin Bayer (FHM), 1:11.73; 7. Rebekah Irwin (BM), 1:12.12; 8. Julia Wright (BM), 1:14.86. Consolation: 9. Monica Rzepka (LL), 1:14.89.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Mercy (Maddy Loniewski, Roxanne Griffone, Kathleen McGee, Elliot Schinella), 3:29.90; 2. Marian, 3:42.47; 3. Notre Dame Prep, 3:55.01; 4. Ladywood, 4:05.83; 5. Regina, 4:15.83; 6. Bishop Foley, 5:36.57.

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Barath already knows one hockey fact of life — with only 15 skaters and three goalies, the Chiefs will need to stay away from the penalty box and injuries in order to bring back a winning culture that was prevalent before the 2012-13 season.

"It's a very young team, we only have six seniors this year," Barath said. "There's a lot of new guys. So it's going to be a jelling period, they're going to have to mold together."

"They're going to have to figure out how each other plays. They're a hard-working team though."

There are only five defensemen, too. In order to have three pairings on D, Barath plans on having sophomore forward Hunter Oatmen rotate between positions as needed.

"Conditioning's key, we're going to have to be running a lot of guys a lot of time. They're going to have to be in shape. We got to stay out of the penalty box, that will kill us especially being short players."

Also on the blue line will be senior Collin Smith and junior Hunter Schlamp on the top pairing, senior Cody Theodore and junior Bryan Eastman as the No. 2

duo and freshman Michael Gaffka (Suburban Stars last year) working with Oatmen whenever called upon.

## Skilled forwards

The Chiefs, with only six seniors all told, do have enough forwards to make the top two lines very competitive.

Barath has seniors Kurt Snow (team captain), Christian Flack, juniors Tommy Kiddle, Connor Wherett, Cooper Rice and freshman Matt Eastman (Victory Honda last year) slotted for regular duty on the first or second line as well as power plays.

"They can move the puck," Barath said about that group. "They're some very skilled players that can move the puck well. They know the game and have good vision. I'm excited to see them work."

With a smile, Barath added that it will be fun to see how Matt Eastman (Bryan's brother) progresses due to the fact he is "one of the smaller players but also one of our biggest hitters. He's one of our strongest players."

Canton only has enough players to ice three lines, with senior Brendan O'Hare, juniors Jon Winberry, Nick Richmond and Oatmen all slated to share the load.

Meanwhile, goalkeeping duties will be divided between senior re-

turnee Justin Kolbicz, junior newcomer Nick Borg (a transfer from Dearborn Divine Child) and sophomore returnee Isaac Salinas.

"He (Borg) is our number one goalie right now," said Barath, whose team opened Wednesday night at Chelsea.

## Comerica awaits

One of the season's highlights undoubtedly will be the team's trek to Comerica Park in Detroit to face Plymouth at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, as part of the bally-hooed Winter Classic.

"They can't wait, even though it's 8:30 in the morning," Barath said. "It's disappointing that it's that early, but hopefully we'll still get some people out there. But they're very excited for sure, especially playing Plymouth."

Barath, and his predecessor, Jeremy Majszak, had held out hope that the high-profile game might get more kids to tryout for the squad. That did not happen, unfortunately.

"We're disappointed in the outcome of how many people were at tryouts, and the actual interest in the program right now," Barath said.

"But you've got to win to build interest in the program and that's what it's all about. So we're going to work hard, hopefully get some Ws."

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Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

## Defense first

"Our defense all-around, that's how we're going to win our games," Vento said. "Playing sound, defensive hockey because we're not going to score goals like last year. I think we have the ability to potentially shut teams down and that's what we're going to have to do."

Last year, Plymouth averaged about five goals per game. Vento

expects the team to battle through a lot of 2-1 and 3-2 games instead of more high-scoring matchups.

The team will be led on and off the ice by fourth-year varsity player Bauer. He will be paired with 6-1, 195-pound junior Jake Zaborowski.

"Kyle's going to play in all situations, it's his fourth year with the program so he knows the routine," Vento said. "And he's obviously got to play a major role for us to be successful. He leads by example and by voice, he's always the hardest worker in off-ice at practice, in games he's

always positive. "He sets a great example for everyone else on our team."

Zaborowski brings plenty of size to the blue line, as well as a penchant for threading tape-to-tape passes.

"He's probably one of the better high school passers I've seen on the blue line," Vento said.

Plymouth's second defensive pairing will be stay-at-home senior Colin Staub and hard-hitting junior Ben Chafin.

The Wildcats also will have first-year senior Zach Fedden (who transferred from North Carolina) and junior Jared Merandi on defense.

Up front, Vento has six players who will make up the top two lines.

One combination might include junior assistant captain Josh Smith at center between wingers Zach Tavernier (assistant captain) and 230-pound net-front presence Andrew Jossey (who played on the JV last year).

Centering the other line will be senior Corey Smith, with seniors John VanDenBurgeury and Charlie Supernois on the wings.

## Buying in

"Solid two-way play, both lines have the abil-

ity to score," said Vento, asked to describe what he expected out of the top lines. "What's nice about them is either one (of the lines) can match up to the opposition's top line because they're all strong skaters and they're responsible in their own end."

On the projected third line will be seniors Mike Scarpello, Kyle Melnick and sophomore Alex Bump. The remaining forwards include seniors Mitch Langell, Anthony Sloan and junior Mitch Lopetrone.

Sharing the netminding load will be junior returnees Jared Maddock and Erik Vanden-

Bosch. Maddock was the goalie for Plymouth's successful postseason run, but Vento made clear this is a new season.

"They're both very competitive," Vento noted. "Each has strengths and weaknesses, but both goalies last year gave us a chance to win."

Vento likes that the Wildcats potentially can play a physical brand of hockey without being reckless or careless.

"That's what I like about this group," he said. "They're all buying in and seem to be on the same page."

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Crusader spikers cap perfect regular season

Beat Lourdes in WHAC tourney final, go 38-0

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team has run the table during the regular season.

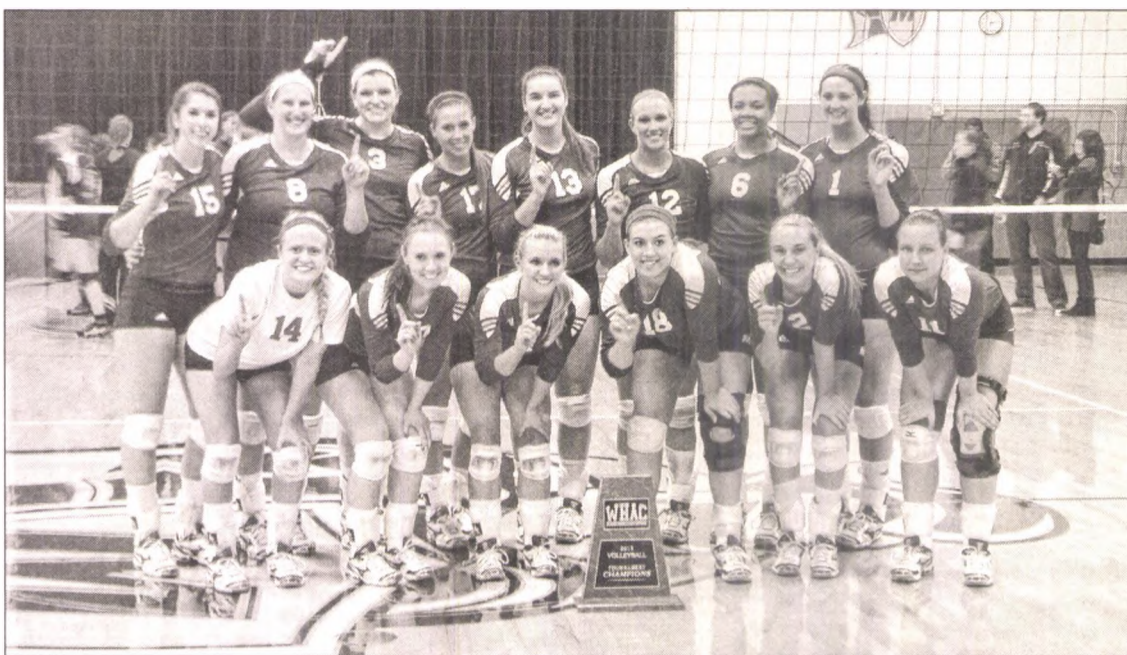
The Crusaders continued their incredible journey Saturday night at home by sweeping bracket buster Lourdes University (Ohio), 25-17, 26-24, 25-16, for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship.

MU, only one of five undefeated teams in all divisions of college volleyball, will enter the NAIA National Tournament, Dec. 3-7, in Sioux City, Iowa, with a 38-0 record.

"The chemistry is awesome," said MU 27th-year coach Jerry Abraham, who for the 11th time swept both the WHAC regular season and tournament titles. "We have 14 quality players, but we knew that. That's not a surprise. We have four experienced, talented, dedicated seniors that are really our strength. And we were fortunate to have a good recruiting class, so we have solid returners and solid leaders and just group of 14 kids that work their tails off."

Emilie Freeman, a 6-foot-3 senior middle hitter from Livonia (Lutheran High Westland), paced a balanced hitting attack with 12 kills, while Kayla Vogel chipped in with eight.

Senior Stacey Catalano



The fourth-ranked Madonna University women's volleyball team won the WHAC Tournament Saturday night to improve to 38-0. PATRICK MOORE

added a team-high 11 digs, while Payton Maxheimer had nine.

The upstart Gray Wolves (21-12), who also earned an NAIA postseason bid by finishing runner-up in the conference tournament, got 14 kills from Puerto Rican native Angie Pagan-Perez. Setter Allegra Recknagel collected 31 assist-to-kills.

Lourdes, the seventh seed, pulled off upset wins Friday and Saturday over a pair of top-25 teams including Davenport, the second seed, and Cornerstone, the third seed.

"That team was on fire," Abraham said of the Gray

Wolves. "You've got to give credit to Lourdes. They beat two top-25 teams in two nights. We knew they were scrappy and they had nothing to lose. We're used to playing a little bigger teams, but you know they gave us some problems. But what we've done all year is stuck in there and adjusted to the tempo of the game. I think we were just a little too big and too strong for us for them tonight."

MU advanced to the WHAC championship with a 25-12, 25-19, 25-15 triumph over Aquinas College (25-10) as Freeman had 15 kills, while Catalano and Samantha Geile chipped in

with 11 and nine, respectively.

Catalano also had a match-best 18 digs, while Geile and Amanda Obrycki contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

"It has to be our team chemistry," said Evia Prieditis, a fifth-year senior who finished with 33 assist-to-kills in the final and 42 against Aquinas. "All of us get along so well. We all talk and trust each other on the court. If one person has the ball, we can certainly expect the other to have it without questioning ourselves or even questioning to hesitate and go."

The Crusaders enter the NAIA Nationals on a roll much like the 2005 team that cap-

tured all 40 of its regular season matches.

And expectations remain high for the Crusaders, who have not lost a set since Oct. 12.

"Our ranking is a little higher than normally," Prieditis said. "It doesn't change anything for us. We're still going to come in fighting. It doesn't matter who we're playing. We've just got to keep doing what we've been doing so far and keep working hard."

"We just needed to stand on our toes and be ready for anything coming at us. We can't expect the other team to make the mistakes."

"We have to enforce it on them, play our game and focus on our side of the net."

MU will have a 17-day layoff until they play again. The Crusaders were off eight days coming into the WHAC tournament, but showed little or no rust whatsoever.

"I thought (assistant) coach (Tim DeBeliso) mixed it up with conditioning and cross training, along with shorter practices," said Abraham, who notched his NAIA leading 1,043rd career victory. "And then we threw in a scrimmage along the way. I don't know, those are just the cards you're dealt with. You just do the best you can and use a little recovery time. And then we'll get right back at it."

And when the Crusaders get back at it, they'll more than likely be one of the tournament's top four seeds.

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## PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

## Clarenceville keeps the dream alive

Trojans pull off miracle victory with last-second hook-and-ladder in 21-20 triumph over Monroe CC

By Brad Emons  
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The bedlam that ensued following Livonia Clarenceville's improbable 21-20 Division 5, Region 4 football victory Friday night could only be described as "Seventh Heaven."

That's because the Trojans had to dig deep into their bag of tricks, pulling off an old-fashioned 60-yard hook-and-ladder play on fourth-and-three from their own 40 with only five seconds left to stun Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central by a point.

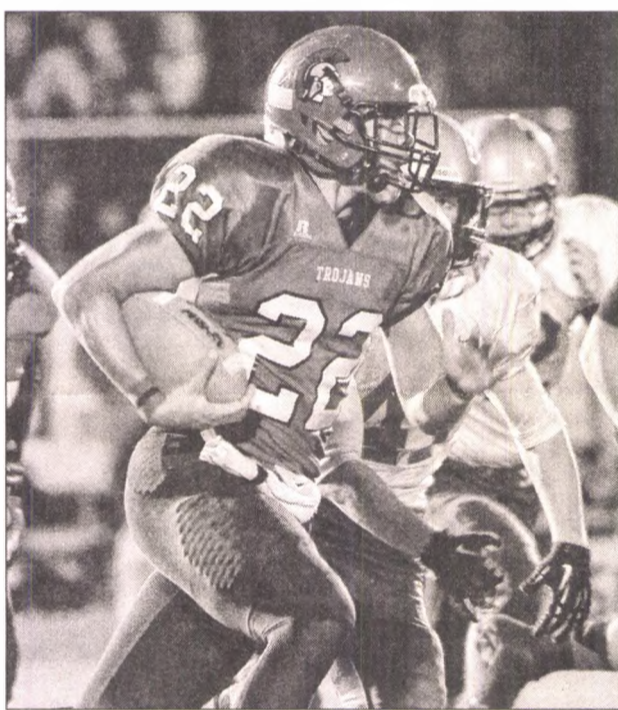
Quarterback Jake Kubiak found a seam in the Falcons' defense and hit Carlon Davis near the CC 42. Davis then pitched the ball 7 yards back to Jalen Bryant, who caught the ball in stride and raced into the end zone untouched to preserve Clarenceville's perfect 12-0 record.

The victory put the Trojans into next week's state semifinals against either Grand Rapids West Catholic (7-4) or Olivet (10-1).

David Vanderkerckhove's all-important extra point broke the 20-20 deadlock and the Trojans stopped Monroe CC on the kickoff return to send their home fans into a frenzy.

"After the first half, we knew we had to come out and keep working, keep fighting and believe," said Bryant, a senior tailback who was held to an uncharacteristic 43 yards on nine carries. "Once that last play came, we had to give it everything we've got. And that's exactly what we did. The Lord blessed us and our line did exactly what they needed to do. The quarterback got it there, Carlon got it to me. It was a lovely play and it worked out for the best."

Monroe CC (10-2), which outgained the Trojans 350-247 in total offense, snapped a 14-14 tie with only 1:07 left when Josh Czarniowski broke several tackles and busted into the end zone.



Clarenceville's James Hill picks up rushing yardage against Monroe SMCC in the 21-20, regional victory. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

But the Falcons left the door open when they failed to convert the all-important PAT, leading by just six, 20-14.

Clarenceville started the game-winning drive from its own 22 before Kubiak hit Davis for 11 yards and James Hill for 7 more.

But down to its last play, a miracle happened.

"Living the dream, baby, that's what that is," Clarenceville coach Ken Fry said. "It's just a hook-and-ladder, that's it. We practice it every week."

"We knew it was 17 seconds, no timeouts and this is fourth down. We actually tried it two plays before and Carlon (Davis) got the first down on it and Jalen wasn't there, but it was still open, so that was the play to do."

Davis said the same play worked when he was a sophomore on the Clarenceville JV team.

"We practice just once a practice and it never develops," Davis said. "I said to myself, 'Catch and don't go down.' I had to pitch it to my teammate. I knew right away. He (Bryant) had my back and I have his. I just jumped in the air celebrating for my team."

The Falcons controlled the ball and the clock in the first half, running an astounding 43 plays to Clarenceville's 10. Monroe CC's time of possession was 12:56 to the Trojans' 4:50.

The Falcons, using a tight wing-T formation, struck first with 8:28 left in the first quarter on Bryce Windham's 33-

yard TD pass to Riley Woolford, followed by Todd Jones' point-after kick to make it 7-0.

The Trojans, however, came right back with Kubiak using a double-pump fake, hitting Kimani Dooley with 5:53 to go in the same quarter on a 35-yard TD pass. Vanderkerckhove's PAT evened the score at 7-7.

The Falcons took their next drive from the 20 and marched down to the Clarenceville 11, only to be stopped on fourth-and-six when Jesse Stallings sacked Windham for a 12-yard loss.

But the Trojans went three-and-out on their next drive midway through the fourth quarter and Monroe CC responded with another time-consuming drive, going 84 yards in 15 plays as Windham scrambled out of the pocket and found Austin Corbin in the end zone with only 47 seconds remaining in the half to put the Falcons ahead, 14-7.

Bryant, who rushed for 195 yards and three TDs the previous week against Detroit University Prep, had just three first-half touches against Monroe CC for minus-2 yards.

"At halftime we told them we were still in the game," Fry said. "We were only down seven and it was the first time they had faced adversity this year. To them it was a testament to come back and we told them, 'You're in this game, you've got to continue to play.'"

Clarenceville did

score on its first possession of the third quarter, when Kubiak connected with Bryant, who made a circus grab in the corner of the end zone for an 18-yard TD pass with 8:54 left to knot the game at 14-14.

The fourth quarter proved to be a nail-biter as the Trojans' defense made stand after stand, only to give up a critical 24-yard run by CC's Justin Carrabino on third-and-22. That first down set up the go-ahead score by Czarniowski, who led all rushers with 155 yards on 30 carries.

With CC's defense able to keep Bryant in check, Kubiak hit 11-of-21 passes for 167 yards.

"I actually thought it would be a higher scoring game than what it was, I really did," Fry said. "I thought we'd both score a lot of points, but it didn't happen. Our defense played way too much."

Ironically, 42 of Clarenceville's 80 rushing yards came on Bryant's game-winning TD.

"Once a week, we run our special package," Kubiak said. "It's one of our trick plays. We just got to work on it in practice and try and perfect them. I saw him (Bryant) right there and got all emotional. I jumped on him in the end zone. It was an emotional game and we worked so hard for this and we're not done."

It was a crushing loss for the Falcons, who all but appeared to have the game under control.

"We were told what to do at the end, but they made a great play at the end," Monroe CC coach Jack Giarro said. "Our kids didn't do what we asked them to do, but that's the way it goes."

"I've been beat before by Constantine in 2004 - last play - it's not the first time. It's frustrating, it hurts, because we worked at this stuff and just didn't execute. It's high school football."

An exhausted Bryant gave credit to his teammates afterward.

"Our line had to fight through it," he said. "They came after us at every angle. Our line had to step it up and eventually they did."

"And I've got to give it to our kicker for winning the game."

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Shown last season are (from left) just-retired Canton boys track and field coach Bob Richardson, Glen Paputa, Evan Paputa, Cheryl Paputa and new coach Jess Shough. COURTESY PAPUTA FAMILY

## COACH

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2013) qualify for the state meet.

The Chiefs also won four conference titles, the regional championship in 2004, finished second in the team finals twice and posted undefeated records in 2003 and 2004.

Leading the way to that regional crown was Devin Thomas, who ultimately played in the National Football League (he was a member of the New York Giants Super Bowl winner in 2012).

## Epitome of class

Of course, what made being a high school track coach so much fun for Richardson was making an impact on the lives of all of the athletes, such as 2013 grad Evan Paputa.

"Coach Richardson is a great coach, but he really helped mold me as a man," said Paputa, a co-captain last season. "He holds himself to a high level of class which he taught me throughout his four years of coaching me."

"He had a positive attitude all the time whether it was practice or a meet. He did everything he could do to make every team member better as an athlete and a man. I wish him the best in his years to come."

Richardson isn't about to take all the credit for that kind of lofty testimonial, however.

He tipped his cap to his assistant coaches throughout his lengthy tenure and expects the same kind of coaching philosophy to emerge under Shough's watch. "Obviously I'm going



Richardson

to miss my coaching staff tremendously," Richardson stressed.

"And that's one of the reasons that we've had such great teams is we've had a very consistent coaching staff, one of the best each year."

"We always have some of the best coaches around, we all have a lot of the same philosophies on how to work with kids. ... You know that they can be really good but they don't always know."

## Great experience

So the trick, he continued, is making believers out of young people who might not be confident in their abilities. "And, then you get them to do stuff that they couldn't even imagine, (like) 'Coach, I ran that fast? I jumped how high? I never thought I could do that.'"

Richardson expects putting high priority on those kinds of "victories," the ones that don't always show up in the standings, will continue to be a staple under Jess Shough's watch.

"That's what we've always believed," Richardson added. "We want kids to have a great experience, we want them to work hard, and there are times where you have to be a little blunt with them — but in a respectful way — and try to get them to do even better."

"But it was a lot of fun. I'll miss the days of the meets. The next regime will take over and they won't miss a beat."

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RELIGION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER CARD PARTY

**Time/Date:** 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22  
**Location:** SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland  
**Details:** Door, table, prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks. Play cards and games of your choice. Admission \$8  
**Contact:** 734-722-1343

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Time/Date:** Registration, 6-7 p.m., cards at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Partners will be randomly assigned for each round and must be 18 years or older to play. Cost is \$15 per player. All skill levels are welcome. Food and snacks will be provided. Players may bring their own beverages. Proceeds benefit the eighth-grade class trip next year  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

FILM

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The movie is *Faith like a Potato*, about the life journey of a man who, like his potatoes, grows his faith, unsees until the harvest. A baked potato bar with all the fixings will be available for a free will offering. Admission to the movie is free. RSVP for the meal  
**Contact:** 248-553-3380

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

**Time/Date:** 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30  
**Location:** Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Fourth annual "St. Nicholas is Santa Claus" children's party will feature St. Nicholas telling his story, a craft project, carol sing-along, refreshments and a gift for each child. Parents will get a chance to take a photograph of their child with a live reindeer from noon to 1 p.m. and with St. Nicholas during the party  
**Contact:** Richard Shebib at 248-345-9346

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Contact:** 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

DECEMBER ADVENT BY CANDELIGHT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5  
**Location:** St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** St. Michael the Archangel's Women's Guild invites women to an evening of fellowship, music, and reflection on the Advent season. Tickets are \$5 each and tables of 10 are \$30. The guild asks each guest to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Reservations are required

**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

ADVENT SERVICES

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** The theme for meditations is "Waiting for the Savior."  
**Contact:** 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

**Time/Date:** 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7  
**Location:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1309 Penniman, Plymouth  
**Details:** Children, 3-10, can celebrate Christmas, make projects, prepare and eat snacks, play games and sing songs  
**Contact:** 734-453-0460

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** "Ringing Carols Through the Night" will feature the church's choirs, including bells. The concert concludes with a sing-along  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8  
**Location:** Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth  
**Details:** "The Glorious Impossible" a free choir concert, will feature contemporary and classical sacred music  
**Contact:** 734-455-2300; www.pbcplymouth.org

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14  
**Location:** St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Christmas Cantata will include secular and religious music and will include handbells. Free will offering  
**Contact:** 734-464-8844

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8  
**Location:** St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two nonperishable food items.  
**Contact:** 734-425-5950

CRAFT SHOW

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7  
**Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Buyers will find various crafters and product vendors, a bake sale and raffle. Admission is \$1 or the donation of one nonperishable food item for the Good Hope Food Pantry. Spaces are still available for sellers. Contact Bobbe Dauer at 313-570-5970 (evenings) or

jbkj11@aol.com. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a "nut-free zone." No nuts or nut products are allowed in the church, including at the craft sale

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Advent speaker Mary McKeon, a graduate of Marquette University, has been an inner city school teacher, worked for the United States Senate in Washington, D.C., worked in adult and religious education, youth ministry, and currently is a commissioned intern of Manresa's Ignatian Spirituality Program and trained spiritual director. She will guide the group in pondering "Journeying with Mary." Includes a chili dinner. RSVP attendance and child care needs. Last-minute walk-ins permitted  
**Contact:** 734-455-5910

GUY'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Guest speaker, the Rev. Joe Krupp, is a University of Michigan graduate and a former comedy writer who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, in 1998. Embracing his inner "Spartan" he is the director of campus ministry at Michigan State University, a regular on Catholic television and monthly writer for *Faith Magazine*. The event is free. RSVP attendance and child care needed. Last minute walk-ins are welcome.  
**Contact:** 734-455-5910

JEWISH NEW TESTAMENT

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10  
**Location:** The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Amy Jill Levine will present "The Jewish Annotated New Testament: Why Jews (and Christians) Should Read this Book." She'll discuss the New Testament and Jewish history, the relationship between Jesus' followers and the Jewish community, and relations between Jews and Christians. Levine is a professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Book signing and dessert reception follows the presentation. \$10 for JCC members, \$12 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is Dec. 6  
**Contact:** 248-441-1900; theberman.org

NEW HOPE CHURCH

**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children.  
**Contact:** Ethanief Defoe at 248-227-6617 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at 248-478-3643 for MOPNext details.  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church

**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** 734-846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.  
**Contact:** 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

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Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

PRAYER

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday  
**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.  
**Contact:** 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back  
**Details:** Music, singing, prayer  
**Contact:** Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday  
**Location:** 7000 Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.  
**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.  
**Contact:** 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.  
**Contact:** 248-374-5920

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**AHRENS, JASON ALAN**  
 Age 32, November 17, 2013. Loving son of Don (Susan) and Linda (Randy) Walker. Dear brother of Angela (Matthew) Farrand. Beloved uncle of Emily and Averie. Dearest grandson of Joyce Diehl. Jason was very dearly loved and he will be deeply missed by many family members and friends. He was a proud member of the United States Marine Corp. Semper Fidelis. Funeral services were held. Family suggests memorials to The Wounded Warrior Project.  
**Santeiu Funeral Home**  
 www.santeiufuneralhome.com

**WEBER, HILDEGARD**  
 Age 86, of Plymouth, formerly of Grand Blanc passed away 11/16/13. Full obituary at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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# Humorist tells personal stories through sign language

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Liysa Callsen will let her hands do the talking when she performs stories from her memoir, *Tell 'em*, next week in Livonia.

"Eighty percent of it is signed by me and voiced by an interpreter. Sign language is my first language. It's a beautiful language," said Callsen, in a recent phone interview from her home in Manitowoc, Wis.

The former Livonia resident will stage her stories about life with deaf parents and a deaf husband, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, east of I-275 and just north of Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, available in advance at [liysacallsen.com](http://liysacallsen.com). The show will be signed and voiced for hearing and deaf audience members. Andrea Purolo will voice the show. John Kerfoot will film it as part of a documentary he's making.

"You'll see it and think it better," said Callsen, explaining why she chose to perform the stories in sign language. "I was humbled (a reviewer) compared me to Charlie Chaplain. It comes naturally to me and involves my improv training and being in the moment. I take you there with me. It's that visual."

Her hope is that at the end of the 90-minute show, viewers not only will have a better understanding of what it's

like to grow up with deaf parents and then marry a deaf man, but will realize the importance of pursuing their own passions and doing what they love.

"I make sure the message is feel good and is full of laughs. Humor is definitely a part of everything I do," she said. "I'd like to inspire others to embrace their own stories, because it took me 38 years to find that out."

## Interpreting

Callsen learned to sign before she learned to talk and grew up interpreting for her parents. She loved to sign, whether it was to songs or in conversation and didn't mind the attention it sometimes drew from onlookers.

"Being the center of attention was fun for me. I was almost on my own stage," she recalled.

While at Churchill, she participated in basketball rather than drama, even though she felt drawn to the stage. She knew her parents wouldn't enjoy watching a play without an interpreter.

"I can remember standing in the hallway at Churchill, looking at a rehearsal. I can vividly remember wanting to do that. Now I am doing that. It held with me for 20 years."

After high school, she earned a degree from Madonna University in paralegal and moved to Chicago, Ill. She met her husband at a bar where deaf individuals often socialized and the two "hit it off." They married



Liysa Callsen signs her show, *Tell 'em on Stage*.

a few years later and moved to Manitowoc, where Callsen became a stay-at-home mom when

their children were born. They have daughters, ages 12 and 10.

"I'm more deaf than

he is. He was raised by hearing parents. There was no foot stomping and light flashing to get

someone's attention. With my parents, lights were flickering everywhere."

## Finding her purpose

When she was 35, she auditioned for community theater productions and was cast in *The Vagina Monologues* and *Lost in Yonkers*. After taking a workshop in improv techniques from Second City Chicago, she opened a black box theater in Manitowoc and started her own improv troupe. It didn't take long before she realized the theater tied her down week nights and weekends. She quit the troupe and theater about eight months later.

"I was always trying to make other people happy. Finally, when I was 38 I said 'This is enough. I'm going to do what makes me happy.'"

She fashioned a show from stories about her childhood and tested it out two years ago for a group of students learning to become sign language interpreters. The performance led to more appearances and then an e-book of the show that was accepted into the Wisconsin Book Festival. Her current show, *Tell 'em on Stage*, includes both stories about her childhood and her marriage.

She also works as a professional motivational speaker, offering programs on leadership, humor, communication, and team building.

For more about Callsen, visit [liysacallsen.com](http://liysacallsen.com)

## GET OUT! CALENDAR

### ART & CRAFTS GALLERY@VT

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment, through Nov. 28

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

**Details:** Robert H. Miller of Canton shows black and white photographs of veterans from his book, *Portraits of Service*

**Contact:** 734-394-5300

### MICHIGAN WEAVERS GUILD

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

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

**Details:** The Guild's Holiday Trunk Sale will include wearable pieces and accessories, framed wall pieces, home decor objects, sculpture, and jewelry. Works by the Guild also are on exhibit 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Dec. 6 in the Costick Center's City Gallery

**Contact:** 248-473-1856

### NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 14

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

**Details:** Visit two exhibits, Small Works, an all-media juried exhibit, and Through the Lens: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit. The Small Works show is "cash and carry," meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase. The Through the Lens exhibit will feature photos of nature, animals, family, culture and architecture. Many of the photos also will be for sale.

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

### UPPER HALL GALLERY

**Time/Date:** Through Dec. 7; pub hours are 3 p.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, and noon to midnight Sunday

**Location:** Liberty Street Brew Pub, 149 W. Liberty, Plymouth

**Details:** Amy Lockard exhibits photos of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

**Contact:** 734-207-9600

### THREE CITIES ART CLUB

**Time/Date:** View exhibit 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 1-29; reception, 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth



The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble will perform Nov. 23 at Music Hall in Detroit.

**Details:** "The Gift of Art" exhibit will include two-dimensional styles from traditional to impressionistic to abstract as well as photography. Most of the work will be for sale

**Contact:** Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

### VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

**Location:** 340 N. Main, Plymouth; located behind the Crossings Restaurant

**Details:** Functional and decorative pottery created by 25 members of the Guild, will be available at this annual holiday sale. Items include mugs, ornaments, tiles, dinnerware, and large platters. Prices ranging from \$4-\$200

**Contact:** 734-207-8807; [www.villagepottersguild.org](http://www.villagepottersguild.org)

### COMEDY

#### JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** Lucas Bohn, a favorite on the college circuit, performs. Tickets are \$22 with dinner, \$12 without on Thursday and \$29 with dinner and \$16 without, Friday-Saturday

**Coming up:** Mike Stanley performs his wry, cunning and crass stand-up comedy, Nov. 27-30

**Contact:** 734-261-0555;

#### MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 21-23

**Location:** Corner of Troy and Fourth, east of Main and south of 11 Mile, in Royal Oak

**Details:** John Shillue performs;

tickets are \$10 Thursday and \$18 Friday-Saturday.

**Coming up:** John Landau, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30. Tickets are \$15.

**Contact:** [comedycastle.com](http://comedycastle.com)

### DANCE MUSIC HALL

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble performs; tickets are \$30, \$40, \$50, and \$250. Students pay \$20 with a valid ID

**Contact:** [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); 313-887-8500

### FILM

#### PENN THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24

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

**Details:** *Parkland*, admission \$3

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

#### REDFORD THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23

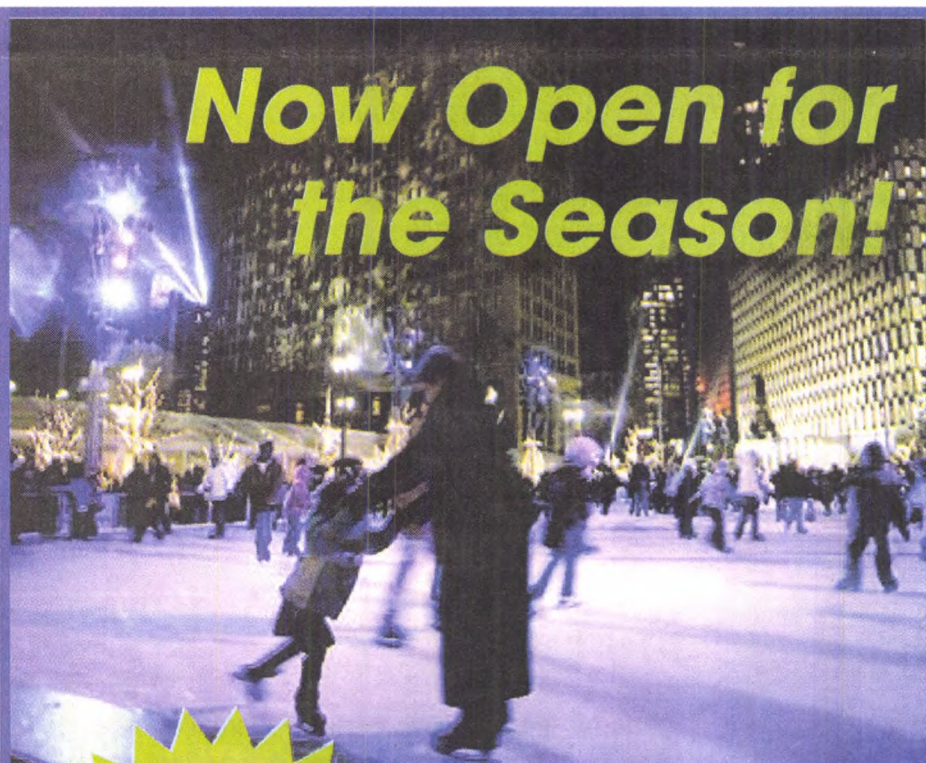
**Location:** 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

**Details:** *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore and Karolyn Grimes, with special guest appearances by Grimes at each show; \$6

**Coming up:** *Home Alone* starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara and John Herd, 8 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 7; Santa will be on hand for photos, bring a camera; \$5

**Contact:** 313-537-2560

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## MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** The event includes open mic performers and featured musicians. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

**Contact:** Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com

## BLUES @ THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month

**Location:** The Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** \$5 at the door

**Contact:** 734-453-1780; plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

## JAZZ@THE ELKS

**Time/Date:** 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month — except December

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth



Dave Sharp's *Worlds* CD release concert is Saturday, Nov. 30 at Music Hall's Jazz Cafe in Detroit.

**Details:** Cliff Monear Trio with Susan Tobocman on vocals, with Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass, and Scott Kretzer on drums perform Nov. 26; \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds go toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans.

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

## JAZZ CAFE

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Nov. 30

**Location:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison

son, Detroit

**Details:** Bassist and composer Dave Sharp and his band, Secret 7, celebrate the release of his new CD, *Worlds*; \$5 admission

**Contact:** 313-887-8501

## MUSIC HALL

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13

**Location:** 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

**Details:** Winans Academy of Performing Arts, with special guest Quincy Jones; tickets \$25-\$75

**Contact:** 313-887-8501

## PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

**Time/Date:** 7:30-10 p.m. every Monday

**Location:** 884 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Open mic for music and poetry; come and show your creative side.

**Friday featured artist:** Michael Spain, Nov. 22; Tritone Paradox, Dec. 13. Featured performer concerts start at 8 p.m.

**Contact:** 734-454-0178

## SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Nov. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Nov. 24

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

**Details:** Conflict, Catfights and

Sass-A Cabaret features songs of war, competition, internal strife and romantic angst. Tickets are \$15.

**Contact:** cantonvillage theatre.org

## TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Dana Nov. 22; Lee Murdock, Nov. 23; Joe Crookston, Dec. 6; Around the House Variety Show, Dec. 7; Empty Chair Christmas Show with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer, John Devine, Dave Boutette, Dan Hazlett, Maggie Ferguson, Jim Bizer, Jo Serrapere, and more, Dec. 8; December Songs featuring Doug and Telisha Williams, Amy Speace and Rod Picott, Dec. 12; Drew Nelson, Dec. 13; John Latini and Jamie Sue Seal, Dec. 14. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

**Contact:** 734-464-6302

## VILLAGE THEATER

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Nov. 22

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

**Details:** Lauren Strahm, a former Canton resident, now living in Nashville, Tenn., who performs under the name

"Fleurie," will celebrate the release of her first album, *Fear & Fable*. Tickets are \$10 online at fleuriemusic.com or \$12 at the door

**Contact:** 734-394-5300 or 734-384-5460

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT DETROIT ZOO

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31, 2014

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

**Contact:** 248-541-5717

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

**Time/Date:** 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 25-26; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

**Location:** Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., west of Greenfield, Dearborn

**Details:** The 29th annual festival displays individually designed 7-foot, 4-foot, 3-foot

trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and other holiday gift shop items for purchase. The event will feature an elaborate holiday Lego display sponsored by the Michigan Lego Users Group, a train display from Glancy Modular Railroad Club, children's activities and photo opportunities with Santa. The event benefits the Evergreen Endowment Fund at Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Tickets for adults are \$5, for children 2 and up, \$3. Available at the door or in advance at fot.org

**Contact:** Theresa Diefenbach at 248-336-2331; Fotmichigan@hotmail.com

## THEATER FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH THEATRE

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22; and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-24

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

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## decades of decadence



**E**ach decade has its own distinct foods, including desserts. Yet some

of these decadent treats — such as Southern Lemon Chess Pie from the 1820s, Strawberry Shortcake from the 1850s, or New York's Black and White Cookies, first baked up in the Roaring 1920s — have stood the test of time.

To celebrate these nostalgic sweets, CanolaInfo's "Decades of Decadence" recipe collection serves up a delicious trip down memory lane with modern influence by Ellie Krieger, M.S., R.D., host of the Cook-

ing Channel's *Healthy Appetite*.

"History shaped these desserts and they have stuck around because they are inherently delicious," she says. "They were driven by the availability of ingredients in their day, advertising by food companies in women's magazines and advancements in food technology or appliances."

To boost nutrition and keep saturated fat in check, the recipes are updated with

heart-healthy ingredients, such as low-fat yogurt, whole-grain flour and canola oil, which has the least saturated fat and most omega-3 fat of all common culinary oils.

Try this fresh, healthy update on 1930s Pineapple Upside Down Cake, originally invented to take advantage of canned pineapple, which is kept moist and gooey with canola oil. Take a journey back to the '40s with Chocolate War Cake, a chocolaty indulgence that's a cinch to make. Or dig into Frozen Grasshopper Pie, a '50s favorite once home freezers became common.

For more "Decades of Decadence" recipes, visit [www.CanolaInfo.org](http://www.CanolaInfo.org).

*Courtesy of Family Features*

### 1940S CHOCOLATE WAR CAKE

Yield: 12 slices  
Serving size: 1 slice

**¼ cup whole-wheat pastry flour**  
**¼ cup all-purpose flour**  
**1 cup granulated sugar**  
**½ cup natural cocoa powder**  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**½ teaspoon salt**  
**1 cup cold water**  
**1 tablespoon cider vinegar**  
**½ cup canola oil**  
**1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract**  
**½ teaspoon confectioners' sugar**

Preheat oven to 350°F. In 9-inch round baking pan, whisk together whole-wheat pastry flour, all-purpose flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In small bowl or measuring cup, combine water and vinegar. Make well in center of flour mixture in pan and pour canola oil and vanilla extract into well. Pour water-vinegar mixture over top of flour and then stir well to blend all ingredients. Bake until set and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Place cake on rack to cool in pan. Once cool, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Note: Whole-wheat, all-purpose flour can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

*Nutritional Analysis (per Serving):* Calories 180; Fat 7 g; Saturated Fat 0.5 g; Cholesterol 0 mg; Sodium 200 mg; Carbohydrates 29 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein 2 g

### 1930S PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

Yield: 8 servings  
Serving size: 1 slice

**Canola oil cooking spray**  
**½ cup packed dark brown sugar**  
**4 to 5 pineapple rings (about ¼ of whole pineapple) about ½ inch thick**  
**2 tablespoons chopped crystallized ginger**  
**1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour**  
**¼ cup whole-wheat pastry flour**  
**¼ cup granulated sugar**  
**1 teaspoon baking powder**  
**1 teaspoon baking soda**  
**1 cup low-fat buttermilk**  
**½ cup canola oil**  
**2 large eggs**  
**1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously spray bottom of 9-inch, nonstick layer cake pan with canola oil cooking spray. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar, then arrange pineapple rings on top in one layer. Sprinkle chopped ginger pieces in spaces around pineapple rings and in their centers.

In medium bowl, whisk together all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, sugar, baking powder and baking soda. In another medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, canola oil, eggs and vanilla.

Mix wet and dry ingredients until combined. Pour batter over pineapple-brown sugar mixture and bake until top is lightly browned and wooden skewer inserted into center of cake comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes, then run knife around cake edges and, using oven mitts, invert cake onto large serving plate. Note: Whole-wheat, all-purpose flour can be substituted for whole-wheat pastry flour.

*Nutritional Analysis (per Serving):* Calories 390; Fat 16 g; Saturated Fat 1.5 g; Cholesterol, 55 mg; Sodium 270 mg; Carbohydrates 57 g; Fiber 2 g; Protein, 6 g

### 1950S FROZEN GRASSHOPPER PIE

Yield: 8 servings  
Serving size: 1 slice

**Canola oil cooking spray**  
**1 ¼ cups finely crushed chocolate wafers**  
**cookies or chocolate graham cracker crumbs**  
**3 tablespoons canola oil**  
**4 cups mint chip reduced-fat ice cream or frozen yogurt, softened**  
**½ cup chocolate shavings**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 9-inch pie dish with canola oil cooking spray. In medium bowl, mix cookie crumbs and canola oil until combined, then press mixture into prepared pie dish. Bake until fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes. Allow to cool completely.

In large bowl, place softened ice cream and mix well until uniform texture forms, similar to soft-serve ice cream. Fill cooled pie crust with ice cream, smoothing out top. Garnish with chocolate shavings, cover with plastic wrap and put back in freezer until solidly frozen, at least 4 hours.

When ready to serve, heat knife under hot water and use it to cut pie into slices.

Note: An ice cream or frozen yogurt without green food coloring is recommended. To make chocolate shavings, use a vegetable peeler to peel strips from a thick block of chocolate. If the chocolate crumbles as you make the shavings, put it in the microwave at 10-second intervals to soften it slightly.

*Nutritional Analysis (per Serving):* Calories 290; Fat 14 g; Saturated Fat 5 g; Cholesterol 15 mg; Sodium 190 mg; Carbohydrates 36 g; Fiber 1 g; Protein, 5 g



## Walkable towns, mixed use appeal to homebuyers

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Traci and Paul Sincock are big fans of walkable communities like Plymouth and Northville. He's a lifelong resident of Plymouth and its city manager, while Traci, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, has called Plymouth home since 1985.

"A walkable community is a desirable feature to have," she said. "You can walk to your city center. Connectivity is a good thing."

The Sincocks also use their bicycles. She pointed with pride to the nearly completed sidewalk connection along Sheldon Road between Northville and Plymouth, also extending south toward Canton.

"It will be entirely connected," she said of Northville-Plymouth. "A nice infill project that will help people connect to communities. We shouldn't take these assets for granted."

Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said of Plymouth, "I think just about everything you need and want is within a short distance. You can get to restaurants. It's just an easy place to be able to reach out to those activities."

He noted nearby schools, appealing to families, as well as the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street.

Bruscato, a Canton resident, said some younger people are even moving to the community — and then seeking a job. "Their first priority is a community they want to live in and then they get the job," he said of such "placemaking. It's got placemaking and I hate to overuse that word."

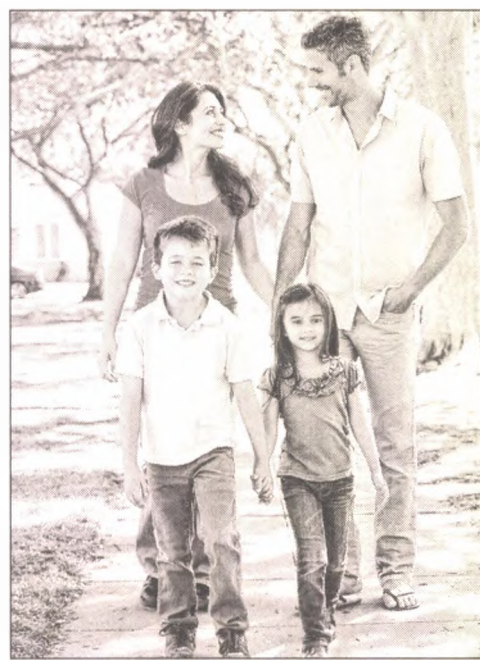
He was recently at a work-related conference and heard of many younger professionals locating to apartments and condos in walkable downtowns.

"I think that's probably one thing we wish we had more of in downtown living," Bruscato said of Plymouth, noting its downtown UBS and Mayflower condo sites are both full.

Choosing a community is one of the most important factors for consumers as they consider buying a home, and research by the National Association of Realtors has consistently revealed that Americans prefer walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and shorter commutes. According to NAR's 2013 Community Preference Survey, 60 percent of respondents favor a neighborhood with a mix of houses and stores and other businesses that are easy to walk to, rather than neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation.

The survey findings indicate that while the size of the property does matter to consumers, they are willing to compromise size for a preferred neighborhood and less commuting. For example, although 52 percent of those surveyed prefer a single-family detached house with a large yard, 78 percent responded that the neighborhood is more important to them than the size of the house. Fifty-seven percent would forgo a home with a larger yard if it meant a shorter commute to work, and 55 percent of respondents were willing to forgo a home with larger yard if it meant they could live within walking distance of schools, stores and restaurants as opposed to having larger yard and needing to drive to get to schools, stores and restaurants.

"Realtors build communities and care about improving those communities through smart growth initiatives. Although there is no one-size-fits-all approach, smart growth is typically characterized by mixed-use development, higher densities, and pedestrian friendly streets that accommodate a wide diversity of transportation modes," said NAR President Gary Thomas, broker-owner of Evergreen Realty, in Villa Park, Calif. "Growth patterns, economic development and quality-of-life issues are inextricably linked to the success of communities and residents."



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When asked to identify their ideal community, the most popular choice was a suburban neighborhood with a mix of houses, shops and businesses. The least popular was a suburban neighborhood with just houses.

As for transportation concerns, 41 percent said improving public transportation would be the best solution, while 29 percent would prefer the development of communities where people do not have to drive long distances to work or shop, and 20 percent would choose building new roads.

The survey of 1,500 adult Americans was conducted by American Strategies and Meyers Research from Sept. 18-24, 2013.

The National Association of Realtors website contributed to this report.

## Italy's housing often pricey

**Q: I love the Italian Lake Districts and would like to find a home there. Do you have any idea about what the real estate market is there?**

A: Well, if you want to live in Bellagio on Lake Como, you can expect to pay \$750,000 Euros or more for 250 cubic meters for what appears to be a simple home. In another listing I observed, the price was \$395,000 for 150 cubic meters for a relatively plain looking two story house. Obviously, the price of land and property on Lake Como is extremely expensive and limited. As to Lake Maggiore, and in particular, Stresa, prices for homes are even greater in certain locations. Apartments and townhouses seem to be a little less expensive, but again location is paramount, and if you want a lake view or to be on the lake, you are talking about literally millions of dollars. However, you will, no doubt, find familiar American real estate companies offering to assist you in the purchase of properties which you should, obviously, utilize and try to buy in the winter.



Robert Meisner

**Q: Are things getting any cheaper in Milan in connection with buying an apartment as I have some business interests there which will require me to be there at least four months a year.**

A: Your best bet is to rent a condominium-type apartment near the center of the city rather than investing in real estate which still remains very high in Milan, notwithstanding the sluggish economy. Don't go there in late August looking for an apartment because, basically Milan and much of Italy, except the tourist areas, close down. Obviously, the further you go out from Milan, in most instances, the more reasonable the price will be for an apartment, but like most European business centers, transportation is good.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 15-19, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16934 Beechwood Ave \$355,000  
21925 E Valley Woods Dr \$360,000  
32205 Eastlady Dr \$260,000  
22527 King Richard Ct \$650,000  
20046 Wellesley St \$489,000  
30300 Woodhaven Ln \$409,000

#### BIRMINGHAM

2046 Bradford Rd \$250,000  
1582 Cheltenham Rd \$135,000  
463 Coolidge Rd \$218,000  
1721 E 14 Mile Rd Unit C \$50,000  
1719 Graefield Rd \$110,000  
1985 Grant St \$392,000  
633 N Old Woodward Ave \$301,000  
1863 Norfolk St \$380,000  
2354 Pembroke Rd \$310,000  
1028 Ridgedale Ave \$482,000  
768 Rivenoak St \$847,000  
708 W Lincoln St \$339,000  
340 Wellesley St \$350,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

5039 Van Ness Dr \$300,000  
2735 Aldgate Dr \$250,000  
2796 Eastways Rd \$333,000  
1944 Klingensmith Rd Unit 39 \$79,000  
111 Linda Ln \$410,000  
4409 Orchard Hill Dr \$260,000  
5663 Priory Ln \$375,000  
2749 Turtle Shores Dr \$525,000  
4303 Wabeek Lake Dr S \$225,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

3220 Berkshire Dr \$337,000

164 Bloomfield Blvd \$163,000  
644 Hamilton Rd \$860,000  
174 Hillboro Dr \$491,000  
6200 Indianwood Trl \$450,000  
1120 Park Place Ct \$419,000  
1301 Romney Rd \$425,000  
5654 S Adams Way \$273,000  
2618 Sequoia Ct \$760,000  
4572 Walden Dr \$450,000  
1871 Ward Rd \$233,000  
6060 Worlington Rd \$422,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1731 Applebrook Dr \$50,000  
3171 Belle Terre \$40,000  
3556 Benstein Rd \$140,000  
3456 Edgewood Park Dr \$1,300,000  
3185 Lacosta Ct \$265,000  
4205 S Commerce Rd \$63,000  
1474 Wandrai Ct \$460,000

#### FARMINGTON

33247 Cloverdale Ave \$145,000  
36968 Heatherton Dr \$200,000  
22849 Maple Ave \$127,000  
20964 Meadowlark St \$125,000  
33042 Slocum Dr \$152,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

31925 Alameda St \$40,000  
29257 Aranel St \$145,000  
22093 Atlantic Pointe \$67,000  
36081 Congress Ct \$231,000  
32445 Dohany Dr \$256,000  
32428 Dunford St \$205,000  
28671 Green Castle Rd \$183,000  
29142 Hemlock Rd \$200,000  
34035 Hillside Ct \$143,000  
21055 Inkster Rd \$60,000  
29777 Kenloch Dr \$330,000  
24347 Kensington \$197,000  
38741 Lancaster Dr \$170,000  
25403 Liberty Ln \$236,000  
28519 Marc Dr \$198,000  
24533 Martel Dr \$206,000

35113 Meadow Ln \$141,000  
21338 Mulberry Ct \$123,000  
28340 N Skye Dr \$155,000  
32041 Olde Franklin Dr \$243,000  
31504 Orchard Crk \$75,000  
35077 Pennington Dr \$215,000  
28764 Raleigh Rd \$183,000  
20909 Rockwell St \$55,000  
30351 Southampton Ln \$240,000  
35260 Stratton Hill Ct \$413,000  
36915 Valley Ridge Dr \$275,000  
29830 W 12 Mile Rd \$25,000  
25195 Westmoreland Dr \$270,000

#### FRANKLIN

30900 Franklin Oaks Trl \$155,000  
32401 Romsey Rd \$410,000  
31151 Sunset Ct \$385,000

#### MILFORD

440 Heritage Dr \$340,000  
1465 Oak Hollow Dr \$640,000  
764 Oakland Ave \$100,000  
510 S Garner Rd \$270,000  
31033 Star Trl \$279,000

#### NORTHVILLE

21744 Glenwild Dr \$283,000  
22180 Heatheridge Ln \$350,000  
38530 Northfarm Dr \$264,000  
20892 Richmond Dr \$827,000

#### NOVI

43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # \$155,000  
24056 Argyle St \$600,000  
22308 Brookshire St \$449,000  
41860 Brownstone Dr \$190,000  
28423 Carlton Way Dr \$135,000  
28319 Declaration Rd \$88,000  
28325 Declaration Rd \$89,000  
24579 Edgewood Dr \$272,000  
44621 Ellery Ln \$180,000  
45583 Irvine Dr \$495,000  
44751 Larkspur Ln \$370,000  
28050 Lightfoot Ln \$220,000

25731 Mulberry Ln \$337,000  
24811 Olde Orchard St \$65,000  
42479 Park Ridge Rd \$126,000  
25582 Portico Ln \$172,000  
41911 Quince Dr \$152,000  
49641 Timber Trl \$395,000  
29439 Weston Dr \$195,000  
44468 Williams Dr \$355,000  
24729 Willowbrook \$290,000  
42636 Wimbleton Way \$298,000  
28244 Wolcott Dr \$117,000  
44990 Yorkshire Dr \$218,000

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59263 Bavariahaus Ct \$83,000  
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22313 Brookfield Dr \$162,000  
24860 Douglas Dr \$219,000  
59600 E Eight Mile Rd \$78,000  
220 Eagle Way \$220,000  
54906 Grenelle Cir W \$340,000  
367 Harvard Ave \$130,000  
59397 Pacers Path \$252,000  
58862 Peters Barn Dr \$303,000  
24727 Purlin Ct \$390,000  
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17441 Evans St \$125,000  
23422 Grayson Dr \$50,000  
25705 Greenfield Rd \$135,000  
16262 Harden Cir \$90,000  
29295 Heritage Ln \$108,000  
29481 Leemoor Dr \$92,000  
27355 Marshall St \$85,000  
19454 Middlesex Ave \$179,000  
24209 Northwestern Hwy \$435,000  
26928 W 12 Mile Rd \$70,000  
29386 Westbrook Pkwy \$120,000

#### WHITE LAKE

8174 Carpathian Dr \$278,000  
9980 Elizabeth Lake Rd \$54,000  
1095 Lake Lane Dr \$225,000

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 5-9, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

7704 Alton St \$108,000  
50525 Amberwood Rd \$77,000  
43971 Arlington Rd \$195,000  
45438 Augusta Dr \$353,000  
50433 Black Horse Ln \$385,000  
4138 Brookstone Dr \$232,000  
7520 Charrington Dr \$264,000  
895 Constitution St \$223,000  
4179 Cornerstone Dr \$115,000  
44035 Cranberry Dr \$236,000  
1420 Delancy Cir \$425,000  
2121 Fairway Cir \$137,000  
50868 Federal Blvd \$77,000  
43462 Fleetwood St \$169,000  
50210 Grant St \$271,000  
50265 Grant St \$265,000  
42119 Greenwood Dr \$179,000  
44619 Hanford Rd \$165,000  
47359 Hanford Rd \$235,000  
7533 Hillsboro Dr \$213,000  
706 Huntsville Dr \$370,000  
50249 Jefferson St \$278,000  
42594 Lilley Pointe Dr \$73,000  
39829 Lynn St \$130,000  
6495 Marshall St \$270,000  
1770 Northbrook Ct \$220,000  
6539 Norwood Dr \$280,000  
7970 Oxford Dr \$467,000  
3783 Parklawn Dr \$185,000  
2565 River Woods Dr N \$285,000  
6430 Runnymede Dr \$218,000  
48728 Stonebriar Dr \$240,000  
7420 Surrey Dr \$200,000  
860 Torrey Hill Dr \$347,000

#### GARDEN CITY

941 Arcola St \$70,000  
31972 Brown St \$73,000  
6480 Dillon St \$48,000

#### LIVONIA

30555 Seven Mile Rd \$54,000  
32421 Seven Mile Rd \$220,000  
16242 Alpine Dr \$200,000  
14957 Arden St \$110,000  
28761 Bayberry Park Dr \$140,000  
14244 Brentwood St \$120,000  
14333 Brentwood St \$141,000  
17227 Cross Winds Ct \$325,000  
14242 Farmington Rd \$120,000  
38427 Five Mile Rd \$165,000  
18674 Floral St \$42,000  
20209 Floral St \$170,000  
18850 Glengarry Dr \$349,000  
36089 Grenada St \$203,000  
33635 Grove St \$190,000  
29019 Hathaway St \$90,000  
29660 Hathaway St \$123,000  
29848 Hathaway St \$147,000  
30789 Hathaway St \$122,000  
32225 Hees St \$135,000  
20692 Josie Ct \$370,000  
27641 Lyndon St \$115,000  
36234 Mallory Ct \$185,000  
29711 Mark Ln \$170,000  
9610 Mayfield St \$119,000  
27477 Meadowbrook St \$175,000  
35475 Minton St \$134,000  
28564 N Clements Cir \$85,000  
9134 Newburgh Rd \$166,000  
19365 Norwich Rd \$240,000  
34361 Parkdale Ct \$169,000  
14675 Richfield St \$150,000  
17715 Rougeway St \$85,000  
38573 Roycroft St \$225,000  
9656 Stark Dr \$110,000  
18057 University Park Dr \$85,000

#### REDFORD

31516 W Chicago St \$180,000  
15423 Williams St \$136,000  
44414 Aspen Ridge Dr \$385,000  
423 Beal St \$185,000  
45731 Bloomcrest Dr \$645,000  
44992 Broadmoor Cir S \$345,000  
39474 Champion Ct \$245,000  
42455 Corlina Dr \$175,000  
15828 Crystal Downs E \$655,000  
46562 Crystal Downs W \$579,000  
19311 Crystal Lake Dr \$100,000  
40275 Hickory Ct \$450,000  
49255 Hidden Ridge Dr \$112,000  
116 High St \$390,000  
17144 Maple Hill Dr \$398,000  
15877 Morningside \$155,000  
18878 Overlook Trl \$155,000  
49199 Parkshore Ct \$1,426,000  
18282 Parkshore Dr \$890,000  
47105 Red Oak Dr \$480,000  
39868 Rockcrest Cir \$155,000  
18621 Steep Hollow Ct \$650,000  
521 W Main St \$600,000

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49656 Ash Ct \$525,000  
324 Auburn St \$460,000  
48017 Barringwood Ct \$335,000  
46449 Burnside Tree Ln \$362,000  
1684 Cassidy Place Dr \$219,000  
47483 Edinburgh Dr \$369,000  
1395 Elm St \$450,000  
1300 Hartsough St \$285,000  
566 Maple St \$106,000  
8909 N Beck Rd \$280,000  
368 N Harvey St \$135,000  
1256 Penniman Ave \$340,000  
1256 Penniman Ave \$425,000  
14596 Shadywood Dr \$185,000  
312 Sunset St \$400,000

#### REDFORD

13993 Breakfast Dr \$171,000  
14263 Breakfast Dr \$152,000  
18255 Denby \$38,000  
15395 Fenby \$28,000  
9179 Grayfield \$91,000  
20118 Lennane \$81,000  
16514 Lexington \$103,000  
14230 Marshall Dr \$179,000  
14256 Marshall Dr \$151,000  
26048 W Chicago \$50,000  
19147 Woodworth \$39,000

#### WAYNE

4344 Second St \$35,000  
35421 Forest St \$56,000  
3153 Treadwell St \$85,000

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32784 Audreys Way \$224,000  
31073 Birchwood St \$110,000  
35850 Castlewood Ct \$60,000  
37459 Colonial Dr \$60,000  
35653 Columbia Ave \$40,000  
8103 Coventry St \$30,000  
7607 Gary Ave \$110,000  
39154 Hayward Dr \$185,000  
36673 Hazelwood St \$150,000  
7760 Lear Ct \$107,000  
1714 N Walton St \$75,000  
34730 Nancy St \$95,000  
7346 Perrinville Ct \$123,000  
7674 Rivergate Dr \$77,000  
36511 Rolf St \$125,000  
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# Challenging fun for ALL ages

# Thursday

# PUZZLE CORNER

## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Dernier —  
4 Wearing something  
8 Medicinal plant  
12 Rand of fiction  
13 Costa —  
14 Lotion additive  
15 Steer  
17 Take the trolley  
18 Follow  
19 Ooze  
21 I-70  
23 Australian marsupial  
27 Toy block  
30 Candy stripper  
33 — de-sac  
34 Frothy brews  
35 TV brand  
36 Wrinkle  
37 Galley mover  
38 Dots in "la mer"  
39 Side past  
40 Underhanded person  
42 I've been —!

**DOWN**

1 Showed up  
2 Pitcher Nolan —  
3 Small hotels  
4 Vinegar bottle  
5 Actress — Tyler  
6 King beaters  
7 Press one's luck  
8 Marx brother

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

D	E	L	L	R	O	C	S	E	P	T	
E	D	I	E	E	L	S	P	L	E	A	
R	A	T	E	D	E	T	A	C	H	E	D
M	E	R	C	Y	P	A	I	L	S		
I	D	E	A	L	S						
V	E	I	N	S	L	A	O	T	U	B	
A	G	O	G	E	T	C	S	A	F	E	
T	O	N	A	M	O	A	P	R	O	N	
I	D	I	O	T	U	S	A	G	E		
N	O	S	I	N	E	S	S	K	I	R	K
S	U	E	S	S	E	A					
T	R	E	E								

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Want more puzzles?  
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## SUDOKU

**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

				7				
	7		6			4		
8	4				3			6
				3				
1	5					2	4	
3							7	1
		6						5
			8	9			1	
			2		4			8

Level: Beginner

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## GAMES & PUZZLE WORD SEARCH

**WORDS**

ACROSS MAZE  
CHALLENGE MOVES  
CHECKERS NUMBERS  
CHESS PIECES  
CLUE PLAY  
CONTAIN POWER  
COUNTING PRETEND  
CROSSWORD PUZZLE  
CRYPTOGRAM RECREATION  
DICE SCORE  
DIGITAL SCRAMBLE  
DOWN SEARCH  
ENJOYMENT SOLUTION  
GAMES SPORTS  
GRAPHICS STRATEGY  
IMAGINATION SUDOKU  
LABRYNTH VIDEO  
LAUGHTER WINNER  
LOSER WORDS

**Word Search**

S	W	H	Y	S	E	D	C	R	O	S	C	D	N	E	T	E	R	P	L
P	G	A	O	Y	O	L	O	J	K	D	A	R	D	V	E	B	K	P	G
O	A	T	C	P	R	L	A	W	B	R	S	O	C	I	R	V	U	V	
R	M	N	M	E	P	U	J	N	O	I	L	I	S	E	D	B	N	Z	
T	E	A	O	C	B	P	T	W	W	P	D	A	S	S	Y	E	S	U	
S	S	M	R	V	R	H	G	T	I	O	P	Z	O	S	G	W	R	O	K
R	C	Y	O	G	E	H	W	Y	W	O	L	R	E	J	R	O	Y	E	
E	C	O	S	A	I	J	E	E	O	N	E	T	H	E	R	E	R	E	G
K	H	J	T	G	T	M	R	J	L	J	B	A	R	N	L	I	C	R	D
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C	A	G	C	C	T	N	I	B	I	C	G	O	L	I	E	Z	B	N	U
R	C	H	V	N	U	A	E	M	C	I	K	E	C	B	Z	S	W	C	N
A	R	H	K	H	T	C	Y	D	U	N	S	D	L	P	L	A	Y	T	
E	O	K	G	N	N	I	E	W	S	G	N	I	E	G	I	D	B	E	
S	S	S	O	B	U	O	S	U	E	C	N	V	R	O	I	D	B	E	N
D	S	C	A	W	A	N	C	R	E	T	H	G	U	A	L	Y	G	V	G
O	G	S	G	T	E	H	T	N	Y	R	B	A	L	Z	S	C	O	R	E
E	T	Z	E	L	B	M	A	R	C	S	A	K	Y	G	U	L	Z	C	I

**Word Search**

S	W	H	Y	S	E	D	C	R	O	S	C	D	N	E	T	E	R	P	L
P	G	A	O	Y	O	L	O	J	K	D	A	R	D	V	E	B	K	P	G
O	A	T	C	P	R	L	A	W	B	R	S	O	C	I	R	V	U	V	
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K	H	J	T	G	T	M	R	J	L	J	B	A	R	N	L	I	C	R	D
C	E	N	P	E	I	A	I	K	H	M	R	Y	N	A	S	H	A	M	J
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H	S	R	R	L	N	I	P	N	S	M	W	I	D	L	H	Z	U	I	O
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R	C	H	V	N	U	A	E	M	C	I	K	E	C	B	Z	S	W	C	N
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O	G	S	G	T	E	H	T	N	Y	R	B	A	L	Z	S	C	O	R	E
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# Black Friday

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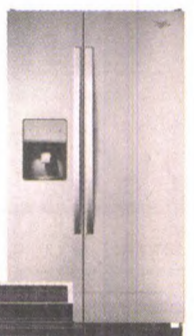
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**The Whirlpool Suite**

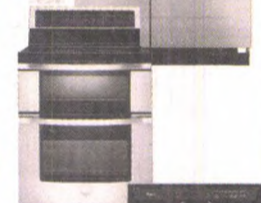
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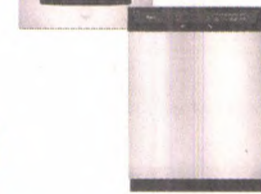
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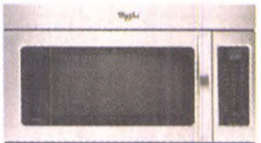
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**Whirlpool Microwave**

**Black Friday Sale Price \$299**



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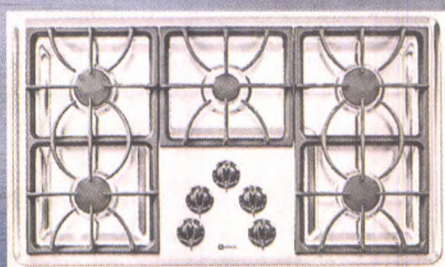
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