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Bummer — last call at Bennigan's

Township eatery forced to close its doors due to down economy

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

It'll be the last last call Saturday at the Bennigan's in Plymouth Township.

The Irish-themed bar and restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, which attracts a crowd of regulars but has struggled in recent years as the economy tried to regain traction, will be closing its doors for good Saturday.

"It's just - bummer, sad," said Michelle Stretke, who was tending bar Tuesday afternoon and has worked at the restaurant for 22 years.

"We remember coming in here when you had to stand in

line to get in the door," said Bill Bridenbaugh of Canton Township, who was having a glass of wine with his wife Bernadette.

Aging equipment

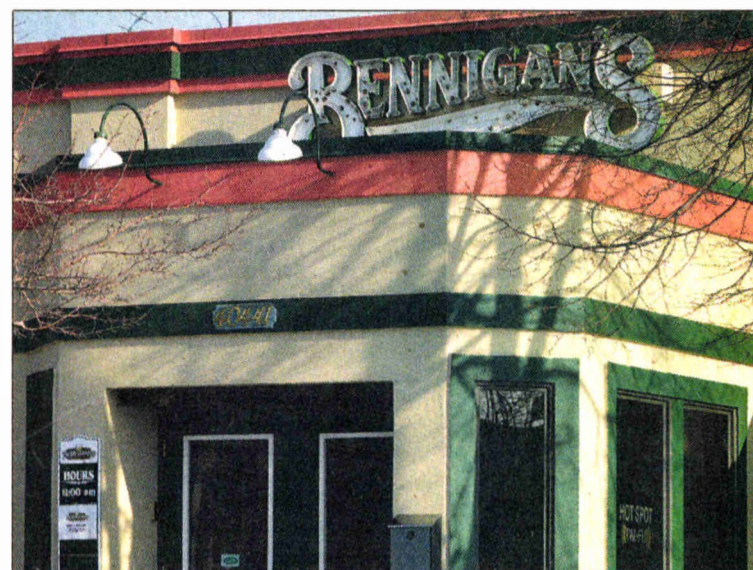
The 30-plus-year-old restaurant is in need of major upgrades and new equipment and making a big investment there, with a short-term lease and an empty Steak & Ale restaurant nearby, isn't feasible in the current economy, said Jeff Neely, the chief operating officer for LaBelle Management of Mount Pleasant, which owns the business and five other Bennigan's in Michigan.

"We would have to put a major amount of capital in

there," Neely said. "It didn't make sense to put that kind of capital into the building."

The extreme winter weather in recent months also hurt, Neely said: "The winter weather hasn't been kind to any restaurant."

The 22 Bennigan's employees were informed of the closing March 6. LaBelle offered them transfer opportunities to the closest LaBelle Bennigan's in the Howell area; jobs at the Smashburger in West Bloomfield, which is owned by a sister company; and good referrals to other area bars and restaurants to which they



Bennigan's Plymouth Township location closes Saturday after more than 30 years. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Plymouth artist Kirbi Fagan, who teaches at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is one of 12 winners of the international Illustrators of the Future contest. She will receive the award next month during a black-tie gala in Los Angeles and one of her illustrations will be published in a contest anthology. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Local artist draws international honor

Plymouth resident one of 12 winners

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Plymouth artist and art instructor will step into the international spotlight next month as one of 12 winners of the 2014 Illustrators of the

Future contest.

Kirbi Fagan, a 2013 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, flies to Los Angeles in April for an awards ceremony and several days of workshops with some of the best-selling authors and illustrators in the science fiction and fantasy genres. Her work will also be included in Volume 30 of *L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers*

and *Illustrators of the Future*, an anthology of stories and art by the winners of the illustrators contest and the 12 Writers of the Future winners.

"It's very exciting," Fagan said Tuesday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

But between teaching, furthering her studies and working on her own projects - she recently completed cover illustrations for two young adult

novels - Fagan had forgotten she had applied to the contest until Kendall's president called to congratulate her.

Fagan teaches at the PCAC, mostly classes and summer camps in which she encourages children to explore and enjoy creative expression, rather than stressing technique. Her teaching projects also include Drawn to the Night, a once-a-month, all-ages

event at the PCAC with live models and decorated sets to inspire sketchers and painters. Friday's March event, for example, has a medieval theme.

Arts background

Fagan, who graduated from Canton High School in 2009, has long been a creative person, involved in theater (at the

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Kickoff next week for '14 Relay for Life

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

The kickoff event for Plymouth's eighth annual Relay For Life is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The gathering is designed to inspire participation in the Relay, note successes and reunite and recognize past Relay teams. Participants will also hear from cancer survivor Jennifer Bell of Plymouth, who has been cancer-free for five years.

"It's a way to gather people in the community who are interested in joining us in the fight against cancer," said Abigail Stonerook, a Relay specialist with the American Cancer Society.

The Relay For Life is a 24-hour walkathon that raises money for the ACS; walkers also celebrate those who are surviving cancer, remember those who have succumbed to it and motivate each other to fight cancer. Relays are held annually in communities throughout the country. This

year's Plymouth Relay is June 21-22 at Central Middle School.

Walkers usually join teams to become part of the Relay, but individual participants are also welcome. "Anyone can come and walk," Stonerook said. Teams are often formed within families, groups of friends, workplaces and local churches.

Stonerook said a major focus of next week's kickoff will be recruiting team captains, who can either be Relay veterans, returning captains or new-

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District eyes partnership with U-M

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

Under the agreement, U-M staff and faculty will take part in the P-CCS monthly Professional Learning Community meetings in order to "further the development, enhancement and alignment of the district's curriculum" to make sure stu-

dents are college- and job-ready.

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

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

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Hindu Temple's free health fair lauded

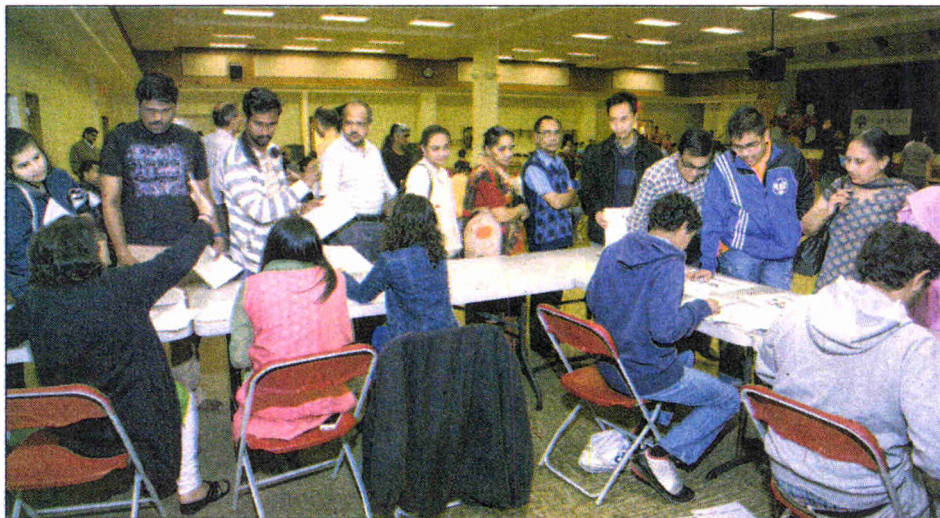
By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

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

Jatin Desai, a health fair organizer, said the Hindu Temple hopes to reach beyond its site on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center to draw a diverse group of people to the event, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 6 and April 27.

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

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



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

12th annual event.

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

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

Don Hazaert, director

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

"It's a terrific program that communities are going to need for some time to come," Hazaert said, despite the phasing in of efforts such as the Affordable Care Act. "While there's plenty of good news on the health care front, pro-

grams like this are important and should be embraced by their communities."

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

For that three-hour

session, patients are asked to fast after midnight because medical personnel plan to draw blood to screen for a complete blood count, cholesterol, prostate health and blood sugar levels that, if elevated, can lead to diabetes. Minimum age for the blood test is 18.

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

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

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

Moreover, visitors will be able to speak with primary care physicians and specialists in cardiology, urology, obstetrics and gynecology, rheuma-

tology, dentistry, gastroenterology, podiatry, endocrinology, nutrition, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, physical therapy and internal medicine.

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

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

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

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ing.

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

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

"This partnership is important for us ... to participate with college professors to make sure we are making our students college-ready," Farina said, adding ad-

ministrators hope to pursue similar agreements with schools like Eastern Michigan, Michigan State and Schoolcraft College.

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

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

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

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ARTIST

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PCAC) and dance as a child. But she didn't start drawing and painting until she was in high school.

"I was addicted, you know? I couldn't stop," she said.

She likes the physical act of drawing or applying paint, but also the sharing of her ideas and the connection with people viewing her art – no matter how they're interpreting it. "If they can enjoy it in their own way, that's really cool," she said.

Her work is full of nostalgia, whimsy and the fantastical, such as an old-fashioned-looking spaceship in the middle of a farm field or an elaborate treehouse juxtaposed against an ordinary farmhouse. Fagan said she has a keen interest in vintage objects, which inspire her curiosity about the people and stories behind them.

Details in her pieces –



Kirbi Fagan says she's drawn to portraying strong characters whose faces tell a story.

an antique settee, a gramophone, a stack of books – evoke feelings of nostalgia, which, for Fagan, mean home and happiness.

"I want each detail to

have its own story and its own meaning," she said.

Working from life

She often works from live models and decorated sets or from ob-

jects she's sculpted. "My theater background and my dance background play a huge part in what I do now," she said.

Fagan has completed illustrations for two forthcoming books aimed at children in the middle grades: *Deadly Delicious*, by K.L. Kincy, and *Portal Through the Pond*, by David K. Anderson. The latter is a reissue and the first of a planned trilogy; Fagan is to illustrate the two other novels in the series.

She often works in a digital medium or combines digital art with traditional painting, but has a goal of going to all-paint this December. "There's nothing like paint," she said.

Fagan said her parents, Cori and Dan, are 100 percent behind her career choice.

"I am very thankful that they supported me and they truly believe in my work – sometimes more than I do," she said.

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might apply.

"The team at Plymouth has been outstanding," Neely said. "It's been a privilege to work with them."

Neely said he's also grateful to customers and invited them back to visit Bennigan's before Saturday's shutdown.

"We want to leave with our heads up," he said.

Gathering place

Late Tuesday afternoon, as regulars began to gather at the bar, the talk at Bennigan's turned to the closing and their history there.

"Bennigan's always was a happening place, you know?" said Ron Kudek of Westland.

Kudek, who owns a company that repairs heavy trucks, said Bennigan's and Steak & Ale were both gathering spots for the owners of

local small businesses. Steak & Ale closed several years ago. Kudek says he's at Bennigan's at least once a week.

He said he'll miss the people he's come to know there, as did the Bridenbaughs.

"We know quite a few of them," Bill Bridenbaugh said, with his wife adding that even former employees stop back. "They got their college degrees and moved on," but still return to say hi, she said.

The Bridenbaughs said they've been regulars for 17 years and visit Bennigan's at least twice a week.

"We're coming in here every day this week," Bernadette Bridenbaugh said.

Neely said Bennigan's will stay open until at least 10 p.m. Saturday and later if traffic warrants it.

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comers to the Relay. The ACS has a goal of organizing 30-35 teams for this year's Relay; last year, there were 18 teams participating in the Relay, which drew about 500 walkers.

"We're looking to have significant growth this year," Stonerook said. "Our goal is to pack the Central Middle School track (so) that we outgrow it."

The ACS has a fundraising goal this year of \$100,000; last year, the Relay raised a net of \$75,000, Stonerook said.

So far, Stonerook said Wednesday, 13 walking teams have registered for the Plymouth event, more than had registered at this point last year. For more information, or to register, visit the website www.relayforlife.org.

Registration for the March 20 kickoff event begins at 6:30 p.m.; the Cultural Center is at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

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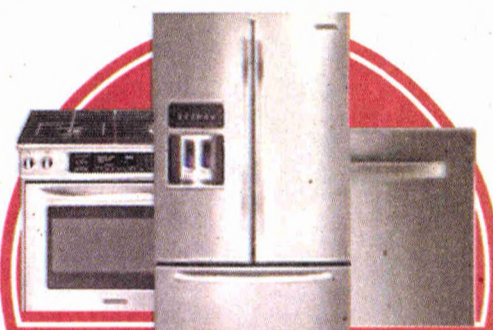


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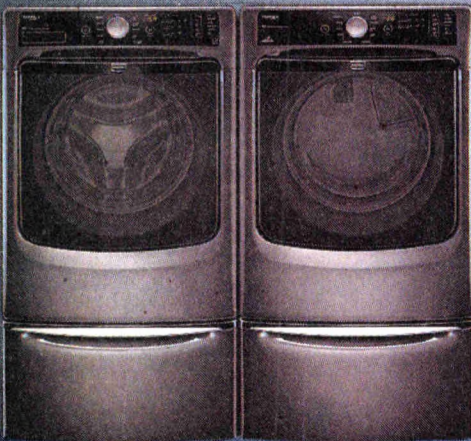
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Woman helps Canton cops nab reckless driver

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

phone to support her allegations and notified police.

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

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

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

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

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Elderly woman killed in accident at Westland gas station

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heroin incident

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

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

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

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

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

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

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needed to go to a hospital for treatment. Police notified paramedics, who took the woman for help. She was facing possible drug charges.

Identity fraud

A 42-year-old Canton man notified police last Thursday after he received notification from an insurance agency out of Alaska that he supposedly owed \$16,536, a police report said.

The man told police he had received notice from a collection agency, even though he said he had nothing to do with the situation. He already had contacted the FBI, but he wanted to file a report with local authorities so he could get a police report number and notify companies to stop sending him overdue notices.

The incident was believed to involve a case of identity fraud.

Stolen car

A 27-year-old Canton man told police his 2011 Dodge Charger was stolen while it was parked on the street on Victorian Square, north-

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

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

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

Found wallet

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

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

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Debit card used in fraud

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

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

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

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

Mystery iPod

A township man reported the March 5 delivery of an Apple iPod Shuffle that he hadn't ordered.

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

Fire runs

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

» **Monday, March 10** - EMS calls, excluding vehicle accident with injury, on Northville Road, Newport Drive, Greenbriar, West Hills and Beck.

» **Sunday, March 9** - Chemical hazard (no spill) on Ann Arbor Road; EMS calls, excluding vehicle accident, on Ann Arbor Road and on Spicer at Ann Arbor Trail; over-heated motor on Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident with injuries on M-14 at Beck.

» **Saturday, March 8** - EMS calls on Terry, on Butternut, on Ivywood Lane and on Pine.

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

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

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

» **Tuesday, March 4** - Person in distress on Hill Top Drive, EMS calls on Woodleigh Way, Plymouth Oaks, on I-275 north of Plymouth, on Pinecrest, on Brougham and on Schoolcraft.

- By Matt Jachman

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Concert raises funds for veterans' therapy

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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County announces 'Pothole Blitz' program

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

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

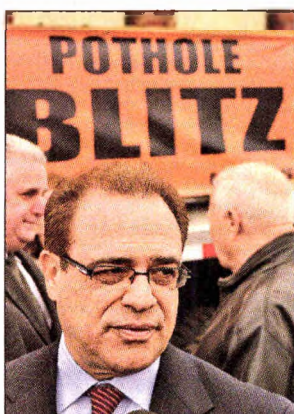
Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz and other local officials were on hand at the Wayne County Road Commission building on Grantland in Livonia to announce a program called "Pothole Blitz," an initiative designed to increase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

"I think it's no secret a

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

60 seasonal workers to be hired

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



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

den City, Westland, Wayne and Dearborn Heights.

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

The initiative is ex-

pected to cost about \$625,000, funds the county expects to receive through Act 51 money. Alan Helmkamp, assistant county executive, said the county commission's Ways and Means Committee approved the budget adjustment Tuesday for the project.

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

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

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

Report potholes

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

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

"There have been stretches where they've gone 40 days with only five days off in the snowplowing and the efforts they've had," he said. "But the way the system actually works is if they're not actually plowing the snow ... they're full-time occurrence is to

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

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

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

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

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Discovery band wows crowd at Disney World

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Obviously, the kids had fun, but also believed they got something educational out of the trip.

"I thought the trip was a really good idea because of the learning and fun that we had," eighth-grader Alex Johnson said. "It was a good team-building experience."

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Movie buffs win O&E Oscar™ contest

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second-place winner is Nancy Crouse of Livonia,

who won four passes to any Emagine Theatre.

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

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

Be on guard against tax fraud schemes

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rick Bloom

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

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

Posing as tax preparers

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

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

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

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

The last scam that I want to highlight, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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

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

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

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

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



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

DETAILS

Business name: PAWSitive Pet Massage & Concierge.
Your name and title: Jennifer Williams, owner and pet concierge specialist
Your hometown: Belleville
Business opened when? October 2012
Number of employees: 2
Hours: Office hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day
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think of a better area to be in.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

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

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

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

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

PAWSitive Pet: It's much more difficult. You

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

Observer: Any advice for other small-business owners?

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

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

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

JB Ashtin announces group of new hires

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

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

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



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

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

» Melissa VanLangren has been named the company's finance and human resource manager.

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

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

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business mixer

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

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

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

Skin care field tests

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.AmericanLaser.com.

Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction, this year themed "The Luck of the Irish," 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event offers the business community a



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

night of networking possibilities while socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Attendees should come dressed in Irish attire (lots of green). Tickets are \$75 and include strolling dinner, open bar, green beer, entertainment, live auction, raffles and more.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels and include event tickets and sponsorship recognition before, during and after the event. Sponsorships range from \$375 to \$2,500.

Donations are needed for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles, as well as the live auction. This is a great way to show your support for the chamber.

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

Chamber luncheon

Canton's State of the Township Luncheon is set for 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will address the audience. The event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Xuereb Law Group PC.

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

Coffee connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., Thursday, March 13, hosted by ambassador co-chair Deena Heath of Huntington Bank.

Chamber officials called the Coffee Connection a "great way to start your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other chamber members." Huntington Bank is

located on Five Mile (across from The Inn at St. John's). These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other. There is no fee to attend this event.

Anyone interested in attending should call Teri at 734-453-1540.

Showcase and Taste

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

The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at the Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$110 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6-by 3-foot skirted table.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Scholarship fundraising

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are starting their fundraising for the Student Citizen Scholarships.

The chambers' Education Committee awards scholarships to up to five students based solely on their community service during their years in high school.

Last year, the chambers were able to offer five students \$1,100 each. For information on how to donate, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-4040.

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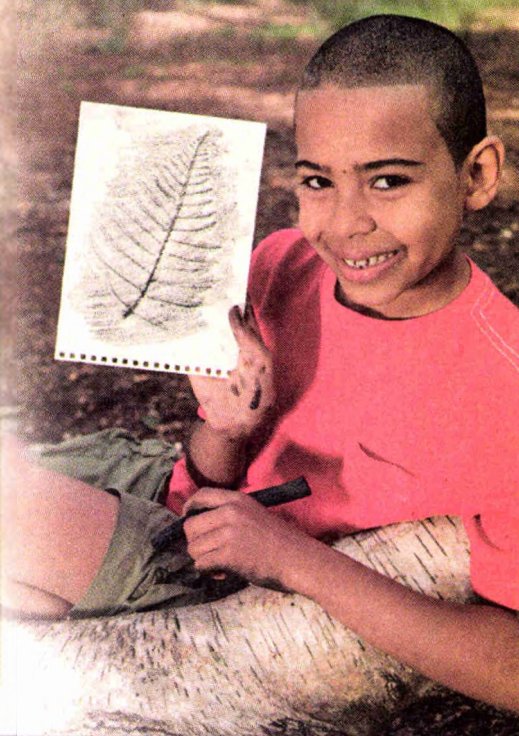


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Angela Hospice annual Laughter Lifts You Up fundraiser is March 20

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Laughter Lifts You Up has become so popular with the community that an 11:30 a.m. luncheon show was added this year in addition to the 6 p.m. dinner show. Both shows will feature Lynn Trefzger, an award-winning comedian and entertainer for Disney Cruise Lines.

"We're very excited to have Lynn Trefzger as our comedian," said Larry Kralowski, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "Her comedic style is unique and would appeal to everyone."

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

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

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

appreciated the long weekends."

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

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

The district's administrative offices, its 11 elementary schools, two upper elementarys and two middle schools, as well as the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center, will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and from 7 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OUR VIEWS

Beware of scams during tax season

Residents need to take precautions

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

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

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

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

» Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names to identify themselves.

» Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.

» Scammers spoof an IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

» Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

» Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

» After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or department of state, and the caller ID supports their claim.

Very sophisticated in some respects, and very misleading at the same time. Your tax filings are due April 15, no sooner, and here is some more advice from the IRS about how to respond to these sorts of calls:

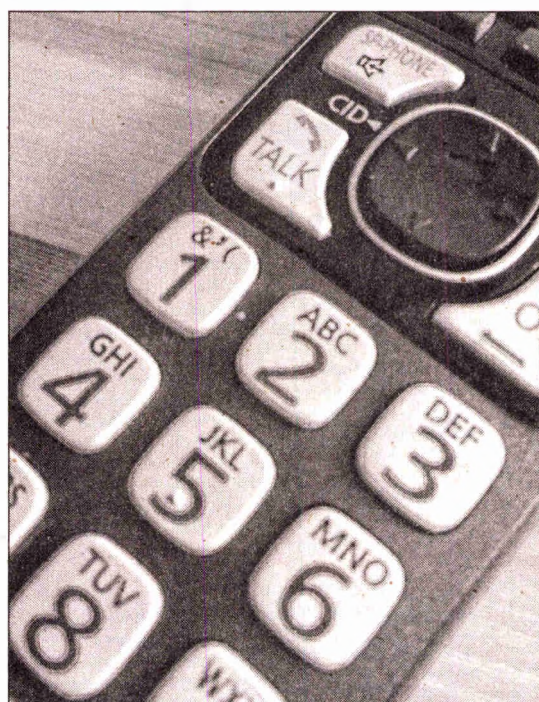
» If you owe or think you owe the IRS some money, call the agency at 800-829-1040. The employees at that line can help you with a payment issue.

» If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes — for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above — call and report the incident to the U.S. Treasury Department inspector general for tax administration at 800-366-4484.

» If you've been targeted by this scam, contact the Federal Trade Commission and use its FTC Complaint Assistant at <http://www.ftc.gov>. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

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

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What do you think?



The construction equipment is already on site in preparation for the closing of I-96 from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia in April for reconstruction. With the closing of the entire freeway, motorists will have to find alternate routes. Do you have a game plan to avoid the traffic congestion? Let us know. Email your response to bkadrich@hometownlife.com by noon Monday and it may appear as a letter to the editor in next Thursday's paper. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.) BILL

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campaign 'strategy'

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

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

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

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

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

James Huddleston
Canton

Teen consequences

Recent *Free Press* reporting offers views of the student/security guard assault at a Detroit

high school. The following is a narrative of editorial comments and attorney statements regarding the incident:

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

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

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

The Detroit Public Schools has taken an initial step and the student has been suspended. However, Michigan law is very clear regarding future action. In part Section 380.1311a of the Michigan School Code reads as follows:

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

"The individual may initiate a petition for reinstatement at any time after the expiration of 150 school days after the date of expulsion."

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

Yes, actions do have consequences.

Jim Brenner
Redford

All People Matter

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

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

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

We do this work because all people matter.

Colleen Crossey, M.S.W.
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OUR VIEWS

Time is right to strip R-word from state laws

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

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

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

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

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

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

His bill would delete the mentally retarded references from

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

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

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Plymouth Relay kickoff

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



Festival of hymns

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth presents a Festival of Hymns by Hal Hopson, with brass quintet, hand bell choir, organ and the Chancel Choir joined by friends from the community, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Hymn writers in costume tell their stories, alternating with choral music and audience sing-along in this historical overview of hymnody. All choral singers are invited to be part of the choir. There are two required rehearsals: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, and 2:15-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be received. First United Methodist Church is at 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-5280 or email marcia@pfumc.org

Newcomers Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: The Newcomers and Neighbors invite the public to their charity Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults. The Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club expects 40-plus tables selling new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment. Related local business vendors. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1.
Contact: For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com.

Museum friends

Date/Time: Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Don Soenen, a member of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex Committee, will discuss a possible future for Central Middle School's building at the meeting of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum. PARC is a collaborative team of community leaders, policymakers, sports teams, nonprofits, businesses, and residents, has been studying the feasibility of, and assessing community support for, the conversion of Central Middle School and the 18 acres on which it sits, into an arts and recreation complex. Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public.
Contact: For more information, call 734-455-8940.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

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

Spelling bee

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

Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."
Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders, 734-455-4940, email dcaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Folk music

Date/Time: Saturday, March 15, 7 p.m.
Location: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: The Baseline Folk Society will "Celebrate the Emerald Isle" in merriment and song. John Delle-Monache, a.k.a. Shawn O'Dell for the night, is a Baseline regular, board member and performer who will take your heart to Ireland, at least for one-night. Featured guest is Alex and Maggie Zakem. They will perform a mix of old and new songs and instrumentals from American and Irish traditional music, including bluegrass, music

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

Night of Hope

Date/Time: March 21, 6:30-11:45 p.m.
Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn
Details: Canton-based Our Hope Holds The Cure is hosting its second annual "A Night Of Hope" formal charity gala, featuring a silent auction, dinner, live entertainment and cake auction officiated by Vic Faust of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national HHT Foundation.
Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholdsthecure.org.

Jazz @ The Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: Jazz @ the Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. On Tuesday, March 25, the Dave Bennett Quartet returns with Dave on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass.
Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

YouTube boogie

Date/Time: Sunday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth District Library welcomes attorney turned boogie, blues and ragtime musician Matthew Ball - "The Boogie Woogie Kid" - for a free, family friendly piano concert. Ball boasts a pedagogical link to Frederic Chopin, having studied classically at Oakland University in Rochester with Dr. Flavio Varani. The performance features classics like *Swanee River*, *Over the Rainbow*, *The Entertainer* and *Bumble Boogie*. Admission is free.
Contact: 734-453-0750.

Mad Hatter Tea

Date/Time: Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Main and Church, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual "Mad Hatter Tea" features Phyllis Barkey speaking on "Dining at J.L. Hudson's." Barkey's presentation is divided into three parts: Joseph Lowthian Hudson and his magnificent store; dining at Hudson's; shopping at the Grand Dame of Woodward Avenue. The presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea with a twist. We will be serving several items formerly served at Hudson's, including Maurice Salad and Cheese Bread, along with the Plymouth Historical Museum's signature tea, "Mary's Blend." Guests are encouraged to wear their craziest hat as there will be a door prize awarded. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 7; after that date, add \$5 to the price.
Contact: Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or on the museum's website (www.plymouthhistory.org) using Paypal.

United Way meeting

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7:30-9 a.m.
Location: Comcast, 41112 Concept Drive, Plymouth
Details: The Plymouth Community United Way holds its 2014 annual Meeting and Awards Presentation sponsored by

Comcast. The public is welcome. The morning begins with networking and a continental breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers and includes reports on the organization's 2013 finances and programs.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgardner at 734-453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to cindy.bumgardner@pcwu.org by Monday, March 17.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8-9 a.m.)
Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by Agent Orange and other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange and other dioxin exposure during this period, to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this event.
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CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTERFINALS

Canton cagers marching on to Breslin Center

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

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bring it on

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

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

Canton varsity head coach Brian Samulski praised his

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

GIRLS STATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



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

BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Bobcats rally to crush Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEW!

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

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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INDIVIDUAL GYMNASTICS FINALS



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

Park gymnasts make mark at individual finals

Canton's Toal, Lucas, Hodgson earn championships

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



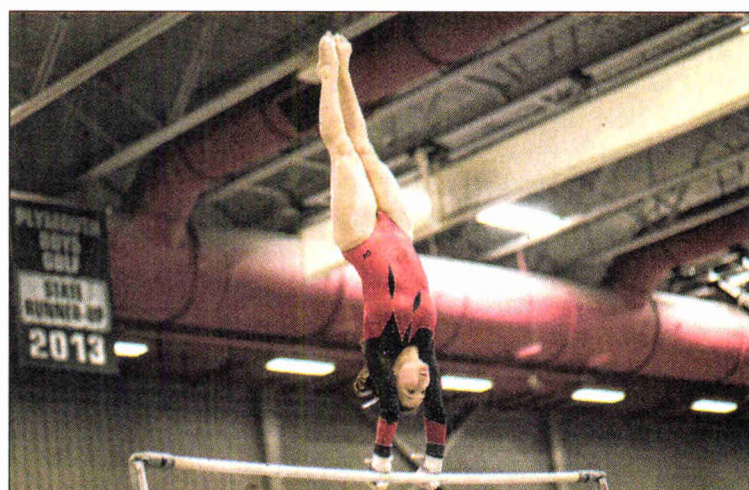
Division 1 balance beam champion Maddie Toal of Canton jumps high into the air during her performance. BRIAN QUINTOS



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



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



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

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

Stellar 'Cats

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

Salanga, who was the D2

regional champion on beam, finished second on Saturday.

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

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

Junior Kayla Janevski's 9.0

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

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

Connelly was presented

with the MHSJCA team sportsmanship award.

Salem's freshman stalwart, Alexia Frantzeskakis, took home a handful of medals.

Frantzeskakis came in third on D1 vault with a 9.525, seventh on floor (9.375), ninth on beam (9.175) and ninth on all-around (36.575).

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PREP GYMNASTICS

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

Vault: 1. Rachel Hogan (Grand Ledge), 9.725; 3. Alexia Frantzeskakis (Salem), 9.525; 11. Rebeca Simu (Plymouth), 9.225; 12. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 9.2; 16. Haley Metz (Plymouth), 9.05; 19. (tie) Maddie Toal (Canton), Melissa Green (Canton), 8.9.

Uneven bars: 1. Hogan (Grand Ledge), 9.75; 4. Moraw (Canton), 9.525; 8. Green (Canton), 9.0; 10. Metz (Plymouth), 8.975; 11. (tie) Toal (Canton),

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

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

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

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

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

DIVISION 2

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

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

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

Floor exercise: 1. Meredith Jonik (Farmington), 9.225; 4. (tie) Hodgson (Canton), 9.075; 9. (tie) Lucas (Canton), 9.05; 12. (tie) Salanga (Plymouth), 9.0; 20. (tie) Ellie Bachman (Canton), 8.875.

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

Top 10 per event are all-state medalists.

DIVISION 1 BOYS STATE HOCKEY FINAL

Shamrocks wear hockey crown

Catholic Central defeats defending champ Brighton, 5-1

By Perry A. Farrell
Gannett Michigan

Novi Detroit Catholic Central wanted this match-up.

The Shamrocks wanted two-time defending state champ Brighton in the Division 1 hockey title game Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

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

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

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

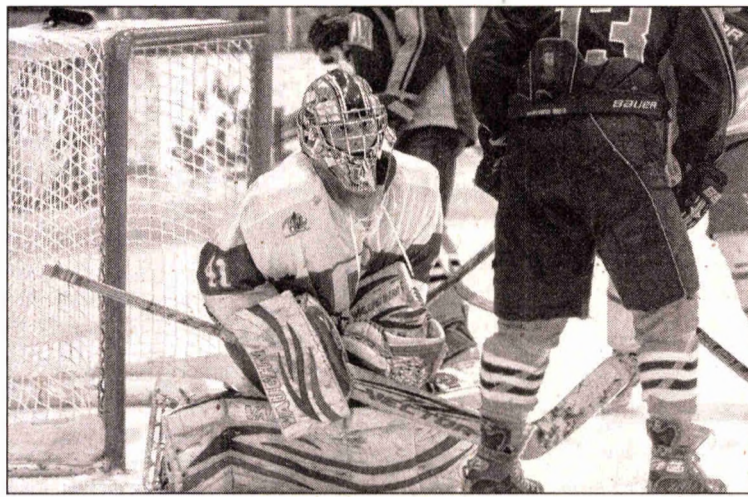
"We were very fortunate to match up against Brighton after what happened last year," coach Doug Itami said. "We had a handful of boys that were in the locker room that remembered the feeling. We had a purpose today."

Carter Cerretani and Ryan Burnett led the offense with two goals each and goalie Spencer Wright was solid as Sorisho watched from a suite.

"He's my best friend and I wouldn't go anywhere without him," Cerretani said of Sorisho. "I love him to death. I was glad to see him out there. We wanted to play Brighton because of what happened last year. I thought we came out fast with a lot of energy and our special teams played great."

Said Burnett: "It really meant a lot to have him out there; we tried to play for him the whole season."

CC (24-7) scored first on



CC goalie Spencer Wright smothering a Brighton shot.

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

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

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

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

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

Brighton scored in the second period on a power-play

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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It's all good

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

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

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

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

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

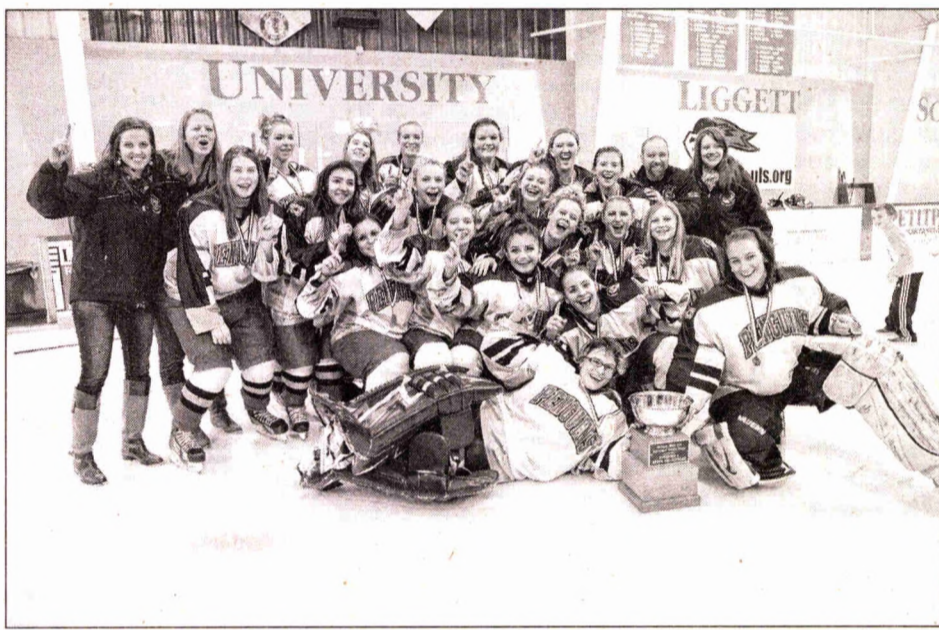
"Becky was there when we needed her, she handled it very well."

PCS head coach Mary Beth Smith (who along with assistant coach Brad Johnson also helmed the Penguins' titles in 2010 and 2012), admitted that her team won it "the hard way. The girls are completely exhausted after killing off that many penalties, but it's been awesome."

Saturday's win was a little bit different than the triple-overtime triumph over Farmington Hills Mercy in 2012 at Arctic Edge in Canton.

The Penguins also won in 2010 over Port Huron, the first year Smith and Johnson coached the program (a varsity team comprised of players from all three Park high schools).

"It's been a remarkable journey," said Smith, taking a few min-



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



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

utes away from posing with players and the MMGHSHL D2 chalice.

"Every team has been completely different, so it's been a different experience every year."

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

Getting the jump

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

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

That marker pumped up the team as well as

the enthusiastic PCS cheering section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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'Amazing' feeling for Penguins' seniors

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

Two years ago, circumstances were much different. PCS knocked off Farmington Hills Mercy in a triple-overtime thriller at Arctic Edge Arena.

This time around might not have been as dramatic — a 2-1 victory in regulation over Walled Lake — but for the seniors, it perhaps was even sweeter.

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

"It just feels great to win as you're leaving."

According to team captain and defenseman O'Flynn, beating Walled Lake was "an unreal moment, I'm

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

O'Flynn did note that it was a plus for PCS not to have to go up against the Marlins again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE CHAMPS

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

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Kim Petras would be especially proud of her son, Jason, a sophomore forward on the Farmington High School hockey team, and all of the Falcons.

Jason scored both goals and played a major role in Farmington winning the Division 3 state championship Saturday afternoon with a 2-1 victory over Sault Sainte Marie at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Farmington players celebrate their victory in the Division 3 state final Saturday at Compuware Arena. DOUG BARGERSTOCK

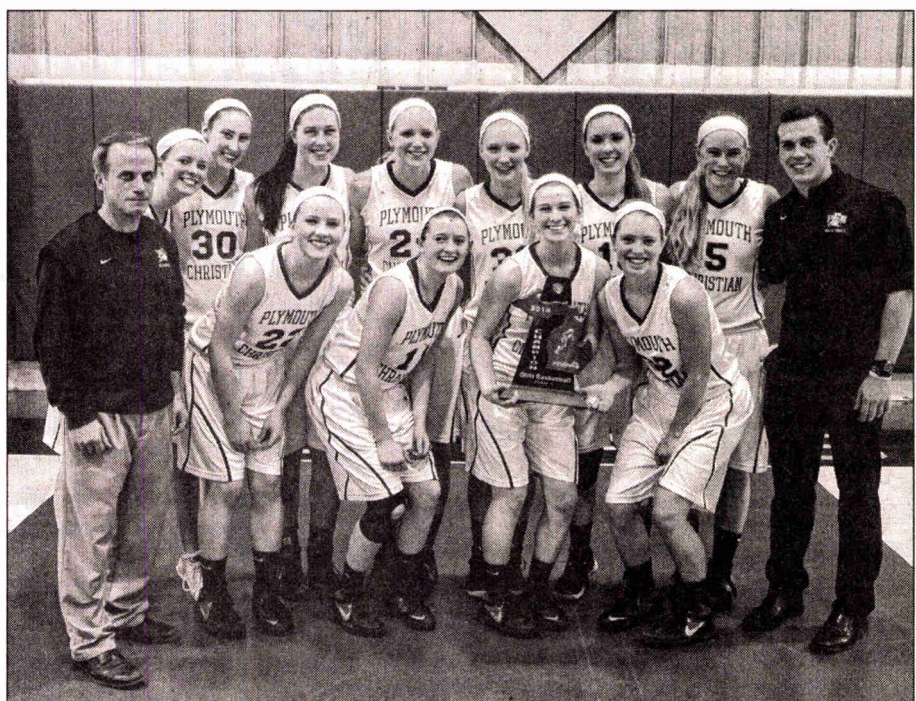
the Falcons had their ace guarding the net — John Letheon.

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

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

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

CLASS D GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS



Plymouth Christian Academy won the Class D girls basketball district championship, but then fell in the regional finals against Clarkston Everett Collegiate.

Late Everest scoring avalanche buries PCA

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team could not stop a fourth-quarter rally by Clarkston Everest Collegiate Thursday, as the Eagles lost 49-41 in a Class D regional final at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

"I'm proud of the way my team executed during the game and even more proud of how they finished by praying with their opponent after a tough season-ending loss," Eagles head coach Rod Windle said.

PCA (13-11) appeared to be in the driver's seat entering the fourth, up 39-27.

But the Eagles' offense went ice cold at

the wrong possible time, and the defense wasn't any better. Everest capitalized with a 22-2 final stanza to pull out the win.

Senior Rachel Smith sank two foul shots with 56 seconds to play for PCA's first and only points of the fourth to make it 41-37.

Perhaps the key play was a trey by Everest guard Clair Lasceski, which cut the PCA lead to a point.

Lasceski tied the game on a free throw and then, after the Eagles could not answer with a basket, Everest (16-6) took advantage with an 8-0 surge fueled by two PCA turnovers.

"We made a great effort tonight but just didn't make enough

plays to win at the end of the game," Windle said.

PCA started slowly, falling behind 10-1.

"We were getting good shots, but we were playing a little stiff on the offensive end," Windle said.

Following a timeout, the Eagles responded by scoring five straight points on a trey by Martha Mullett and three points by Smith (field goal, free throw).

That sparked PCA to a 20-17 halftime lead.

"(Senior) Rachael Fuller did a great job attacking gaps in the zone and hitting shots for us in the second quarter," Windle said.

"Her eight-point quarter helped give us the lead at halftime."



Getting ready for the next play is Canton's Taylor Hunley (No. 5), shown in recent action. Hunley and her teammates won Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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quartet of co-captains for their leadership on and off the court, demonstrated yet again on Tuesday night.

"Paige and Rach and Taylor were on the floor at the end of the game," Samulski said. "Shannon was on the bench, but her leadership on the bench was great and the other three's leadership on the floor was outstanding.

"Those four, they keep us in there, they keep us focused and they do what they got to do to get things done."

He cited the entire team for contributing, even though only six of 10 players saw minutes.

Junior guard Alanna Brown helped the cause with six points and seven rebounds (to lead the Chiefs in the latter department).

From the opening tip, the seniors (augmented by Brown and sophomore guard Natalie Winters) were in sync as Canton took a quick 7-0 lead midway through the first.

It was a 14-5 advantage at the buzzer, thanks to Brown's corner jumper.

Canton kept working plays down low to Aresco and Hunley in the second stanza, leading to layups or free-throw chances. The Chiefs built a 31-19 halftime lead as a result.

The beat went on in the third quarter, too.

Hanging tough

After the Cavs sliced the deficit to 35-25 with six minutes remaining in the quarter, Aresco went to work. She scored three consecutive buckets, two on putbacks.

Aresco added another layup in the final seconds of the third to give Canton a 46-33 lead going into the fourth.

Carman-Ainsworth did try to chip away early in the final frame. Junior wing Sydnee McDonald (20 points) drained a trey and senior guard Angel Proby forced one of Canton's 12 turnovers and went in for a layup to make it a 48-38 game with six minutes to play in regulation.

Canton answered with an 8-4 run, capped off by four free throws by Hun-

ley to give the Chiefs an insurmountable 56-42 edge with just 2:10 to go. Canton made 24 of 30 from the charity stripe.

"The thing was, let's just finish the game," said Samulski, about what he said to his team to slow down Carman-Ainsworth's last-ditch rally attempt. "We were up 10, I thought we were getting just a little rattled.

"Play with composure and do what we do and just finish it by defending and rebounding. I thought they did that. Every time Flint sort of made a push at us, I thought we pushed right back."

And now, the team moves on to the bright lights of Breslin.

"There's a lot of people, a lot of coaches, a lot of players, they'll play forever and never go to one and so it's a huge deal," Samulski said.

"Rach said it at the beginning of the year, 'Let's get back to the Breslin Center.'

"So, that was in their mind and we've been able to keep plugging away and get it done."

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BOYS SWIM RESULTS

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS SWIM FINALS
March 7-8 at Saginaw Valley St.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 345 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 202; 3. Holland West Ottawa, 191; 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 185; 5. Bloomfield Hills, 136; 6. (tie) Saline and Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 126 each; 8. Zeeland, 108; 8. South Lyon Unified, 94; 10. Rockford, 81; 32. Livonia Churchill, 3 (32 schools).

FINAL AREA RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Mark Blinstrub, Drew Grady, Gust Kouvaris, Bradford Jones), 1:32.77; 2. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Nick Arakelian, Bradley Bielicki, Jake Goeddeke), 1:34.54.

200 freestyle: 1. Tabahn Afrik (West

Ottawa), 1:38.18; 27. Matt LaPorte (Stevenson), 1:48.34; 31. Alex Lee (Stevenson), 1:49.13.

200 individual medley: 1. Arakelian (Stevenson), 1:47.47 (all class MHSAA record); 25. Bielicki (Stevenson), 2:01.78.

50 freestyle: 1. Joe Krause (Rice), 20.63; 4. Jackson O'Dowd (Stevenson), 21.21; 7. Jake Goeddeke (Stevenson), 21.68.

1-meter diving: 1. Jake Herremans (Rockford), 458.00 points; 14. Ethan Burke (Churchill), 338.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Cameron Craig (Monroe), 48.82; 17. Belmore (Stevenson), 53.39; 24. Bielicki (Stevenson), 54.30.

100 freestyle: 1. Afrik (West Ottawa), 43.90 (Division 1 record); 6. O'Dowd (Stevenson), 46.74; 27. Lee

(Stevenson), 49.60.

500 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (Stevenson), 4:24.84 (Division 1 record); 12. LaPorte (Stevenson), 4:41.75.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Krause, Bobby Powrie, Jack Kennedy, Jones), 1:25.10.

100 backstroke: 1. Jack Walsh (Detroit CC), 49.08; 6. Belmore (Stevenson), 52.61; 7. Goeddeke (Stevenson), 53.02.

100 breaststroke: 1. John Schihl (Bloomfield Hills), 55.39; 6. Grant McNamara (Stevenson), 58.32; 8. Tom O'Donohue (Stevenson), 58.58.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Brother Rice (Kouvaris, Powrie, Blinstrub, Krause), 3:02.06 (MHSAA all class record); 2. Stevenson (Arakelian, Belmore, Goeddeke, O'Dowd), 3:06.92.



Salem's varsity boys basketball team celebrates after winning the Class A district championship Friday night at Canton for the Rocks first district title since 2000. But Salem fell Monday to Grand Blanc in a regional semifinal game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ROCKS

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Brackett (15 points) actually got the rebound of his initial miss and put a second shot up for the winner as the Rocks could not get the defensive board that probably would have clinched the win.

Although rebounding totals were even (Salem actually outboarded Grand Blanc 30-29), the Bobcats tallied 18 offensive boards which proved crucial. Salem's top rebounder was junior forward Tyler Brooks, with nine.

Tough go of it

"Everybody always seems to remember the last part of the game," Brodie said. "There's a lot of offensive rebounds we gave up during the game, we didn't shoot very well from the free-throw line. I think we were 50 percent. We missed some easy layups inside.

"But you always remember that last play or two when you throw the ball away under severe pressure in crunch time. We were playing in enemy territory. This was definitely Grand Blanc's home gym, it was just tough to even communicate with the kids during that game."

The win moved the Bobcats into Wednesday's regional final

against Howell.

Salem's early surge quieted the large crowd of Grand Blanc fans, at least for a while.

Connor Cole and Brady Cole registered 24 and 12 points, respectively, helping Salem build leads of 17-11 after one frame and 30-25 at halftime.

"They sparked us real well, especially early in the game," Brodie said. "When those guards (Bobcats) are playing like that and they're playing with that much pressure on the entire game, they just keep coming in waves. The Coles did a good job of handling that pressure for the most part."

The Rocks built a 45-33 edge with 1:15 to go in the third following a putback by junior forward Allante Wheeler (seven points).

Grand Blanc, however, scored just before the horn on a field goal by Tre'von Avery (seven points) to cut the deficit to nine points going into the final stanza.

Frenzied fourth

In the fourth, the Bobcats ratcheted up their game even more with plenty of loud encouragement from their fans.

Still, Salem had a 48-44 lead with just over five minutes left following Brady Cole's layup.

Then came a Brandon Brackett trey, followed by a Salem turnover and a missed layup. Some 30 seconds later, Grand

Blanc overtook the Rocks for the first time (49-48) on two free throws by Nicholas Randle.

Back and forth the game went over the final three minutes, with a foul shot by Wheeler putting Salem in front 52-51 with 54 seconds remaining.

Grand Blanc subsequently lost possession by stepping on the base line, giving Salem a glorious chance to prevail. The Rocks, however, had trouble advancing the ball down to the other end of the floor and finally threw it out of bounds.

There was just 20 seconds left with Salem still in front when the Bobcats started what turned out to be their winning sequence.

"I told the kids, 'You look back at this, you won three out of four championships that we played for,'" said Brodie, whose team won the KLAAs Central Division and last week's districts. "That's a big thing. To win one championship is good, a lot of teams don't even win one.

"I'm proud of the way they played and they did a nice job for us this year. It's going to be sad to see those seniors go."

In addition to the Coles, Salem's senior class includes center Michael Hoover (five rebounds Monday), forward Evan Klenk, guard Alex Kenrick and forward Alec Winfrey.

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools', consisting of construction of:

New Cherry Hill Middle School-BD 108 Carpentry and General Trades Rebid

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 25, 2014** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

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

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:
108: Carpentry / General Trades

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$75.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.** no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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

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

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

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

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary **Kimberley Crouch**.

END OF SECTION

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BLITHE SPIRIT

Schoolcraft College produces fast-paced comedy

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

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

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

ART & CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through March 14; open during business hours

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

Details: The fiber artwork of artist Cynthia Bodene is on exhibit

Contact: 248-473-1856

LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

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

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

Details: "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerardo Antunez, Colin McGorey and Scott Moelich

Contact: 734-207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday through March 29

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters" shows works by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor, Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia and Natalie Estep of Canton

Call for entries: Submissions due 5 p.m. April 12 for "West of Center," an all-media show that will run June 6-28. Robert Schefman, Foundations Department chair and associate professor at the College for Creative Studies, will jury the show. Cash prizes will be awarded. Applications at www.northvillearthouse.org

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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 15 and 22

Location: Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Details: In this free art-making workshop, families choose one or both projects — a 3D window screen or a mosaic decorated box — inspired by the marble window screens and tile mosaics as seen in the exhibition Doris Duke's Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape and Islamic Art, on view at the museum through May 4.



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

Designed for families with children, 6-12. Workshop will follow a tour of the exhibit

Contact: 734-926-4128

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

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

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

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

Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

FISHER THEATRE

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

Location: 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

Details: Heartbeat of Home, is a new music and dance spectacular created by the producers and director of Riverdance; tickets are \$35-\$85

Contact: 800-982-2787; broadwayindetroit.com

MUSIC HALL

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

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: (313) to the (212) A Detroit/New York Choreography Expo is a dance showcase with works by seven choreographers and dancers from New York City and Detroit; tickets \$20

Contact: 313-887-8501; www.musichall.org

FILM

PENN THEATRE

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

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth



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

Details: *Saving Mr. Banks*, admission \$3

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

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

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 15

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

Details: *The Lady Eve*; \$5

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

Contact: 313-537-2560

MUSIC

AMC/GDR THEATERS

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

Location: AMCLivonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia; GDR Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, Canton

Details: Elton John: The Million Dollar Piano, captures John's performance live from The Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. Tickets \$14-\$15

Contact: www.FathomEvents.com

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through



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

May

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

Details: Alex and Maggie Zakim, the featured performers on March 15, will perform a mix of American and Irish traditional songs. John DelleMonache hosts. Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSPresident@aol.com for additional information

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi perform klezmer music; tickets \$13, \$10 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900

BLUES@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: \$5 donation at the door.

Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

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

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

Details: Dave Bennett Quartet with Bennett on clarinet, Doug Cobb on drums, Jeff Kessler on piano and Jeff Pedraz on bass, performs March 25; \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres

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

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

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

Location: 223 S. Main, Ply-

mouth

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

Contact: 734-453-0750

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon Wednesday, March 19

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

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

Contact: 734-462-4403

SELIGMAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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

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

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

Contact: 248-855-6070

Check out
telescopes,
planetarium at
upcoming show

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

Admission is \$5. Children under 15 are free. Speakers will include:

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

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

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

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

Don Kaser of the Michigan Science Center will present planetarium shows at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Vendors and hobbyists will sell a variety of astronomical equipment.

For more information, visit www.fordastronomyclub.com.

Bring family together with Breakfast

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

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

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

Courtesy of Family Features



SAUSAGE BREAKFAST SKILLET WITH SAUTÉED TOMATOES & BASIL

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

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

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

BREAKFAST TORTILLA CUPS

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

1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast Sausage Links
9 flour tortillas (6 inches), at room temperature (thicker, home-style tortillas work best)
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican blend cheese
6 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Salsa

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



CORNBREAD WITH SPICY SAUSAGE AND RED PEPPERS

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

1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Hot & Spicy Breakfast Sausage Links
1 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

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



MINI QUICHES

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

1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Maple or Original Pork and Chicken Breakfast Sausage Links
40 whole wheat crackers, crushed (about 2 cups crumbs)
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 package (12 ounces) frozen broccoli florets, thawed, drained and chopped
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
12 eggs or 3 cups liquid egg whites or egg substitute
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook sausage according to package directions; cut into 1/2-inch pieces and set aside. In a bowl, combine cracker crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle into the bottom of 24 muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Divide sausage evenly among the muffin cups. Top with the broccoli, corn and cheese. Combine the eggs, salt and pepper; carefully pour into muffin cups. Bake for 16-20 minutes or until eggs are set. Let stand for 2 minutes before removing from pans.

CITY BITES

Corned beef

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

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

Fish dinners

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

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

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

Tea time

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

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

BETHANY

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 29
Location: Don Hubert VFW Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford
Details: Bethany Together Dance admission is \$13 and includes beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks. Dance lesson from 7:30-8 p.m. Attire is business casual. Bethany is an organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit. It provides peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths
Contact: 248-988-0454

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10
Contact: 734-425-4421

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17
Location: Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6600 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: Violinist Kara Fenyo Bahcall and Pianist Noemi Maczelka will perform works by Hungarian Jewish composer Karoly Goldmark. A kosher desseert reception follows. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 for B'nai Moshe members and their guests
Contact: 248-788-0600; www.bnaimoshe.org12:45 p.m.

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, March 29
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: A full orchestra and the combined choirs of St. John Neumann and St. Mary's of Wayne will perform Vivaldi's Gloria. The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday March 30, at St. Mary's of Wayne. Free admission
Contact: 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 14
Location: Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland
Details: *Roses in December* is a film about Jean Donovan, a lay missionary who, along with three American nuns, was murdered in December 1980 in El Salvador. The film chronicles her life from her affluent childhood in Connecticut to her decision to volunteer with the Maryknolls in El Salvador, to her tragic death. The film follows the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
Coming up: *The Faces of Poverty* on March 21
Contact: 734-722-1343

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, for five weeks; began March 12
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or the church
Contact: 734-261-1455; good-

mourningministry.net

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16
Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This 13-week, non-denominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

LENTE SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, through April 9
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

LENTE SERVICE

Time/Date: Noon-1 p.m., Wednesday through Lent
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Worship followed by a light lunch
Contact: 734-522-6830

LENTE SOUP DISCUSSION

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. soup dinner; 7:15 p.m. video presentation and discussion, Tuesday, March 18, 25, April 1 and April 8
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" will be co-led by Pastors Bob Hoey and Allen Kannappell
Contact: 734-425-2800

LENTE VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16
Location: Ss. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights
Details: The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this second of five Lenten services. The homilist will be the Rev. John Wehling, pastor of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia
Coming up: The third vespers service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 21931 Evergreen, Southfield
Contact: 734-422-0278; pascha-books@scglobal.net

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services
Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Venoy, north of Warren Road, Westland
Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word," began March 2
Contact: 734-425-0260

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, through April 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and lust may affect a

person's life and relationships with God and others. Includes suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 23
Location: St. Genevieve, 28933 Jamison, Livonia
Details: Meet the principal and teachers, tour the classrooms, learn about clubs and extracurricular activities, and hear firsthand from parents and students about the school. School offers 3- and 4-year-old preschool, young 5s and grades K-8
Contact: 734-425-4420

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Meditative readings, music and art
Contact: 734-464-1222

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3p.m. Saturday, March 29
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Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

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

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms 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 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; 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 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addition No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations
Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

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ALLCORN, JAMES R.

of West Bloomfield, suddenly on March 9, 2014, at age 82. Loving husband of the late Barbara. Dear father of Robin Connell of Ann Arbor, Ronald (Karen) Allcorn of Waterford and Robert (the late Kari) Allcorn of Georgia. Also survived by his grandchildren Jim Allcorn, Chelsea (Andrew) Kirby, Ryan and Jordan Allcorn along with his brother Larry (Iris) Allcorn. Jim was a Korean War Veteran serving in the US Navy. He owned and operated Bloomfield Kitchens from 1978 until 2000 when he joined his son at Cabinet Creations of Waterford. A service celebrating Jim's life will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at COATS FUNERAL HOME-WATERFORD. Then the family will continue to receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

BURNS, DEAN

Beloved husband, Stepfather, and best friend. A private service will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

VESPERMAN, PATRICIA GAIL

Born March 11, 1941, passed away December 11, 2013 at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan. Pat enjoyed nature and was a talented seamstress which she enjoyed doing with every free minute of her time. She will be greatly missed by all of those that knew her. Survived by daughters Susan Zeits, and Dee Dee (Adam) Gorski, son William (Pearl), sister Debbie (Mark) Oswald. Grandmother of Mark, Antoinette, Delaney and Lilley. Also survived by brothers and sisters and several nieces and nephews. A private service will be held at a later date.

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REALTORS GLAD TO SHAKE HANDS, GET LEADS AT CANTON EXPO

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

His buyers rarely choose fixer-uppers. Gitre agreed school systems are key, but "it is up to your child." He asks clients where they work, and where family and friends live.

"You have to approach every buyer differently," he said.

It was his first year at the Home Improvement Expo, under sponsorship of Canton Township, the Canton Cham-



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

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

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

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

Realtor Marie LaGrow's with Remerica Hometown in Plymouth Township, and a Canton resident. She and husband Denny, a Realtor with

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

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

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

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

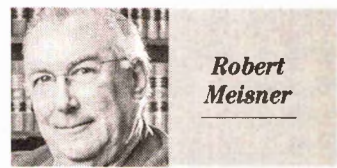
enabling them to expand services. "We're flexible now."

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

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

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

jcbrown@hometownlife.com



Robert Meisner

Senior status documents vary

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

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

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

A: Obviously, the answer to your question is document intensive and you must look at the documents to determine the ability of the board to assess and in what manner. However, in a similar situation out of North Carolina, the Supreme Court there agreed with the trial court that the assessment was unlawful because the Condominium Act, the Declaration (Master Deed) and Bylaws all require that assessments be uniform and pro-rata based on the percentage of the unit owners' respective undivided interest in the common areas. They pointed out that in that case, there were two separate assessments years apart and the latter assessment levied against only unit owners in the later building was not uniformly assessed against all co-owners. The court read the governing documents to require that each assessment must be levied pro-rata uniformly upon each co-owner.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

16321 Birwood Ave	\$255,000
17969 Kinross Ave	\$294,000
15701 Kirkshire Ave	\$175,000
22200 Orchard Way	\$215,000
32525 Plumwood St	\$380,000
32055 Sheridan Dr	\$250,000
30300 Woodhaven Ln	\$419,000

BINGHAM FARMS

30725 Ivy Glen Ct	\$320,000
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BIRMINGHAM

1917 Cole St	\$189,000
1596 Hazel St	\$252,000
309 N Eton St	\$92,000
315 N Eton St # A	\$92,000
909 Pierce St	\$735,000
685 Southfield Rd	\$533,000
240 W Lincoln St	\$212,000
1685 W Lincoln St	\$290,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2076 Devonshire Rd	\$185,000
5395 Hickory Bnd	\$190,000
4061 Hidden Woods Dr	\$275,000
7456 Lindenmere Dr	\$505,000
651 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$1,650,000
4355 Risdon Ct	\$195,000
4446 Tanbark St	\$500,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

6631 Castle Dr	\$200,000
2043 Eagle Pointe	\$212,000

320 Hillboro Dr	\$359,000
3890 Lincoln Rd	\$1,300,000
1839 Long Lake Shore Dr	\$405,000
1250 Marymar Ln	\$425,000
557 Newburne Pointe	\$460,000
2434 Parcels Cir	\$114,000
1338 S Carillon Ct	\$1,148,000
310 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$195,000
1834 Spring Grove Rd	\$252,000
204 Woodedge Dr	\$265,000
5175 Woodlands Dr	\$280,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

1771 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
5460 Bridge Trl E	\$364,000
3535 Car Dr	\$340,000
215 E Wise Rd	\$110,000
2813 Greenlawn Ave	\$275,000
8493 Hummingbird	\$310,000
5675 Lancaster Ln	\$315,000
2650 Old Sherwood Ct	\$270,000
2334 Palmetto	\$190,000
9557 Trace Hollow Ct	\$25,000
6180 Turnberry Dr	\$235,000

FARMINGTON

35624 Briar Ridge Ln	\$193,000
24041 Farmington Rd	\$240,000
23350 Woodhaven Ct	\$300,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29624 Ardmore Dr	\$390,000
28484 Bayberry Rd	\$175,000
31645 Belmont St	\$145,000
35305 Blue Spruce Dr	\$214,000
29638 Briarton St	\$155,000
36837 Chesapeake Rd	\$205,000
32241 Farmersville Rd	\$160,000
25977 Kilreigh Dr	\$183,000
30169 Kingsway Dr	\$288,000

35133 Meadow Ln	\$145,000
29740 Minglewood Ln	\$200,000
33260 Oak Hollow St	\$250,000
29148 Raleigh Rd	\$223,000
29286 Stillwater	\$304,000
30578 W 10 Mile Rd	\$123,000
28921 Wellington St	\$375,000

FRANKLIN

25620 Meadowdale St	\$603,000
30135 Woodside Dr	\$379,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

19067 Rainbow Dr	\$165,000
28280 Woodworth Way	\$150,000

MILFORD

999 Byron Dr	\$147,000
637 Dorchester Way	\$260,000
3110 E Maple Rd	\$265,000
4186 Grondinwood Ln	\$385,000
1471 Lone Tree Rd	\$209,000
290 Napa Valley Dr	\$293,000
505 S Main St	\$237,000
1290 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$255,000

NORTHVILLE

20912 E Glen Haven Cir	\$85,000
42171 Gladwin St	\$132,000
51120 Park Place Dr	\$579,000
42159 Pellston Dr	\$130,000
42129 Roscommon St	\$95,000

NOVI

30768 Ardmore Ct	\$105,000
24766 Bashian Dr	\$115,000
22682 Bertram Dr	\$413,000
28318 Carlton Way Dr	\$168,000
28358 Clymer Dr	\$87,000
50413 Drakes Bay Dr	\$672,000
24316 Jamestowne Rd	\$205,000

24764 Jamestowne Rd	\$300,000
27022 Ladbroke St	\$258,000
27092 Ladbroke St	\$274,000
44533 Louvert Ct	\$240,000
45651 Marlborough Pl	\$424,000
22744 Meadowbrook Rd	\$242,000
41617 Mitchell Rd	\$248,000
24602 Olde Orchard St	\$105,000
2440 Shawood St	\$221,000
24792 Sutherland Dr	\$318,000
22916 Talford St	\$65,000

SOUTH LYON

57479 11 Mile Rd	\$431,000
59272 Carriage Ln	\$302,000
23931 Copperwood Dr W	\$302,000
660 E Ridge St	\$175,000
61194 Greenwood Dr	\$73,000
253 Harvard Ave	\$131,000
23472 Prescott Ln E	\$368,000
52035 Red Cedar	\$397,000
23339 Sawgrass Ct S	\$360,000
58709 Swing Beam Ct	\$79,000

SOUTHFIELD

507 Fifth St	\$135,000
27300 Berkshire Dr	\$127,000
21771 Frazer Ave	\$20,000
18115 Magnolia Ave	\$100,000
28555 River Crest Dr	\$190,000
27140 Selkirk St	\$141,000
17359 Silver Maple St	\$135,000
21468 Stahelin Rd	\$74,000

WHITE LAKE

524 Union Lake Rd	\$46,000
24 Wildrose Dr	\$255,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 11-15, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

40581 Blytheheld Ln	\$129,000
50458 Burr St	\$260,000
338 Cherry Hill Pointe Dr	\$163,000
44941 Coachman Ct	\$149,000
4149 Cornerstone Dr	\$124,000
434 Country Club Ln	\$346,000
45491 Glengarry Blvd	\$335,000
4148 Hunters Cir W	\$81,000
2041 N Arbor Way Dr	\$93,000
45425 Plum Holw	\$250,000
7523 Pointe Dr	\$203,000
42427 Saltz Rd	\$170,000
46941 Sherstone Dr	\$248,000
4052 Sherwood Cir	\$219,000
738 Sorel Dr	\$223,000
46871 Torrey Hill Ct	\$269,000
1768 Tradition Dr	\$452,000
47617 Vistas Circle Dr N	\$238,000
43539 W Arbor Way Dr	\$79,000

GARDEN CITY

31028 Balmoral St	\$80,000
32319 Barton St	\$108,000
5850 Deering St	\$20,000

LIVONIA

36261 Club Dr	\$37,000
18903 Comstock St	\$294,000
17403 Country Club Ct	\$220,000
36039 Curtis Rd	\$330,000
11019 Fairfield St	\$151,000
11011 Flamingo St	\$140,000
30001 Hathaway St	\$120,000
31693 Hillbrook St	\$209,000
9112 Hix Rd	\$145,000
9112 Hubbard St	\$145,000
9627 Ingram St	\$165,000
19225 Meadowridge Dr	\$127,000
16523 Middlebelt Rd	\$48,000
11003 Milburn St	\$143,000
31066 Minton St	\$127,000
18512 Norwich Rd	\$127,000
29643 Nottingham Cir	\$91,000
11240 Oxbow St	\$133,000
33869 Pondview Cir	\$69,000
19980 Rensellor St	\$22,000
29104 Saint Martins St	\$177,000
10051 Seltzer St	\$132,000
33245 Summers St	\$146,000
35843 W Chicago St	\$140,000

16629 Westbrook St	\$265,000
20335 Whitby Dr	\$255,000

NORTHVILLE

44584 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$370,000
44921 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$385,000
16370 Brookwood Ct	\$286,000
39491 Champion Ct	\$223,000
619 East St	\$700,000
17281 Lake View Cir	\$410,000
15885 Morningside	\$155,000
19605 Neptune Ct	\$127,000
18020 W Northville Trl	\$393,000
41336 Windsor Ct	\$131,000

PLYMOUTH

304 Blanche St	\$199,000
42260 Clemons Dr	\$243,000
42569 Five Mile Rd	\$165,000
500 Ford St	\$59,000
8891 Marlowe Ave	\$129,000
40871 Newport Dr	\$83,000
48660 Timber Crest Ct	\$375,000
9669 Winterset Cir	\$333,000

REDFORD

26326 Barbara	\$59,000
20452 Beech Daly Rd	\$36,000
9241 Brady Ct	\$54,000
16887 Centralia	\$75,000
17666 Centralia	\$76,000

18846 Delaware Ave	\$63,000
9575 Dixie	\$65,000
15473 Dixie	\$28,000
14236 Marshall Dr	\$184,000
11430 San Jose	\$89,000
9167 Seminole	\$60,000
26611 Student	\$50,000
17454 Sumner	\$70,000
24543 W Chicago	\$29,000
15525 Woodbine	\$51,000

WAYNE

5036 Gloria St	\$25,000
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WESTLAND

7527 Arcola St	\$100,000
7660 August Ave	\$100,000
32505 Avondale St	\$106,000
33405 Bendon Ct	\$20,000
33405 Bendon Ct	\$22,000
38605 Canyon Dr	\$116,000
2116 Ellsworth St	\$18,000
34418 Florence St	\$114,000
30305 Ledgecliff Ave	\$135,000
8218 N Grace St	\$160,000
37108 Norene St	\$115,000
32677 Steinhauer St	\$75,000
1598 Surrey Hts	\$85,000
7886 Terri Dr	\$100,000
7610 Woodview St	\$37,000

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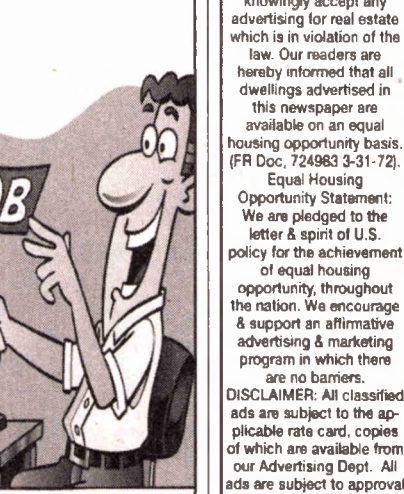
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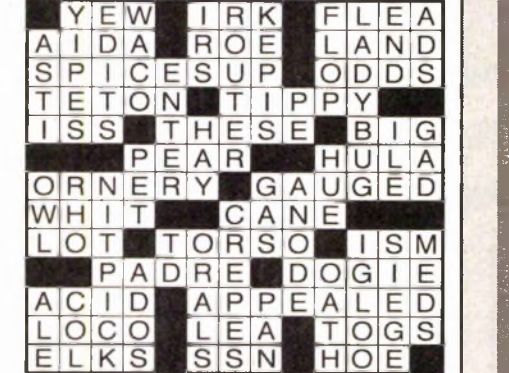
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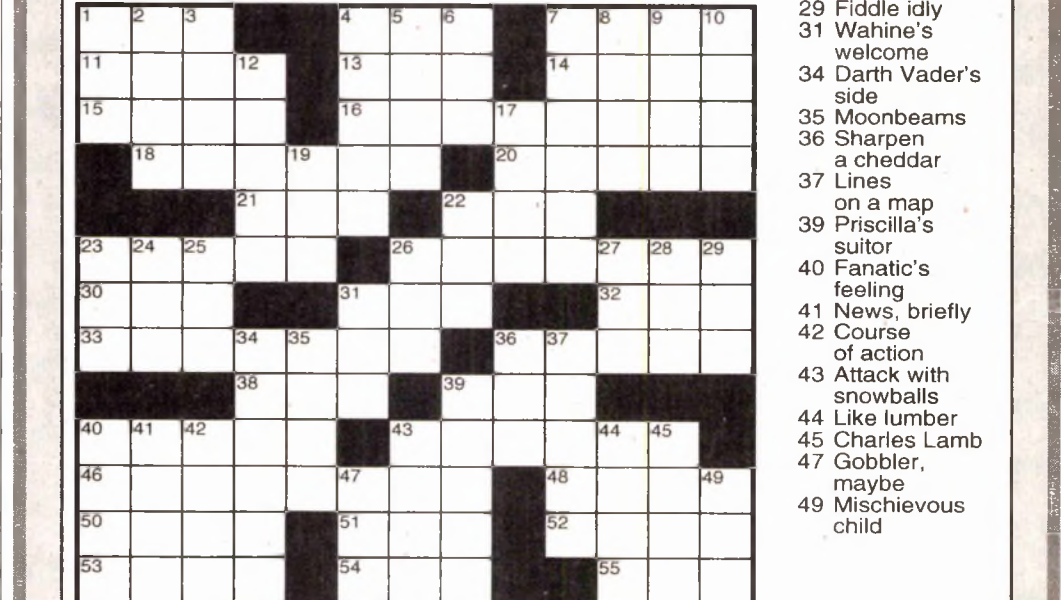
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- "Gunsmoke" nickname
 - Diluted
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 - Hound's trail
 - 30-cup brewer
 - Bullring bull
 - Translucent mineral
 - Attractive
 - Let know
 - Camel halts
 - Dangerous curve
 - Outscored
 - Clink glasses
 - Single (2 wds.)
 - ER personnel
 - Carry wearily
 - Sci-fi lander
 - Found seats
 - Bohemian
 - tai (rum drink)
 - Historian's word
 - Full of pep
 - Satisfy
- DOWN**
- Mr. DeLuise
 - Valhalla host
 - First name in perfume
 - Sleeve ends
 - Deuterium discoverer
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 - "Judith" composer
 - Eggy drinks
 - Loan figures

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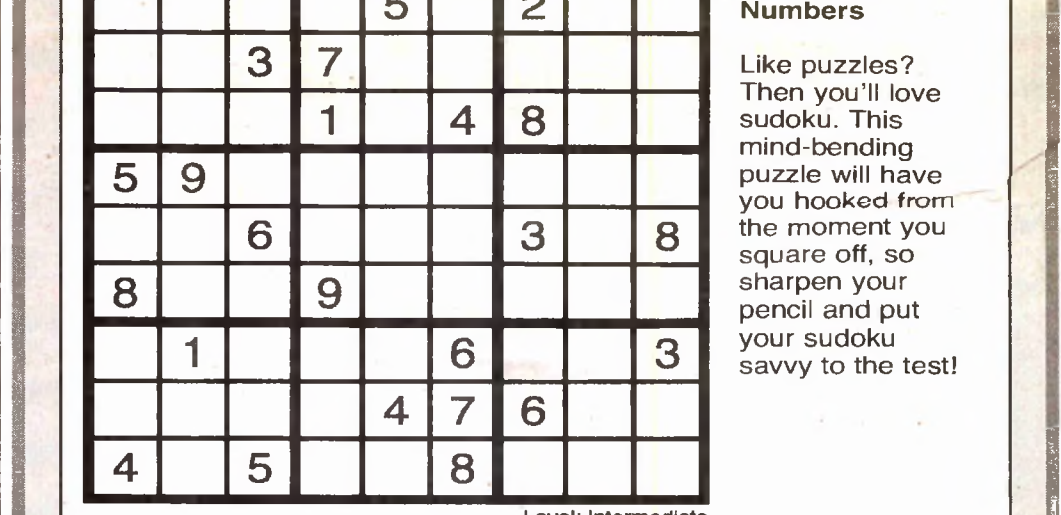
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- 17 Pigeon talk
- 19 Adherent
- 22 Greet as a dog does
- 23 Play about Capote
- 24 Add- (extras)
- 25 Embers, finally
- 26 Future flower
- 27 Rough shelter
- 28 No-ands or buts
- 29 Fiddle idly
- 31 Wahine's welcome
- 34 Darth Vader's side
- 35 Moonbeams
- 36 Sharpen a cheddar
- 37 Lines on a map
- 39 Priscilla's suitor
- 40 Fanatic's feeling
- 41 News, briefly
- 42 Course of action
- 43 Attack with snowballs
- 44 Like lumber
- 45 Charles Lamb
- 47 Gobbler, maybe
- 49 Mischievous child



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