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## Connection

### Nelson tribute

Calling all Ricky Nelson fans. The two sons of the late star will be at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Friday, March 27, to pay tribute to their father, who first broke hearts on the *Ozzie and Harriet* television show and later went on to have a solid career as a musician.

"Ricky Nelson Remembered" will feature identical twins Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, rock stars in their own right, who will perform a 90-minute concert that will include all of Ricky Nelson's hits interwoven with family films and outtakes from the *Ozzie and Harriet* show. They'll also tell behind-the-scene stories that give great insight into what was happening as Ricky Nelson wrote many of his top hits, including *Garden Party*.

The show, which begins at 7 p.m. with a pre-show reception, will benefit the nonprofit bereavement outreach work of New Hope Center for Grief Support, and will kick off the New Hope Center for Grief Support's 10th anniversary year of providing grief support services to adults, teens and children through groups, individual support, seminars and other resources.

Tickets to this tribute are \$52 and can be bought online at [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater) or by calling (734) 394-5300. A portion of your ticket purchase is tax-deductible. For more information about New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115 or visit [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net).

## Radio station success

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation named Plymouth-Canton's WSDP the high school station of the year at the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo March 11 in Grand Rapids. Numerous WSDP staffers also received individual awards, including Salem junior Kurtis Roy, Canton sophomore Sean Fitzpatrick, and Plymouth sophomore Derek Harbison.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and is run by the students from the three high schools. The station will host a special concert on March 28 at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School featuring Telarc recording artist Keri Noble, with guests The Mean Reds and Rachele Eve, who grew up in Plymouth.

All the profits from the show will benefit WSDP. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door. They can be ordered online at [www.881TheEscape.com](http://www.881TheEscape.com) (\$2.50 service charge).

## Officials balk, consider smaller water rate increase

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township residents will see a water and sewer rate hike this year, however it won't be a 20-percent increase proposed earlier by the administration.

Reacting to concerns by residents that 20 percent was too high in tough economic times, the Board of Trustees received three new recommendations from the administration at Tuesday's workshop meeting. The seven-member board is expected to approve one of them next week.

The highest of the proposed water

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Which of the three water rate proposals presented by the township administration do you favor? E-mail your opinion to Editor Kurt Kuban at [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) or post a comment on our Web site at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

and sewer rate hike increases, 16.9 percent, assumes operating expenses can be reduced by \$700,000 with no reduction in the \$11.8 million cash balance in the water and sewer fund.

A second alternative would increase rates by 12.5 percent, but

would use \$1 million of the cash balance to pay for operations of the system.

A third plan would drop the increase to 8 percent, with \$2 million taken from the cash balance.

In all the proposed rate hikes, the fixed charges to consumers would not be increased.

Nearly two dozen residents attended the workshop meeting, and those who spoke implored trustees to keep the rate hike as low as possible.

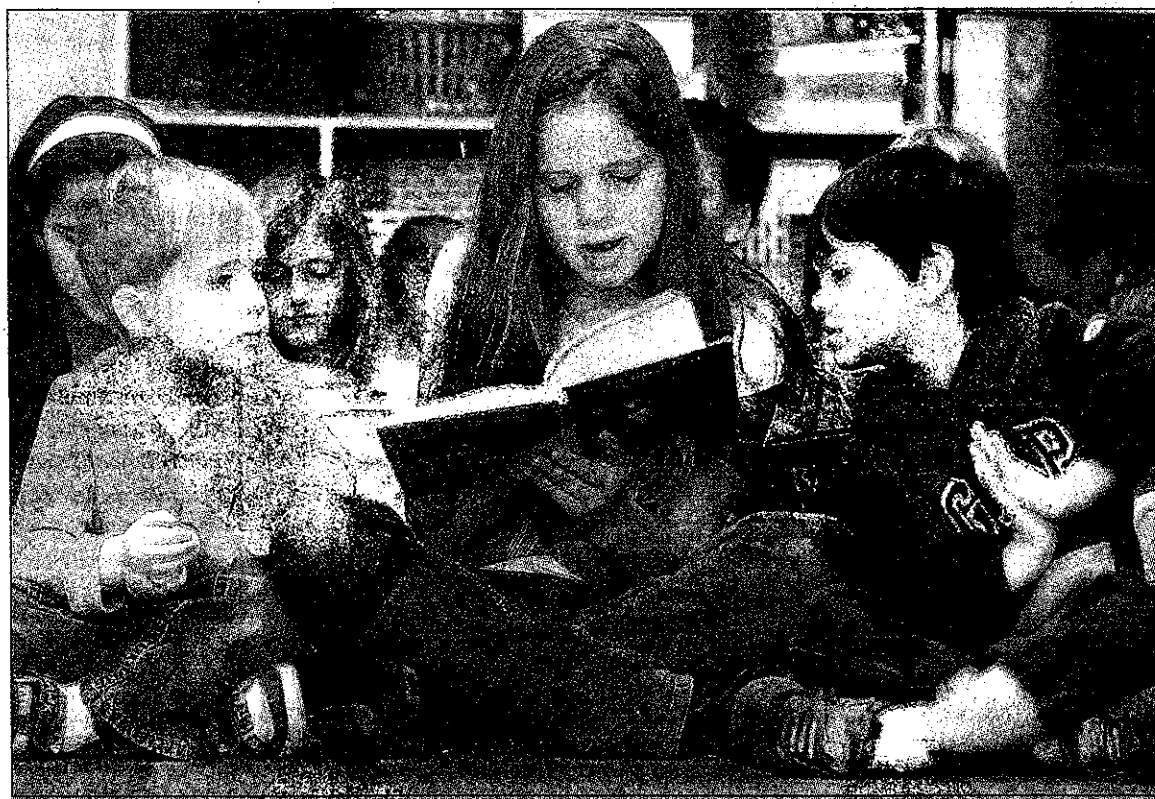
"We're digging into our reserves to carry us through unemployment, layoffs ... those who have jobs are taking pay cuts to maintain it,"

Rohan Peters said. "I'd rather you not raise the rates — period — but if you have to, I wish you'd consider using \$2 million because eventually your cash fund will come back once the economy turns."

Trustee Syed Taj asked the administration to consider raising rates after peak usage in the summer to save consumers money. However, Finance Director Rick Eva said delaying the rate hike past May would just cause further financial stress on an already taxed system.

"If you delay, you're just going

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Ariana Lehman, 9, reads "Morris and Boris" to Henry Sebok and Aaron Sanfilippo, both 4 years old, at St. Michael Christian School in Canton.

## Reading guides

St. Michael's older students lend a helping hand to younger peers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ten-year-old Stephanie Paquette, a fourth-grader at St. Michael Christian School in Canton, read for about a half hour to 4-year-old Alyssa Perko Monday morning.

March is Reading Month, and older students at the school — located in St. Michael Lutheran Church on Sheldon Road, just south of Warren — spend time each week reading to younger students. On this particular day, the story Paquette chose to read was *Amelia Bedelia's Funny Farm*.

"I like reading to them," said Paquette, who lives in Canton. "I like to ask them questions to see if they understand what I'm reading."



Justin Montague, 9, reads "A Chair for My Mother" to 5-year-old Sam McLean.

Perko, a preschooler at St. Michael, was quick to relate what was happening to the popular children's book character.

"She has a lot of things to do and they have a party at the end," she said. "There was a lot of peo-

ple that came."

Karolynn O'Neil, education director at the school, said there are many advantages of kids reading to kids.

"Kids relate better to each other," said O'Neil. "Here's an older child reading to them and it encourages the younger children to become readers themselves. I've had first-graders who started out not being able to read and all of a sudden they can read to another child. Reading out loud is fundamental to learning to read."

"When they can read independently, all of a sudden the world is wide open for them and they get so excited," she said. "We want them to enjoy reading and not be afraid."

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## Deficits loom as district eyes budget process

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If the Plymouth-Canton school board does nothing else and the numbers crunch the way the district's financial team has planned, there will be enough money to cover the district's projected \$2 million deficit in 2009-10.

It's the following year that really presents problems.

As budget predictions sit now, the school district faces a potential \$7.4 million deficit in 2010-11, when it will have only about \$2.5 million in its fund equity. The numbers take into account a foundation level — the per-pupil amount of state funding — staying at a consistent \$7,604 over the next two years. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has said the level will remain the same while the state gets projected revenue from President Barack Obama's stimulus package.

Originally, administrators had expected a \$59 cut in state funding. And not everyone is convinced it still won't happen.

"This is my fourth budget ... and I don't think the state has met what it said it was going to do at this time of year," Trustee Steven Sneiderman said. "I'm a little nervous about them doing that again."

The school board, which has made some \$16 million in budget cuts over the last eight years, is beginning the budget process for the 2009-10 school year. Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel and Jim Larso-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, presented the initial budget document for trustees to begin considering.

The proposed budget calls for more than \$156 million in revenue, but also more than \$158 million in expenditures. Among the factors impacting the budget: \$2.3 million in STEP increases and related costs and an 8-percent increase in health care costs.

Some have called for an end to the STEP process — where teachers get an automatic raise as they move through their contract — but Fiegel warned the board it was a contractual obligation.

"STEP increases are part of contracts," he said. "You'd have to negotiate that out."

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## Irish eyes were smiling

State Rep. Diane Slavens and her husband, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens, marched in Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Detroit. The Canton couple were among the thousands of people to attend the annual event and take advantage of the beautiful weather. The parade route was along Michigan Avenue through the Corktown neighborhood.

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# Road rally update

Information previously published in the Observer about Leadership Canton's upcoming Road Rally fundraiser was incorrect. The 3rd annual road rally will take place Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary Clock in Heritage Park. Leadership Canton is raising money for First Step ([www.firststep-mi.org](http://www.firststep-mi.org)), Open Door Ministry ([www.opendoorfoodministry.com](http://www.opendoorfoodministry.com)) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The fee is \$35 per person and includes road rally, T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. The rally is limited to 30 cars, with 4-6 passengers per car (minimum of four people per car). There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities available.

For more information about the event visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com>, or con-

tact Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

## Mom-2-Mom sale

St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road in Canton, will host its annual Mom-2-Mom sale from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 28. There will be more than 70 tables and 30 racks, as well as a large item room. Admission is \$1. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

## LWV scholars

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County announces a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded in June to a qualified United States citizen, male or female, college undergraduate.

Applicants must reside in the LWV's service area (Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Wayne County portion of Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne or Westland); attend a Michigan college or

university; major in government, political science or public policy; and be entering the third or fourth year of undergraduate study.

Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at the League's Web site at [www.lwynwv.org](http://www.lwynwv.org) (click on 2009 Scholarship Application). Applications must be postmarked by April 17.

## Christmas in Action

Canton's Christmas in Action chapter, a group of volunteers who annually help repair and refurbish homes for Canton seniors, is seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers to help from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25.

Some of the skilled services needed include electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work and painting.

Anyone interested in helping

should phone (734) 394-5191 to for more information.

## Diversity meeting

All Plymouth-Canton community residents are invited to take part in a community-wide meeting to explore diversity in the area and how to create an inclusive future at 7 p.m., March 26 at the Canton Township Administrative building.

Join fellow residents in working groups to secure an inclusive future for Plymouth and Canton. Families, high school youth, neighbors and people of all cultures and religions are encouraged to attend.

This is an effort supported by Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

To RSVP contact Nikhol Atkins at [natkins@miroundtable.org](mailto:natkins@miroundtable.org) or Stacey Stevens at (248) 331-7036 [sstevens@miroundtable.org](mailto:ssstevens@miroundtable.org).



## Scholarship winner

Michigan's Junior Miss State Scholarship Program was held at Saline High School March 14, with Plymouth-Canton representative Willa Chen (far right) finishing as the runner-up to the winner, Joanna Bierlein of Bay County (next to Chen). Fourteen high school senior young women from all over the state of Michigan competed for \$13,000.00 in college scholarship money at this event. The contestants completed in the areas of scholastic achievement, physical fitness, self expression, talent, and personal interview. America's Junior Miss, Lindsey Brinton, was a guest performer. Chen was awarded a \$500 cash scholarship for Scholastic Achievement, a \$500 cash scholarship for high point talent, and \$2,000 for being named first runner up. Willa performed a piano piece to Valse in E Minor by Frederic Chopin. Also pictured are Madelyn Wager of Greenville and Naomi Lin of Ann Arbor.

## Canton Economic Club

The Canton Economic Club will meet on Thursday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park. Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox will be the featured guest speaker.

The luncheons were developed with the purpose of

introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-5185.

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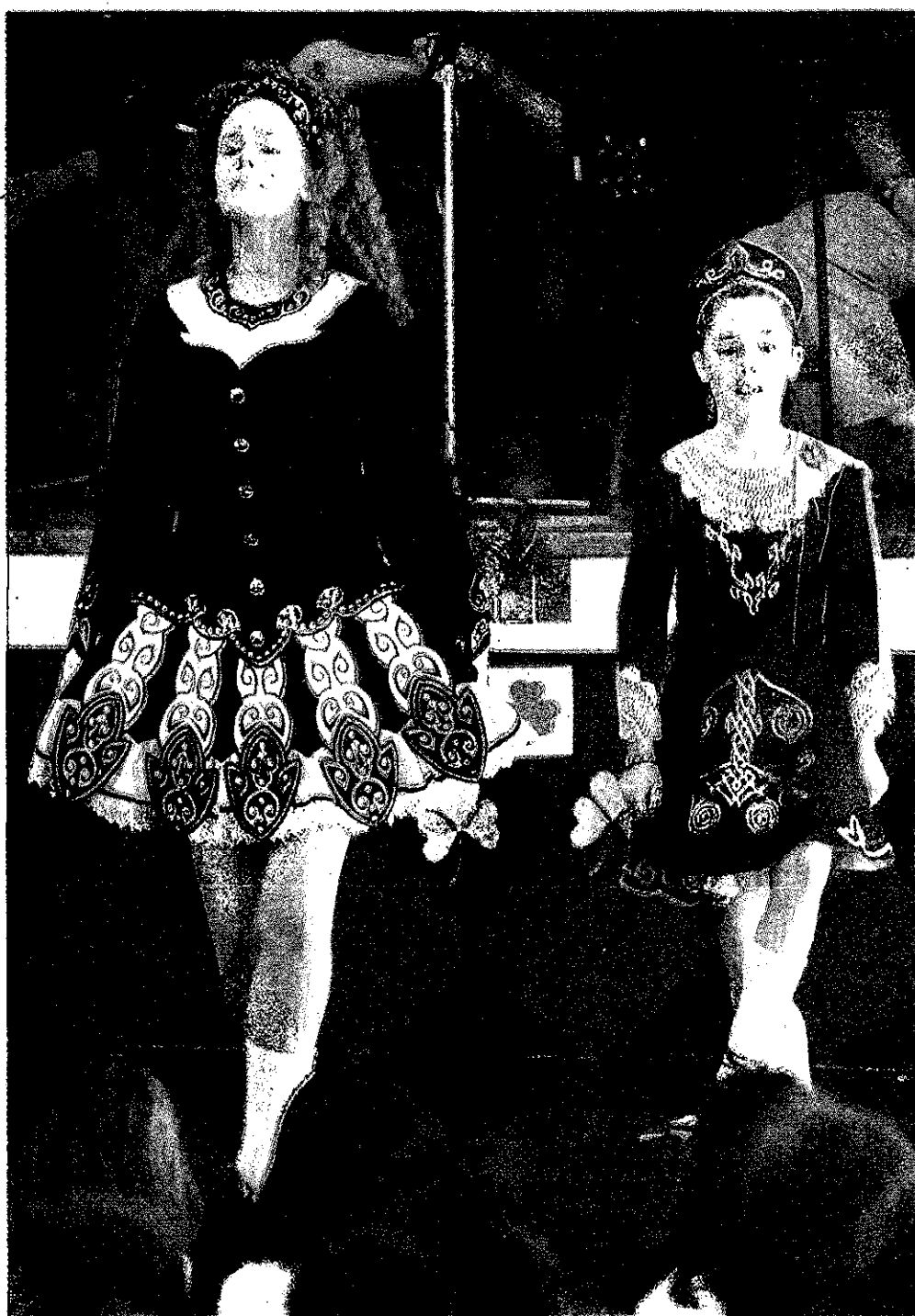
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## Irish steppin'

Canton's Mercy Young, 13, (left) and Bridget Dolowy, 11 of Livonia demonstrated a few Irish dance steps last Friday for the students at Henry Ruff Elementary in Garden City during the school's St. Patrick's Day program. The girls are members of the O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth.

# Yazaki sheds 10 percent of its workers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just like the auto industry has suffered because of the economic downturn, auto suppliers have found it difficult to stay afloat because of production cutbacks at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Yazaki North America in Canton Township — which supplies advanced power and data networks for auto companies worldwide — is one of those companies feeling the pinch of the current economic slowdown. Company officials have announced that approximately 150 people have accepted severance packages, reducing its workforce at the North American headquarters by about 10 percent.

Kimberly Reed, director of associate relations at Yazaki, said the buyouts were conducted in January and early

February.

"We had two plans, one in which an associate could receive a severance with medical benefits or an associate could take a lump sum payment," Reed said. "It was commensurate with years of service and the position within the company."

"Even though these actions are very difficult, there was a need to improve our competitiveness and position us for future growth," added Reed. "We certainly had to take a lot of thought and consideration in making the reductions. (Concerning future layoffs) we still have to assess the economy."

Reed said the buyouts will leave the Canton facility with 1,600 employees.

According to Ron Olesky, a workforce consultant for the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, the jobs were salaried

technical positions.

Olesky said there was an orientation meeting for the former Yazaki employees Feb. 26 to brief them on options.

"We met with the impacted employees to brief them on the available state services and benefits, to help them make a successful transition back into the workforce," Olesky said. "The company was very cooperative."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he was made aware of the cutbacks at Yazaki.

"It's not good for the community ... there are people, many who live in Canton, who are affected," said LaJoy. "We want Yazaki to be strong, they're a very important player in our community. We hope things will turn around and we can get those 150 people back."

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## INCREASE

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to use up more of the cash reserves," Eva said. "That's putting the system at risk and the rates will go even higher."

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she's not certain which recommendation she'll vote for next Tuesday.

"It's predicated on the idea we can take down \$700,000 from the operating expenses, and that's putting off maintenance we were supposed to do, which could cause bigger problems," McLaughlin said. "And if we see consumption decreases, then prices go up. It's like walking on the sharp edge of a knife."

While trustees want to keep water and sewer rate hikes as low as possible, it's using the cash reserve that has them concerned about paying for future improvements or unan-

anticipated repairs and expenditures.

"I think we can use some of the fund balance and probably worry about things when it comes," said Taj, who said he favors using some of the fund balance to keep the rate hike more palatable. "We may turn around, we may not need the fund balance. I'm a taxpayer, too, in this community and that makes some sense."

Trustee John Anthony said he never did like the 20-percent proposal, and the three additional alternatives "look more reasonable."

"But I would probably rule out the 8-percent increase because it doesn't satisfy the needs of the system and would be taking out \$2 million from cash reserves," Anthony said. "Using \$1 million from cash reserves, I like that a lot."

"If we don't adopt the 16 (percent), and I'm not sold on that either, we'd better pray there's no major (water main)

breaks because there's going to be a tremendous cost involved in replacing those pipes," he said. "Some of it is hedging your bet against future problems we're hopeful won't occur."

Eva said if the expected operating cost reductions don't come in at \$700,000 and water consumption — read that as revenue — is down this year, the township may be forced to dip even further into the cash reserves.

When the building boom had developers contributing to the water and sewer fund through tap (connection) fees, administration officials said the cash fund was growing \$3 million to \$4 million annually — at one time topping out at \$40 million. However, as the economic downturn stopped much of the construction, administrators said the tap fees amount to about \$1 million a year.

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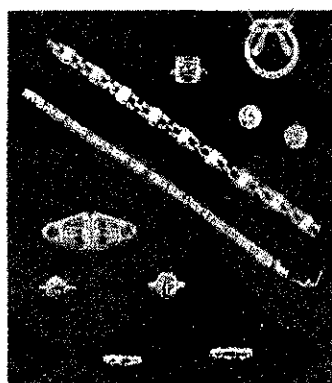
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Police department hires four new officers

The Canton Police Department recently hired four new officers to fill vacancies created by retirement. The new officers are:

■ Mark Bessner, 34, earned his Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, his Master's degree from University of Texas at Arlington, and his Juris Doctor at Ava Maria School of Law. Bessner is also licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan. He graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in November of 2008.

■ Matthew Burdt, 27, is a former combat engineer in the United States Army. He earned his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University in



Bessner



Burd



Keimig



Pletzke

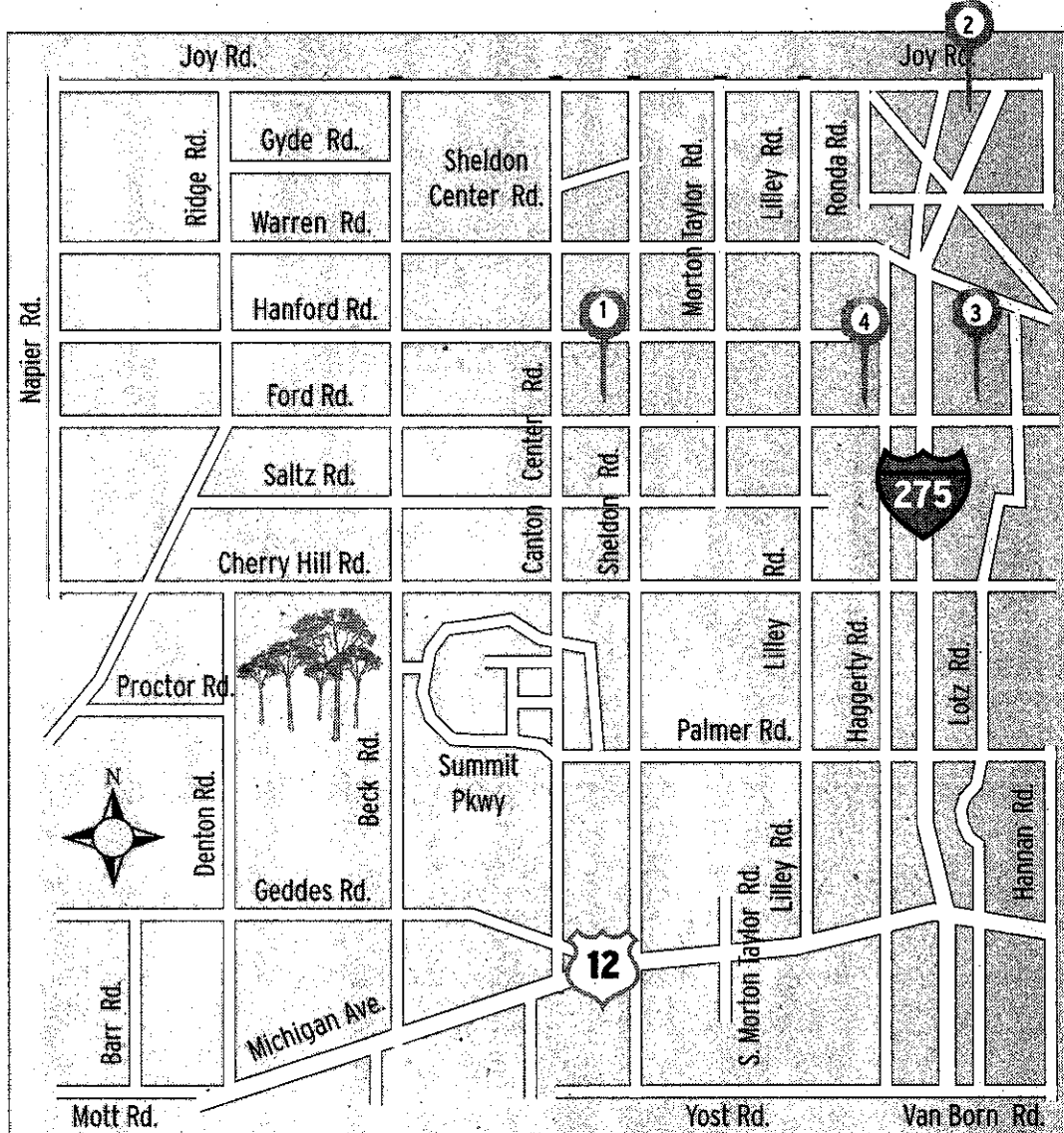
2003, and graduated from the Macomb Police Academy in December 2008.

■ Joseph Keimig, 27, earned his associates degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy in November 2008.

■ Nicholas Pletzke, 28, earned his Bachelor's degree in criminalistics from Lake Superior State University in

2004. He graduated from the Northeast Basic Police Academy in 2004.

Candidates for the Canton Police Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check. To find out more about employment opportunities in Canton visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).



### CANTON COP CALLS

#### The bra bandit

**1** A woman shopping at Kohl's (44444 Ford Road) was observed entering a dressing room with five bras, but left with none in her hands. A loss prevention employee stopped the woman outside the store and discovered she left the dressing room with two of the undergarments on and three stuffed inside a coat. Canton police were called and the woman was charged with retail fraud.

#### House break-in

**2** Police received a report that a home on the 7800 block of Kaiser was broken into on March 16. The back sliding door and a window were open. Someone took off with a laptop, X-Box 360 and a game.

#### Cars keyed

**3** A man, who lives on Eaton in an apartment complex, reported to police his two cars had been keyed. The victim's name was scratched into

the hood of his 1999 Toyota Corolla. There were scratches in multiple areas on his 2001 Pontiac Montana van.

#### Retail fraud

**4** Three people went through the check-out line at IKEA, purchasing \$70 in goods. In the basket were 14 other items, which they claimed had already been paid for. After the trio left the store they were stopped by store security. Police were called and they were charged with retail fraud.

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 32-year-old Taylor man has been charged with two counts of identity theft and additional charges of having fake credit cards and using them for his personal gain.

Canton Township Det. Brian Schultz said Kevin Doyle used credit cards with the information of two unsuspecting victims to purchase \$200 in gift cards at Office Max on

Ford Road in Canton, as well as \$250 in gift cards at Bob Evans restaurant on Ford Road near I-275.

"The same guy had credit cards with two different people's names," said Schultz. "He used one of the cards at Office Max on March 12. We were notified by a woman who said she didn't make a purchase there. We picked him up on outstanding warrants when he went back to the store on March 16."

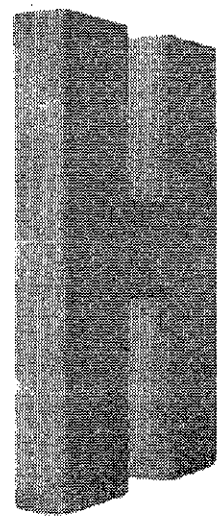
Schultz said Doyle also tried to use the credit cards at Home Depot, but his attempt to purchase \$1,800 in goods was denied.

Doyle was arraigned Wednesday afternoon in front of 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou. A plea of 'not guilty' was entered for Doyle, who is jailed on \$25,000 bond, 10 percent. His preliminary exam is scheduled for March 27.

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# County commission studies transparency

**BY KEN ABRAMCZYK**  
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Wayne County residents — or anyone who has access to the Internet, for that matter — soon may be able to access county budget expenditures online.

County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, who chairs the Task Force on Transparency in Wayne County and the commission's Ways and Means Committee, conducted a public hearing Monday at Livonia City Hall with hopes of starting a process where county government can become more transparent, that is publicly accounting for every tax dollar that is spent.

The transparency dis-

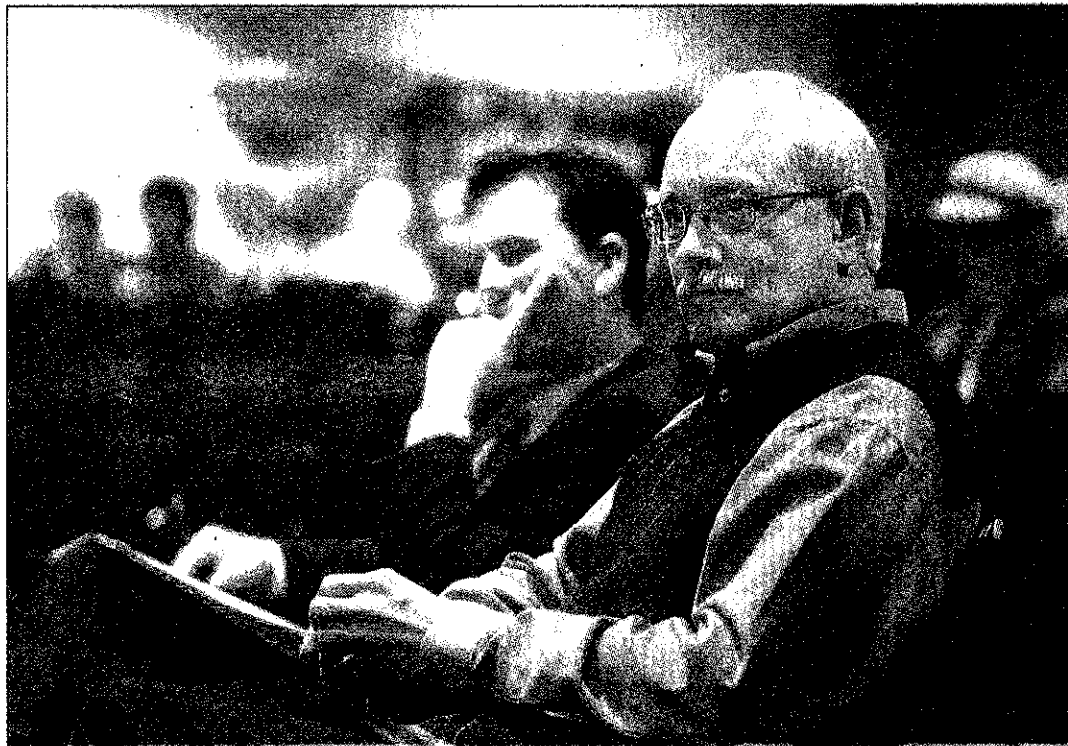
cussion has moved to the forefront since 2006, when Congress passed and President Bush signed into law the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act. That bill was supported by then U.S. Sen. Barack Obama. The bill created a publicly searchable Web site for all federal contracts, grants and loans and other financial assistance available in a regularly updated, user-friendly and searchable format.

Several state lawmakers updated the commission on what they were doing on the issue. Others updated the audience on potential misuse of dollars and how lawmakers were addressing it.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau,

D-Northville, said lawmakers were considering a bill that requires that lawmakers who leave their office would have to wait two years before they can be employed as lobbyists. That bill would help remove any potential conflict of interest on votes that lawmakers may make on a contract for a company they may represent later. "We didn't see it as a problem, but more of a building block to get where we want to be," said Corriveau.

Sue Hall, director of administration for Sheriff Warren Evans, said the Wayne County sheriff department wanted to be transparent on the revenue and expenditure side of it, but reminded commissioners that exemptions were allowed for law enforcement employees.



State Rep. Marc Corriveau and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume listen to county commissioners discuss transparency in government.

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Scott Hagerstrom, state director for Americans for Prosperity, named six states that list their expenditures online, including Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas.

"Let every taxpayer see where the money goes," Hagerstrom said. Hagerstrom challenged state lawmakers to bring the transparency bills up for a vote. "We want the state budget online immediately," he said.

Local governments, like Brighton Township, update their expenditure list with a PDF file every two weeks. "We'd like to see you do that immediately," Hagerstrom told commissioners.

Commission Chairman Edward Boike wondered about the cost of placing the information on-line and whether taxpayers would want to pay anywhere between \$200,000 to \$1

million for the service. But Haberstrom believed the costs would be minimal if the information is copied from PDF or other computer files. Several states were doing it for less than \$300,000, he said.

Lisa McGraw, public affairs manager for the Michigan Press Association, supported transparency as an "advocate for open government," she said. "Taxpayers have a right to know," McGraw said. "It will help to educate the public and help democracy."

Rose Bogaert, chair of the Wayne County Taxpayers Association, said taxpayers need this information.

"We need it to compliment you when your doing something right and guide you when you're doing something wrong," Bogaert said. Bogaert also told Boike that she saw county expenses for far more money that made less sense

to her."

Cox's staff has already placed her office's expenditures online for the public to view.

Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, said the commission supports transparency, but added that privacy concerns needed to be considered regarding payroll, and checks issued for the care for mental health patients and the indigent. "Do we really want to reveal child support information?" he asked. But the big issue remains what can the commission spend when it has cut nearly \$1 million from the commission's budget and have been asked to cut another 20 percent.

"The 20-ton elephant is what it's going to cost," McNamara said.

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## One good week doesn't tell us much

After months of free fall, the stock market finally put together a good week. All three of the major indexes ended the week in positive territory — the best week on Wall Street in four months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 9 percent for the week, while the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ market were both up nearly 11 percent last week.

Obviously, last week's stock market rally was a breath of fresh air for investors who've been beaten up over the last year. However, the real issue is what does the stock market rally mean?

I don't have an answer. I would love to say it marks the bottom of the stock market and we are on our way up. I can't. In today's volatile times, where we have seen incredibly wide swings in the market over short periods of time, one good week in the market does not mean that the worst is behind us. Basically, one good week in the market means simply that we had one good week.

Not unexpectedly, I have received numerous e-mails from investors who have bailed out of the stock market and are questioning whether now is the time to jump back in. My response to these individuals is that I am not a market timer and I do not believe that is a strategy that most people should implement. After all, when you time the market you have to be correct twice, once when you buy and once when you sell and over the years, no one has been able to do that consistently.

What I have told those investors is that it's not the market that determines whether you should be investing or not, but rather what your individual goals and objectives are. I've always



Money Matters

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investing in the stock market thinking they will get rich quick. Typically, when you invest thinking that you can get rich over the short run, the only thing that happens is inevitably you lose money.

I know this seems like old-fashioned advice, but the stock market is for the long run and what happens over any week should not cause an investor to change their strategy one way or the other. Therefore, if you are a nervous investor and pulled out of the market because you were concerned with the volatility, one week of an up market should not cause you to jump back in.

The stock market rarely goes straight forward in one direction. When the general trend of the market is up, there are many down days and vice versa. When the market is trending down, there are many up periods. Because of the wide fluctuations in the market, it is difficult to see overall trends over short-term periods of time. The only way we will know what the bottom of the market was is when we look back over time and say yes, that was the bottom of the market. It may take another year for us to determine when the actual bottom was hit. After all, in this volatile, crazy market, anything can happen. Next week may be another great week in

the market or we may give up all the gains that we saw last week. We just don't know.

There are all sorts of soothsayers who claim that their stock system can predict when the bottom has been reached and when it's the right time to get back in. I wish that their claims were accurate as it would make life a lot easier; unfortunately, they are clueless. That is why the one sure way to invest, the way that gives you the highest chance of success, is to invest based upon your individual situation. What that means is that short-term needs for money are kept out of the market and only long-term money is in the market. Of course, you do have the aberration like last year where everything went down; however, remember last year was the aberration, not the norm.

I've always told investors not to let emotions dictate their investment decisions. Emotions are a two-way street. I don't believe we should get overly giddy when the market is rising; nor should we get overly depressed when the market is falling. Emotions need to be kept out of investing as much as possible. You need a clear mind when it comes to investing so you can make the right decision not the decision that provides you with the most short-term comfort, but the one that best suits your situation both short-term and long-term. Good luck!

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## Dining with yoga stars of metro Detroit

Dining with the Stars sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* takes a special twist this month. The winner will dine with the yoga stars of metro Detroit.

The group includes Katherine Lucas, founder of Karma Yoga, Inc.; Sara Davidson, ERYT-500; Matthew Darling of Ashtangamichigan.com; and Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter.

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The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a make-over courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Robert Jacobs, owner of Buddy's Pizza and an 18-year student of yoga, says the yoga community played a major role in his recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune disease which attacks the body's nerves. He used yoga to heal and was supported by the yoga community. His quest for health has expanded into his own business. He created a healthy nine multigrain pizza which will be served at the yoga stars lunch.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Passion, talent send strong message

The Plymouth-Canton community becomes more and more diverse by the day, and the Plymouth-Canton school district, by and large, does a pretty good job embracing it.

They'll give it a bit of a hug again next weekend, when the Second Stage Players present *The Laramie Project* at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

Director Shannon McNutt and the cast of a dozen actors brings to life the characters in Moises Kaufman's play about the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., a killing widely considered to be a hate crime.

It's been a controversial play, because many directors play it for the homophobic aspects that have drawn protestors to many productions. McNutt sees it differently, less a discussion of our differences than a chance to open a dialogue about our similarities.

She's cleaned up most of the language, but has made certain to post the parental warnings on the audition sheets and any publicity the Players have done.

The cast features a dozen actors playing some 60 roles. The original play used eight actors, and McNutt

herself was going to limit it to 10, but there were so many good auditions she increased the cast.

It's part of what sets the school district's dramatic troupes apart. They see a challenge, they rise to it. Second Stage is tackling homophobia, tolerance and respect this year; last year, the Park Players attacked the darkness that lives in *Jekyll and Hyde*. It's the challenges that draw the attention. Park Players director Kristen Quesada had never done a musical revue; the Players are now in the middle of their run of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. If you haven't had a chance to see it, take the opportunity to attend one of this weekend's performances.

Then get ready for *The Laramie Project*. It lends a voice to all sides of the debate over hate crimes, over tolerance, over respect. Salem senior Tim Thompson, who has been accepted to the North Carolina School of the Arts, counts Fred Phelps — the controversial reverend who has led pickets against productions of the play — among the eight characters he plays. He lends the kind of passion Phelps — agree with him or not — feels for the issue.

"I have to play him as someone who is passionate in his beliefs," said Thompson, who admitted he was about 180 degrees from Phelps' philosophy. "The audience makes the determination of what kind of person he is."

It's what the actors in both the Park Players and Second Stage do best: They hit the stage and deliver great performances, and let the audience decide.

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## LETTERS

### Rate increase 'astonishing'

In regards to the recent article "Officials delay vote on water rate increase" there are many issues that the general public does not know. First and foremost, this year's recommended increase of 20 percent is the second installment of five recommended increases over the next five years. There was a study presented to the Board of Trustees in 2007 by Utility Financial Solutions, detailing the then current financial status of the water and sewerage revenue for the township. Due in part to increased rates from the Detroit Water Authority (DWSD) and reduced revenue from the slowdown in new construction it was anticipated that the township would begin to lose significant revenue if they did not increase rates. In order to satisfy the minimum cash reserve requirements and continue building the capital improvements account it was recommended that water and sewerage rates be increased by a minimum of 12 percent for water and 9.4 percent for sewerage through the year 2012. Without these increases, operating losses are expected to exceed \$16 million by year 2012.

Clearly, this is a very dismal situation for the township. However, to expect the residents to foot this bill during these economic times is foolish and quite frankly astonishing. Firstly, the township needs to go back to the supposed "contract" that they have with the DWSD and renegotiate these terms. What is the purpose of having a contract if the cost of water continues to rise on average 7 percent every year? Was a fixed price not negotiated with this contract? Cost is a pretty standard negotiation component for any contract that I have ever entered into.

Secondly, in the list of recommendations set forth by the Utility Financial Solutions

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study, four of five recommendations involved raising rates and/or minimum charges or fixed costs borne by the residents. There was not a single recommendation to curb expenditures, reduce and/or delay capital improvements, explore additional funding options (outside of charging residents) or make department reductions. In fact, the only recommendation that did not involve raising rates, and would have saved a considerable amount of money for those residents that have large irrigation needs and subsequently have very expensive sewerage bills (even though irrigated water does not go into the sewer so they are paying for a service that they do not use), was not approved. Not one measure was adopted that benefits the residents of this community.

It is unfortunate that in these terrible economic times, our Board of Trustees can think of no other option but to increase rates. Many of us have had to significantly tighten our purse strings and give up luxuries that we once took for granted. My suggestion to the township is to tighten your purse strings, re-negotiate with the DWSD for better rates, look to other water suppliers for our water needs, reduce your expenditures, use money from other funds, delay improvements and maintenance repairs and stop spending money.

Economic prudence should be exhibited by everyone during these tough times and

will go along way towards showing your community that you care.

Julie Radomski  
Canton

### Livid with government

I read the recent articles about water rate increases, and then read the letter "Join the real world" on the local opinion page. I was livid when I read about the million-plus salary increases given to non-union employees with current inflated wages. These wage increases are deplorable during the economic stress taking place today, especially with Michigan's unemployment being the highest in the U.S. That million-plus money would help to offset either the water rate increase or "decrease in tax assessments creating huge hole in budget."

My husband and I are retired living on Social Security. We are watching our IRAs we worked for over 40 years to build up, deplete daily. Then, you read the recent articles and "join the real world" letter, and you certainly wish you had been employed by any form of government during your working years. How sweet it is!

However, I will keep a list of the names of the trustees for the future.

M. Gray  
Canton

### Tighten employees' belts

I think all employees that are employed in Canton's sewer/water department should take a pay cut to relieve some of the burden for the residents. We are tightening our belts so can they.

Vito DePalma  
Canton

## COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Canton Public Library: How do you think the Detroit Tigers are going to do this season?



"I'm hoping they do all right. I have faith."  
Emilie Brünvand, 39, Canton



"I would say they have a 50-50 chance to do well. If they keep trying they'll get better and succeed. They're not as bad as the Lions."  
Darlene Gant, 40, Canton



"I think they'll do great. They were expected to do good last year and didn't, so I'm expecting good things this year."  
Tom Majeski, Canton



"I'm more of a Red Wings kind of guy. Do they have some good players? I've actually never been to a Tigers game before, but I think I'm planning on going at some point this year."  
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At left, simulated snakeskin accessories are hot for spring, and Pink Pump owner Tawny Thieu says you can pick up the trend at a reasonable price. At right, a display at the store.

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Owner Tawny Thieu is changing the name of her shop from Shoe Envy to the Pink Pump. The name will debut on the boutique's new location in Royal Oak, and change on the storefront in Bloomfield Hills and the signature "Heels on Wheels" Beetle.

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## The Pink Pump

### Local shoe store set to expand this spring

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Times might be tough, but a girl's still gotta have her shoes.

Even as the economy continues to contract, one local shoe store is poised to expand, opening a new location and setting the stage for more.

Shoe Envy, located in Bloomfield Hills with an outlet in Keego Harbor, expects to open a new location in Royal Oak next month, and will change its name to the Pink Pump in preparation for franchising.

Owner Tawny Thieu says women are still buying shoes, albeit maybe fewer, less expensive pairs.

"We sell affordable luxury,"

#### PINK PUMP SHOE DRIVE

The Pink Pump will host a shoe drive for charity throughout the month of April. Drop off gently used shoes in wearable condition, and get \$10 off your purchase. All donated shoes will be delivered to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac in the Pink Pump's fuchsia and leopard "Heels on Wheels" Volkswagen Beetle.

said Thieu, 29, "People are still spending, they're just spending more wisely."

Customers realize the importance of shopping local, and they're looking for a value-added experience, she said.

That's why Thieu unveiled the "Heels on Wheels" concept last year. She and her staff now deliver stilettos and sandals to their customers in a Volkswagen Beetle. Thieu said they bring shoes to offices for private lunchtime shopping sprees, and visit homes for personal shoe styling.

Heads always turn when the fuchsia and leopard-print Bug pulls up to deliver gifts to unsuspecting recipients.

"If you're spending money you want to spend smart," she said. "The impact of having a pair of shoes delivered is great. Usually the person who gets a gift delivered turns around and buys a gift for someone else."

There are tons of fun sandals

for the coming season, Thieu said.

Look for animal skins, embellishments and the modified gladiator style, which has evolved since it hit the scene last year.

"For spring, there's a lot of fringe, natural stones and beads, and colors that look great with a tan," she said. "You're going to see the gladiator look, but softer, lacing mid-ankle or calf."

Thieu always recommends shoes with hidden wedges and platforms.

"They are great if you're on your feet," she said. "A little bit of cushion at the toe makes a big difference."

Shoes start at \$40 and go up to \$400, although Thieu admits high-end heels have become a hard sell.

"I think those days are over for a lot of people, especially if you



have daughters. Not every mom can come in and spend \$200 on a pair of shoes for every daughter," she said. "But I feel like you can still be part of the trends at any price."

Originally from Pontiac, Thieu graduated from Oakland University with a degree in business marketing. Using skills she picked up working at Heidi's Salon, Thieu opened Liquid Salon in Bloomfield Hills in April, 2005. A year later, with the opening of Shoe Envy, she fulfilled another dream.

"Growing up we didn't have a lot of money. I wore hand-me-downs from my sisters," Thieu said. "I always wanted a store. It's not even work, I love it so much, and that's why I want to give back because I know how it feels to go into a store with my mom and not be able to afford it."

Thieu said so many people have asked her advice on opening a shoe store she decided to offer franchise opportunities.

She plans to start locally and expand from there.

"We're one of the first women's shoe boutiques to offer that. It's a good time because a lot of people are taking company buyouts and entrepreneurial spirit is strong. We've had requests outside of Michigan as well," she said.

In order to avoid future conflicts, Thieu is dropping the name Shoe Envy, which is in use in other states. The change is expected to be finalized in April. Thieu is preparing to close her outlet store in Keego Harbor this spring, and everything is marked down.

In addition to shoes, Pink Pump carries fashion-forward T-shirts, accessories, handbags and belts. Free gift wrapping and delivery are available.

Shoe Envy/Pink Pump is located at 6606 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 539-9260. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (248) 683-1031 or visit [www.shopshoenvy.com](http://www.shopshoenvy.com) for updates on the new Royal Oak location.

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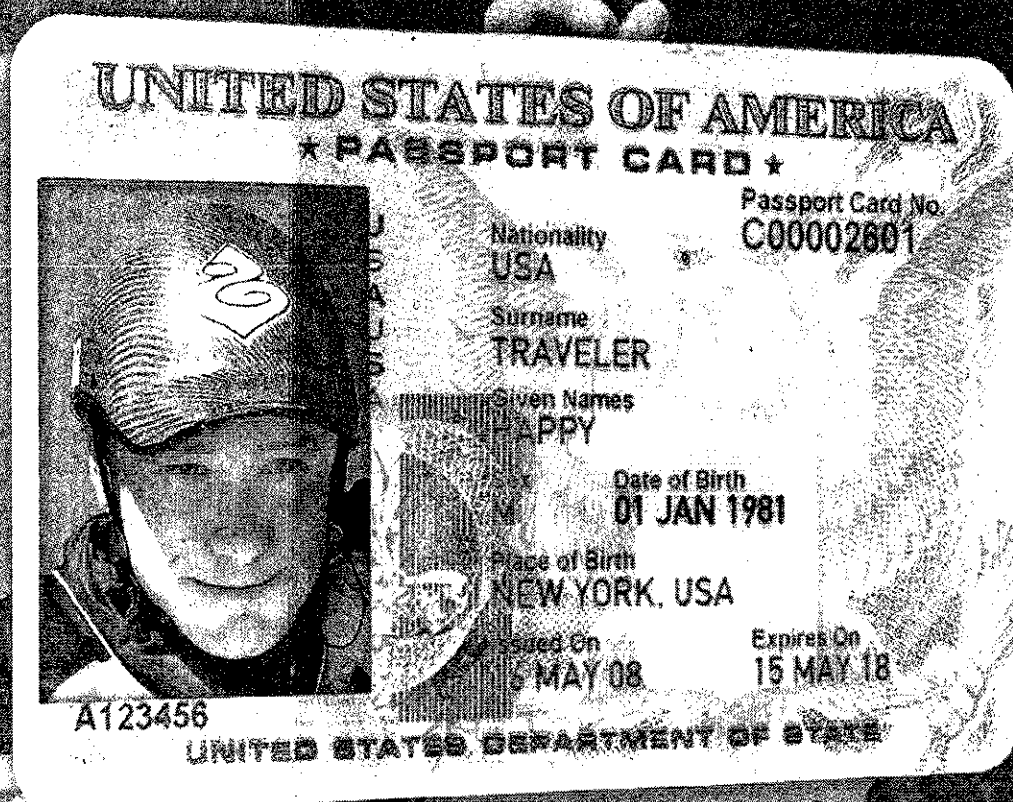
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## Koetting, Chiefs excel at state meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's gymnastics team placed eighth at Friday's team state meet — but it was a strong eighth.

In one of the most talent-laden competitions in the history of high school gymnastics, Grand Ledge was crowned the 2008-09 champion at Rockford High School after compiling a meet-record 150.825 points, just over 8.5 more than the Chiefs' 142.225 total.

### PREP GYMNASTICS

Canton placed just two points behind seventh-place Northville.

"We stuck our floor routines on Friday; in fact, we had our best score of the year (37.05)," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "But we were mediocre on bars and just OK on the beam."

"Overall, I was very proud of the girls. We just came up against some very strong teams."

The highlight of Saturday's individual state meet was Salem senior Katie Koetting's state-championship performance in the floor exercise. Koetting registered a sterling 9.6 to edge runner-up Emily Quint of Livonia Blue by less than a point.

Koetting's stellar effort in the floor-ex event vaulted her to a seventh-place finish in the Division 1 all-around standings with 37.275 points.

Canton's top performance on Saturday came from sopho-



Koetting



Piwowar

mores Cathy Huang and Robyn Piwowar, who placed third and fourth, respectively, on the vault with scores of 9.6 and 9.5.

"The girl who placed first

had a 9.9 and the second-place girl had a 9.825, so that shows you what kind of talent the girls were up against," said Cunningham.

Huang earned All-State recognition in the floor-ex competition when she placed eighth with a 9.4.

Piwowar finished 14th in the D1 all-around.

Cunningham also praised the efforts of Mallory Hudak and Olivia Stephens.

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## GAME WRAPS

### Ignition fall

In the first of two straight games between the two top teams in the Xtreme Soccer League, the Detroit Ignition was defeated 13-2 by the Milwaukee Wave on Sunday.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 8-7, while the Wave improved to 9-6.

Both teams have just five games remaining in the regular season, including a rematch of Sunday's game set for Friday, at Compuware Arena.

The Wave, which has tallied just one win at Compuware in three years, tied the season series with the Ignition with Sunday's win.

Milwaukee owned the game's first half, racking up seven unanswered points with goals from Marco Termini and Nilson Pernambuco. The Ignition was held scoreless for over 44 minutes — the team's only goal came at 14:16 of the third, when Zach Wilkes booted in a restart pass from Dreo Callahan.

Kickoff for Friday's match against the Wave is at 7:35 p.m. at Compuware Arena. The Ignition will sport its special-edition green jerseys for the team's annual "Green Jersey" night, where fans have the opportunity to bid on their favorite Ignition player's jersey during a silent auction held during the game.

Winners of the auction will be announced at the Ignition game Friday, April 3.

### College baseball

**MADONNA 12, BEREA (KY.) 2:** Designated hitter Scott Boyer went 2-for-5, including his first homer of the season, and added two RBI Sunday as Madonna University (15-2) belted Berea College (5-6) in a non-conference game Sunday at Derby City Field in Louisville, Ky.

The Crusaders unloaded for 17 hits and pitcher Tom Hansen ran his record to 4-0, allowing just four hits, a walk and two earned runs in six innings. Hansen struck out seven.

Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) pitched two scoreless innings, while Trent Pohl kept Berea off the board in the ninth.

Aaron Hacias chipped in with three hits, while Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Matt Kay (Canton) added two each.

Mike Gansser and Shawn Little (Canton) each knocked in two runs.

Berea starter Trey McMillan, who gave up two earned runs on nine hits in 6½ innings, took loss.

**MADONNA 13, SPALDING (KY.) 2:** Matt Kay (Canton) went 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI Saturday as the Crusaders downed host Spalding (2-16) at Derby City Field.

Shawn Little added two hits and three RBI, while Kevin Zerbo and Aaron Hacias each contributed two hits and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Jeff Sonnenberg (3-1) went all seven innings, scattering seven hits.

He struck out four and did not allow a walk.

## Red-hot hosts

Sizzling Whalers earn home-ice advantage with last-game win

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sunday's Ontario Hockey League regular-season finale between Plymouth and Sarnia proved to be much more than a pre-playoffs tune-up for both teams.

The Whalers' 6-1 triumph earned the OHL's hottest team home-ice advantage in the their first-round, best-of-seven playoff series against the Sting that faces off Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Sunday's resounding victory improved Plymouth's fourth-place Western Conference record to 37-26-5-0, two points better than fifth-place Sarnia, which finished 35-26-4-3.

On paper, the Whalers are favored to advance to round two based on their 4-1-1-0 mark against the Sting this season. They also carry a load of momentum into Saturday's opener, having won 15 of their last 20 contests.

Plymouth is led by veteran Chris Terry, who amassed 36 goals and 55 assists in 53 games. The only OHL player to out-point Terry this season was London's John Tavares.

Terry's teammate, Matt Caria, finished fourth in the scoring race after registering 34 goals and 58 assists. Caria joined the Whalers following a mid-season trade with Sault Ste. Marie.

Among Plymouth's other top players are rookie Tyler Seguin, who notched 21 goals and 41 assists — impressive considering he didn't score his first goal until Nov. 7.

Plymouth defenseman Michal Jordan enters the playoffs as the league's 12th highest-scoring defenseman with 12 goals and 30 assists. Fellow defender Beau Schmitz (37 points) has also enjoyed a stellar 2008-09 campaign for the locals.

Whalers' starting goalie Matt Hackett has been as effective as the teammates playing in front of him. The first-year full-time starter recorded a 3.04 goals-against average and .913 save percentage in 55 games.

Pacing the Sarnia surge will be veteran Justin DiBenedetto, who finished third in the OHL scoring race with 93 points (45 goals and 48 assists).

Joining DiBenedetto on the Sting attack are Boston draftee Jamie Arniel (68 points), a skilled center who led Sarnia in scoring in games played against Plymouth this season.

Defensively, the Sting are led by Mark Katic, who racked up 13 goals and 41 assists, which was good for ninth among all OHL defensemen.

The two teams will hit the road for Game 2, which is set for Sunday at 6 p.m. in Sarnia. Game three returns to Compuware on Tuesday at 7:05 p.m. while Game 4 will be hosted by the Sting Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

If necessary, games five and seven will be hosted by the Whalers on March 28 and March 31, respectively. Sarnia would host game six on March

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Plymouth's RJ Mahalak should play a key role in the Whalers' first-round series against Sarnia that opens Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

### OPENING-ROUND FACTS

**What:** Round 1 of the 2008-09 Ontario Hockey League Playoffs;

**Who:** Plymouth Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting;

**When:** The best-of-seven series opens Saturday night at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena; game two is Sunday in Sarnia; game three is Tuesday at Compuware;

**How they made it:** Plymouth earned the fourth seed in the OHL Western Conference by compiling a 37-

26-5-0 record; Sarnia is the fifth seed after finishing 35-26-4-3;

**Close call:** Home-ice advantage for the series hinged on Sunday's season finale, which was won by Plymouth, 6-1;

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## Early success propelled Zhang

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BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some rookie competitive swimmers taste nothing but chlorine the first time they push off the blocks and glide into the water.

Canton's Richard Zhang tasted success. "I wasn't a great swimmer when I first started swimming for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers," Zhang remembered. "But I was faster than anyone else in my group, so it was fun for me."

Now, six years after he started stroking for the Cruisers, Zhang is a great swimmer — and he has a trip to the Division 1 state meet to prove it.

While the senior Chief did not qualify for the finals in either the 100- or 200-yard freestyle events this past weekend, the fact that he qualified in two individual events as well as two relays proves he has come a long way since his early Cruiser days when he was 12.

"Probably the hardest part about swimming is all the practices — especially the ones in the morning, before school," said Zhang. "We practice for an hour before school, then we have practice after school. It's hard, but that's what makes you a better swimmer."

Zhang eventually graduated from the

Cruisers to Club Wolverine, one of the country's most-respected club swim teams that has boasted on its roster of athletes several Olympians, including Michael Phelps and Canton graduate Allison Schmitt.

"Being a part of Club Wolverine helps you improve because you're always swimming with faster swimmers," said Zhang. "The coaches there help you pace your race. They also videotape your strokes so you can see what you can do better."

Zhang's times have dropped like a rock in a pool since his freshman year at Canton. For instance, he's shed over 20 seconds from his 200 freestyle time since his ninth-grade season, an impressive feat considering the event covers just four laps of the pool.

He will take his 4.05 grade-point average and stellar work ethic to the University of Michigan in the fall to pursue a degree in engineering.

"I'd like to get into a career that works with creating alternative energy," he said. "I'm going to try and walk on to the swim team there, but I know it won't be easy."

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Canton senior Richard Zhang has come a long way since he first started swimming competitively for the P-C Cruisers as a 12-year-old. Zhang qualified to compete in multiple events at last weekend's state meet.



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Pictured (from left) are Salem state-qualifying swimmers Max Mills, Matt Collingwood, Noah Santer and Adam Seroka.

Pictured is Dan Stoscup, Plymouth's lone state-qualifying swimmer.



# Seroka, Zhang earn All-State accolades

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The performances of local swimmers at last weekend's Division 1 state swimming and diving meet were exemplary from (A)dam Seroka to Victor (Z)hang.

Salem's Seroka and Canton's Zhang both earned All-State status in a pair of events at the prep swimming world's elite event held Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University. Competitors had to place in the top eight of their respective events to garner All-State accolades.

Seroka, a sophomore, placed third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:54.97 and fourth in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of 4:41.01.

Zhang, a freshman, touched fifth in the 200 IM in 1:57.56 and eighth in the 100 backstroke in 55.60 seconds.

Seroka's teammate, Matt Collingwood, just missed All-State honors in the 500 freestyle as he placed ninth in 4:49.90.

State power Ann Arbor Pioneer swam away from the field by compiling 364 points. Salem placed 15th with 40 points while Canton notched 22nd with 25 points.

Chief senior Richard Zhang — the older brother of Victor — competed in the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle, but did not advance to the finals in either race.

Salem's Noah Santer also failed to make the finals in two races: the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle.

Rock Max Mills was unable to advance past the preliminaries in the 500 free.

Plymouth's lone state-qualifier, Dan Stoscup, placed 34th in the preliminaries in the 100 breaststroke. Only the top 16 preliminary finishers moved on to Saturday's finals.

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Pictured are Canton's state-qualifying swimmers: standing (from left) Eddie Koelzer, Brandon Tolinski, Pat Jenner, Jay Jin, (kneeling from left) Richard Zhang and Victor Zhang.

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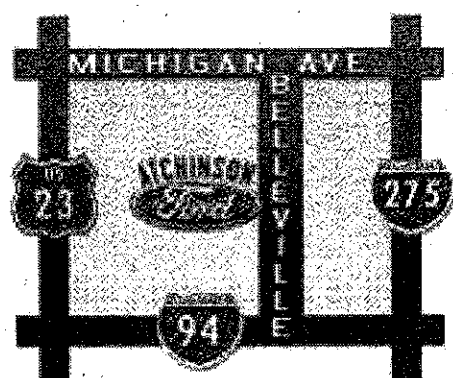
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# Local matmen strike gold at the Palace

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An elite seven-member contingent of local prep wrestlers did their respective schools proud at last weekend's Division 1 individual state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Five of the seven earned All-State status and a sixth upended the No. 1-ranked wrestler in his weight class.

The highest achievers were Canton juniors Brent Winekoff (145 pounds) and Donnie Watkins (135), both of whom placed third in the respective brackets.

Winekoff, who finished 59-2, advanced to the semi-final round before getting edged by East Kentwood's DeShawn Nelson, 4-3, on Friday afternoon.

Undeterred, he battled back to win his final two contests: 3-2 over Highland Park's Desmond Jones and 6-5 over Clarkston's Alex Popp.

"Brent wrestled very well," said Canton coach Cory Mancuso. "The kid he lost to he'd beat nine out of 10 times. His goal was to win a state title, so it was hard after he lost, but he re-focused and fought back to take third."

Watkins' lone loss — 10-9 to East Kentwood's Paul Vilker in the second round — was also a heart-breaker.

"Donnie was leading with 20 seconds left, but the kid reversed him," Mancuso said. "The kid that beat Donnie went on to finish second, so that tells you how good he wrestled."

Watkins, who finished 57-3, went 5-1 over the three-day event, posting four straight wins following the setback to Vilker. One of the victories was against Flint Carman-Ainsworth's Joshua Goodman, who had handed Watkins one of his two previous losses.

One of the most impressive one-match performances by a local grappler came on Thursday when Salem's 215-pound Sam Lepper knocked off Rochester Adams' Jason Finney, who entered the

tournament with a 51-1 record and No. 1 ranking. Unfortunately, Lepper lost his final two matches and did not place.

"Sam came into the tournament not thinking about placing, but after he beat (Finney), he made it his goal," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Unfortunately, he lost a close match his next time out and then lost in the next round."

"Sam has no regrets, though. He's probably the only kid that was at that tournament who didn't win a match his entire freshman season. He has a lot to be proud of."

Canton senior Carl Lucke closed out a stellar career with a seventh-place showing at 119 pounds. Lucke went 3-2 to improve to 51-12.

"Carl beat the kids we thought he'd beat and lost to the better wrestlers," said Mancuso. "He wrestled hard, just like he always does."

Salem sophomore Nick Kim placed eighth at 103 in his first trip to the state meet.

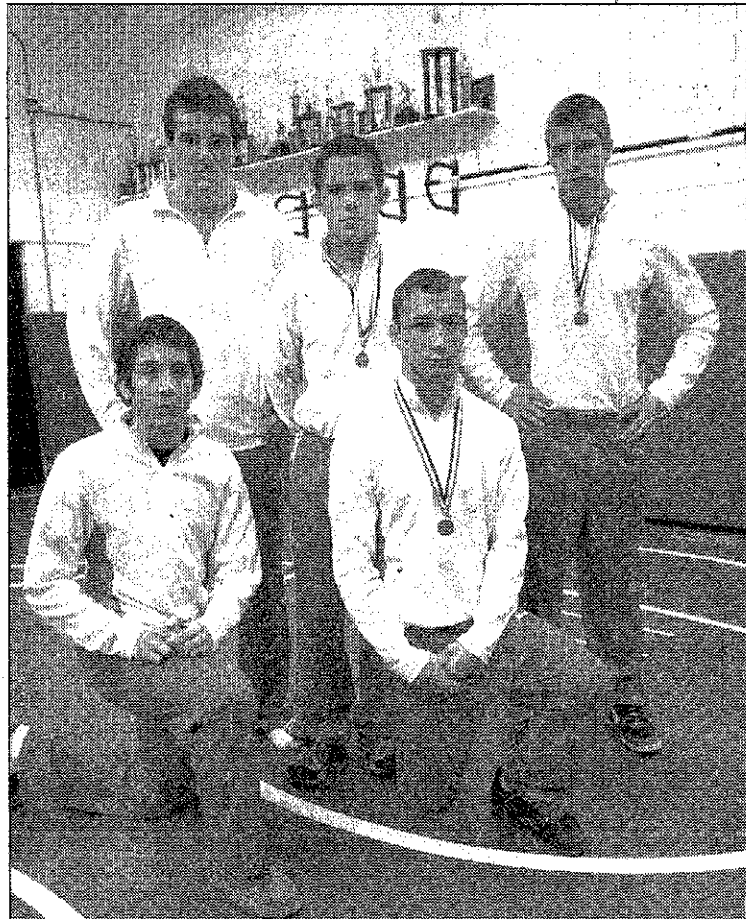
"It's just his second year of wrestling," said Woochuk. "There aren't two many kids who can say they placed in the state after just two years in the sport. If he continues to focus and work hard, he'll be back to the state meet again."

Canton junior Waleed Faraj went 2-2 and placed eighth at 112. Fellow Canton junior Keith Zech lost his only two matches in the brutal 171-pound weight class.

"It was Keith's first time at the state meet, so he may have been a little starry-eyed," said Mancuso. "The kids he lost to finished second and third, so he definitely had a tough draw."

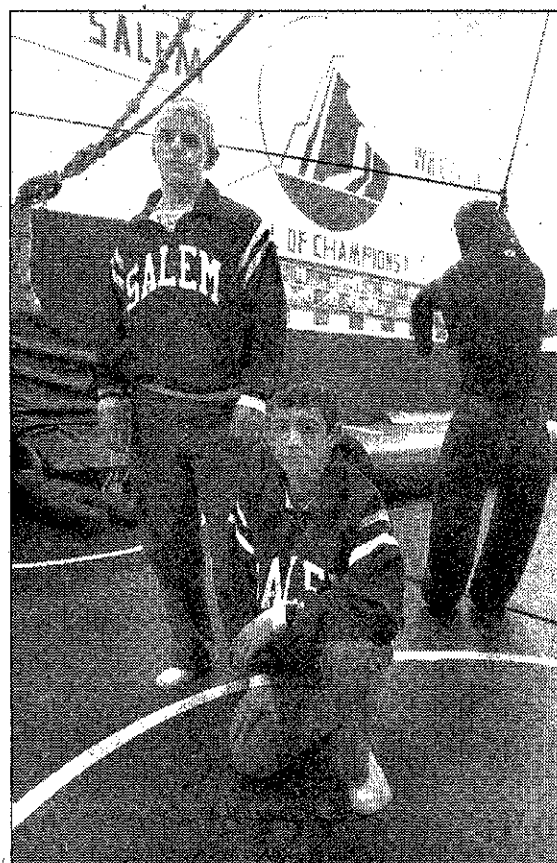
"Overall, I thought the guys did an excellent job the entire weekend. From what I understand, this is the first year Canton has had four state-placers in one year, so that's something the kids should be proud of."

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Pictured are Canton's five state-qualifying wrestlers: (standing from left) Keith Zech, Carl Lucke, Brent Winekoff, (kneeling from left) Waleed Faraj and Donnie Watkins.



Pictured are Salem's state-qualifying wrestlers Sam Lepper (standing) and Nick Kim.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-1/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

### Prep lacrosse event

The 2009 Lacrosse Face-Off Classic will be held Saturday, March 21, at the PCEP turf stadium. The annual event, which will be hosted by the PCEP Lacrosse Athletic Association, will feature the following teams: Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Grosse Ile, Tecumseh, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lincoln, Hartland and Holt.

The tournament will consist of 25-minute scrimmages. There will be no admission fee and there will be a concession stand.

### Salem baseball camp

Registration is still open for the annual Salem Baseball Camp, which will be held March 21 and March 28 in the Salem gymnasium.

Two sessions will be held on both dates. Session No. 1 will be held March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon and is open to kids between the ages of 11 and 15 years old. Session 2 will be held March 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 7 and 10.

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held March 28, both for kids between the ages of 7 and 10. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will go from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The \$25 fee includes a T-shirt and snack.

The camps will be run by the Salem coaching staff and members of the team.

For more information, call (734) 451-0761 or e-mail posler5@gmail.com.

### YMCA programs

Plymouth YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are currently forming. The soccer leagues are for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 while the volleyball is for girls between the ages of 8 and 12.

The soccer session will run from April 6 through June 6. YMCA soccer is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of soccer in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Individual memberships are \$39 yearly or family memberships are \$59 yearly.

The girls volleyball leagues session will run from April 20 through June 5. YMCA volleyball is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members.

All participants for both sports need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. The registration deadline is March 27. Check the Web site at [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org) or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

## WHALERS

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The two teams have met twice before in the OHL play-offs with Plymouth taking both quarterfinals series in 2001 and 1998. The Whalers are 8-1 all-time versus the Sting in the post-season.

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"Creating a healthy environment benefits everyone and I take great pride in our efforts," said Naran Patel, owner of the Holiday Inn Express. Green Lodging Michigan is a joint effort between DELEG and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to encourage the lodging industry to conserve and protect the state's natural resources while increasing marketability and lowering utility costs. Green Lodging Michigan is a voluntary and non-regulatory certification program offered through the Bureau of Energy Systems in DELEG to hoteliers at no charge. For more information about the Green Lodging Michigan program and to download the GLM application packet and self-assessment checklist, visit the Web site [www.michigan.gov/greenlodging](http://www.michigan.gov/greenlodging).

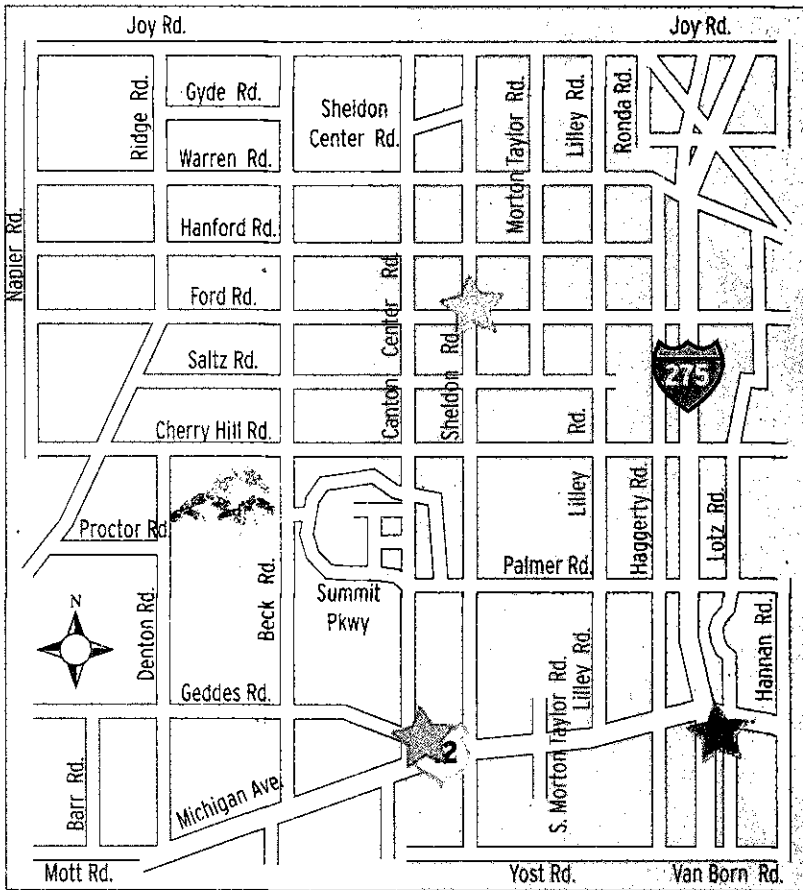
### Ribbon cuttings

★ There are two upcoming ribbon cuttings for Canton businesses. The first, at Edward Jones, will take place at 4:30 p.m., Friday March 20. Edward Jones is located at 4061 Canton Center Road, in the strip mall at Geddes and Canton Center roads on the south east corner. Everyone is invited. The second will take place at 5 p.m., March 23 at the new Huntington Bank branch at 33539 Ford Road. There will

be an open house from 5-6:30 p.m. Everyone is also invited to this event. Huntington Bank is located at Ford and Sheldon in the Kohl's shopping strip.

### Home buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown will host a free seminar for first time home buyers from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at Community Financial located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth. Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more. For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8500. Membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. With more than 41,000 members, Community Financial provides financial services to members at eight branch locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more information, visit the credit union Web site at [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.



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

Debbie Custer: One stop shopping for large events. We have it all — flowers, chair covers, specialty items, rental décor and more.

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

Debbie Custer: I was helping others plan and execute parties/events from my home and decided to do it full time.

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**Observer:** How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Debbie Custer: I have lived here since 1989.

**Observer:** Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our

readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Debbie Custer: Most people work hard to relax on the weekends. We work hard to work harder on the weekend.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### Breaking boundaries

Join 13 suburban chambers from the western suburbs gathering under one roof from 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 26 at Burton Manor in Livonia to break the boundaries and do some serious networking.

Cost for attending the event is \$10. Reservations must be made — no walk-ins. Call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 to reserve your table or if you just want to attend the event.

### Chamber auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner auction on Friday, April 3, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have a silent, live, and raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening" said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "MASH" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our MASH Fans."

Last year's event drew a crowd of more than 400 attendees and featured more than 250 prizes from categories such as home-style, travel and entertainment, sports and leisure, electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has

already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New this year is a one week stay in a luxury studio suite located in Cabo San Lucas or, a one week oceanfront condo in Myrtle Beach.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the live, silent, and raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's Auction is sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and other local businesses.

### Computer class

The Chamber is offering an "Intro to MS Publisher-Part 2" computer course presented by Canton Computers from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 25. The course will be held at the Canton Chamber of Commerce office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2009. They are open to Chamber members and to the public.

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto [www.canton-chamber.com](http://www.canton-chamber.com).

## Nurse wins award for service

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA), the state's largest independent, nonprofit home health care and hospice organization, awarded Margaret Russell (left) with its top award for organizational values. Russell, an Detroit resident and member of Grace Baptist Church of Canton, began her career with VNA in 1980 when she accepted a position as an insurance biller. She has performed in different capacities since then, most recently as a patient accounts representative where she troubleshoots Medicare billing issues. She has also served on agency committees which have raised approximately \$80,000 over the last five years to help patients in need through the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Russell was nominated for the award by her peers. She was presented the award in February by Kathleen J. Holycross, VNA of Southeast Michigan President and CEO (right).



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### MARCH

#### All-you-can-eat fish

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 20, 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, \$7. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

#### Acoustic coffee house

Presents David Roth 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. \$12 donation. Call (734) 421-1760 for details.

#### Women's expo

Presented by St. George Cathedral Cultural Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. For information, visit [www.imeverywomanexpo.com](http://www.imeverywomanexpo.com) or call (248) 809-2117.

#### Bethany Suburban West activities

■ Saturday, March 21. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m., Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome.

Call (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.

#### Sisters in Christ

Registration is due by March 21 for Women's Conference, "Inspiring your Spirit", 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford, is cost is \$30 or \$40 at the door. Call (313) 534 7730. Speaker Gail Gaymer Martin, author of several Christian fiction novels, presents three different sessions. This is an interdenominational event bringing women together to strengthen and celebrate our lives and talents. St. James is handicap accessible. The chapel will also be open throughout the day for quiet meditation. Proceeds go to Redford Interfaith Relief.

#### Free movie

Kenwood Church shows "Fireproof" March 21, at 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. at 20200 Merriman, south of 8 Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-8222. Seating is first come first served. At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never Leave Your Partner Behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever: rescuing his wife's heart. Enjoy this

spectacular marriage enrichment opportunity for free. Fireproof your marriage.

#### An evening with Simon Peter

A live dramatic presentation of the story of the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the point of view of one of his closest friends, the Apostle Simon Peter, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call 425-5950, and 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 29-30, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 476-4700. A 6 p.m. Lenten Meal precedes the presentation at St. Priscilla Catholic Church. Free will offering. Performed by John Dzwonkowski.

#### Detroit Lutheran Singers

Present four concerts in their Spring 2009 series. 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, and at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. Also 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn, and 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. The children's choir from St. Paul Lutheran School will sing several selections in this final concert.

#### Lenten vespers services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit continues 2009 series of Lenten Vespers

services 6 p.m. March 22, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Southfield; March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail [paschabooks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paschabooks@sbcglobal.net).

#### Lenten schedule

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites all members of the community to any and all of its upcoming Lenten activities including Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction; a Communal Reconciliation service 7 p.m. Monday, March 23; and a special private reconciliation opportunity 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Holy Thursday features the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m. Good Friday devotions will begin with Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m. An Easter Egg Hunt begins 9 a.m. Holy Saturday followed by Blessing of Food at noon and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. For more information, call (734) 261-1455 or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

#### Dining in the kingdom of God

For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. March 25, April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950. Simon

#### Midweek spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursdays group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820 for additional information on opportunities.

#### Hungry for God

Continues 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays to April 7, in the church building of St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The six-week Hungry for God series helps adults and teens enjoy an even deeper, closer love-relationship with the God who is loving them first, best, and always. Facilitated by Deacon Bob Oves, former director of the Detroit Archdiocesan Office for Family Life. Themes include: Hungry for God's Love, Hungry for Salvation, Hungry to Know God's Plan for Your Life, Hungry for Jesus, Hungry for the Power to Forgive, Hungry for Faith and God's Spirit. Register at [religious@stcolette.net](mailto:religious@stcolette.net) or call (734) 464-4435.

#### Taizé prayer

All are welcome to a Taizé ecumenical prayer service 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Taizé worship combines prayer, silent meditation, candlelight and special music, and dates back to 1940 when a community of Catholic and Protestant brothers was formed in Taizé, France. Today, Taizé services are held across the globe and are especially popular among young adults. Taizé will be part of the church's Lenten 40-Hour Devotion beginning with 6 a.m. Mass on Monday, March 23, continuing with around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration, and ending after 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 24. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

#### The Gospel According to John

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church Banquet Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. The 2-hour production features Leonardo DeFilippis who is probably best known as the director of the film *Therese*, based on the life of the Catholic saint known as the Little Flower. Tickets are \$8 per person, \$25 for a family, \$6 for a group of 10 or more, and available by calling (734) 522-3166.

#### Midweek Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

#### Lenten services

7 p.m. every Wednesday through April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730. Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12.

#### Wednesday Lenten Service

Hosanna-Tabor offers a mid-week Lenten Service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverage, Redford.

The Lenten Series will be "Places of the Passion" with the focus not on the physical locations of our Lord's passion but on the spiritual wonders of his work. A free will offering dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service each week through April 1. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

#### Lenten services

Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

#### Fish fry

Continues 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 3, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square. Choose from fried or baked fish with baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, roll, and coffee, tea, or punch, \$8. Kids meals like chicken nuggets, corn dogs and fries, \$4. Call (734) 721-4802 or (734) 891-2523.

#### Families in action workshops

The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30. \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

#### Health expo

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at St. Constantine and Helen Hellenic Church, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland. Cost \$35, includes lectures on diabetes, heart disease and nutrition; heart healthy continental breakfast and lunch; tests for hearing, blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and gifts such as cookbooks, pedometers and glucometers. No food after midnight for testing which ends at noon. Call (248) 356-5033 to register by March 15.

#### Open house

Holy Incarnation Orthodox Church, an English-speaking Orthodox Christian parish at 1385 Goddard near Fort Street, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, showcasing the church's newly redecorated sanctuary. The open house will be preceded by the regular Sunday morning worship services, including the Divine Liturgy, which begins at 9 a.m. The open house concludes with Vespers, a brief evening prayer service. For more information, visit <http://holyncarnation.org>, call (313) 282-6153 or e-mail [frfenton@holyncarnation.org](mailto:frfenton@holyncarnation.org).

#### Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. Call (734) 404-2480, visit [www.CantonCF.org](http://www.CantonCF.org) or send e-mail to [info@cantoncf.org](mailto:info@cantoncf.org).

#### 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 free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

### UPCOMING

#### Kids Easter fun day

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia hosts a Kids Easter Fun Day 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at the church located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road. Morning includes games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children ages 4-12 years old. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information or to sign-up for the fun day, call (734) 422-1470.

#### Bethany west singles

■ Saturday, April 4. Monthly Dance at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Dance lesson this month; Two Step, cost is \$10, refreshments included. Time is 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716.

■ Saturday, April 18. Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (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.

#### Historic Polish church tour

The West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, will hold its second annual west side Detroit historic Polish church pilgrimage and wi conka (traditional Polish Easter meal) Saturday, April 18. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at St. Hedwig, 3245 Junction, and includes St. Francis d'Assisi (4500 Wesson), and St. Stephen (4311 Central) in Detroit, and Our Lady

of Mt. Carmel (976 Pope John II Ave.) and St. Stanislaus Kostka (266 Antoine St.) in Wyandotte. The wi conka will be held at Biddle Hall, 3239 Biddle, Wyandotte. The menu includes kielbasa, ham, potato salad, tossed green salad, beet horseradish (cwika), bread, butter lamb, dessert (variety of cakes, or babkas), and beverages. Coaches do not have wheelchair lifts. Return to St. Hedwig between 5-5:30 p.m. Optional Our Lady Queen of Angels Mass at 5 p.m., and confession at St. Stephen, 5:30 p.m. Advance reservation only by April 8. Pilgrimage and Meal: \$35 adults, \$25 children 12 and under. Pilgrimage Only: \$25 adults and children. Meal Only: \$15 adults, \$9 children. Call (248) 477-8518, e-mail [lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org](mailto:lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org), or visit [www.detroitpolonia.org](http://www.detroitpolonia.org).

#### All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 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. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under age 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

#### 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. Visit [www.livonfaith.org](http://www.livonfaith.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, "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. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or visit [www.endowonline.com](http://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](http://www.endowonline.com) or call (734) 425-5950. Facilitator is Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or [mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net).

### ONGOING

#### 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 the second Monday of the month 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](mailto:elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz).

#### 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. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.



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**RICHARD FORREST CHAMBERS**  
Age 86. March 13, 2009. Beloved husband of Virginia (Adams). Loving father of David (Carol), Alan (Karla) and Laurel (Steve) Wilson. Proud grandfather of Bryon, Ron (Jennifer), Kim (Rick), Shane (Heather), Merissa, Ross and Rebecca. Great-grandfather of Courtney, Kayla, Connor and Sophia. Services were held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Memorials to William Beaumont Hospice appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)



**OLIVENE JANE GOTTSCHALK LUEFING**  
Passed away March 13, 2009 at the age of 92. She was a lifelong resident of Plymouth who had worked as a clerk for the Post Office in Plymouth. She also had a special love for her family history and genealogy. Beloved wife of the late Earl B. Luefing. Dearest mother of Nancy E. (Michael) Herr and the late Linda Wilson. Dear grandmother of Carl Wilson, Chris (Carole) Wilson, Vickie (Chris) Jackson, Aimee (Joshua) Schier, Alison (Brian) Oliver, Elizabeth (Chris) Chier, Edward (Tara) Herr and Nicole Herr. Also leaves 10 great-grandchildren. Dear aunt of Marlene, Randy and Richard Sharland. Funeral Services were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Plymouth Historical Museum. Share your special thoughts and memories at [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)



**LILLIAN CATHERINE FULTON**  
Age 78, of Brohman, MI and St. James City, FL died on March 15, 2009 at Hope Hospice, Cape Coral, FL. She was born on July 26, 1930 in Plymouth, MI, a child of Thomas A. and Amelia (Prochnow) Welter. Lillian spent the last 30 years between both areas and worked part time for the past 10 years at the KOA Campground in St. James City where she did various duties. Previously she was an operator for Michigan Bell for 20 years and helped her late husband with their business, Northwest Central Building and Supply in Brohman. She was the wife of the late Joseph Elmer Fulton who died on July 16, 2008, she is survived by her children, Susan Louise (Ralph) Cunningham of White Cloud, MI, Joseph David (Velma) Fulton of Willis, MI and Daniel Russell (Shirley) Fulton of Big Rapids, MI, seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, her brother, Harold Welter of Camden, OH and her sisters, Delores Thompson and Evelyn Suddendorf, both of Livonia, MI. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Amazing Grace Acres Church, 762 Woodland Drive, Brohman, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.



**DON C. PAINTER**  
March 15, 2009. Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Joseph and Don (Jennifer). Grandfather of Sarah and Nicholas. Uncle of David (Emila) Palmer, Maria, David Mathew Palmer, Aleksandra, Tandy (Thomas) McClain, Vivian Denise, Brian. Memorial Service and American Legion Service Friday, 8 p.m. from the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road (at Ann Arbor Trail). The family will receive visitors Friday, 3-8 p.m. Memorial contributions to Wayne/Westland Special Olympics or Angela Hospice or Mi-Cops would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)



**CATHARINE L. SHERICK**  
Age 92. Died March 5, 2009 in Providence Park Hospital. Mrs. Sherrick was a retired Occupational Therapist. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, dried flower arranging and was the first female bus driver in Plymouth. She is survived by her children: Peter (Ruth) Sherrick and Linda Dowsett; four grandchildren, Anne Kuhns, Barbara Knight, Danna Segrest and Kristine Hayes; and nine great-grandchildren and a sister Doris Close. Services were conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Novi. Pastor Jon P. Hix officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the church or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.



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# Presentations bring biblical stories of Jesus to life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

John Dzwonkowski is matter of fact as tells the Biblical story of Jesus in an upcoming production at two local Catholic churches. Audiences won't have to wonder what it would be like to be Jesus' best friend as the Livonia man's by-the-way manner brings the Savior's ministry, death and resurrection to life in the one-man show, "An Evening with Simon Peter."

Dzwonkowski plays the Apostle Peter in the 90-minute drama 7 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, and 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 29-30, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, both in Livonia. A free will offering is asked to defray the cost of production.

Dzwonkowski has been performing the role since 1992. Over the years he has made changes to the script which now requires 58-pages of memorization, but it's definitely a labor of love. Dzwonkowski has a strong faith and energy that is sure to come through in the portrayal.

"I find people invested in their religion see this as a source of inspiration. Most leave with a tear or two but there is humor too especially in the beginning. The primary objective is to reach out to people who might not know what's so great about this Jesus fellow. In the first act as Simon Peter I tell them about what it was like to meet him for the first time, listen to him speak, watch him work with children and the sick."

Dzwonkowski moves on to illustrate the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot and the arrest and conviction of the carpenter from Nazareth. A 14-foot cross serves as an imposing reminder of the crucifixion.

"It's historical fiction," said Dzwonkowski, who has a master's degree in theology. "I continue to research it a lot."

Dzwonkowski's understanding comes from the years he spent studying for the priesthood with the Maryknoll Mission in New York. His love of theology and the stage led him to try his hand at acting as John the Baptist and Judas in an off-off-Broadway production of "Godspell."

His commitment to the seminary forced him to give up theater, but not for long. Dzwonkowski eventually left the seminary to start a business and marry. By day he writes for the Web and owns American Corporate Communication so it was only natu-



John Dzwonkowski, as the Apostle Simon Peter, talks heart-to-heart about his best friend, Jesus, in dramatic presentations at St. Aidan and St. Priscilla Catholic churches in Livonia.

ral for him to put Jesus' message into words.

Over the years the presentation grew into a family affair with wife Cindi doing makeup and directing, sons Andrew, 17, and Lucas, 14, overseeing sound and lighting. Daughter Julie Bradner, 20, used to take part before enrolling in Western Michigan University.

"It's fun," said Dzwonkowski, 58.

But it's not easy being a best friend as Peter found out. His flaw is one of the reasons David Conrad wanted to bring the presentation to the community. Conrad is director of faith formation at St. Aidan.

"We wanted to give the community an opportunity to break open the scriptures and realize scriptures are alive and relevant even in today's time," said Conrad. "The disciples of Christ's time can teach us something about being Christ's disciples today with all the warts and positive aspects. They were humans just like you and I. They failed and got up and continued to follow. We need to follow that example of stick-with-it-ness. Originally Peter denied his Lord but was reconciled and made leader of the church. In realizing his weaknesses he never failed to mention all he was able to accomplish was because of the presence of Christ. Lent is an intensive time to renew our relationship with the Lord. In a way it can actually be a prayer. It's certainly not simply entertainment."

Dianne Pierson believes the audience will be equally inspired by the St. Luke production of "The Gospel According to John" 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church Banquet Center in Livonia. The two-hour production features Leonardo Defilippis who is probably best known as the director of the film *Therese*, based on the life of the Catholic saint known as the Little Flower.

"It's a very spiritual program, has liturgical music, expansive staging and props," said Pierson, the church's administrative assistant. "It's a one-man show and he performs the entire gospel according to John in costumes based on sacred images. It's not Catholic, Baptist. It's the Bible. We think it will really make an impact on people, to infuse them with a knowledge there is something greater than us out there."

Tickets are \$8 per person, \$25 for a family, \$6 for a group of 10 or more, and available by calling (734) 522-3166. Sacred Heart church is at 29125 Six Mile.

St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call 425-5950 for tickets to "An Evening with Simon Peter." A 6 p.m. Lenten Meal precedes the presentation at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 476-4700.

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# FILTER



A New York production of "Brundibar." The MOT cast will don costumes for the first time during dress rehearsals this week.

## Opera is cool

### Local youngsters belt out 'Brundibar' on MOT stage

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Ryan Hurley of Huntington Woods knows exactly when he fell in love with theater. "What really got me started big was in first grade I went to theater camp in New York. We did the *Wizard of Oz*. We were all Munchkins." Since then, Ryan, now 10 and a fifth-grader at Burton Elementary, has traded *Follow the Yellow Brick Road* and *Ding-Dong the Witch is Dead* for the music of Georges Bizet's *Carmen* and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. This

week he'll sing the opera *Brundibar* along with other members of the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Choir. Curtain is at noon and 5 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at the Michigan Opera Theatre, (MOT) 1526 Broadway, in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$11-\$36, available at the theater's box office, by phone at (313) 237-7464 and online at [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org). Written by Jewish Czech composer Hans Krása before World War II, the opera tells the story of two children who sing in the street to

earn milk money for their sick mother. After the cruel organ grinder Brundibar overpowers them, they enlist the help of a sparrow, cat, dog and neighborhood children to out-sing the brute and conquer evil. The children of the Terezin concentration camp in German-occupied Czechoslovakia originally performed the piece in 1943. Ela Stein Weissberger, who played the cat in 55 performances at the camp, will speak at both MOT performances. Author of the book, *The Cat with the Yellow Star*, she is among the few Terezin performers who survived the war.

"You can expect to learn something," Ryan said, describing what Brundibar audiences will take home from the experience. "It was first done in a concentration camp. I learned a lot more than I ever knew about the show." The cast will sing the 90-minute opera in English,

although several members will tackle French lyrics when they sing with international opera stars in *Carmen*, May 9-17. **PERMANENT CHORUS** "This is a unique program. They have the opportunity to sing on stage, on the main stage," said Rebekah Johnson, MOT communications coordinator. "It's part of our Children's Discovery series. It's a unique experience." Suzanne Mallare Acton directs the MOT Children's Chorus, which is in its second season. "The kids audition for it in August. We've grown to about 50 kids. It's been very successful," Johnson said. The program is open to children, 10-16. Members rehearse at least weekly and study voice, movement and audition techniques, while learning about opera. Ryan kept a positive attitude after his first audition failed to earn an invitation

from MOT. His second audition, last August, was successful. "My mom told me before the audition 'You know, you might not make it in and you can't feel bad.' There is a lot of rejection and you can't feel bad about it. It was a good experience and you learn from your mistakes." Kim Hurley started looking for theater experiences for her son after he attended several drama camps. When she discovered that Ryan could perform as an extra in MOT's 2007 production of *Cyrano*, by David DiChiera, they both signed on. Since then, she and her husband, Rob, have left the performing up to Ryan, although Hurley said her daughter, Erica, 7, a Burton second-grader, is showing some interest in theater, too. **LOCAL PERFORMERS** Ryan plays a policeman in *Brundibar*. Two other local students, Elena Bakaluca of Huntington Woods and Caroline Hofman of Clawson, both sing in the chorus. "It's pretty cool. It's exciting to me," Ryan said, adding that he sings a solo in the show. "It is different working with opera. It's more challenging. Most of the opera songs I've never heard before. A lot of it is in a different language." "But if you really want to do it, then it doesn't seem that hard. If you want to work for it, it seems easier." When he's not on stage, Ryan takes piano lessons, plays soccer, baseball and likes to swim. What do other students say when they find out he sings opera? "Some are impressed and others are like, 'Wow, opera is a little different.' Sometimes they don't know what to expect." Ryan marvels at the hard work the cast and crew have dedicated to *Brundibar* and promises that ticket-holders won't be disappointed. "Everyone in the show has done a great job. It's really fun and the outcome is amazing." To learn more about the MOT Children's Chorus, visit [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org).

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*Soldiers of Conscience*, showing March 20, is a dramatic window on the dilemma of eight U.S. Soldiers in the Iraq war including four who decide not to kill and instead become conscientious objectors. Made with permission from the U.S. Army, the film explores the tension between spiritual values and military orders. Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO president, leads a discussion on the impact of the Iraq War on the economy. The Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network commemorates the sixth anniversary of the start of the war with this film and discussion. The theme is: "Beyond War: A Better Economic World Is Possible."

*Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep South* is scheduled March 27. It is the story of one Rhode Island family's painful but persistent confrontation with its continuing legacy of the slave trade. This 86-minute film asks what Americans can and should do to deal with what has been inherited from the country's past.

*Made in L.A.*, April 3, traces the moving transformation of three Latina women who decide they must resist an American garment retailer and the labor conditions under which they work by initiating a ground-breaking lawsuit and consumer boycott. This 70-minute film puts a human face on labor organizing, immigrant struggles and women's rights.

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— Continuing its mission to showcase local foods, Hiller's Markets will host its first Michigan Foods Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21-22, at its Commerce Township location.

More than 30 vendors will demo their products, provide tastings, and exhibit signs with information about where the company is located and how many people they employ. Hiller's has long been committed to showcasing locally-made, grown and produced food labels like Garden Fresh Salsa, Pioneer Sugar, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Olga's Kitchen, Bareman's, Better Made, Hamilton Eggs, Old Orchard juices, Michigan navy beans, Polly's Pastries and more.

For months, the grocer has been featuring Michigan companies in its biweekly circular, and identifying Michigan products with shelf tags.

"Buying and selling Michigan products boosts the local economy," says Jim Hiller, CEO of the 68-year-old company. "That helps our state economy and the families who live here. I have always been dedicated to working together with good people and good companies close to home."

Hiller's groceries are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Northville, Plymouth, Commerce Township and the new 52,000-square-foot store at 3010 Union Lake Road in Commerce Twp. Call (248) 363-8718.

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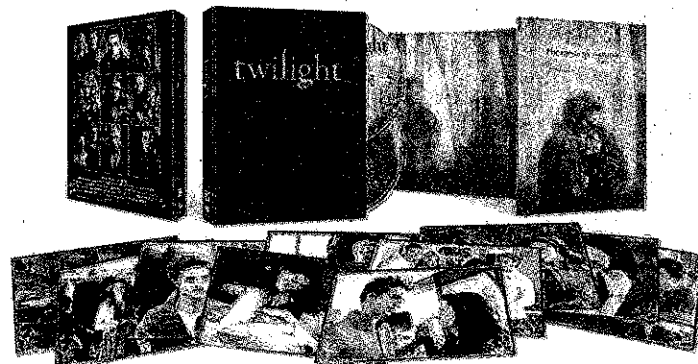
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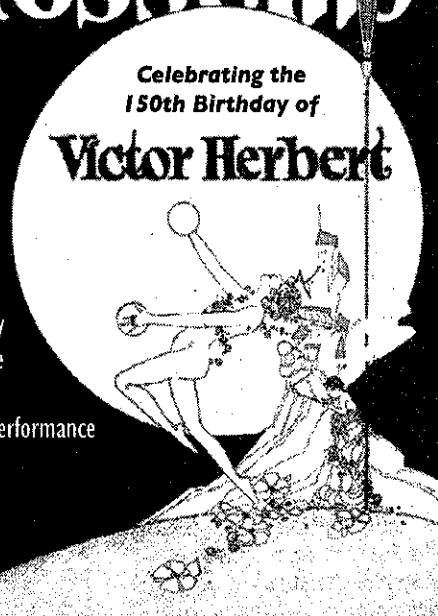
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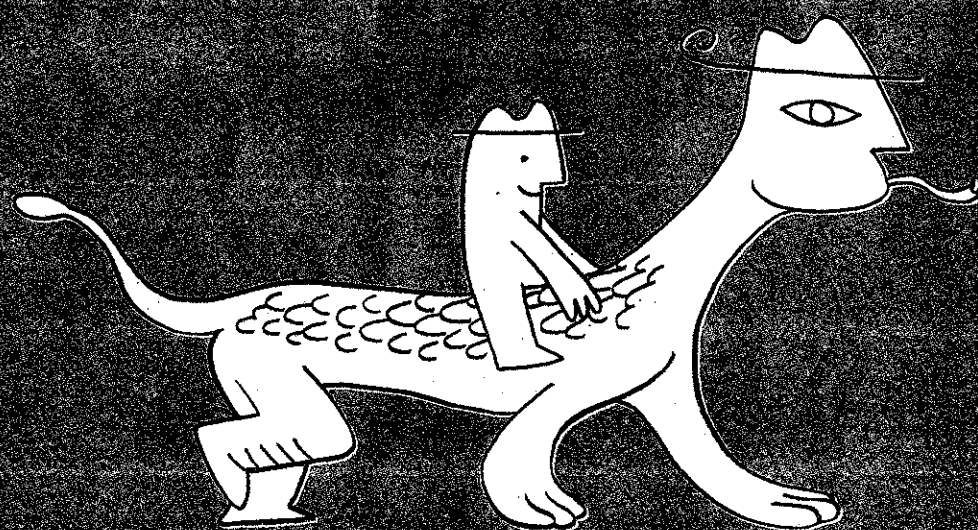
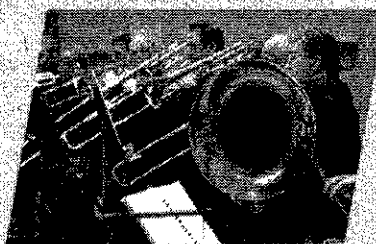
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# FOOD & WINE

## Hospital food goes gourmet at Henry Ford West Bloomfield

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Just the thought of eating hospital food is enough to make many people sick, but that's changing at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. The smell of fresh strawberries filled the air on a recent tour of the kitchen. These were no ordinary recipes the staff was preparing for patients. The vibrant red color of the berries illustrates the philosophy Matt Prentice developed as culinary director and consultant to make stays more enjoyable and healthier food wise. Except for tomatoes, all fruits and vegetables have never seen the inside of a can or freezer.

"First I had to start figuring out what our mission was by talking to hospital staff — dietitians, nurses and doctors. Their views were fairly diverse even among registered dietitians. A nurse on a heart ward said to get rid of the salt," said Prentice, who with his staff created more than 1,300 recipes for the hospital menu. "I took copious notes then started to read books written on what food does for you, what's good and bad. I'm not a doctor; I'm a cook. I was asked to assist the healing process. If we're serving rice, let's serve brown rice instead of peeling away nutrients, breads with whole grain flours. Let's give the body energy so it can heal faster."

Prentice spent last summer writing a manual on healthy eating for the staff. It wasn't easy to make time since the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group owns a number of area restaurants including Coach Insignia at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

To help with the project he



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Chef Matt Prentice (center) with two of his chefs, David Denys (left) holding prepared butternut squash with gnocchi, and Jacob Dier with sushi.

Chefs from the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group created these recipes for the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

### BLUE SUNSHINE SUPER FOOD SMOOTHIE

Serves 6

- 2 cups fresh pineapple, diced
- 1 cup frozen banana chunks
- 1 cup frozen diced mangoes
- 1-½ cups almond milk
- 4 ounces agave or raw honey
- ½ ounce vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- ½ cup raspberries

Combine all ingredients except berries in a blender and puree until smooth. Pour half of the mixture into serving vessels. Add blueberries to remaining mixture and puree until smooth. Pour blueberry mix over the back of a spoon on top of the pineapple-mango mix to keep

the two layers separate for visual effect.

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- 2 eggs
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- ½ teaspoon cloves
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup vanilla
- 1 teaspoon pecans for each serving

Mix all ingredients together except nuts in a mixing bowl with a whisk. Divide mixture into eight 4-ounce ramekins. Bake in a water bath 45 minutes in a 300 degree oven. Serve at room temperature or warm.



Vickie Kehias and Bev Brun look over the wide selection of foods at Henry's, the cafeteria in the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

brought in his corporate chef and six executive chefs to train the management team he hired for the hospital. Prentice's executive chefs oversee the menus at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in Bloomfield Hills; No.VI Chop House, Novi; Shiraz, Bingham Farms; Deli Unique, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills; Plaza Deli, Southfield, and Tavern on 13, Beverly Hills.

Each worked on different stations that include entrees from the Middle East, Africa, Spain, Greece, and "other areas of the world that eat very healthy." Prentice uses Michigan products whenever possible. He opened a refrigerated locker to show off organic fruits, vegetables and salad items like red leaf lettuce. Most of the items are organic, especially if served uncooked.

"Jason Hayden out at No.VI Chop house loves big fat steaks. He's come up with phenomenal food on a nominal budget. He was in charge of the American entree station, which is often the feature of the day for patients, and came up with grilled marinated tofu served

with bulgur roulade," said Prentice. "It's really simple food. We're trying to stick with fresh ingredients loaded with vitamins and minerals. We make everything from scratch. It's all about the healing power of food."

Prentice realized early on that food had to taste good too since the same recipes were being served in Henry's, the cafeteria where the seven stations offer deli items like turkey sandwiches on 100-percent whole wheat bread with Russian low-fat dressing, and cole slaw and potato salad with low-fat mayonnaise made fresh in the kitchen.

The beef sandwich cuts red meat to three ounces and tops it with spicy plum ketchup on a house baked onion roll.

"We tried to stay away from unhealthy meats like corned beef. My favorite is a vegetarian sandwich with avocado, sprouts and Swiss cheese and I'm not a vegetarian kind of guy," said Prentice of West Bloomfield. "You eat the sandwich and it perks your energy."

The Asian station features rolled sushi, rice boxes and

noodle bowls developed under the direction of Chef Jaime Kalmus. Prentice's staff is scheduled to leave around mid-April when total quality control will be in the hands of Executive Chef Frank Turner who previously was corporate chef for the Prentice group.

"My restaurant chefs are definitely embracing the recipes. We have a healthy healing area with Asian on the Northern Lakes menu. Chef Jaimie Kalmus is teaching them to roll sushi, how you use a wok, how to use herbs to make noodle bowls flavorful. We have six different soups every day — none with sodium."

Salt was banned from the kitchen except for baked goods. Recipes rely on ingredients to add flavor. A seared salmon with tomato jam is served over Israeli couscous with currants.

To spice up the menu for kids, Prentice adds special touches. Cookies are being baked in the image of Henry, the hospital's therapy dog.

"We need to be able to put a smile on a sick boy or girl's face," said Prentice. "We're going to have Henry cookies and they get to decorate it themselves."

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## Home upgrade tips have attractive price tag

BY JULIE BROWN  
D&E STAFF WRITER

Nicki Wilson of Interiors by Decorating Den of Canton knows people like a new home look for spring. "People always look for a change, so we can lighten things up," said Wilson, among the more than 100 exhibitors at the Canton Home Expo March 7-8. "You can change your accessories."

At her booth at the Summit on the Park, Wilson was getting help from her young grandson. She was glad to share home decor advice.

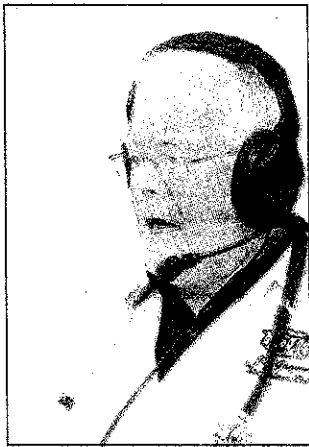
"Wallpaper is coming back. It's much more sophisticated," said Wilson, who sells wallpaper and arranges for a hanger to put it up. She handles wall coverings, window treatments, "just about anything that goes inside the house."

"With the economy being the way it is, people aren't doing big projects," said Wilson, who's had her business 22 years. She recommends professional help such as the exhibitors at the Canton Home Expo: "I'm happy to help."

Nearby at the well-attended event was Nancy Henry, a manager/buyer for Town 'N' Country Hardware of Garden City. Henry noted signs of March spring fever, although some customers were still getting wood stoves and making homes energy-efficient.

"Three and \$400 heating bills come rolling in," Henry said. "It was a hard winter."

Now that spring's here, customers will grill and decorate outside, she said, "staying home and make the most of their home."



Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, does his show live from the Canton Home Expo.

She recommends fertilizing a lawn now, cleaning out beds that need help from 2008's early winter and more. "A lot of people flood in this time of year for screen repair," Henry said.

You can get hardware store help on gutters, chimney caps and referral for a chimney sweep. Henry was picking colors for spring; she noted contractors get busy quickly now, so scheduling work is a good idea.

"Look at patio furniture," she said. "Furniture will be gone by May." Theirs is a True Value store, so they have an easier time replenishing stock.

The Canton Home Expo, the eighth annual, was presented by Canton Building & Inspection Services, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The 2010 event will be March 6-7. To reserve a booth, call (734) 394-5200.

Here's some additional common-sense advice on making your home look its best:

■ When your kitchen cabinets begin to look drab compared to those shiny new appliances you invested in, look into resurfacing them yourself. Sanding and re-staining cabinet doors and drawer fronts doesn't have to be difficult. It will enhance the look of your home and only take a weekend or so to complete.

■ See design in the details. Maybe you don't need to rehab your cabinets, but adding new drawer-pulls might do the trick. From the kitchen or bath to bedroom drawers, you can drastically change the look and feel of a space for a few dollars each. Also consider installing new doorknobs, light switch plates, or curtain rods to up the wow factor.

■ Build your own shelves — whether it's an overflowing book collection or you just need space to display family photographs, simple bookshelves add panache to a living room or bedroom.

■ Remove and rehab weathered old shutters to make your home look new again. Don't underestimate curb appeal when it comes to exterior shutters and trim. It's simple to remove, scrape away old paint and refresh the look of these home accents. If they seem to be in really bad shape, or you'd like to add some where they never existed, they can be constructed, custom-ordered or standard sizes can be simply purchased in a pair for as little as \$40.

■ Construct your own planter boxes to spruce up your outdoor living space. Try for two of the same size and shape and add them to your porch or deck. Once



Tom Adamusik of Regal Construction talks with Tim and Elaine Schoening of Canton at the recent Canton Home Expo. The annual event offers a variety of ideas for sprucing up a home inside and out.

filled with colorful perennials, your yard will surely get noticed. Be sure to use treated, exterior-grade plywood to prevent rotting.

■ Get the whole family in on the fun and build a doghouse for your favorite family pet. When your pup's home-away-from-home is complete, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you built it yourself.

■ Spring marks the idea time to build a deck. It's a project you can attempt yourself — or call in a contractor to get it done in time to enjoy every ounce

of warm weather. It's an addition to your home you'll enjoy with family and friends for years to come, with minimal maintenance and attention.

Here are a couple links to check out on home improvement:

<http://buildingpros.com/build/county/Michigan/Wayne.html>

<http://homeimprovementpainterspowerwashinganimalcontrolinsulationroof.com/contact-home-improvement-specialists.htm>

## Court considers smoking nuisance issue

Q: I understand that there may be a recent case out of Massachusetts regarding banning on smoking. Do you have any information?

A: In our effort to keep you advised of developments in community association law, I can tell you that there is a recent case out of California which ruled that a complainant could continue with her nuisance claim against an association

because she alleged that the association had a "duty to maintain its premises in a reasonably safe condition." The association's decision to allow smoking in the outdoor common areas created a condition which was harmful to health and obstructed the free use of the common areas and interfered

with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. Obviously, the theory upon which the case was brought still has to be substantiated by the evidence but the court resisted an attempt to throw out the case based on an alleged failure to state a claim for relief under a nuisance theory.

Q: Our house is in foreclosure and we have been contacted by a so-called foreclosure consultant who is making us an offer to relieve our distress. What should we be looking for?

A: In this economic environment, the appearance of so-called foreclosure consultants, who track foreclosure notices and contact borrowers in distress, has proliferated. These individuals persuade the homeowner in foreclosure to sign a contract whereby, for a fee, the foreclosure consultant agrees to provide services such as saving the financially distressed individual's home and contacting lenders and other third parties on the homeowner's behalf in order to delay, postpone or even cancel the foreclosure. Unfortunately, foreclosure consultant contracts often require the homeowner to deed the property to the consultant in exchange for the consultant's promise to make all delinquent and future mortgage payments to help restore the homeowner's credit and to grant the homeowner the right to stay in the home as a tenant at a stipulated rental rate, often combined with an option to repurchase. Unfortunately, some foreclosure consultants take advantage of homeowners. The homeowners soon find that the promised services have not been provided even though the homeowner paid full compensation for such services, and the homeowners could eventually lose their homes. Although reputable foreclosure consultants can perform valuable services, there have been a number of recent negative publicity situations resulting in the enactment of several state statutes regulating foreclosure consultants' activities as well as an increase in case law finding certain practices by foreclosure consultants unenforceable and void. Many states have dealt with the statutory relief, but as yet, Michigan has not joined the group.

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■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor an "Apartment Marketing Campaign Design" seminar on Thursday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover how to design a three-month marketing campaign that will generate more

traffic, lease more apartments, retain your residents, provide better service and plan your work and work your plan. The seminar is limited to 12 participants.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Introduction to Green Building on Wednesday, April 8, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy, 48098 (house built by Wake-Pratt Construction).

Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making a positive environmental statement. This is the first in a series of five trainings. The training is free for BIA members.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will present a seminar, Green: The Right Thing To Do, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, April 15, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Rick Rottschafter, CGP, Builder will present the seminar. The seminar focuses on material recycling, what's green and what's moldy, "10 tiny table tops teach tasteful builders to go green," top five practical "greens" remodelers can impress with, green means sales, NAHB versus LEED certification, and it doesn't take money to be green.

Registration fees are \$35 for BIA members and guests and includes dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

### HOMES SOLD

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 24-28, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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43152 Barchester Rd \$137,000  
1252 Brookline St \$150,000  
6541 Carriage Hills Dr \$130,000  
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41310 Llorac Ln \$250,000  
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38045 Parkwood Ct \$205,000  
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47581 Cheltenham Dr \$185,000

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- 4 Widespread damage
- 9 Fishing lure
- 12 Court
- 13 — board
- 14 Rollover subj.
- 15 Swashbuckler's shout (2 wds.)
- 17 Labels
- 19 Air-pump meas.
- 20 Campus housing
- 21 Mimics
- 24 Kind of note (2 wds.)
- 28 Round numbers?
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- 32 Road topping
- 33 November stone
- 35 Fore opposite
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- 37 Small coin
- 38 Not apathetic

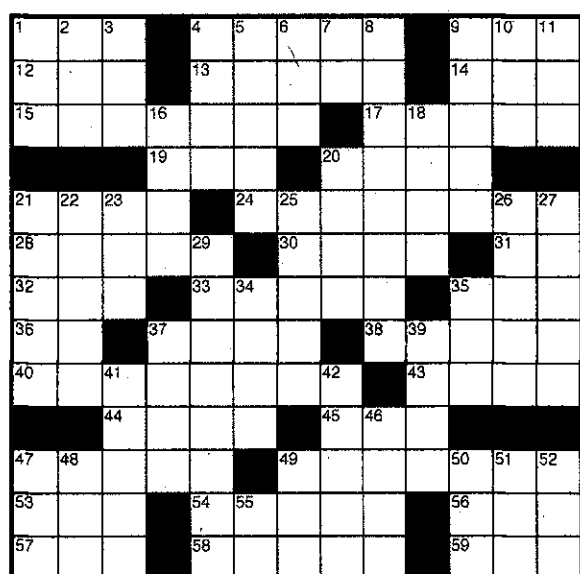
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- 40 Most sparkling
- 43 Town meetings
- 44 Gesture
- 45 Royal pronoun
- 47 Mr. Ventura
- 48 Greeted kitty
- 53 Actress — Hagen
- 54 Get mellow
- 56 Rope-a-dope boxer
- 57 Recite
- 58 Dances, punk-style
- 59 Kennel sound
- 1 Charge it
- 2 Captured first place
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- 5 Listen in
- 6 Compete for
- 7 Vit. C source
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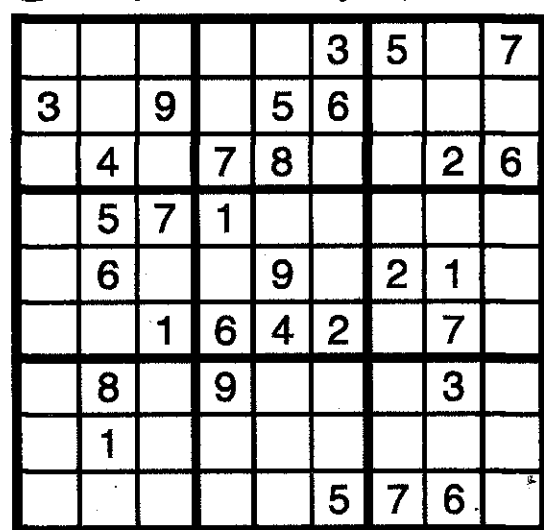
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- 20 Numbers to crunch
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- 23 Slip up
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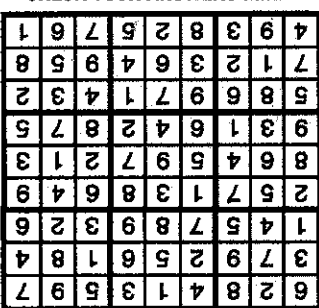
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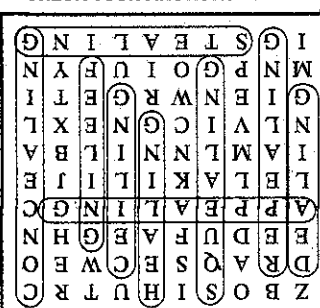
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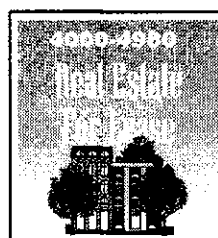
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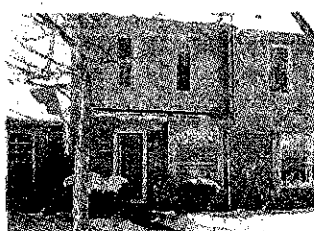
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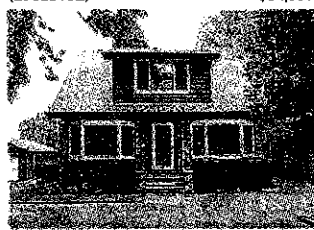


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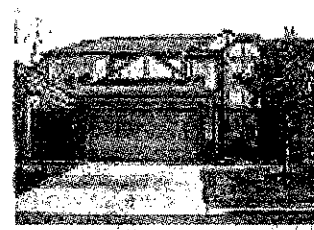
**Ann Arbor** 734-455-7000  
GREAT COMMUNITY CONDO IN ANN ARBOR! 2BR/1.1BA, fin bsmt. 1 car gar. Great kitchen w/din area & door wall to the patio. Lots of updates! Love the location - close to shopping mall & express-way!  
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**Canton** 248-851-1900  
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(29012355) \$200,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
SUPERB LOCATION! NEVER KID OR PETTESTED! Huge deck backs to pond. Open flr plan. Vaulted ceiling w/skylights overlooks GR from huge loft area w/countless possibilities. Mstr ste w/separate shower & tub.  
(28194482) \$139,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
SHARP RANCH CONDO! Very nice 2BR private end unit ranch in North Canton. Remodeled kitchen/bath, full basement under whole unit. Best spot in complex!  
(29008595) \$74,900



**Canton** 248-348-6430  
Sparkling Clean 2 Bed, 2 Bath Condo Features: Custom gas fireplace, newer furnace, private frt yard, LG WIC in master BD & all appliances stay. Private courtyard. Steps away from pool & clubhouse.  
(28167990) \$62,500



**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
Great location on over 1/2 acre. 2 story foyer. HDWD flrs, GR w/ gas FP, open kit & nook, FF Laundry, MBR, fin W/O, sun room, deck, 3 car garage.  
(29009765) \$219,000



**Eastpointe** 248-208-2900  
Almost new 3 bdrm colonial. Vaulted ceilings in mstr bdrm. First flr laundry.  
(28181479) \$51,900



**Farmington** 248-348-6430  
A Gem Close To Downtown! Many recent updates: kitchen with granite, roof, windows, bathroom, HWY, year round Florida room, finished lower level plumbed for second  
(29028170) \$148,200



**Garden City** 734-591-9200  
Quiet, Comfortable Neighborhood, stp looking 3 BR Bk Ranch, 2 Car Gar, Fin Bsmt, HWF, Kit redone w/granite & ceramic fl. in 07. Bit in Cab in bsmt, office in bsmt, neut paint in 09, new drs, emerald spa, 2 patios  
(29021948) \$128,900



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
Just Listed Woods, Water, Huge Workshop, W/O Bsmt make this home a wonderful find. Custom gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets, granite counters, fireplace & hardwood floors.  
(28198501) \$369,000



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
Wooded Retreat Like Setting Custom built. Lrg windows span back to view the natural area. Appraised 2007 for \$438,000. Argon filled windows & skylights, high eff. furnace. Prof. fin. W/O.  
(28205138) \$269,900



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
Just Listed! 2 story home in sought after Windcrest sub. Home features 4 bedrooms, 2.1 baths, partially finished W/O LL. Treed backyard.  
(29027073) \$236,900



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
Just Listed! Welcome to this clean, well maintained ranch. Updates include corian countertops in kit, ceramic tile flr, paint, newer windows, & A/C. Open floor plan.  
(29028014) \$232,500



**Green Oak** 248-437-3800  
The Perfect Country Ranch on 1.27 Acres Built new in 2004 & still like new inside. Offering spacious & open flr plan, lrg spacious mstr suite, home office, lrg country kit. w/center island, full bsmt.  
(28197587) \$209,900



**Hartland** 248-684-1065  
All sports private Long Lake in Hartland! Over 4000 sqft. in Hartland Shores Estates. Meticulously landscaped. Fin bsmt, circle dr, cath, ceilings.  
(29009932) \$549,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details t/o! HDWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, SS appl. bonus 4th rm, 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.  
(28198231) \$499,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Harbors Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more!  
(28184712) \$349,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/heat & A/C. New gourmet kitchen. Mstr suite w/ jet tub/W/O. Fr doors to FR w/FP. Much more!  
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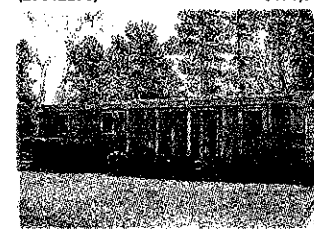
**Highland** 248-684-1065  
On all-sports priv. Duck Lk, main lake views! Great for yr round or cottage. Maint. fee exterior. Fenced yard w/1.5 garage. Lakeside deck. Appl. stay.  
(29004468) \$184,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Colonial lited in Mayflower Estates. Grt cbr appls shows like a model hme. New hwd flrs in LR & DR. Updtd granite BA's, kit, Ntrl decor. Fin bsmt, lrg grt room w/gas frplce. Bk yd w/bk patio. Mstr BA w/skylight.  
(29019433) \$249,900



**Livonia** 734-591-9200  
Grt Fam Hme w/4 BR's, 2BA's & 1 Lav. Col style hme w/ Din Rm, eat in kit, Laund rm & FR with fireplace. All BR's are upper w/ Mstr BA. Full bsmt w/95% complet. 2 car att garage, fenced yrd, above grnd pool.  
(29012296) \$179,900



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
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**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Highly Desirable 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 1st floor condo. No stairs to climb! New kitchen, carpet, paint & all appliances stay. Set in a private wooded location just steps away from pool and clubhouse.  
(28162574) \$65,000



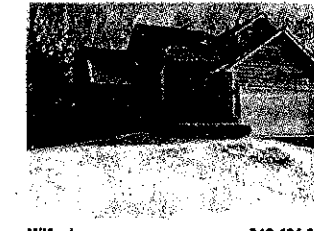
**Millford** 248-684-1065  
3 BR, 2BA open flr plan brick ranch. 2 pole barns w/ cement flr & 12" reinfor. rerod, 3-phase pwr serv. lav). Cabana wired for hot tub. Above grd pool.  
(28186464) \$360,000



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study.  
(29017806) \$334,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Country setting, beautiful, move-in ready ranch home on 2.36 acres across from Highland Rec Area. Huge FR w/ fin. W/O LL. Barn, hay loft, pole barn.  
(29007050) \$319,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Beautifully maintained w/ many extras! On 2.58 acres. Lots of privacy & trees. New roof, new cedar shake & trim, granite baths, W/O bsmt, wet bar.  
(29001408) \$234,900



**Millford** 248-684-1065  
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hwd flrs. DR w/ D/W to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ D/W to deck. 1st flr laun. 2 car gar.  
(28171749) \$189,900



**Monroe** 248-208-2900  
Awesome brick home! Tastefully decorated 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath tudor home. Updated kit, newer roof & windows, recently painted. Hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/frplc, spacious liv rm w/frplc.  
(28192562) \$126,900



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home in downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home!  
(28191049) \$524,900



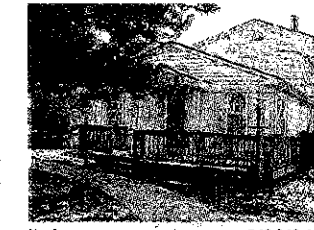
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Exquisite Custom Built Cape Cod! Exceptional home with attention to every detail. 3 BRs, loft, 3 PPs, study & den. 2 story foyer, GR & Family RM. Fabulous master suite. Custom design and decor!  
(29002853) \$849,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful 2 Story Condo 1,936 sq ft of comfortable condo living! Charming KIT, elegant 2 sty DR, den w/bay window, lg mstr, daylight basement, 2 car att'd side entry garage & deck.  
(29024853) \$229,900



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Move Into This Beautiful Novi Colonial! Numerous updates! Granite KIT w/SS appl! Never CAI updated half BA! Large deck w/PRVT yard! Part FIN BSMT! Walking distance to High School, library & city hall!  
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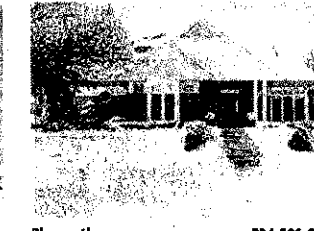
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Airy 2 Bedroom Condo Enjoy this neutrally decorated condo. Just move-in.  
(28192661) \$87,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Great Find, 2 Story End Unit Many updates, 3 BD, 2.5 BA, part fin BSMT. All apl, CA, blinds, 1 car gar. Newer furnace. Pool, clubhouse, close to xway. Condo faces large front yard. Neutral.  
(28168705) \$1,750



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
DISTINCTIVE AND ARTFULLY ELEGANT! A former builder's model, this home has it all... cherry cabs, hrdwd flrs, upgraded ceramic tile, pro-decor finishes. Fin bsmt, prof. Indscping w/Paver patio +!  
(29031795) \$375,000



**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek! Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit & BFT mstr kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP & D/W o lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has handicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt.  
(29009792) \$309,900



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
THINK YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL??? Hold on for the winner, backs to a meadow, lively w/bird songs & saucy little furry ones scooting hither n/yon. Try the airy back porch. Or tarry in the w/o LL.  
(29026934) \$286,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
STYLISH BRICK CAPE COD! 3BR/2.5BA on premium lot radiates quality & charm of a custom build. Upgrades incl: kit w/maple cabs, GR w/FP, hrdwd flrs, custm wndw treatments, paver patio +!  
(29026220) \$275,000



**Redford** 248-348-6430  
Picture Perfect Home Hard to beat the price of this beautifully updated brick ranch, new KIT, totally remodeled bath, new interior & exterior doors, freshly painted!  
(28015035) \$94,000



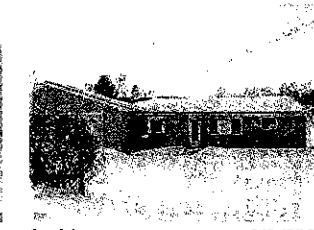
**Romulus** 248-208-2900  
Great Opportunity! Own this 2 yr old home at a great price. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Just needs some elbow grease and kitchen rehab.  
(28167307) \$93,586



**Royal Oak** 734-455-7000  
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(29029897) \$165,000



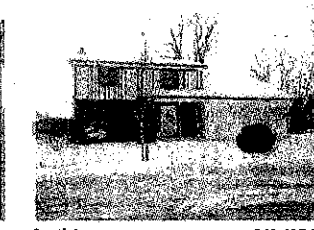
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious gourmet kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement.  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
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**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Charming Home In Great Neighborhood Lrg deck, hot tub & stream in backyard, near trails, woods & park. Natural fireplace, oversized garage w/high ceiling & door. Part. fin. bsmt.  
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**Southgate** 734-455-7000  
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(29028802) \$229,000



**Van Buren Twp** 734-591-9200  
Remodeled 3BR RCH. New roof, windows, Kit remodeled. New HWT & C/A unit. Updtd bath has jetted tub. Updtd plumb & elect. All on 1/2 acre. Seller will incl Home Warrant (\$50) Deductible. BA comm is 3.5%  
(28188084) \$79,900



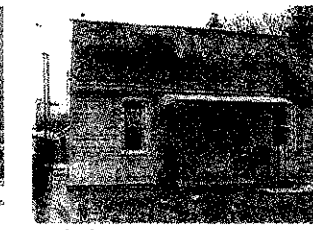
**Walled Lake** 248-684-1065  
Enjoy over 100 ft ft on all-sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at rear. 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates!  
(29005969) \$400,000



**Walled Lake** 248-348-6430  
Open Modern Floor Plan, Walk To Lake! End unit backs to woods. Open floor plan, formal DR, Great RM w/gas FP. Fin W/O BSMT w/REC RM, mini KIT, 1/2 BA, pool table. MSTR STE w/DBL closet & organizer.  
(28204424) \$175,000



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
JUST REDUCED! Like new private entrance Condo. Prof. painted. New carpet thru-out. New Flooring in kitchen & entry. 2 bdrm, 2 baths, Full bsmt, Private deck. Well cared for.  
(28206757) \$49,900



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
Best Buy In Westland! Updates Galore! Newer furnace, air, siding, roof, tankless HWH, concrete & 2+ garage w/tile. Fenced yard. Updated KIT, BA, plumbing, electric. Near City Hall. Home Warranty!  
(28206757) \$49,900



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove, Livonia Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall.  
(28205988) \$45,900



**Westland** 248-348-6430  
End Unit Colonial With Livonia Schools Clean & move in ready. Updated KIT w/oak cabs. All appliances. Freshly painted BSMT, 1 car gar. Sub pool & clubhouse. Close shopping & expressways. For Lease.  
(29011903) \$1,000



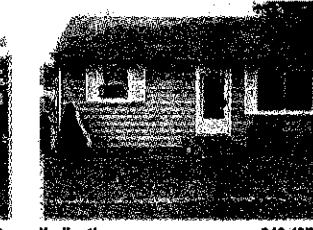
**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
White Lake Canal! Affordable home to call your own! Close to main body of lake. Wooded, good-size lot. New roof, well pump, FP. Or \$650/Mo. lease.  
(29015612) \$99,000



**Wixom** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Home Inside and Out Freshly painted. Light, bright & airy. Gracious MSTR STE w/WIC. Bath w/shower & soaking tub. Composite deck & stamped patio overlook park, woodland/ wetland.  
(29006054) \$279,400



**Wixom** 248-348-6430  
Absolutely The Best! 3 BD, 2 BA home w/30' Great RM, a granite & maple island KIT, Fieldstone FP & sits on a premium common lot. Stamped patio, fenced yard & huge carpeted REC room.  
(28194829) \$178,000



**Ypsilanti** 248-437-3800  
Bank Owned Good starter home for 1st time home buyer. One car detached garage. Home is sold "as is" condition. Buyer must pre-qualify through lender known to seller.  
(29032797) \$18,000

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