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Wal-Mart moving forward on second, larger Canton store

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wal-Mart has renewed its interest in building a 176,000-square-foot Supercenter on 19 acres of land along Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

The 18-month site plan which was approved by the Canton Township Board of Trustees on June 26, 2007, expired on Dec. 26. However, after a request by Wal-Mart officials, trustees gave unanimous reapproval of the

original site plans Tuesday night.

"Concurrently, they're already working on a new site plan," said Tim Faas, the township's municipal services director. "It doesn't change the building footprint a lot, but it does change some of the architecture on the façade because they have a new standard."

"Sometime between March and July we'll see demolition of the buildings (an old cement plant) on the property and they're going to start the permitting process for the

storm water work on the site," he said. "They wouldn't be spending the money if they weren't ready to begin the project."

Faas said the Wal-Mart Supercenter, which will include a full-service grocery store, is about 50 percent bigger than the Wal-Mart at Ford and Lotz roads. The store has two main entrances and a garden center entrance. A fully enclosed garden center completely hides the bulk and rack storage along the Belleville Road with a full brick façade.

Faas said Wal-Mart is also in the process of architectural exterior changes to the Ford Road store. Oddly enough, the new look on Ford Road will be what trustees approved Tuesday night. The Supercenter will come with Wal-Mart's newest design.

Trustee John Anthony liked the fact Wal-Mart is building when many communities have seen their commercial projects come to a halt because of the economy.

"I think that says something about Canton," Anthony said. "Obviously,

the corporation did their homework. They wouldn't build a facility this large unless they were confident it would make money for them. The housing market has dried up, but commercial development along Michigan Avenue is ideal, with Meijer also coming. They will be great anchors to Michigan Avenue."

Meijer, which has a store at Ford and Canton Center roads, has also announced plans to build a second store at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor.

Convicted killer in beheading case seeks a new trial

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jean Pierre Orlewicz, the 18-year-old Plymouth Township resident convicted last year of killing and beheading a River Rouge man in a Canton garage, finds out next month whether he'll get another day in court.

Orlewicz, sentenced to life in prison without parole for killing and dismembering the body of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, is scheduled to appear before Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow in a motion hearing set for Feb. 13.

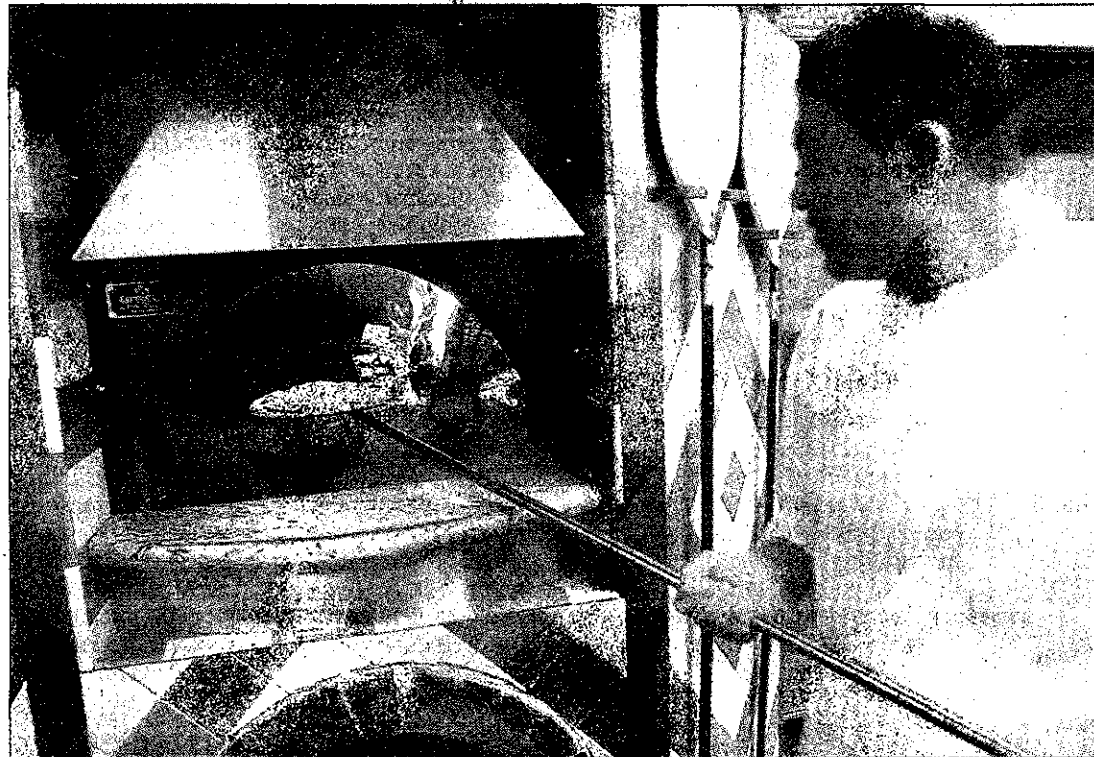
The hearing, designed to seek a new trial for Orlewicz, reportedly will include testimony from a defense expert. However, Detroit attorney Elizabeth Jacobs, who is handling Orlewicz's appeal, declined to discuss the hearing in any detail, other than to confirm the date. Likewise Maria Miller, spokesperson for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, declined comment, citing a policy of not talking about cases on appeal.

Orlewicz was convicted in April 2008 in the November 2007 death of Sorensen, who died in the garage of Orlewicz's grandfather, a Canton resident. Orlewicz then beheaded Sorensen, burned his fingertips in an attempt to prevent identification and dumped the body in a Northville field. The body was later identified by a fingerprint not destroyed in the burning.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy at the time labeled the killing a "thrill kill," a label thought prejudicial by Orlewicz's attorneys, who said the killing was done in self-defense. The jury didn't buy it, instead depending largely on the testimony of Alexander Letkemann of Westland, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony. Letkemann is serving a 20- to 30-year sentence.

A third teen, Isam Ayyash, who helped Orlewicz load Sorensen's body onto a truck, was granted immunity in exchange for his testimony. No one else has been charged in the case.

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Kal Aranki pulls a freshly baked pizza from the wood-fired oven.

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The hotter the better

New pizzeria's wood oven is key for authentic Italian pies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you order a pizza from Pizza Sicily on Ford Road in Canton, you'd better be ready to eat within minutes of placing your order.

Owner Kal Aranki bakes his pizzas in wood ovens with temperatures that can reach 1,200 degrees.

"It takes 2½ minutes, even for a large pizza," said Aranki, 39. "It's so hot in there, but it doesn't burn the pizza. It stays nice and moist from the inside and on the outside there's a nice shell."

Aranki — who was born in Amman, Jordan, and grew up in Warren — opened his first Pizza Sicily after moving to Amman. Following eight successful years in Jordan, he is hoping for the same success in Canton, which he now calls home.

"I learned how to make pizza in Italy before opening my pizzeria in Amman for eight years," Aranki said.

Aranki said he goes through nearly 200 pounds of wood a day to feed the oven.

"We use hardwood like cherry, oak and lemon," he said. "It gives you the most heat. The hotter



Pizza Sicily owner Kal Aranki hand-tosses his made from scratch pizza dough.

the oven the better the pizza.

"We don't use any pans, so you eliminate the grease," Aranki added. "And the bottom and top of the pizza will cook simultaneously in the wood oven. In a regular oven, the pan has to heat first before the pizza starts cooking on the bottom, while the top is already being cooked."

The dough is made from scratch daily, while fresh tomatoes are used to make the sauce. And Aranki makes his own hot sauce, with the emphasis on "hot."

Aranki's sister, Emme Saadeh

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of St. Paul, Minn., has been visiting the past week.

"I don't even eat pizza, but I love Kal's pizza," Saadeh said. "There's just enough tomato flavor, it's not overwhelming, and the crust is just the right thickness."

Pizza Sicily also serves Italian sausage, lasagna, Buffalo wings, hamburgers, gyros and desserts. It's open from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 3-10 p.m. Sunday.

Aranki has owned his own service station and worked construction. But from the smile on his face, it's easy to see that making pizzas is his love.

"I like when people come in and say the pizza is excellent," Aranki said. "I've had people go home with their pizza and within a half hour call me back and say, 'It's unbelievable.' I've even had Italians come here and say it's the same pizza they had while in Italy."

Beloved teacher succumbs to breast cancer

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Angie Lipford loved her three sons — Matthew, 23, David, 21, and Daniel, 17 — family, friends and life.

But what really kept her going the past five years while battling breast cancer was her special education students at Discovery Middle School.

Lipford never complained about the deadly disease which buried itself in her bones and liver. Not even Saturday morning, when she passed away at the age of 47 with her family at her bedside.

"No one will ever know how much she suffered because she was just so darn independent in that way," David Lipford, of Canton, said at his mother's memorial Tuesday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. "I only knew positive times with her. She would come home and talk to me with such a huge smile on her face about what happened that day in class. It made me so happy that she found something so meaningful to her."

Angie Lipford always wanted to be more than just her students' teacher. She wanted them to know they really mattered and wanted to do whatever she could for them. That's how Janelle Hansen of Canton remembers Angie Lipford.

"She was a great lady who always went above and beyond, which didn't stop at the classroom," said Hansen, whose son Drew, 18, had Lipford while a middle school student. "Several times she would come to outside activities, like Special Olympics, to encourage him. When Drew took therapeutic horseback riding, she came and took pictures, put them into a book and wrote a story about what he did to help him process and understand the whole event. She was incredible."

Lipford found her niche late in life, getting her degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She immediately began teaching at Discovery.

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Angie Lipford with sons Matthew, David and Daniel.

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Coming Sunday:
Why Lincoln still matters

Committee appointments

Local state Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, were tapped for key House committee positions. Slavens will serve as vice chair of the House Senior Health, Security and Retirement Committee and Corriveau will serve as chair of the House Health Policy Committee.

"I am eager to put my background in the health care field to good use for the people of Michigan," said Slavens, who worked as a respiratory therapist at Henry Ford Hospital before joining the House. "I've seen firsthand the damage that is done when our seniors — some of our most vulnerable residents — don't have access to quality health care. I will work to fix what is broken to make sure that our seniors can enjoy their retirement in peace, security and good health."

Slavens also was appointed to the Ethics and Elections Committee, Families and Children's Services Committee, and Healthy Policy Committee.

In addition to serving as chair of the House Health Policy Committee, Corriveau also was appointed to the Education Committee, Government Operations Committee and Judiciary Committee.

"During my first term I worked on getting the groundwork laid for health care reform, and I am looking forward to building on what we began," Corriveau said. "We need real reform for Michigan's health care system — not band aids that will do nothing more than cover up the serious problems we're facing. We're going to hit the ground running to make sure we bring about the change we need to get Michigan's health care system back on track."

Slavens is inviting residents to join her at her first coffee hour to enjoy a cup of coffee and share their ideas and concerns. The coffee hour is set for Monday, Feb. 2, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Slavens is the new State Representative for the 21st House District, which covers Canton Township,

Van Buren Township and Belleville.

Outdoor ice rink

Canton's Flodin Park now has an outdoor 40 foot by 40 foot ice rink for skating. There is no charge to access this outdoor rink, which is currently available as weather permits daily from sun up until sun down on the south east corner of the park, which is located on Saltz Road, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. The ice will also be refreshed as weather permits.

For more information on Flodin Park and any of its amenities, including this seasonal ice rink, call Canton Parks Office at (734) 394-5310 or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

Canton Newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the Canton Newcomers might just be for you. No matter how long you have lived in the Canton area — you are invited to join. The Newcomers are a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with other local residents and the Canton community. All are welcome to join.

The group's next monthly adult general meeting will be held at 7:15, Feb. 4, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). The evening will include socializing, neighbor introductions, sign ups for our more than 20 interest group activities (Playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need.

The meeting will include dinner and a special local speaker. If you would like more information, or receive a complementary copy of the group's newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School is hosting an open house on Thursday, Feb. 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3 year old preschool through sixth grade classes including all day kindergarten and half day Young Fives. St. Michael Christian School provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly Chapel Service led by the pastoral staff.

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720, or visit their Web site at www.stmichael-church.org.

Salem football alumni

If you ever played football for Salem High School, a



Swing City Big Band to release CD

The Swing City Big Band, which is comprised of local musicians, will be hosting a CD release party from 7-11 p.m., Feb. 4 at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill Road. Live music will be performed from 7:30-8:30 p.m. There is no cover charge, and there will be drink specials all night. Comprised of professional musicians from all over the metro area, this 18-piece performance band specializes in dance music of all styles, including big band and salsa. To RSVP via e-mail to be put on the VIP guest list and receive a free CD, e-mail jim@swingcitybigband.com. For more information, visit swingcitybigband.com.

group of alumni would love to hear from you. The Salem Linebackers Booster Club will be hosting a dinner (date and time to be determined) with all Salem alumni invited. They would like to know your name, year graduated, phone number, address and e-mail.

E-mail or call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

The Salem Linebackers Booster Club is also assembling a team of former, current and future high school band members from any school to play at Salem Rocks home (and possibly away) games. This is open to anyone who can play an instrument and would be interested in joining the group in the stands at the Salem Rocks football games. No marching required. For more information, contact Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

Canton's Home Expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This year's Expo many home improvement-related businesses, including interior decorating, landscaping, flooring, plumbing, kitchen repairs, and deck companies, as well as home financing businesses.

How-to workshops will be held all weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to installing brick pavers, crown moldings and ceramic tile and 15 minute mini-workshops, targeted to home owners, homeowner associations and businesses, will also be held on a wide range of topics including detention pond maintenance,

home security, safety tips, property standards, and tree and landscaping maintenance. The mini-workshops will be held in the Parkview Room and a full list of topics and start times will be made available to all Expo attendees.

A hands-on children's project center will be available for kids of all ages to construct projects made from wood donated by Home Depot. A special guest appearance will be made by Murray Gula, host of Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team on WXYZ-TV Detroit and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" will be broadcasting his 1600 WAAM talk radio program live from the Expo. Multiple raffles will also be held throughout the weekend and refreshments will be available during the entire event.

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download workshop and mini-workshop schedules visit www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200.

Arts and crafts exhibitors wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 14. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth

High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, more than 6,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fund-raisers we host each year," stated Dennis Carnevale, president of the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the concert and marching bands, color guard and percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our craft shows have built a reputation for being some of the best run arts and craft events in the area."

For more information, visit www.pcmb.net.

Divorce support group

DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road, Canton) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Child care and children ministries programs are provided. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

This is a safe place where confidentiality is required. If you are divorced, separated, or considering either, this could be a good fit for you.

For more information, call Tony and Jean Laughter at (734) 981-1767.

'Hilarity for Charity'

The homeless fund-raiser "Hilarity for Charity" will take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 6, at the Village Theater in Canton. The event will feature appetizers, a cash bar, two stand up comedians, and a premier for a short comedic film. It is a family friendly night with 100 percent of ticket sales going straight to benefit the homeless of downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$25 for a student and \$40 for everyone else. If interested tickets can be purchased by calling (248)-473-2000 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or through the Summit on the Park by calling (734)-394-5460. Cash, Visa, and MasterCard are all accepted.

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ASPHALT PAVING REPLACEMENT FLODIN PARK TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 16, 2008 @ NOON. TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 @ NOON.

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The Canton Police Department is requesting the help of the public in identifying these two women seen in a surveillance video using a stolen credit card to purchase items at Wal-Mart in Canton on Jan. 12.

Police trying to track down credit card bandits

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township police are trying to determine the identities of two women who reportedly used a credit card stolen from a purse Jan. 12 at Gallimore Elementary School.

The pair reportedly used the credit card on the same day to purchase items at Wal-Mart in Canton.

"We're working closely with the schools to try and identify them," said Sgt. Debra Newsome. "As far as we can tell they aren't employees of the school district."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Community Relations Frank Ruggirello said police are investigating the theft of credit cards and money from four schools in the district - including Allen Elementary and Pioneer Middle School in

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"She loved her kids, and individualized her teaching as much as she could to get them to be as good as they could," Discovery Principal Roche LaVictor said. "She never complained about her cancer. She was a pillar of strength around here."

Even after she was diagnosed with cancer, Angie Lipford participated in a couple of 60-mile breast cancer walks.

"When you have cancer, you are angry, and this is a way you can fight back," Lipford said in 2007. "After the initial shock, you realize you have to fight this, and walking in the 3-Day is therapeutic. I'm scared to death, but you pray a lot and have to have hope."

Lipford taught until the Christmas break and used much of her remaining time with her mother and three sons.

Mary Mason of Canton was a student teacher with Lipford for 1½ years and planned a bowling fund-raiser for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Super Bowl in Canton to help raise money for Lipford. Mason says the event will go on, with proceeds going to help her sons, who lived with her.

"She was a strong advocate for her kids," Mason said. "It wasn't about her, it was about what she could do to make them successful in life."

W-W union, district close to ending contract dispute

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The contract dispute involving the Wayne-Westland school board and the Wayne-Westland Education Association could come to a close by next week, if both sides ratify an agreement hammered during fact-finding.

In an e-mail sent late last week, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission announced that "as the result of intense negotiations, the parties have arrived at a proposal that will be voted on shortly by the Wayne-Westland Board of Education and members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association. If ratified, it will settle the current contract dispute."

Because of a gag order imposed by an administrative law judge in October at the start of expedited fact-finding, the two sides declined to comment on the proposed settlement agreement. According to the MERC statement, "more information will be available once the proposal has been ratified by the parties."

"We are still covered under the interim agreement and no information will be available until after the (school) board ratifies," noted Evelyn Baran, Michigan Education Association UniServe director for the WWEA.

Likewise, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy would only say that the proposed settlement agreement "must be ratified by both sides."

"Once it's ratified by both sides, the contract will come into effect," he said.

The *Observer* has learned that union members were told about the proposed settlement agreement at a meeting Monday evening and that a ratification vote will take place later this week.

Baracy said a special school board meeting will be called for early next week for the school board to vote, if union members approve the agreement.

Approval of the proposed agreement would bring to an end a contentious negotiating process that saw schools closed for four days in October while teachers walked the picket line. The strike was the first one outside of the city of Detroit since 1994.

The illegal strike prompted the school board to vote to draw up procedures for disciplining the striking teachers, a move that angered parents sympathetic to the union's call for smaller class sizes. As a result, a recall effort, led by Wayne resident Shawn Maxwell, was launched against two board members, Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit.

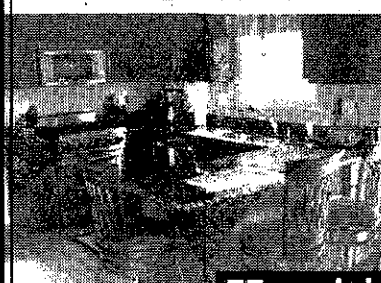
The district also has had to adjust the school calendar to make up the four days lost because of the strike. The mid-winter recess in February, normally one-week long, has been shortened to two days, Feb. 16-17, and two half days at the end of the school year have been changed to full days of school.

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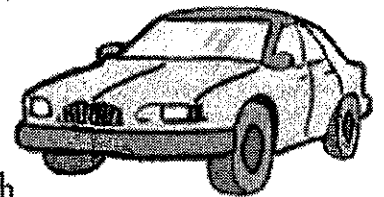
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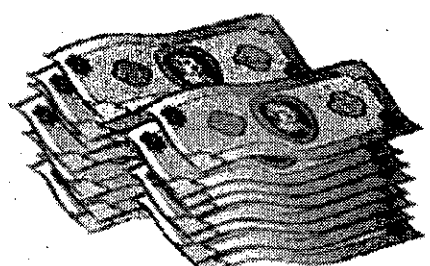
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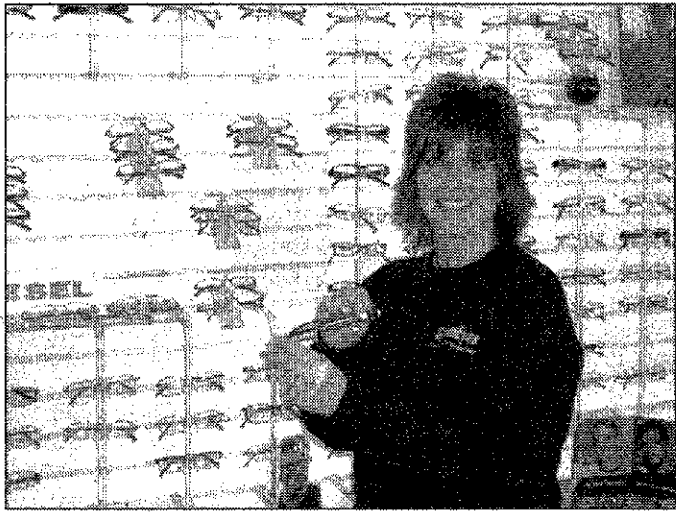
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Today's Health

The road to a new you.



The latest trends in eyewear fashion

BY AMY SKIMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're ready to try a new look for the new year, don't forget about your eyes. A new pair of glasses can offer you a quick style upgrade while improving your vision.

This year, rectangular frames are big, with designs around the temples for women and a heavier, European look for men, according to Lisa Dubuis of Henry Ford OptiEyes in South Lyon (pictured above).

A popular new line of frames for men is the Randy Jackson collection, designed by the "American Idol" judge for which it was named.

"That's the latest one that we just got in," Dubuis said.

The list of popular women's brands reads like an inventory of designer handbags, with names like Juicy Couture, Valentino, Bebe, BCBG and Kate Spade.

Dubuis expects the big styles now will stay popular for a while — "at least a couple of years," she said.

Of course, it's also important to take into account what will look good with your

facial shape. Dubuis said a good rule of thumb is to look at frames opposite the shape of your face. A person with a round face, for example, would best be able to pull off rectangular frames.

Also remember to take skin tone and facial size into account when selecting new glasses. You don't want to pick a frame in a color that will wash you out or in a size that will look too big or too small.

If you can't figure out what looks best on you, just ask. Dubuis and other employees are there to help.

While you're thinking about new glasses, don't forget to protect your eyes from the sun with a new pair of sunglasses. As well as looking stylish, sunglasses also shield eyes from harmful UV rays.

Exposure to UV rays from sunlight has been associated with the development of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

This year, bigger is definitely better when it comes to stylish frames, especially for women. Expect to see a lot of over-sized, plastic frames both in stores and out on the street.

Revolutionary heart care

New equipment treats heart attacks below patient reaches hospital doors

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are the nation's No. 1 killer, according to the American Heart Association.

Annually, more than 500,000 patients are admitted to emergency rooms suffering from heart attacks nationwide.

When the time comes for immediate treatment, Garden City Hospital's Emergency Services staff is standing by, trained in effective treatment methods that can save your life.

Current procedures involves opening up a blocked coronary artery with a balloon-tipped catheter and should be performed in 90 minutes. Today, only 32 percent of patients are treated effectively within that timeframe, the American Heart Association reports.

Garden City Hospital's emergency department acknowledged this reality and purchased a new telehealth system, CAREpoint EMS Workstation with Rosetta™ Lt 12-Lead ECG capability — high-end equipment to expedite the diagnosis and treatment of heart attacks before a patient even reaches the hospital doors. The hospital will introduce this equipment to its patients Feb. 2.

"This technology will allow us to bridge the gap from when

a patient is in the ambulance to when they enter the emergency department," said Barb Coldren, Emergency Services Director. "The pre-hospital 12-Lead ECG data sent from EMS will help the physicians within the emergency department determine the best treatment path for the patient while en route to the hospital, therefore decreasing door-to-balloon time, and ultimately mortality."

When EMS responds to an individual experiencing chest pain, they will now have the Rosetta 12-Lead ECG to transmit patient information instantly to the CAREpoint EMS workstation housed in Garden City Hospital's emergency department. While in the ambulance, patients will be hooked up with ECG leads and live, streaming ECG transmissions will be sent directly to the hospital. This

will allow physicians to confirm a heart attack diagnosis and ready the cath lab prior to the patient arriving.

"We believe that this system will change the way patients view emergency care," Coldren said. "Patients are used to receiving care when they enter the emergency room. This technology will allow emergency physicians to begin caring for them, before they even meet."

Make it a point to maintain a healthy heart, with smart nutrition choices, good fitness habits and regular medical check-ups this year and the next.

If you're in need of treatment and don't know where to begin, Garden City Hospital offers a range of non-invasive and invasive procedures, where expert staff is on-hand to assess your needs and provide you the utmost in special-

ized care.

The hospital features a state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Lab for invasive procedures, including placement of pacemakers, implantable loop recorders (ILR) and implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD) and cardioversion.

Non-invasive tests — including electrocardiogram (ECG), a variety of stress testing options, echocardiogram, transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) and tilt table test — are performed every day on patients from across Metro Detroit.

Health education is just as important as seeking treatment for those with heart needs. The American Heart Association recently reported that heart failure patients who participated in exercise training quickly improved their quality of life.

Community Assistance Pricing 'caps' emergency medical costs during hard times

Today, healthcare is more expensive than ever, making it more difficult to stay healthy.

But don't sacrifice your well-being because you're worried about the bills — check out the Community Assistance Pricing program at Garden City Hospital's emergency department, so you don't have to choose between your family's health and your budget.

If you pay the same day you're treated, Garden City Hospital will "cap" your

emergency department charge at \$300 — no matter what emergency services you receive or tests and procedures you have.

The result is hundreds of dollars in savings on each emergency visit.

During tough economic times, many people decide to put off procedures because they can't afford them, hurting the health of our economy.

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Update your smile

BY MIKE HOGAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Most New Years resolutions have something to do with looking or feeling better, but it can be hard to know where to start.

Local dentists think good health starts with the mouth. Visiting your dentist can have a great impact on both your health and your appearance.

Looking to improve your smile? Teeth whitening is now so commonplace that whitening kits of all prices and varieties can be found local supermarkets.

But for a more professional look, cosmetic dentists offer more effective ways to brighten smiles.

Dr. John Halmaghi in Southfield is fully certified in whitening techniques, like BriteSmile.

"It can last up to two years, assuming (the patient) takes care of their teeth," Halmaghi said.

Halmaghi applies a painless, light-sensitive gel to the teeth. He then uses a special BriteSmile light to activate the gel. The whole process takes just over an hour. A patient can even have the process completed on the same day as a consult. After a few follow-up processes at home, a patient can see results within a few weeks.

But how white is too white? "If your teeth are transparent, you've gone too far," said Dr. Richard S. Bernstein, Farmington Hills.

Bernstein is an expert in the business of designing smiles. Bernstein believes each smile should be as unique as the person using it.

"One size does not fit all," Bernstein said. "I follow certain principles that will bring a more pleasing nature. It's an art when you're doing this."

Bernstein is a member of the American Society for Dental Aesthetics, an organization built around the idea

PHOTO BY MIKE HOGAN

At-home whitening kits are available at most supermarkets, but cosmetic dentistry processes are more effective.

that teeth should not only be healthy, but they should also be pleasing to the eye. He is the only member who operates in Michigan.

Designing a smile usually involves shaping the teeth to help them have a proportional nature. In addition to shaping and using veneers, Bernstein also provides Invisalign, the popular, nearly invisible alternative to braces.

Invisalign uses a series of molds that are replaced every two weeks. The molds are expertly made of acrylic and use pressure points to quickly and painlessly set teeth straight. Best of all, Invisalign molds are virtually unnoticeable.

Visiting the dentist isn't just

about how you look, as many dentists like Bernstein will say. A regular checkup can keep the whole body healthy, just by preventing the growth of gum disease. Bacteria from gum disease can easily travel into the rest of your body.

"Once you have gum disease, you never get rid of it," Bernstein warned.

"You can only maintain it."

Children as early as age seven should be seen by an orthodontist to evaluate if changes in the child's skeletal (jaw) pattern are needed, the American Association of Orthodontics recommends.

Between improving your appearance and your health, a new you is just one dentist appointment away.

Reverse mortgage may help some seniors meet expenses

No one segment of society is immune to the current economic turmoil. However, one population more affected than others is senior citizens.

Seniors are always one of the most vulnerable because they typically do not have many options. For example, for seniors who are retired, it is very difficult to get back into the workforce.

One option they do have is a reverse mortgage which are generally for people 62 years and older. A reverse mortgage allows one to use the equity in his/her home during their lifetime. Reverse mortgages are not for everyone, however, they do



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

mortgage on the existing property or to cover living expenses.

The bottom line is the customer (senior citizen) decides how to use the

provide opportunities for seniors in certain situations.

It is important to understand the terms of a reverse mortgage. In a typical case, the homeowner receives a set amount of money from the mortgage company. The money can be used to pay off a

money.

The reverse mortgage has an interest factor but unlike a traditional mortgage there is no monthly payment. The reverse mortgage is due either upon death of husband and wife or upon sale. What's nice about a reverse mortgage is there is no liability for your loved one. If, upon your death the reverse mortgage balance is greater than the value of your home, the mortgage company can take the home. It cannot seek payments from your loved ones. If the reverse mortgage is worth less than the property, the house could be sold, the reverse mortgage paid off, and the balance

paid to the beneficiaries.

The key to remember about a reverse mortgage is that during your lifetime you can stay in your house for as long as you want and you do not have to make any payments.

During the boom in the real estate market, many people were using reverse mortgages to buy second homes, take vacations, or even pay for a grandchild's college. In today's economy, reverse mortgages are most often used to provide a cash flow for seniors so they can continue to maintain their lifestyle.

In today's market of falling real estate prices, the value of a reverse

mortgage is not as great as it used to be. However, it still can be an effective vehicle to help seniors cover living expenses.

Reverse mortgages have fees so it's important to shop around. Take the time to understand the terms and how it works. An informed decision will guarantee you do the right thing.

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Even maligned squirrels have their place in nature

Every now and then someone writes a request for a master plan on how to banish squirrels from their suburban yard. Others are more extreme, "I wish I could kill them," behaving as if squirrels that express their acrobatic antics at bird feeders have morphed into saber-toothed beasts.

Something puzzles me. The squirrels that are the subject of that disproportionate anguish and anger are not red squirrels, those energized hyperactive rodents that chew holes in roof eaves and host wild-winter, pitter-pattering, nut-gnawing chit-chattering all night attic



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

squirrels in our county: OAK-land. And I hope you noticed the emphasis on OAK in Oakland. Oaks mean acorns. Acorns means squirrels. And

parties. The offenders are almost always black squirrels, which are actually gray squirrels.

Confused? Take a breath, grab that coffee and settle back down for a winter's morning ramble on

the survival instincts and learned behavior of squirrels have made them masters of their art:

Raiding easy pickings at bird feeders. Darwin would look back and smile. And I could end this ramble here and simply say, "Accept squirrels!" I won't.

Gray squirrels are generally a silvery gray color, and are the squirrels that the Red Coats noted in the lofty tree tops as they marched on the rebellious colonists. All sides in the Revolutionary War feasted on squirrel stew. My neighbor still does. Gray squirrels have a strong preference for oak forest and dense woods. The

"black squirrel" is simply a melanistic phase of the gray.

Red squirrels are small, but larger than a chipmunk. These vocal squirrels chatter warnings of danger and have a preference for pine cones and other conifer cones. With a reddish back and a white belly and their mastery at tunneling through snow and lightning fast grab and stash feeder hits they are a pleasure to watch.

Time for me to scatter sunflower seeds, nuts and apple cores. And, if birds want to visit my feeder that welcomes all, that's just fine with me. Birds have to accept the social interspecies hierarchy of

manipulated ways in our not so wild kingdom of squirrels. And fresh coyote tracks near the feeder remind me coyotes love all gluttonous feeder-addicted squirrel species as a

winter day's entree. Perhaps they taste like furry chicken.

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OUR VIEWS

Updating cell block area will improve safety for officers

If you are unfortunate enough to have to take a walk through the Canton Police Department's cell block area (either voluntarily or involuntarily), you will realize very quickly that it's not exactly the Ramada Inn. You will also realize it's not a very large area for a department that is expected to arrest and book more than 4,000 people this year.

According to Canton police officials, the department and the community have outgrown the cell block area. After a little walk through it, it's pretty clear it has become insufficient. Cells meant for a handful of people have become overcrowded, especially after busy weekends when detainees are booked and must be kept for several days before being arraigned or shipped over to the Wayne County jail. Oftentimes, detainees are shackled to a wall side-by-side in a cramped waiting area before they can be booked and processed, because there is such a backup.

It just isn't a safe situation, either for the detainees, or the officers and other department employees who work in the area.

The numbers tell the story. In 1985, when the department processed 931 arrests, the cell block served its purpose. Last year, however, there were 3,811 arrests, and police officials are expecting the number to exceed 4,000 in 2009.

That's why it makes sense for Canton's elected officials to approve a proposed renovation of the cell block area at a cost of \$754,000. According to police department officials, the renovation would increase the lock up capacity from its current 30 to 56 prisoners. It will also expand the booking area where mug shots and fingerprints are done to make it safer for employees (and detainees).

The cost is also a lot less than the more than \$2 million expansion project an architect recommended the department make to the cell block area. Public Safety Director John Santomauro and other police officials deserve credit for shooting down that proposal and recognizing our poor economic climate is not a time to initiate major spending projects.

However, the police department (and the township) has an obligation to maintain a safe environment for Canton's police officers and civilian employees. A cramped and crowded cell block, where prisoners are not exactly happy or oftentimes even sober, is not a safe environment for any employee. It is also not a safe environment for the prisoners who are locked up. If something were to happen to one of them because of the cramped conditions, the township could be liable for damages that far exceed the cost of the proposed renovation.

Canton officials need to find the right funding mechanism, whether through a bond or by using general fund dollars, to get this project done. To wait could be much more costly, and frankly would be neglecting Canton's responsibility to some of its most respected public servants.

Consider running for school board

If you're considering running for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, you don't have as long as you might think to make the decision.

And if you're not thinking about it, maybe you should. The filing deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 10. That gives prospective board members just 12 days to answer this basic question: Do I want to have a role in determining the course of our schools?

Historically, there isn't a whole lot of interest in running for the board, particularly by Canton residents who happen to reside in the district. More than 2,000 Canton students attend Wayne-Westland schools. It would be nice to see some Canton representation on the board of education. But traditionally, there aren't a lot of candidates. Interest in what happens on the board seems to increase when bad things happen, like last year's teachers strike.

And, judging by the annual vote totals, where the last few years' turnout has been less than 5 percent, there isn't a lot of interest in the school board ... period.

This always baffles us, because perhaps nowhere in elective government can an elected official affect more lives than on the school board. It's the one body that has control over the future of our most important asset, our children.

And in these tight economic times, the Wayne-Westland school board — along with school boards across the state — really faces huge challenges, particularly with its budget.

There's three seats up for grabs this year — those of incumbents Ed Turner and Steve Becher and the remainder of former board member Frederick Weaver's term. Shawna Walker is currently filling the position as a board appointee.

There are a lot of reasons not to run for the school board: I don't have the time; it's a big responsibility; I don't know anything about running a school district; the dog ate my filing application.

There is some truth in those reasons. Yes, it is a fact that serving on the school board is more than one meeting a month. There are committee meetings, school functions and the like that school board members attend. And, yes, there will be a learning curve for a newcomer; there is with any new job. As for the dog, let's leave Fido out it.

The truth is, not running is much easier than running. However, the one true reason for getting involved trumps all excuses for not: You can help determine the future of our children.



LETTERS

Teachers make a difference

I am writing in response to a recent editorial published on Jan. 15 ("Board misses point"). We cannot compare public education employees to private business. This would be like comparing apples and oranges.

It is unheard of in the private business to not only expect but to demand its employees to continue to take classes and pay for them without any help from the company. Private businesses who want their employees to continue their education to improve their work usually offer some type of repayment or financial support. Teachers are required to take classes throughout their careers and they are not reimbursed for this. They must continue taking classes to keep their jobs. This cost continues to increase and teachers wishing to keep their jobs must pay for this with their own money and their own personal time outside of work.

Furthermore, teachers pay out of their pockets for numerous items from pencils and paper to other school supplies which are not provided. As the budgets are cut and supplies limited, all teachers pay for items out of their own pockets to insure their students have the best education that they can provide. I have seen teachers provide school supplies, field trip money, lunch money, clothing, money for dental and medical bills and many other expenses that come up. For this they are not compensated. They do this out of the goodness of their hearts. I doubt if people in the private sector pay for their own office supplies to do the basic work they are required.

I've been a teacher for more than 20 years and have always been frustrated that I made significantly less money than my friends and family members. I had more education and yet made one-third to one-fourth of the salaries many of them made because they were in the private sector. I was working to teach children to read, write, and become productive citizens. Is this not an awesome responsibility? Is this not worth something of value? Teachers make a difference one day and one student at a time.

I disagree with making struggling teachers take pay cuts and cuts to their benefits. Teachers are already making contributions that most people don't even realize or appreciate.

Joyce Napier
Canton

general. Then he reaffirmed that unborn children will continue to be terminated without regard.

Is this the change that 60 million of us had hoped for?

Walter James
Canton

Benefit was a success

A big thank you to all the workers, bakers and spaghetti makers and all the donors and eaters who were part of the spaghetti dinner fund-raiser of the family of David Jacobs, who passed away in December after succumbing to cancer. Other than one spaghetti plate hitting the floor everything went better than anyone of us could have hoped. As we talk about the problems in the world, the event was a great testimony to people gathering and working together to help someone. As David's family served the lunch, they were overwhelmed with the community support and the support of their church groups and friends.

Our area business people, local residents, friends of friends, many parishioners from St. Thomas a Becket, St. John Neumann and Roc Church and the caring people who did not even know the family who came out to show their support. Everyone's efforts brought in \$11,000 with over 1,000 people attending the benefit. Now that is a lot of pasta!

There is no way the Jacob family will be able to thank you all individually, but their gratitude is very apparent. They are thankful for your generosity but most of all for your support and your friendship.

Friends of the Jacob and Sielaff families

Salaries 'touchy'

I don't know if it was more amusing or pathetic that in a discussion of the attempt of the Plymouth-Canton Schools to balance its budget, that teacher salaries were described as a "touchy subject."

Given that it is difficult, at best, to get elected to the school board without the endorsement of the teacher's union, I guess it is not surprising that the subject is "touchy." I am confident that teacher salaries and benefits are the single biggest expense in the budget.

Good luck addressing a \$7 million deficit if your single biggest expense is virtually off-limits.

John J. Ronayne
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Plymouth

Reporter moves

As a longtime loyal *Plymouth Observer* reader/subscriber, I am absolutely amazed that your organization would remove Tony Bruscatto from his duties covering Plymouth and move him to Canton.

Tony is a quality journalist who doesn't miss a thing on his beat. He enjoyed Plymouth and it showed in all his stories. He is ethical, responsible and respected in this community. Everyone in town knows him. And he rarely, if ever, gets scooped.

While I have never supervised Tony or edited his copy, I just can't understand why he would be pulled off this beat. His institutional knowledge of the community could never be replaced.

Please tell me this decision will be reconsidered. If not, I'll reconsider whether it's worth my time and money to renew my subscription.

Phil Nussel
Plymouth

Doing the flip-flop

And the winner of the "no class" award goes to ... His Majesty ... the messiah ... President Obama.

Despite the comparisons that are being made between former President Bush and President Obama in the media where Bush is hated and Obama is the beloved, the fact is that at the outset of the Bush administration, the former president attended a Democrat retreat as a show of goodwill and to try to set the tone for bipartisanship in Washington. President Obama, on the other hand, is showing his "bipartisanship" with his own version of "it's my way or the highway" attitude.

The liberal Democrats have been Bush-bashing since his inauguration, complaining he spent too much money on his inauguration celebration while Obama has spent three times that amount and not a peep from the mainstream media about it.

In a recent Fox News story, Obama told Republican leaders at a meeting "you can't just listen to Rush Limbaugh and get things done." So what he was saying was; Republicans need to see things Obama's way. So much for tolerance of ideas!

Included in the Fox News article, in a meeting on the "stimulus" (read that as welfare programs, bailouts and more spending), Obama told Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., "I won. I will trump you on that." Cantor was objecting to Obama's "proposal to increase benefits for low-income workers who don't owe federal income taxes." In other words, Cantor was objecting to a government welfare program.

Obama's plan is sending us into a socialist-type government that we may not be able to come out of without a total collapse of the economy. Bush was no prize with his spending, but he at least made an effort to be bipartisan and stuck to his guns as to what he believed was right while Obama flip-flops on a daily basis.

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— David Fedewa, a physical education teacher at Dodson and Tonda elementary schools, discussing his role as an extra in 'Gran Torino,' a film directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, whom Fedewa had the chance to meet and talk golf with — the other love of his life

MEA: 'No story' in release of union e-mails by EAG

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Muskegon-based education watchdog group is claiming a victory in defense of the state's Freedom of Information Act after securing copies of e-mails sent and received by the president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, using a taxpayer-funded e-mail account.

The Michigan Education Association, the WWEA's parent group, however, contends that the Education Action Group Vice President Kyle Olson is just "trying to insert himself into a situation that, as a Muskegon resident, doesn't affect him."

It took two attempts under the Freedom of Information Act for Olson to obtain the e-mails from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The first attempt was blocked when the MEA obtained a temporary injunction until the merits of the request could be heard in court. Lacking funds, EAG dropped the request, but submitted a second one, addressing the objections the

union attorneys had stated in court. "Throughout contract negotiations with the school board, and during its illegal four-day strike last October, the teachers union maintained that it was battling over several fundamental issues, including staff health insurance coverage and class sizes," Olson said. "The e-mails strongly suggest that maintaining health coverage through MESSA, an expensive insurance carrier owned and operated by the MEA itself, was far-and-away the union's highest priority, just like it is in many other districts throughout the state currently dealing with labor unrest."

'TALKING POINT'

He added that the e-mails also suggested that class size may have been little more than a "talking point, or wedge issue," to gain the sympathy of parents and get the school board to budge on health insurance.

"Throughout the e-mails to and from union President Nancy Strachan, the continuation of MESSA insurance coverage is a frequent theme," he said. "That should

be of particular interest to taxpayers, because cash-strapped school boards throughout Michigan, including the Wayne-Westland board, have been looking for ways to dump MESSA and replace it with less expensive insurance coverage."

The MEA spokeswoman, Rosemary Carey, said "the e-mails simply reflect the president's daily e-mails to members regarding bargaining, insurance and class size."

"Kyle Olson insists that the issue of class size was not a real issue for the WWEA, but simply a ploy to get public support, yet, the bargaining note proves that class size was a major issue of discussion at every session," Carey said. "Olson keeps asking for information to prove his biased claims. However, all of the documentation is proving his claims to be nothing more than Olson's one-man show with a biased political agenda against MEA and MESSA."

According to Olson, one e-mail, urging Wayne-Westland teachers to contribute to the MEA's political action committee, says potential donors should consider everything

the union does for them, specifically noting salary, medical coverage, worker's compensation, length of the school year, and fighting privatization efforts.

"There was no mention of battling for smaller class sizes or improved student achievement," he said, adding that class size is mentioned a few times in the e-mails, "but with less vigor or determination."

'LITTLE USE FOR TRUTH'

Carey countered that Olson isn't interested in the information that compares the cost of the district's health insurance plan with the savings MESSA would bring. He also has little interest in the amount of money the district has spent on items that do not improve education like new buildings and Astroturf.

"But then that data would prove his claims to be false," she said. "He has little use for the truth."

EAG has posted most of the documents, minus duplications and insignificant material, on its Web site at www.educationactiongroup.org "for the residents of the Wayne-Westland

district, and other interested parties, to read."

The EAG's release of the e-mails comes at a time when the school district and the WWEA have reached a proposed settlement agreement. Union members are expected to vote on it this week, with the school board to meet in special session next week. The two sides have not commented on the agreement because of a gag order issued by an administrative law judge at the start of expedited fact-finding.

Carey finds it ironic that Olson FOIA'd the Wayne-Westland president's e-mails in the spirit of full disclosure, but refuses to disclose where his funding comes from.

"EAG has no credibility," she said. "It is a Republican front group. There is no story here, he is just looking to have his name in the news. He didn't find what he was looking for so now he's trying to fabricate news about bargaining. He's on a one-man campaign against MESSA and MEA."

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W-W taps fund equity to cover revenue losses

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the face of the state's sour economy, the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is continuing to use its fund equity to cover expenses.

The school board has approved a budget amendment in which the district

will use \$5 million of its fund equity to balance this year's budget, up slightly from what was proposed last June. The change is the result of a larger than expected drop in student enrollment coupled, a less than projected increase in state school aid and a decrease in local property taxes and interest income.

"Our ending fund balance will be \$7.9 million, that's what we thought it would be," said Gary Martin, deputy superintendent for administrative and business services. "It's 6.6 percent of expenditures which isn't where we'd like that to be."

According to Martin, the district will get \$1.8 million

less state school aid after losing 79 more students than projected and a per pupil increase in the formula that was less than anticipated. The district had budgeted for a \$130 per student increase, but received \$96, accounting for a \$450,000 loss.

Revenue also will be down about \$150,000 in the sinking

and debit retirement funds.

"That's due to property values being down, but both are still in good shape," Martin told the school board.

But the news wasn't all gloom and doom. Employee salaries and benefits are down \$1.3 million because of a higher than anticipated number of retirements. Additionally, the

district is getting \$124,000 in Medicaid Outreach and service fees, "and we're happy for that."

"We usually have 20-30 retirements, but it was up to 40 this year, so we saved on salaries," he said, adding that the cost containments put in place have helped.

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Canton man charged with setting fire to his own home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A 49-year-old Canton Township man has been charged with two counts of arson in connection with a blaze that substantially damaged his home in the 1600 block of Walnut Ridge Road.

Rohanlal Nandalall was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth

on one count of arson and a second count of arson-insured property for the Oct. 14 fire. Judge Jim Plakas set a personal bond of \$10,000, with a preliminary exam scheduled for Feb. 6. Nandalall faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said the fire resulted in substantial damage to the first floor and basement, with

smoke damage throughout the house.

"The fire caught our attention, and with the help of a K-9 dog and other tests confirmed what we suspected," Barrett said. "It was an unusual fire that shouldn't have started. There were places where flammable liquids shouldn't be and there were no explanations for that."

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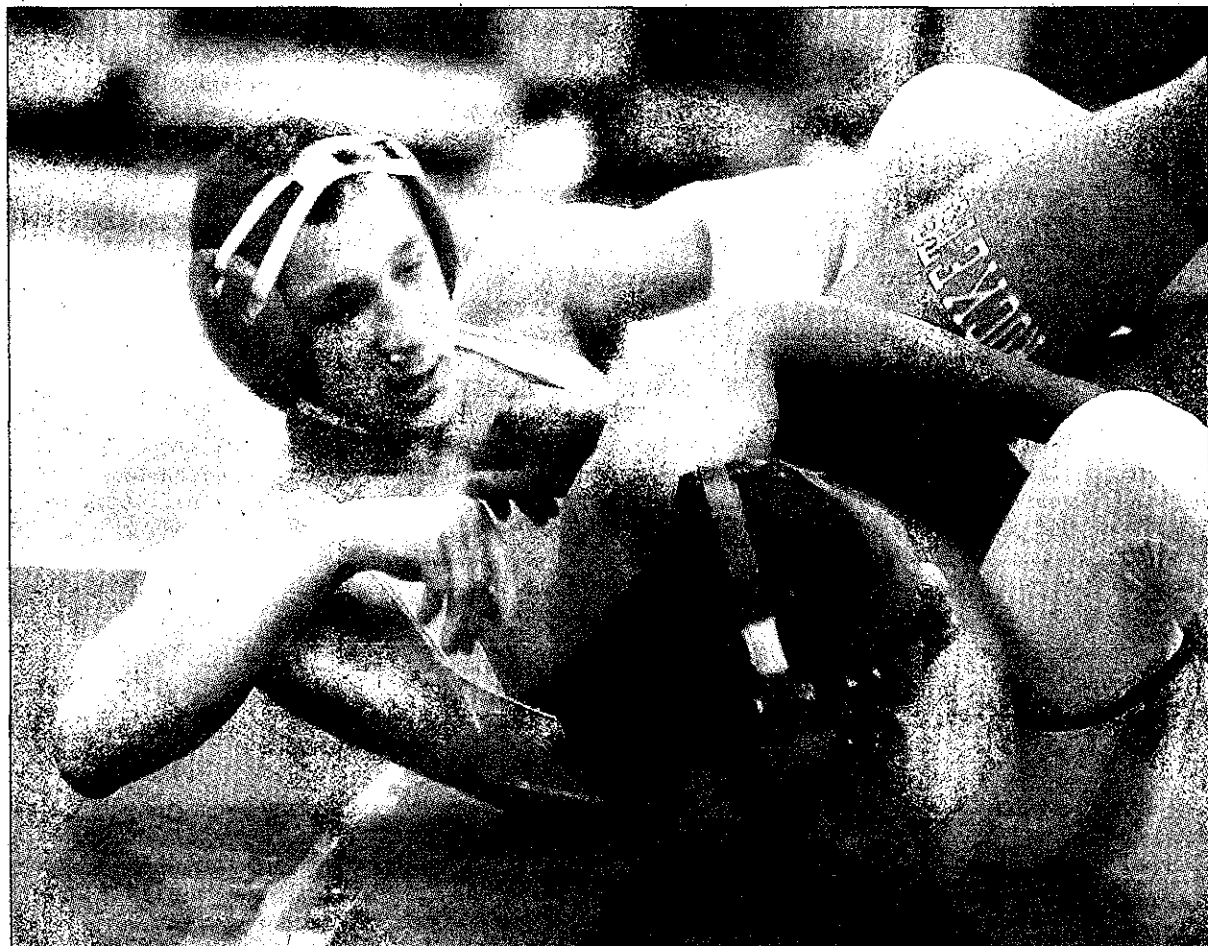
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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Donnie Watkins (back) pinned Westland John Glenn's Mikkel Tipton in Tuesday night's 140-pound match. The Chiefs won, 45-28.

Defusing the Rockets

Canton grapplers earn pivotal win at Glenn

See match-by-match results, Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team didn't have much time to savor Tuesday night's emphatic 45-28 victory over Westland John Glenn.

Approximately 22 hours to be exact.

That's how much time that elapsed between the Chiefs' important KLAA South Division triumph over the Rockets and Wednesday night's equally important match against Livonia Franklin.

"I really liked how we came out and wrestled aggressively against John

Glenn," said first-year Canton coach Cory Mancuso. "We won a couple matches that we knew were going to be close."

What, if anything, did Mancuso learn about his young team Tuesday night?

"I learned that we have a pretty darned good team," he said. "You have to be pretty good to beat a team as good as John Glenn at their place. Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Of the eight matches the Chiefs won, Mancuso pointed to Carl Lucke's 3-2 nail-biter over Joshua Austin as possibly the most pivotal.

Five Chiefs registered pins: Jeremy Filippelli at 130 pounds, Donnie Watkins at 140, Brent Winekoff at

145, Keith Zechr at 171 and Tyler Bourcier at 215.

The Rockets' most-impressive victories came from Steven Wakeford at 103; Mark Thompson at 125; Jeff Adkins, who defeated Anthony Abro, 6-4, in overtime at 152; and Zaid Ammari, who notched a pin at 160.

John Glenn's Dustin Gajowiak pinned Canton's Robert Lincoln in 1:18 in the heavyweight showdown.

For results of Wednesday's Canton-Franklin match, visit www.hometownlife.com.

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Shamrocks get nod leading up to Observerland

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When asked which team is the one to beat at Saturday's 18th Annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational, the same two-letter response rolled off the tongues of several area coaches: CC.

That acronym is short for Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which is long on talent this season.

The state-ranked Shamrocks' confidence will be sky high following a recent dual-meet triumph over perennially powerful Davison.

PREP WRESTLING

"They probably have more depth than the other teams," said Salem coach Greg Woodchuk. "If they lose a No. 1 wrestler at a weight, they can plug in another talented wrestler without losing much, if anything."

"CC is probably the favorite going in," concurred Westland John Glenn coach Bill Polk. "They've been coming on strong lately. But it all comes down to match-ups. There are several teams that are capable of winning."

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. at Livonia Churchill High School. Admission is \$5, except for Frost Middle School students, who get in free with a student I.D.

If the Shamrocks prevail, it won't be easy. Several teams — including defending champion Canton, Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn — figure to be in the mix when the event's finals roll around in the late afternoon at Livonia Churchill High School.

"This is a big tournament for our kids," emphasized first-year Canton coach Cory Mancuso. "I know they want to win it all and defend their crown. Catholic Central is probably the favorite. Their lineup is stacked from top to bottom."

Franklin coach Dave Chiola knows as well as anyone what it takes to hold up the Observerland trophy at the end of the day. The Patriots won the tournament three consecutive years before placing third in 2008.

"The key is scoring points at a lot of weights, which is what we did when we won it," said Chiola. "This year, we've been strong in the lower and upper weights, but we've struggled a little in the middle. We seem to be a different team week to week this year. Some weeks we look really strong; the next week we'll look like we've never wrestled."

Last year, the Chiefs racked up 212.5 points to edge runner-up Catholic Central by 18 points. Franklin was third with 178.5. Canton placed first in just two weights at the 2008 tournament, but the Chiefs conquered the 18-team field by advancing five grapplers to the finals.

Among the returning elite wrestlers is Canton's Donnie Watkins, who has lost just once at 135 and 140.

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Sidelines

St. Edith football registration info

Registration for the St. Edith youth football program will be held Feb. 8 from 2-4:30 p.m. in the St. Edith gymnasium, which is on Newburgh south of Five Mile in Livonia.

For more information, visit www.stedithcyo.com.

The program offers teams for kids in third through eighth grades.

2009 Salem baseball clinic

The 2009 Salem varsity baseball clinic will be held Saturday, March 21, and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1, which is for players 11 to 15 years old, will be held March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Session 2, for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 21 from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions 3 and 4, both for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 28. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of each session is \$25, which includes three hours of instruction from the Salem coaching staff and varsity team members; a snack served after each session; and a T-shirt.

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For more information, contact Cathy at (734) 451-0761 or at posler5@gmail.com.

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Velocity Sports Performance is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kyle Biega, pictured in a game earlier this season, connected on a pair of three-point shots to help the Chiefs topple Plymouth, 52-46, Tuesday night in the Phase III gymnasium.

Chiefs shine at line to upend 'Cats

For more basketball coverage, see Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Canton's Dietrich Lever had been shooting free throws at a carnival Tuesday night, the Chiefs' super sophomore would have won a whole bunch of stuffed animals.

During the peak of crunch-time against cross-campus rival Plymouth, Lever calmly swished all eight of his free-throw attempts to help the Chiefs hold off the Wildcats, 52-46.

As a team, Canton drained 16 of 18 shots from the charity stripe while the Wildcats connected on just 12 of 22.

"So much of shooting free throws is concentration, so we just try to make sure the guys maintain their focus," said Dan Colligan, when asked what the secret was to his squad's off-the-charts accuracy from the line. "I was especially proud of the guys tonight, the way they settled down and made their shots under pressure."

"We've been running hot and cold

shooting free throws. We made 19 of 23 against Franklin and then went five for whatever the next game. It was nice that we made them tonight."

Canton improved to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the competitive Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

Plymouth slipped to 5-4 and 1-2, respectively.

"We missed too many free throws down the stretch and we had too many unforced turnovers," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, assessing his team's painful loss.

"Dietrich made some nice free throws in the fourth quarter, but that's what good players do."

Lever led Canton with 14 points. The slender but scrappy sophomore also tied teammate Marlan Glenn with a team-high six rebounds.

Glenn added 10 points to the winners' cause while Dan Stoney and Kyle Biega both added six. Stoney found nothing but twine with all four of his freebies.

A pair of sophomores — Justin Moss (15 points, 10 rebounds) and Brennen Beyer (seven and six) paced the Wildcats, whose also received

seven points apiece from senior guards Cliff Buttermore and Brad Lineberry.

It appeared Canton was going to coast to a victory with 4:15 to play when a Glenn triple extended the Chiefs' lead to 45-37.

However, Plymouth whittled its deficit to 45-43 over the ensuing two-and-a-half-minutes thanks in large part to Beyer, who scored five consecutive points while pulling down three clutch rebounds during the game-tightening span.

A pair of Lever free throws with 1:26 left padded the Chiefs' lead to 47-43.

After Glenn and Moss traded single free throws, Moss nailed a pair with 28 ticks left to bring Plymouth to within 48-46.

That's as close as the 'Cats would get, however, as the cool-as-a-cucumber Lever hit the target on four more free throws during the final 19.7 seconds to seal the deal.

Canton hit 15 of 43 field goals (34.8 percent) while Plymouth was 16 for 47 from the field (34.0).

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 Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Agape at Washtenaw Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Churchill
 South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m.
GIRLS PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Jan. 31
 PCS at Bloomfield Hills
 at Southfield Sports Arena, 8 p.m.
BOYS PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 30
 Churchill at Canton at
 Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.
 Salem at Plymouth at
 Compuware Arena, 7:40 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31

Salem at Lakeview, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 31
 Observerland tournament
 at Churchill, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 29
 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m.
 Churchill at Plymouth
 at Canton pool, 6:30 p.m.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Jan. 31
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 31
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 1 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 30
 Windsor at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
 Mississauga at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

WRESTLING RESULTS

CANTON 45
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 28
Tuesday at John Glenn
103 pounds: Steven Wakeford (JG)
 decisioned Daniel Filippelli, 14-5;
112: Waleed Faraj (C) won by default;
119: Carl Lucke (C) dec. Joshua Austin,
 3-2;
125: Mark Thompson (JG) dec. Mitch
 Wolski, 3-1;
130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) pinned
 Devonteno Anderson in 48 seconds;
135: Jared Stephens (JG) won by forfeit;
140: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Mikkel
 Tipton in 3:41;
145: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Mike
 Johnson in 3:19;
152: Jeff Adkins (JG) dec. Anthony Abro,
 6-4 (OT);
160: Zaid Ammari (JG) pinned Austin
 Mach in 3:25;
171: Keith Zech (C) pinned Zach Redden
 in 1:12;
189: Pat Durocher (C) won by default;
215: Tyler Bourcier (C) pinned Gerald
 Powell in 1:18;
285: Dustin Gajauk pinned Robert
 Lincoln in 3:30.

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 126
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 60
Tuesday at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Alex
 Suriano, Joe deTassanyi, Adam Seroka, Noah
 Santer), 1:54.11; 2. Churchill, 1:54.94; 3. Salem,
 1:55.39;
200 freestyle: 1. Max Mills (S), 1:55.46;
 2. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 2:02.72; 3. Scott
 Carpenter (S), 2:04.99;
200 IM: 1. Matt Collingwood (S), 2:11.43; 2.
 Joe deTassanyi (S), 2:18.22; 3. Chad Newton
 (S), 2:23.73;
50 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 23.69;
 2. Nate Larson (LC), 24.89; 3. Paul Cherewick
 (S), 25.03;
1-meter diving: 1. Andrew Richards (LC),
 210.60 points; 2. Travis Holt (LC), 199.10; 3.
 Alex Porambo (S), 143.45;
100 butterfly: 1. Jeremy Wellman (S),
 1:00.90; 2. Max Mills (S), 1:00.92; 3. David
 Vincentini (LC), 1:03.05;
100 freestyle: 1. Nate Larson (LC), 54.71;
 2. Paul Cherewick (S), 55.45; 3. Aaron Micek
 (S), 57.03;
500 freestyle: 1. Noah Santer (S),
 5:16.49; 2. Scott Carpenter (S), 5:29.68; 3.
 Alex Lamberand (LC), 5:42.27;
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Adam
 Seroka, Max Mills, Aaron Micek, Paul
 Cherewick), 1:39.63; 2. Churchill, 1:44.99; 3.
 Salem, 1:47.61;
100 backstroke: 1. Matt Collingwood (S),
 1:02.83; 2. Alex Suriano (S), 1:03.13; 3. Patrick
 Huls (S), 1:07.96;
100 breaststroke: 1. Adam Seroka (S),
 1:04.66; 2. David Vincentini (LC), 1:08.54; 3.
 Joe deTassanyi (S), 1:11.56;
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jeremy
 Wellman, Aaron Micek, Stan Kuang, Matt
 Collingwood), 3:47.45; 2. Salem, 3:48.16; 3.
 Churchill, 3:50.07;
SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-3.

SPORTS BRIEFS

GCYBSA baseball and softball news

Registration for the Greater
 Canton Youth Baseball and
 Softball Association's 2009
 season will close March 10.
 GCYBSA offers T-Ball
 through 18U baseball and 8U
 through 18U softball.
 Registration information
 is available online at www.gcybsa.com.
 For more information, con-
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 For more information, call
 (734) 421-4928.

Salem icers continue sizzling streak, 4-3

BY ED WRIGHT
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

Salem's hockey team has
 been on such a hot streak the
 past week, it's a wonder the
 ice hasn't melted beneath the
 Rocks' skates.
 On Friday, Salem registered
 its third consecutive victory
 — a 4-3 home win over nem-
 esis Chelsea, a state-ranked
 Division 3 team that hasn't
 lost to Salem in recent mem-
 ory.
 The triumph improved the
 Rocks to 8-6-3 overall while
 Chelsea slipped to 7-4-1.
 "Chelsea is a very skilled
 team with a couple of high-
 scoring forwards, so this was
 a good win for us," said Salem
 coach Ryan Ossenmacher.
 "We seem to be playing bet-
 ter every game. The guys are
 buying into what we're talking
 about."
 The Rocks ripped 49 shots
 at Chelsea's goalie while their

net-minder — senior Adam
 Powers — stopped 23-of-26
 shots.
 Ossenmacher was par-
 ticularly pleased with the
 play of the Dave Russell-
 Nick Genetty-Patrick Patton
 line, which neutralized the
 Bulldogs' high-scoring line.
 "This was the first time
 this season we tried to match
 up with the other team's top
 line and Dave Russell's line
 responded and did a great job,"
 said Ossenmacher.
 After Chelsea scored an
 early goal to open the contest,
 Salem evened the game at 1-1
 when Mario Macari scored off
 assists from Josh Jarvela and
 Kurt Driscoll.
 Salem seized the lead for
 good mid-way through the sec-
 ond period when Ryan Quigley
 deposited the puck in the net
 thanks to helpers from Macari

and Steve Haburne.
 Driscoll extended the win-
 ners' lead to 3-1 with a third-
 period lamp-lighter that was
 assisted by Macari.
 After Chelsea narrowed its
 deficit to 3-2, Sam Ott pro-
 vided what turned out to be a
 pivotal insurance goal mid-way
 through the third. Kyle Zink
 and Russell assisted.
 Chelsea netted a 5-on-3 goal
 with less than two minutes to
 play, but the Rocks killed a last-
 minute penalty to secure the
 win.
 "Kyle Powell, a defenseman,
 played probably his best game of
 the season," said Ossenmacher.
 "He was the best player on the ice
 Friday night."
CANTON 5, WALLED LAKE
NORTHERN 0: On Friday, the
 Chiefs rode the first shutout of
 the season from senior goalie
 Zane Birchler to their 12th win
 in 15 games.
 "We played three periods of
 solid hockey," said Canton coach

Dan Abraham, whose 12-2-1
 team is ranked No. 9 in Division
 1. "We used our speed to control
 the game. It was a good team
 win."
 Canton raced to a 2-0 first-
 period leads thanks to goals
 from Ryan Lash (from Alex
 Berlin and Anthony Bonnett)
 and Mark Barath, who was
 assisted by Donny Barlow and
 A.J. Rosales.
 Bonnett extended the winners'
 edge to 3-0 with 1:28 left in the
 second period thanks to assists
 from Barlow and Berlin.
 A.J. Rosales (from Nick
 Tomilenko and Bryan Davison)
 and Berlin (from Lash and Ryan
 May) capped the scoring with
 third-period goals.
 "That was the second game in
 a row we've only had three pen-
 alties, which was a big key for us,"
 emphasized Abraham. "When
 we're five-on-five, I think we
 can play with anybody."

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Balanced attack leads Chiefs over Wildcats, 43-28


GIRLS HOOP WRAP

coach Brian Samulski, whose
 team improved to 9-2 overall
 and 2-1 in the KLAA's South
 Division. "Our pressure
 defense was effective in the
 first quarter, but they made a
 nice run to get back in it."
 Plymouth slipped to 3-8
 overall and 1-2 in the Central
 Division.
NOVI 33, SALEM 27: On
 Tuesday at Novi, the Wildcats
 broke open a two-point game
 with five minutes left with
 four consecutive free throws
 — two the result of a Salem
 technical foul — and a bas-
 ket off an in-bounds play
 moments later.
 "It went from two to eight
 just like that," said Salem
 coach Fred Thomann, whose
 team dropped to 4-7 overall
 and 2-1 in the KLAA Central
 Division. "It was a great
 game up to that point. Every
 shot was contested by both
 teams."

The Wildcats improved to
 8-3 overall and 3-0 in the
 Central.
 Novi led 8-7 after one
 quarter, 15-13 at the half and
 24-21 with eight minutes to
 play.
 Chelsea Davis enjoyed a
 stellar game for the Rocks,
 racking up eight points, 11
 rebounds, six assists and
 four blocked shots. Sara
 Stone added six points; Tracy
 Whalen netted five; and
 Victoria Brotz and Rachel
 Norman both twined four.
 Caroline Johnson paced
 Novi with 11 points. Chantel
 Hill chipped in with 10.
 Salem hit just 5 of 12 free
 throws. Novi was 8 of 12 from
 the line.
PCA 49, INTER-CITY 38 (OT):
 On Tuesday at Inter-City,
 the Eagles outscored the
 Chargers 13-2 in the extra
 session to improve their
 record to 7-3 overall and 3-2
 in the Michigan Independent
 Athletic Conference.
 Freshman Kristin Malcolm

continued her strong play,
 netting 20 points and 12
 rebounds. The ninth-grader
 scored six points in the four-
 minute overtime.
 PCA's other standouts
 included Jessica Murphy (10
 points), Michaela Wheeler
 (eight), Autumn McKenzie
 and Megan Greve, who pulled
 down three key rebounds in
 the fourth quarter.
 PCA nearly won the game
 in regulation, however, a
 Malcolm shot at the buzzer
 bounced on the rim three
 times before rolling off.
 "We were kind of sluggish
 in the first half," said PCA
 coach Carol Gerulis. "At half-
 time, I looked them in the
 eye and said, 'This game's not
 over,' and they responded.
 The girls played with more
 energy in the overtime than
 they did the first four quar-
 ters."
 Amanda Isom led Inter-
 City with 17 points.
 PCA trailed 30-26 heading
 into the fourth quarter.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 20, 2009

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams. Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Deputy Chief Kerr, Deputy Chief Nemecek, Lt. Mulcher, Barb Caruso. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Tour of Cell Block and Booking Area - Renovation Update** On July 8, 2008, the Board authorized contracting with CDPA for preliminary architectural and engineering drawings for the renovation to the cell block and booking area. The architect met with the department several times; each time providing drawings. The department has approved a final preliminary drawing for the Board to review. **Item 2. Award Legal Bid** Explanation of the types of publications submitted to newspapers. The history of legal and advertising cost from 2002-2008. The Request for Proposal for newspaper bids were reviewed. **Adjournment:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. —Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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Charter Township of Canton Special Board Proceedings-January 17, 2009

A Special Board meeting was held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 for the leadership Team at the Holiday Inn Express on Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan. Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to call the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call:** Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Taj, Williams. Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Eva, Director Faas. **Meeting Purpose:** Discuss requirements and develop a consensus on how the Board will work together as a team and prioritize Study Sessions, facility tours and other information requirements of Board members. **Board Communications - How we work together - Rules of Engagement:** Role of Trustees, full-time Electeds and Directors, Questions/Contact – call or e-mail directors or full-time electeds on RBA's (Request Board Action) for Board Meetings – share information, Agenda protocol, support, consent calendar, etc., Closed session protocol, E-mail protocol –Phone canvassing on items, etc., Open Meetings Act – when can we be together, How we handle citizens complaints, Reimbursement of expenses, Signing your name – stationary – implies Township policy. When is it right? When is it better to have full time elected, director or other management send letter?, FOIA, and Rules of Engagement. **Overall Philosophy of Canton Government:** Mission – Vision, Review focus areas, Determine level of service – Are you happy with our current level of service? **Finance and Budget:** How budget process works – administration and board – role of trustees, 2009, 2010 and beyond. **Other:** Study Sessions, Facility Tours, Economic Development, Possible Training Opportunities, Commissions, Committees, etc. **Adjourn:** Motion by Caccamo, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. – Phil LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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JANUARY

New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. For more information, visit www.livoniafaith.org.

Church moves

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

ENDOW

■ St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Course VI, called "Salvifici Doloris" addresses the Christian meaning of suffering. Based on the writing of Pope John Paul II, this is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, in the convent meeting room. The class began Jan. 13.

Based on Pope John Paul II's "Mulieris Dignitatem" (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), the Course II group, meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays (began Jan. 22), in the convent meeting room behind the rectory, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com.

■ St. Aidan Catholic Church also offers ENDOW. The eight-session course focuses on the ideas about human beings and God that St. Thomas Aquinas explores in his work Summa Theologiae, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, through March 5, in the parish office conference room at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com.

com or call (734) 425-5950. Facilitator is Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

Couples prayer series

7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through Feb. 18, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Cost is \$55 per couple. Those unable to pay because of financial difficulty may register and join the group. To register, visit www.coupleprayer.org or send e-mail to davidjconrad@staidanlivonia.org. The six-week Couples Prayer Series is for married or engaged couples, and designed to nurture a life-long pattern of sharing daily prayer together.

UPCOMING

Healing training

Learn how to receive and offer the healing of one's body, heart, mind and spirit in Christian training sessions 6-10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information or to RSVP, call (734) 427-3660. Steve and Beverly Bubb, directors of the Community Healing Rooms of Southeast Michigan lead the two sessions.

Special needs dance

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its Open Arms Ministry hosts a valentine's dance for adults with special needs, developmental disabilities, and their caregivers 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Snacks will be served. Reservations required as space is limited. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, Feb. 6. If Livonia schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

Bethany singles

■ Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, in Redford. Cost is \$10, includes refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

■ Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City, 48135. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second

and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class Monday, Feb. 9, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Kids against hunger

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts a benefit for Kids Against Hunger, 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 and available by contacting Jeanne Baldwin at (734) 414-8900, by e-mail at jagonyer@ameritech.net, or Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440 or dherriman@herriman.net. The event will feature a Las Vegas-style wedding chapel, silent auction, the new Liberty Street Microbrewery beer, strolling buffet dinner with cash bar and dancing. Attendees will have the opportunity to renew their vows at the chapel to help raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an international food relief campaign that began in 1999. It has operations in metro-Detroit and distributes a specially formulated dry rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in Detroit, elsewhere in Michigan, the U.S. and more than 40 other countries. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth regularly organizes food packaging activities by partnering with other local organizations that provide both funding and volunteers for their packaging events. Proceeds from the event go to assist in defraying the cost for the food that is packaged.

Hunger workshop

Bread For The World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, holds a Hunger Offering Of Letters workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Bob Krzewinski at (734) 487-9058, e-mail wolverbob@gmail.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. During an Offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked to write to Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation. This hunger advocacy event is free and open to the public.

Valentine's Day dance

7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, north of Ford Road. Music by Solitaire. Tickets \$8. For information, call Kay at (734) 522-8868 or Sally (734) 421-0699.

VBS preview

Presented by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. A day of meeting Christian publishers to view their curriculum. Sit in on four of 20 workshops. This is a nondenominational event. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25. Lenten Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

ONGOING

Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's 'patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Worship

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Sunday school

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Hall rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between I2 Mile and I3 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

Mid-week Service

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia.

The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kópczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Day of Service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

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ALLAN RICHARD WISELEY

A good man has left us. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation", the likes of which we will not see again. Allan Richard Wiseley, age 83, soldier, farmer and businessman, passed away January 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a valiant struggle, surrounded by his family who loved him dearly. Richard was born in Ypsilanti, MI, on June 7, 1925, the son of Marcus Willoughby and Dorothy (McClumpha) Wiseley, the eldest of seven children. Raised in the Plymouth area, he graduated from Plymouth HS in 1942 and attended MSU. He was a sergeant in the US Army during WWII, serving in England, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy. He married Dily's Elizabeth Richards on June 15, 1957 in Franklin, Michigan and remained devoted to her until his dying day. After they were married, they moved to the farm near Dexter. He owned Huron Farm Supply, a John Deere dealership in Dexter for 30 years. Richard enjoyed his grandchildren and spending time at his cabin on Lk Huron (and Lucky Strikes). A recent highlight was visiting the WWII memorial in Washington with Pride and Honor Flights. Mr. Wiseley is survived by his wife, children Mark (Sonja), Lisa (Jeff) Kuebler, Brett (Tina), and Derek (Kathleen), all of the Dexter area, 7 grandchildren, Nicholas and Megan (both US Army), Cody, Marcus, Tyler, Dylan, Elise, and step-granddaughter Kristin (Russ) Girschach; his brothers Jack (Faye) and Red, sister Donna Palmer, and sister-in-law Megan Winter. He was preceded in death by his brothers Dale (Anne), Robert, sister Mary Devlin, and brothers-in-law Dick Palmer and Vic Devlin. Services were held at the Dexter United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 28. Memorial contributions may be made to Pride and Honor Flights (www.rc.net/or/prideandhonorflight) or Crystal Cathedral Ministries (www.crystalcathedral.org). Arrangements completed by the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, Ann Arbor.

ANNE LOUISE POTTER BRADEN

Passed away peacefully in Wailuku, Hawaii, on January 23, 2009, after a long, happy and productive life. Anne Louise was born May 24, 1918, in Reno, Nevada, the granddaughter of early California pioneers, Crockstock Lode miners and Indiana homesteaders. She spent her school years in the Midwest and received a bachelors degree in business from the University of Illinois in 1939. In 1941, she married Joseph David Braden of Granite City, Illinois, also a graduate of the University of Illinois. In 1951, the couple and their two children settled in Birmingham, Michigan, where Anne Louise was an active member of the Birmingham Christian Science Church, the Girl Scouts, the Beverly Hills Garden Club and the Oakland County Republican Women's Club. She played the piano beautifully, hit a wicked softball and beat everyone at Scrabble. Her husband of 54 years, Joe Braden, passed away in 1995 and Anne Louise moved to Hawaii in 2000. Anne Louise's contributions are cherished by her daughter Katherine Braden McCoy of Buena Vista, CO, and her son Richard Braden of Wailuku, HI; by four grandchildren, Annie McCoy Hylok of Santa Fe, NM, and Shane, Joseph Paul, and Jenna Jean Braden of Wailuku, HI; and by her daughter-in-law Chris Brogren Braden and son-in-law Michael McCoy.

GIOVANNI "JOHN" DESANTIS

Age 69. January 25, 2009. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Tina, Mark (Dawn) and Sean. Loving grandfather of Jack. Memorial Gathering Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road (One Mile West of Farmington Road) Thursday 1 p.m. until time of service 7 p.m. Memorials to Angela Hospice preferred.

GREGORY T. HUBBARD

Jan. 26, 2009. Loving son of the late Gabrielle and G. Barry. Dearest brother of Kathleen Kurko, Marie (Gene) Eicher, Dave (Carolyn) and Paul (Mary). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Friday 2-8 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. at Stanley Turowski Funeral Home, 25509 West Warren (three blocks east of Beech Daly), Dearborn Heights. In state Saturday 10:30 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church until time of mass at 11 a.m. Memorial donations to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

JOHN PHILLIP MACUNOVICH

Age 92. First spark & biggest heart of a great family spread across the continent, died 12/31/08. He routed mail countrywide for 42 and traveled the world for 30 years. Survived by wife Marya, seven children & eight grandchildren. Private memorial service 1/31/09. Donations to Visiting Nurses Ass'n of the Inland Counties, CA. More info at 248-569-7201 or rickmacgameon@netzero.net

LEONA MAE MCINTYRE

Age 89. Of Canton, MI. Jan. 24, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

DOROTHY A. "DOTTIE" KIDWELL

Age 69. Of Guilford Township, Hendricks County. Passed away on January 24, 2009 in St. Francis Hospital, Mooresville. Born May 28, 1939 in Lansing, MI, she was the daughter of Albert H. and Isabel M. Evans Green. Dottie lived in Huntington Wood, MI, Summit, NJ and Birmingham, MI. She attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1961. Dorothy married Thomas "Joe" Kidwell on June 23, 1962 in Birmingham, MI, he survives. Mrs. Kidwell taught elementary school in Warren Fitzgerald and Kalamazoo School Systems. She moved to Indiana in 1988. She was an avid reader, member of Friends of the Troy Library, MI., treasurer of the Friends of Plainfield-Guilford Township Library and member of several local reading groups. Dottie loved her family, was proud of her sons and enjoyed her many friends. Survivors include her husband, sons: Thomas W. of NCY and William J. of Clarkston, MI, brother: Donald F. Green of Santa Rosa, CA. Visitation was held from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield, with the service at 8:00 pm. Burial will be 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 29, 2009 in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Friends of the Library 1120 Stafford Rd Plainfield, IN 46168. Online condolences may be made at www.bakerfuneralservice.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

EDWARD C. HOLDSWORTH

Passed away December 13th, 2008. Loving husband of Mary, father of Tom (June), Barb (Al) Tyndall, Beth (Randall) Clark, grandfather to six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mesa, AZ. He served in the Coast Guard in World War II and was named honorable mention as a VFW All American Commander, which he was very proud of. Ed had a great sense of humor and touched so many people in his lifetime from long time friends to volunteering with Hospice for many years. He will be missed by all that loved him.

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Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne

Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays; includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult

Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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Worship services

At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

SIMPLY SELF STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on February, 17, 2009 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the judicial lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E. Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184. 734-728-8204.

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For more information call 313-837-2233 0209041012-243

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Canton Strictly Business

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Meijer health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding its monthly health screening clinic on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m.-noon. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at an affordable cost. Appointments are required. For more details or to make an appointment, please contact the pharmacy at (734) 844-2733.

Online services

Citizens Bank has launched its latest convenient on-line banking tool, Online Account Opening. Personal checking, savings and certificate of Deposit (CD) accounts can now be opened through Citizens Bank's Web site banking program. Clients can visit www.citizensbanking.com to see the latest CD rates and account comparison charts to determine the best account for them, and then click to open the account. The new account can be funded from an existing Citizens Bank account or from any other financial institution. Citizens Bank is part of Citizens Republic Bancorp, a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage banking, trust and financial planning services to a broad client base. Citizens Bank has many local branches, including one in Canton located at 6549 Canton Center Road.

New business relationship

Caffe Italia, 41985 Ford Road in Canton, will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony from 4-6 p.m., Feb. 6 to mark its new business relationship with the

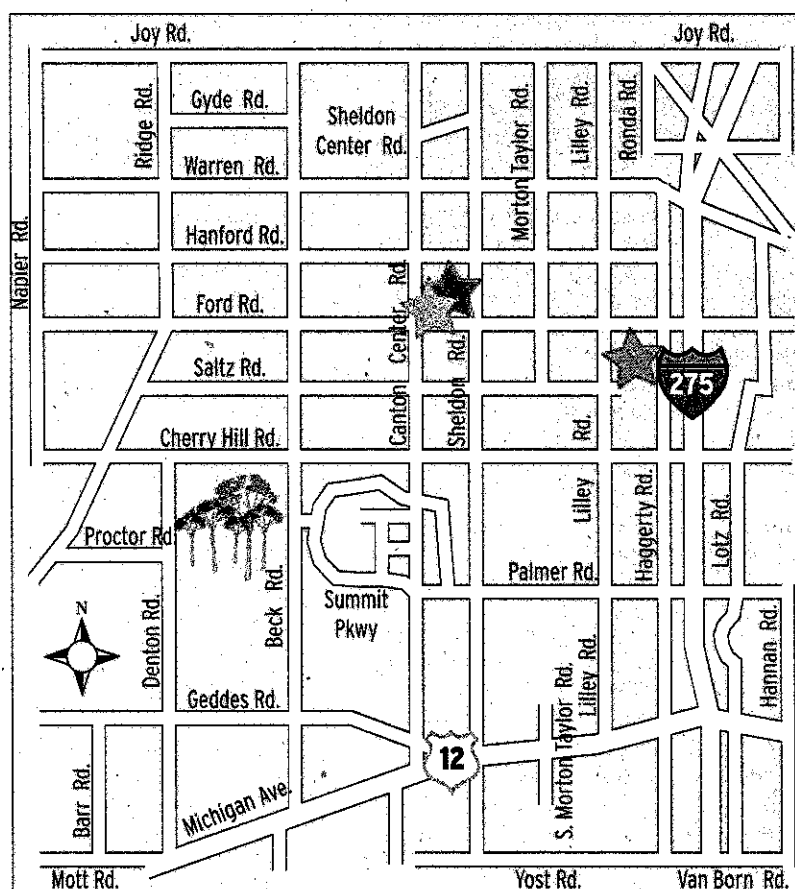
Zingerman's of Ann Arbor. The actual ribbon cutting, which will be attended by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, will take place at 4:30 p.m. Caffe Italia will be providing free food samples, gifts, and prizes during the event. Zingerman's is a 27-year-old company still privately owned, specializing in food products such as breads, cheese, gelato, coffee, etc., with yearly revenues upwards of \$35 million. "Zingerman's is very selective in who they do business with and we at Caffe Italia are very honored and fortunate to now have ourselves associated with a company like Zingerman's. We will be carrying a lot of their products at our cafe, and in turn bringing Zingerman's presence to Canton," said Caffe Italia owner Asif Zafar.

For more information, contact the store at (734) 844-2255, or visit their Web site at www.pizzagelato.com.

Business women to meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women will host their next meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road).

The guest speaker will be June Nicholas, certified American Heart Association instructor. February is National Heart Month. Learn about heart attacks in women, as well as other medical emergencies and their symptoms. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 6, by calling June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561, or e-mailing her at junenicholas@comcast.net.



SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

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Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

YOUR BUSINESS Q & A



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carvel owner Gary Krone and employees Kristin Callahan and Jessica Heck present a Strawberry Shortcake Sundae Dasher.

Specialty ice cream is the attraction at Carvel

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

Krone: Carvel is the leading manufacturer of uniquely shaped ice cream cakes, including Fudgie the Whale, and a leading provider of premium soft serve and hand-dipped ice cream products. Some of the favorites include Dashers, Carvelanches, Flying Saucers, Arctic Blenders, Blended Coffees and Sprinkle Cups. In the store, we make over 70 flavors of hand-dipped ice cream. Our best-loved soft serve is made fresh every morning. Outside the store, we offer ice cream cart rentals, including novelty items, for all occasions.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Krone: Carvel is the nation's first retail ice cream franchise started in 1947 by Tom Carvel. He created the "Buy One Get One Free" (BOGO) concept - BOGO Sundaes offered every Wednesday. Carvel has achieved Guinness Book status by holding the Guinness World Record for the Largest

CARVEL ICE CREAM

Address: 41990 Ford Road, Canton

Your name: Gary Krone, owner

Your hometown: Canton

Business opened when?: August 1, 2005

Number of employees: 10

Your business specialty: Soft serve and hand-dipped ice cream, uniquely shaped ice cream cakes, ice cream novelties (take home and outside events)

Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

Business phone/Web site: (734) 983-9120

Ice Cream Pyramid and the Largest Ice Cream Cake. To this day, Carvel is often mentioned on The History Channel, The Food Network and in over one half dozen sitcoms, most recently - "The Office."

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

did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Krone: I'm from back East where Carvel is known and loved by kids of all ages. The fun, fresh atmosphere along with the delicious selection of ice cream is the main attraction. An opportunity was presented as Carvel decided to expand into the Midwest. Upon further research, we determined that Canton would be a great choice for Carvel. Having lived here for over 13 years, deciding to open a fun and festive business in such a friendly community was not a difficult choice.

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

Krone: My most memorable experience occurred when a customer from Missouri requested a small round ice cream cake to be overnights for her father's birthday. She had no qualms paying over \$100 (mostly shipping and packaging) to get that Carvel cake for her dad. With a little dry ice and some know-how... it was a Happy Birthday!

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its next monthly networking luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 4 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel will be the guest speaker. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 advance registration or \$25 at the door.

Sponsors of the luncheon are Schoolcraft College and Waltonwood at Carriage Park and Cherry Hill.

To make your reservation call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail receptionist@cantonchamber.com.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the biannual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, president of Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features more than 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include: AAA Insurance-Greg Greene, Absolute Solar Control, Admiral Cruise & Tour Center, Alsager Animal Care Center, America's Budget Storage, Bailey's Pub & Grill, Brackney Chiropractic, Downtown Development Authority, Canton Leisure Services, Citizen's Bank, Choice Insurance Agency, Coach's Catastrophe Cleaning, Comfort Keepers, Comfort Suites, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Curves of

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Magical night

Please join the Canton Community Foundation for an event that benefits First Step and Gleaners Community Food Bank when it hosts A Magical Night With the Stars at 6 p.m., Feb. 22 at Emagine Theatre Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton.

The cost of the event is \$100 per person and is one of the foundation's biggest fund-raisers. To RSVP or for more information, call the Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Chocolate Fantasy Ball

The fifth annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball will take place at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman Road, Westland. The cost of the event is \$40 per person. To RSVP or for more information, call (248) 255-8241 by Feb. 27.

This evening will help women achieve their goals in life continues to be the focus of the Women of Westland organization. This is an opportunity to come together to recognize our unsung heroes. This event supports the Barbara Douglas Scholarship Program, giving financial assistance to women of the community who want to attend college for undergraduate credit or trade school.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Oakwood leadership appointment

Oakwood Healthcare System announced last week several leadership appointments, including that of Canton's Eric McBride as administrator of Oakwood's cardiovascular service line. McBride, 34, will also oversee the responsibility for the Oakwood's Oncology service line. In this role, McBride will be the administrator over two of Oakwood's four Service Line Centers of Excellence.



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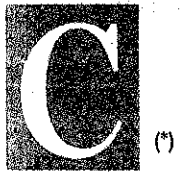
Geri Brown is co-owner of Mobility Transportation Services of Canton.

Holiday drive sponsors

Mobility Transportation Services of Canton, co-owned by Geri Brown, was one of 19 companies to sponsor the recent Spectrum Human Services Inc.'s 2008 Holiday Drive. In addition, Mobility Transportation Services was selected as the corporate partner of the year at Spectrum's Holiday Gala.

Spectrum Human Services, Inc. concluded the 2008 Holiday Drive with a record 750 children, teens and adults receiving gifts from donors, friends and supporters. Spectrum Human Services, Inc. conducts the annual Holiday Drive to provide clients of the affiliated companies with food and/or gifts to make the holiday season brighter. For more information, visit www.spectrumhuman.org.

Real Estate



Thursday, January 29, 2009

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Wayne weatherization program seals cracks, saves energy

The Wayne County Weatherization Program offers free home weatherization to low-income residents in a number of communities.

Income requirements are: \$15,600 for a family of one; \$21,000 for a family of two; \$26,400 for a family of three; \$31,800 for a family of four; with \$5,400 added for each additional family member. To apply, call (734) 727-7297. FIP, SDA and SSI recipients automatically qualify.

These are some questions and answers about the Wayne County weatherization program:

Q. What is the Weatherization Assistance Program?

A. The low-income home weatherization assistance program is administered statewide by the Michigan Family Independence Agency. Eligible low-income households receive free energy conservation services. FIA contracts with 33 agencies throughout Michigan to provide these services. There are four Local Weatherization Operators (LWOs) to service different parts of Wayne County.

Q. Who is eligible for these weatherization services?

A. Any low-income homeowner or renter may be eligible if they meet current federal poverty income guidelines.

Q. What is the cost to me for this service?

A. The service is provided free of charge to those who qualify. FIP and SSI recipients are automatically qualified for the program.

Q. If I rent, do I need to have permission before services can be performed?

A. Yes. Before any weatherization services can be provided, the landlord or manager of the rental building must sign a landlord agreement.

Q. What steps are involved in having my home weatherized?

A. An application of eligibility is filled out; a pre-inspection of the home is completed by a certified inspector, work is performed by a licensed contractor and a certified post inspector will inspect the completed work on the home.

Q. What determines the weatherization measures that will be installed on my home?

A. The measures to be installed depend upon what the pre-inspector finds already existing in your home, what measures are determined to be most cost-effective and the amount of funds available to complete the measures. State and federal rules limit the amount of dollars per home. Therefore, the amount of dollars spent and the type of measures installed may vary between households.

Q. Can I tell the pre-inspector which weatherization measures I want?

A. No. The state has done extensive research on which measures save the most energy and therefore, the agency cannot allow program participants to pick and choose measures. To receive the

weatherization services, you must allow the agency to follow state-set guidelines.

Q. I live in a mobile home. What kind of measures will be installed?

A. Mobile home measures may include: cold air infiltration, i.e. weather stripping of leaky doors, tightening up drafty windows, floor insulation, storm windows and health/safety measures.

Q. How do I know if I am getting quality materials and work?

A. State and federal rules require that all materials used must meet or exceed specific quality standards. FIA also sends field staff to all parts of the state to check on workmanship, material quality and to provide training and technical assistance.

Q. What results can I expect from the weatherization completed on my home?

A. Studies show a 15-30 percent reduction of fuel costs. However, your results may be higher or lower depending upon your personal habits, changes in household occupants and/or extreme weather conditions. You can expect your home to feel more comfortable and less drafty, and that the job will be performed in a professional manner.

Q. If I am determined eligible, how long before my home is weatherized?

A. The length of time may vary from a week to one year. Since funds are limited, not all eligible clients can be served immediately. Other factors also influence the length of your wait, since there are state and federal priority groups, including senior citizens, handicapped and public assistance recipients.

Q. How do I apply for weatherization?

A. Call the Local Weatherization Operator for your area:

■ Wayne County Weatherization — serving the 18 western Wayne County communities, including Taylor, (734) 727-7297

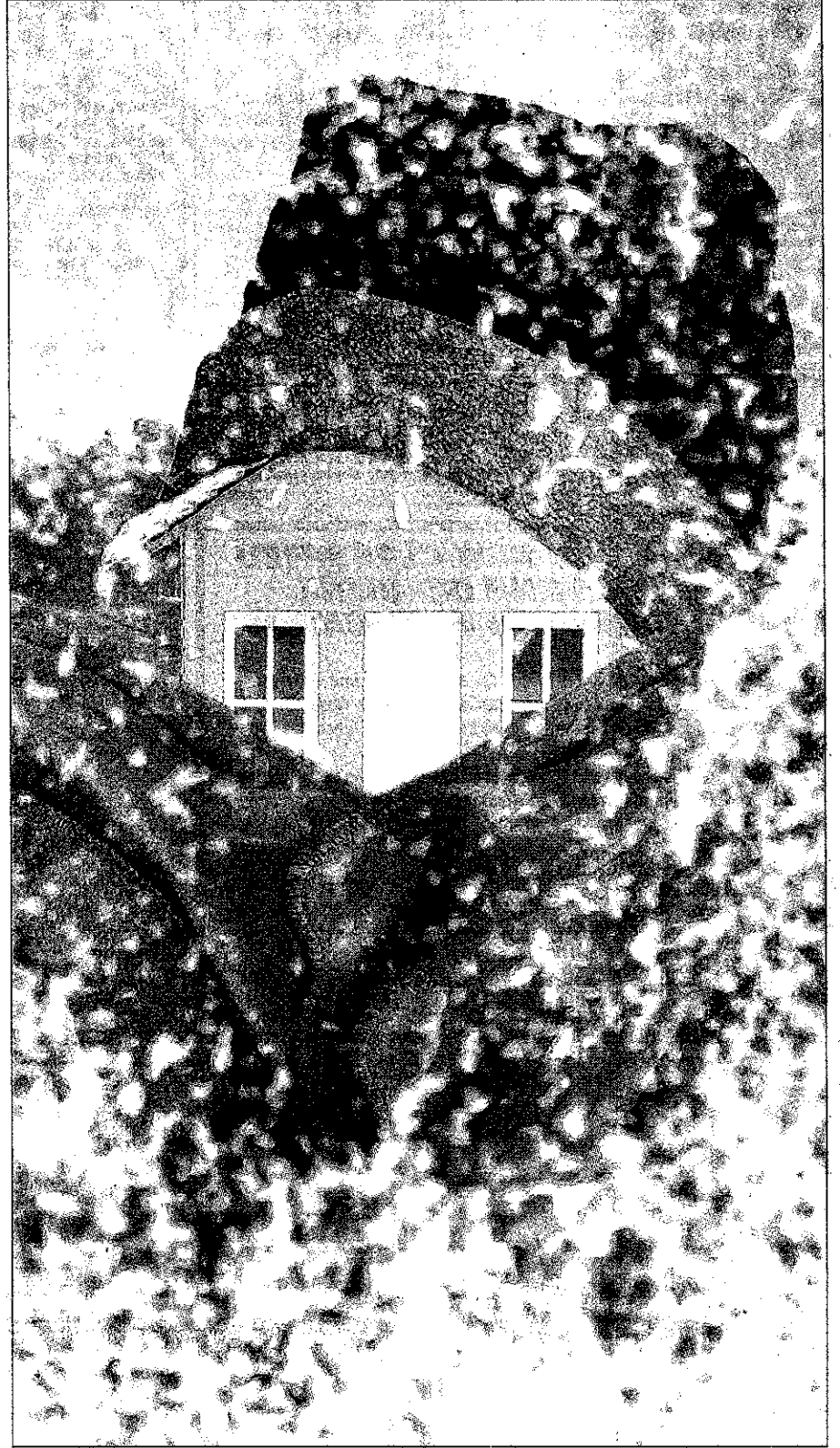
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■ Wayne Metro CSA — serving Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Dearborn and the Grosse Pointes, (313) 843-2550

■ City of Detroit, DHS — serving the city of Detroit, (313) 852-5634

Q. Who funds these weatherization program services?

A. The federal government contributes to the operation of the weatherization program. While funding levels vary from year to year, there has been a weatherization program in Michigan since late 1974. Each year, about 4,000 eligible homeowners and renters benefit from the program. In addition to these direct services, the weatherization program provides jobs, stimulates the state economy and conserves scarce energy resources.



HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 6-10, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		Garden City		Livonia		Novi	
6735 Bostonhill Ln	\$140,000	6516 Whitby St	\$118,000	38700 Ann Arbor Trl	\$125,000	23738 Harvest Dr	\$263,000
43584 Geri Dr	\$160,000			19475 Antago St	\$99,000	40891 Kingsley Ln	\$312,000
3470 Hannan Rd	\$220,000			18668 Bainbridge Ave	\$163,000	45168 Roundview Dr	\$265,000
1885 Otter Pond Ln	\$137,000			9827 Blackburn St	\$165,000	44466 Stone Rd	\$300,000
7971 Oxford Dr	\$420,000			28643 Buckingham St	\$121,000	24777 Sutherland Dr	\$275,000
2094 Preserve Cir W	\$163,000			14482 Fairway St	\$233,000	29329 Whistler Dr	\$255,000
42103 Starlite Ct	\$150,000			16860 Farmington Rd	\$162,000		
Farmington Hills				15078 Houghton St	\$148,000	Plymouth	
21616 Albion Ave	\$160,000			37972 Lyndon St	\$147,000	628 Blunk St	\$417,000
37284 Aspen Dr	\$300,000			18924 Melvin St	\$154,000	49712 Draper Cir	\$145,000
33622 Colfax Dr	\$155,000			18725 Middlebelt Rd	\$33,000	42629 Five Mile Rd	\$100,000
29811 Eldred St	\$112,000			29687 Nottingham Cir	\$148,000	12965 Glenmore Ct	\$375,000
29857 Eldred St	\$120,000			38804 Roycroft St	\$190,000	800 McKinley St	\$167,000
28685 Glenbrook Dr	\$295,000			20062 Saint Francis St	\$78,000	12044 Talltree Dr	\$275,000
29350 Kennedy Ct	\$390,000			14720 Susanna St	\$170,000	9060 Tavistock Ct	\$195,000
20804 Middlebelt Rd	\$100,000			15447 Williams St	\$188,000		
32345 Nottingham St	\$78,000					Redford	
26517 Old Homestead Ct	\$245,000			1755 Bristol Dr	\$420,000	9151 Riverview	\$82,000
29200 Valley Bend Ct	\$263,000			667 Hill Crest Ct	\$226,000	8954 Winston	\$109,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd	\$100,000			626 River Oaks Dr	\$245,000	South Lyon	
29847 White Hall Dr	\$270,000			31033 Star Trl	\$240,000	26300 Daria Cir W	\$80,000
				1301 Wixom Trl	\$140,000	919 Oak Creek Dr	\$200,000
				Northville		23556 Prescott Ln E	\$379,000
				19409 Althea Ct	\$107,000		
				613 Carpenter St	\$200,000	Westland	
				16964 Country Knoll Dr	\$205,000	34008 Blackfoot St	\$146,000
				19769 Hayes Ct	\$107,000	37228 Booth St	\$131,000
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Court of Appeals ruling relevant

Q: We are a group of neighbors next to a subdivision and we are upset that the subdivision association isn't enforcing their own restrictions as set forth in their subdivision plat. It is affecting our project. Can we do anything about it?

A: Probably, yes, under a recent case cited by the Michigan Court of Appeals where the Court of Appeals in effect created a new property right of a neighboring property owner's association, outside of a subdivision, to enforce restrictions created by a subdivision plat or by deed. Under the Court of Appeals

decision, this right may not be based upon any action, plan or grant of a common grantor for a common subdivision. Rather, the neighbors need only show proximity and claim reliance on knowledge of the restriction to have a right to enforce the restriction. That certainly changes the situation for many community and condominium associations.

Q: We have a number of elderly members in our community and I am wondering how they might discern whether or not something should be done in the event that one of these people

affect the safety of other members or the conditions of the buildings. In effect, what are the signs or triggers?

A: While this is not a full proof answer, some of the signs that one can observe as potential warning signals of problematic individuals would be: (1) repeated questions by the elderly person, (2) wondering, (3) inappropriate dressing, (4) repeated requests, (5) substance abuse, (6) compulsive hoarding and/or (7) frequent visits from strangers which might create the possibility of exploitation. Your best advice is to consider whether there are state or local agencies that can assist elderly members of your association. You may also wish to call the elder care locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging at (800) 677-1116, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST or visit www.eldercare.gov for more information.

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



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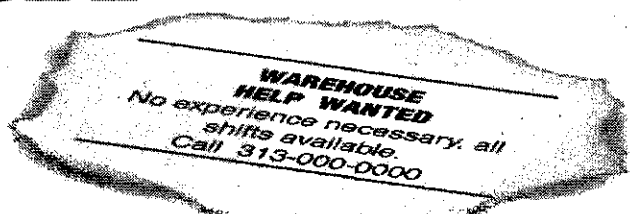
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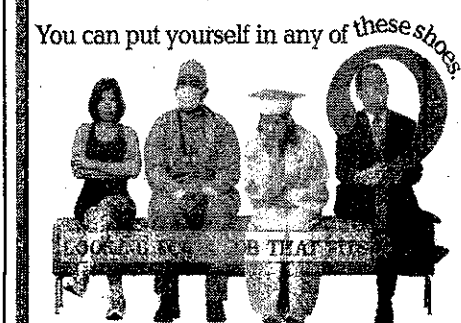
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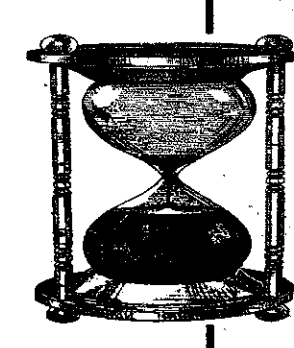
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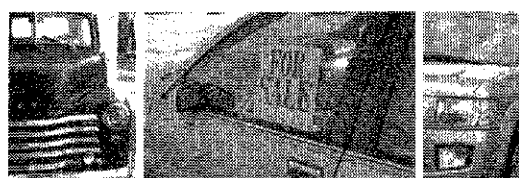
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- 13 Speck
- 14 Taiga animal
- 15 Father of geometry
- 17 Package tour features
- 19 Romantic poet
- 21 — Gatos, Calif.
- 22 Bath powder
- 24 "She Done — Wrong"
- 26 Marshal Dillon
- 29 Helps a thief
- 31 First gear
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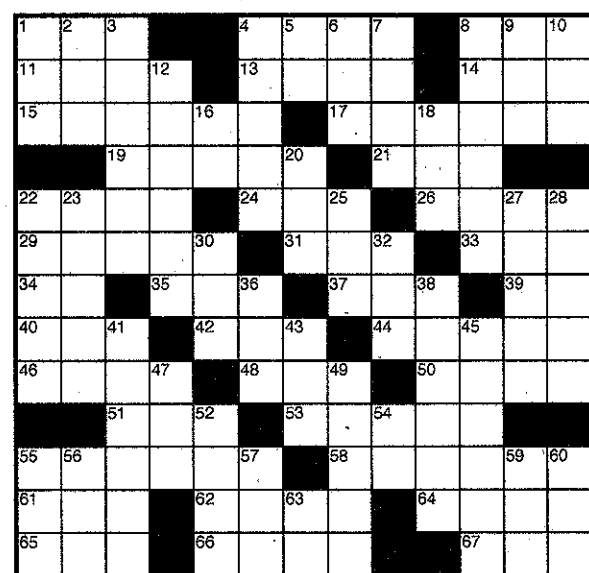
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- 46 Tatum's dad
- 48 Financial average
- 50 Pinch hitters
- 51 Sister
- 53 After-dinner treats
- 55 Raised a brood
- 58 Lies dormant
- 61 Ms. Thurman
- 62 Free pass
- 64 Do some fencing
- 65 Train alternative
- 66 Door openers
- 67 Has permission

Answer to Previous Puzzle

E	V	E	S	S	O	B	B	U	S	H
L	A	T	H	C	H	E	A	S	I	A
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					K	O	I	I	N	A
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7	4	9	1	8	6	5	2	3	
1	8	6	3	9	2	9	7	7	
5	3	2	4	7	9	8	1	6	
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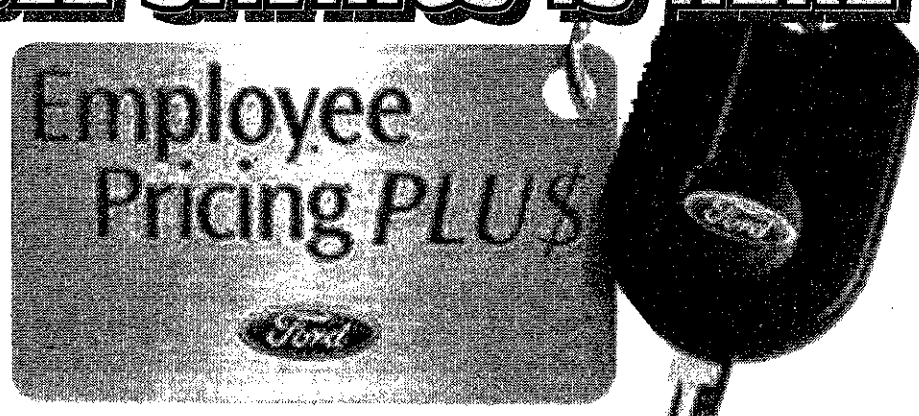
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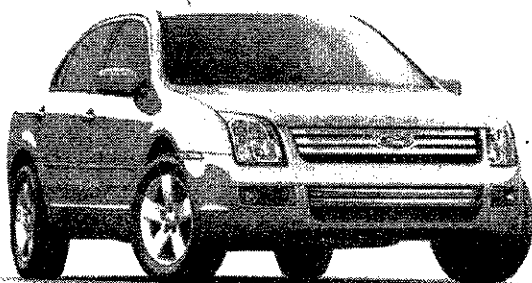
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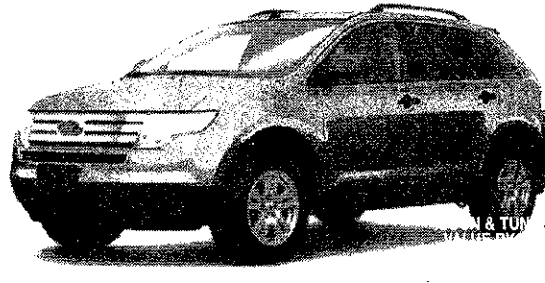
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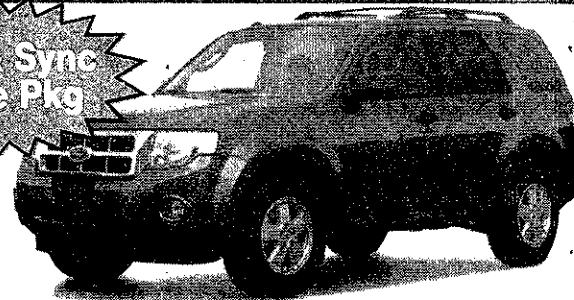


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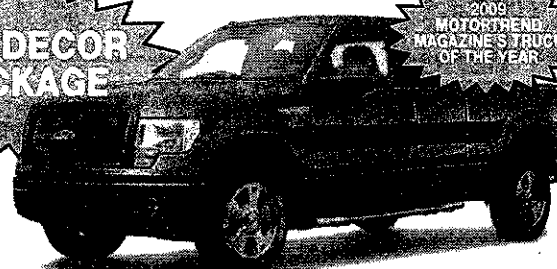


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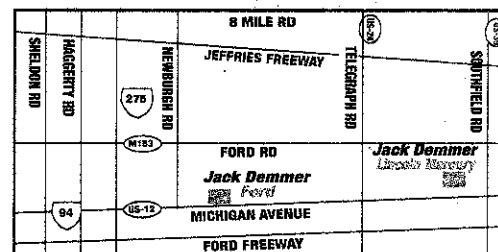
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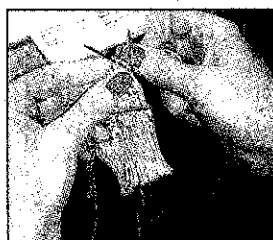
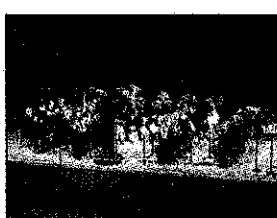
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New ways to go green crop up

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Living a lifestyle that's friendly to the environment is getting easier. New ways to go "green" crop up every day. Following are a business, a restaurant and a fair that have started just in the last year to offer healthy alternatives to people, each in a unique way.

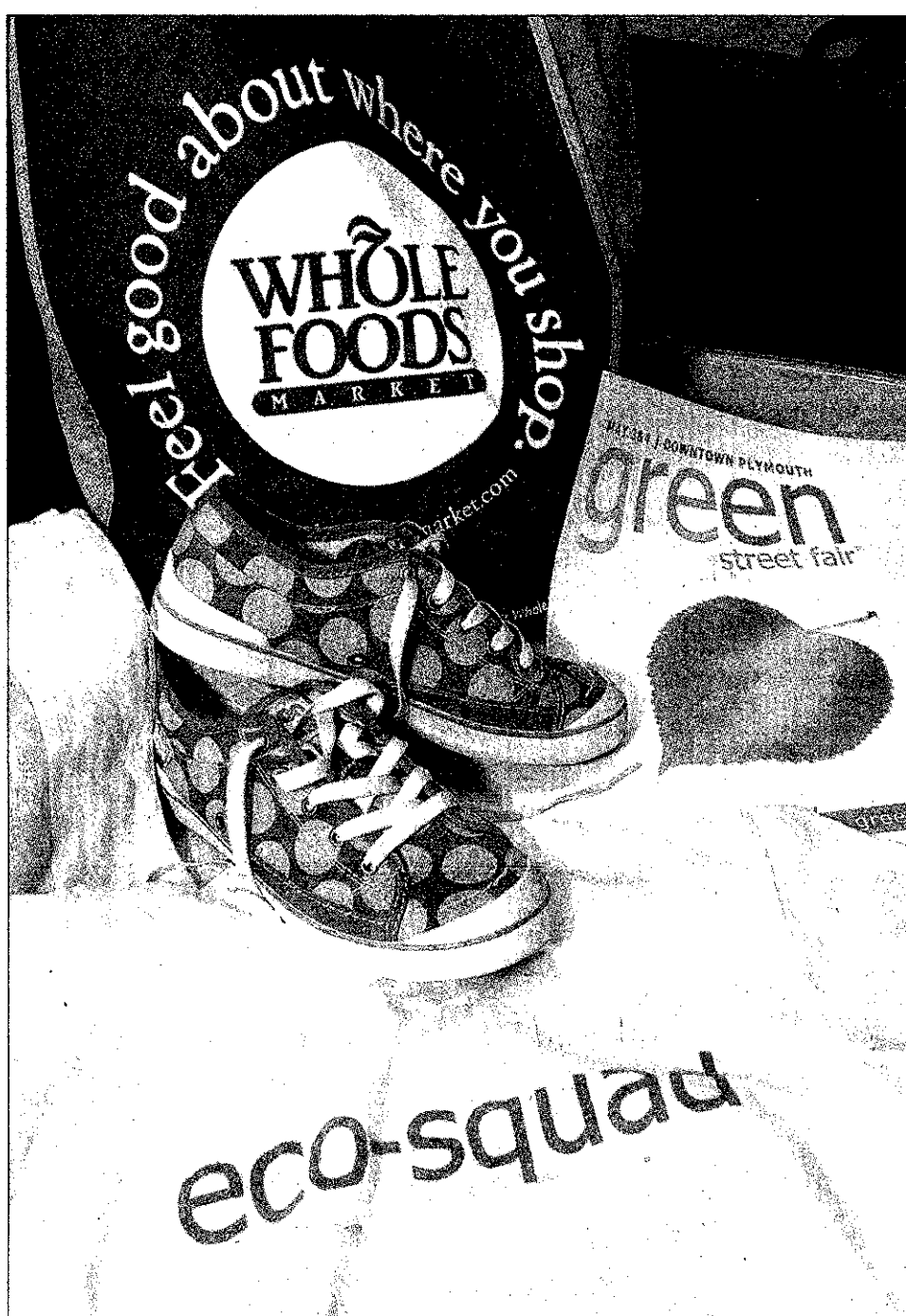
BUY IT BY THE CASE

Yvette and Kevin Berman of Clarkston are meeting the need for organic products by providing them — by the case. At organicybythecase.com, customers can place an on-line order for cases of everything from biodegradable napkins to organic baby food jars and laundry detergents. Yvette Berman, who grew up in Troy, says business is good. "Our vision is making the busy consumer's life easier and more convenient when buying organic goods," she said. The company, which promotes Michigan organic producers, operates from Orion Township. "It's been a slow but steady ramp-up since we launched last April," she said. "As consumers become more informed on the benefits of organic food and products, people will become healthier and so will the planet. The future is organic."

EAT OUT NATURALLY

Mind Body & Spirits, which opened last fall in downtown Rochester, not only serves organic food but it's an eco-friendly showcase. Owner Mike Plesz built cutting edge "green" technology into the 1890s building. "You can't just build a health focused restaurant and not have it be eco-friendly," he said. The many "green" features include heating and cooling the building with geothermal energy, which exchanges the earth's temperature with air temperature, and solar photovoltaic technology, which converts sunlight into electricity. The all-organic menu is enhanced with herbs grown in an on-premises greenhouse, and ingredients from local growers and producers when possible. The restaurant also offers vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and dairy free selections. Mind Body & Spirits is at 301 S. Main Street.

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The 2008 Green Street Fair in Plymouth spotlighted eco-friendly products such as these sneakers made with recycled tire tread and canvas shopping bags to replace paper and plastic at the checkout.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Public relations manager David Youngman shows off the greenhouse behind Mind, Body & Spirits in downtown Rochester. The greenhouse, which will grow herbs and other edible plants for the restaurant, contains a concrete-filled wall and water-filled tubes to retain daytime heat and release it at night.

Acclaimed pianist to perform at Schoolcraft College

Anton Nel is a world class pianist and he's coming to Livonia. For nearly 30 years the Johannesburg native has concertized all over the world, but thanks to the Friday Night Recital Committee, classical music lovers won't have to drive far to hear him.



Linda Chomin

Nel performs Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn, and Mendelssohn Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College.

While Nel has played at large-scale venues with orchestras from London to Detroit, it's a rare opportunity

to experience this highly-acclaimed performer with only a couple hundred in the audience. In November, pianist James Tocco brought young and old alike to their feet in the recital hall. I've been covering the arts and entertainment for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 18 years and I'm proud to say I'm part of the committee that makes this possible. It's amazing that a group of volunteers could achieve so much in such a short span of time.

This is the second season for the series sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Foundation and Music Department. The concept was the dream of Donald Morelock, a well-respected piano professor and chairman of the college's music department, but each of the committee members joined for their own reasons.

Gail Mondry of Franklin and her husband Ira even donated a concert by James Tocco for the first season. Both serve on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and won the item in an auction at the annual fund raiser. Mondry says she wanted to thank Morelock because "he really does so much for all the kids" he teaches including her son, Nathan, 15, who performed with Tocco at the opening concert in November.

Carol Bonamici comes from a musical family. Her late husband was a music teacher at Redford Union High School and son Anthony teaches piano and chamber music at Herten Pedagogy University in St. Petersburg, Russia. She serves on the Livonia Symphony Orchestra board.

"I feel there are large venues like the Opera House. We're looking to fill a niche in a small setting for people who want a nearby facility to enhance their musical appetite," said Bonamici of Livonia. "We're bringing in worldwide talent. It's nice to have something in the suburbs."

Morelock sits at the grand piano in the recital hall pleased with the sound made possible by a new hardwood floor. He's even more excited about the recital by Nel who the New York Times calls "an uncommonly elegant pianist."

"He's marvelous, a charismatic performer," said Morelock. "People can come and have dinner at American Harvest restaurant just a few feet from

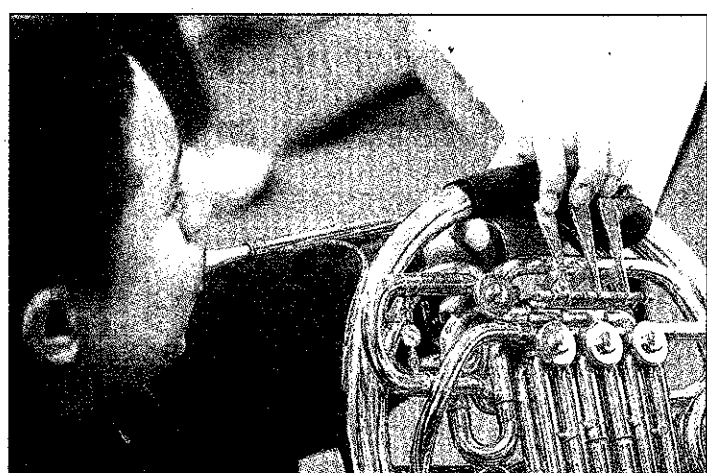


Internationally acclaimed pianist Anton Nel performs Feb. 13, at Schoolcraft College. Nel won first prize in the 1987 Naumburg International Piano Competition and has concertized around the world for nearly 30 years.

FRIDAY EVENING RECITAL SERIES

What: Features pianist Anton Nel
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13
Where: Presentation Room in the VisTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia
Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 students. Call (734) 462-4403 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/music

Concert shows off kids' talent



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lorne Carter, 16, of Southfield plays French horn in the wind ensemble of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Danny Lindenmuth can't wait to show off everything he's learned while rehearsing with the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. Since September the 12-year-old Livonia boy, along with more than 100 children and teens, have given up their Saturday mornings to practice in ensemble and orchestral settings. On Saturday, Jan. 31, they perform the music of J.S. Bach, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Franz Schubert and John Williams at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Danny plays violin with the Concert and Symphony Strings under Julia Kurtyka, a Livonia violinist who teaches privately and performs with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. His sister, Kristi, 9, is a flutist with the Wind Ensemble and Flute

Choir led by Carl Karoub, principal French horn with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

LYPM offers a variety of performance opportunities from beginning strings to the advanced Philharmonic for students in communities as far away as West Bloomfield and Highland.

"I'm excited because concerts are really fun and you get to show off your talents to everybody," said Danny Lindenmuth, now in his second year with LYPM. Danny is a seventh grade student at Holmes Middle School. "I've learned how to play in an orchestral environment, learned to play with others. If you don't know how to play with others you're never going to be as good a violinist as you can be."

Danny doesn't have a favorite song on the program but father Dave Lindenmuth does. As LYPM president, Dave's not shy about the

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All that brass

Band brings British style to Berkley High

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Hear a British-style brass band this side of the pond as the Oakland Brass Band hosts "Winter Wonderland," 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Berkley High School.

The program features a mix of classical, pop and Broadway songs played by talented musicians from throughout the area.

In the British tradition, Oakland Brass Band has a full complement of 25 players, including cornets, a flugelhorn, tenor horns, baritone, euphoniums and trombones.

The group's sole Soprano Cornet is played by Mike Flickinger of Rochester.

"In England they have a huge history of brass banding. It's been there forever," Flickinger said. "Most instruments are conical, so they have a little warmer, darker sound, and we have some percussion."

The three percussionists in Oakland Brass Band play everything from timpani and triangles to glockenspiels and drums.

The band formed in 2006 with the desire to provide Detroit-area musicians with an outlet for expressing their talent through the brass band style and heritage.

OAKLAND BRASS BAND



Kroesche



Irwin

What: "Winter Wonderland" featuring solo performances by Dr. Kenneth Kroesche on Euphonium and Clark Irwin on Cornet

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 30

Where: Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, Berkley

Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$9, seniors; free, 18 and under; advance sales \$12, general admission; \$7, seniors

Upcoming shows: "Spring Breeze: Ides of March," featuring guest Cornet soloist William Campbell, 8 p.m. March 17; and "Gone Fishin'," 8 p.m. June 12

Information: Call (248) 931-5169 or visit www.oaklandbrassband.com

Flickinger, 37, is a freelance trumpet player and teacher. He said he had his choice of instruments, and discovered the cornet trumpet at an



The Oakland Brass Band performs at Berkley High School 8 p.m. Jan. 30.

early age.

"My dad was a high school band director. When I was five he brought a cornet home, I asked him to bring it home, and I learned to play it," he said.

Flickinger, who attended Big Rapids High School and Central Michigan University, played in marching bands, concert bands, jazz bands and orchestras.

Now, as part of the Oakland Brass Band, he acts as Program Director, lining up guest musicians for the group's concerts.

At Berkley High School the band will be joined by soloists Kenneth Kroesche on Euphonium and Clark Irwin on Cornet.

Kroesche, of Rochester Hills, is Associate Professor of Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba at Oakland University. Clark Irwin, of Dryden, is a freelance trumpet player with an extensive

performance history. Read more about them at www.oaklandbrassband.com.

British brass bands have a great tradition of competitions throughout Europe. The Oakland Brass Band doesn't compete. Instead, they play a 5-concert series each season.

Their upcoming program at Berkley High School includes: William Rimmer, *Punchinello*; John Newton, *Amazing Grace*; George Marshall, *Ransomed* (Euphonium solo); Frederic Chopin, *So Deep is the Night* (Euphonium solo); Richard Wagner, *Rienzi* (overture); John Walter Bratton, *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*; Alexander Goedicke, *Concert Etude* (Cornet solo); Johannes Brahms, *Wiegandlied*; Leonard Bernstein, *West Side Story*; and Derek Bourgeois, *Fantasia on Tico Tico*.

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GREEN

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A FAIR OF GREEN

To get more "green" ideas and products than you ever thought possible, go to the Second Annual Green Street Fair on the streets of downtown Plymouth from Friday to Sunday, May 1-3.

Over 150 exhibitors and 40 sponsors showcased, demonstrated and sold eco-friendly, organic and green products at the inaugural two-day event last year, which drew an estimated 90,000 people.

The 2009 Green Street Fair has been extended to three days because of its success.

Highlights will include: The Market Village, exhibitor displays, speakers, live music, street performers, interactive displays, children's activity centers, Trash Can Jam, fitness and well-being demonstrations, organic cuisine and art installations.

Green Street Fair, Inc. was founded to help educate and inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic and eco-friendly

products and services.

Fair goers will find lots new.

"We are stepping up our recycling efforts even more at the 2009 Green Street Fair," said Terri O'Brien, Green Street Fair Inc. partner. "In addition to full service recycling stations, the event will also offer compost stations, which will be available to cleanly dispose of food and

food service items."

An "Eco-Squad" will be available throughout the weekend to help answer questions.

More organizations are still being sought for interactive workshops and demonstrations.

For more information, visit www.greenstreetfair.com, call (734) 259-2983 or e-mail info@greenstreetfair.com.

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upcoming concert, the first of the season.

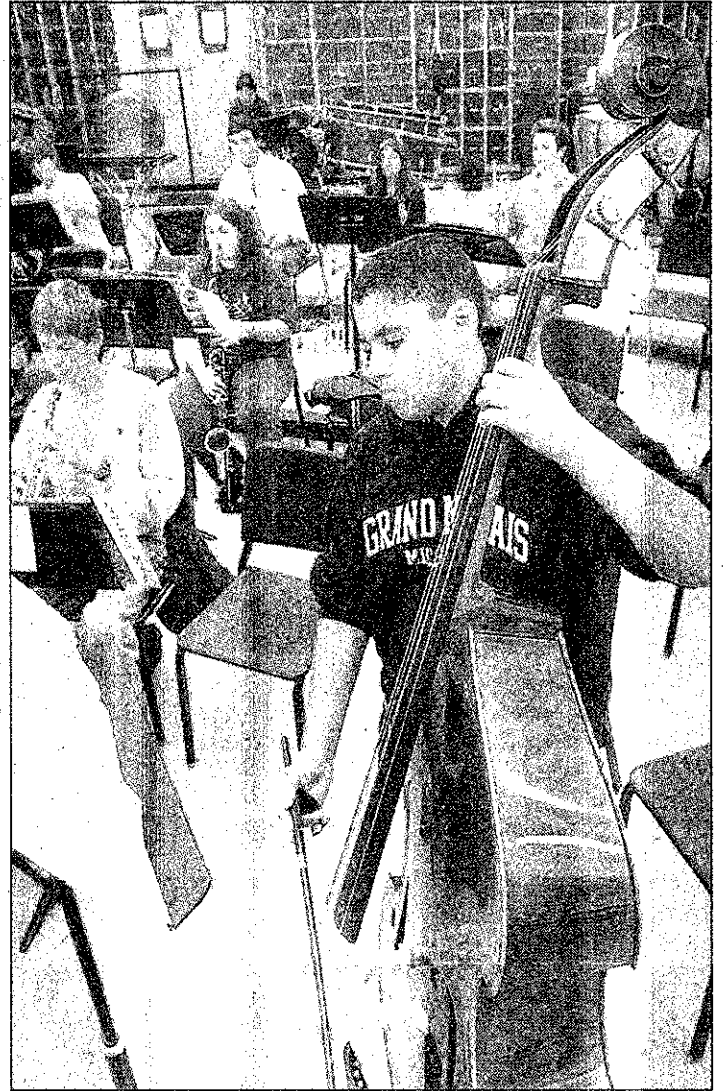
"I'm excited to see all of the kids up there performing. Every one of our kids will perform, some as young as 6," said Dave Lindenmuth. "Kids join because they want to perform. Tim Wilkins, the Philharmonic conductor, brings a lot of excitement to the group and is a lot of fun to work with, and the Nutcracker music is timeless. It's one of the classics. Tchaikovsky wrote a lot of things but the Nutcracker is one of the most recognizable in classical music."

While much of the program features the classics, the Philharmonic brings to life the contemporary theme from the movie *Superman* by John Williams. On a lighter note as well the Flute Ensemble celebrates St. Patrick's Day early with Galway Piper, an Irish Air.

LYPM is a non-profit organization and always appreciates donations because it receives no public funding.

"We're a community-based non-profit," said Lindenmuth. "We're just here for the kids. None of the board members make any money. Anybody who wants to come to the concert we welcome them."

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Klif Wilder of Canton plays bass in the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan. The student orchestra performs Jan. 31, at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

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the recital hall then hear the concert and meet him afterwards at the reception."

Nel's career is quite impressive. He made his debut at age 12 after only two years of study and went on to win major competitions. In 1982 he graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg then pursued Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees at the University of Cincinnati.

In his early 20s Nel was appointed to the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin and over the years had professorships at the Eastman School of Music, and the University of Michigan where he was chairman of the piano department. In September 2000, Nel returned to the University of Texas at Austin to become a professor of piano and chamber music and head the Division of Keyboard Studies.

He maintains a busy performance schedule. Nel just finished four days of concerts in Seattle, Wash., and is preparing to tour with the St. Lawrence String Quartet in Connecticut, South Carolina and Georgia before arriving at Schoolcraft College.

"I've played a lot of big halls and enjoy playing where the audience sits close in," said Nel in a phone interview from Austin, Texas. "You can communicate better. All of the music was first played in a venue like that. The composer speaks on an intimate level. You can play as quietly as you like. I prefer such venues because of intimacy."

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prior to brewing, the higher the quality of the sake.

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SAKE WITH FOOD

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Experiment by pairing sake with non-Japanese cuisine, such as fresh oysters. The fresh, briny character of the oyster pairs particularly well with a chilled sake. Smoked or cured salmon works well because of its salty character. An appetizer of fried and lightly salted calamari with a dipping sauce is very attractive as is shrimp and vegetable tempura.

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A retail shop for recommended sakes can be sourced through Estate Wine and Spirits, (248) 649-6940.

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Northville Art House: "Art in Stitches, A Fiber Arts Exhibition" with Ann Avery, Boleali Bliswas, Juliana Cerro, Anne Hiemstra, Sidney Savage Inch, Lynn Krawczyk, Jackie Lams, Linda Larsen and Joan Potter Thomas, Feb. 6-22; opening 6-9 p.m. Feb. 6, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
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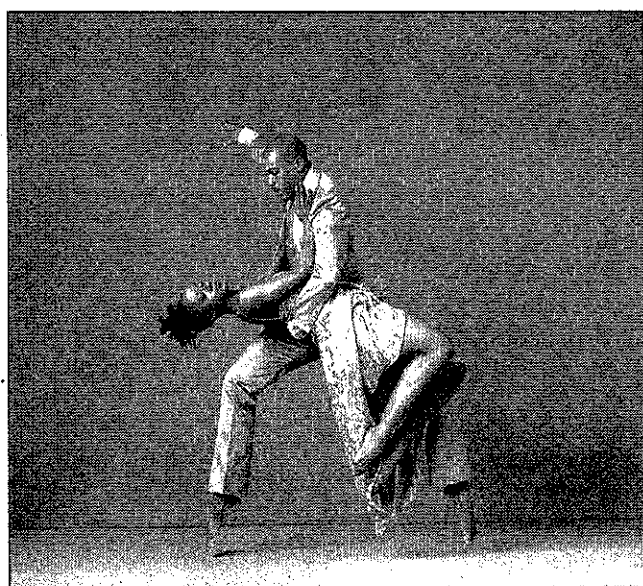
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Schoolcraft College: Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13; Avalon String Quartet, March 20; Cellist Robert de Mainé, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

COMEDY

Fox Theatre: Ron White, March 14; Spring Comedy Jam with Mike Epps, Teddy Carpenter, Dominique Wittern, March 21, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.
Masonic Temple Theatre: Laugh-A-Thon with Rickey Smiley, Adele Givens, Red Grant & Rodney Perry, 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 500 Temple, Detroit; Tickets \$51.50-\$67.50, (248) 645-6666.

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Horizon, March 10, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

The Fox Theatre: BB King and Buddy Guy, Feb. 16; Celtic Woman: Isle of Hope, Feb. 20; Bill Gaither and his Homecoming Friends, March 12, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

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Masonic Temple Theatre: Rain, A Tribute to The Beatles, March 19, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

Majestic Theatre: Galactic, Feb. 4, 4140 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700.

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The Palace of Auburn Hills: Slipknot with Coheed and Cambria and Trivium, Jan. 31; The "World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions, Feb. 7; Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance, Feb. 15; Fleetwood Mac, March 8; Eagles, March 21; Billy Joel/Eton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21; 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: Just Announced, New Found Glory, April 26, tickets on sale today; Louis CK, April 17, tickets on sale Feb. 6; Stay & Play Social Club w/Huckleberry Groove, Jan. 30; Umphrey's McGee, March 12; 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

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FILM

Detroit Film Theatre: "A Secret," Jan. 30-Feb. 8, at Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Historical Museum: "Ralph Bunche - The Man Behind the Myth," 1 p.m. Feb. 14-15, free in conjunction with exhibit Ralph Bunche: Global Impact - Detroit Roots, 5401 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-1805, www.detroithistorical.org.

Henry Ford IMAX: "Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West," "Journey to Mecca," "The Dark Knight: The Imax Experience," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-5700.

Penn Theatre: "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" starts Jan. 30, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-0870.

Redford Theatre: "Sunset Boulevard," Feb. 6-7, at 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

MORE MUSIC

Detroit Opera House: A Valentine's Rock n' Roll Spectacular featuring The Miracles, The Reflections, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, The Contours, The Diamonds and The Drifters, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7; tickets \$37-\$67, at 1526 Broadway, Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: The Necks w/ Pink Eye, Feb. 6, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

Trinity House Theatre: Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, Feb. 6; Great Lakes Songwriting Competition Winners Showcase featuring Allister Bradley, Allison Downey and Julianne, Feb. 7, 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Detroit Institute of Arts: "In the Company of Artists: Photographs from the DIA's Collection" through Feb. 15; "Master Pieces: Chess Sets from the Dr. George and Vivian Dean Collection" through March 22, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Call (313) 833-7900.

Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," opens Feb. 14, 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: Opening reception, "Black Is Black Ain't" and "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," w/ music by The Sea and Cake w/ The Raw Truth Ensemble, 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.

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Royal Oak Music Theatre: Pro Boxing 4: Night of Knockouts, 8 p.m. Jan. 31; tickets, \$30-\$500, 318 W. 4th St. Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com/.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Tipping Point Theatre: "The Rabbit Hole," Feb. 4-6; "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

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Detroit Opera House: 1526 Broadway, Detroit, tickets \$33-\$93, Day-of, cash-only \$25 tickets available by lottery 2½ hours before each 8 p.m. show; "Rent," Feb. 17-22; "Fiddler on the Roof," March 3-8, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
Fisher Theatre: "A Chorus Line," through Feb. 1; "Spamlot," Feb. 3-15; "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," March 17-April 5; Mandy Patinkin and Patti LuPone, April 14-19; "Stomp," April 20-26; "Annie," May 5-10; and "Grease," June 9-28.
Fox Theatre: "Jesus Christ Superstar," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 1, tickets \$30-\$69; "Movin' Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75; "Riverdance: Farewell Performances," April 8-12; 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

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For the third year in a row, Knit Michigan aims to spread a little love to cancer patients throughout the mitten.

The non-profit organization makes and donates handmade comfort items — ranging from chemo caps and lap blankets to pillows and teddy bears — for cancer patients and their families.

The organization's "fiber-focused fundraising event," held annually at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, brings fiber artists together to create the items during all-day knitting marathons. The event also raises money through admission fees, donations, auctions and raffles.

The past two years, Knit Michigan raised a combined total of \$50,000. This year's profits will be split between five Michigan cancer organizations (see infobox).

The event is a win-win, according to Bridget Dean, owner of the Berkley yarn shop "...have you any wool."

"I don't think there's anybody who hasn't been touched by cancer in some way, whether it be a family member, co-worker or neighbor," said Dean, who co-founded Knit Michigan with Joan Sheridan, owner of Heritage Spinning & Weaving in Lake Orion.

"This is a way for the fiber community to come together and have fun while helping a good cause."

THE BASIC PATTERN

Whether you knit, crochet, felt or sew, you'll find plenty to do during Knit Michigan, where learning and shopping opportunities abound. Among other

KNIT MICHIGAN 2009

What: A fiber-focused fundraising event
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7; Knit Marathon, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Where: Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills
Cost: \$10 minimum donation; children under 4, free
Benefiting: Rose Cancer Treatment Center, Royal Oak; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit; Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc; Gilda's Club, Royal Oak; U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ann Arbor.

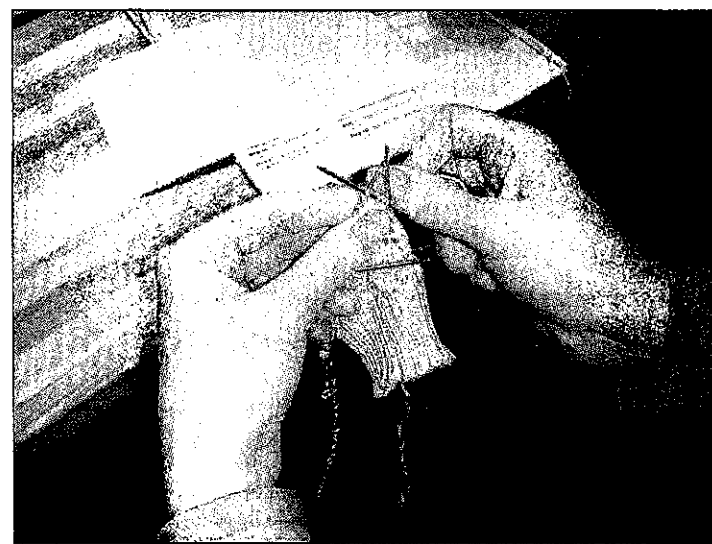
Participating Stores: "...have you any Wool?," Berkley; Gifted, Royal Oak; Knitting Room, Birmingham; My Craft Room, Troy; Skeins on Main, Rochester; and many more.

Information:
www.knitmichigan.com

things, the event offers:

- A market featuring 16 different Michigan yarn stores
- Lessons in knitting, spinning, crochet and felt-making.
- A hands-on weaving demonstration.
- Silent and live auctions.
- Spinning and knitting contests with prizes.
- A 'tween fiber area for ages 9 to 13.
- Children's crafts, including finger knitting with beads, spool knitting, "painting" with wool and paper weaving.

Door prizes will be awarded hourly, and if you donate comfort items, you'll receive a coupon redeemable at local yarn shops around the state. Patterns can be found at www.knitmichigan.com.



Knitters from throughout the mitten will gather for a good cause during Knit Michigan on Saturday, Feb. 7.

CRAFTING ENDURANCE

A unique feature of Knit Michigan is the Knit Marathon, where fiber artists put their endurance to the test, wielding their needles from 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

"We'll be making various comfort items. Certainly there is a need for chemo caps, plus other comfort items, like lap robes made from fleece with crocheted edge, and pillows for people to rest their arms while they're getting chemo," Dean said. "We'll have sewing machines set up. You can also bring knitted squares that will be put together to make afghans."

Of course, you don't have to knit your fingers to the bone. Marathoners are invited to take plenty of shopping and socializing breaks, and the \$90 marathon entry fee includes two workshops, lunch and an informal fashion show.

KNITTING TRENDS

Fiber arts have been surging in popularity, especially with the rise of the DIY craft movement.

Dean said many of her

customers favor portable projects like scarves and socks. Also popular are vests, sweaters, and cowls that can be worn around the neck and pulled up over the head-hood-style for extra warmth.

Just as important as the patterns are the fibers used to make them.

"People are really getting into the beauty of the yarn itself," Dean said, adding that her personal favorite is alpaca. "It comes in a variety of weights and it's just luscious. It's really soft and it's a versatile fiber."

She also loves Shepherd's Wool from Stonehedge Fiber Mill in East Jordan, Mich.

"The yarn is processed, dyed and spun in Michigan. It has a really soft hand and I'm just thrilled to have it in my store," Dean said. "I'm thrilled that it's a Michigan company and we can keep the money in the mitten."

Dean is among 16 yarn shops that will have merchandise for sale at the event.

For more information, to purchase tickets or register for the Knit Marathon by Jan. 27, visit www.knitmichigan.com.

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