



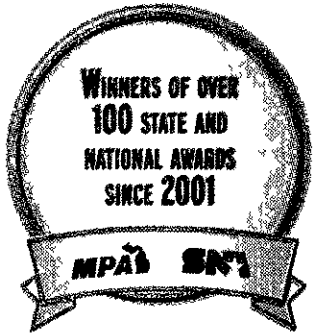
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Field trips face ax

Bus cuts part of district's budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Allen Elementary fifth-grade teacher Deb Cortellini enjoys taking her students on field trips to enhance the instruction she gives in the classroom. "When we go places like the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit

Institute of Arts and 35th District Court, it shows them firsthand the things we talk about," said Cortellini. "It's also important for the kids who may never have the opportunity to go to those places." Field trips like those could soon be a thing of the past in the Plymouth-Canton school district, though, if the

Board of Education goes along with a recommendation by Superintendent Jim Ryan to eliminate the use of district buses for extracurricular trips.

Deleting transportation for field trips would save the district \$70,000, and is one of several line items being suggested to cut \$516,000 in the 2005-06 budget.

"If we won't be able to go, that's depressing," said Cortellini. "The extracurricular trips we make add to our curriculum. Now, it will be too cost-prohibitive."

Currently, the district allows the use of its buses for field trips only if they return in time to run the regular routes at the end of the school day. In addition, classrooms have to pay for use of

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Deb Cortellini
teacher, Allen Elementary School

the buses, which are generally paid for with grants, donations from PTOs and small stipends paid by students.

"We're going to find the fine line between what we really have to transport and what is extracurricular in nature," said Ryan. "The argument can be made that everything is connected

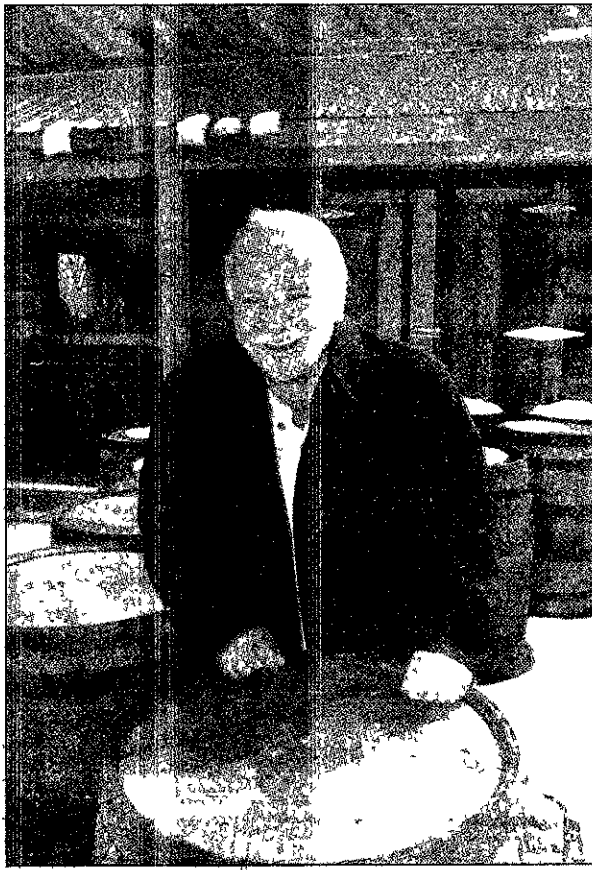
to the classroom.

"The less we use our buses, the less we have to pay substitute drivers and the less wear and tear on our buses," he said. "This one caused some real angst with our principals, but I'm kind of out of ideas."

Eriksson Elementary Principal Jim Burt is hopeful the board can find other ways to save money.

"If you're a fourth-grader studying Michigan government, there isn't any better way to learn than going to Lansing and visiting the state Capitol," said Burt. "When we go on field trips, it's directly related to curriculum. It's an experience that can't

PLEASE SEE FIELD TRIPS, A8



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dennis Crimboli designed Sweetwater Village, a 9-acre petting farm and garden goods store at Crimboli Nursery on Ford Road.

New petting farm to open this spring

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Crimboli was set to retire. With some 35 years in the landscaping and nursery business under his belt, he was ready to spend more time in Florida and less time caught in the daily grind. Then came the idea to build a petting farm called Sweet Water Farms, and with it dreams of retirement have gone out to pasture.

Sweet Water Farms will take up nine acres at Crimboli Nursery's 20-acre site on Ford Road, between Ridge and Napier.

"What we want to do is to have that apple orchard environment 12 months a year," Crimboli said of the project.

Sweet Water Farms will feature eight to 10 small cabin-type buildings, replicating farm houses, a corn crib, an outhouse and even an old style saloon. Inside the buildings will be unique garden and garden-related items, and seasonal items such as pumpkins in the fall and Christmas goods in the winter, and Easter plants in the spring.

The new area will feature flowers, annuals and perennials, bird houses and seed, and an assortment of agriculture-related goods as well, Crimboli said.

The "farm" will also be the home of a petting farm with geese and chickens, a cow or two, a donkey and perhaps even a peacock, Crimboli said. There will

PLEASE SEE FARM, A7

Hair salons prove lucrative for local entrepreneur



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve Johnson of Canton recently opened a new eSalon and TanFaster Extreme in Canton, which is an upscale prototype for his other salon locations in the area.

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

When he was growing up, Steve Johnson never thought running a hair salon was in the cards for him. You might say he kind of fell into it. But he hasn't regretted it a bit.

Johnson, 37, recently opened a new eSalon and TanFaster Extreme tanning salon at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads. Johnson and his father, Glenn Shaw, have been in the hair business for about 20 years, and already own several other eSalon locations

(formerly Fantastic Sams), including in Westland, Plymouth, Garden City, Farmington and Wayne. There are six locations in all, employing some 130 stylists and other employees.

"My family owned a strip mall that had a Fantastic Sams. We were forced to take control of the business when a leasee split on us. We didn't know anything about hair," recalls Johnson, who grew up in Westland and moved to Canton about eight years ago.

"Was it my dream when I was a kid to run a hair salon? No. But I've found it to be a great busi-

ness to be in. I love it. The styles and colors are always changing."

Coloring is certainly one aspect of the business that is really booming these days, according to Johnson, who has four children. His salons feature the Schwarzkopf Color Enhancing Conditioning Treatment, which he says is popular with customers.

PLEASE SEE SALON, A8

Employee Michelle Kroll of Garden City stands in one of the nine tanning rooms at TanFaster Extreme in Canton, which recently opened.



Canton woman accused of having sex with boy headed to court

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A 35-year-old Canton woman accused of having sex with a 14-year-old neighbor will face a judge in circuit court. Susanne Eble was charged with three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. She appeared Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth, with her husband at her side, and waived her right to a preliminary

examination; the case will be heard in Detroit.

Eble was charged on Valentine's Day after the 14-year-old's mother called police to report her suspicions about her son and Eble's relationship. According to police reports, Eble confessed to having sexual contact — oral sex and intercourse — with the teen on five occasions between August and December of last year. In January, Eble told police she had been at the boy's home, but there was no sexual contact because his mother



Susanne Eble

and the teen at any school. Eble is married and has two children,

according to police.

Though Eble confessed to police and said the sexual contact between her and the boy was consensual, it is illegal in Michigan to have sex with a 14-year-old. She pled not guilty when she was arraigned, and is free on a \$1,000 bond. If found guilty, she will face up to 15 years for each of the third-degree felony charges and up to two years on a fourth-degree charge.

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Tanana to speak

Former Major League pitcher Frank Tanana will be the guest speaker at the 30th annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast March 25 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. The former Detroit Tiger will speak at 8 a.m. A full breakfast will be served at the event.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call the church office at (734) 459-3333 for ticket information. The church is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road.

Bookmark contest

The Children's Library at the Canton Public Library is sponsoring a bookmark contest for kids grade K-5 to celebrate National Library Week.

One winner from each grade will receive a prize and 100 copies of each winning bookmark will be distributed at the library. Entries will be judged on three criteria: originality, design and how well they depict the theme "Celebrate Reading and Libraries."

The contest is open to children who live in Canton. Entry forms are available in the Children's Library and all entries must be received by Monday, April 4. Only one entry per child. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 12.

Identity theft seminar

The Canton Police Department is hosting an identity theft and fraud prevention seminar April 23 at Summit on the Park. Sgt. Scott Hilden will be on hand to discuss how residents can prevent identity theft from occurring.

The seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. To make a reservation, contact the community relations office at (734) 394-5325, or e-mail shilden@canton-mi.org.

Nursing honor

Donna Bednarski, a Canton resident, has been re-elected North Central vice president of

the American Nephrology Nurses' Association for 2005-06. This is her second term in the position.

Bednarski, a clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner at Harper University Hospital in Detroit, will assume her position during the ANNA's 36th National Symposium in Las Vegas. As North Central vice president, Bednarski will be responsible for the day-to-day management of ANNA activities within a defined geographic area. She will serve as a liaison between local, regional and national members.

Bednarski is an active member of the North Central Chapter of ANNA, serving previously as regional legislative advisor, legislative committee chair, and chapter president. She also participated in program development and presented at the 1998, 2000, and 2002 legislative workshops.

LaJoy office hours

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will be in the district March 21, from 3:30-5 p.m. at McCoy's Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor in Belleville, which is located at 333 Industrial Drive. Local residents can meet with him to discuss state government concerns and issues. No appointment is necessary.

Call for artists

The Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair, presented by Canton Township Leisure

Services and Beechwood Inc., will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. This is an outdoor art fair held around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

It is a juried show that has an opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. Booth spaces are assigned. Friday setup permitted, easy site access for set-up, artist parking very close to site, and security is provided both nights.

Accepted categories are: Clay; oils/acrylics; glass; photography; drawings; jewelry; etching; mixed media; graphics; ceramics; watercolor; wood; sculpture; and textile. Awards will be presented.

Application fee is \$150. Submitting deadline is April 29. For an application contact Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174, or e-mail kris2clay@juno.com.

Good Friday concert

As a part of its concert series, the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents the Schubert Mass in G Major and the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The lyrical Schubert Mass features an ensemble of 50 voices, an orchestra of 22 musicians, and guest soloists. Pianist Clinton Smith, graduate student at University of



Gymnastic honors

The Level 6 team from Eurostars Gymnastics in Plymouth brought home the first-place trophy from the recent Arnold Gymnastic Challenge in Columbus, Ohio. The event drew more than 2,000 gymnasts. Brittany Granowicz won first place in her age division with an all-around score of 36.950. Nicole Pilmer (36.275) placed second, Brooke Granowicz (36.175) was third and Erica Kosmalki (35.075) secured a fourth-place finish. All four girls, pictured here with coaches Tania and Peter Gueorguiev, practice at Eurostars Gymnastics and reside in Canton.

Michigan's School of Music, will perform the three movements of the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major.

Throughout the year, the concert series presents local artists, nationally known ensembles, and international solo concert artists for the

enjoyment of music lovers in the southeastern Michigan locale. The venue is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township. For directions visit www.pfumc.org. Admission to the concert is free, presented as a musical tribute in honor of Holy Week.

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Court date set for father accused of killing baby

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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A man accused of beating his 6-month-old son to death will appear in court April 8 for a preliminary examination.

Ryan M. Kierzak, 20, will appear at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. He faces life in prison if he is found guilty of murdering his son, Tyler Bates. Kierzak was charged with felony murder on March 5, following the baby's March 2 death. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Kierzak appeared in court Friday, and his preliminary examination was adjourned for two weeks. At the exam next month, the prosecution must prove that there was a crime committed and that it is likely Kierzak could have committed the crime. Members of Kierzak's family, some of whom have been subpoenaed as witnesses, were present in the courtroom. The baby's mother, 17-year-old Jessica Bates, was also present.

According to Canton police,



Kierzak's grandparents called 9-1-1 on March 2. When police arrived at the grandparents' home near Haggerty and Cherry Hill, they found the baby had bruises on his face, and he was having a hard time breathing.

Kierzak had left the house, and police reported he walked to a friend's home near Van Born and Haggerty. Police arrested him there later that day.

Kierzak did not live with his son and his girlfriend, and was described by police as a drifter with no permanent residence.

Tyler Bates was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he died shortly after his arrival.

Kierzak is being held without bail at the Wayne County Jail.

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Van Buren Schools hire three administrators

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

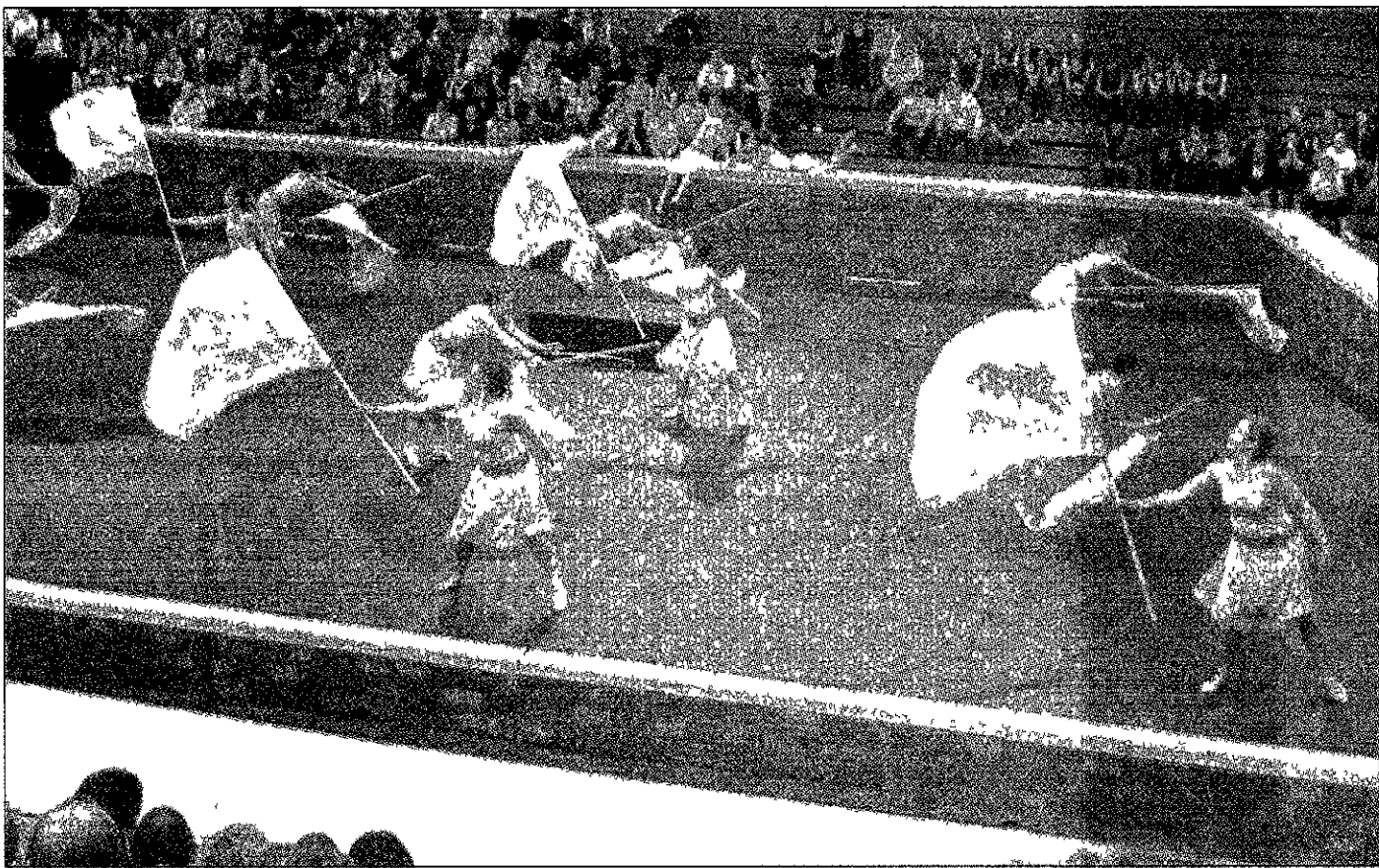
The Van Buren Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of three new assistant principals on Monday.

Rod Fisher and Michael Van Tassel were hired for Belleville High School, and Keith Wetters will be starting at South Middle School.

Fisher and Van Tassel were selected from nearly 70 applicants. Fisher, who has been interim assistant principal at Belleville High School since 2003, holds a bachelor's degree in earth science from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College in Detroit. Before being named interim assistant principal Fisher taught science and social studies at Belleville High School.

Van Tassel holds a bachelor's degree in music education and performance from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in music performance from the University of Michigan. Since 1990, Van Tassel has been the director of bands for Belleville High School. He has many honors including Who's Who among America's Teachers, a citation of excellence from the National Band Association and he was a Disney American Teacher Award nominee.

Wetters, comes to South Middle School from Bay City John Glenn High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in administration also from Central Michigan. At John Glenn, Wetters was assistant principal from June 2002 until accepting the position with Van Buren schools.



The PCEP Winter Guard, shown here in a performance in Syracuse, N.Y., conducts a show for the community Wednesday at Central Middle School.

Winter guard lets flags fly in community performance

The sport of the arts — a combination of music and dance incorporating the spinning, tossing, and twirling of flags, rifles and sabres — will be showcased the evening of March 23 in downtown Plymouth at the Central Middle School Gym.

The community performance by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Winter Guard is set to begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. Approximately 60 students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will perform.

The P-CEP Winter Guard Program encompasses three teams — two at the high school level and one for middle school students. Under the direction of Coach Jennifer Leseth, the program is gaining in popularity, having tripled in size in just one year. Winter Guard is an extension of the Color Guard, which competes with the P-CEP Marching Band during the fall.

The high school varsity and junior varsity Winter Guard teams compete in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit and Winter Guard International. Both teams will participate in the MCGC State Championship April 2 at Saginaw Valley State College. The varsity squad will go on to the WGI National Championship in Dayton, Ohio, April 7-9.

The Junior Guard is geared toward introducing the sport of the arts to middle school students and preparing them for participation in the P-CEP Color Guard workshops and auditions in late April. This year's team has representatives from all five of the Plymouth-Canton middle schools.

For additional information regarding the P-CEP Winter Guard or Fall Color Guard, send an e-mail to pcmb-guard@aol.com or call (734) 582-5666.

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True hip pain is groin pain, furthermore, with the pain comes impairment of motion that makes it difficult for you to cross your legs. In most cases of "hip" pain, discomfort resides at the outside of your thigh, near the trouser pocket, and radiates into the buttock area and/or down the outside of the leg to the knee. These are the features of trochanteric bursitis.

Another confounder of hip pain is sciatic nerve impingement. If you read the textbooks, you will learn that doctors identify sciatica by its characteristic radiation from the back down the buttock area to the lower leg and into the foot. The pain is like an electric shock often with a component of numbness or tingling.


In reality, sciatica can vary greatly from this description, causing problems for physicians. At times, radiation of pain is just to the knee. At other times, areas around the groin experience, simulate hip arthritis, as the discomfort is sufficient to stop you from moving the hip joint.

Remember, that you can have two conditions at the same time. A combination of trochanteric bursitis and sciatic could well look like a single diagnosis of hip arthritis. Thus do not be surprised if on seeing your doctor for "hip" pain you receive an entirely different evaluation.

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Leaky line dumps waste into Middle Rouge

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A leaky sewer line sent untreated wastewater into the Middle Rouge River last week-end.

On March 11, contractors working for the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) discovered an apparent wastewater discharge into the river.

"Basically we found a broken sewer line," said Aaron Sprague, WTUA director of operations. "We have no way of knowing what the duration or quantity of the discharge was. We check that line on a regular basis."

Most sewer lines are checked by WTUA every five years, but the line that broke last week has been checked every two years due to its age — it was built in the 1930s — and the presence of roots in the line, Sprague said.

The discharge occurred just east of Hines Drive, south of Wilcox Road. Upon discovery of the discharge, WTUA immediately removed all flow from the sanitary sewer interceptor causing the discharge by diverting it to a parallel pipe also under WTUA jurisdiction.

Though WTUA could face Michigan Department of Environmental Quality fines as a result of the leak, Sprague said it's not likely, since the incident was not as a result of negligence.

WTUA has in the past several years spent a significant amount of money — \$350,000 last year and \$500,000 this year — on a comprehensive sewer lining project. The portion of line that failed last week was scheduled to be lined next year. If the budget permits, WTUA will line it with plastic this year, Sprague said.

Wayne destinations bring wine, dining and donations

IT'S WINE TIME

Those with a penchant for wine tasting need look no further than Canton's only winery — the recently-opened Vintner's Cellar.

All of the wine sold at Vintner's is made on the premises. Owners Kathy and Darryl Nowacki invite customers to come in, and even bring up to 20 friends, for a free wine tasting party.

Wine tasting events include six to eight varieties, and hosts may bring their own hors d'oeuvres to accompany the sampling.

"We also afford customers the opportunity to make their own wine," said Nowacki. She and her husband have lived in Canton for 20 years and opened the franchise in November.

Vintner's carries a bevy of red, white, dessert and specialty wines. Custom blends, custom-made labels and special events are all available.

Vintner's Cellar is at 8515 N. Lilley Road in Canton. For more information and hours, call (734) 354-9463. For a detailed list of wine and prices, check the Web at http://www.vintnerscellar.com/about_us.html.

WHAT'S IN STORE

THAT'S ITALIAN

And, it's even better than ever.

Alfoccino Italian Restaurant on Grand River in Farmington Hills has recently spiced up its atmosphere with an interior remodel. The family-owned eatery started out as a little pizzeria in Oak Park in 1982. Specializing in homemade lasagna and other Italian classics, Alfoccino's in Farmington Hills has been in business since 1986.

Bottomless salads, fresh seafood and that famous Alfoccino salad dressing, which is bottled and ready to take home, are the signatures of the business, said Frank Shushtari, who co-founded Alfoccino's with his brother, Tony. The restaurant has second location at 2225 Opdyke in Auburn Hills, just south of the Palace of Auburn Hills.

What's the secret to success? Frank says that's simple:

"The key to my success, I would say, is keeping the same recipes," he said. "I learned that you start with the best quality and you end up with quality."

Alfoccino's is at 39205 Grand River, at Haggerty in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-0044 for more information.

SAY CHEESE

Grab your fine furry friend and get a photo. This weekend, you can have your pet's picture taken with the Easter Bunny for a \$5 minimum donation to Home Fur Ever Animal Rescue. A variety of spring bonnets will also be available for the fashion-conscious pet.

Come support animal rescue at the event, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at the Pet Supplies Plus store on Orchard Lake Road near 14 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this report. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oe.homecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054.

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Court date postponed for man charged with beating baby

A Canton man accused of beating an 11-month-old toddler will appear in court next month for a preliminary examination.

Harold Wright, 27, was charged with beating his live-in girlfriend's 11-month-old son, Roman Style, on March 2. Police were called to Wright's mobile home near Old Michigan Avenue and Haggerty to respond to a call about a baby not breathing.

Wright's preliminary examination was to be held Friday, but it has been adjourned until April 8 in order to give his attorney time to review evidence and reports.

According to police, when police and fire arrived, Style wasn't breathing and he had bruises on his body. He suffered from internal bleeding in the head.

The baby was taken to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and then by Med Flight to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was reported in critical condition.

Wright was arrested and pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree child abuse, punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and one count of third-degree child abuse, a two-year misdemeanor. He is being held on a \$100,000 bond at the Wayne County Jail.

According to Wright's attorney, Michael Vincent, the child's mother no longer has custody of the baby, though he said he does not have details of those arrangements through family court. The baby was released from the hospital, though court officials wouldn't disclose any custodial or medical details.

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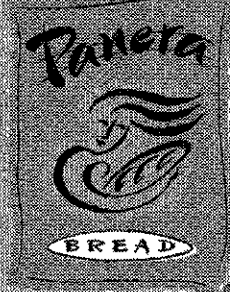
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Volunteers send care packages to soldiers

Church project supports military effort

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When her husband gave up his seat on an October 2003 flight for business reasons, Dayle Hoffecker had no idea how much the 21-year-old U.S. Marine who took his place was going to change her life.

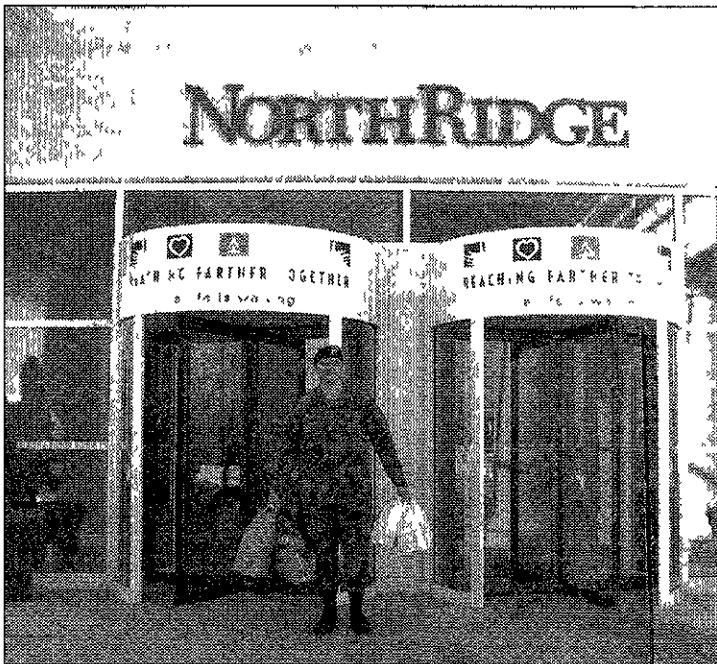
But that's exactly what happened after Hoffecker, a volunteer for the Operation Troop TLC program, spent that flight talking to the Marine about life in Iraq. When he told her soldiers over there covet letters from home — from *anyone* at home — she decided to do something about it.

So Hoffecker, who was a room mom at her kids' school at Birmingham Detroit Country Day, started by having her son's class write letters. That effort ballooned over the last two weekends to include thousands of pounds worth of donations from members of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, where Hoffecker is a member.

"Every soldier I've ever talked to has kept any letter anyone ever wrote them," said Hoffecker, who approached NorthRidge ministers with the idea for the donations. "They obviously mean a lot. That Marine on the plane said it's the little things."

"Our effort started with letters, then got bigger with care packages," Hoffecker explained. "This is from my heart. You're making a difference."

That's what appealed to the singles group at NorthRidge, which took the idea and ran



A soldier from the 645th Aerial Support Group in Southfield leaves NorthRidge Church with a few more donations for the Operation Troop TLC program.

with it. The total amount of donations wasn't available, but on the first weekend alone, the congregation donated some 350 large boxes that nearly filled a five-ton truck the army brought to haul off the donations.

Church officials were looking for food item items such as Ramen noodle cups, packaged cookies and crackers, powdered drinks, vitamins, sun-block, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, books and magazines.

"We were just trying to encourage the community to come together to demonstrate support and caring for the military around the world," said John Olze, singles pastor at NorthRidge. "People within the church came forward and said, 'We want to show our support.'"

When Hoffecker had been seeking outlets for the letters and other donations she got at Country Day, she eventually found the soldiers at the 645th Aerial Support Group in

Southfield. So, when NorthRidge was looking for a partner for their version of the program, the connection was easy.

Staff Sgt. Lance Horto of the 645th Aerial Support Group said donations such as these are "very important."

"It's unsolicited, people just doing something to show the soldiers they care," Horto said. "We get support like this periodically, but this (NorthRidge's) is the biggest and most organized I've seen so far."

Olze said the singles ministry organized the two-week effort, but it was the people who belong to NorthRidge who really made it happen.

"The cool thing is it was very volunteer oriented," Olze said. "I think it shows our people are passionate about what the military is doing, and they're grateful. This was a great way to show our gratitude."

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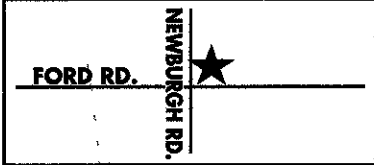
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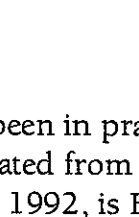
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Named to the Dean's list in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Fall 2004 term at Madonna University were the following Canton and Plymouth residents:

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■ Plymouth: Stephanie Aninos; Peter Bierzynski; Nadine Burke; Thomas Caracostas; Mary Centlivre; Tina Marie Colaluca; Suzanne Cox; Jennifer D'Annunzio; Mandy Dean; Andrea Denkhaus; Jaclyn DeZell; Kyle Farr; Katherine Ferguson; Leah Filer; Denise Galarneau; Aaron Hall; Addam Hall;

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University of Northwestern Ohio

Kyle B. Ollar of Canton was named to the Dean's List at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, for the January session of the College of Technologies.

To achieve the honor, Ollar earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Adrian College

Three students from Canton and one from Plymouth were among the 318 students named to the Fall 2004 Semester Dean's List at Adrian College. To achieve the honor, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Canton students were Brianne Harcourt, a senior from Canton High School; Megan McCleghnan, a junior from Canton High School; and Kay Murrell, a freshman from Divine Child High School.

The Plymouth student is Melissa Osborn, a freshman from Canton High School.

FARM

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also be an entertainment area, with benches and picnic tables, where musical acts will visit from time to time.

A brick path will meander throughout the nine acres of Sweet Water Farms, past little waterfalls and ponds.

"We've always had high-end garden items and hard goods, but there really has been no reason for a family of four to come out and push a stroller around, except if they were going to buy a tree or something," Crimboli said.

He hopes the farm will change that, and his business will become a welcoming place for families.

Crimboli's wife, Linda, will be the Duchess of Sweet Water Farms, and has been shopping all winter for a variety of unique items to appeal to shoppers who will be able to visit starting Memorial Day weekend, when Crimboli hopes to hold his grand opening.

"We'll have all kinds of things, so that you could buy



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adam Sulek (right) and Dennis Crimboli will open a new petting zoo and Sweetwater Village this spring. Construction on the buildings on the 9-acre parcel on Ford Road has already begun.

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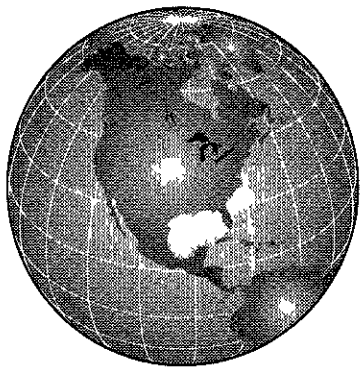
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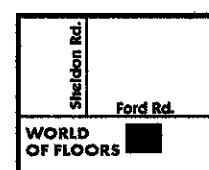
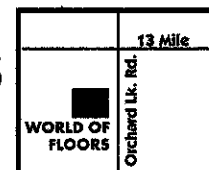
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Performances will run continuously and feature dances, musical instruments, and poetry from an array of cultures.

Demonstrations of origami, henna painting and yoga are also included in the day's events. In addition, a language table will provide samples of writing from more than a dozen languages.

Cross-cultural snacks from a variety of ethnic cuisines will be provided free of charge by several area restaurants. Guests will be issued a "passport" at the door that they will be able to get "stamped" at each country table they visit. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout

the Fair.

At the heart of the fair are the 24 table displays prepared by Schoolcraft students, their family members, and faculty and staff. This is an opportunity for visitors to meet someone from another culture, ask them questions, and learn firsthand about the history, geography, clothing, art and culture that make that country unique.

Besides promoting cultural sensitivity and increasing an awareness and appreciation of

other cultures, the Fair extends education beyond classroom walls by exposing students, faculty and staff to a cross-cultural experience. It creates an opportunity for students to teach others.

This event, created for students and community by students and community, is free of charge and open to the public. The Fair is funded by a Schoolcraft College Foundation Grant and is sponsored by the college's International Institute and Student Services.

Laurel Park Parisian hosts Spring Kidfest

Laurel Park's Parisian store played host to a Spring Kidfest March 12 to welcome spring with seasonal fashions.

The events included Parisian's semi-annual Charity Cookie Fest, which met its goal of raising \$1,000 for The Autism Society of Wayne County and Everyday

Miracles, an autism support network.


About 100 dozen cookies were donated by local bakeries and Parisian associates sold them at \$10 a dozen.

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Restructuring Single Business Tax will create jobs, boost economy

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Democrats in the Michigan House and Senate have a bold plan to jump start Michigan's economy and make our state a magnet for the high-tech jobs of the future. It's called the Michigan Jobs and Investment Act, which will dramatically restructure the Single Business Tax.

Michigan's SBT was created in 1975, to replace eight different taxes. It is now the only general tax on business in Michigan. One major motivating factor for the passage of the SBT was the Legislature's desire to tax all business activity fairly and comprehensively, rather than a jigsaw puzzle of taxes on various industries.

Since its inception, however, the SBT has been the subject of some controversy and concern about certain disincentive and inequities it has created. For too long, Michigan's Single Business Tax has resulted in unequal treatment of business in our state, penalizing manufacturers that are the backbone of our state's economy and giving tax breaks to certain segments of the business community so that they have not paid their fair share of business taxes.

Over the last 30 years, the Legislature made a number of minor changes to the SBT. But there has been no major updating of the tax to recognize the new economic realities facing the state. To revitalize Michigan, we need bold steps that will boost job creation and investment in Michigan. The Michigan Jobs and Investment Act, which I introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, is that bold step.

My bill is based on common sense. It levels the playing field, so that more segments of Michigan businesses will pay more nearly the level of taxes they would pay in other states. My bill calls for those corporations that

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Rep. Paul Gondino

are making the most profit to pay relatively more taxes than those who make little or no profit. It cuts taxes for 77 percent of those businesses with a Single Business Tax liability. Finally, the Michigan Jobs and Investment Act would close a number of tax loopholes, simplifying the state's business tax.

The Michigan Jobs and Investment Coalition has formed to support this sweeping change. The coalition includes a wide array of businesses, from the largest manufacturers to the smallest small businesses. It includes organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League, which recognizes the importance of major tax reform to improve the state's business climate to rejuvenate our state. It includes labor groups, who know that a fair tax system will mean more opportunity to create jobs.

The proposal is revenue neutral, building on comments by elected officials who have said our priority should be to reduce spending

to our current level of resources.

The Michigan Jobs and Investment Act will:

- Cut the standard SBT rate from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, a 37 percent reduction.

- Cut the small business SBT rate from 2.0 to 1.2 percent, a 40 percent reduction.

- Create a 35 percent personal property tax credit for manufacturing and research and development property.

- Increase the profit component of the SBT for corporations.

- Bring taxes on insurance companies more in line with the national average.

- Eliminate special tax preferences within the SBT that have given certain types of businesses unfair advantages.

I invite the Republicans to join the Democrats, the Michigan Manufacturing Association, the Small Business Association, and many others in turning Michigan into an economic powerhouse, but we have to get moving. Protecting the status quo means we are left behind. The time for action is now.

State Rep. Paul Gondino is a Democrat from Southfield. For more information, call (517) 373-1788.

Book about golf course is really about American dream

Some men see things that never were, and ask why not, as Bobby Kennedy used to say. Bill Haney is one of those. Take golf, for instance. He had been in love with golf since he first started caddying.

Like most golfers, he dreamed of building his own course, one that would be just the way he wanted it. Unlike nearly all the rest, he decided to do it.

Except this made absolutely

no sense.

Haney, who looks faintly like Wally Cox, was then 29 years old. He had a wife and four toddlers, the oldest of whom was 6. He was hardly

wealthy; he had a pretty good job as an editor at the University of Michigan Press, but not much more than that.

Most wives would have gently threatened nuclear war. But his Marcy, who couldn't have cared less about golf, said, "If you don't do it now, you never will." So they sold their house, borrowed more money, bought a "rundown popcorn farm" in rural Jackson County, rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Toddlers and all.

That was in 1966. Haney not only went on to build his golf course, but eventually established a highly successful career in advertising, with offices in both Detroit and Manhattan, and founded a high-quality book publishing company in suburban Detroit (Momentum Books) when everyone said that couldn't be done. And now he has written the story of how his young family built a golf course and lived to tell about it: *Chasing Dreams in the Boondocks: A Golf Course Comes to Life* (Crofton Creek Press;

\$24.95.) If you are a golf nut, you'll love this book. If you don't like golf, you may even love it more.

This columnist personally loathes golf, would rather do laundry, and had to be strongly persuaded to open this book. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. It is really no more about golf than the Oscar-winning movie *Million Dollar Baby* is about boxing. What it really is about is the American dream.

Someone, I wish it had been me, called this book sort of a "A Year in Provence comes to the Rust Belt." It is all that. "We learned as much, or more, about ourselves as a family, and about people, as we did about building a golf course," Bill Haney told me last weekend over a platter of pancakes.

The best thing about this book is that he waited so many years to write it. "You need years of perspective to deal with some of the more painful things," he said.

There are personal tragedies; money crises; and balky equipment.

There are also an assortment of rural characters, described in a manner part William Faulkner, part Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Haney's began building "The Boondocks" in the late 1960s, and opened it to the public May 2, 1970, two days before the student shootings at Kent State.

Those were the years of student protest and a nearby Woodstock-like rock concert; of massive social upheaval in Ann Arbor, where Haney went to work every morning. But he came home at night to a world right out of American Gothic, where the rhythms of life were in many ways closer to the 1860s.

There is also a suitably haunting, and totally real, darker aspect to the Haney's sojourn in rural America. There is a mystery the locals won't tell them about at first that involves a mean old man named Nate Fish, perhaps the nation's first blood transfu-

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sion, and a gruesome death — all right in the front room of the house in which they lived and plotted their golf course.

In the end, the customers did come. But the thrill left. "I wanted to build a golf course. I really didn't like running one." After two years, they sold it to people who had no idea how much work a golf course really was. Today, the golf course has long since vanished, and developers will undoubtedly soon swallow up the land.

Recently, however, Haney went back and bought the ancient 1841 pole barn that stood on the place. He dismantled it. Someday, he will reassemble it — or use it to build that vacation house he has always been thinking of.

Could a young man do today what he was able — barely — to do in the 1960s? "No way," he says, a bit sadly. The price of fertilizer and seed, not to mention the land, has soared far beyond inflation.

Building the Boondocks was the most intense thing he ever did — and not one he'd want to do again.

Except, well, he did build a couple of holes on his place near Ortonville, and recently eyed some land ... until Marcy brought him up short. "Look all you want, but just remember: One golf course per husband."

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No quit in DeWitt



Salem soccer player Jane DeWitt completes a rehabilitative exercise at the MedSport training center in Ann Arbor Monday afternoon as certified athletic trainer Tony Whiren looks on. DeWitt is recovering from her third serious knee injury since the spring of 2002.

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Soccer standout doesn't let knee injuries stop her from earning scholarship

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Jane DeWitt limped out of the hospital on the afternoon of Jan. 31, she didn't throw down her crutches, clench her fists, look up at the heavens and shout at the top of her lungs, "WHY ME?!"

But she had every right to. DeWitt, a standout soccer player at both the club and high school levels, had just undergone surgery that repaired a meniscus tear and removed scar tissue that had accumulated from a previous knee operation. The injury —

PLEASE SEE DEWITT, B3



LIZ DEWITT

Jane DeWitt maneuvers through traffic in a game against Howell last spring.

Knee injuries strike female athletes at alarming rate

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Why do young female athletes — particularly soccer and basketball players — suffer an inordinate number of serious knee injuries compared to their male counterparts?

Doctors aren't exactly sure, but a widespread research campaign is ongoing that medical specialists hope not only answers that question, but helps develop better ways to prevent the ailments in the first place.

Five members of the 2004 Salem girls soccer team alone have been sidelined at some point over the past 12 months due to injuries to their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) or meniscus, a fibrous cartilage within the knee joint.

Studies conducted at the Pittsburgh Medical Center revealed that tears of the ACL are four to eight times more likely to occur in females than males.

"Statistically, over the years, females seem to be suffering knee injuries at a higher incidence rate than males," said Dr. Bruce Miller, an orthopedic surgeon who also serves as a team physician for the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University athletic programs. "Why? That is the million-dollar question. There are a number of hypotheses out there, but up to now, nothing has been proven."

Miller noted there are four factors that top the list of probable causes for the rash of female knee injuries:

■ The anatomical differences

PLEASE SEE INJURIES, B3

Softball Center gets new name

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It may be a minor name change, but it reflects the substantial growth and diversity that are taking place regarding recreational sports in Canton.

The "Canton Softball Center," which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will now be referred to as the "Canton Sports Center," according to Jason Lombardo, a recreation sports specialist at the center.

"The softball center facility is now the hub for several sports, not just softball, so we felt a name change was in order," said Lombardo. "It was a little confusing for people if they were calling for information regarding a volleyball league and they would hear 'Canton Softball Center' when we answered the phone. We were looking for a name for the facility that was more encompassing."

No matter what you call the facility, just don't forget to call it busy. Along with softball, there will also be flag football leagues for youths and adults competing at the center this spring and summer.

"We started flag football leagues and a camp last fall and we had 120 youths registered, so it was a popular program," Lombardo said. "We've created a partnership with the Detroit Extreme Flag Football League because it's their specialty. We're looking for more adult teams this spring."

The center's primary activity will still be softball.

For more information on upcoming events and registration facts, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.

Chiola named best wrestling coach

For the 2004-05 Observerland All-Area basketball team, see pages B4 and B5.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dave Chiola used the 2004-05 wrestling season as a measuring stick. He figured the rebuilding process was over.

"It was time to put or shut up," said the fifth-year coach from Livonia Franklin. "People told me we'd be good, but I'd get nervous at what I thought we'd do."

The Patriots blossomed this season, winning every tournament in sight including their first-ever Observerland Invitational title followed by the their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament crown.

Franklin also captured the Western



Chiola

Division in the WLAA and the first-place crossover match against Salem.

After 18 straight dual-meet wins, the only blemish on the Patriots' record this season was a close 39-30 first-round Division I district setback to state quarterfinalist Redford Catholic Central.

Three of his wrestlers qualified for the state meet and two placed. He has five first-team All-Observer performers this season.

"This year was a pleasant surprise," Chiola said. "It was nice."

Prior to his arrival at Franklin, Chiola spent eight years coaching the varsity team at Garden City.

"I figured it would take four to five years, we were in the same shape as Garden City," he said. "It takes time. It actually took going down in numbers. We

started with 54 kids, went down to 13, and now we're back up to 38."

Chiola's formula for success is unwavering.

"Discipline, sportsmanship and education," he said. "I'd rather win with kids who follow that than sacrifice my beliefs with kids who don't belong there."

A Detroit native, Chiola wrestled and also coached at Redford Bishop Borgess High. He holds degrees from both Wayne State and Madonna universities, and started out in the advertising business before moving to Franklin where he currently teaches English.

And what does the future hold for next season for Chiola's Patriots?

"If we fill in a few holes, we should be better, but there are other teams in the area who will be better, too," he said.

"We'll limit our goal next season to trying to get to the (team dual) state meet. We'll put our emphasis on that more than anything else."

Whalers will open playoffs against Attack

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Historically, the Plymouth Whalers have drawn a less-than-stellar opponent for the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Times have changed this year.

Owen Sound, which has compiled the OHL's second-best record this past season with two games to play, awaits the sixth-seeded Whalers when the 2005 playoffs open Friday night at Owen Sound. The third-seeded Attack (40-16-7-3) finished behind only London (58-5-2-0) in total points in the league. Plymouth carried a 29-28-6-3 mark heading into this weekend's two season-ending contests.

"Owen Sound has four or five really good forwards who can score," said Plymouth head coach and general man-

ager Mike Vellucci, as he sized up his team's first-round opponent. "We lost to them in overtime early in the season and we lost a couple times to them at home, but all of the games have been close. They have a very good team. We're going to have to shut down their forwards in order to win."

"We're definitely the underdogs going into the playoffs this season. I think the players feel good about how they've been playing lately."

The Attack has outscored its opponents 240-180 this season while Plymouth has been outscored 193-197.

A trio of Attack players are among the OHL's top 15 scorers. Brad Richardson finished as the league's third-leading scorer with 41 goals and 53 assists. Also enjoying an outstanding offensive year for

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2



With 10 goals and 10 assists, rookie forward Cory Tanaka is one of the Plymouth Whalers' hottest offensive players heading into the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, which open Friday when Plymouth travels to Owen Sound.

Sidelines

Flag football

The Westland International Association of Fire Fighters, the Westland Police Officers Association and High Velocity Sports will be hosting a flag-football tournament Friday, April 8, in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at HVS, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Metro Detroit North District of the MDA covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one-third of Wayne County. Support from the community enables the MDA to offer the most comprehensive patient services to local families.

Services include: a week-long summer camp for children between the ages of 6 and 21 at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich.; support groups; an MDA clinic at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders (MIND); clinics at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan; and funding for medical equipment.

If you would like to participate in this fund-raiser, call (248) 354-0950.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity players are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in varsity hockey at PCEP is also welcome.

Wrestling club

Registration for the third session of the Canton Wrestling Club will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 21, March 23, March 28 and March 30 in the Canton High School wrestling room.

The club holds practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Canton wrestling room. The cost is \$25 per wrestler. Checks should be made payable to the Canton Wrestling Club.

Contact coach Ray Price at (734) 451-5440, coach Mike Pantaleo at (734) 354-6394, or coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083.

State qualifiers

The Canton Wrestling Club had 12 state qualifiers at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) regional tournament held recently at Pinckney High School. The MYWAY state finals will be held at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse. Grapplers who place high enough at the state meet will qualify for a national competition. The state qualifiers are: Sean Lee, Cameron Shaughnessy, Ben Griffin, Alec Pantaleo, Mike Karizat, Brandon Lee, Zach Smilo, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Anthony Abro, Braden Price, Jamal Sanders and Connor Johnson.

Bowling convention was historic event MU volleyball team signs two recruits

Dateline: Baton Rouge, La. Aaah, smell the sweet aroma of those magnolias, listen to the mellow sounds of dixieland music in the air and taste some of that delectable Cajun cooking.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Must I mention that the sun is shining and it's warm enough to stroll through the bayous in a T-shirt and shorts.

There is also a bowling convention going on here. It is an historic event, the first ever under the auspices of the U.S. Bowling Association.

There is also a lot of bowling in these here parts as the Greater Detroit contingent was bowling in what is considered bowling's greatest tradition, the 102nd American Bowling Congress Tournament which runs March 12 through June 25 and is the largest participatory sporting event in the world.

It was held at the Baton Rouge River Center a new facility large enough to accommodate the lanes and the huge electronic scoreboard which goes with the ABC event.

Wednesday was also the first day for all the delegates to register and check in.

On that evening, the Greater Detroit Bowling Association enjoyed a delegates party at the Holiday Inn Select, which is where we stayed.

It started at 7:30 a.m. Thursday with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association in the team event at 7:30 a.m.

We had fielded three squads, and in spite of the usual more difficult oil pattern compared to our basic house condition back home, we all bowled pretty well. But the results will not be revealed until the tournament concludes. The rest of Thursday was a full slate of meetings and seminars on subjects such as: USBC performance standards, strategic planning, coaching, technology/winlabs, rules and transition workshops.

Newly appointed CEO Roger Dalkin introduced the USBA officers.

With this new merged organization, there will be greater operating efficiency and a better way to serve the needs of over 3 million member bowlers in the future.

Thursday evening was highlighted by the ABC Hall-of-Fame induction ceremonies including a procession of all present and living hall-of-famers. A special moment of silence was held for the late Dick Weber, one of the greatest bowlers of all time who passed away recently.

Induction of new members included our own hometown

hero, Bob Chamberlain. Friday was another early start as we had to be on the lanes at 7 a.m. for the singles and doubles competition.

After the general meeting on Friday, we enjoyed the ABC's "Le Grand Finale" party at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel, which served as a fond farewell to ABC.

There was plenty of good Cajun food, live Mardi Gras entertainment and raffles.

On Saturday, there were workshops in the morning. After that we checked out and took the big silver bird of American Airlines back home. Next year we will be heading even further south to Corpus Christi, Texas.

If you are not able to go tournament bowling in Louisiana, here is one much closer to get to. It is the GDBA 92nd annual championships.

You don't need an airline ticket to get to Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores where the squads go off at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday, March 26 through April 24.

The team event is handicapped 90 percent from 1,100 with doubles and singles at 90 percent from 220 per individual per event.

The entry fee is \$20 per person with over half of that into the prize fund.

This year's event is dedicated to past president Ken Swan.

Only GDBA members are eligible and any five members can form a team just for the tournament, but not more than three players can compete together in the five-man event.

This is a really good tournament with a level playing field. Lower average bowlers have a chance to win some good cash prizes. Entry forms are available at the counter on most local bowling centers. For additional information, call (586) 773-6350 or visit www.gdba.com.

Don't miss out on a chance to bowl with most of the world's greatest bowlers, Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27, as the Pro Bowlers Tour comes to Taylor Lanes.

It's the PBA World Championship event and it's also a chance to watch them bowl, perhaps get an autograph from your favorites.

You can also win some cash, as each pro-am squad has a cash prize fund, and best of all, your paid entry with the ball package nets you a high performance Brunswick ball.

See the preliminaries at Taylor Lanes followed by the TV finals at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. For more information, call (734) 946-9092.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

The Madonna University women's volleyball program added two more weapons to an already potent lineup for next season with the signings Thursday of 6-foot-3 middle hitter Stephanie Parslow and 5-9 outside hitter Nikki Ellul.

Parslow, a graduate of Macomb Dakota High School, comes to the Crusaders from Macomb Community College where she played basketball, but not volleyball. A knee injury suffered late in her senior season at Dakota derailed her decision to initially attend MU.

"Stephanie is an extremely good athlete and it feels great to have her in the fold," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "She is a hard worker who is very coachable and possesses a lot of intangibles that coaches love."

Parslow was a four-year standout and starter at Dakota where she earned four letters in volleyball and three in basketball. She captained her volleyball team in 2004 earning MVP honors and was a third-team All-Macomb County selection.

The 6-3 middle hitter brings size that Abraham desperately wanted for his 2005 class.

"You can't teach height," he

said. "Stephanie brings that to us from Day One along with tremendous athleticism and a big, strong swing."

Ellul is a four-year letter winner at Dearborn Divine Child and a four-team All-Dearborn performer.

As a senior for the Falcons, Ellul was also honored as a Academic All-Region pick by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

Abraham believes the three-time Divine Child MVP has what it takes to add to the MU legacy.

"Nikki comes from a great program and is a great player," he said. "She is a player I have had my eye on for quite a few years, and it feels great to know she will continue her career with us."

"As good of a player as Nikki is, she is even a greater person. She comes from a great family, a strong volleyball background with great coaches that I know and respect. She will fit right in with our family here."

Abraham said he expects to add three or four more recruits to the 2005 class.

The Crusaders are coming off a 42-5 season and their fifth NAIA Tournament appearance as well as winning their eight consecutive Wolverine-Hoosier

SPORTS ROUNDUP

OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2005 season on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., in the OLGC gymnasium, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in grade 3rd through 8th.

Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting.

Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For further information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net or (734) 737-9935.

SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Plymouth High School softball team will be hosting a softball clinic on Saturday,

April 9, on the high school's softball field. The clinic will be divided into two parts: a beginners' session that will run from 9 a.m. to noon; and an advanced session that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The beginners' session will consist of first-time participants who have up to three years of experience and the advanced session will include all athletes who have played more than three years.

The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242 or tbondy@comcast.net.

CHIEFS BOOSTERS

The next Canton Chiefs

Football Booster Club meeting will be held April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. All parents of current and future Canton football players are encouraged to attend as plans for next season will be made.

For more information, contact Kathy Powers (734) 416-0664.

Sarnia Sting belts Whalers, 4-1

Float like a butterfly... fall victim to the Sarnia Sting.

That was the case Friday night as the Plymouth Whalers fell in an Ontario Hockey League clash to the struggling Sting before 3,680 fans in Sarnia.

The loss drops the Whalers to 29-29-603, while the Sting improves to 15-41-6-5.

Chad Painchaud led Sarnia with a pair of goals and two assists.

Chris Chimienti's goal from Mark Lytwyn and Painchaud gave the Sting a 1-0 first-period advantage.

The Sting added two more second-period goals, including a power-play goal from Jamie Fraser and Eric Schwanz.

Fraser finished with two assists. The Whalers cut the deficit to 2-1 at 10:11 of the second period on Gino Piselellini's goal from Ryan Stephenson and John Armstrong.

Whalers netminder Ryan Nie made 29 saves, while Sarnia counterpart Mike Iafraite had 17.

WHALERS

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Owen Sound were Bobby Ryan (35 goals and 51 assists) and Patrick Jarrett (27 and 49).

John Mitchell finished as the Whalers' top offensive producer. The captain racked up 25 goals and 49 assists, which placed him 18th on the OHL scoring list. John Vigilante was the team's second-leading scorer with 23 goals and 37 helpers.

If Plymouth has an edge, it's in front of the net where goaltender Ryan Nie finished sixth in the OHL with a 2.53 goals-

against average and .915 save percentage. The Attack will counter with Mike Brown, who was acquired in a mid-season trade with Saginaw. Brown has shined since the trade, going 17-9-4 while giving up just 2.42 goals per contest. Overall, he is 24-27-5 this season.

Following game 1 in Owen Sound on Friday night, the two teams will make the trek to the Compuware Sports Arena for game 2 on Saturday night. The sites will flip-flop each game with the Attack hosting games 3, 5 and 7 (if necessary) on Tuesday, Saturday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 5, respectively.

The Whalers will host games

4 (Thursday, March 31) and 6 (Sunday, April 3 — if necessary).

All games are slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The other first-round playoff match-ups will pit London against eighth-seeded Guelph; second-seeded Sault Ste. Marie against seventh-seeded Windsor; and fourth-seeded Kitchener against fifth-seeded Erie.

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DEWITT

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DeWitt's *third* serious knee ailment since the spring of 2002 — would require her to complete up to six months of agonizing rehabilitation work as well as wipe out her entire senior soccer season at Salem.

Instead of drowning in self pity, DeWitt has chosen to drown her terrible luck with the sweat that comes from months of rigorous rehab workouts.

DETERMINED TO SUCCEED

"Jane is one of the hardest-working, most-determined athletes I've worked with," said Tony Whiren, an athletic trainer at the Ann Arbor-based MedSport, the training facility where DeWitt has rehabbed for all three of her surgeries. "She is ready to go to work every day she walks in. I can challenge her with anything, and she'll meet the task."

DeWitt's first twist of fate came seven games into her freshman season at Salem, when the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee was torn when she was inadvertently kicked by another player in practice.

"I was mad when it first happened," DeWitt said, recalling her initial injury. "I wasn't angry at the player who kicked me, because it was an accident. I was bummed because I used to go watch high school games since I was in sixth grade and I couldn't wait until I could play at that level. When I finally got the chance, I got hurt. It was very frustrating."

COSTLY INJURY

Because of the injury, DeWitt also missed her fall club season with the '87 Northville Premier Sting soccer club and she was unable to try out for the Olympic Development Team.

But instead of dwelling on her setbacks, DeWitt met Whiren three days a week for two to three hours per day at MedSport. By the time her sophomore season rolled around, DeWitt was back to near 100 percent of her old self — at least physically.

"I wasn't as aggressive as I normally was during my soph-

omore season because I was worried about getting hurt again," DeWitt said. "I don't think I played up to my potential."

What she did do was help lead the Rocks to Western Lakes Activities Association and Class A district titles.

"I'm a very competitive person," DeWitt said. "I don't like to lose. When I was in the fifth grade, there was a juggling contest at my school. I had never tried it before, so I didn't do very well. Every day after school for the next week I practiced juggling, and I ended up winning the next contest."

BUNDLE OF ENERGY

The competitive fires inside DeWitt were burning brightly for the first half of her junior season at Salem. The forward not only was one of the team's leading scorers, but her always-hustling, never-slacking style of play rubbed off on her teammates.

Collegiate coaches were also taking notice of DeWitt's immense talent, especially Murray State's Mike Minielli.

"I wasn't just impressed by her talent when I saw her play as a junior, but also by how hard she played," Minielli said. "Jane is a very smart player with good vision and a very high energy level."

Misfortune struck down DeWitt for the second time mid-way through the season in a game against Walled Lake Central.

"Before the Walled Lake Central game, my mom was joking around and said she would pay my phone bill if I scored three goals," DeWitt said, smiling. "Well, I scored our first two goals and we were leading 2-1 when a girl came up from behind me and took me out when I had the ball. One of my teammates — Jordan Falcusan — said she heard a 'pop,' so I knew it was bad."

NOT AGAIN!

DeWitt's premonition was correct. This time the ACL in her left knee was torn, requiring more surgery, more rehab and more missed playing opportunities.

When she was carted off the field with four minutes left,



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Jane DeWitt uses a body blade as she works out on a Stairmaster during a rehabilitation workout Monday afternoon at MedSport in Ann Arbor.

DeWitt had no idea that she would never play another second of high school soccer.

Around Thanksgiving, DeWitt was cleared by doctors to play again. However, when she traveled to Florida to play in a tournament with the elite Michigan Nationals travel soccer club, her right knee — the one she injured initially — didn't feel right.

Doctors decided to perform arthroscopic surgery on the knee Jan. 31 to figure out if the pain was the result of scar tissue or something far worse.

"If it had been just scar tissue, Jane would have only missed a few weeks," said her mom, Liz. "It turned out to be scar tissue and a meniscus tear, which required four to six weeks on crutches and up to six months of therapy."

DOWN THE DRAIN?

Prior to the surgery, Minielli had sent a National Letter of Intent to DeWitt. He wanted her to play at Murray State, despite her two previous bouts with knee problems.

"When we found out about Jane's third injury, we knew we had to be honest with the Murray State coach," Liz DeWitt said. "We were very worried that he may withdraw the offer. Thankfully, Mike reaffirmed his commitment and said he was in it for the long haul with Jane."

Minielli said DeWitt wasn't the first talented player he has recruited with knee injuries, and she won't be the last.

"Every player I've had who has had similar problems to Jane's has come back stronger than ever," Minielli said. "This is a four-year deal. I'm sure she'll be ready to go when we start practice in August, but even if she's not ready for the first game, we'll be patient with her."

MORAL SUPPORT

Even though DeWitt won't compete on the field for Salem this season, she will still be a big part of the team. Coach Joe Nora wouldn't have it any other way.

"It wouldn't be a team without Jane," Nora said. "Her name will be on the roster, she has a number and a jersey, and she'll be at every game. It will almost be like having a captain on the sidelines. For me, it will be like having a young assistant coach."

DeWitt hasn't let the physical setbacks detract from her academic career as she has earned a 3.75 grade-point average. She also volunteers several hours a week coaching Munchkin soccer at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

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INJURIES

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between males and females, particularly their bone structures;

- Training habits;
- Strength differences between the genders; and
- Evidence that women's hormonal cycles may influence the laxity in their knee joints.

A University of Pittsburgh Medical Center study involving male and female high school basketball players revealed that female athletes bend their knees less and turn them in more than males, which could put an extra burden on the ACL.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

Once an ACL injury is diagnosed and surgery is performed, the athletes face a long and tenuous rehabilitation period. Megan McCarthy, a three-year standout for Salem's soccer program, is nearing the end of her recovery from a torn ACL and meniscus — just in time for her senior season.

"Megan tore her ACL and meniscus in August at a soccer tournament in Long Island, New York," said Tim McCarthy, Megan's father. "She had surgery about two-and-a-half to three weeks later at Henry Ford Hospital."

"They told us the full recovery period was about six months. They gave Megan a rehabilitation program that she could complete at home and she went in every four weeks for strength tests. She was jogging after eight weeks. The doctors have told her not to go 100 percent yet, but she should be ready for the season."

SOUND SURGERY

The method of ACL surgery varies, depending on the surgeon. Some doctors use a portion of the hamstring to repair the injury, while others believe using a piece of the patellar tendon is the better option.

"The patellar tendon is the gold standard right now, especially for a skeletally mature young athlete," Miller said. "But surgical techniques are always changing and evolving. The most exciting things happening now are in prevention. There are a number of programs being implemented that help reduce the risk of these injuries."

Murray State (Ky.) women's soccer coach Mike Minielli said ACL and meniscus injuries can create a detour in a young athlete's career, but they're far from a dead end.

"From my experience, players who suffer these injuries are even better players when they return than they were before they got hurt because the rehabilitation makes them stronger," Minielli said.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

A training program developed by the Santa Monica (Calif.) Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group has proven to be extremely successful in reducing knee-related ailments. According to the association's Web site, the Prevent Injury, Enhance Performance (PEP) regimen has reduced ACL injuries by up to 72 percent in Division 1 college soccer players who use the program, which consists of a 15-minute warm-up session that replaces the standard warm-up drills. For information regarding the PEP program, visit the association's Web site at <http://www.aclprevent.com/aclprevention.htm>.

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FIRST TEAM

Alex Fowler, 103, Livonia Churchill: The junior finished the season 36-3 overall and has a career record to 83-30.

Fowler captured the Observerland Invitational title and was MVP of the Dundee Tournament. He is also a previous state qualifier.

"Alex was a true competitor, never declining to wrestle any situation," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "He would go one or two weights up without complaining - and he would still win. It will be fun to see just how much he can accomplish next year."

Jesse Gardocki, 103, Livonia Franklin: The senior posted a 48-4 record and now holds the school record for career wins with a 114-40 mark.

Gardocki won the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and was a regional qualifier. He also won the Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Berkley, Dearborn Fordson (MVP) and Livonia Public Schools Invationals.

"He was also undefeated in dual meet the last three years and earned Scholar-Athlete honors four straight years."

"Jesse proved what can be done with hard work," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of the two-time All-Area pick. "As a freshman with only four wins, he became one of the best 103 pounders around. Jesse has shown great dedication throughout his career and I'm sure it will help him in whatever he choose to do. Most of the area coaches will miss Jesse's sense of humor and funny comments."

Jon Roos, 112, Franklin: The sophomore finished 38-14 this season en route to qualifying for the regional. He was also Garden City Novice Tournament champion for the second straight year.

Roos holds the sophomore record for most wins. He is 47-20 in two seasons.

"Jon really came out of nowhere and did a great job for us this year," Chiola said.

"As a JV 103-pounder last year he was a solid performer, but we didn't think he would adjust to varsity so quickly. He has great preparation for his matches and is very aggressive."

Mike Warren, 119, Franklin: The junior finished 44-8 this season, including firsts at the Ypsilanti, Franklin and Observerland tournaments. He was MVP at both the Franklin and Observerland invitational, along with being Livonia City champ.

Warren was a regional qualifier this year after making the state meet as a sophomore. He is 86-41 in his career.

"Mike has the best aspects of everything a coach would want out of a wrestler," Chiola said. "He learns quickly, is a great leader, very dedicated and accepts any challenge. If the meet is on the line, Mike is the person I would want on the mat."

Ryan Stump, 125, Salem: A senior, Stump compiled an impressive 42-4 mark this season and 153-38 record over his four years at Salem. He chalked up six tournament titles this season and went unbeaten in dual meets in which he was bumped up a weight class to give his team a better chance to win.

Stump is a three-time All-Area performer who finished second at the Division 1 state meet as a sophomore and seventh this year.

"Ryan had a great dual-meet and tournament season," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "He never failed to entertain the fans. Ryan definitely brought excitement to his matches."

Corey Phillips, 130, Canton: Only a sophomore, Phillips has established himself as one of the best young grapplers in Michigan the past two years, working his way to a 98-17 record. Phillips, who finished with a 51-7 mark this past season, placed fifth in last weekend's Division 1 state individual meet. Phillips won five tournament titles, finished second at the Division 1 district tournament and first at the regional event.

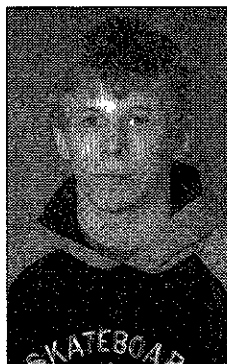
Possibly the most memorable highlight of Phillips' illustrious season was a victory over eventual state champ Chris Gruenberg at the regional tournament.

"Corey is a great competitor who leads by example," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He has established himself as one of the state's best wrestlers early in his career. I look forward to watching Corey develop even further in the future."

Justin Smith, 130, Churchill: The senior posted a 44-8 record this season and is 125-38 for his career.

At the Division 1 individual state finals, Smith is a two-time state placer, including a seventh this season. He was also WLAA, Observerland and Livonia City champion.

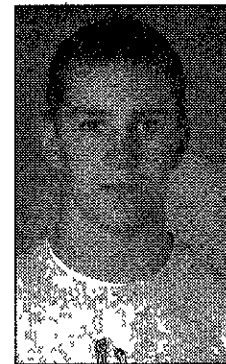
"Justin leaves her a true leader and a great competitor," Altounian said. "He always wanted to compete with the best. His desire ultimately made him one of the



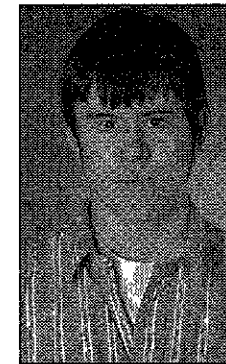
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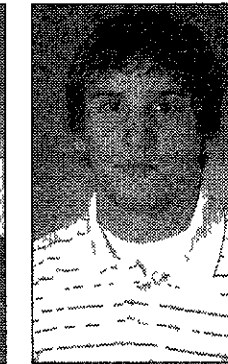
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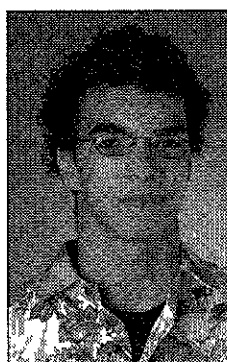
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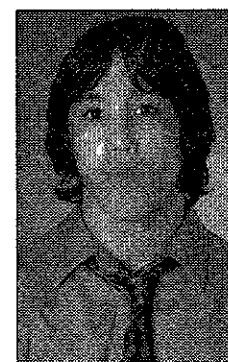
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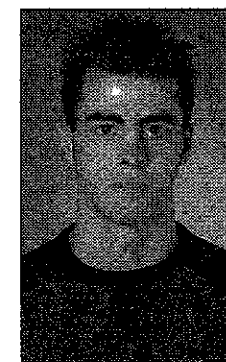
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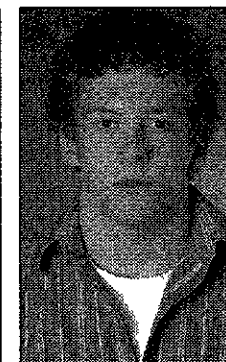
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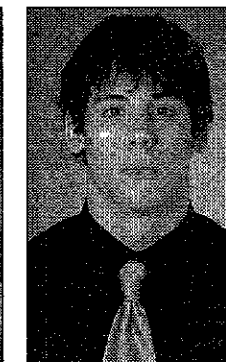
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best. When he was out on the mat, he made it look effortless. He's a true champion."

Sean Dong, 135, Redford CC: After missing the 2003-04 season, Dong bounced back in a big way, going 47-3 to up his career mark to 104-6.

He won his first state individual championship last weekend, and also had first-place showings at Solon (Ohio), St. John's (Ohio), Catholic League and state districts. Dong took second at the state regionals.

Coach Mike Rodriguez said Dong avenged an earlier loss to Davison's Jason Whitman by defeating him and advancing to the finals.

"Sean is a young man that aspires to be a state champion," Rodriguez said. "It is great to have Sean on our team."

Ryan Webb, 135, Canton: Webb, who was instrumental in the Chiefs earning the school's first Division 1 district team title, finished his career as the most prolific

wrestler in Canton history. The senior's 139 career wins and his 53 victories this season are both Chief records.

Webb has placed in the Division individual state meet in each of the past two seasons, finishing eighth last year and seventh at last weekend's tournament. He defeated Sean Dong, the Division 1 state champ at 135, twice this year.

Webb won nine tournament titles.

"Ryan developed into a great leader for our team this year and really bought into our program," said Randolph. "I look forward to seeing Ryan continue his wrestling career at the next level."

Rece Cox, 140, Westland John Glenn: The Division 1 state runner-up finished 52-1 as a senior and was Glenn's all-time career wins leader with a 171-24 mark.

Cox is a three-time Observerland and WLAA champion, as well as a three-time state placer (second as a sophomore and senior, sixth as a junior).

He reached the finals of every tournament he entered both as a sophomore and senior. Cox also led Glenn to three WLAA titles and four division titles.

"Rece is in a class of his own," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He is one of the most dedicated athletes I have ever coached. He has been an example for all of our wrestlers from his freshman to senior year."

Jim Moore, 140, Redford Union: Moore went 48-6 this season, to finish his career with an excellent record of 138-29. Highlights this season included taking first place at Garden City, Oxford, Observerland and the Mega White tournament.

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ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

2004-05 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

103 pounds: 1. Alex Fowler, Jr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Jesse Gardocki, Sr., Livonia Franklin; 3. Brandon Nikula, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 4. Jeremy Stankewicz, Soph., Salem; 5. Ryan Schnettler, Jr., Canton.

112: 1. Jon Roos, Soph., Franklin; 2. Steve Ludke, Jr., Garden City; 3. Ken Nelson, Jr., Redford Union.

119: 1. Mike Warren, Jr., Franklin; 2. Matt Keffer, Sr., Salem; 3. Justin Keatts, Sr., Wayne Memorial.

125: 1. Ryan Stump, Sr., Salem; 2. Andrew Nadhir, Jr., Redford Catholic Central; 3. Corey Mervyn, Jr., Salem.

130: 1. Corey Phillips, Soph., Canton; 2. Justin Smith, Sr., Churchill; 3. Jim Wood, Soph., John Glenn; 4. Robert Bytner, Jr., Lutheran Westland.

135: 1. Sean Dong, Jr., Redford CC; 2. Ryan Webb, Sr., Canton; 3. Kaman Davidson, Sr., Franklin; 4. Scott Fysh, Jr., Salem.

140: 1. Rece Cox, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Jim Moore, Sr., Redford Union; 3. Konrad Konsitzke, Jr., Canton; 4. Saif Naber, Sr., John Glenn.

145: 1. David Watkins, Sr., Franklin; 2. Jake Bennett, Salem; 3. Josh Kelly, Jr., Churchill.

152: 1. Blake Karkoska, Jr., Franklin; 2. Ben Adams, Sr., Churchill; 3. Nate Turco, Soph., Franklin; 4. Adam Kokenakes, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; 5. Jon McCall, Sr., John Glenn.

160: 1. Trevor Stewart, Sr., Redford CC; 2. Kurtis Robbins, Sr., Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Kyle Lis, Sr., Stevenson.

171: 1. Brad Bartram, Sr., Redford CC; 2. Manuel Schubert, Sr., Churchill; 3. Chris VanCamp, Jr., Franklin; 4. Pat McWhirter, Sr., Canton.

189: 1. Joe Bargerstock, Sr., Churchill.

Jeremy Henderson, Jr., Salem; 2. Matt Farmer, Jr., Redford CC; 3. P.J. Caram, Sr., Canton; 4. Robert Coffey, Soph., Wayne.

215: 1. Hafeez Qureshi, Sr., Churchill; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Sr., Redford CC; 3. Greg Schuyler, Jr., Franklin; 4. Matt Shielakis, Jr., Redford Union; 5. Jon Kinville, Jr., Redford CC.

275: 1. Pat Draheim, Sr., Churchill; 2. John Morasso, Sr., Redford CC; 3. Nick Turco, Sr., Franklin; 4. Donnie Laramie, Soph., Canton.

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ments. He then placed second at the state districts, third at the state regionals and fourth at the state individual finals.

It was his second Observerland championship and second time to place at the finals.

"What a pleasure to coach (Moore)," said Panthers head coach Russ Swinson. "He's the hardest-working (athlete) I've coached. What a takedown machine."

Moore holds the RU career mark with 534 takedowns.

David Watkins, 145, Franklin: The senior earned a fifth-place finish at the state meet with a season record of 48-8 (tying a school record for wins).

Watkins, a two-time state qualifier, was district, regional and Livonia City champion, as well as winning tournaments at Ypsilanti, Franklin and Fordson.

His career record is 105-46.

"Dave is our team leader, on and off the mat," Chiola said. "He was a JV wrestler as a freshman and worked hard until he made himself one of the best wrestlers in the area. Dave's positive attitude kept the team together through the rebuilding years and it was Dave who the team looked up to when things got tough. He will be missed."

Blake Karkoska, 152, Franklin: The junior earned an eighth-place finish at the state meet en route to a season record of 45-15.

Karkoska, 73-45 in his career, also finished first at the Lutheran Northwest, Fordson and Western Lakes tournaments.

"Blake has improved a tremendous amount since his freshman year," Chiola said. "He doesn't possess the natural ability of some of his teammates, but he makes up for it with hard work and intelligence. Blake is very much in control when he wrestles, which makes him easy to coach."

Ben Adams, 152, Churchill: The senior earned both Livonia City and Wyandotte tournament titles en route to a 38-8 record.

A past state qualifier, Adams has a career mark of 109-40.

"Ben was just a no, no-sense type of wrestler," Altounian said. "He had a never-quest attitude that would frustrate all of his opponents. He would find a way to get himself out of almost any situation that came his way."

Adams also made first-team All-Observer in football.

Trevor Stewart, 160, Redford CC: One of the region's best wrestlers over the past four years, Stewart capped an outstanding career, winning his third consecutive state individual championship last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Stewart got there by winning at the state districts and regionals. But he also went 54-0 this year (finishing an astounding 204-2 for his career) and won tourneys at Solon (Ohio), Plymouth Salem, St. John's (Ohio), Catholic Central, Observerland and Catholic League.

The Central Michigan-bound Stewart is the first wrestler in Catholic Central history to win three titles in succession.

"Trevor is without a doubt one of the most talented wrestlers we have had in the wrestling roster in many years," said Rodriguez, in an obvious understatement. "It will be fun watching him take it to the next level and succeed."

Brad Bartram, 171, Redford CC: What a year for the Shamrock co-captain, who compiled a 52-3 record, making it all the way to the state individual finals, where he took second.

Notable achievements this year included finishing first at Solon (Ohio), Plymouth Salem, St. John's (Ohio), the Catholic Central Invitational, Observerland, Catholic League, state district and state regional.

Bartram (154-13 for his career) also received MVP honors at the CC tourney, defeating previously unbeaten Jacob Wyatt of Sexton in the semifinal.

"Every day, Brad worked hard and displayed a superior quality of a fine Christian young man," said his coach, Mike Rodriguez. "I know he will do well in Bloomsburg, Pa." where he will attend college.

Manuel Schubert, 171, Churchill: The senior had a banner career with a 141-35 mark, winning the state title as a junior and finishing fourth this season.

He posted a 50-6 record this season with invitational victories at Garden City, Livonia, Wyandotte, Napoleon and the WLAA.

"What can you say about Manuel, he's a coach's dream," Altounian said. "He is over a 4.0 (grade-point) in school and his ultimate competitor on the mat. He is never satisfied with himself and is always looking for ways to improve."

"As a junior, he had 275 takedowns. He had so much energy and drive in his matches that many of his opponents had trouble standing after their match."

"He has left Churchill wrestling with the scale for all of them to measure."

Schubert was also a first-team All-Observer pick in football.

Joe Bargerstock, 189, Churchill: The senior finished the year fifth in the state with a final record of 44-10.

Bargerstock also won the Livonia City and Western Lakes titles, as well as finishing third at Observerland.

"Joe came to us this year (as a transfer from Livonia Stevenson) and was a pleasant surprise," Altounian said. "He came in with a winning attitude and desire to make this team the best it could be. He wrestled with such strength that opponents didn't know what to do off the mat. His attitude was one that coaches love to have. He will be missed from Churchill even though he was there for only a year."

Jeremy Henderson, 189, Salem: A junior, Henderson finished 35-11 this season to improve his career mark to 73-40. Henderson, who finished seventh at the Division I state meet last week, was undefeated in league dual meets and earned first-place medals at both Salem invitational meets. He was awarded MVP honors at one of the Salem invitationals.

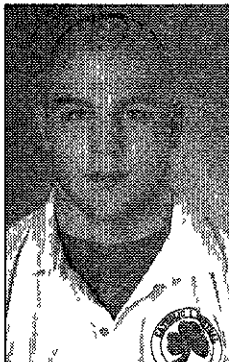
"Jeremy is a young man who has worked his heart out to develop to the point he is at now," Wocchuk said. "I'm eager to see him develop as a team leader



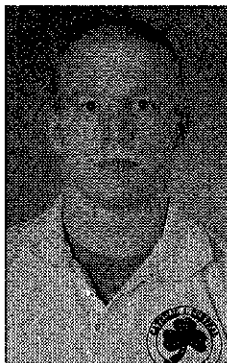
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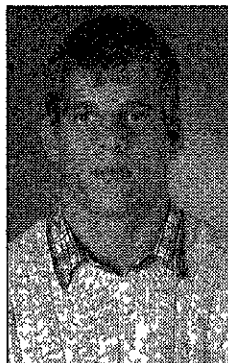
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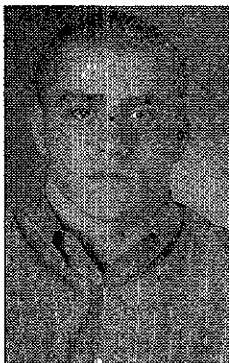
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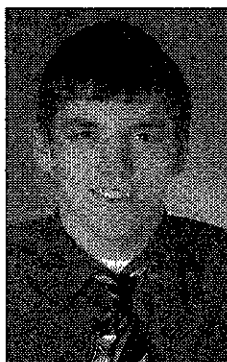
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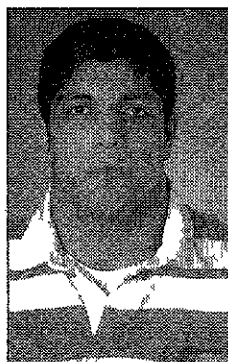
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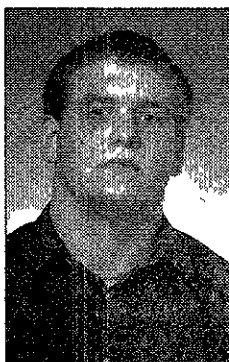
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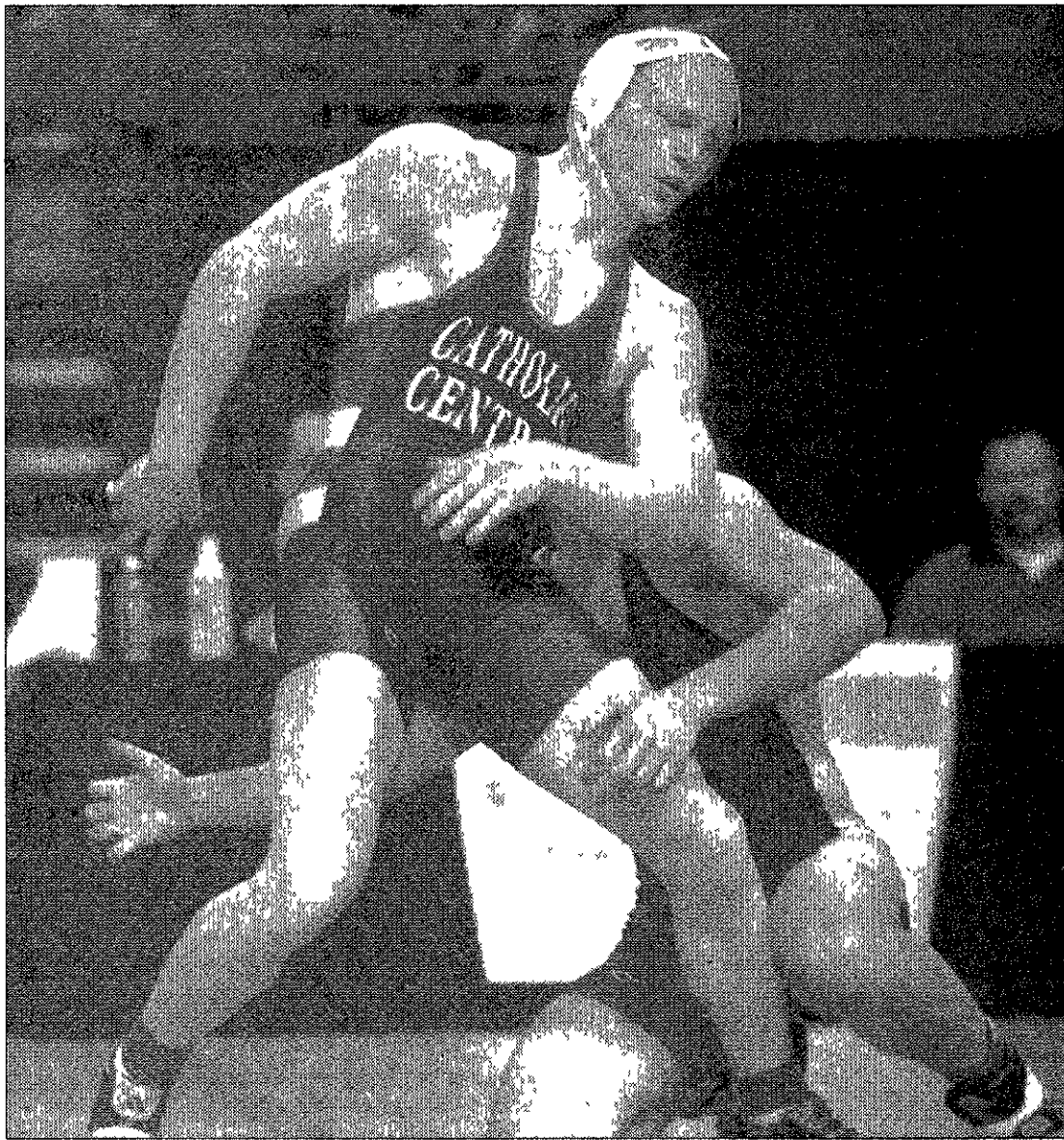
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Redford Catholic Central's Brad Bartram steamrolled opponents all season. He wrapped up an excellent year by finishing second at the Division I state individual finals.

ished with a career record of 110-38

Hafeez is what every young man wants from his sport," Altounian said. "He came in not knowing anything about the sport, or how to accomplish anything in it. He leaves his sport on top making his hard work and dedication pay off. He is what desire for something, and dreams for accomplishing something, are all about."

Eric Vojtkofsky, 215, Redford CC: There were many highlights this season for Vojtkofsky.

He went 40-3, to finish his CC career with a 156-12 record. He also took first-place finishes at Plymouth Salem St. John's (Ohio), the Catholic League meet state districts and state regionals before coming in second at the state individual finals.

Winning the individual regionals to "finally go to the big show at Auburn Hills" for the first time probably was the highlight of his career, said coach Rodriguez. "Eric is a very talented athlete," said

Rodriguez, adding it's "been a joy to have worked with Eric in the wrestling room these past four years."

Pat Draheim, 275, Churchill: The senior placed fourth in Division I and finished the year at 47-4, including titles at Observerland, WLAA, district, Wyandotte, Napoleon and Olivet.

He had back-to-back 40-plus win seasons and a career mark of 130-24.

"Pat was a wrestler that was almost automatic when it came to winning (94-9) the past two seasons," Altounian said. "People would think that is a great accomplishment in itself but when they find out that 84 of those wins were pints, it really becomes unbelievable."

He is one of the most consistent performers to come out of Churchill.

John Morasso, 275, Redford CC: Team co-captain, Morasso finished his stellar prep career going 40-9 this season, including first-place finishes at Plymouth Salem and at the St. John's (Ohio) and Catholic League tournaments.

That enabled him to wind up his career with a record of 117-20.

His coach, Mike Rodriguez, said what was most rewarding for Morasso was placing at the individual state meet and helping the Shamrocks advance to the state (finals) in Battle Creek.

"John has outstanding work ethics in the room," Rodriguez said.

"As one of the captains, John showed a passion to succeed, which will long be remembered."

where next year takes him."

Hafeez Qureshi, 215, Churchill: The newly crowned Division I state champion had a storybook year, going 50-1 and win-

ning nine titles including the regional, district, WLAA, Observerland, City Olivet, Wyandotte and Napoleon.

After winning just one match as a freshman, the two-time state qualifier fin-

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Zoo no longer just for the warm days

It wasn't the most typical place to spend a winter day, but I highly recommend it. Recently, my husband, a friend and I braved the winter temperatures to visit the Detroit Zoo. A quick weekday drive found us at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, where the zoo animals welcomed us.

And welcome they did. Our traditional first stop is the penguinarium, and we enjoyed watching one initially reluctant penguin eventually enter the water. The penguin then put on quite a show just for the three of us, diving and rising above the water's surface, showing remarkable energy and skill.

I remember when the penguinarium opened in the late 1960s and quickly became my favorite. Today, I also enjoy the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden, but still would probably rate the penguinarium No. 1.

Soon, it was on to the Arctic Ring of Life, a more recent zoo addition, where the polar bears were especially frisky. Summertime visits are fun, too, but you really need to go in cold weather to see the polar bears in action.

The seals were out in full force at the Arctic Ring of Life and we liked watching them in action as well. I even braved a visit to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles, probably my least favorite, although it did give us a chance to warm up.

I got to thinking about our winter zoo visit when I noted the expanded hours start March 28, with the zoo also open Monday and Tuesday. The zoo will be open Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As of Friday, April 1, the zoo will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

Our recent membership purchase for the Detroit Zoo has been a great investment. We get to enjoy year-round visits, including those such as our recent one when the zoo was relatively empty of human visitors.

Information on zoo membership is available online at www.detroitzoo.org or by calling (248) 398-0903.

The Belle Isle Aquarium closing is addressed on the zoo Web site, with a note the city of Detroit, Zoological Institute and Zoological Society did not want it to close.

It's been years since I've been to Belle Isle, with my childhood memories mostly of the zoo in Royal Oak. There were birthday parties, family visits, visits with high school friends and other happy times. I feel for the city of Detroit and its residents, losing the aquarium, but like many my memories of it are overshadowed by those of visits to the zoo at Woodward and 10 Mile.

I remember the days of the chimp shows, and although they were fun it's really best that animals are now allowed to live in a better approximation of their natural habitats.

On that day, we missed Wanda and Winky, the elephants who have headed to a warmer clime. Still, we realize warmer temperatures are best for them.

The zoo's a great family destination, and not just when the mercury climbs. Spring's just about here, and I certainly wouldn't discourage a zoo visit now. Think about a visit when winter hits again, especially if the day is sunny and not too windy. You won't be disappointed.

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Leah's journey

Livonia family praying for a miracle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Leah James can't wait for the mail to arrive. A bowl in the kitchen holds the latest stack of angels and butterflies which were sent by strangers after they learned about the 4-year-old Livonia girl through the Web site www.angels-forhope.org.

Leah was diagnosed with a rare inoperable brain tumor July 21 and the prognosis is not good. Leah's parents, Karen and Phil James, are praying for a miracle. The crocheted angels and butterflies arrive with a message of hope.

"The angels and butterflies come from all over the U.S. and have notes that say our thoughts and prayers are with you. It's so nice at a time like this," said Karen James. "We would like more people praying for her. It's so frustrating to me that there's no cure."

Leah runs through the living room chasing the family cat. She looks like a healthy little girl, but looks are deceiving.

Karen and Phil never suspected a life-threatening illness the day Leah began complaining of pain in her head. She had been on the trampoline in the back yard with her 8-year-old sister, Kylie. Karen thought maybe Leah had jolted her head upon landing on her bottom. Then Leah began throwing up. Karen thought maybe it was sinus or a virus, but her mother's instinct told her something was very wrong. A brain scan showed the diffused pontine brain stem glioma.

RARE ILLNESS

"Most kids only have a 1 to 5 percent chance of surviving after a year," said James. "It's so rare. There are only 100 cases in the U.S. per year."

"It's not like radiation and chemotherapy can get rid of it," added Phil. "Because it's diffused, the surgeon at U of M said it's like trying to remove sand from Jell-O without hurting the Jell-O."

For five months after Leah was diagnosed, Karen spent every day on the computer searching for a cure. Phil makes regular visits on his lunch hour to pray for Leah at the Father Solanus Casey Center near his job at the Chrysler-UAW National Training Center. It has been difficult for Karen and Phil to watch Leah bravely endure 27 days of radiation at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. The days leading up to her quarterly MRI are filled with anxiety. This time the news was good on March 1. Leah's tumor is stabilized.

"It's almost like a ticking bomb," said Phil. "They say when they come back it's with a vengeance," added Karen. "We want to keep hope and belief that she's a miracle child."



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Leah James, 4, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor last summer.

The Jameses are grateful for all of the support they've received since Leah's diagnosis. The kindness of family, friends and strangers like Amy Gilson is what helps to keep them positive. They had always planned to redo Leah's room but put it off because they were thinking of eventually moving to a larger house. When Gilson, a Livonia art teacher, heard about Leah, she volunteered to paint a castle on the walls. The room is fit for a princess.

KINDNESSES

Next door neighbor Anne Doulette and Kelly Tapp of Canton came up with the idea to hold silent and live auctions. Doulette and a committee took over and made the fund-raising event a success.

Make-a-Wish Foundation, based in Livonia, sent the family to Disney World for a week at Thanksgiving.

Karen's co-workers at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn held a jeans day. Phil's co-workers at Chrysler-UAW held a sweet potato pie sale. Two additional fund-raisers were held by family and friends, and Livonia Public School's Summer School Age Child Care held a car wash.

Big sister Kylie says she is donating 11 inches of her hair to help children with life-threatening illnesses during a Day of Beauty sponsored by www.alliesangels.com at the end of April "because of Leah."

"Friends and neighbors have been a support system, and co-workers," said



Leah's parents, Karen and Phil, treasure each moment with their younger daughter and her sister, Kylie.

James. "It's amazing how word gets out. We still get letters from people I've never met. It's such a horrible tragic moment in our lives but good has come out of it."

Leah and Kylie especially enjoyed a visit from Livonia firefighters last September. The firefighters arrived in a fire truck and ambulance and took the girls out to lunch at McDonald's.

"It was the first week of radiation and to see a smile on her face, walking around with the fire hat on and waving to us, I'll never forget that," said James.

Every day is precious for Leah, Karen,

Kylie, and Phil. It may be as simple as going out to lunch, then visiting the mall and returning home to watch a movie together, or spending a few minutes opening envelopes and hanging the angels on a tree near the fireplace. Leah says, the angels make her heart happy.

"We just want to create an awareness," said James, "for people to know how serious this is, and to hug their kids tonight."

For more information about Leah James, visit www.leahsjourney.com.

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Catholic Central trio share smiles with firefighters after crash

BY DAN WEST
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When Livonia fire Lt. Tom Kiurski first saw Tom Kempa and David and Adam Budde, they were bloodied and struggling to speak from injuries suffered in a car accident on a snowy morning two months ago.

Kiurski saw the trio of Catholic Central students again recently, but this time the situation was far more enjoyable.

The Kempa and Budde families visited fire personnel who rescued the teenagers from the Nissan Maxima mangled in the Jan. 19 car accident on Five Mile. In appreciation, the families donated money toward one of the Livonia Fire Department's children's safety programs.

"It was great that the family wanted to come in and show their appreciation, but we're just glad the boys are OK and things went well for them," Kiurski said.

David Budde, 18, his brother, Adam, 16, and Kempa, 16, were en route from their Novi homes



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to the school in Redford that morning. After a vehicle veered in front of them on eastbound Five Mile near Harrison, David Budde said he swerved the car to avoid a collision, but it skidded across the road and into a westbound lane where it was struck on the passenger side by

an oncoming vehicle.

"We saw the boys were bleeding from the broken glass and Tom was the only one who was talking to us the entire time we worked on the car," Kiurski said. "The other two weren't responsive. Adam was flailing when we touched him."

Firefighters used tools to open a door and pull the boys from the wrecked car.

David Budde suffered a concussion and some bruises and Kempa had a number of cuts and bruises. Both were treated and released from St. Mary Mercy Hospital that day and back to school within a few days.

Adam Budde's injuries, however, were more serious. He was seated closest to the point of impact and suffered broken ribs and pelvis bone and a collapsed lung. The hospital called his father, Greg, who was at work as a teacher at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel School. He was told one of his son's was in critical condition. He called his wife, Anna, who was running errands.

"All we knew was one of our sons was in critical condition and we didn't know much else until we got to the hospital," she recalled. "I was horrified about the rib injuries."

The family endured uncertainty. He was transferred to

Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment, but the extent of Adam's brain, lung, rib and hip injuries were not fully known during this time since he was in and out of consciousness for two days. There was speculation he would be in the hospital for up to 10 weeks.

"When I woke up, all I knew was that I was sore," said Adam, the youngest of four Budde boys. "I didn't know where I was or what happened."

A neurosurgeon detected "appropriate responsiveness" while Adam was semiconscious. Anna Budde said that was the first positive sign of progress that started to ease the family's nerves.

"I was worried and nervous at the time," said David Budde.

"But as I look back, there was really nothing else I could've done to avoid what happened."

After five nights in the hospital, Adam walked out slowly, but on his own strength. After a week of recovery at home, he returned to school.

Tips for communicating with your teenager

Bringing your world in line with your teen's world – and vice versa – requires give-and-take, problem-solving, and clear expectations. Consistency is as important as flexibility.

■ Set a regular time and place to talk.

■ Open the discussion with uninterrupted explanations from both sides.

■ Make sure both sides are absolutely clear about what the other person means.

■ Now, start to brainstorm solutions to your differences, discuss options, and work toward an agreement.

Sometimes a follow-up discussion or even a written agreement can help.

Many families today are working with their teen to pre-

vent drug use. The model these families use is all-inclusive: Drug use of any kind is not acceptable. This means more than simply forbidding drug use. It also means knowing the realities of drug use among teens, the physical and emotional effects of drug use, and the effect drug use has on family relationships, school performance, and life goals.

Sexuality is another topic that parents and teens need to discuss, and earlier is better than later. Rather than dwelling on specific risk-factors for sexual behavior, parents need to start by talking about their own values.

Reasoning, based on emotional, moral, social, or religious issues or beliefs, is much more likely to motivate a teen away



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy

from risky sexual behavior than "the talk" or a lecture.

A DIALOGUE

WHEN YOU SAY: "I expect you to ... (be on time, call in, keep your curfew ...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR: "Obey the rules, or else. You are still just a young child ..." UNLESS: You're willing to negotiate. Let a teen help set the ground rules. Match requests for more freedom

with requests for more responsibility.

WHEN YOU SAY: "Why does everything I tell you end up in an argument?"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR: "Don't question, don't think for yourself, don't have opinions ..." UNLESS: You're willing to explain. Rules and discipline are important, but explaining your views doesn't mean changing your views. Just expect some challenges; some testing.

WHEN YOU SAY: "Instead of family, you're spending all your time ... (with friends, on the phone, online...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR: "Your friends aren't important; you're wasting your time ..." UNLESS: You set specific expectations and plans for being involved with the family. Be clear about how important your teen is to family events and traditions. Encourage your teen to have close friends, and think of ways to get to know these friends and involve them in your family activities.

WHEN YOU SAY: "You're ... (sulking, moody, upset, spending too much time alone ...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR: "My feelings don't matter; I have to wear a happy-face all the time. My privacy isn't respected ..." UNLESS: You stay in the present and avoid big generalizations. Try adding the word today in conversations. Try some softer, less permanent labels. "You seem" might work better than "you are."

WHEN YOU SAY: "You're starting to act just like ... (a friend, someone you don't approve of ...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR: "I have to be just like you. I can't be who I want to be ..." UNLESS: You keep in mind that teens sometime "try on" roles for a short time. Know when to confront unbecoming behaviors and when to let minor matters go.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.



Star Struck

(March 20 - March 23)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Mercury in retrograde motion signifies that, as far as intensely personal and professional matters are concerned, the fine line between fantasy and reality has now become blurred. However, with a little more determination, you should be able to put all detractors to flight this week.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your legendary patience may be exhausted and you probably feel that all the discussions held over the past few weeks have been to no avail. However, some fantastic planetary dances in the heavens now marks the end of one particular upsetting cycle – personally and professionally.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Don't waste time on wishful thinking this week because the planets indicate that if you have the courage to go after what you want, you'll enjoy great success, kiddo. Try to see things from other people's perspectives. You may be surprised to learn that if others disagree with you, it's not out of spite.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Uh-huh, 'tis a tough astro-time, MoonKid. However, let it rip and let colleagues and companions alike see that you really do mean business now! Seldom have the planets given you so much encouragement and support. Needless to say, loved ones or coworkers are likely to argue the toss.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Not everything attempted can be achieved; therefore, you must stop feeling guilty about falling short of your own high standards. With celestial influences enabling you to see things as they really are, it's now time to start planning for the future instead of living in the past, Lion.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

For reasons best known to yourself or due to feelings you find too hard to explain, you appear to have decided against some kind of upheaval or move. However, if you are to enjoy the promotion, change, recognition

or acceptance you seek, you may have to make a number of concessions or adjustments now that mercury is retrograde. You'll do fine, Virgo!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

"Concentrate on what you do best" seems to be the message this week, Balancer. Libra is the sign of fairness and this is certainly no time to be rocking the boat. The Sun, Mars, Mercury and Saturn shift signifies that there is more than just pride at stake now – there is also m-o-n-e-y.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

It may wind up an astro-oy vey time for Scorps if you don't watch out! Don't let anyone take you for granted this week – especially since you will be tempted to give more of yourself than you may be able to spare after Mars changes signs today! Follow your heart, but use your head as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The Sun in your elemental sign Aries for the next four weeks means that your thirst for change or adventure can be successfully quenched. However, not everyone will understand your freewheeling spirit, and you must be prepared to sever ties or compromise your desires, Sadge.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Partners and loved ones will demand that you put their needs first this week, and if you're wise, you won't kick up a fuss about it. The more you do for others as March comes to an end, the more they'll do for you later. Spring delivers many warm surprises and better times for SeaGoats.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

This is no time to let doubts and fears get the best of you, WaterBearer! Not only is mighty Mars now in your sign, but this week's Saturn going direct will give you added strength of purpose, making anything possible. You don't need anyone's permission to take off in a new direction, kiddo!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week, Fish. The world is full of people, places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are times when innovation must replace ho-hum habit, and this is one of those moments.

Dennis Fairchild is a local astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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Writer to inspire a future generation of poets

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Poetry is not a dying art, especially if Cheryl Vatcher-Martin has anything to say about it.

The Canton writer plans to inspire at least a few poets during her "Poetry and Prose Writing Workshop" beginning March 23, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Vatcher-Martin earned a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and a master of arts from the University of Michigan Rackham School of Education. In addition to teaching creative writing in adult education courses at Schoolcraft College and Wayne Westland Community Schools, she has guided Davenport University and Henry Ford Community College students through the process.

Her own writing experience is extensive. Over the years, she has authored hundreds of articles for local publications and runs a writing, tutoring, editing, and photography business called Pero Inc.

"People are interested in poetry because it's a great way

'I feel that poetry needs to be explored by everybody not just by a person who thinks he or she can write poetry. Poetry teaches human values.'

Cheryl Vatcher-Martin
Canton writer

to express themselves, to learn more about themselves," said Vatcher-Martin.

"No it's not a dying art even though most people aren't aware of it. It's a matter of being exposed to arts and poetry and to actually reading it."

Vatcher-Martin will begin the course with haiku, a Japanese form of poetry written primarily about nature.

"Because it's concise and short, it gives the poet a chance to express themselves in three lines. We'll also do free verse so that they're comfortable getting three words

on papers. If they want to learn more about Shakespeare couplets we can explore that," said Vatcher-Martin who began writing poetry in the ninth grade and was published by her sophomore year. A booklet of her haiku is sold in the bookstore at Schoolcraft College.

"I feel that poetry needs to be explored by everybody not just by a person who thinks he or she can write poetry," said Vatcher-Martin. "Poetry teaches human values. It tells us a story. If you read Shakespeare, it tells a story of life in those times. Poetry is a part of history."

To register for the Schoolcraft College poetry class, call (734) 462-4448. For information about the class, call (734) 397-1626.

For information about writing classes in the adult education program at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, call (734) 419-2426. Vatcher-Martin teaches a haiku class in Westland for one evening on April 28, and a two week class on poetry on April 7 and 21.

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Cheryl Vatcher-Martin is currently working on a poetry book about her cat Beau who died in December. She says, the cat's death hit her hard and poetry helps her express her feelings.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1, 2005, at Roma's in Garden City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at Sherilyn1967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193.

Livonia Churchill
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Northville High School
Classes of 1964, 1965-1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Old Plymouth High School
There will be an all-school reunion from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 11, 2005,

in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email emermgnt@aol.com.

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A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in the Hilton Gardens Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Cocktail hour 5-7 p.m. Dinner and reunion 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email emermgnt@aol.com.



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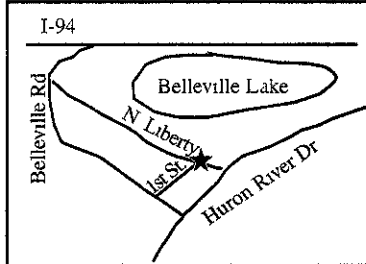
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Centered around a New York theme, guests will have the opportunity to sample an array of fine wines and bid on a wide variety of silent auction items. A live auction will follow, conducted by Auctioneer Jim Miller from Chicago, featuring crystal, fine art and jewelry, cigars, vacation getaways to Florida and the Turks and Caicos, and dinner and theater packages.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 05-05 754 Forest Non-Use Variance Requested
Side Yard Setback - Addition
Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential
Applicant: Chris & Julie Skinner

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Seniors help seniors to enrich their lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gloria Sniderman doesn't like to sit still even at age 72. She believes other seniors feel the same so she's inviting them to the Art of Aging Successfully conference Thursday, March 30, at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. Presented by Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology and the Elder Advisors to Research committee of which she is a member, the event features break-out sessions where participants discover the artist in themselves, dance the hustle, learn what baseball has to do with the aging process, and explore volunteer opportunities.

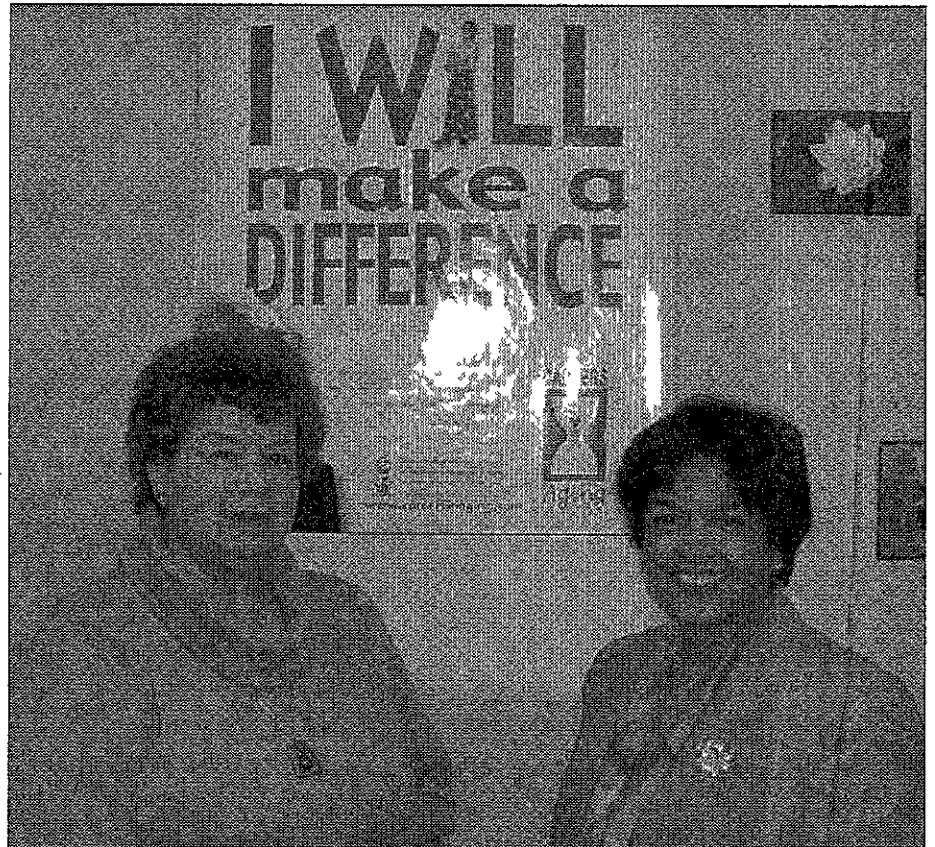
Sniderman, a Livonia resident, regularly volunteers in the archives and library at Wayne State University in addition to serving on the 40-member Elder committee. David, her husband of 35 years is just as active. Along with working part time as an electrical inspector for Plymouth Township, he serves as chief electrical judge for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America which holds competitions in industrial arts at various high schools.

"This is for seniors of any ilk," said Sniderman, who was a librarian for 25 of the 29 years she was at Wayne State University.

"Different communities have a senior day where it's a party, but it's entertainment. We're also doing that but giving them information, asking what is enriching your life. You're there to enjoy yourself as a senior. People have brought in quilts and wood-working, things they enjoy doing."

The conference begins with participants writing about what it was in their life that made them want to continue living. It will help researchers learn more about how they can help seniors age successfully. This year the conference showcases the creative work of non-professional artists age 55 and up.

"It's not academic, but a fun day for seniors," said Sniderman. "The guest speaker sets the tone. We'll have four different break-outs including Field of Dreams about baseball with representatives from the (Detroit) Tigers. They'll learn about the creative process in another session and the Feel Good of Volunteering in another. "We find a lot of seniors spend time volunteer-



Gloria Sniderman (left) and Jennifer Mendez meet to talk about the Art of Aging Successfully conference presented by Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology.

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Gloria Sniderman
Elder committee member, Livonia resident

ing. Find a couple of good things you want to do and keep up with them. It adds to your life."

It's Jennifer Mendez's job to research seniors' lives and share that information with

them. Mendez is director for education and the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology in the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

"We do research on aging and health, Medicaid and Medicare, issues that relate to seniors' lives," said Mendez. "We decided to do the conference six years ago because it's important to have sharing of information between community folks and academia - information for people with low vision problems, health issues specific to diet because of diabetes, issues related to driving because of not being able to see stop signs, seniors looking for things to do, how do you keep engaged and vital?"

Conference hours are 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 577-2297.

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Board of Education
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ENGAGEMENTS

Rusnell-Arondoski

Gary and Virginia Rusnell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Jo, to Raymond Walter Arondoski III of Clinton Township.

Melissa is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Washtenaw Community College. She is employed at Fox Portrait Studio in Ferndale.

Her fiancé, Raymond, is the son of Mary and Raymond Arondoski II of Clinton Township. He is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School. He is employed in Troy doing classic car restoration.

Raymond and Melissa are planning a May wedding at St. Priscilla's Church in Livonia. They will be spending their



honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and will make their new home in East Pointe.

Towler-Matthews

The parents of Courtney Lynne Towler and Ryan Douglas Matthews announce the engagement of their children.

Courtney is a resident of Royal Oak and grew up in East Grand Rapids. She is employed by the 44th District Court in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is a resident of Royal Oak, former of Livonia. He grew up in Farmington Hills. He is employed by the 44th District Court in Royal Oak.

Ryan and Courtney are planning a June wedding.



Liebau-Kramer

Donald and Nancy Liebau of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Marie, to Matthew Leonard Kramer of Fond Du Lac, Wis.

Kristen attended Centil Michigan University. She is employed at Axletech International in Wisconsin as a junior buyer.

Her fiancé, Matthew, is the son of Gary and Barbara Kramer of Portage, Mich. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed at Kohler Company in Kohler, Wis., as an electrical project engineer.

Matthew and Kristen are



planning an October wedding at St. Mel Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights.

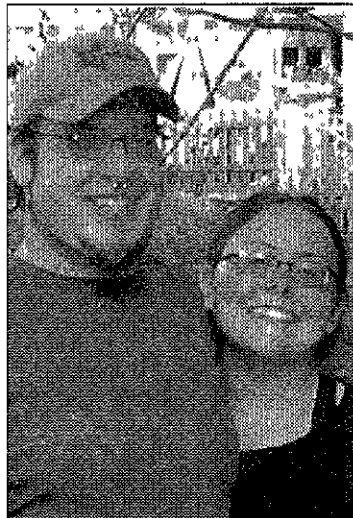
Solomon-Moore

David and Kathy Solomon of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Adam Moore of Belleville.

Angela is a 2000 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She is an inventory control representative at Interfirst Mortgage in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, Adam, is the son of the late Barry and Beth Moore of Wayne. He is a 2000 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is a restaurant manager in Ann Arbor.

Adam and Angela are planning a June wedding on the beach in Tampa, Fla.

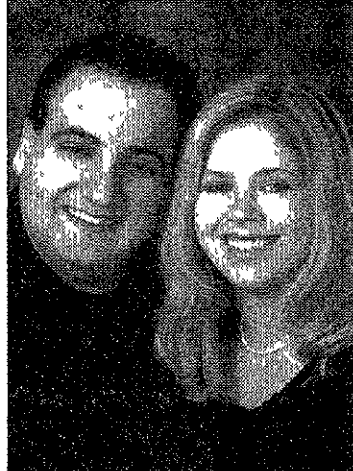


Gill-Grabowski

Michael and Dorothy Gill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Alexander John Grabowski of Northville.

Lisa is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School and earned her bachelor's degree in 2003 from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Currently she is working on her master's degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Her fiancé, Alexander, is the son of Mrs. Alexander W. Grabowski of South Salem, N.Y. He is a 1999 graduate of John Jay High School, Cross River, N.Y., and earned his bachelor's degree in 2003 from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. He is



employed by Ford Motor Co. as a cost analyst.

Alexander and Lisa are planning a June 2006 wedding.

NEW VOICES



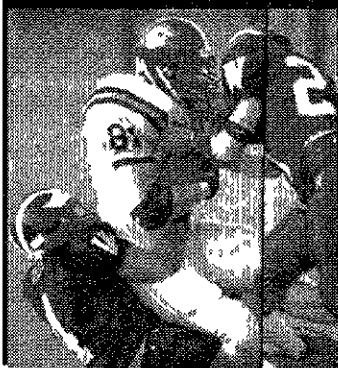
Stephen and Karen Taylor of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Mara Jean, on Feb. 3, 2005, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Mara's grandparents are Jean Robinson of Lansing, Keith Smith of Laingsburg, Cindy Weebly of Bloomfield Hills and Gail Taylor of Lansing.

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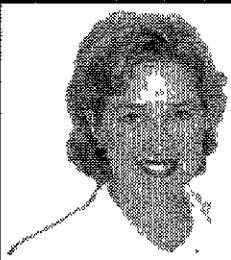
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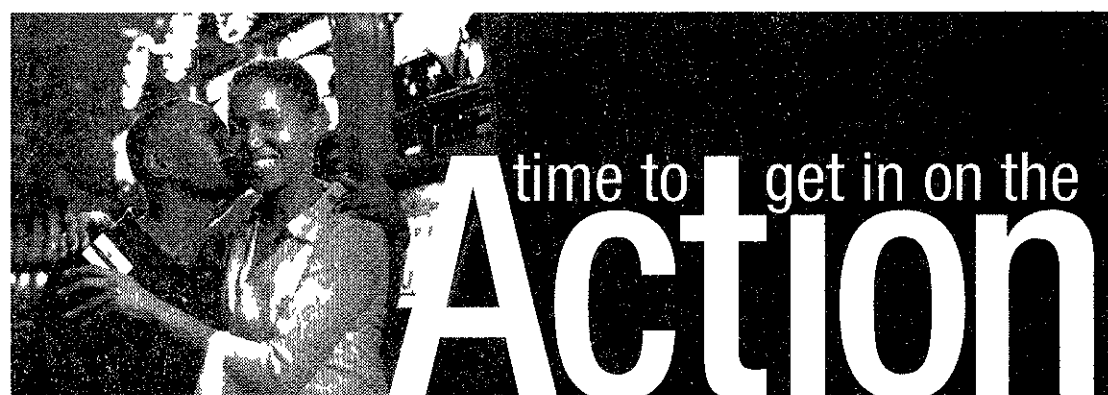


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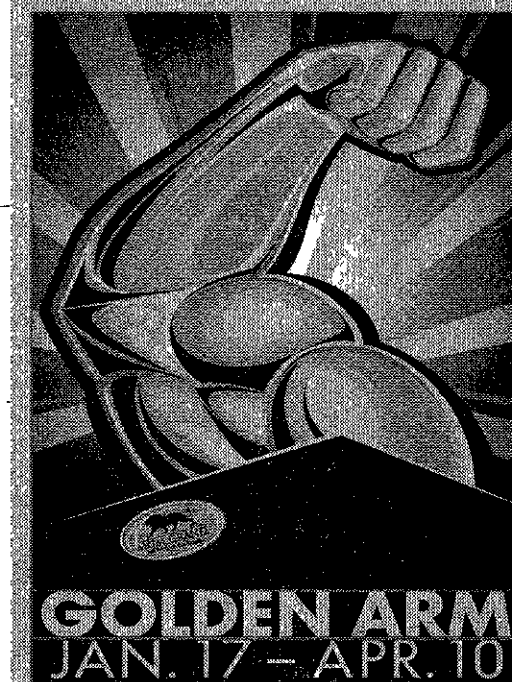


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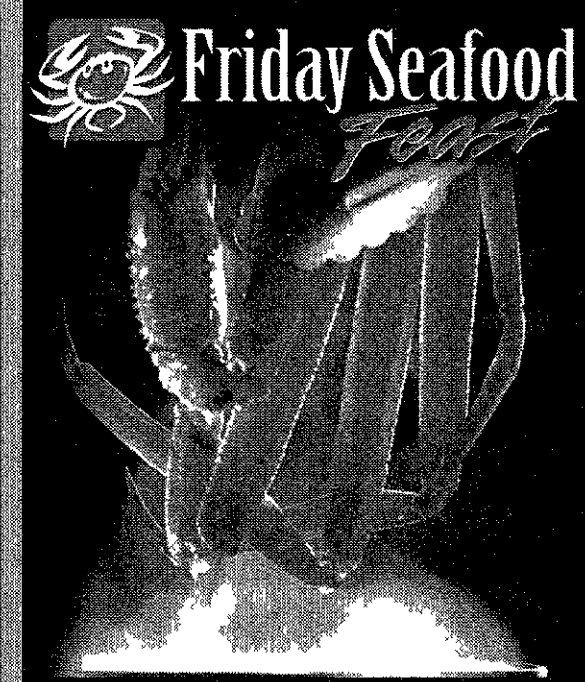
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Palm Sunday Service
March 20, 2005
10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday/Communion Service
March 24, 2005
7:30 p.m.

Easter/Communion Sunday
Sunday, March 27, 2005
10:00 a.m.

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Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
Good Friday - Noon & 7:00 pm
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Easter Day
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Easter Service Schedule

March 24 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
March 25 12:15 p.m. Community Good Friday Service

March 27
West Bloomfield United Methodist Church
Easter Sunday Services
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt!

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE
Noon

EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Greenmead,
(8 Mile and Newburg Rd.)
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
Sunday School

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Holy Week Evening Services at 7 pm

Tues. - Healing Service Wed. - Prayer Service
Thurs. - Holy Communion Good Friday - Tenebrae
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 7, 9, 11 a.m.

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Maundy Thursday - March 24 - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - March 25 - 12:00 noon

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INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION - March 15 - 10:30-11:30 a.m., March 17 - 2:00-3:30 p.m.,
March 18 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., March 22 - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

GROUP CELEBRATION WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SINS
Wednesday, March 23 - 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - March 24 - 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - March 25th - Noon - Meditative Service, 12:45 p.m. Rosary,
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY - March 26th - 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food - 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - March 27th - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 a.m. Mass All Saints School Gym - Blessing of Food after all Masses

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Good Friday, March 25 12:30 & 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday, March 27 9:00 & 10:45 AM

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2005 Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday..... March 20th..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday..... March 24th..... 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Afternoon..... March 25th..... 1:15 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae..... March 25th..... 7:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt (ages 3-8)..... March 26th..... 12:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday..... March 27th..... 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

(Pre-register for the Easter Egg Hunt by calling 734-261-1360, space is limited)

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Holy Week at Rosedale Gardens

PALM SUNDAY
9:00am Contemporary Service with Praise Team
10:30am Traditional Service - Children's Vocal and Bell Choirs

4:00pm Lenten Concert: "Requiem" by John Rutter sung by the Chancel Choir with orchestra
Bell Choirs - Carillon and Campanelle Choirs
Praise Team
Organ Solo - Sandra Main

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30pm Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY
7:30 pm Service of Shadows - Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY
9:00am Contemporary Service with Praise Team and Drama
10:30am Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
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Palm Sunday 8:15, 9:15, 11:00 A.M.
"The Second From the Last Hurray" - Dr. William A. Ritter

Palm Sunday at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
"Praise You With the Dance" - Rev. Jeff Nelson

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
Holy Week Services of Worship with Guest Preachers

Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
"Hanging On While Letting Go" - Dr. William A. Ritter

Good Friday Evening Vespers 7:00 P.M.
The Seven Last Words—A Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
"Up, Up and Away" - Rev. Lynn Hasley

Easter Morning 8:15, 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
"Why Don't Things Like That Ever Happen to Anybody We Know?"
Dr. William A. Ritter

Easter Evening Vespers 5:00 P.M.
"It Ain't Over Till It's Over" - Rev. Jeff Nelson

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MAUNDY THURSDAY
Communion - Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
Community Services - 12:15 p.m. at West Bloomfield Methodist Church

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The Mystery of the Tomb
Pastor Richard A. Peacock

HOLY CROSS Evangelical Lutheran Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 24th
9:00 am Communion & Breakfast
7:30 pm Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY - March 25th
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Maundy Thursday, March 24
12:10 p.m. - The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25
12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
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Easter Day, March 27
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March 25 7:30 pm
Community Service

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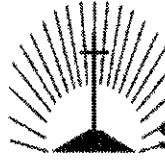
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Good Friday
March 25, 1:30 PM
Easter Sunday
March 27, 7:00 & 10:00 AM
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Good Friday, March 25
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Easter Sunday 9:30 & 11 a.m.
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Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday - March 24 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - March 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
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Friday, March 25th Good Friday
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Sunday, March 27th Easter Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Services

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PEACE**
Catholic Church
4300 Walnut Lake Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI

COMMUNAL PENANCE:
Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration at 9:00 p.m. -
Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 12:15 p.m. Stations,
1 p.m. Veneration of the Cross,
7:30 p.m. Living Stations
of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY
March 26, 11 a.m. Blessing
of Food

EASTER SUNDAY
March 27, 6:00 a.m. Sunrise
Mass, followed by Brunch, 8:00
a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon,
Easter Sunday Masses

Come Pray with Us This Easter
St. Owen Catholic Church
6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills
Holy Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, March 25
*Quiet prayer: 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
*Stations of the Cross: 12:30 p.m.
*Liturgy and Cross Veneration: 1:30 p.m.
*Tenebrae Service: 7:30 p.m.
Easter Liturgies
Vigil, Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church
16200 W 12 Mile Rd.
(between Greenfield and Southfield)
March 25th Good Friday Service - noon -
Join us as we walk the "Stations of the Cross"
March 26th: The Great Vigil of Easter - 7 pm
March 27th: Easter Day - Holy Eucharist, 8 & 9:30 am

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
620 ROMEO STREET, ROCHESTER • 248-651-9361
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES
HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24
7:30 P.M. COMMUNION -
"LOVE ONE ANOTHER" REV. HALLSTROM
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25
12:30 WORSHIP
"WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSION" REV. KELSEY
7:30 P.M. SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
FEATURING CHOIRS, ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE
7:45 A.M.-11:00 A.M. EASTER BREAKFAST, HICKEY HALL
10:15 A.M. CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP - "RUNNING FOR LIFE" REV. REGAN
WITH CHOIRS, BELLS & BRASS ENSEMBLE
NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.

CELEBRATE EASTER AT
St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham
www.stjamesbirmingham.org
The Reverend Fred Elwood, Rector
MONDAY & TUESDAY
7 pm - Holy Eucharist
WEDNESDAY
7 am - Holy Eucharist
7 pm - Tenebrae
(service of shadows)
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7 pm - Holy Eucharist:
Stripping of the Altar
GOOD FRIDAY
Noon - 3 pm - Seven Last Words
HOLY SATURDAY
7 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter
EASTER DAY 8 & 10 am
Festival Holy Eucharist with
Brass Quintet and Choir at both services
248-644-0820 (corner of W. Maple & Chester,
across from parking structure; two blocks west of Woodward)

**Birmingham
First Presbyterian Church**
1669 W. Maple
248/644-2040
www.fpcbirmingham.org
Holy Week and Easter
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. - Communion and Tenebrae Service
Good Friday
Noon to 3:00 - Ecumenical Service
Come for any part of the time.
Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service with breakfast
8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Family Worship
Every Sunday:
Worship at 8:30 (communion) and 10:00 a.m.
Innovative Cross Walks Sunday School
Special Needs Sunday Schools

Kirk in the Hills

1340 West Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 626-2515
www.kirkinthehills.org



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 20 - Worship 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
We reflect on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as a gateway
to Holy Week, which focuses on the passion of Christ toward the
glory of Easter.

Holy Week and Easter
Wednesday, March 23 - Service of Tenebrae
A solemn and deeply moving service remembering of the details of
the Holy Week story, through scripture and song. As the details of
our Lord's passion are recounted, lights are extinguished in the
sanctuary. The deepening darkness ("tenebrae") reflects the mood of
events as Jesus moves toward the cross.
8:00 p.m., Sanctuary Service

Maundy Thursday, March 24 - Service of Holy Communion
It was on the Thursday of Holy Week that Jesus instituted the Lord's
Supper, which has become the central rite of the Christian church.
7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Service - family service
8:00 p.m., Sanctuary Service

Good Friday, March 25
On this most holy of days, we mark the passion and death of Jesus
with a special service of worship and remembering.
1:00 p.m., solemn Worship Service - *The Victim King*
7:30 p.m., *The Passion according to St. John - Concert of Sacred Music*
The world premiere of *The Passion according to St. John* by David
Briggs will be performed here at the Kirk. Plan to attend what
promises to be a very powerful spiritual and musical event in the life
of our congregation. Mr. Briggs will be here to conduct this
performance. For information, go to: www.kirk-music.org.

Easter Sunday, March 27 - Festival Service of the Resurrection
Celebrate, with joy and gladness, the central truth of our faith: "The
Lord is risen, he is risen indeed."
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary Service - *The Risen Lord*
9:00 a.m., St. Andrew's Service - *Signs Along the Way: Are We
There Yet?*

JOIN US IN EASTER WORSHIP
at Christ Church Cranbrook
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 25
The Great Vigil of Easter
7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 26
Holy Eucharist and Sermon
7:00, 9:15, and 11:15 a.m.
Musical preludes begin 30 minutes
before the 9:15 and 11:15 services.
Child care available at 9:15 and 11:15.
Compline
9:00 p.m.
470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills
(corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook)
248.644.5210

EASTER - AT THE PARK
**UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
29847 WEST 11 MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336
On 11 Mile Road just
west of Middlebelt
248-476-8860
Easter Egg Hunt for Children - Bring
your own basket; no reservations
necessary -- \$3 per child -- March 26 at
10:00 AM
Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service, with
resurrection music and readings for
early Easter morning at 7:30 AM
Easter Sunday - Two spectacular
worship experiences, with choirs, brass,
hand bells, lilies, and an Easter
children's parade; children's Sunday
School and childcare at 9:15 & 11:00
AM
Rev. Bohnsack preaching:
The Story Yet Unwritten
www.NardinPark.org

Servant Church of St. Alexander
27835 Shiawassee • Farmington Hills
(between Inkster & Middlebelt) • (248) 474-5748
Rev. James Wright, Pastor
Communal Reconciliation Monday, March 21st 7:00 P.M.
Holy Thursday - March 24th
7:00 P.M. Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday - March 25th • 12:00 P.M. Prayer
12:15 P.M. Stations of the Cross • 1:30 P.M. Liturgy
Holy Saturday - March 26th • 1:00 P.M. Blessing of Food Baskets
Easter Sunday - March 27th
5:30 A.M. Easter Sunrise Mass • 9:00 A.M. and 11 A.M. Masses

Easter Services
Youth Sunrise Service
8:00 AM
Worship/Church School
9:30 AM
Worship
10:45 AM
First United Methodist Church
6443 Merriman Road
Garden City, MI 48135
734-421-8628
Sunday Worship 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Join us for our
Easter Week celebration!
Maundy Thursday - March 24 @ 7 pm
Good Friday Tre Ore - March 25 @ Noon - 3 pm
(come anytime)
Good Friday Service of Darkness @ 7 pm
Easter
Easter Morning - March 27 @ 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Easter Candy Hunt/Movie - March 27 @ 9:30 am
28000 New Market Road • Farmington Hills
248.553.3380
(Near 12 Mile and Farmington Road Intersection)

OUR SAVIOUR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
33333 Warren Road • Corner of Warren & Farmington
734-427-8119
We invite you to our Holy Week Services:
Maundy Thursday
March 24 - 7:00 p.m.
"The World Says, 'It is Not' - Christ Says, 'It Is'"
Good Friday March 25
1:00 p.m. The Service of the Seven Words
7:00 p.m. Solemn Service of Tenebrae
Easter Sunday March 27 10:30 a.m. - Festival Worship

BIG BEAVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3753 John R Road • Troy, MI 48063
(248) 689-1932
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH **FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH**
Palm Sunday **Good Friday**
8:30 & 11:00am Worship Services 1:00pm Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
Easter Sunday
7:00am Sunrise Service
7:45-10:45 am Youth Pancake Breakfast
8:30 & 11:00am Worship Service

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

100 Romeo Road
Rochester, MI 48307
248.651.6188
PhilEpisc@aol.com
MARCH 20TH
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AT
8:00AM & 10AM
MARCH 24TH
MAUNDY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 7:30PM
MARCH 25TH
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT
NOON & 7:30PM
MARCH 26TH
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL AT 7:30PM
MARCH 27TH
EASTER SERVICES AT 8:00AM & 10AM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
March 25, 12:00 Noon
Plymouth Church of the Nazarene
45801 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth
This service will feature special music, and all the
pastors of the church will reflect on the "Seven
Sayings From the Cross." At 7:00 pm we will show
the motion picture, "The Passion of the Christ."
Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:30 pm.
For more information, call (734) 453-1525

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 734-421-8451
The Rev. C. Allen Kannapell, Rector The Rev. Alan W. Brandemuhl, Jr., Deacon
Monday in Holy Week **Maundy Thursday** **The Great Vigil of Easter**
March 21 March 24 7 PM March 26 7 PM.
7 PM Communion Service Foot Washing, Eucharist, Easter Vigil
Stripping of Altar, Special Music First Eucharist of Easter
Tuesday in Holy Week **Good Friday** **Easter Sunday**
March 22 March 25 March 27 7:45 and 10 A.M.
7 PM Christ in the Passover 12 Noon - 3 PM March 26 7 PM.
Wednesday in Holy Week **"Seven Last Words"** **Flowering of the Cross, Eucharist**
March 23 Meditations by members of the parish Easter Egg Hunt 9 A.M.
9:30 A.M. Communion Service 7 PM Good Friday Liturgy Child Care Available at 10 A.M.

St. Michael Lutheran
7000 N. Sheldon • Canton
734-459-3333
Worship Times
Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
Good Friday 7:30 P.M.
Easter Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 7:00 A.M. • 9:00 A.M. • 11:00 A.M.

Have Your Family
Celebrate Easter
With Our Family

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
March 24th - 7 PM
Good Friday Service
March 25th - 1 PM
Good Friday Concert
March 25th - 7:30 PM
Easter Worship Celebration* 9 AM
Fellowship Hour 10 AM
Easter Worship Celebration* 11 AM
"Witnessing the Unbelievable"
Dr. Klump
* Child Care Available
Plymouth First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial
West of Sheldon Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-5280
www.pfumc.org

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48075
(Located north of 8 Mile Road)
(248) 569-2972
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH **FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH**
11:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday 12:00 Noon - Good Friday Service
THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH **SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH**
7:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday - Easter Sunday Worship

† Palm Sunday - March 20th - 10:00 AM
"The Seven Last Words" - A Sacred Cantata
† Thursday, March 24th - 7:30 PM
"Maundy Thursday Service"
† Good Friday, March 25th - 12 Noon
An Ecumenical Service with 1st Presbyterian Church of Farmington
† Easter Sunday, March 27th - 10:00 AM
Worship Service
Wellspring Church
36530 W. 8 Mile Rd. • Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248/442-0412
Rev. Jane Moschenrose

St. Alan Church
3077 Gloucester
Troy, MI 48064
248-649-5510
Rev. Gary Tierney
Pastor
The Paschal Triduum
March 24 Holy Thursday
Mass at 7:00 PM
March 25 Good Friday
Tre Ore Services
12:00 PM
Stations of the Cross
12:45 PM
Seven Last Words
1:45 PM
Celebration of the Passion
2:00 PM
Holy Communion
March 26 Easter Vigil
Mass 7:30 PM
March 27 Easter Sunday
Masses
8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 Noon

Northminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3633 West Big Beaver • Troy
PALM SUNDAY **MARCH 20** **TAIZE SERVICE 9:00 AM**
MAUNDY THURSDAY **MARCH 24** **REGULAR SERVICE 10:30 AM**
7:00 PM
WE HAVE A SHARED MEAL, THEN WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION*
PLEASE CALL 248-644-5920 TO SIGN UP.
SATURDAY **MARCH 26** **7:00 PM GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER***
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON DRAYTON AVE. IN FERNDALE
EASTER SUNDAY **MARCH 27** **10:30 AM**
"THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD"

Farmington First United Methodist Church

EASTER SERVICES
7:30 AM - Sunrise Service, led by our Youth
9:30 (traditional) & 11:15 A.M. (casual)
****Nursery Provided****
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (Price: Donation)
33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd.)
www.FarmingtonFUMC.org **(248) 474-6573**

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
IMMEMORIAL TRIDENTINE
LATIN RITE MASS
23310 Joy Road • Redford, MI 48239
313-534-2121
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
3/24 HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Evening Mass
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose - The Stripping of the Main Altar And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
3/25 GOOD FRIDAY: Confessions 11:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
12:45 p.m. - Stations of The Cross
1:30 p.m. - Solemn Afternoon Liturgy, with the Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of The Cross,
3/26 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.
10:00 p.m. - Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight
3/27 EASTER SUNDAY: Confessions 8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - Mass of The Resurrection

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AROUND TOWN

Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of "Peter Cottontail" hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre through May 1. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 12 and 19 and April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13, 20 and April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1, and Monday-Friday, 2:30 p.m., March 28-31 and April 1. Tickets for all performances are \$750. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

Tai Chi classes

Tai Chi beginner classes for health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable organization, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (one mile East of I-275) at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Classes are also available in Bloomfield Hills, Garden City and Detroit. ALL beginner classes start the week of April 4, 2005. Morning and afternoon classes are also available. Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$30. Pre-registration is not required. For further information, visit the Web site at www.taotaichi.org or call (248) 332-1281.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 that discusses what can be causing fibromyalgia, which the expert says is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Homeschool spring formal

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner-dance for homeschooled students (14 and over) in the tri-county area from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person, with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required; contact Susan Weisbrod, (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to curlysu918@aol.com

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 24 through April 28 from 4-5:30 p.m. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen, (734) 973-1145 or toll-free at (888) 973-1145.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. Gregg King, author of "The Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation

Guide" speaks on "What to do to preserve tombstones in cemeteries." Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information, call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Shakespeare performance

Henry Ford Community College presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy "Twelfth Night," Fridays through Sundays, April 8-May 1. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The comedy of will and consequences is filled with song, dance, disguises and farcical fights. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$4 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 845-6475 for information and reservations.

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office, which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30, with the dash starting at 8:30; by the end of the evening, each ticket holder 'dashes' for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each, which admits up to two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information, contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999, Ext. 152, or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on-line at www.arborhospice.org

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Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White, with the theme of "wild and wacky" silhouettes, featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners, the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest, which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event, with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's décor. For more information,

call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 111.

Flea market

The Wyandotte Lions Club, a non-profit organization dedicated to servicing the visually handicapped, sponsors its annual indoor Flea Market at the Wyandotte Yack Arena, 246 Sycamore April 2-3. The market is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 3. Admission is free, though a \$2 donation is requested.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year.

All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Graduate of B.H. Lahser High School 1970 & Western MI University 1974. Beloved husband of Susan (nee, Halvachs) Dear father of Sefton Charles Dennis Son of William C. Dennis, Sr. and Gwendolyn Dennis. Brother of Mark Dennis, Jeff Dennis and Sandy Dennis. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (Btwn. 13-14 Mile) Monday 6:00pm until memorial service 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Hospice at the Meadowslands, 1001 Corporate Dr., Hillsborough, NC 27278. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and

equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@uno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe (734) 458-8143 or Martina (734) 464-0481

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors

who fought in American Revolution Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members' to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 987-7259 for further info

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.



MARIE (Wadkins) BOUGHTON

Age 81, of Farmington Hills, died Monday, March 14, 2005. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this Spring. A complete obituary and service times will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by McConnell Funeral Home, Fenton. (810) 629-2533.

MARY LOUISE BRYANT

Age 82, Went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2005. Born July 17, 1922 in Blytheville, AK. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert P. Bryant. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, surviving are her daughter, Sherry (Richard) Britton whom she lived with for 8 years; 3 grandchildren, Rick, Matthew and Jenny Britton, brother, Leon Gentry. Funeral services was held Saturday, March 19, 1:00 PM at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. Williamston Chapel, 205 E. Middle Street, Williamston with the Rev. Mike Hixson, Pastor of Graham Community Church, officiating. The family did receive friends at the Chapel Friday from 6-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 or Ingham Visiting Nurse Hospice, 401 E. Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910 in memory of Mrs. Bryant.

WILLIAM C. DENNIS JR. "CHARLIE"

Age 52 February 26, 2005 of Hillsborough, NC, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Graduate of B.H. Lahser High School 1970 & Western MI University 1974. Beloved husband of Susan (nee, Halvachs) Dear father of Sefton Charles Dennis Son of William C. Dennis, Sr. and Gwendolyn Dennis. Brother of Mark Dennis, Jeff Dennis and Sandy Dennis. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (Btwn. 13-14 Mile) Monday 6:00pm until memorial service 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Hospice at the Meadowslands, 1001 Corporate Dr., Hillsborough, NC 27278. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



GERALD E. ELSTON

March 29, 1921 to March 15, 2005. Age 83, of Four Seasons Retirement Center, died at Columbus Regional Hospital at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15. He was the sixth child of 12 born to George and Elva (Timmons) Elston on March 29, 1921. He served in the Army in Sicily and North Africa from 1942 to 1945 earning a Purple Heart for Bravery. He earned a BA from Anderson University, a Masters from Eastern Michigan University and an Advanced Degree in Administration from Michigan State University. He retired from Public School Administration after 30 years with the Plymouth, Michigan School system. Since retirement, Mr. Elston has done missionary work in Japan and Haiti, worked at Warner Pacific College in Oregon, Warner Southern College, Warner Christian Academy in Daytona, FL and White Chapel Christian School in Florida. He attended Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, Michigan for 30 years and Park Place Church of God in Anderson, IN for 15 years and North Christian Church in Columbus, IN. He was a 40 year member of Kiwanis International in Michigan, Oregon, Anderson and Columbus, Indiana. Survivors include his wife of 57 years Janice Hill (Bradley) Elston of Columbus, whom he married on June 29, 1947 in Charleston, WV, a daughter Sheryl Elston & husband David Hamilton of Columbus, IN and a son: Mark & Rhonda Elston of LaCenter, WA, 4 grandchildren, Katie Hamilton, Davy Hamilton, Aaron Elston, Rachael Elston; 3 brothers: Dale Elston of Auburndale, FL; Harold Elston of Marshall, MI Paul Elston of Boulder, CO, a sister Amelia Sier of Angola, IN, several nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday, March 19, 2005, at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service in Anderson, IN with Dr. David Markle of Park Place Church of God officiating. Burial service followed at East Maplewood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Anderson College ATTN: Development Office at 1100 East Fifth Street, Anderson, IN 46012 or to Park Place Church of God at 501 College Drive, Anderson, IN 46012

MARY WANKOWICZ

March 10, 2005, Age 90, formerly of Marquette. Inurnment will take place in this summer. Gwinn Funeral Home

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FLOSSIE B. MACDONALD

Age 82 30 year Farmington postal clerk, March 17, 2005. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Diane, Douglas (Linda), Dennis (Kathy) and David (Connie). Cherished grandmother of Susan, Megan, Margo, Stephen, Tyler, Kelsey and Carl. Great grandmother of Stephanie, Justus and Makayla. Sister of Jewell Musgrove and eleven brothers and sisters who preceded her in death. Flossie held numerous board positions for the US Postal Clerks Union representing the State of Michigan and was Past President of the Farmington Little League Baseball/Football Ladies Auxiliary. Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Closing ceremonies and interment at Eden Baptist Church and Cemetery, Strnnger, Mississippi

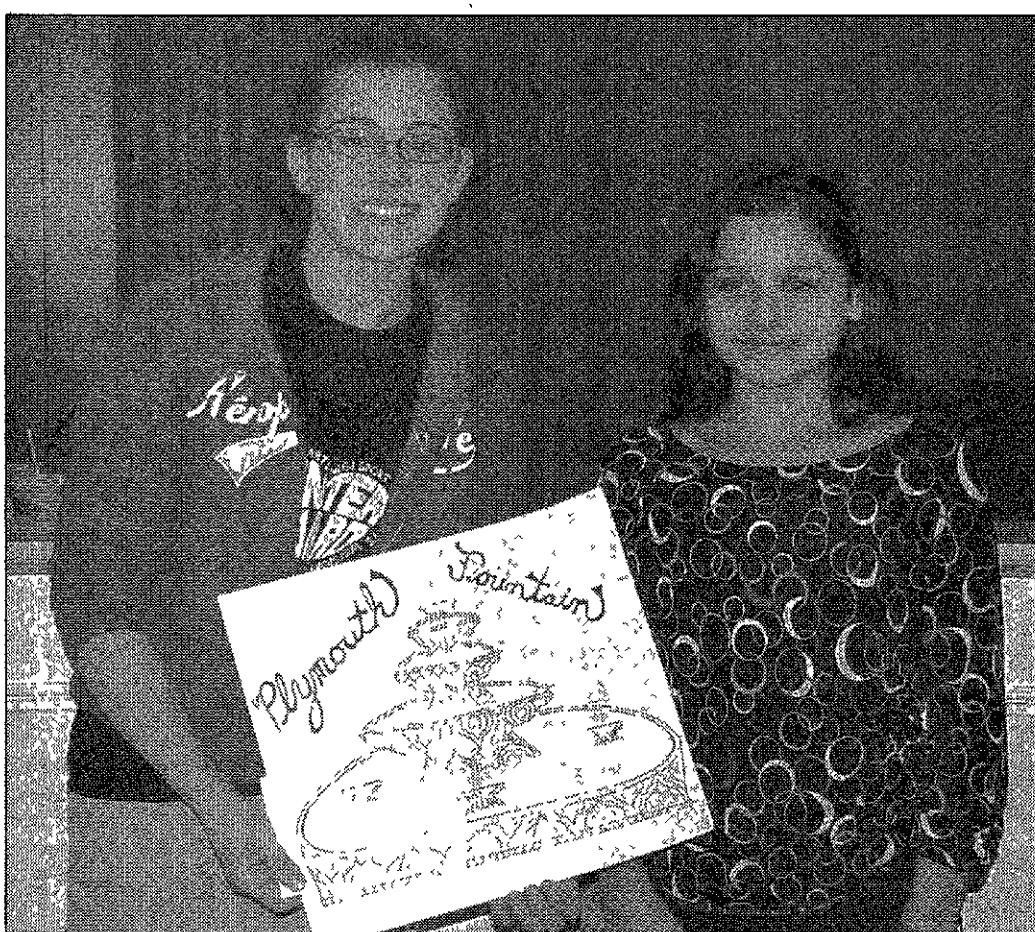
CAROLYN J. MCCLOUD

March 15, 2005 Age 69 of Westland. Beloved Wife of the late Billie Dean McCLOUD, Dear Mother of Billie, Jr. (Denise), Robert, Katherine Bellaire, Theresa (Mike) Rasmussen, James (Jacki), Robin (Charissa), and Gary (Ginny). Grandmother of eleven, Great Grandmother of 1. Also survived by sister-in-law Betty Clark and niece Michelle. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com



CATHERINE T. THEISEN

Age 76, of Plymouth, March 16, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving Mother of Michael (Natalie); Donald (Sue); Richard (Mary); William; Robert (Linda); Thomas (Martha); James (Kelly). Dear Grandma of Kaitlyn, Kari, Matt, Kelly, Andrea, Rob, Jeff, Erin, Andrew, Jacob, Sarah, Jessica, Kathleen, Daniel, Patrick, Mark, Mary Kate, Adam and Ryan. Dear sister of Elizabeth "Babe" Neil and the late Ellen "Sissy" Johnson. Visitation Saturday 4-9 PM and Sunday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Prayer Service Sunday 7 PM. In state Monday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at Church of the Divine Savior, 39375 Joy, (east of I-275) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. To leave a message of condolence for the family, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Fountain winner

Lauren Blackley, Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission chairperson, shows the winning entry that will be the basis for a new fountain in Kellogg Park. Marina Zabowski, 11, of Canton Township received \$50 in Plymouth Chamber of Commerce gift certificates for her idea. The PCYAC held a contest to solicit designs for a fountain to replace one that fell and smashed into pieces last year. City-officials are securing estimates on how

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Diet can help fight cancer

Question: Mitch from Milford has a family history of prostate cancer. He wants to know dietary tips on cutting his odds of getting this disease.

Answer: Changes in diet are the most important part of a pro-active prostate care strategy. Limiting fat intake from meat and dairy products is key. Cutting back on red meat itself is also a vital part of the plan. Choose only the leanest cuts and try to limit portions to no more than three ounces.

Make whole grains one of the cornerstones of your healthy diet. Try to get at least five daily servings of either fruits or vegetables. The vegetable type that seems to be the most effective at warding off the disease is cruciferous vegetables. Cruciferous vegetables three times a week have been shown to cut prostate cancer risk by as much as 41 percent. These vegetables include cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. A high intake of lycopene found in tomato products can also help promote prostate health.

Question: Ben from Livonia is asking for the lowdown on pre-workout stretching.

Answer: Ben some surprising new research is casting doubt on the overall benefits of stretching in advance. Most athletes stretch before intense activity, but a new study shows that there's a shortage of concrete evidence that stretching prior to activity does any real good! The research seems to show that stretching before a workout can actually hamper performance. Studies now indicate that stretching increases the perception of fatigue during some strength exercises targeting the legs. The solution is a simple one, save the stretching for after your competition or workout when performance doesn't matter. You can warm up before hand by doing a range of motion exercises specific to your sport. That way you won't stretch your way out of maximum performance.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-MBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Dangerous drugs

Doctors caution patients taking blood thinners

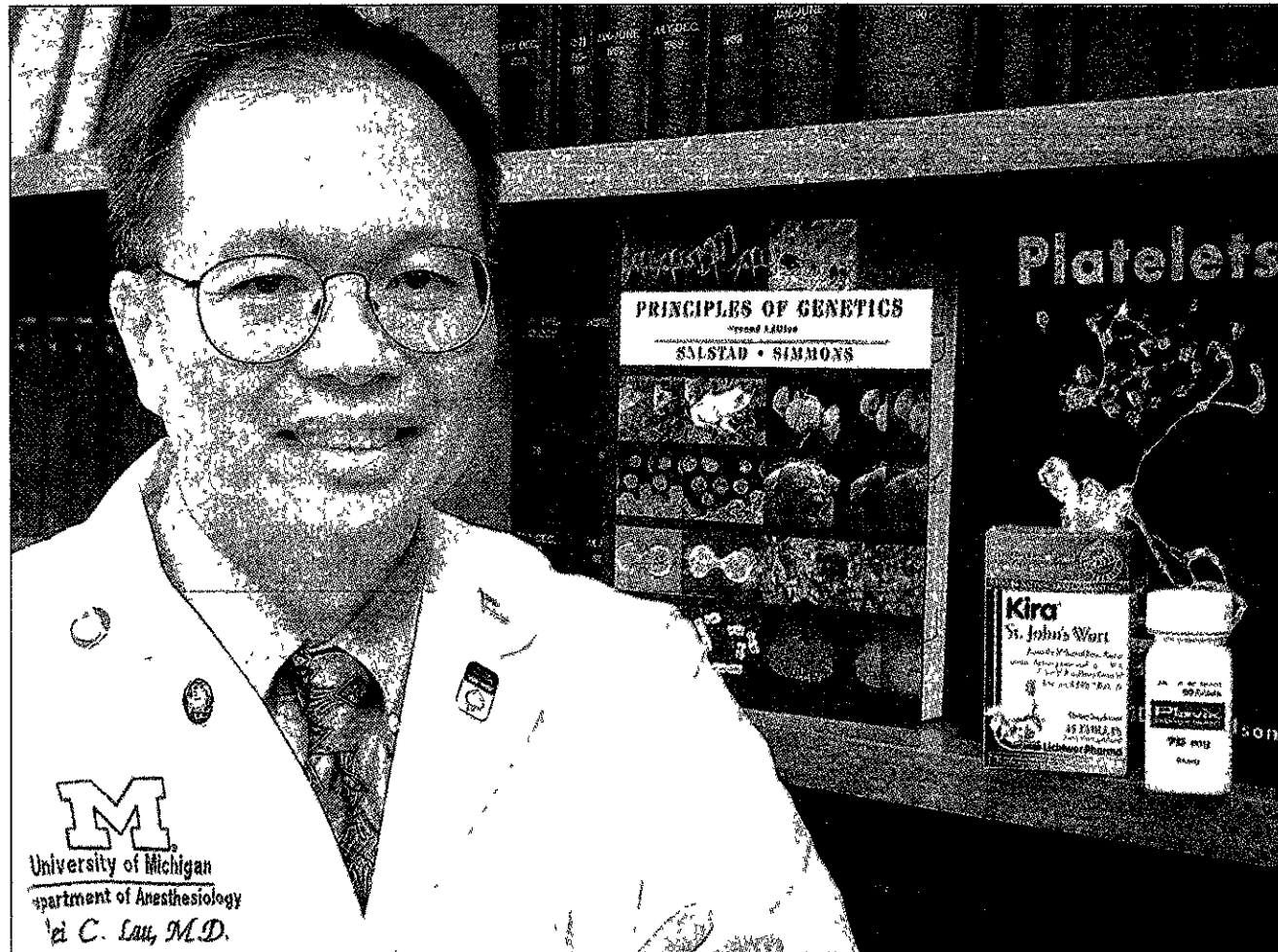
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Fitch was up on a 24-foot ladder trimming trees in his Southfield yard when he fell. He didn't know it then, but he was about to become part of a study to help save lives.

Fitch was taking Coumadin, a blood thinner. That fact has changed the way trauma doctors and nurses at William Beaumont Hospital treat patients from the moment they enter the Emergency Center. Beaumont is a Level One Trauma Center, the only level one in Oakland County, and is required to maintain statistical information on all patients for the American College of Physicians verification process.

"Several years ago, we began to note an inordinately high number of patients who were falling and injuring their heads and having severe head injuries resulting in death," said Dr. Randy Janczyk, the trauma surgeon who led the research. "Coumadin is a blood thinner commonly used to treat strokes, irregular heartbeats, blood clots in legs and lungs. We don't want people having strokes, but if it makes your blood thinner, you're going to bleed more if you cut yourself shaving."

In cases of brain injury, blood thinners can be deadly without quick



Dr. Wei Lau warns patients not to mix the blood thinner Plavix with the herb St. John's Wort. He recently led a study on interaction between the two at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.

medical intervention to reverse the effect. Beaumont's statistics showed that of 750 patients coming into the Emergency Center between 1997 and 2004, patients on blood thinners who sustained injuries which caused bleeding in the brain and had standard treatment had about a 50 percent chance of dying compared to 10 percent for patients not on blood thinners. At Beaumont, staff has reduced treatment time by several hours. Instead of a 50 percent mortality, patients have no greater chance of dying than people not on blood

thinners.

"We found these people were not being brought in with severe head injuries," said Janczyk, a Beverly Hills resident. "They came to the hospital and we examined them and they looked perfectly normal. The only way you could tell was by performing a CAT scan. We found, despite hospitalization, the head injury became worse."

"Just because you're on Coumadin and fall doesn't mean you have a 50 percent chance of dying. Only about 25 percent or one in four people who

are on medication and hit their head will develop brain injury with blood on the brain."

Although the study focused on Coumadin, patients taking blood thinners such as Plavix and aspirin should be cautious as well until further studies. To help Coumadin patients, the hospital is establishing a fund for donations through the Beaumont Foundation to provide literature and early warning bracelets or necklaces.

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and anyone on this medication who has fallen or injured their head needs to be rapidly evaluated to exclude that injury," said Janczyk, who has been involved with five studies over the last seven years on the effect of anti-coagulants and blood thinners. "If you're on a blood thinner and injure your head, get to the ER immediately. Every medication we take has side effects. If you're taking a medication that makes your blood thin, there's more time with other injuries, but not the brain."

Fitch didn't have much time when he fell and broke three vertebrae, both collar bones and suffered a closed head injury in June 2003. The retired college professor had been on Coumadin since suffering a heart attack in 1980. He is grateful to doctors who were able to make a quick diagnosis and immediately begin reversing the effects of the blood thinner with blood plasma transfusions. Today, he's back on Coumadin, but taking precautions.

"It's a very dangerous drug," Fitch said. "Vitamin K reverses the effects of Coumadin and is found in spinach. I can't eat a lot of spinach and other greens because it will dilute the effects of Coumadin, and I have to have the Coumadin level monitored every four to six weeks."

There's no doubt that medication can cause serious side effects, but so can herbs. Although studies of some herbs are showing promise, the results need to be tempered with caution. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Wei Lau recently led a study on St. John's Wort and Plavix, the brand name for clopidogrel. The herb amplifies the effects and may help patients deficient

in a liver enzyme respond to Plavix regardless of the deficiency. St. John's Wort appears to induce the CYP3A4 liver enzyme and increases the efficiency of Plavix, but could result in an increase in the risk of bleeding for those who take both substances, according to physicians from the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center, who discovered the interaction.

The recent small study was done on healthy volunteers rather than on patients who don't respond to Plavix. Lau has studied interactions between drugs before. Three years ago, the same researchers found Plavix appears to reduce the effect of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor (atorvastatin).

"Twenty-eight to 30 percent don't respond to Plavix," said Lau, a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology who directs adult cardiac anesthesia at University of Michigan Health System. "Our conclusion was by using St. John's Wort we were at least able to overcome resistance, but we need more evidence. With every dose increase of Plavix, there's a potential for bleeding. Herbs themselves have not been very well studied. Content is not defined. Some put talcum powder in place of active ingredients. Sometimes they don't know what they're getting."

"The warning is not to go out and do this (take Plavix and St. John's Wort together). I want to make doctors aware of all the patients taking herbal medicines. Physicians need to remember to ask what herbal medications they're on."

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MARCH

Healthy for Today

A free health seminar on being healthy and sugar free 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventists Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, between Wayne and Venoy roads. Free samples of sugar free desserts will be provided. Because the first seminar was canceled due to bad weather, this session combines Digestion and Food Combining and Healthy Sugar Free Living. Call (734) 524-0880.

Depression on college campuses

College-age young adults are one of the highest-risk groups for developing depression, both because of their age and the many stresses they face. But while many colleges have recently increased their efforts to help depressed students, experts estimate that a majority of such students never even seek help.

The University of Michigan hosts its third annual conference on depression on college campuses Tuesday-Wednesday, March 22-23 for students, educators, administrators, mental health professionals and researchers. Titled Fighting Stigma with Knowledge and Understanding, the conference tackles some of the chief issues that get in the way of successful depression detection, diagnosis and treatment. For information, call (734) 615-4474, send e-mail to DepConfQuestion@umich.edu or visit www.depressioncenter.org. A registration form is available online. The conference is free for students with current student ID, and to physicians in training. The cost for all others is \$100 at the door. Lunch on March 22 is available at a cost of \$15 per person.

Bally HealthCheck

Bally Total Fitness and their clubs throughout Michigan and nationwide hosts the checkup an American Diabetes Association Diabetes Risk test, and 5-8 p.m. a complementary fitness assessment test from a Bally personal trainer on March 22. Members and non-members are encouraged to visit any Bally club and make a \$5 donation to the ADA for the healthcheck. Non-members will receive a free 30-day guest pass as well as 30 days of free access to Bally's online weight management program. Members and non-members alike will be able to participate in a group exercise marathon class. In honor of Diabetes Alert Day, for any new member who joins Bally on March 22 an additional \$5 donation will be

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made to ADA from Bally Total Fitness. The Bingham Farms office of the ADA also has Diabetes Risk Tests to distribute to individuals, businesses, church groups and others. For a copy or to get diabetes-related information (in English or Spanish), visit www.diabetes.org or call (888) 342-2383.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Art exhibit

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents The Chemo-Fairies, a journey, by local artist and cancer survivor Pamela Campau. The collection of artwork expresses the movement, art and emotion that Campau experienced while undergoing chemotherapy. This mixed media show includes the whimsical, yet thought provoking, chemo-fairy series, as well as additional pieces. The public is invited to an artist's reception 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarlian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. The show will be on display through April 30. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Lori Taylor at (248) 465-5455.

Prostate Cancer in Younger Men

A free supper lecture for men, age 60 and younger by Dr. Jeffrey D. Forman 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the

Weisberg Cancer Center, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 538-6514.

Cardiology Update

The Botsford Chapter of Mended Hearts, a support group for people with heart disease and their families, meets 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, in the 3 West Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. The cardiology update will be presented by Dr. Barry Franklin, a specialist in cardiac rehabilitation. Mended Hearts is a national organization affiliated with the American Heart Association in the effort to fight heart disease.

Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends, at 850 Stephenson Highway, Suite 402 (AT), Troy, MI. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Post-Polio support group

Southeast Michigan Post-Polio Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26, at First Presbyterian Church of Troy, 4328 Livernois about a half mile north of Wattles (17 Mile). Please park in back, enter through back door. For more information, call (313) 885-7855.

Hospice volunteer training

Offered by Community Hospice 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 7 to April 28, at the Community Hospice offices, 32932 Warren, Suite 100, Westland. Volunteers can choose from a variety of opportunities including providing companionship to patients, working in the office and helping out on special projects. Call Penny Thomas at (734) 522-4244 to register.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles, a grief support program

for children and teens, is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other communities. The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held bi-weekly. To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881.

UPCOMING

Acoustic Neuroma Association

The support group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at the West Bloomfield Township Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. Dr. Michael Seidman of Henry Ford Hospital will be speaking on treatment and management of tinnitus. To RSVP, call (248) 681-0780 or (248) 683-0775.

Fit Fore Golf

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, seminar for golfers, emphasis is on posture, flexibility and strengthening exercises, and prevention of common golf injuries especially low back, at Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River, Suite B124, Novi, use northeast entrance. To register, call (248) 380-3550.

Impact of cancer on the family

A diagnosis of cancer in one family member affects everyone in the family. Relationships are altered, communication changes, roles are reinvented. Learn how families overcome these challenges and find answers to your individual concerns at a free community program 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi across from Twelve Oaks Mall. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling (800) 742-2300 and entering category 7870.

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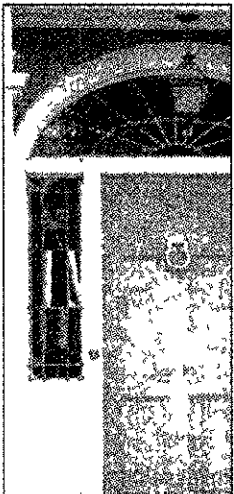
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Quality of life

Oakland balances building with rural character

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

One of the oldest communities in the state, Oakland Township, is slowly being transformed from a rural corner of the county to a burgeoning residential area. Whether one is looking for a starter condo or a palace in a gated community, there's a house that can suit any need.

Oakland Township Manager James Creech said there's been a bit of a lull in development lately. In 2003, the township handed out 326 building permits for houses and condominiums but only 117 in 2004. He said some of the lull has to do with the state of the economy but some can also be chalked up to the fact that building sites in the township are almost full.

Whatever the development in the township, from starter homes to multi-million dollar mansions, the planning department and township board have arranged events so the developers are doing well for the township as a whole.

"We have developers doing the paving on roads around their properties," Creech said. "It's a condition of their site plan approval."

Under the same agreements, developers are also charged with keeping the township green and rural in character. The Open Space Preservation Ordinance calls on developers to retain 40 percent open space in every project they undertake. Again, it's written into the site plan approval.

"We try to push development inward from the roads," Creech said. "By putting lots of buffers between the roads and the houses you keep that country feel."

Auburn Hills-based Moceris Companies is one of the developers who have been putting up houses in Oakland Township. Since the early 1980s, they've put up more than 1,200 homes in six neighborhoods around the township.

Their stock ranges broadly from starter condominiums to detached French country inspired villas to "ultra luxury" estates. Their prices run from \$149,900 to \$3 million per unit.



One of the many housing options available in Oakland Township is the Claremont, a dual condominium development by Moceris builders.

Currently, the company has five developments under construction in the township and more planned for the future.

According to partner Dominic Moceris, you build where the people want to.

"The township is where people want to live," he said. "They like it for the proximity to north Troy, Rochester, Auburn Hills, entertainment and the I-75 corridor."

He said complying with the township's green space requirements is not a problem as they serve his interests as well.

Cluster developments (where houses are arranged closer to the center of a plot of land than they are to the edges) allow a developer greater flexibility in offering styles of houses and retains the natural features homebuyers look for.

The township is doing its part too. Voters approved a .75 millage in 1999 to purchase open space. That, together with plots of land donated by residents and other parcels the township board has bonded for in the past, the township has incorporated environmental

elements into its master plan and worked to coordinate those efforts with Oakland County.

Oakland Township is one of the original 25 townships that existed when the Territory of Michigan was organized in 1827. At the time of organization, the township was an area that covered three-fifths of what is Oakland County today. By the time Michigan was accepted into the union in 1837, the township was at its present size.

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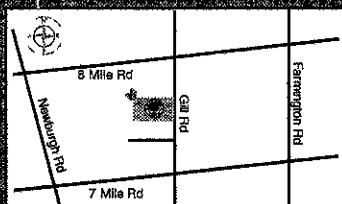
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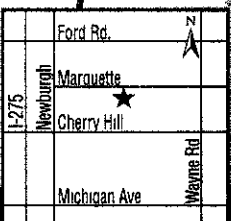
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The vaulted, walk-through kitchen is the focal point of the main floor. A cook top, located in the middle of the kitchen, allows meals to be

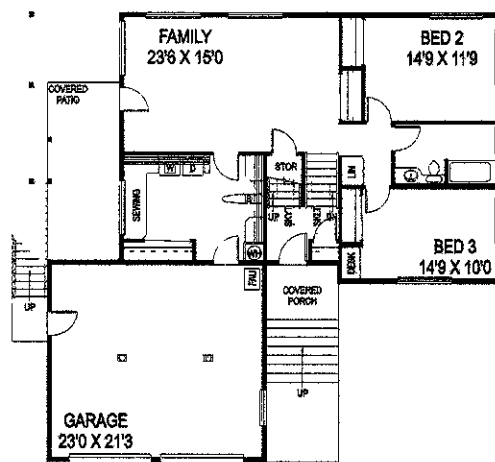
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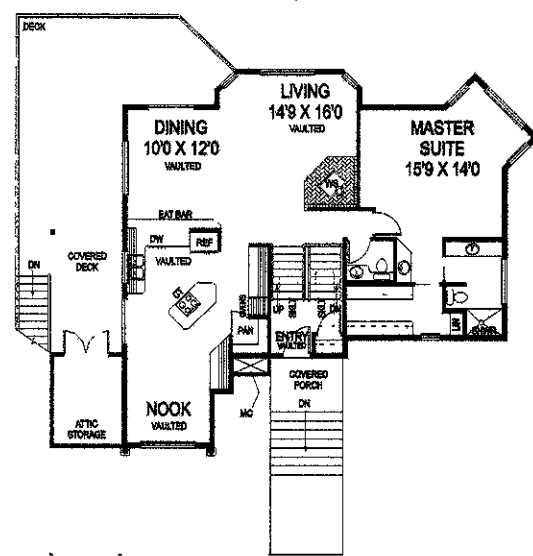
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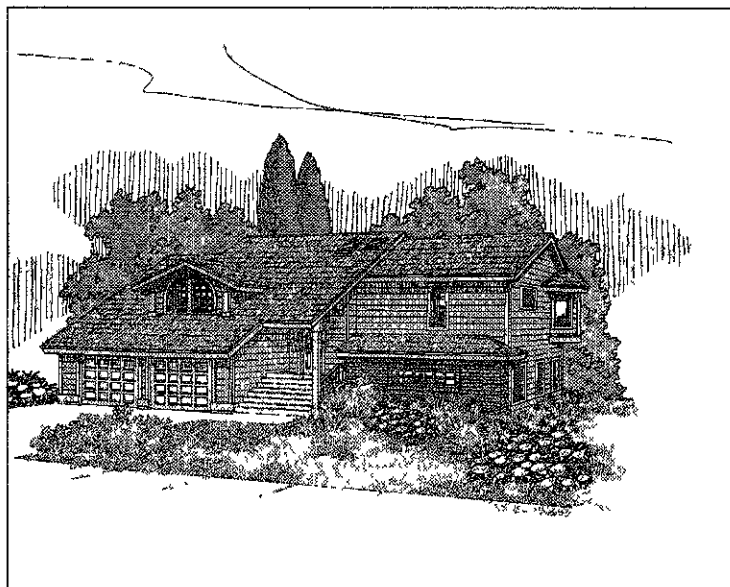
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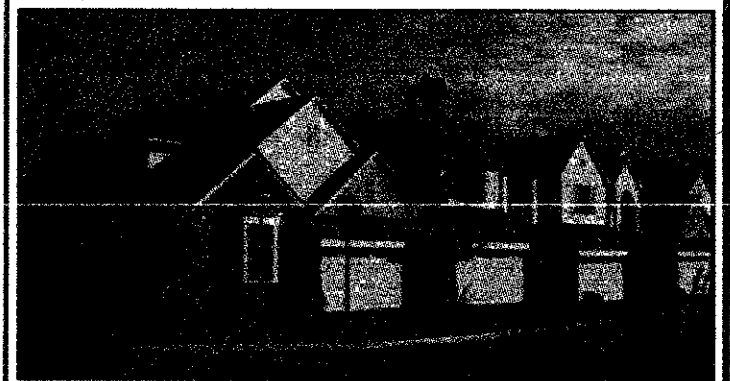
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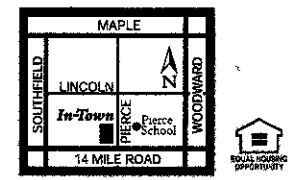


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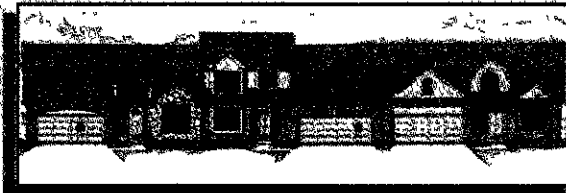
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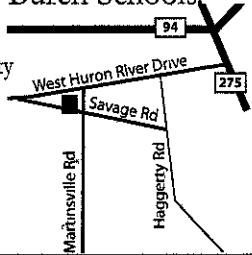
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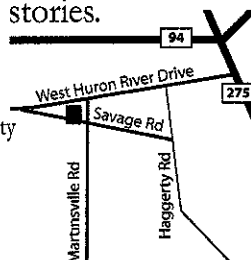
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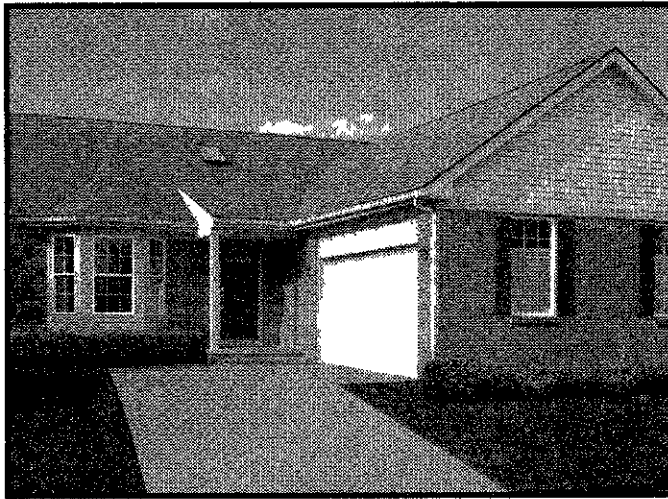
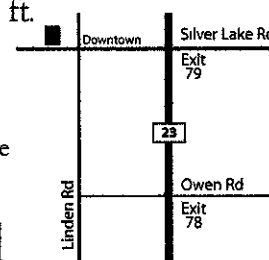
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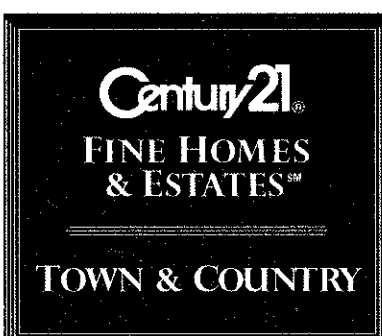


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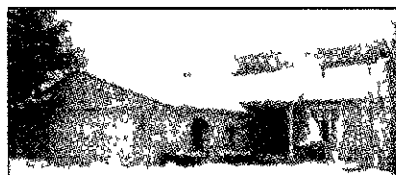
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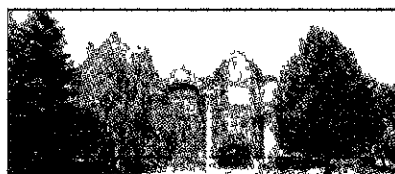
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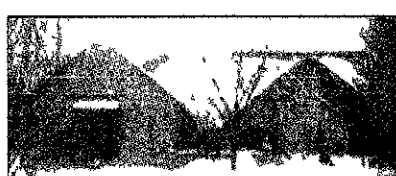
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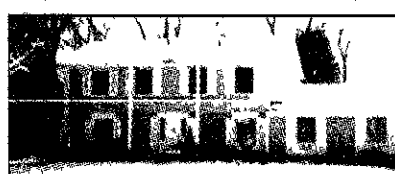
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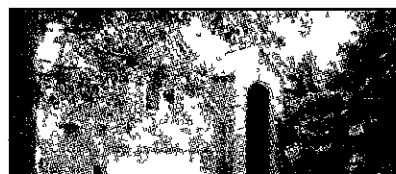
FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary
4 BRs, 3.5 BAs on wooded 1.14 acre lot (approx). Jacuzzi, MBR w/balcony, GR w/vaulted ceilings overlook private wooded yd. FR w/full bath on LL w/W/O. Marble tops, newer carpeting, nat trpic in DR, ceramic kit & inoport. htr.
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**Bloomfield**

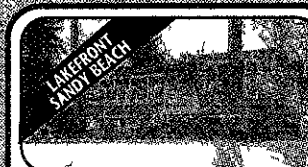
On 3/4 acre cul-de-sac lot, sprawling 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch Liv rm w/finat, frpl kit w/appl. Full bsmt 2 car attach garage \$314,900
JANET GUARDIANO
 (248) 202-1399

**Bloomfield Hills**

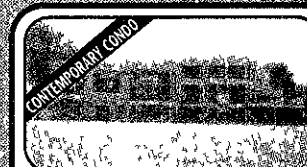
Spacious 3,800 SF, 3 BR, 3 BA ranch condo w/fin walk-out lower level & 2 car attach garage w/finat on Wabek Golf Course \$379,500
DENISE BAENZIGER
 (248) 202-0172

**Bloomfield Township**

2,515 SF, 6 BR, 3.5 BA, LR, FR w/finat formal DR lib fin bsmt circle drive, patio Updates baths, windows furnace carpet & more \$429,000
BIRGIT WILHELM
 (248) 464-0222

**Bloomfield Township**

Totally updated 3,220 SF 4 BR, 4 BA Hammond Lakelake home tiers down towards water Fin walk-out Gym, sauna, 2 trips & more \$749,800
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
 (248) 212-9080

**Bloomfield Township**

4,417 SF marble flrs granite counters mirrors skylites mstr BR w/spa & walk-in closet Fin walk-out w/3 BR 3 BA lot FR w/finat bar \$559,900
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**Canton**

Gorgeous 1,800 SF condo w/finat fin bsmt & 2 car att gar 3 BRs, all w/baths 1st flr mstr BR frpl 1st flr laundry \$254,000
TERI KASTEN
 (248) 909-3934

**Commerce Township**

Bit in 2001, 3 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/ceramic flrs & California closets in all BRs Maple island kit Mstr BR w/BA & walk-in closet \$309,900
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**Dearborn**

Updated 3 BR 2 BA bungalow has new kitchen, Pergo flr, C/A, furnace, roof windows, plumbing & more Fin bsmt Walk to park \$154,900
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 (248) 875-8883

**Detroit**

Super sharp 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick bungalow LR w/finat, DR, updated kit, mstr BR w/doorwall to Florida rm, fin bsmt 2 car garage \$134,800
FELICIA SCAPPATICCI
 (248) 310-2873

**Farmington**

3 BR 2 BA ranch LR, DR study & big dream kit whenever appli Hrdwd flrs Part fin bsmt Deck 2 car gar Deep 340 lot \$177,500
TOM FLEISCHER
 (313) 303-4557

**Farmington Hills**

Attractive 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch FR w/finat & cathedral ceiling 1st flr laundry Large open bsmt 2 car att garage \$224,900
LAURA PRENDERGAST
 (248) 893-3264

**Farmington Hills**

2000 sq ft brick ranch 3 BR 2.5 BA fam rm w/finat, marble foyer, att 2 car gar, C/A bsmt Large lot \$260,000
JORIAN ALLEN
 (313) 522-1106

**Farmington Hills**

Awesome 2,687 SF townhouse w/finat-ins, recessed flrs & mirrors to 3 BRs, each w/bath LR/DR w/finat & wet bar Gourmet kit Fin LL \$329,900
DENNIS J. TERRY
 (248) 302-2004

**Farmington Hills**

Botsford Commons Adult Community (50+ yrs) 2 BR 2 BA unit w/finat bsmt & gar All appli stay Open flr plan Cul-de-sac location \$215,000
STEVEN MATTLER
 (248) 790-5181

**Farmington Hills**

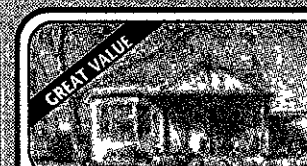
Updated to perfection! 3 BR 3 BA cape cod 1st flr mstr BR Kit w/pantry & appli Bsmt Wrap-around deck Gorgeous home \$259,900
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**Farmington Hills**

Affordable 4 BR colonial Fam rm opens to patio Kit w/nook Fin rec rm in bsmt C/A All appli stay 2 car gar \$194,900
STEVEN MATTLER
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**Highland Township**

Adorable 3 BR ranch w/Harvey Lake privileges Updates oak kit, roof furnace windows & new hrdwd flrs in mstr BR \$199,900
BARBARA SCHULTZ
 (248) 214-0082

**Lincoln Park**

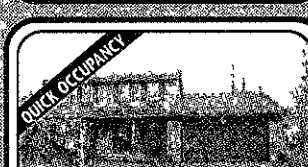
1,236 SF, 3 BR 1 BA bungalow Part fin bsmt w/bath 1 car gar Updated kitchen, flooring plumb, electrical, siding & windows \$124,900
VIRGINIA VARTANIAN
 (734) 748-3224

**Livonia**

1,751 SF 3 BR 1.5 BA colonial on ravine lot Fam rm w/finat 2 car attach garage Newer roof, glass block windows & C/A \$225,000
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 (734) 748-3224

**Livonia**

Must see 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch w/2 car att gar Fin bsmt w/finat New roof (2004), updated windows, furnace & C/A \$178,800
LAURA PRENDERGAST
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**Livonia**

Over \$20,000 in updates! 3 BR 2 BA colonial in Windridge Sub Open Kit, nook & fam rm Updated roof, baths, C/A floor & more \$284,900
ED ALLEN
 (248) 875-8883

**Northville**

Golf Community 2,844 SF 3 BR, 3.5 BA w/elegant decor & updates garage LR w/finat, DR lib All BRs have baths Hrdwd flrs Bsmt \$474,800
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
 (248) 212-9080

**Northville**

Bit 2003 2,521 SF 3 BR 2.5 BA townhouse FR w/finat lavish mstr ste gourmet kit w/granite, hrdwd flrs bsmt, 2 car gar \$409,800
BIRGIT WILHELM
 (248) 464-0222

**Novi**

2 BR 2 BA end unit ranch condo LR w/finat w/finat lavish mstr ste gourmet kit w/granite, hrdwd flrs bsmt, 2 car gar \$409,800
STEVEN MATTLER
 (248) 790-5181

**Oak Park**

Lovely 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial w/bsmt & 2 car gar LR & formal DR Mstr w/bath & walk-in closet 1st flr laundry \$237,700
JESSICA TOOMER
 (248) 538-2808

**Plymouth**

Private entry and unit 2 BR, 2.5 BA ranch condo Grt rm w/finat, DR, kit w/nook Fabulous fin bsmt Hrdwd flrs Gar Patio \$194,900
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 (248) 310-2873

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**Plymouth**

Mint condition 2 BR condo w/private entry & open flr plan Liv & din rms Oak kit w/updated appli Balcony Walk to town \$136,000
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**Pontiac**

Updated 4-5 BR 2 story home has new windows, furnace, paint & more! 2,100 SF of living area plus full bsmt \$109,900
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**Redford**

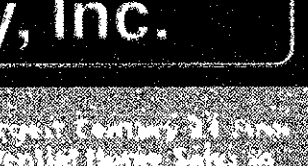
Charming 3 BR brick bungalow Updated kit cabinets Mstr BR w/finat BA & skylites Bsmt w/glass block windows Garage \$134,800
LAURA PRENDERGAST
 (248) 893-3264

**Redford**

Spacious 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch w/wood ceilings & wood flrs Heated Florida rm Part fin bsmt 2 car garage \$159,900
LAURA PRENDERGAST
 (248) 893-3264

**Redford**

Super 3 BR brick ranch Liv rm w/separate din rm Updated roof, siding, furnace, C/A driveway & more 2 car gar \$139,900
ED ALLEN
 (248) 875-8883

**Rochester**

2,800 SF, 5 BR 2.5 BA colonial Fin walk-out bsmt w/2nd kit 2 story grt rm w/finat DR & lib Some hrdwd flrs Custom window treatments \$474,900
NIRAN BAHORA
 (248) 225-7711

**Royal Oak**

3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch close to downtown Totally updated kit New roof, furnace & C/A One car att garage \$188,000
VIRGINIA VARTANIAN
 (734) 748-3224

**Redford**

Adorable vinyl ranch w/bath gar on big lot Remodeled kit & bath Newer roof windows, carpet plumbing & electric \$89,900
JORIAN ALLEN
 (313) 522-1106

**Redford**

Clean, cute 4 BR bungalow w/bsmt & garage Updated kitchen, bath, carpet, roof, furnace, paint & more Appli stay \$119,000
RACHEL MUKH
 (248) 767-6773

**Redford**

Mint condition 3 BR brick bungalow w/bsmt & 2 car gar LR, DR, fam, rm w/finat & updated white kit Hrdwd flrs C/A \$144,899
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**Salem Township**

On 2.4 acres, 5,700 SF contemporary w/4-5 BRs, 4.2 baths, walk-out lower level, study w/spiral staircase, 4+ car gar \$764,000
RICH KAYLOR
 (734) 476-9287

**Southfield**

4 BR 3.5 BA brick cape cod LR, fam rm w/finat, 1st flr laund, bsmt, 2.5 car gar, C/A Lovely large lot \$249,900
JORIAN ALLEN
 (313) 522-1106

**Southfield**

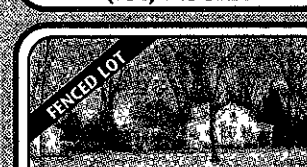
On beautiful 2 acre lot Cute 2 BR ranch Big family room w/cathedral ceilings Lots of storage, 2 decks Many updates \$174,900 or \$1,100/mo
DANI PETT
 (248) 561-4888

**Southfield**

Very nice 1,000 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch w/fin bsmt & newer 2.5 car garage Very clean! Move-in condition! \$145,000
FARIDA
 (248) 797-5511

**Southfield**

Adorable 2 BR ranch on lrg lot "Eat-in" kitchen w/stove & fridge Newer carpet Maintenance free exterior \$99,000
FARIDA
 (248) 797-5511

**Southfield**

On 2/3 acre lot 2,000+ SF, 3 BR, 3 BA cape cod w/fin bsmt & 2.5 car att gar 2 Florida rms Well maintained & updated home \$229,900
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**Southfield**

All the "majors" are updated in this 1,096 SF 3 BR, 2 full bath ranch 2.5 car gar Lrg lot Home is immaculate! \$129,999
FARIDA
 (248) 797-5511

**Southfield**

3 BR bungalow on lrg lot LR w/finat flrs FR w/finat Loft media area Updated galley kit w/nook 2 ber deck 3 car gar \$152,000
MARION TINDLE
 (248) 538-2866

**Southfield**

1,545 SF, 2 BR, 2 BA townhouse condo Grt rm w/mirror walls & frpl BRs w/baths & California closets Balcony & deck \$202,000
STEVEN MATTLER
 (248) 790-5181

**Southfield**

Very nice 1,750 SF, 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit condo w/corport LR w/finat, DR, fam rm updated kit, hrdwd in all BRs Gorgeous views
STEVEN MATTLER
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**Southfield**

Many updates in spacious 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial LR, DR FR w/finat, updated kit, fin bsmt, 2 car gar \$212,000
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**South Lyon**

1,540 SF 3 BR, 1.5 BA home has open flowing flr plan 2 ber deck 2 car attach gar Newer windows \$204,900
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**Troy**

Elegant 2,884 SF, 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial 2 story foyer, FR w/finat, Lib, island kit w/appl, mstr ste w/2 walk-in closets Bsmt \$439,900
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**Waterford**

Exceptional 75' lakefront! Custom bit, in 1980. Kitchen updated in 2001 with all the best View - Wood \$469,900
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**Westland**

Sharp colonial has 1,500 SF, 3 BRs, 1.5 baths fin basement & 2 car garage Updated kitchen Hrdwd flrs, to \$178,000
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**West Bloomfield**

Only \$259,800 Dollar Lakelake home w/Hammond Lk privileges LR w/finat, DR, fam rm updated kit, hrdwd in all BRs Gorgeous views
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**West Bloomfield**

Grt rm w/finat cel & frpl, DR, lib, 3-4 BRs w/1st flr mstr ste, granite kit w/hearth area, fin lower level \$599,800
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 (248) 212-9080

**West Bloomfield**

New construction Builder's model 4 BRs w/1st flr mstr 2 story GR w/finat Kit w/granite Day-te bsmt 3 car gar Amenities \$499,900
DANI PETT
 (248) 561-4888

**West Bloomfield**

5,393 SF contemporary w/finat flrs fin bsmt & 3 car gar 5 BR - mstr ste w/terrace rm & BA GR w/finat, DR, lib, sun rm, 5 BA island kit \$649,000
DANI PETT
 (248) 561-4888

**West Bloomfield**

1,855 SF, 2-3 BR, 2 BA end unit ranch condo w/fin bsmt & 2 car gar LR w/finat, DR, 1st flr laund Appli stay updates \$199,900
BARRY HIRSCH
 (248) 842-7086

**West Bloomfield**

Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial w/finat flrs to lrg kit w/mirror cabinets Part fin bsmt New roof & front door \$234,900
BONNIE SHAW
 (248) 563-8082

**West Bloomfield**

3 BR ranch w/gourmet kitchen, brick frpl, hardwood flrs, new carpet, doorwall to deck & more West Bloomfield Schools \$199,900
DENISE BAENZIGER
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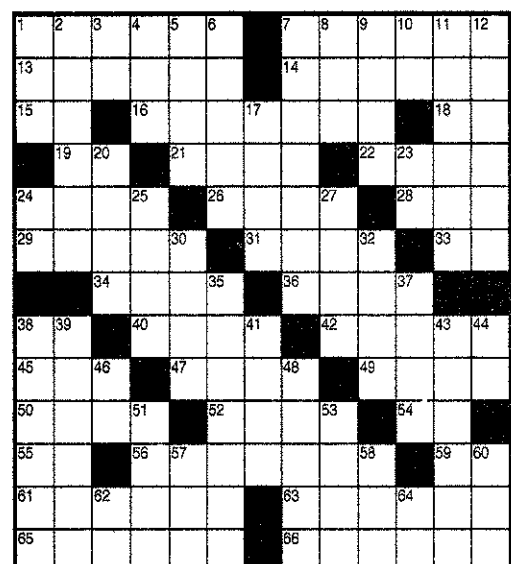
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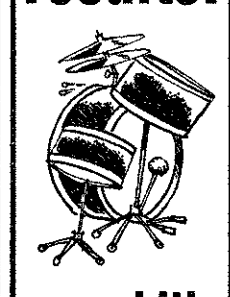
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Have you lost control over your vacation? (That is, if you take them.) Quill Office Products of Lincolnshire, Ill., polled 433 customers online -- executive, administrative and other -- to uncover attitudes about vacations. A large portion -- 40 percent -- have taken work with them, while 47 percent consider a vacation toast if any work intrudes. A full 21 percent take phone calls or send e-mails. Seventeen percent "never stop thinking about work."

Are we witnessing the demise of the work/life movement or simply widespread obsession about work? While there is no single answer, one thing is clear. At the office, at least two people and, very likely, a third, must be involved in every vacation.

PREPARATION

Author and speaker Dale Collie of Boone, N.C., advises beginning by maximizing your relationships on the job. Two weeks before leaving, confirm priorities with your boss, a step that could forestall a panicked late night's toil just before you leave. "Schedule with team members to pick up your workload while you're away," he says. Not the least of these is disarming the electronic stressor button: Enlist a person to cover your voice mail and e-mails.

Collie further recommends planning and scheduling during the year, during which time you're inviting your boss to note the increasing productivity. Efficiency expert and author Barbara Hemphill of the Hemphill Productivity Institute Inc., of nearby Raleigh, comments, "Clutter postpones decisions." Some of the advance preparation she recommends might feel like a job in and of itself, but during successive years with the same company, you should have far less to do.

Her theory is that you accelerate your decision-making by removing clutter throughout the year. That makes preparing for vacation much easier. Consider a physical tickler system for all 12 months, Paper Tiger software for indexing files and Enfish for computer files. Her newest book, "Taming the Paper Tiger in the Digital Age," is projected for publication by the end of the year.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The company benefits when you return rested from your vacation. Should it hire a temporary for your absence? Collie and Hemphill don't necessarily agree. Collie says that one is "almost mandatory if the job consists of work that must be completed to keep everything else in motion," such as those involving mail, telephone answering and order processing. He cautions that temps in less rigid jobs may require so much training and supervision that they burden people at the office, but that a lean staff might make securing a temp necessary.

Finally, some Type A personalities, he points out, may simply not want a person to do their work. Hemphill maintains that temps are "a good idea, but it depends upon your position and industry." She advocates "a clearly defined job description" setting limits on information disclosure to others.

Part of your pre-vacation preparation might include developing a vacation manual for your fill-in. Both Hemphill and Collie favor detailed vacation manuals for every employee, but Collie insightfully comments that "many people feel vulnerable if someone else knows how to do their job." Hemphill further observes that the dearth of job descriptions in many companies would constrain even the best vacation-manual writer.

Collie wants employers to do their part; as he outlines in "Winning Under Fire: Turn Stress into Success The U.S. Army Way" (McGraw-Hill, \$16.95):

-- postpone discussion about changes in a person's work until after the vacation. New work at the 11 (th) hour probably won't be completed, and, once on vacation, the employee may stew over the change, with no one to minimize anxiety.

-- Put yourself in the employee's shoes. Distribute some of the work so that the employee returns to an empty inbox and time to return calls and e-mails.

-- Give each employee a half- or full-day off to tie up loose ends at home the day before leaving.

-- Two weeks before, have the employee list the priorities he's set for himself in the



Dale Collie gives tips for vacation preparations for covering your workload.

office and reestablish priorities, if necessary.

-- Schedule a post-vacation catch-up meeting.

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LIVONIA CITY HALL
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3rd Floor
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Livonia, MI 48154

734-466-2530
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Pulte Homes - Michigan Division

ATTN: Tom Hennessy

26622 Woodward, Suite 110

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FAX: (248) 414-7049

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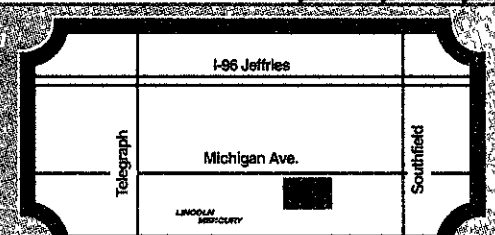
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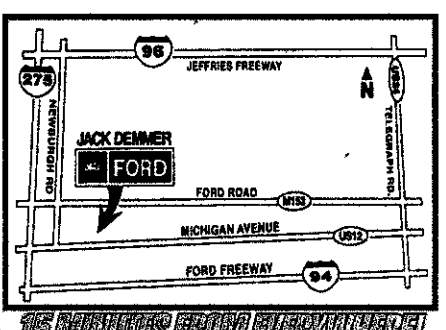


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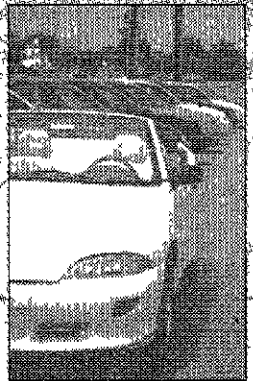
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2005 Honda Odyssey: we moms sacrifice nothing with this minivan

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I don't like the perception of a mom who picks a vehicle just because she's got to haul kids around town.

But Honda is slowly changing my mind with the 2005 Odyssey. It still looks like a minivan, but inside is a whole different animal.

With Odyssey, you're not sacrificing comfort or style of functionality in the face of having tons of seats for the kids. The driver's cockpit alone makes you feel like you're special and deserving of more. This isn't basic transportation to get you from point A to point B.

On the outside, the Odyssey has been redesigned and improved tremendously. There are new headlamps, a restyled front end, power sliding doors with roll-down windows, power moon roof, power tailgate and parking sensors that beep when you get too close to an object.

By the way, the sensors are so well hidden that I had to search for them.

Wheel covers are attractive and stylish and the sleek, clean look is very well detailed. The front end is more aggressive as well.

On the inside, you'll find more creature comforts than any other minivan. In fact, at the Odyssey's highest trim level, you could almost call in a luxury minivan, if the term even exists.

The instrumentation is very well planned and executed. There are storage bins everywhere. Honda included a satellite-linked navigation system with voice recognition that will virtually never have you lost again. What's more is that it's one of the easiest navigation systems to use. You won't have to pull out the manual to understand it. A kid could operate it without a lot of fuss.

And, of course, for the kids, there's a DVD rear entertainment system. You have control of what they watch because the DVD input slot is at the



2005 Honda Odyssey. Vehicle type: Minivan. Power: 3.5 liter V-6 engine. Price: \$26,000.

bottom of the center console. But they have control of sound level and quality and it also comes with wireless headphones. You can listen to your music offerings and the kids can still watch a movie.

The stereo has XM Satellite radio capabilities, which makes me happy as a lark. From Radio Disney to all talk or full-time weather and traffic updates, XM radio comes in handy.

There are steering-wheel-mounted controls too.

The front seats are very comfortable and the second-row seats are deeply padded. The third seat is a 60/40 split that can fold flat into the floor, which makes loading your cargo easy as pie. The second row seat is also removable and it has a Lazy Susan in the floor that allows you to have even more storage options.

The heating and cooling system is very sophisticated and has three zones climate control that can be manually operated or set on automatic and forgotten. You can set the precise temperature and leave it.

Another innovative idea put into action is the removable second-row center console that adds even more storage space capabilities. There are cupholders throughout the cabin and the power tailgate is a joy to operate when you're in a snowstorm with a basket full of groceries. The tailgate pop up high and protects you from the elements

while you load your cargo.

There are power adjustable gas and brake pedals and a two-position memory for the driver's seat. In the rear seats there are power outlets that the kids can use for video games or anything else electronic they want to use.

On the touring model, on board is the Michelin PAX System, which allows you to keep on traveling at 50 mph for up to 125 miles after you puncture your tire. The run-flat technology is the best I've seen yet.

Under the hood, you'll find a 3.5-liter I-VTEC V6 engine that promises and delivers 255 horsepower. It has great acceleration capabilities and wonderful handling characteristics.

Safety issues are taken care of nicely with front air bags, front side airbags and three-row side curtain airbags with rollover sensors. The front end is structured to absorb crash energy to help protect occupants.

What it comes down to is the fact that you don't feel like you're in a minivan until you look at it from the outside. You feel like you're more or less in a luxury vehicle instead. Go take a look. You'll be pleased with what you see.

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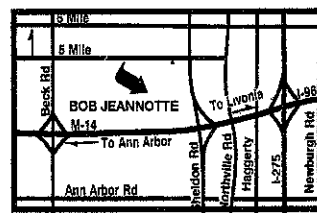
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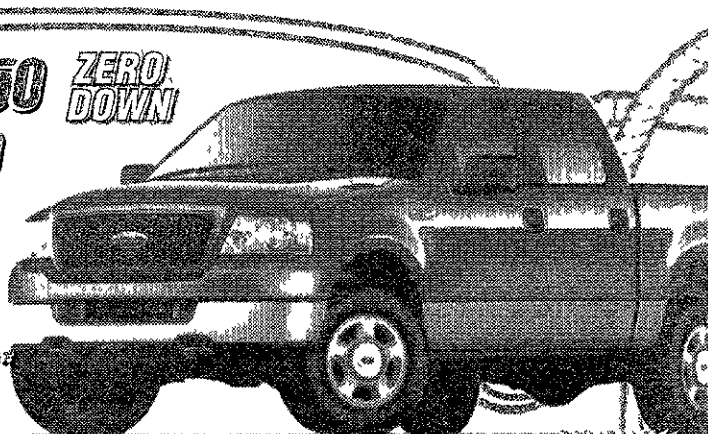
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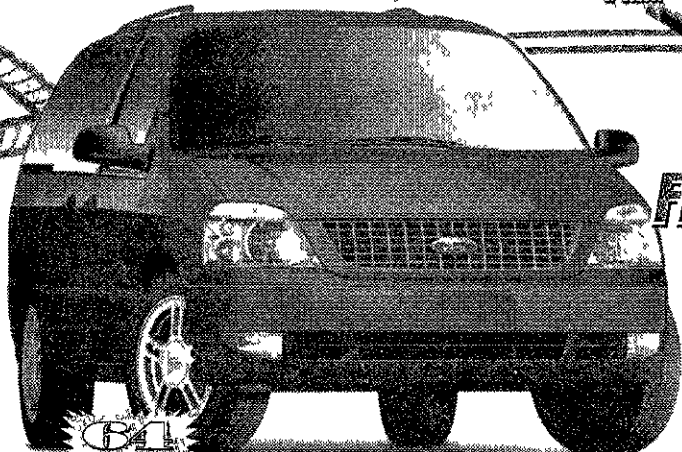
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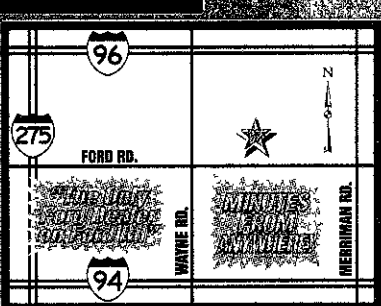


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