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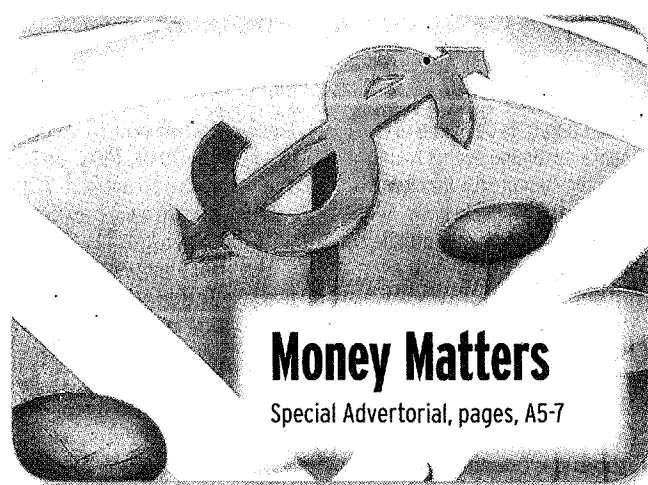
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## CANTON CONNECTION

### Tax help

If you need help with your taxes, the Internal Revenue Service is offering a free Solution Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 7 at 477 Michigan Avenue, 20th floor, Detroit, MI 48226. Detroit is one of only five cities selected for the program. Foreclosure, bankruptcy, payment plans, penalties, past-due tax returns and other complex tax issues can be a challenge for taxpayers. Many of these issues require contact with specific IRS departments and tax experts. Solution Saturday brings together IRS employees from across the agency to work face-to-face with taxpayers to address unique tax problems or issues.

Taxpayers are encouraged to schedule appointments as soon as possible by calling (313) 628-3120.

### Toxic toys

State Reps. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) and Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will hold a special town hall meeting 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, for parents to learn how to protect their children from toxic toys and to have their kids' toys and other products tested for harmful chemicals.

The meeting features representatives from the Ann Arbor-based Ecology Center, who will perform free testing on toys and other children's products.

Slavens and Corriveau will also discuss legislation that passed the House earlier this year that will protect children from toxic chemicals.

For more information, residents can call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov), or call Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 208-4737 or send an e-mail to [MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov](mailto:MarcCorriveau@house.mi.gov)

### To the curb

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste in Canton ends Thursday, Dec. 3, and will not resume until April.

There will be no pickup Thursday, Nov. 26. Residents whose collection date falls on Nov. 26 will have their yard-waste collected Friday, Nov. 27.

After Dec. 3, items such as grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris and brush will no longer be accepted at the curb. Canton Waste Recycling will pick up natural Christmas trees during the month of January. For pickup, please place your tree at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular trash day with all stands and ornaments removed.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection, please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call CWR at (734) 397-5801.



Amy Teller and 17-month-old son Mason Teller, along with Coeun Marra and 17-month-old son Joseph, walk back to their homes in Cherry Hill Village after stopping at Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier & Coffee House. Both would like to see a restaurant and perhaps a grocery within walking distance.

## Raising a 'Village'

### Residents, retailers bandy Cherry Hill plans

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cherry Hill Village — a picturesque Canton community of porch-front homes, community parks, a pedestrian-friendly downtown, a top-tier performance theater and quasi-urban apartments — has reached a delicate crossroads that has left residents and merchants feeling worried, yet hopeful.

Stymied by an economic recession and a housing market crash, this once-booming village on Canton's west side has lost momentum since township officials say home construction started in 2001.

Consider:

- Fewer than 400 of the 1,040 planned single-family houses have sprung up in the neighborhood, near Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

- Less than half of the planned 400 condominiums have been built. Moreover, homeowner association officials say a startling 28 percent of condo owners are either in foreclosure or late on their mortgage payments — and they owe \$41,000 in association fees.

"It's money we need for maintenance," said Steve Jaskowski, association president.

- Only half of 600 planned apartments have been built in the village's "uptown" area, or north end.

- Vacant storefronts plague the business strip, and some owners hope to expand even as they



The Village Theater is the jewel of the Cherry Hill area.



Many Cherry Hill Village storefronts are empty, victims of a troubled economy.

struggle for their very survival.

"We're trying to expand during the worst economic times in the world," said Cherry Martini owner Wally Kalled, who hopes to open a restaurant near his bar. "They say it's a recession, but the Cherry Hill businesses are in a depression."

Despite the area's troubles and an elusive economic rebound,

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said one local company, Livonia Builders, has proposed constructing 33 new single-family homes on the village's south end. The houses, with square footage ranging from roughly 1,600 to 2,400, could be built as early as next spring or summer just south of Jackson, between Roosevelt and Harrison.

Canton's elected officials welcomed the potential for a jumpstart of new construction in the village.

"That's really great to see that we're starting to see some new development in the Cherry Hill (Village) area — and Canton Township, for that matter," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Please see **VILLAGE, A3**

## Incumbents, Davis earn board seats

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adrienne Davis doesn't want to be known solely as the first African-American to be elected to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

But that doesn't mean she isn't happy to have that honor.

She earned it Tuesday, finishing third in a five-way race for three, four-year terms on the board. Davis, who owns Different Drums Educational Services, an educational services company that partners with the Michigan Council on Economic Education to teach children about various



Davis

components of education, earned 5,051 votes to finish behind incumbents Judy Mardigian and Barry Simescu.

Davis outdistanced fellow Plymouth Township residents Eric Bacyinski (3,514) and Larry Martin (3,510).

John Jackson ran unopposed for a single, two-year term.

"I'm honored, I'm excited and I'm humbled," Davis said of her election. "When you look at the changing demographics, it's an honor to represent (diversity). I don't want to be pigeon-holed, thought of just as the diversity candidate. But it's a plus. I can be that ear that tunes and maybe helps shape policy."

While Mardigian, the longest-tenured board member, agrees Davis shouldn't be regarded solely as the first African-American to be elected, she does think Davis' election is a big step for the district.

Please see **ELECTION, A3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Precinct 7 at Salem High School had fewer than 30 voters at 4:30 p.m. Helen and James Dimitroff mark their ballots for the school board election.

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## Van Born widening project gets rolling

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

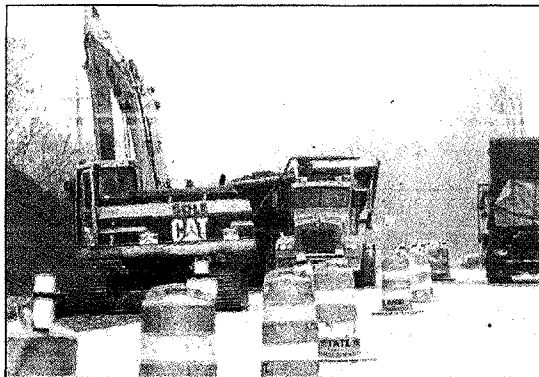
A road-widening project critical to keeping a major employer in Canton has begun on Van Born Road west of Haggerty.

The project will add a westbound turn lane to accommodate truck traffic for Sysco Food Services, a 600-employee company that sells, markets and distributes food products to restaurants, health-care facilities and school districts such as Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland.

"It's a huge employer," said Bill Serchak, township engineer. Sysco is nearing completion of a 70,000-square-foot addition to its 375,000-square-foot building, and Sean McCausland, the company's executive vice president, has said the widened road was crucial to accommodating hundreds of trucks that bring in supplies and deliver products.

Although township officials say no road closures are expected, motorists are advised to seek alternate routes during construction.

An initial phase of the project will be completed this fall, but due to winter weather the work isn't



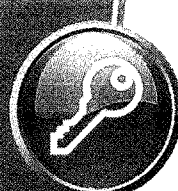
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Construction is under way on Van Born Road near Sysco.

expected to be completed until spring of next year.

The project, expected to cost about \$850,000, marks a collaborative effort of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Wayne County and Canton Township. Most of the money comes from federal dollars funneled through the state.

Please see **VAN BORN, A3**



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### Village Voices

Village Voices, a select group of BeckRidge Chorale singers, present their first concert of the season Sunday, Nov. 8, in Plymouth First United Methodist Church.

The evening begins with a delicious meal at 6 p.m. and concludes with the sounds of Village Voices sharing the music of the Beatles, Beach Boys and a Tribute to Queen.

Tickets are limited and available for \$28.00 by visiting [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org).

### Financial aid night

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union hosts a free seminar on applying for college financial aid, grants, loans and scholarships 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at its Plymouth branch, 8817 Sheldon (northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy).

Find out what calculations are used with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A representative from a local university's office of financial aid will lead the discussions.

Reserve your seat by calling (734) 432-0212, Ext. 301. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments and handouts will be provided.

For more information, call Emma Teller at (734) 432-0212, Ext. 204.

### BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Palermo's Restaurant (dinner is served), 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Guest speaker Gary Sackett, a Canton attorney, will talk about wills and trusts.

For more information and to RSVP (by Nov. 6), contact June Nicholas by e-mail at [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net) or by calling (313) 610-2561.

### Historical society

The last Canton Historical Society general meeting for 2009 will be Nov. 11 at Cherry Hill School in the village of Cherry Hill (Ridge and Cherry Hill roads) beginning at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be David Chardavoyne, speaking on "The last execution in Michigan and the abolition of capital punishment." In September 1830, Stephen Simmons was hanged in Detroit for murdering his wife. This was the last execution in Michigan. In 1847, Michigan became the first

English-speaking jurisdiction to abolish capital punishment for murder.

Chardavoyne is an attorney, the author of "A Hanging in Michigan" and visiting professor at University of Detroit School of Law. A Michigan Historical marker affixed to a building near the northwest corner of Michigan Ave. and Wayne Road in downtown Wayne marks the site of the tavern that Simmons owned and where he committed the murder.

For more information visit the Canton Historical Web site at [www.Canton-historialsociety.org](http://www.Canton-historialsociety.org).

### Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Chiefettes are hosting a Pom Pon Clinic for kids ages 5-14 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Kids will learn a pom routine and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11.

Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at [www.cantonchiefettes.com](http://www.cantonchiefettes.com) to pre-register and save \$5 before Nov. 13.



### Grill grand opening

Folks at Kickers All Star Grill recently conducted a ribbon cutting to announce the eatery's grand opening. Kickers All Star Grill is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. inside Victory Park in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail [pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com](mailto:pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com)

### Reunion time

Plymouth Canton and Salem Class of 1994 is hosting its 15-year reunion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty in Novi.

Cost is \$50. Details can be found and tickets purchased at [www.pcep1994.com](http://www.pcep1994.com)

For more information, contact Julie Burkett (Orleman) via e-mail at [julieburkett@hotmail.com](mailto:julieburkett@hotmail.com) or call (734) 674-3478.

### Skate for food

The Canton Goodfellows and Skatin' Station II are partnering in an effort to raise food for charity.

"Skate on Your Can" food drive takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda in Canton. Skaters get ice time for free with a donation of three canned good or non-perishable items. All proceeds go to Canton Goodfellows.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.skatinstation2.com](http://www.skatinstation2.com) or call (734) 459-6401.

### Holiday open house

New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with Pulte Homes will be host-

ing a Holiday Open House at Northville's spectacular community of The Villas at Arcadia Ridge.

You are invited to tour two condominiums, the Charleston and Townsend models. The evening also includes raffles, a Chocolate Fountain, hors d'oeuvres compliments of Cassell's Family Restaurant, Genitti's, Riffles Restaurant, Does Sports Retreat, and many more. Valet service provided.

The event takes place 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. Cost is \$40 prior to the event, \$45 at the door (\$30 is tax deductible).

The event takes place at 49285 Freestone Drive in Northville. Enter neighborhood on Arcadia Lane off of Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile Roads. To RSVP, call New Hope Center at (248) 348-0115 by Dec. 1 or register on-line at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

### PCA auction

Officials at Plymouth Christian Academy are inviting the community to "MISSION POSSIBLE," the school's annual Fall Auction set for Friday, Nov. 20, in the school building at 43065 Joy Road in Canton.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet pasta dinner and silent auction. The live auction will begin at 7 p.m. and will include such items as a ride on the Red Wings Zamboni complete with game tickets, fabulous sports and vacation packages, a ride on a B-17 Flying Fortress at the Yankee Air Museum, pearl sets made by women who have been rescued out of the human trafficking trade, an Extreme Bedroom Makeover, and much more. Dress is casual.

Proceeds from this event will go directly to support students in the pursuit of a college preparatory, Biblical worldview education. For more information, contact PCA at 734-459-3505 or [www.plymouthchristian.org](http://www.plymouthchristian.org).



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Color guard members Katie Babcock (front), Cassie Hardin (back left), and Rachel Fransioli creep from beneath the surface of a huge platform also concealing most members of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band at the beginning of their competition performance titled, 'Beneath the Surface.' The hometown marchers' performance at the Huron Valley Invitational in White Lake on Halloween netted the highest score, 90.9, of the competition.

# Prelude to states

## Marchers use Halloween to scare up high score

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

The darkening sky on All Hallows Eve was the perfect backdrop for the deep bah-bump, bah-bump of the beating heart, the stealthy creeping movements of the color guard, the resonating creak of the grinding hinges and the eerie melodic strains emanating from the 170-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band as they performed their competition show, "Beneath the Surface," at the Huron Valley Marching Band Invitational at Lakeland High School in White Lake.

"It was a very appropriate show for today," said a smiling David Armbruster, director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But that wasn't all he had to smile about.

His talented performers also scared up their highest score this season, 90.9, capturing the Flight I first-place trophy along with all three caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching, and Best General Effect. In spite of not being able to utilize all the props due to 20-mph chilly wind gusts, not only were they the highest-scoring of all 21 competing bands, but also the only band in the state to crack the 90s to date (other scores can be checked out at [www.themcba.org](http://www.themcba.org)).

"The band did wonderfully," said associate director Sheldon Frazier. "We're so proud of them. They have come a very long way with a very difficult show and they are handling it very well. The only thing we hope will change at this point is the quality of the performance. It's only going up from here."

And that's just exactly what the hometown marchers are gearing up for.

"We worked so hard these past couple of weeks and it really has all come together,"



Percussionist Brandon Saenz concentrates on music and timing during P-CMB's award winning performance at the Huron Valley Invitational at Lakeland High School Saturday.

**FORD FIELD FROLIC**

- **What:** 30th annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship
- **Where:** Ford Field, downtown Detroit
- **When:** Saturday, Nov. 7
- **Who:** 40 high school bands from four flights (Flight I is the largest school sizes, Flight IV the smallest).
- **Local tie:** Plymouth-Canton Educational Park performs in Flight I at 6:25 p.m.; other area bands include Farmington Harrison, 10:20 a.m.; Farmington, 8:30 p.m.
- **Tickets:** On sale the day of the event at Ford Field Ticket Booths. For more information, see the MCBA Web site, [www.themcba.org](http://www.themcba.org) and to the Ford Field web site, <http://www.fordfield.com>

said Canton junior Kaitlyn Tracy, one of the three drum majors. "It's so exciting. There is such a performance element to this show and we've added a lot of new stuff."

Synthesizer player and Salem senior Nicole Fenwick noted, "This is a fun show and it is really exciting. It is definitely my favorite of all four years. It is a really complex show this year and it takes a lot of time and practice, but it is all worth it."

That's certainly music to the ears of the directors, who appreciate the kudos they receive, but give major credit

to the students and staff for the incredible success of this year's competition performance.

"We couldn't do it without this staff," said Armbruster. "Our staff is amazing - Alan Spaeth, Jen Leseth, Lee Falvey, Sean McElroy, and the support staff we have."

Staff and students alike will be putting in the hours this last week before the State Championships at Ford Field Nov. 7. The 40 highest-scoring Michigan high school marching bands - 10 in each of Flights I, II, III and IV - will be vying for top honors.

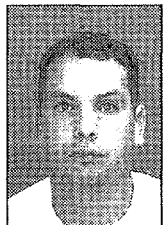
# Police seek local man in home invasion case

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police are asking for help in locating a 28-year-old man wanted for questioning following a string of home invasions during the past two weekends in the township.

Police have released a photo of Eric Mark Matthews, whose last known address was in Plymouth.

Anyone who has information is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Tips for a possible



Matthews

happened southeast of Palmer and Canton Center, and three others occurred in the Palmer-Lotz area, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

"It's unknown if this guy is linked to all six," Gajeski said,

cash reward up to \$1,000 also may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP.

Three of the home invasions happened southeast of Palmer and Canton Center, and three others occurred in the Palmer-Lotz area, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

but he is wanted for questioning after police say he could possibly be linked to some stolen property that was recovered.

A variety of items including hockey equipment and cash had been taken during the home invasions, Gajeski said.

Entry was made into at least some of the homes after an intruder or intruders broke into vehicles and used garage door openers to get inside, Gajeski said.

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## VILLAGE

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Yet LaJoy and other officials removed Livonia Builders' site plan from last week's township board meeting agenda amid concerns by village residents who only learned of the proposal five days before it had faced a vote.

"Our concern was not having a voice when the plan was developed," said Steve VanBrussel, who chairs the architectural design and review committee of the Cherry Hill Village Homeowners Association. "We'd like to see more homes in here, no doubt. But we weren't thrilled with the plans."

Township representatives stalled a site plan vote and agreed to meet with homeowner representatives to discuss the following concerns cited in an Oct. 27 letter to LaJoy by Gordon Johnson, a member of the architectural committee:

- The association, which would incur financial and maintenance responsibilities following the next wave of construction, is seeking inclusion in the process.
- Residents say rainstorm flooding of some streets, such as Garfield Lane, "will only worsen" unless modifications



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The theater is often booked, but this doesn't always translate into business for the merchants.

are made to retention ponds.

- The latest plan calls for a new park facing the back of new homes.

"It is exactly opposite of the intention of the original plan for the village," Johnson wrote. "All of the existing parks are surrounded by the front of homes and are open and welcoming to everyone. A park that is located behind homes gives the appearance of a private area and does not openly welcome people."

Meanwhile, village merchants say they believe township officials should place

votes, and Simescu, who got 5,325 votes. Both expressed appreciation for the voters.

"I'm very pleased, and I appreciate the support," Simescu said. "Now we get to work on the budget, and that's going to be a challenge."

The budget, Mardigian agrees, is the biggest issue facing not only the new board - which Davis will join in January - but the current board. Facing a potential \$5.5 million cut from the state,

more emphasis on revitalizing the business district.

"We would be happier to see more commercial development," said Michael Provenzano, owner of Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier & Coffee House, adding that restaurants and other businesses, such as art boutiques and antique shops, are needed to spur pedestrian traffic. "This would get the ball rolling. We want to get the entrepreneurial spirit stirring."

Township officials say certain business proposals hold promise and could materialize, though they couldn't divulge details as talks continue.

"We're trying to do what we can to be proactive there," LaJoy said.

Kalled, the Cherry Martini owner, said he hopes to see strides made by local officials before it's too late.

"It's time to build commercial," he said. "I really believe they're afraid of growing the area. For some reason it's like we're the stepchild of the city. We used to be treated like the jewel of the city."

Kalled urged township officials to renew their efforts to help Cherry Hill Village thrive.

"Make the place into a destination point," he said. "Make it into what you always hoped it would be."

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## ELECTION

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"I think it's huge," Mardigian said of Davis' election. "It reflects the diversity in our district, and it helps bring that perspective to the board. I know (Davis) will keep that as a big part of our decisions."

Davis is joined on the board by the returning Mardigian, the top vote-getter at 6,530

votes, and Simescu, who got 5,325 votes. Both expressed appreciation for the voters.

"I'm very pleased, and I appreciate the support," Simescu said. "Now we get to work on the budget, and that's going to be a challenge."

The budget, Mardigian agrees, is the biggest issue facing not only the new board - which Davis will join in January - but the current board. Facing a potential \$5.5 million cut from the state,

PCCS board members must find a way to trim the budget, hopefully without affecting student achievement.

And she thinks the election shows voters think the right people are in place to deal with it.

"I think it's a vote of confidence for the things the board is doing," Mardigian said. "I think people realize these are difficult times."

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## VAN BORN

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Sysco had considered moving out of Michigan rather

than enlarging its Canton facility, but state, county and township officials lobbied to keep the company here and promised to make infrastructure improvements to help the growing company.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Paas has said the project "is good for Canton, it's good for Wayne County, and it's good for the state of Michigan."

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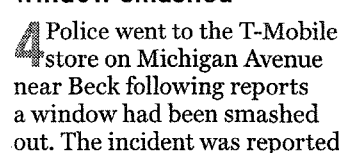
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No weapon was actually revealed, and no one was

The man fled the area in an

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The woman told police she left her house and returned to find that \$10 was missing from a coffee table near a glass doorwall. She also noticed that her son's iPod and her MP3



The man driving the other car denied the allegations, but a police report indicated he was issued a citation to appear in court.

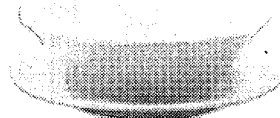
- Compiled by Darrell Clem from  
Canton Police Department reports.

## Emergency managers offer winter safety tips

- Keep a battery-powered flashlight, NOAA weather radio and portable radio, extra

- Maintain adequate food and water intake. Food pro-

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# Money Matters

## Energy Matters



### Save with federal energy tax credits

In 2009 and 2010, homeowners can enjoy federal tax credits of 30 percent of cost, up to \$1,500 when they make improvements to their existing homes in the following areas:

- Windows and doors
- Insulation
- Roofs (metal and asphalt)
- Heating & cooling (HVAC)
- Water heaters (non-solar)
- Biomass stoves

According to the Energy Star website (energystar.gov/taxcredits) the criteria for tax credits are:

- Equipment must be placed in service from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010;
- Equipment must be for taxpayer's principal residence, except for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, and small wind energy systems (where second homes qualify);
- \$1,500 is the maximum total amount that can be claimed for all products placed in service in 2009 & 2010 for most home improvements, except for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, fuel cells, and small wind energy systems which are not subject to this cap, and are in effect through 2016;
- Equipment must have a "Manufacturer Certification Statement" to qualify for record keeping.

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#### Read on for advice from a local home, heating and cooling expert:

- "Get an in-home energy analysis to make sure your equipment is running at its peak performance to keep your monthly operating costs down. We have computer software that checks out your current heating and air system. Then we do a cost comparison between energy efficient hybrid heating systems."

— Doug Walter Jr., Owner of Hi-Tech Heating & Cooling in Canton



Small business owners face a variety of financial challenges, from securing financing and creating a marketing plan, to maintaining accounting books and minimizing tax liabilities. Regardless of whether business owners do the book-keeping themselves or outsource it, they are responsible for staying organized and strategizing to increase the bottom line.

Standard deductions, such as automobile expenses, must be tracked on a regular basis. Automobile expenses can either be tracked by multiplying mileage by the standard mileage rate of 55 cents for 2009, or by claiming the actual business-related expenses for the vehicle. (Note that standard mileage rates cannot be included on Forms 1065, 1120 and 1120S.)

In addition, travel expenses can include the cost of plane tickets, taxis or vehicles, as well as lodging and meals if the primary purpose of the trip is business. When family or friends accompany the business owner, just the owner's travel expenses can be deducted. Expenses related to advertising, promotions, interest on borrowed money (with record of where and how the money was spent) and bank fees are also fully deductible.

The amount and purpose of all expenses should be documented and tracked in the event that the IRS requests proof of expenditures. A receipt-scanning program such as Shoeboxed helps users to quickly and easily store and categorize receipts with deductible expenses. Mileage logs should include odometer readings, total miles driven, percent of mileage used for business, destination and purpose of the trip.

Other expenses are more challenging to discern, but the time taken to research and document them can save thousands of dollars in taxes owed. Legal and professional fees are generally deductible in the year they are incurred. However, if the consultation relates to future years, the fees must be deducted over the life of the benefit. Business entertainment expenses may be 50 percent deductible if business is discussed during the gathering. The business purpose and attendees should always be noted on the receipt or bill.

Higher contribution limits for 2009 allow business owners to save additional retirement money. For example:

- SEP and profit-sharing plan limits increased from \$46,000 in 2008 to \$49,000 in 2009.
- The defined benefit (pension plan) limit increased from \$185,000 to \$195,000.
- 401(k) elective deferrals are now \$16,500 versus \$15,500 in 2008. In addition, those age 55 or older can contribute another \$5,500, up from \$5,000 in 2008.

The 2009 tax year brings changes that can minimize tax liability for all small businesses. A tax-free reimbursement for bicycle commuting can be passed onto employees, up to \$20 per month for buying, maintaining and storing a bicycle used to travel to and from work. Businesses with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) can contribute more this year, up to \$3,000 for individual

high deductible health plans, and \$5,950 for family coverage. Those 55 years and older can add \$1,000 to those amounts.

Don't overlook the small stuff because it all adds up. Deductions for bad debts (goods sold, not services), customer gifts, business-related books, postage, seminars and trade shows, business association dues and even coffee exist.

At the end of the day, small business owners need to find an expense tracking and filing system that works best for them. The old-fashioned use of folders categorized by expense type or date range is ideal for some. Others prefer technological solutions, which also provide data back up. Important receipts, charitable contributions, bank statements, credit card bills and other key documents can be scanned and filed by fiscal quarter. Owners should make copies for themselves or their accountant.

Tax software can be used throughout the year to help small business owners understand how different financial decisions can affect their tax situation. By organizing early, owners can plan ahead, maximize deductions and save time when it's time to prepare their tax returns. TaxACT customers who pre-order their Preparer's Business software can use preview versions as soon as they're released. Preview versions of TaxACT Preparer's Business 1065, 1120 and 1120S are released in October, with final versions released in January.

Detailed tax information for small businesses is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and TaxACT product information can be found at [www.TaxACT.com](http://www.TaxACT.com).

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## Insurance Matters

### Top 10 tips for purchasing life insurance

We all know getting life insurance is an important step in building a financial plan, and that it's easy to put off getting a policy because of uncertainty about life insurance and how it works. With these 10 expert tips, you'll be prepared to make the purchase that will protect you for life.

#### 1. Consider why you need it

Life insurance doesn't simply insure your life; it helps ensure the well-being of your loved ones if you're unable to do so.

#### 2. Maintain your health

Make wise health decisions today - you may need to undergo a medical exam to determine your insurability. The better your health, the better your policy rate. Take advantage of the opportunity to save money by getting in shape.

#### 3. Determine the right amount of coverage

Before selecting an insurance company, figure out how much coverage you need. Online calculators can help determine your life insurance and other financial needs. A simple, alternative approach is to multiply your annual salary by seven; the average recommended amount of coverage.

#### 4. Choose a provider

One of the best ways to buy life insurance is directly through a life insurance company. Just like certain stores specialize in clothing or electronics, life insurance companies specialize too. Do research to find the one that fits your situation. Use the Internet, friends and

family; they're all valuable resources.

#### 5. Consider your preferences

The Internet is one of the most efficient ways to maintain your policy. Find a company with the technology that allows you to manage your account and conduct transactions online. A good company will offer multiple alternatives. Perhaps you prefer to make transactions in another language, over the phone or in person. Look for a company that offers these options.

#### 6. Do your homework

Once you have selected an insurance company, get a quote online so you have more information to help you in your decision-making process. Think over the questions you'll be asked. Who are your beneficiaries? What's your financial situation? What do you plan to use the coverage for?

Then call to speak with a licensed agent, or consider purchasing your policy online. Your agent will have an understanding of the changes you face that could affect your coverage or beneficiaries, and will work with you about coverage for life stages such as marriage, starting a family, or retirement.

#### 7. Find the policy that works for your life stage

There are many different types of life insurance products, and learning about the available options will provide you the most comfort and security. A term policy will help you secure protection at the lowest rate for a specified period of time. If you can pay a little more money, a whole life policy may allow you to lock-in a more affordable rate early on, keep that rate for life, and give you the option to bor-

row the cash value of the policy.

#### 8. Consider the financial benefits of the policy you choose

Life insurance policies offer many financial benefits. Under current tax laws, your beneficiaries may not have to pay federal income tax on the money they receive from a life insurance policy. Accelerated death benefit riders, under certain circumstances, may allow you to receive a percentage of your life insurance death benefits during your lifetime.

#### 9. Create a relationship with your insurance company

When you speak with your insurance company, write down the name of the agent that helps you, and what's discussed, so you'll be prepared for any follow up. Check the company's Web site for updates and take advantage of additional financial tools and resources the company has to offer.

#### 10. Manage your financial future

Be proactive in making sure you have the right coverage at every stage of life. Periodically review your personal circumstances and the products you own. Make sure your coverage fits your needs and does not lapse.

Despite these uncertain times you can take control of your financial future and get the right coverage for you and your family. For more tips and advice on purchasing life insurance visit SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc. phone (866) 331-3078 or go to [www.sbliusa.com](http://www.sbliusa.com).

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## Estate Matters

### Three reasons you need a last will

If you've been paying attention to celebrity news, you've probably noticed several cases where courts are tied up with relatives and lawyers fighting over estates, children and money. One reason these cases take time — and money — to be resolved is because of the absence of an updated will. No matter how young, healthy, wealthy or prepared for retirement you are, you can't predict what will happen in the future. But you can make your wishes for the future known, especially those that involve your family after your death.

A last will could be the most important document you ever sign. Without one, the courts determine what happens to your assets — and your minor children — when you die.

"Individuals of all ages and stages in life need to think about and create a will so their final wishes are followed," says Brian Liu, co-founder and chairman of LegalZoom.com. "Having a last will is very important for families. This protects loved ones and reduces — or even eliminates — confusion during a very difficult time."

#### Here are three reasons everyone should organize a last will:

1. Children. If you have

minor children, you need to specify guardians. A will allows you — and not court system — to determine who would best care for your children and raise them the way you would rear them.

2. Property. Recording your wishes for the distribution of your assets and property not only ensures that your decisions are honored but it can also help your family avoid destructive conflicts over these issues.

3. Final decisions. Grieving the loss of a loved one is hard enough to handle. Sparing your loved ones the stress and anxiety of determining how you would like to be honored and remembered can be avoided with a will.

Preparing a last will isn't difficult, and services like LegalZoom.com make the process easier and affordable. LegalZoom helps you create reliable legal documents from your home or office. Simply answer a few questions online and your documents will be prepared within 48 hours. Your answers are reviewed for consistency and common mistakes, and the company guarantees your satisfaction.

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## Finance Matters



# Five basic steps to financial security in any economy

Virtually everyone today is feeling the affect of the current economy; none of us is untouched by it. Here's the good news. If you can anticipate financial changes and develop a sound financial plan, you can protect yourself and your family today, and for many years to come.

Achieve financial security by following five basic steps:

### 1. Begin an emergency cash fund

- Create a savings account and resolve to pay yourself first by setting aside 5 to 10 percent of your salary each month.

- Automatically transfer money from your checking account to your savings so that you're not tempted to spend the funds elsewhere.
- Aim to save three to six months of living expenses in the account for emergencies.

### 2. Pay down your credit cards

- Credit card debt is the No. 1 obstacle to a secure financial future, and knowing your credit score is essential.

- You're allowed one free credit check annually with each of the major credit bureaus: Experian, TransUnion and Equifax.
- Check your credit score; it determines your interest rates on loans and credit cards, and may help save you money throughout your life.

- Check your report for errors and report any immediately. Bureaus are required to investigate and correct errors once you report them.

- If you feel you need further assistance with your credit contact the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at 800-388-2227.

### 3. Create a financial plan using life insurance as the foundation

- Purchase life insurance. It is the foundation of a strong financial plan and can protect your family during an unexpected turn of events, such as loss of life or loss of income.

- Educate yourself. Certain types of policies accumulate cash value that can be used for larger expenses, such as college, while others may be used to help create a legacy of giving that can last for generations to come.

- An insufficient life insurance plan can expose your family to significant financial risks. To learn more about life insurance, call (866) 331-3078 and speak with a life insurance specialist with SBLI USA, a company that specializes in life insurance policies. Or, go to [www.sbliusa.com](http://www.sbliusa.com) to get a free, no-obligation quote.

### 4. Empower yourself by creating a budget

- Be prudent with your spending. Write down everything you spend each month and cut back on non-essentials.

- Apply these savings

toward reducing your credit card debt. Start by paying off your high-interest cards first.

- Explain to your family that everyone needs to contribute to the expense cutting. Making it a family effort will increase everyone's willpower.

- Use cost-cutting strategies to make the most of your budget. For example, pay in cash and remove credit cards from your wallet. Re-evaluate extra phone and television features. Or, consider eating at home more often, skipping the movie out and enjoying a night of board games with your family.

### 5. Optimize your retirement plan

- Many companies offer a 401(k) plan and may match your contributions. Take advantage of these deferred income tax benefits; you could be missing out on free money.

- If your work doesn't allow you to participate in a 401(k), consider opening up an IRA; or perhaps both. There are different types of IRAs, so before deciding, investigate your options and find the best IRA type for you.

- Remember, these are long-term retirement plans not short-term savings plans, so be patient and give your money time to grow.

These basic steps will help put you on the path to financial security. If you're not following at least three of them, begin today. Once you are on your way, you will quickly see how easy it is to incorporate all five into your life.

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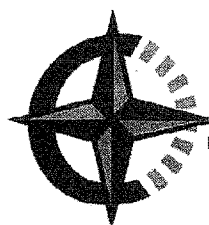
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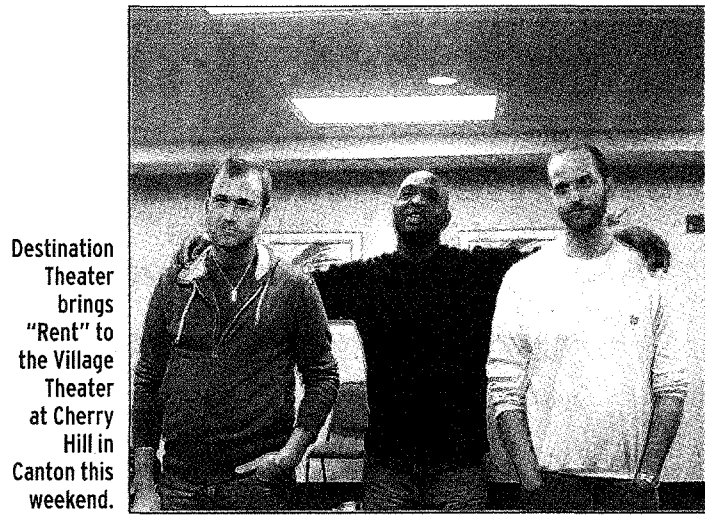


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Destination Theater brings "Rent" to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton this weekend.

## Group pays 'Rent' at Village Theater

After their Sunday performance did good work on behalf of the HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti, Destination Theatre has turned its attention to the final weekend of performances of the Broadway smash hit *Rent* at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The talented cast of *Rent*, hailing from all over Metro-Detroit, brings the vision of the late Jonathon Larson alive on stage

for three more performances, 8 p.m. today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday.

Set in the Greenwich Village of the late 80's, *RENT* tells the story of seven friends struggling to keep their artistic dreams and Bohemian ideals alive while dealing with drug abuse, poverty and the ever prevalent shadow of AIDS. Larson wrote the story based on his own experience living in Alphabet City in

the Village. The production is directed by Timo Anderson, music direction by Kylee Phillips and choreography by Patricia Mazzola.

Last Sunday's performance benefitted HARC; producers contributed \$5 from each ticket to the center.

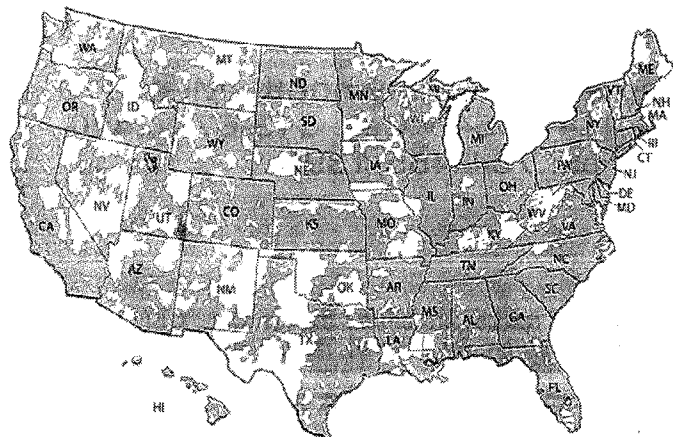
In addition to the HARC benefit, the cast also made their own AIDS Quilt. Cast members designed a square for a person

that passed away from AIDS. The Canton Evening Quilters Club is sewing it together for the group.

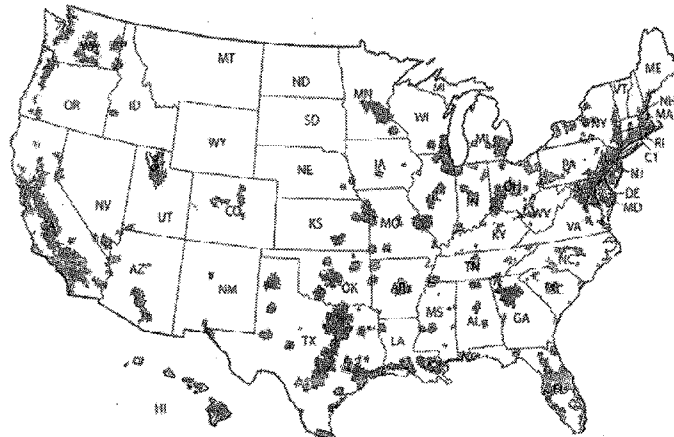
Tickets (\$15 general admission) can be purchased at DestinationTheater.org. Tickets are also available at Canton's Summit on the Park box office, 46000 Summit Parkway, (734) 394-5460. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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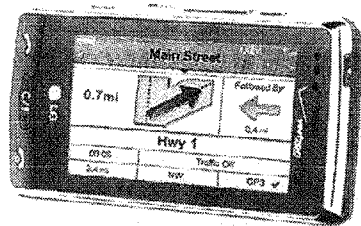
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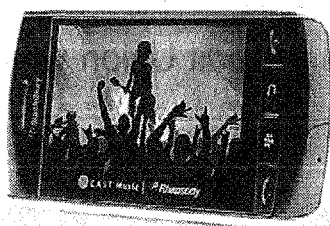
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## Man faces child porn charge

A Plymouth Township man, Nicholas Cymes, faces a federal charge of possessing child pornography, the Plymouth Township Police Department said Friday.

Local police joined with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the recent arrest of Cymes, 32, according to a police department press release.

In addition, Cymes has admitted to sexually assaulting a child he was babysitting, police said. Charges are pending in that case, which remains under investigation by township police.

Police are seeking the public's assistance with the investigation. Anyone with information related to the case can call the detective in charge, Sgt. Steve Rapson, at (734) 354-3233.

## Documentary on WWI Polar Bears features two area men

A Livonia professor and a Livonia graduate will appear in a PBS film Sunday honoring Detroit veterans of World War I known as "the Polar Bears," who were sent on a horrific tour of duty to fight the first communists in Northern Russia near the Arctic Circle under the midnight sun.

Dr. Roger Crownover, chairman of the history department at Madonna University, sets up the premise of the documentary *Voices of a Never Ending Dawn* through his explanation of what caused these young soldiers to be sent to such a far-off battle.

Actor Steve Swanson, a Stevenson High School graduate who now lives in Northville, plays Lt. Harry Mead, who with his men fought in one of the most frightening battles of the entire North Russian conflict.

After landing the part, Swanson did some family research and learned one of his great uncles was a Polar Bear. The two-hour film will be broadcast at 3 p.m.

Crownover has been known as an expert on the subject of the WWI Polar Bears since he first did a thesis on this unusual military mission. Crownover wrote a book on the subject called *The Polar Bear Odyssey*. Interviews for the documentary were shot at the Madonna University library.

Swanson's character Harry Mead wakes to find 800 Bolshevik fighters rising up out of the snow in white camouflaged smocks storming his small squad of 45 men. The entire battle was re-enacted in the deep snows of northern Michigan last January and will now be seen by millions on PBS.

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Pamela Peak uses the haunting words of the books and diaries that these men left behind to bring their nearly-forgotten story to life.

"As the granddaughter of one of these brave soldiers, I felt the story simply had to be told," she said. "These heroic Detroit men fought for the principle of freedom eight long months after WWI had ended and all other soldiers from around the world had come home. They fought in 60-degree below-zero weather and blizzard conditions, watching their buddies die, knowing that all other soldiers fighting in the World War had already come home."

For more information on *Voices of a Never Ending Dawn* and on *The Polar Bears*, see [www.PolarBearDocumentary.com](http://www.PolarBearDocumentary.com).

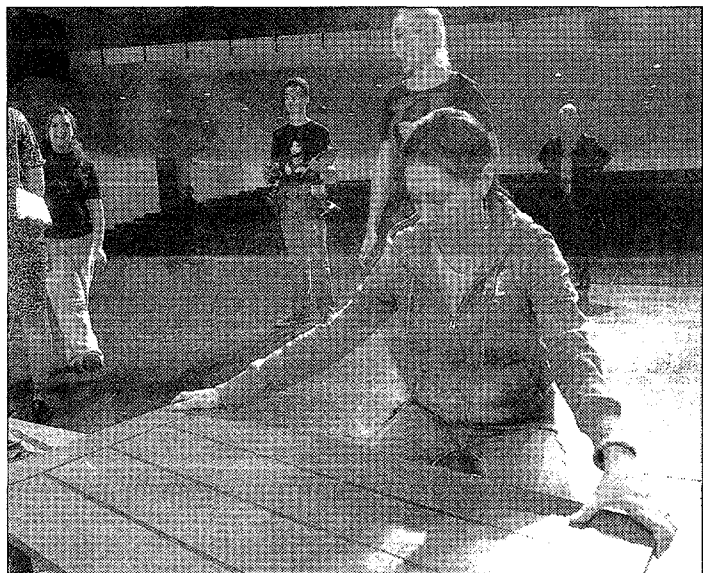




Housekeeper Dotty Otley (Molly Wallace) questions director Lloyd Dallas (Cory Thomas). Actor Garry Lejeune (Max Julien) watches.

# Making some 'Noises'

Players tackle physical comedy in new production



Park Players director Kristen Quesada adjusts the placement of a table on the set of "Noises Off."

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Molly Wallace had to tame her natural inclination to be funny the last time she was on stage, in last year's Second Stage Players production of "The Laramie Project."

The play, about the controversy surrounding the 1998 murder of gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo., wasn't the place for humor.

Now, though, Wallace gets a chance to return to her best trait as she takes on one of the leading roles in the Park Players' production of "Noises Off" this weekend at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Wallace plays Dotty Oxley in the play, which follows the on-and-off-stage antics of an acting troupe as they stumble from bumbling dress rehearsal to disastrous closing night. The play opens tonight (Thursday) and continues Friday and Saturday. All shows are at 8 p.m.

"It's a completely different brand of acting, a different challenge," said Wallace, a 17-year-old Plymouth High School senior who also did "Jekyll & Hyde" and "Musical Comedy of Murders of 1940" with the Park Players. "The challenge in 'Laramie' was turning off the funny. For this one, I'm back in my element."

Park Players director Kristen Quesada said she was looking for something different, something the group hadn't done, when deciding to put on this year's fall production.

"Noises Off" offers a three-act production that uses a complicated set and its share of pratfalls and other humorous bits.

"I wanted something that had some challenging physical comedy," Quesada said. "I thought it would be a great challenge. It's a tough show to direct."

Because school got started

## TAKING THE STAGE

- **What:** "Noises Off"
- **Who:** The Park Players' annual Fall production
- **When:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School
- **Tickets:** Two for \$15 tonight (Thursday); \$15 for Friday and Saturday
- **Info:** See [www.parkplayers.org](http://www.parkplayers.org)

late (after Labor Day this year), rehearsal time was cut short. That meant the nine-member cast plus the crew all had to remain even more focused than usual.

"There are a gazillion props, someone falls down the stairs and all nine kids are moving at the same time," Quesada said. "We really had to be on task and focused at rehearsals."

The other challenge was building the set. It features a "front-stage" view and a "back-stage" set, and is built to rotate with eight students yanking on ropes.

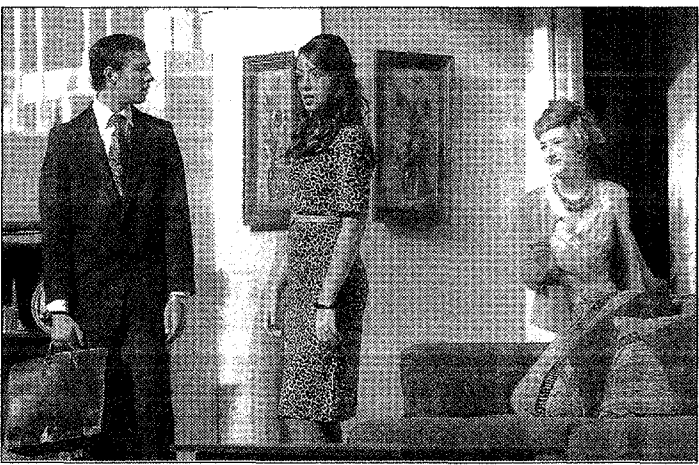
The short rehearsal time also complicated the set production. "We only had two-and-a-half weeks to do it," said Paul Bird, who led the set-building effort. "It's an enormous set, it's complicated because there are a number of doors. But it always amazes me what these kids can do."

"Noises Off" presents the first opportunity for Max Julien, a 17-year-old Canton High School senior, to participate in something other than a musical. He's also been in "Jekyll & Hyde" and "Smoky Joe's Cafe."

"It's a lot more intense than the last two shows," said Julien, who plays Garry Lejeune. "Everything is rushed, it's all really fast and there's a lot of things to do in a short time."



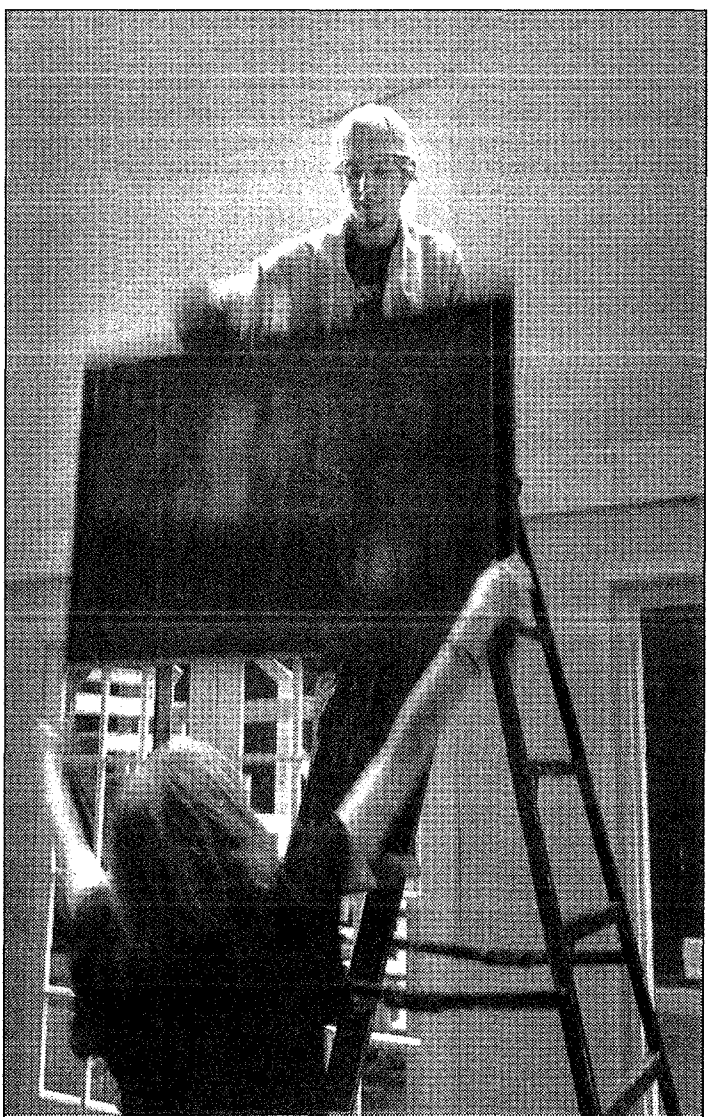
The cast of "Noises Off" warm up before rehearsal begins.



Housekeeper Dotty Otley (Molly Wallace) bursts in on Garry Lejeune (Max Julien) and the object of his affections, Brooke Ashton (Mackenzie Elliott).



The elderly and somewhat befuddled actor Selsdon Mowbray (Sam Rector) will wake up, hopefully in time to deliver his lines.



The elaborate set is key to "Noises Off." Crew member Jordan Shroat hands a picture to Andy Sample, hanging pictures on the wall of the set.

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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## OUR VIEWS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Veterans Carl Krawczyk (World War II) and Bill Juchartz (Vietnam) participated in last year's Veterans Day ceremony. This year's event is Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

## Let our veterans know you care

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, as of Oct. 30, 2009, 4,356 U.S. soldiers have died and 31,545 have been wounded in Iraq.

The numbers for the fighting in Afghanistan are far less — 911 dead and 4,398 wounded — but are on the increase with stepped-up attacks by Taliban and Al Qaeda fighters.

It's November, the month when we pause to give thanks — thanks to the Pilgrims who first settled here and to our veterans who have served our country with honor.

We list the days not in chronological order, but in their significance to most Americans. We pay lip service to the latter while we focus on getting ready for the former.

But Veterans Day should come first. After all, if it weren't for soldiers dating back to the Revolutionary War, the United States would not be the land of the free and home of the brave.

Since 1919, Americans have observed Nov. 11 as a day to honor the sacrifices of those who have fought for freedom. Originally called Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson first declared Nov. 11 a day of remembrance following the end of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I on Nov. 11, 1918.

President Wilson set the tone of observance with the following words, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

What originally started as a day dedicated to the cause of world peace and to honor World War I veterans, is now a day to honor the sacrifices and contributions of all veterans during peacetime or wartime.

Today our war is a war on terror. We are fighting an enemy that cares not who is killed or injured, only that we are destroyed. Many of our brave young men and women have lost their lives in this war, many more have suffered devastating injuries.

Canton Township hosts its annual Salute to Service, honoring and recognizing our area servicemen and women, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill. Doors open at 6; the event starts at 7 p.m., and will feature photos of Canton residents who are currently in active duty and other military memorabilia.

In addition to the formal presentation, the Michigan Military Moms will be on hand collecting items for service men and women who are currently overseas.

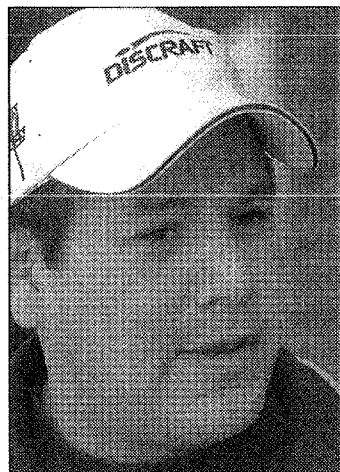
Our military personnel are our final line of defense against tyranny. We cannot forget their sacrifices. So this Veterans Day, we urge you to pause and remember our veterans. Tell them thanks and let them know you care. If you know the family of a soldier serving in Iraq or Afghanistan, call them. Let them know you're there to help.

We are all in this war together and we must all share the burden of defending our rights. We can start by honoring our veterans.

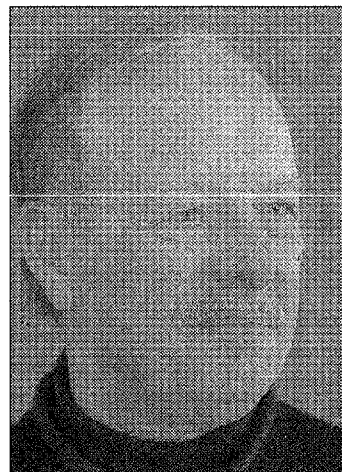
## COMMUNITY VOICE

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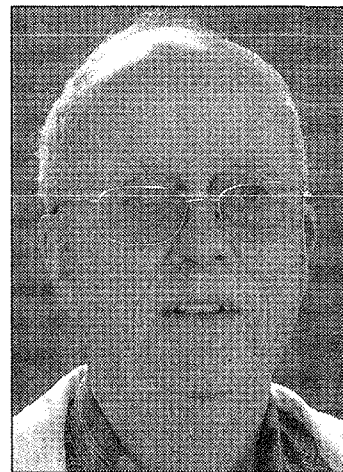
We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



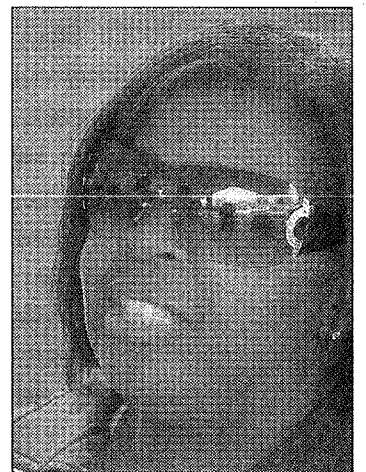
"How slow some people drive when I'm in a rush."  
Todd Cunningham  
Canton



"Cell phone users."  
Craig Squire  
Canton



"People who run stop signs, red lights and drive with their bright lights on."  
Donald North  
Canton



"When people are constantly on their cell phones and not paying attention, and they veer in front of you or stop in front of you."  
Alrita Brocks  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Thanks for coats

We here at the Plymouth Salvation Army want to thank our Coats 4 Kids volunteers for their assistance with the preparation and distribution of the coats. The entire process went smoothly despite the wet, windy day.

We assisted 89 families and will distribute over 300 coats to children living in the communities of Belleville, Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

We had 32 volunteers donate 116 hours of their time over the course of two days to help make this worthwhile program a success.

A sincere thank you to everyone from the Plymouth Corps staff.

**Teresa Moriarty**  
volunteer coordinator  
Plymouth Salvation Army



Lila

### Help find our dog

On Monday, Oct. 26, our dog Lila got away from our home. We never saw her get out.

We run a self-storage facility called The Stor Room, 40600 Michigan Ave., in Canton (at Lotz) located behind Wendy's; we live here also. From what we have been told, our dog was seen on Michigan Avenue literally right down from Lotz Road in the median. We have been told she was hit by a vehicle. A worker from the Arby's located on Michigan Avenue, right in front of where Lila was seen, said she saw two gentlemen with Lila at approximately 3:30 or 4 p.m. Our daughter is brought home at that time from school on the bus. They go right by this area and the bus driver did not see anything.

Lila is one month shy of being 3 years old. She is a pointer/pit bull mix we adopted from The Humane Society in Livingston County on Feb. 12, 2007. She is bright white with tan spots on her ears. She has a brown/tan nose that was also spotted, brown-green eyes, with a small tan spot on the back of her neck, a circle shape right at the base of her neck. Her belly is freckled, she had on a brown with pink collar with small bones as design on the collar.

No one saw who took Lila. We reported Lila lost with the Canton Police. We called the police every day to see if any reports came up on her. We went to the Westland Humane Society, the Huron River Humane Society in Ann Arbor, contacted all the local animal hospitals, went up to the Wayne Animal Shelter, called vets.

She is micro-chipped and if scanned will

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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come up the Livingston Humane Society in Howell. We have left numerous messages with this facility regarding the situation and our contact info. We can be contacted at home — (734) 595-1372 — or at work — The StorRoom, (734) 721-3100.

We just want any information on where our dog went, alive or not. We need closure. She was like a daughter to me, I miss her terribly.

**James Cole and Sheila Chappo**  
The Stor Room, Canton

### Health care help

We need to get to the point and hope that we can count on our lawmakers to vote for health care reform.

I am unemployed and a cancer survivor with no insurance. People like me in my situation should be able to have health care. I am not old enough for Medicare and cannot afford private insurance because I have no income.

The Social Security system needs to keep its money in its own account and not be loaned to another.

**Charlene Tinkham**  
Canton

### Fight pancreatic cancer

With the recent passing of prominent American figures, such as actor Patrick Swayze and NCAA President Myles Brand, pancreatic cancer has been in the national spotlight, yet many people don't realize the severity of the disease and the urgent need for early detection methods and effective treatment options.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in our country and the most lethal among leading cancer killers with a five-year survival rate of just 5 percent. Seventy-six percent of patients die within the first 12 months of diagnosis because there are no early detection methods and the disease is often diagnosed when it has spread to other organs.

My name is Lucy Trierweiler and I had pancreatic cancer. I was one of the few who was detected early. My diagnosis was found by accident because I was not sick. It was found during a routine check; even then it was hard to detect and finally surfaced two months later. I had surgery April 14, 2007. Early detection is why I am still alive, but I fear not knowing if it will return. When I was diagnosed, I did not know the severity of this disease. I knew nothing about pancreatic cancer. Now is the time to make the public more aware of this disease. We need early detection and effective treatments.

November is National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. More than ever, we must

know it, fight it, end it. Pancreatic cancer has long been overlooked and underfunded among the leading top five cancer killers.

I volunteer for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a nationwide network of people dedicated to advancing research and supporting patients. You can be a part of the movement to bring hope to those affected by the disease. Visit [www.panacan.org](http://www.panacan.org) to learn how to get involved today.

Together, we can make a difference in the fight against pancreatic cancer.

**Lucy Trierweiler**  
Livonia

### Listen to all sides

Obamacare? What's that? A fiction created by the health care industry to scare seniors.

Change in federal government policy means all of us will have to adjust. Adjustment means all this nation's children will have, for the very first time, preventative care. They will live longer and healthier lives, which will lower long-term costs. The rest of the developed world chooses to take care of their children. Why can't we?

As we adjust our expectations, Medicare Parts C and D will be examined closely in order to eliminate waste, private insurance premiums that are too high, to eliminate the "doughnut hole" in coverage and to reduce prescription prices. Count on a big fight over this one, even though reductions achieved here can be used to increase payments to the doctors that participate in these programs.

Medicare and Medicaid bankrupt? No, both these programs projected long-term costs are not sustainable. Why? Because our current system of private health insurance is broken and unless we change the current system will bankrupt this whole nation. Is that the future you want to give to our children?

The cost of health care for illegal aliens will not be part of the adjustment we will make. This group will not receive benefits. Remember folks, we are all immigrants, and as one who traveled the road to citizenship, it is not easy. How many of you have been tested as adults on the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the judicial system of this great nation? How many of you have endured a background check?

The Canadian government, with a population of approximately 32 million to serve, pays for high-end medical services in other countries since it makes no sense to duplicate equipment and specialists when it's cheaper to travel to close U.S. facilities. Within the U.S. we do the same, transporting patients to centers of population where services are available.

Keep in mind we are adjusting because the private medical insurance industry provides the highest-cost, lowest-quality outcomes of all the medical care systems in the developed world. Our economic engine of growth has been debilitated by this industry. Since 1944, we have protected health insurance companies from price competition and they have done a pretty bad job. They are healthy, we are sick.

As we adjust to change, a painful and scary process for all of us, focus on actions we can take as individuals to keep change moving in a positive direction. Each of us can ask questions and take the time to listen to all sides. That's the healthy approach.

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# Enigmatic Beauty

## Lladró visits to unveil new porcelain figure

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Delicate and finely sculpted Lladró porcelain figures are beloved around the world. This Saturday, collectors can meet Rosa Lladró, president of the Spanish company, at Ram Creations Jewelry & Gifts in Farmington Hills. Lladró will appear at the store 2-4 p.m. Nov. 8 to sign purchases and unveil a new piece called "Enigmatic Beauty." It will be her first visit to metro Detroit.

"I am very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to introduce Ms. Lladró to fans and collectors of Lladró statues during this wonderful visit," said Narender Agarwal, owner of Ram Creations.

Agarwal said he expects Lladró lovers to travel to his store from throughout Michigan and Ohio to meet Rosa Lladró, daughter to one of three Lladró brothers who founded the porcelain company in 1953.

Ram Creations is the leading retailer of oeuvres statues in Michigan, and carries an extensive collection that



Rosa Lladró will visit Farmington Hills on Nov. 8 to unveil "Enigmatic Beauty."

will be on display during the special event. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Agarwal said he has carried Lladró for the past six years and the figures are very popular, especially as gifts for weddings, births and other milestones. Priced at \$150-\$150,000, the pieces are collectible and can rise in value. Many are limited editions.

"This is the best kind of porcelain available in the market as far as figurines are concerned. There is nobody else," he said. "The quality, design, architecture, the process, the intricacy of the pieces — Lladró is the leading manufacturer of porcelain figures in the world."

"Enigmatic Beauty" is a graceful female figure wear-

### LLADRÓ SIGNING EVENT

**What:** Rosa Lladró signs purchases and unveils new porcelain figurine

**When:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

**Where:** Ram Creations Jewelry & Gifts, 29214 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**RSVP:** (248) 851-1400

ing a flowered kimono and intricate golden obi sash. The piece's vibrant red and gold hues and accurate detail illustrate Lladró's mastery of sculpture and glazes. It retails for \$2,700.

To celebrate "Enigmatic Beauty," customers who purchase any Lladró piece during the event will receive a free copy of the coffee table book *Kimono and the Colors of Japan*, along with a matching bookmark featuring the new Lladró piece while supplies last. And, Agarwal said, Rosa Lladró will sign all purchases made that day or in advance.

"Some people have already called and bought pieces for her to sign," he said.



Enigmatic Beauty

### BRIEFS

#### Pet Santa Photos

**PLYMOUTH** - Photographer Jill Andra Young, who specializes in pet photography, invites pets (and their owners) to have photos taken with Santa at her studio Sunday, Nov. 8. Special packages — a range of photo sizes for \$55 or 24 greeting cards and envelopes for \$57 — are available during the event. Jill Andra Young Photography is located at 825 Penniman Ave., in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-7787 or visit [www.jillandrayoungphotography.com](http://www.jillandrayoungphotography.com).

#### Wedding Show

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Orchard Mall will host a Wedding Show 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 7. The event, which features tables set with dishes from Slades, flowers and cakes from Hiller's and linens from Nancy's Linens. A wedding fashion show will showcase exquisite gowns from Maria's Bridal Couture, jewelry from Tapper's, hair and makeup by Style ... the Salon, Aqua Salon and The Beauty Lounge and clothing by Guys N Gals, Eleganza, Annie Sez and Sally's Design Boutique.

The purpose of the Wedding Show is to demonstrate how Orchard Mall merchants can contribute to wedding planning.

"We have an unusually high number of retailers whose businesses offer items that are key to a wedding," says Kelly Taylor, mall manager. "Clothing, bridal gowns, jewelry, makeup and hair services, flowers, photography by Frameable Faces — brides and grooms can even get in shape beforehand at the Yoga Shelter

and relax as couples after at Massage Envy — it's almost start-to-finish, a wedding planning haven."

Vendors from both inside and outside the mall will participate. Admission is free. Orchard Mall is located at Maple and Orchard Lake Roads in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-3330.

#### Parisian Community Day

**LIVONIA** - Parisian will host Community Day on Saturday, Nov. 14. Among participating local charities is Sweet Dreamzzz. Buy a Community Day booklet through Sweet Dreamzzz for \$5, and all proceeds benefit the non-profit organization, committed to providing bedtime essentials and sleep education to

at-risk children in preparation for classroom learning. The booklet includes a \$10 off coupon, six 20 percent off coupons, and one 30 percent off early bird coupon. Parisian has locations at Laurel Park Place in Livonia and The Village of Rochester Hills. Call (248) 478-3242 or visit [www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org](http://www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.org).

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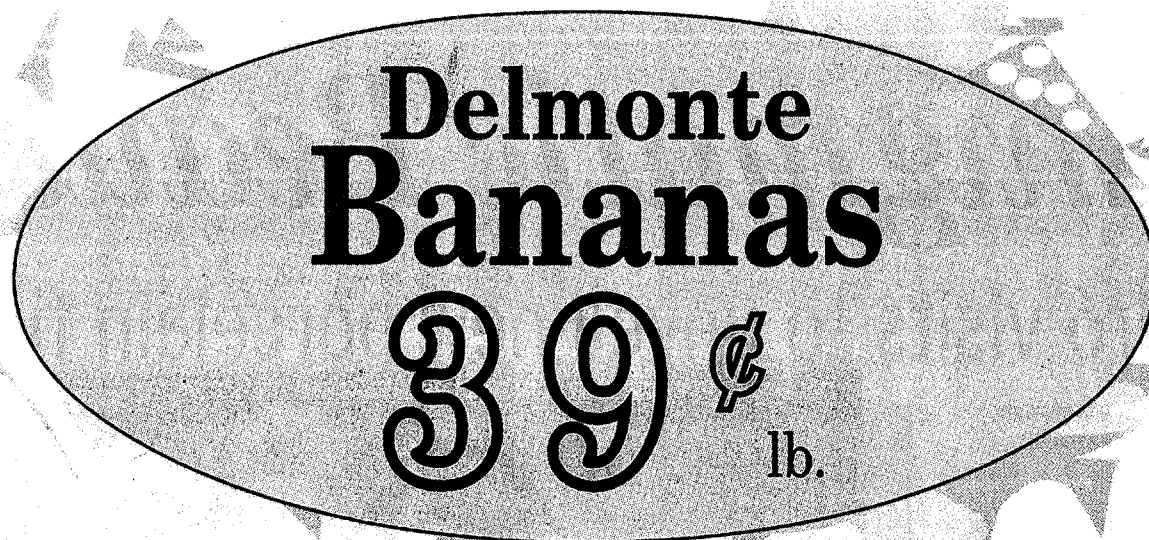
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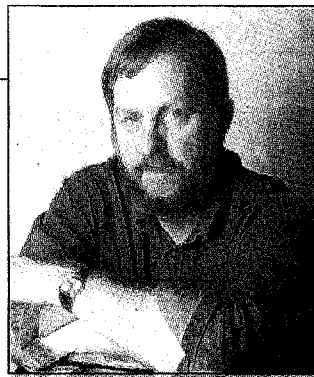
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# HOMETOWN LIFE



## 'Big' test next for Canton

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ultra-sized linemen and a dangerous passing game are what Ann Arbor Pioneer will bring Friday night to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But the 9-1 Canton Chiefs will be ready in the first playoff match of the two squads since 2006.

"We've got to stop the run, for sure," Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler said. "We've got to do a better job tackling, and you just can't give them the big pass play."

"A lot of their touchdowns have come on long passes and we're going to have to avoid that."

The Pioneers (8-2) should be a tough challenge for Canton, with senior quarterback Miles Sorise connecting with wideouts Ricardo Miller and Brandis Yarrington on a regular basis this season.

Add to the mix bulldog tailback Terrell Moran and big, physical linemen on both sides of the ball and it's easy to see why the Pioneers dismantled Temperance Bedford in a first-round playoff game, 28-7.

But Baechler and his squad — featuring plenty of playmakers, too — will be ready to go at 7 p.m. Friday.

Left-handed senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz is coming off an excellent game against Plymouth (270 all-purpose yards in a 40-17 win) and the Chiefs will line up tough, speedy running backs such as Adam Payter, Kevin Buford and Davion Stackhouse.

"We're ready," Baechler said. "There's a size problem. But our offense, kind of the great thing about it is you don't have to be huge to run it. Speed helps."

Baechler noted that the size of Pioneer's defensive linemen will not cause worries on his sideline.

"You know Franklin was huge, Stevenson's big, Plymouth's big," he said. "It's not like not we haven't been outsized."

The coaching staff doesn't dwell on how big some opponents might be and they expect their players to follow the script.

"We tell the kids it (size discrepancy) doesn't matter, we still got to block them,"

Please see **CANTON, B3**



PHOTOS BY ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Salem's Evan Antich (left) tries to avoid a slide tackle by Canton's Brandon Tolinski during Saturday's Division 1 boys soccer regional final at Livonia Stevenson.

## Salem nips Canton for regional title

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The second half of Saturday's Division 1 boys soccer regional final between Salem and Canton already had the urgency of an overtime, with the two rivals deadlocked 1-1 and the clock ticking below the 15-minute mark.

But the Rocks broke the deadlock with 14:13 remaining on a goal by senior forward Sal Savage, and it held up as Salem earned a 3-1 triumph on a blustery afternoon at Livonia Stevenson.

Salem (17-4-4) earned its first regional title since 2002, the year they made it to the state finals. Head coach Ed McCarthy and his squad won't know until Monday where they'll play the state semifinal, or against which team they'll face.

"It certainly had that feel of a likely overtime," McCarthy said. "Whoever was going to score in the last 15 minutes, that was probably going to be the last of it because the other team's gonna sit back."

Canton head coach George Tomasso said his young team (14-8-3) played a strong match, especially after falling behind 1-0 in the first half.

"We just struggled at the beginning of the game, I don't know if you could (attribute) it to nerves," Tomasso said. "Salem got their goal and I thought we responded really well."

"The 3-1 score doesn't demonstrate how hard and how well we played today and I don't think either team dominated. Both teams played an excellent soccer game."

Salem carried a 1-0 lead into half-time despite a defensive, cautious



Canton defenders, including senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (right), try to thwart Salem senior midfielder Lachlan Savage during the regional final.

approach by both teams — trying to see how the constant wind might have an impact.

On the first goal (at 15:19), Salem's Lachlan Savage (2 goals) deftly fielded Alex Tramel's bouncing pass from the left flank and poached his shot behind Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther, who had come out to challenge.

### BACK IN IT

But the Chiefs were a much more assertive team starting early on in the second half and it paid off at 2:39 with the tying goal.

Freshman forward Daniel Ovesea sent a feed into the box from the left

side and several Chiefs converged on it before senior forward Brandon Tolinski found the target from close range.

It took several key stops by Salem senior goalkeeper Sasa "Sasha" Miskovic to keep the Chiefs from taking the lead.

With 28 minutes to go, he cut down the angle and got an arm on a hard shot by Ovesea (who had been set up nicely by sophomore forward Mitch Posuniak).

"Sasha was strong at the end when we needed him, as usual," McCarthy said.

Miskovic's counterpart, Walther, also was active and very good at the other end. He skied to deflect a turnaround shot by Salem senior midfielder Evan Antich nearly 25 minutes into the half.

But it wasn't long after that when the Rocks took the lead for good.

On the eventual winner, a long, free kick by sophomore defender Jake Genrich deflected off players in front of the Canton goal and over to Sal Savage on the doorstep.

He chipped it inside the right post behind Walther.

### PADDING THE LEAD

Then the Salem tandem of senior midfielders Lachlan Savage and Alex Tramel hooked up for their second marker of the day to provide some insurance with just 1:08 remaining.

Tramel rushed along the right side into the offensive zone and made a feed over to Savage up the middle.

Savage sidestepped Canton defenders before blasting an 18-yard shot into the left corner behind a helpless Walther.

"Me and Tram played on the same

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## GAME WRAPS

### Season ends for PCA

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys soccer team lost 6-2 Saturday to No. 1 state-ranked Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Division 4 regional final in Jackson.

The Eagles (11-10-1) fell behind 1-0 early on to the Gryphons (24-1-0), but evened the match about 20 minutes into the first half on a goal by senior Don Mullett, his 18th of the season.

But a few minutes later, the "Peter Jacobsen Show" started as the Gryphons forward scored the next four goals to put Greenhills up 5-1 at halftime, an insurmountable deficit for the Eagles.

A tally by Rob Dolot in the second half upped that lead to 6-1 before PCA finished the scoring when freshman Dan Ross scored his 18th goal of the season, knocking home a crossing feed from Mullett.

"It was a great season and we thank God for how far we got, the unity we enjoyed all season and playing for God's glory, not ours," Plymouth Christian co-coach Larry Machonga said.

The team's leading scorer this season was senior Jordan Machonga, with 13 goals and 17 assists. Mullett (18-9), Ross (18-6) and senior Blair Robinson (2-7) were other standouts.

### Power surge lifts Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers withstood a third-period rally Saturday night by host Erie, coming away with a 4-3 Ontario Hockey League victory. All Plymouth goals were on the power play.

The Whalers built a 3-0 lead after two periods — with defenseman Michal Jordan scoring his first two goals of the season — before the Otters came on strong, outshooting Plymouth 19-9 in the final stanza.

A power-play tally by Erie's Shawn Szydlowski (at 17:58) and a goal in the final minute by Andrew Yogan closed the gap. But Whalers goalie Matt Hackett closed the door (37 saves) to finish off the victory.

Plymouth (10-7-0-0) took a 1-0 lead in the first period on a marker by right wing Ryan Hayes, from Jamie Devane and Josh Bemis

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## PLYMOUTH'S ROCK

Disabled football coach won't give up quest to rebuild his life

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What Chuck Donaldson has had to endure over the past 16 years would have stopped most people — he broke his neck twice in separate auto accidents more than a decade apart.

Donaldson, 42, has no movement below his shoulders and must use a "Sip-N-Puff" device to maneuver his automated wheelchair. He inhales on an air tube straw to go in reverse and exhales to move forward.

But the onetime Livonia Stevenson quarterback won't let his heart be broken, too. As long as there's football in his life, that's not about to happen.

"I don't know what I'd do without coaching," said Donaldson, quarterbacks coach for the Plymouth junior varsity despite being a quadriplegic. "It's not a job, it's a passion and it's a time where you don't think about the

**'I don't know what I'd do without coaching. It's not a job, it's a passion and it's a time where you don't think about the disabilities. You think about football.'**

CHUCK DONALDSON, Plymouth football coach

disabilities. You think about football."

He certainly has a lot of people rooting for him.

At the top of the list are Plymouth varsity head coach Mike Sawchuk and Kurt Britnell, the first-year Salem head coach who worked with Donaldson as an assistant coach in recent seasons at Plymouth.

"Chuck is an inspiration to us all, he's the toughest guy I've ever met," Sawchuk said. "It's great for the kids to see perseverance, someone who had something catastrophic happen to him like that and he still comes out and

has the passion to touch kids' lives and make a difference. "That's a great lesson."

### INSPIRATIONAL

Britnell said Donaldson's desire to still be a top-notch coach despite his handicap is something to behold for players and coaches alike.

"He may be even a bigger influence on the coaches that he has coached with," Britnell emphasized. "I know he is for me. Just to know what he goes through to make early morning meeting or staying late is very challenging."

"It would be easy to give up on a lot of things but Chuck is a fighter."

That football still is in his life is a big reason for Donaldson's refusal to relent.

Donaldson has played and coached the sport for most of his life. It kept him going after his

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Despite his handicap, Chuck Donaldson continues to be an active, important part of the football staff at Plymouth High School.

## Wildcats second at regionals

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They're running down a dream of finishing among the best boys cross country teams in Michigan.

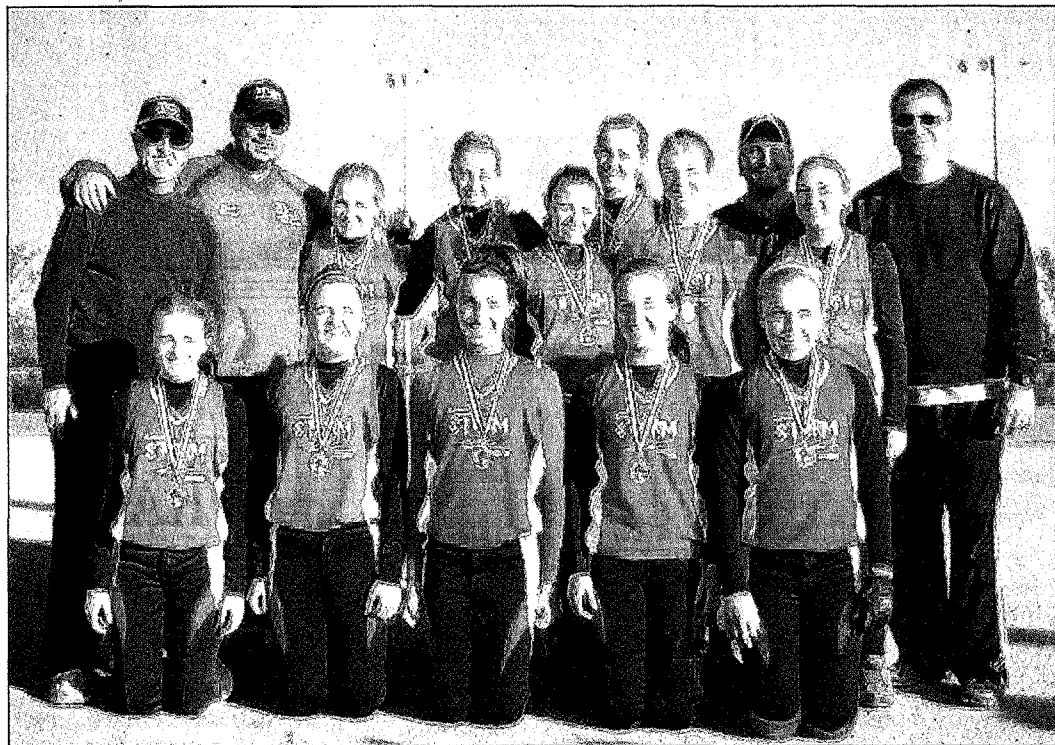
Plymouth qualified for Friday's state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn thanks to a second-place showing at the Division 1 regionals.

The Joe Porcari-led Wildcats tallied 71 points, trailing only Ann Arbor Pioneer (23 points) at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"We got 2nd place which is the highest Plymouth has ever finished," said head

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## Fall softball champs

The 14-and-under Livonia Storm captured all six games to win the ASA Canton Fall Showdown championship, Oct. 17-18, at Victory Park. The tournament title came in dramatic fashion as the Storm rallied with two-out in the bottom of the seventh on a 2-run double down the right field line to defeat Vengeance. The Storm — with players from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia — qualified for the ASA World Series the previous weekend by finishing runner-up at the Lady Irish Fall Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. Members of the Storm include (front row, from left): Kaitlyn McIntosh, Jessica Brandon, Aubrie Cragg, Jacquelyn Murphy and Catherine Porter; (back row, from left) head coach Mike Gerou, assistant coach Bob Warren, Celeste Fidge, Shannon Watson, Elaine Gerou, Hanna Warren, Casey Bias, assistant coach Jay McIntosh, Delainey O'Donnell and assistant coach Kevin Bias.

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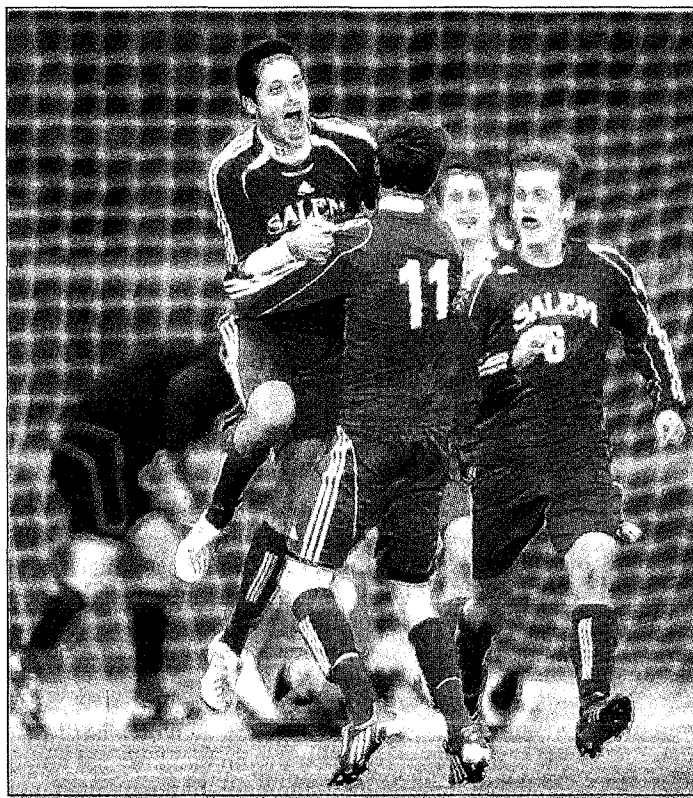
club team and we've been teammates for a while now," Lachlan Savage said. "We've gotten to know each other on and off the field really well so we know where we are without even looking."

McCarthy said the duo has a certain "synergy" after playing so many games together in recent years. "They certainly played well together today and it resulted in a couple goals."

The veteran Salem coach also praised Canton's performance.

"We were very good in the first half defensively and in the second half Canton was very strong, they had lots of energy for such a young team," McCarthy said. "That's a credit to the players and coaching staff that they had such a good second half."

"They made it very, very difficult on us today."



Salem's Sal Savage leaps into the arms of Lachlan Savage (No. 11) after scoring to put the Rocks up 2-1 in the regional final against Canton. At right is Tommy Halewicz (No. 6).

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coach Jon Mikosz. "We had a good overall day."

"Joe stepped up big time and showed that he is one of the top runners in the area and can compete with the top guys in the state."

Porcari was the third-fastest runner at regionals with a time of 16-minutes, 15-seconds. He trailed Pioneer's Nathan Karr (15:57.6) and Adam Kern (16:08).

In addition to Porcari, state-meet bound Plymouth includes Matt Neumann (7th, 16:37), Warren Buzzard (14th, 16:57), Derek Gielarowski (16th, 17:01), Jimmy Maciag (31st, 17:45), Garrett Neumann (34th, 17:56) and Justin Heck (43rd, 18:22).

"These guys have put a lot of time and effort into this season and it showed on Saturday," Mikosz said. "I think we have the ability to finish in the top-10 team-wise in the state."

Canton just missed the cut for the state meet (the top-3 teams qualify), finishing fourth with 87 points. But Miles Felton (10th, 16:51) and Paul Rakovitis (13th, 16:57) qualified for the Chiefs as individuals.

Salem took fifth place, with 158 points.

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**Salem (65):** 7. Victoria Tripp, 19:34; 11. Jordyn Moore, 19:51; 12. Shannon Flynn, 19:51; 16. Kara Booms, 20:22; 19. Ade Jepperson, 20:36; 34. Autumn Burin, 21:11; 50. Kelly Kerwin, 20:36.

# Brooklyn here we come

## Salem girls team qualifies for D1 state meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The blustery weather wasn't the only thing that played tricks during of Saturday's Division 1 girls cross country regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Three teams — Ann Arbor Pioneer (50 points), Salem (65) and Livonia Churchill (87) — treated themselves to automatic berths into the MHSAA state finals this weekend at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

All three schools were expected to get through, but when individual winner Sara Kroll of Churchill, one of the state's premier runners, was disqualified for a rules violation (wearing a friendship bracelet on her wrist), the final team scores had to be re-tabulated.

So it was only fitting on Halloween that Churchill, which has five consecutive top-10 finishes at the state finals, felt a bit bewitched while awaiting the corrected tally.

With Kroll DQ'd and her score thrown out, the Chargers still managed to stay 10 points ahead of host Ann Arbor Huron's 97 total to garner the final team spot. Had Kroll's place counted, Salem would have been third behind Churchill (66-70).

"Obviously we're excited," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach, whose team garnered its first state finals berth since 2005. "We're happy. It was a good battle with Pioneer and I'm happy for Churchill."

"We did not run great, but I thought we ran well enough and were able to take care of business. There were no P.R.'s (personal records) today, but the course was running 30 seconds slower."

Junior Victoria Tripp led the Rocks in seventh-place with a time of 19:34. She was followed by senior Jordyn Moore, 11th (19:51); freshman Shannon Flynn, 12th (19:51); junior Kara Booms, 16th (20:22); and freshman Ade Jepperson, 19th (20:36).

"The conditions were brutal," Gerlach said. "The only thing worse would be rain. You talk about the 30 MPH winds, and it was a cold wind on top of that. At the finish line there were people gasping for air. It was a tough day for everybody, but that's what makes it competitive and you have to deal with it."

The Rocks showed their consistency by placing five in the top 20.



Salem's Victoria Tripp and Canton's Bianca Kubicki, shown at the Wayne County Meet, will both compete at the Division 1 state meet. Tripp goes as part of the Rocks team, while Kubicki made it as an individual qualifier.

"The thing today is to make sure that there were no gaps," Gerlach said. "We wanted to pack-and-pace, tuck-and-run — get behind people with the wind at their chest."

As for Churchill, freshman Kerigan Riley paced the Chargers with an eighth-place finish in 19:46. She was followed by senior Amanda Southwell, 15th (20:17); junior Katie Rash, 17th (20:27); sophomore Bethany Pilat, 21st (20:39); and freshman Sydney Anderson, 26th (20:43).

"Our team dodged a bullet today," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "But there was no harm done — because as Sara Kroll has carried the team all season, her teammates reciprocated and carried her today."

"Kerigan, Amanda and Katie really stepped up today, and got Sara and the rest of the team to the starting line

next Saturday."

Needless to say, there were a few anxious moments for the Chargers, who had to wait a half-hour until the official results came out.

"It was a life lesson learned and we will move on and benefit from this experience," Tatro said. "I'm proud of the entire team, including Sara, because she is mature enough to move on and look forward to the next challenge."

Meanwhile, Livonia Franklin junior Megan McPherson, who ran 18 minutes, 37.5 seconds on the 5,000-meter course, was declared the individual winner.

Other individual state qualifiers included Canton junior Bianca Kubicki, who placed fifth with a time of 19:25.

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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS

**MHSAA REGIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS DIVISION 1**

Oct. 31 at Willow Metropark

**TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals):** 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 50 points; 2. Salem, 65; 3. Livonia Churchill, 87; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 97; 5. Canton, 128; 6. Livonia Franklin, 147; 7. Plymouth, 151; 8. Dearborn, 168; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 280; 10. Garden City and Westland John Glenn, 291 each; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Megan McPherson (Franklin), 18 minutes, 37.5 seconds (5,000 meters).

**TEAM BY TEAM FINISHERS**

**A.A. Pioneer (50):** 2. Elizabeth Boudreau, 19:00; 6. Tara Jibson, 19:27; 9. Laura Knight, 19:49; 13. Katherine Hoevet, 20:00; 20. Miriam Holzman, 20:38; 40. Christine Lim, 21:27; 42. Elise Huerta, 21:37.

**Salem (65):** 7. Victoria Tripp, 19:34; 11. Jordyn Moore, 19:51; 12. Shannon Flynn, 19:51; 16. Kara Booms, 20:22; 19. Ade Jepperson, 20:36; 34. Autumn Burin, 21:11; 50. Kelly Kerwin, 20:36.

**Churchill (87):** 8. Kerigan Riley, 19:46; 15. Amanda Southwell, 20:17; 17. Katie Rash, 20:27; 21. Bethany Pilat, 20:39; 26. Sydney Anderson, 20:43; 55. Sarah Bauman, 22:50; 80. Sara Kroll, no time.

**A.A. Huron (97):** 3. Annie-Norah Beveridge, 19:11; 4. Karyn Rapundala, 19:18; 24. Supreet Grewal, 20:40; 28. Chinyere Onimo, 20:49; 38. Grace Kanzawa, 21:20; 41. Anna Naiki, 21:30; 46. Mara Darian, 22:05.

**Canton (128):** 5. Bianca Kubicki, 19:25 (sq); 23. Katie Grimes, 20:40; 25. Emily Southern, 20:41; 36. Cassie Kramer, 21:16; 39. Rachel Rohrbach, 21:25; 51. Rachel Brunk, 22:24; 56. Ellen Grimes, 22:39.

**Franklin (141):** 1. Megan McPherson, 18:37; 30. Leslie Gomez, 20:51; 32. Brittany Dilley, 20:59; 33. Tiffany Lamble, 21:10; 45. Megan Wickens, 22:00; 47. Ashley Davidson, 22:08; 49. Kelly Walblay, 22:17.

**Plymouth (151):** 18. Britta Swanson, 20:31; 22. Nicole Traises, 20:39; 31. Paula Green, 20:55; 37. Julie Hahn, 21:17; 43. Julie Forster, 21:45; 44. Constadina Manetta, 21:53; 52. Ashley Liakos, 22:23.

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY REGIONAL RESULTS

**MHSAA REGIONAL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS DIVISION 1**

Oct. 31 at Willow Metropark

**TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 qualify for state finals):** 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 50 points; 2. Salem, 65; 3. Livonia Churchill, 87; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 97; 5. Canton, 128; 6. Livonia Franklin, 147; 7. Plymouth, 151; 8. Dearborn, 168; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 280; 10. Garden City and Westland John Glenn, 291 each; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

**Individual winner:** Nathan Karr (Pioneer), 15:57.6 (5,000 meters).

**TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORING**

**A.A. Pioneer (23):** 1. Nathan Karr, 15:57; 2. Adam Kern, 16:08; 5. Muhammad Sani, 16:20; 6. Nick Kern, 16:32; 9. Joe Frakes, 16:48; 11. Andy Sanz-Guerrero, 16:55; 17. Sebastian Ag, 17:04.

**Plymouth (71):** 3. Joe Porcari, 16:15; 7. Matt Neumann, 16:37; 14. Warren Buzzard, 16:57; 16. Derek Gielarowski, 17:01; 31. Jimmy Maciag, 17:45; 34. Garrett Neumann, 17:56; 43. Justin Heck, 18:22.

**A.A. Huron (79):** 4. Kevin Egedy, 16:16; 8. Josh Orton, 16:42; 19. Patrick Tincher, 17:12; 20. Jacob Higle-Rablovsky, 17:15; 28. Evan Stemmer, 17:42; 35. Akshay Jetli, 17:59; 51. Patrick Jobst, 18:37.

**Canton (87):** 10. Miles Felton, 16:51 (sq); 13. Paul Rakovitis, 16:57 (sq); 18. Keith Zech, 17:05; 22. Zack Spreitzer, 17:21; 24. Mitch Clinton, 17:25; 25. Bradon Conley, 17:26; 68. Joe Osinski, 19:53.

**Salem (155):** 23. Mike Charara, 17:23; 27. Steve McEvilly, 17:37; 32. Jimmy Daniels, 17:48; 37. Robert Cowing, 18:08; 39. Andy Rabe, 18:14; 44. Matt Krupansky, 18:23; 58. Tom Patterson, 19:04.

**Dearborn (190):** 15. Donald Davis, 16:58 (sq); 33. Alec Orner, 17:54; 45. Nicholas McIntosh, 18:23; 48. Saleh Alkhis, 18:30; 49. Alexander Haam, 18:32; 93. Andrew Gelderloos, no time.

**Edsel Ford (200):** 12. Andrew Mangiapane, 16:56 (sq); 21. Abdallah Aljahmi, 17:17; 42. Abdul Hadaah, 18:20; 55. Raven Dunn, 18:58; 71. Johnny Polonchan, 20:13; 78. Kyle Bridges, 21:25; 79. Andrew Lieu, 21:27.

**Churchill (209):** 30. Tom Windle, 17:44; 36. Quinn Osgood, 18:05; 40. Cody Rossler, 18:16; 50. Ryan Wise, 18:36; 53. Ryan Keeling, 18:47; 54. Stephen Charnley, 18:52; 59. Sam Yurgil, 19:18.

**Crestwood (223):** 26. Ray Nagi, 17:30; 38. Tom Sawicki, 18:14; 41. Jacob Lucero, 18:18; 57. Hasan Idriss, 19:02; 61. Joe Gjernes, 19:30; 73. Will Schiller, 20:16; 75. Moe Ashkar, 20:50.

**Franklin (240):** 29. Nik Gherardini, 17:43; 46. Bobby Wilson, 18:25; 47. Joe Steckel, 18:27;

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# Prep sports teams still have heart

We live in a sports world that hardly seems real. There's multi-million dollar athletes who are pampered beyond belief. Owners of major league teams and those who package and spin to the public on their behalf seem aloof to the economic tsunami that continues to rip through the metro Detroit region and all of Michigan, for that matter.

On talk shows and cable TV, everybody seems to be in denial about why there are so many empty seats at the Copa, Joe, Ford Field and Palace. (We know why the Lions have trouble in the attendance department, but that's another story.) The reality is too many people are hurting financially to cough up money for ridiculous ticket and concession prices.

Unable to go to the stadiums, fans — hungry for unreal escape — get caught up in blogs, message boards and fantasy leagues.

Yet there's nothing artificial about high school athletics, particularly teams that get to the state playoffs.

Anyone doubting that need only go to a district or regional contest and see the emotions that spill over during games and afterwards — when one team gets to move on but the other is done for the season.

Case in point No. 1: Last week's football pre-district showdown between Canton and Plymouth.

The favored Chiefs outlasted the Wildcats, turning a close game (20-17 at halftime) into a 23-point victory. That advanced Canton into Friday's district final against Ann Arbor Pioneer at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

After the final seconds elapsed, Canton players and coaches mobbed each other out on the field. They held aloft the 2009 regional trophy and slapped each other on the shoulder pads. They would live to play another night.

## LIKE A FAMILY

But at the south end of the gridiron, a team that had worked just as hard since August two-a-days knew it



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was all over. For Plymouth seniors, their high school playing days were suddenly over.

One by one, those players exchanged bear hugs with head coach Mike Sawchuk, whose voice cracked when he thanked each one for leaving it all out on the field as they had all season and — for those seniors — throughout their prep careers.

Those emotions were real. "I spend more time with these guys than my own family," said Sawchuk, uttering a fact of life for football coaches.

It was a scene that won't make it into the stat sheet or won-loss record. But it revealed just how much of a family Sawchuk's team had become.

Now, it was time to say goodbye. Just like a high school graduate going on to college or a son or daughter getting married.

Case in point No. 2: The boys soccer regional final Saturday, involving Canton and Salem.

The Rocks had just finished off their PCEP rivals in a well-played match and celebrated the same way the football Chiefs had done the night before.

And after the handshakes were over, the winning side savored the flavor while Canton players sat on the Livonia Stevenson turf, some in tears, others with their heads in their hands. Their journey was over. No more corner kicks or headers.

The blogs and blurbs dutifully detailed Salem's 3-1 win, which enabled the Rocks to move on to the state semifinals.

But the "real" story was revealed during the postgame scene. Dedicated athletes and coaches from both teams had just experienced something genuine, a slice of life they'll never forget.

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## CANTON

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Baechler said. "What difference does it make if somebody's 300 pounds or 220? You still got to do what you got to do."

Although this is the first playoff meeting between the

teams since 2006, Baechler said Canton and Pioneer met for five consecutive seasons (2002-06), with the Chiefs winning all five times.

"The first three were real close," he said. "But '05 and '06 were two of the better teams we've had."

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## WRAPS

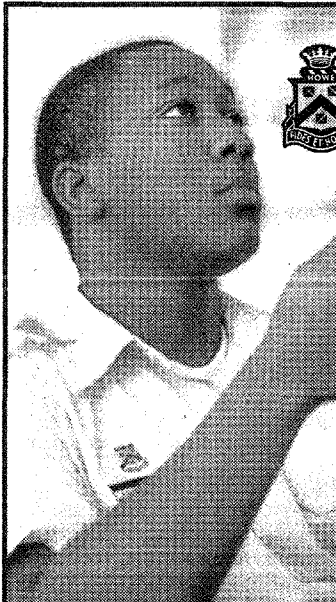
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(Clarkston) and tacked on a power-play goal by Jordan before the period ended.

Jordan's second power-play tally made it 3-0 at 13:26 of the middle period. Both of Jordan's goals were assisted by center Tyler Seguin (three assists). Erie's comeback started

when Mike Cazzola scored early in the third period, but the Whalers answered when left wing Josh Brittain put the puck behind Otters netminder Ramis Sadikov (25 saves) at 10:43. It was Plymouth's fourth goal with the extra man in the contest.

Plymouth now will return to Compuware Arena for 7 p.m. games Friday and Saturday against Sarnia and Sault Ste. Marie, respectively.



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### Districts

Friday, Nov. 6

Inkster (6-3) at Redford Thurston (8-2), 7 p.m.  
Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-2) at Canton (9-1), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7

Farmington Harrison (7-3) at Southfield (7-3), 1 p.m.  
Livonia Stevenson (8-2) at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (10-0), 7:30 p.m.

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Catholic Central  
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92-31 (.748)

Dan O'Meara

Inkster  
Canton

Southfield  
Catholic Central  
4-2 (.667)  
96-27 (.780)

Tim Smith

Thurston  
Canton

Southfield  
Catholic Central  
5-1 (.833)  
84-39 (.683)

Jim Toth

Inkster  
Canton

Harrison  
Catholic Central  
5-1 (.833)  
98-25 (.797)

## KLAA GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

Brooke Graham (JG), 195.10.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:00.70; 2. Adams (Canton), 1:03.15; 3. Emily Toro (P), 1:07.66; 4. Allison Mayer (LC), 1:08.11; 5. Rachael Alholinna (JG), 1:08.61; 6. Dugas (C), 1:09.40.

**100 freestyle:** 1. K. Schmitt (C), 56.46; 2. Matsui (P), 57.09; 3. Chang (P), 57.11; 4. Kozyn (LF), 58.73; 5. Eyster (C), 58.74; 6. S. Schmitt (C), 58.76.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Hao (P), 5:30.64; 2. Cote' (LF), 5:33.46; 3. Irwin (C), 5:34.61; 4. Kelly (P), 5:46.45; 5. Stoddard (P), 5:48.74; 6. Christine O'Keefe (C), 5:49.32.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth 'A' (Erickson, Chantel Cote, Chang, Matsui), 1:45.09; 2. Livonia Franklin, 1:45.57; 3. Canton 'A' (S. Schmitt, Adams, Eyster, K. Schmitt), 1:45.76; 4. Plymouth 'B' (Lexi Ethier, Stoddard, Emily Weiner, Rachel Huhta), 1:49.84; 5. Westland John Glenn, 1:51.20; 6. Canton 'B' (Maddy McLean, Bedro, Emily Pettit, O'Keefe), 1:53.78.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Douglas (LF), 59.85; 2. Toro (P), 1:04.75; 3. Erickson (P), 1:05.70; 4. Orr (C), 1:07.28; 5. Huhta (P), 1:08.40; 6. Ethier (P), 1:09.37.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Sparks (JG), 1:12.39; 2. Peterson (JG), 1:12.54; 3. Sara Krebs (C), 1:12.88; 4. Kali Aloisi (JG), 1:14.68; 5. Kelly Bedro (C), 1:16.26; 6. Lydia Matson (P), 1:17.12.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth 'A' (Erickson, Weiner, Matsui, Chang), 3:49.43; 2. Livonia Franklin 'A', 3:50.44; 3. Plymouth 'B' (Kelly, Stoddard, Toro, Hao), 3:56.19; 4. Canton

'A' (S. Schmitt, O'Keefe, Krebs, K. Schmitt), 3:56.74; 5. Canton 'B' (Irwin, McLean, Adams, Orr), 4:00.12; 6. Westland John Glenn, 4:11.44.

**KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIM MEET**  
Oct. 30-31 at Novi H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi, 577 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 512.5; 3. Northville, 457.5; 4. Salem, 341; 5. South Lyon, 313.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Novi (Andrea VanderMey, Meredith Cote, Maranda Buha, Madalyn Buha), 1:51.57; 2. South Lyon, 1:55.05; 3. Northville 'A', 1:54.68; 4. Stevenson, 1:54.89; 5. Salem, 1:59.76; 6. Northville 'B', 2:09.62.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:00.03; 2. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:00.65; 3. Abby Aumiller (Salem), 2:03.62; 4. Kelsey Shurmur (Novi), 2:03.78; 5. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:05.94; 6. Maddie Gorman (Salem), 2:06.39.

**200 individual medley:** 1. VanderMey (Novi), 2:10.76; 2. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:12.23; 3. Cote (Novi), 2:13.59; 4. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 2:22.27; 5. Leah Erlandson (N'ville), 2:24.19; 6. Irene Li (Salem), 2:24.6.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Maranda Buha (Novi), 25.25; 2. Rachel Green (SL), 25.28; 3. Savannah Hall (LS), 25.68; 4. Corinne Caldwell (SL), 26.0; 5. Madalyn Buha (Novi), 26.02; 6. Kara Berg (Novi), 26.03.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 407.70 points; 2. Monica Gironza (SL), 385.05; 3. Rachel Eckler (SL), 346.20; 4. Kayla Nunez (SL), 325.23; 5. Kelsey Libbe (N'ville), 320.22; 6.

Jennifer Jones (N'ville), 297.51.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Maranda Buha (Novi), 1:00.08; 2. Becca Berman (Novi), 1:00.66; 3. Faith Miller (N'ville), 1:01.67; 4. Ashley Gordon (LS), 1:02.58; 5. Shannon Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.81; 6. Caldwell (SL), 1:04.47.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Paige Drazga (SL), 53.65; 2. Seroka (Salem), 54.87; 3. Green (SL), 55.98; 4. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 56.86; 5. Maddy Kipke (N'ville), 57.31; 6. Berg (Novi), 57.72.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Cote (Novi), 5:14.64; 2. Berman (Novi), 5:20.22; 3. Aumiller (Salem), 5:27.67; 4. Shurmur (Novi), 5:29.65; 5. Jacey Lamoureux (Salem), 5:30.27; 6. Stein (LS), 5:31.58.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Berg, Madalyn Buha, Berman, Maranda Buha), 1:43.22; 2. Northville 'A', 1:45.87; 3. Stevenson, 1:47.66; 4. Northville 'B', 1:48.83; 5. Salem, 1:51.35; 6. South Lyon, 1:51.83.

**100 backstroke:** 1. VanderMey (Novi), 59.35; 2. Nelson (Salem), 1:02.61; 3. Rachel Brown (N'ville), 1:04.03; 4. S. Dolinski (LS), 1:05.21; 5. Erlandson (N'ville), 1:05.42; 6. Sarah Garrity, 1:05.58.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Gordon (LS), 1:11.81; 2. Catherine Cui (N'ville), 1:12.72; 3. Ashley Micek (Salem), 1:13.99; 4. Cauzillo (LS), 1:14.17; 5. Kelly Burford (N'ville), 1:14.4; 6. Kayla Perchall (LS), 1:14.77.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Stevenson (Hatt, K. Dolinski, Cauzillo, Gordon), 3:44.85; 2. Novi, 3:46.58; 3. South Lyon, 3:49.11; 4. Salem, 3:49.37; 5. Northville 'A', 3:53.91; 6. Northville 'B', 3:58.46.

# Shamrocks gear up to face Spartans

BY SAM EGGLESTON  
CORRESPONDENT

Rematches. They're always big when it comes to high school football.

Coaches, players and fans all have long memories, but none have to look too far back to count the reasons why Novi-Detroit Catholic Central will be looking to earn a win over the Livonia Stevenson Spartans at 7 p.m. Saturday at Detroit Catholic Central's Wixom Road campus.

Tom Mach's Shamrocks are 10-0 this season and just have to look back at this time last year when they took on and fell to the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.

It was the second round of the playoffs and Catholic Central had just earned a victory over the Novi Wildcats to advance. Stevenson beat

West Bloomfield to go to the district finals. It was there the Spartans marched away with a 24-13 victory.

The Shamrocks have kept this in mind throughout the off season and this year. Many of last year's players are back from last year's loss and will be looking to assert their defensive pressure to shut down the Spartans while the Catholic Central offense will be expected to pound the ball up the middle while falling back on their very effective passing game when needed.

The Spartans' main weapon is Austin White, a speedy running back that averages

well over 100 yards per game this year and have over 20 touchdowns. He is committed to play at the University of Michigan.

CC spreads its offensive pressure between several backs including Niko Palazetti and Anthony Capatina. Senior quarterback Sam Landry has several receivers to choose from.

The defense, however, is the name of their game this year. In total, the Shamrocks have allowed just 30 points all season long. Stevenson, however, has allowed 127 points.

The Shamrocks have faced several tough teams this year,

including Brother Rice, which is in the district finals; Divine Child, which lost in the playoffs; Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is in the district finals; DeLaSalle, which is in the district finals; and Livonia Franklin, which fell to the Shamrocks last week in the playoffs.

The winner of the Shamrocks and Stevenson (8-2) will play the winner of the Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-2) and Canton (9-1) contest, which will be played Friday at 7 p.m.

**Editor's note:** Student-athletes from Canton and Plymouth attend Catholic Central.

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## COACH

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first crippling crash in 1993 (that two-car accident resulted in serious injuries to both drivers) cost him the use of his arms.

From 1994 through 1998, Donaldson helmed Livonia Clarenceville's varsity out of a wheelchair. He still could diagram plays and improved in his communication skills.

"When you lose something, you improve in other areas," he said. "Like verbal explanation."

Then came two years as a varsity assistant at Dearborn Heights Crestwood before joining the Wildcats' staff in 2002.

But terror returned to Donaldson in September 2007. He broke his neck in a different spot when the handicapped van he was driving on I-275 collided with a merging semi-truck.

### STILL ABLE TO COACH

That accident left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

Still, Sawchuk kept him on the staff for the rest of that year and the two subsequent seasons (including the just-concluded one).

"Chuck's still got it together," Sawchuk said. "Obviously, he's got to be sharp mentally because he's kind of limited in how he can show you how to do it."

"He verbalizes it very well. He's a very good teacher and very patient."

One thing Donaldson's response to tragedy teaches the players is to never give up.

Besides losing use of his arms, Donaldson said the severity of the spinal cord injury diminished his lung capacity by 50-to-75 percent.

Another round of surgeries followed, including spinal fusion and the insertion of various metal rods and plates.

Over the past couple years, Donaldson has continued to fight as he works to regain some movement.

Assisted by physical and occupational therapists at

### FAN MAIL FOR CHUCK

Chuck Donaldson is inspirational for the attitude and work ethic he shows despite suffering two broken necks that severed his spinal cord. The New Boston resident, 42, still coaches quarterbacks for the Plymouth Wildcats junior varsity.

Following are what others are saying about Donaldson:

• **Jackie Cunningham, Specialty Tree Rehabilitation physical therapist:** 'He is upbeat, has a good sense of humor and is always striving for more. ... Maybe it is the coach in him but (his) No Quit attitude continues to allow Chuck to progress and carry on with his life despite the challenges he faces.'

• **Carrie Parks, Specialty Tree occupational therapist:** 'Chuck has an amazing attitude. He is always willing to try anything that will help him gain function.'

• **Mike Sawchuk, Plymouth varsity football coach:** 'There's no doubt in my mind that all his years of playing football have helped him through everything he's been through.'

• **Kurt Britnell, Salem varsity football coach:** 'He has a positive message for all. Even more inspiring is the fact that he does it with a sense of humor and humility, not a woe-is-me chip on his shoulder.'

Specialty Tree Rehabilitation in Romulus, Donaldson (who now has to be chauffeured from place to place) shows his football background during grueling sessions.

He remembered not being able to be upright for "more than three seconds without falling down. ... Now, I expect nothing less but to be sitting without assistance for the full session."

Donaldson can't move his limbs. But that doesn't stop his determination.

"I can shrug," he noted, "which pushes the shoulder blades together to keep me upright."

### HE WON'T QUIT

Much like the football coaches and players he works with, Donaldson has fans at Specialty Tree, such as physical therapist Jackie Cunningham and occupational therapist Carrie Parks.

"During therapy, Chuck has always had a 'no quit' attitude," Cunningham said. "He wants more and works for the highest level of function."

"Often in therapy, after Chuck has accomplished a goal and the department is cheering his success, he will respond with, 'That's not good enough. I can do better.'"

Donaldson's commitment to PT have helped him steadily

progress from Specialty Tree's Neuro Care Center to residential home placement and now to his own home — from where he attends therapy sessions on an outpatient basis three times a week.

According to Parks, even struggles in therapy don't get Donaldson down.

"He puts great effort into his therapy and is rarely discouraged," Parks said. "Even when Chuck is having a rough day, he still puts all of his energy into therapy."

Donaldson is forever grateful to those medical professionals as well as 24-hour home care attendants. His parents, Bill and Noreen Donaldson, have been troopers.

"And I can't thank Mike Sawchuk enough," he said, "for allowing me to continue coaching even after the loss of the use of my arms and for being accepted by the entire coaching staff."

The support and efforts of others won't heal him, of course.

A man who once stood 6-3 and weighed 215 pounds still gets frustrated about not being able to take care of mundane things that people take for granted.

"Try for 10 minutes not to use your arms, see if you can do it," Donaldson said. "Go

outside and have a mosquito go onto your body and you can't swat it away."

"When I hear kids crying about things, I tell them 'I'd love to be in your shoes.'"

Frustration doesn't stop him, however.

### GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT

In fact, Donaldson refuses to use his handicap as a crutch.

Donaldson is planning on helping others who might learn from his experience.

He wants to launch a Web site and do motivational speeches a la Mike Utley, the former Detroit Lion who is confined to a wheelchair.

His message — both now and to anyone hearing it through those future endeavors — is simple but as right on as a perfectly thrown spiral to an open receiver.

"Times are tough right now and a lot of people get down," Donaldson said. "Everybody's human and they're going to have down times in their life."

"But they have to remember there's always somebody out there who has it worse off than you do."

Donaldson said he can eat regular food and breathe on his own instead of relying on tube feedings and ventilators.

"Anybody can whine and complain all their lives," he continued. "But does it change anything? The only people you hurt are the people who love you."

They definitely love him around the football fields at "the Park."

Taking life on like a quarterback facing an on-rushing defensive end instead of cowering in a corner is a major reason why.

"He would be welcome on my staff any time," Britnell said. "I love the guy."

And Sawchuk said Donaldson is an important member of his staff.

"I tell you what, Chuck can go with me anywhere I go," Sawchuk stressed. "If I stay here, he's always got a job with me no matter what."

That's football loyalty for you.

## Olech key to Madonna basketball fortunes

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### WOMEN'S PREVIEW

Could this be the year?

After coming within of game of earning a spot in the NAIA Division II National Tournament, the Madonna University women's basketball team harbors even higher expectations for the 2009-10 season.

The Crusaders, 15-17 last year under third-year coach Carl Graves, were recently tabbed third in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's preseason coaches poll only behind No. 3-ranked Davenport University and No. 17 Aquinas College. (Graves is 44-52 in three seasons.)

Earning votes in the inaugural Top 25 national preseason rankings, MU will be led by Kim Olech, a 6-foot senior center from Plymouth High, and Tabatha Wydryck, a 6-1 junior forward from Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Olech, who averaged a 11.4 points and 10.6 rebounds per game a year ago, earned first-team All-WHAC honors as well as third-team NAIA All-America honors. She was also named WHAC Newcomer of the Year after transferring from Albion College.

Wydryck, meanwhile, is coming off of an overseas

tour representing the U.S. in Europe. She was tabbed to the preseason All-WHAC second-team and made the conference's All-Defensive team after posting a 10.3 point per game average in addition to 4.9 rebounds per game in 2008-09.

Other returnees for the Crusaders include 5-4 junior guard Erin Bentley, 5-7 junior guard Katie Mount, 5-2 sophomore guard Katie Martin and 5-8 sophomore forward Heather Goodwin.

Among the newcomers are freshmen Kaylee McGrath, a 6-1 freshman from Livonia Stevenson; Kristie Porada, a 5-9 guard from Gibraltar Carlson; Shantelle Herring, a 5-8 guard from Macomb Dakota; and Heather Pratt, a 5-7 guard from Flushing.

The Crusaders have also added 5-6 sophomore guard Stacey Szerlag, a transfer from Olivet College via Gabriel Richard H.S.

Madonna opens its 2009-10 season, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, with an exhibition game at NCAA Division I member Eastern Michigan University.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Give 'Pickleball' a try

Plymouth and Canton residents are welcome to sign up for a unique recreational sport being offered by Northville Parks and Recreation — pickleball.

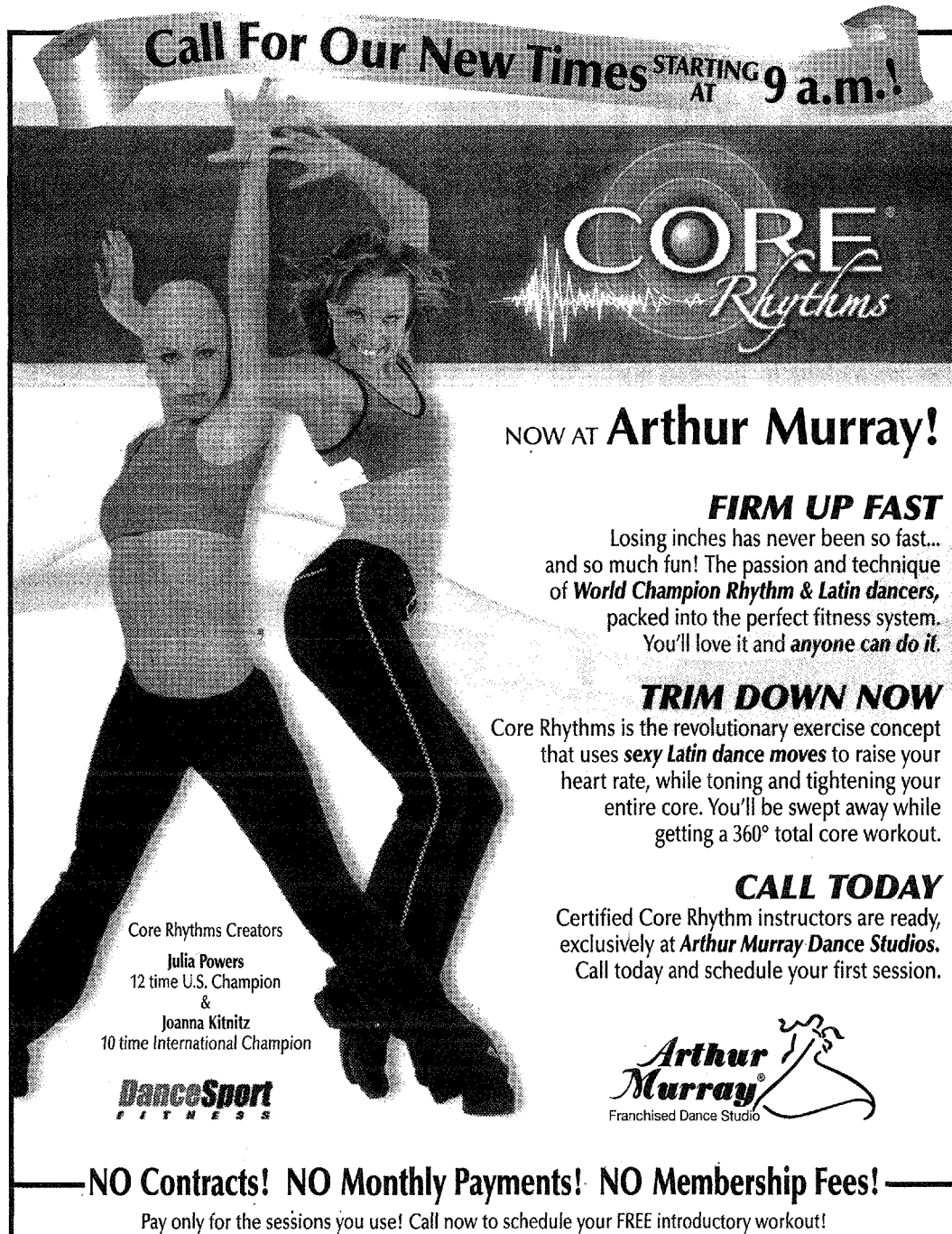
The sport combines ping pong and badminton, with a hard paddle used to send the ball over the net. Open pickleball sessions are held at the Northville Recreation Center based out of Hillside Middle

#### School.

Beginner to intermediate play is 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays (\$2 per person) and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesdays and Thursdays (\$2). Three courts are available.

Intermediate to advanced play is 12 noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3) and 6-8 p.m. Saturdays (\$4).

Paddles and pickleballs are provided at the center. Call (248) 349-0203 for more information.







# Strictly Business

## BUSINESS MILESTONES



### Grand opening

Indigo Salon and Day Spa, 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton, hosts a grand-opening celebration 5:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, for Indigo T00, a 5,000-square-foot area designed to be a one-stop shop for all salon, spa and gift-giving needs. Indigo T00 has a new and improved retail area, Indigo Boutique, new pedicure suite and sunless tanning. The boutique will not only showcase new salon products, but jewelry, shoes and handbags as well. Ribbon-cutting comes at 5:45, followed by a pre-shop for Chamber of Commerce members, and the general public is welcome at 7 p.m. There will be tours, promotional offers and other activities. For more information, call (734) 961-3245.

### Fitness a 'Snap'

The holidays are just around the corner and if you're like most people around this time of the year, you're starting to feel the financial crunch of the holiday season. To help combat that seasonal stress one local fitness club is helping members get an early start towards better health this New Year's - without paying monthly dues until 2010.

"The holidays are a time when people tend to be tight on cash, and looking for ways to save a few bucks," said Donald David, Snap Fitness owner in Canton. "However, it's important that you don't sacrifice your health. That's why we're allowing people to work out over the holidays and not worry about paying until the season is over."

To encourage people to be active over the holidays and get a jump-start on their New Year's fitness goals, the Canton Snap Fitness location is offering new members the opportunity to join their club now through Nov. 30, and pay no dues until January.

Located at 4011 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, Snap Fitness is a neighborhood gym that offers 'round-the-clock access to state-of-the-art cardio and strength-training equipment, allowing busy individuals the opportunity to stay active and fit without sacrificing time and convenience. The gym also has tanning available to help maintain that summer glow and showers to clean-up after a good workout. In addition to the club's "Basic 8" total-body, strength-training program, members also receive a variety of free services, including a free Online Training Center, a free Personal Wellness Plan, and a free Personal Web Page.

"One of the things our members love about Snap Fitness is that we're open 24/7," said David. "So in-between all the holiday shopping, baking, decorating and social outings, they can still squeeze in a workout. Plus, we're right in the neighborhood, so they don't need to go out of their way to get in, workout and move on with their day."

To arrange a tour of the club, review staffed hours or obtain more information, call 734-398-SNAP (7627) or visit [www.snapfitness.com/cantonmi](http://www.snapfitness.com/cantonmi).

### Logos wins honor

Canton-based Logos Communications has been honored with a 2009 Clarion Award for logo design from the Association of Women in Communications. Clarion Awards recognize outstanding

achievement in all communications fields and are highly sought after by marketing and communications professionals both nationally and internationally.

Company President Susan Voyles accepted the award at the AWC annual meeting in Seattle, WA in mid-October.

"It was a tremendous honor for Logos Communications to be recognized by the AWC with this award. It is a tribute to the efforts and the commitment that my staff gives to each of our clients," she said.

The winning entry was for the creation of a distinctive logo for Global Crosswalk, Inc., a newly formed Canton company providing cultural competency training, virtual project management and expatriate services. The logo is now the signature piece of the company's identity for all collateral material.

Logos Communications offers integrated, creative services for dealing with the variety of communications opportunities available today. The firm helps both large and small organizations be more communications savvy so they benefit from the latest in public relations/marketing techniques. Logos Communications is committed to work with each client to design an integrated communications approach that makes sense and brings them the best value. For more information about Logos Communications visit [www.logos-communications.com](http://www.logos-communications.com) or call (734) 667-2005.

### Economic eats

Max & Erma's has tailored new offers around the current economic conditions. Special programs have been announced such as the Kid's Eat Free program on Wednesdays, and Senior Appreciation on Thursdays where adults age 60 and older will receive 25 percent off from 3-5 p.m.

Max & Erma's also has a Happy Hour program, Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m., when appetizers are 50 percent off with the purchase of a beverage, drafts are \$2 and all other beverages are 25 percent off.

Max and Erma's is located in Canton at 2240 North Canton Center Road. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call (734) 981-3370.

### Art sale

Drop by Canton's D & M Art Studio for a look at some of the finest artwork this area's talented artists produce.

D & M officials call the col-

lection "a joy to see and if you are looking for just the right piece of art to warm up a room or an affordable gift come early and often as the selection will be replaced as items are sold."

Three Cities Art Club Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale runs through Saturday, Nov. 14, and will be open during store hours.

In addition to beautiful fine works of art for sale at great prices, there will be art supplies, note cards and prints available for purchase. The event is sponsored by long-time contributor to Three Cities Art Club, D & M Art Studios, who offers art lessons, summer art camps for kids and home school classes. D & M Art Studio is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, about 1/8 mile south of Joy Road in Canton, and is open noon to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For further information about the show or the art club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123 or via e-mail at [three-citiesartclub@hotmail.com](mailto:three-citiesartclub@hotmail.com)

### Braille books

For the fourth year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is offering holiday greeting cards in 11 beautiful designs. New this year, Seedlings is offering two sizes of holiday cards - favorites from past years and a new pleasing little size of 4-1/8" x 5-1/2". Once again, the holiday cards are created by Pumpernickel Press and priced at \$16 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards.

All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, environment friendly recycled paper, printed with soy inks and Made in the USA - including the packaging material. The cards are also packaged by occupational training workshop patrons.

Holiday greeting cards can be purchased at Seedlings' office, 14151 Farmington Rd., Livonia from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 734-427-8552 for directions and more information. Please visit Seedlings Web site, [www.seedlings.org/donate.php](http://www.seedlings.org/donate.php), for a look at some of our new designs.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a Livonia non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low cost children's literature in braille bringing the gift of literacy to blind children locally and around the world.

### Crimes of the Heart

The Spotlight Players will perform the Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Crimes of the Heart," and for the first time will use the intimate Biltmore Studio Theater that features a thrust stage, allowing for an intimate "in your lap" experience for theater goers.

Performances are Nov. 13-22. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students under 19.

For show times and to purchase tickets, call (734) 394-5300, (734) 394-5460 or go on-line to [www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater](http://www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater).

Director Lisa Brawley describes the show as "a little romance, intrigue, suspense, drama, mystery and comedy all in one show."

Go to [www.spotlightplayers-mi.org](http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org) for more information.

### December luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its December Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) and \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.

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

## CHAMBER CHAT



### Pure sleep

Art Van Pure Sleep hosted a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony to announce their grand opening. Art Van Pure Sleep is located at 41913 Ford Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete listing of Chamber Community Events.

### Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new

and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com)

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all ... just go to [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

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# Buy a gift and aid a charity at Alternative Christmas Fair

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The 9th Annual Alternative Christmas Fair in Farmington Hills is so popular with non-profit vendors, that it filled every available booth in September — two months before the Nov. 14 event.

“Our letters (invitations) go out in September, but we were full in September. We’ve maxed out before and that’s because we use every available spot we have,” said Jessica Beamer, who has coordinated the shopping event for eight years. “It’s a huge event.”

Hope Lutheran Church and St. Fabian Catholic Church, both of Farmington Hills, co-sponsor the fair, which gives shoppers a chance to by gifts and help charities at the same time. Forty six nonprofits will be on hand.

“We have a waiting list of organizations every year,” said Joy DeFranco, this year’s coordinator. “We close out (the vendor list) early. I’d like to think it’s because of the quality of this event. But beyond that, it offers attendees a wide range of opportunities to make a difference. We have old favorites return each year but new charities as well.”

New this year are Band of Angels, a Rochester-based nonprofit that assists Down syndrome children and their families, and F.B.I. Assistance Dogs of Oxford, which trains canines to assist individuals who experience seizures. The acronym represents “For Better Independence.”

Autistic students from Burger School in Garden City will make chocolates, cookies and dog bones to sell at the fair.

Other first-time attendees include the Eli Foundation, which will sell art photos, plants and a tribute CD to raise money for leukemia patients; Three Cups of Tea/Pennies for Peace, which will sell gift baskets, books and items made by children, to support construction of schools for girls in Afghanistan, and Volunteer



Becky Gee visits the Food for the Poor booth, staffed by the Rev. Chuck Roberson.



Carved olive wood items line a table at the 9th annual Alternative Christmas Fair at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Africa, which will sell fair-trade African art.

Returning local favorites include Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), Forgotten Harvest, Alternatives for Girls, Detroit Rescue Mission, Make a Wish Foundation, Kids for Afghan Kids, Samaritan Counseling Center, and Sweet Dreamzzz.

DeFranco said many international programs will be on hand to raise awareness and funds for their missions, too.

“We do have Heifer International coming and Jerusalem Crafts and Omni Worldwide. That’s what’s attractive to the people who are coming — they enjoy the diversity,” DeFranco said. Some charities sell small token gifts or cards that represent a donation made to their mis-

sion. Others sell handcrafted items that benefit the artisans.

“Either way you’re benefitting a charity and their intended recipient,” DeFranco explained.

The Alternative Christmas Fair draws approximately 700-800 visitors every year and has spawned a smaller, similar fair at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. DeFranco said the Cranbrook fair is slated for Nov. 22 with about 20 vendors.

Over the past eight years, the Farmington Hills event has raised more than \$175,000 for the participating charities.

“This is not a fund-raiser for our church, but we do have expenses. We’ll have a bake sale from our church and St. Fabian to support this endeavor. We get dozens and dozens of cookies and brownies,” DeFranco said.

In addition to the bake sale, the event will offer a children’s craft area, lunch items for purchase and live music.

The Alternative Christmas Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 West 12 Mile Road, just east of Haggerty. There is a \$1 admission fee at the door. For more information call (248) 553-7170 or visit [www.alternativechristmasfair.org](http://www.alternativechristmasfair.org).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com) or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing online, go to [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### NOV. 5-11

#### Christmas bazaar

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 20850 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Gifts, cookies, cakes and breads, door prize drawings. Free. For more information or for table rental sign-up, call CherylAnn at (734) 560-9278 or e-mail [nalyreh@yahoo.com](mailto:nalyreh@yahoo.com). Or leave a message at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at (248) 474-0675.

#### Classes

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington continues its series of learning forums, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5, with these topics: Groundswell: Using Technologies to Get the Things You Need. Inspired by the best-selling book “Groundswell,” this session will cover the personal and business uses of social media networks; “Sun of God” will explore the numerous astrological elements that comprise so much of the Christian story; and “Beyond the Paw Print: A Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Pet,” will appeal to those grieving the death of a beloved pet or animal companion. Refreshments at 7 p.m., with forums from 7:30-9 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. A \$5 donation is suggested. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

#### Craft show

Holiday crafts, attic treasures, country store 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 6-7, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. “Crafts ‘n More Show” is presented by the United Methodist Women with proceeds benefitting mission and church programs. Includes handmade ornaments, holiday decor, specialty gift items, canned goods and bake sale. Lunch available 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (313) 937-3170

#### Food drive

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is taking reservations for its Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church (248) 476-8222) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church’s front entrance.

#### Fund-raiser

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Livonia partner to support local needy families this Christmas with the 18th Annual Share the Bounty fund-raiser, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6. Donation is \$14 and includes admission and 10 auction tickets. Additional auction tickets, available at the door, are 10 for \$10. Enjoy fun, refreshments and opportunities to win prizes. For more information contact Kathy Weinberg at (734) 464-0211.

#### Grief program

“GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays” is aimed at people facing the holidays after a loved one’s death. The seminar runs 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 8, at Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. There is no charge for this event, but a \$4.00 donation is suggested to cover the cost of workbooks. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one’s death. For more information call (313) 682-7491.

#### Speaker

Rev. Dr. Phil Hemke, director of Church Relations for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, will speak at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 5 Mile, Livonia. His message is entitled “Focus.” (734) 464-0211

#### Veteran’s Day Mass

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia invites veterans, reservists, active military, and their families to a special Veterans’ Day Mass at noon, Sunday, Nov. 8. There will be an honor guard and flag-raising ceremony in front of the church at 11:45 a.m. to remember men and women who have given their lives in service of the country. The Mass will be followed by an informal reception and refreshments in the school cafeteria. A highlight of the annual gathering has been the display of many letters, pictures, and drawings by students of St. Michael’s School, remembering and thanking our military for their service, past and present. The church is located at 11441 Hubbard, immediately south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman Roads in Livonia. (734) 261-1455, ext. 200; [www.livonia-st-michael.org](http://www.livonia-st-michael.org)

#### Yoga

Learn how to improve your balance, strength, and flexibility, and calm your mind and body, with the help of local yoga instructor Shelley Shindler as she leads a new six-week series of relaxing yoga sessions at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The class runs 5:30-6:45 p.m., Wednesday, starting Nov. 11. Open to the entire community. Bring yoga mat and wear comfy clothes. The series costs \$60. Financial assistance is available to help defray the cost of the class. Pre-registration is requested. For more info or to sign up, call Shelley at (248) 661-8080 or (248) 417-8000 or e-mail [ssnlist@aol.com](mailto:ssnlist@aol.com).

### NOV. 12-18

#### Concert

The premiere of a new work, “Wild a Dream” is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. The music is by local composer Carmen Cavallero. The concert includes songs by Stephen Forster and other American composers. It is presented by the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir directed by Tom Trenney. There is no admission charge and child care is provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

#### Craft show

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; admission \$2. For more information call Michelle at (734) 516-2912.

#### Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Garden City Presbyterian, located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road in Garden City. On Friday pick from a large selection of goodies at the cookie walk, visit the can’t-pass-it-by-bake sale, and a fairland of wreaths, angels, bows, lights and much more. The boutique will charm with many handmade items and distinctive gifts of all kinds. All-you-can-eat turkey dinner will be served 5-7 p.m.; adults \$7, children 4-12, \$4, children under 4 free. Saturday promises the same great experiences. Lunch will be available. (734) 421-7620

#### Holiday shop

9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Shoppers can choose gifts from a variety of artists and vendors. The day is designed as a family event with games for children and food for purchase. There will be raffles throughout the day and a grand prize drawing at the end of the day. \$2 admission. Proceeds benefit The Haven, Oakland County’s domestic abuse shelter. For more information call Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074.

#### Praying moms

Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org). Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or [nancy@communitybible.net](mailto:nancy@communitybible.net) for more information.

#### St. Andrews Day

Worship service is at 10 a.m. with dinner and baggage entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

### NOV. 19-25

#### Concert

2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, at Monastery of the Sacred Heart, 29575 Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Hear sacred music featuring Lisa Agazzi, soprano, performing such favorites as “Pie Jesu,” “The Lord’s prayer,” and “Ave Maria.” Selections from Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Gounod will be on the program. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information call Barb Glinski at (248) 553-0999 or e-mail to [lginski@aol.com](mailto:lginski@aol.com).

#### Thanksgiving day service

10 a.m., Nov. 26 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. This service will be a wonderful celebration of heritage of freedom. Dr. Jerry Smith, former Director of Music at Ward Church, will conduct the Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir and guest musicians in “Battle Hymn of the Republic. Invite your family and friends to launch the holiday season in prayerful thanksgiving and song. Child care provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

### NOV. 26-DEC. 2

#### Lessons and Carols

Candlelight service, 7 p.m., Nov. 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Join the chancel choir, ensembles, instrumentalists for this time of calm reflection, of hearing and singing the carols of Advent. Childcare provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

### ONGOING

#### AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

#### Classes/study

■ Antioch Preschool, an academic program complemented by Christian education, is enrolling 3- and 4-year-old children for the 2009-2010 school year. A new toddler class is offered Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Extended stay enrichment for 3’s and 4’s is offered Wednesdays – children bring their lunch and enjoy literacy activities until 3 p.m. Antioch Lutheran Church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. For information contact Sharon Detter, preschool director, at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to [antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net](mailto:antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net).

■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615

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

■ Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

■ Scripture studies, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

■ Learner’s Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions – at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to [gary@energeticarts.org](mailto:gary@energeticarts.org).

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

■ 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, which runs from 7-8 p.m., will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to [jcook59@att.net](mailto:jcook59@att.net).

■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.

■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

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**DR. FREDERICK B. FOUST**  
Nov 1, 2009, Age 86. Long time resident of Plymouth and Glen Arbor. Loving husband of 63 years to Joyce. Proud father of Brian (Cathy), Craig (Denise) and Carol (Kelvin) Chen. Beloved grandfather of David, Tiair Champlin, Jennifer (Jason) DeMink, and Karl (Stephen) Foust-Christensen. Dear great grandfather of Rina Champlin, Jace Champlin and Madeline DeMink. Fred was always very active in the community by serving the following organizations: Plymouth Kiwanis Club, Plymouth Historical Museum, First Presbyterian Church-Ordained Elder, Glen Lake Association, Several Antique Car Clubs, Plymouth Community Schools Planning Commission, Plymouth Salvation Army, PTA, Little League, Boy Scouts, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Antique Boat Club, Michigan Dental Assoc., Crystal Downs Country Club, Model Train Club and Traverse City Child and Family Services. Fred enjoyed all sports; he was an avid golfer for 75 years. He proudly served his country for 2 years in the US Navy. The family will gather with friends on Friday 4-7:30 PM until the 7:30 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Glen Lake Association PO Box 551, Glen Arbor MI 49636 To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

**ROBERT A. GOSHORN**  
Age 90, October 31, 2009. Former long-time resident of Farmington. Beloved husband of Nan for 61 years. Loving father of Gregg (Bernadette), Kevin (Andrea), and Tedi Lojewski (Robert). Also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that he cherished. Robert served during WW II as a U.S. Army Captain under General MacArthur, earning the Bronze Star. He was also a Boy Scout volunteer and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Memorial Service 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 6th at Fox Run (Performing Arts Center) 41100 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Fox Run Scholarship Fund, Dept. of Philanthropy, 41100 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377 [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

**HARRY R. WILLS, SR.**  
October 30, 2009, Age 75, of Plymouth. Beloved Dad of Ginny (Clary) Cummins, Diane (Doug) Clinton, Harry R. Jr., (Reyna), Michael (Carolyn) Wills and the late Kathleen. Proud grandfather of 12 and great-grandpa of 5. Dear brother of Leota Mendola, Marianne Lundberg and Gloria (Jim “Pudge”) Podzikowski. Interment Friday 1:00 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. The family will gather with friends Saturday 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM Memorial Service at Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://vermeulenfuneralhome.com).

**In Memory Of**

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My best friend who went to be with the Lord on Monday November 2, 2009. I will always miss you until we meet again. - Bernard Miley

**VIRGINIA M. KANIA**  
November 3, 2009, age 82. Loving wife of the late Robert. Devoted mother of Debbie (Ken) Kirk, Bruce (Kathy), Rob. Carol (Mike) Jackman and Theresa (Dale) Upton. Grammy to Megan, Michael, Alex, Ryker, Anna, Michaela. Great Gramma to Kylee. Preceded in death by brother Adam. Virginia will be missed by brothers Don (Debbie) and Dennis (Geri) Protas, sister in law Jeanne Andrzejczak, many nieces and nephews and grammy nannies Cynthia, May and Viola. Visitation Thursday 4-9 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile (East of I275) Rosary 7 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday 9:30 a.m. at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Rd. In state 9 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Please leave the family a memorial message at [harrywillfuneralhome.com](http://harrywillfuneralhome.com)

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## Save the music

Michael Soranno of Livonia (left) on keyboards and his cousin, Sonny Cingolani of West Bloomfield on guitar, plan to resurrect their 60s band, The Liras, to help the financially-troubled music program at St. Joseph Church near Detroit's Eastern Market. They'll play oldies tunes at a Harvest Dance, 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at the church, 1828 Jay, near Gratiot and I-75, in Detroit. Call (313) 819-8828 for more information about the dance.



## CALENDAR

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■ Bible study, 7 p.m., every Friday at Seeds of Mercy Mission Home, 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call ct: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234 for more information.

■ Celebrate Recovery Bible Study, noon and 7 p.m., Wednesday, at United Methodist Church of Wayne, at 3 Townsquare, Wayne. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered and Bible-based 12 Step Recovery Program. (734) 721-4801

### Clothing bank

The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at

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### Concerts

■ Rush Hour concert series continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit [www.metroumc.org](http://www.metroumc.org).

### Fellowship dinner

Dinners are at 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals. Questions? Call (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730.

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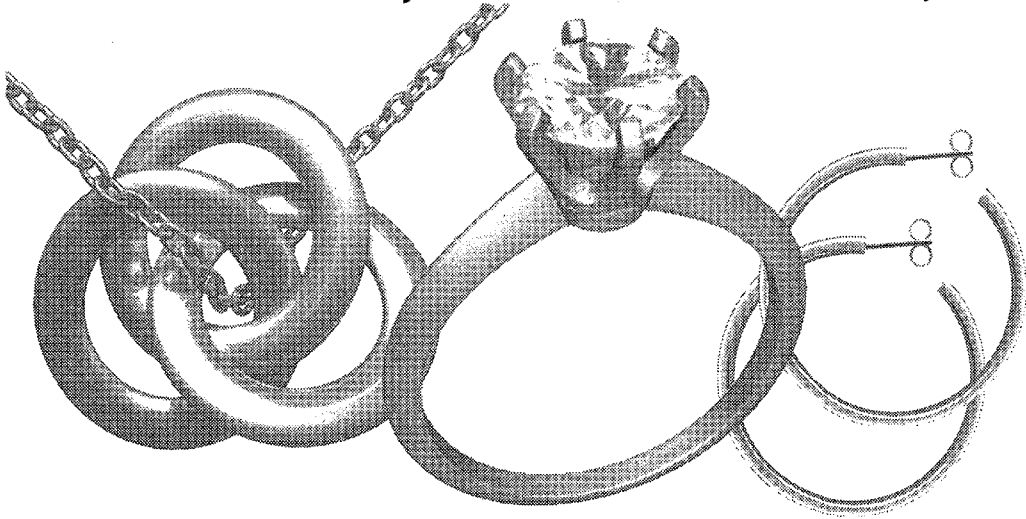
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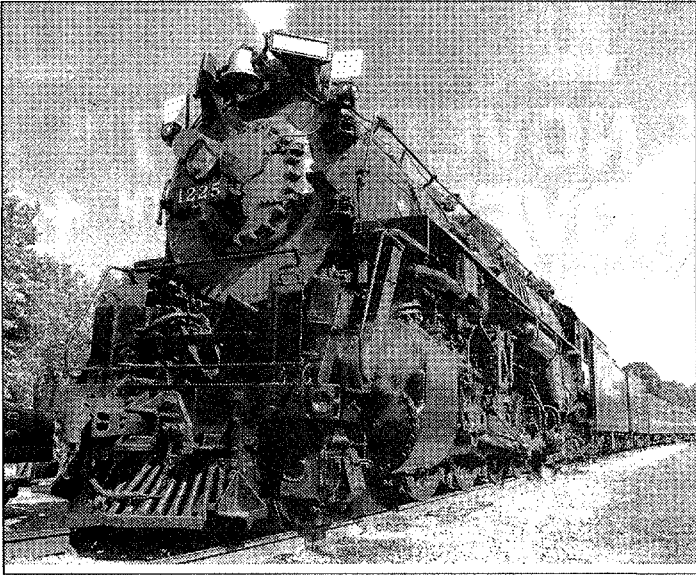
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**Time/Date:** 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.  
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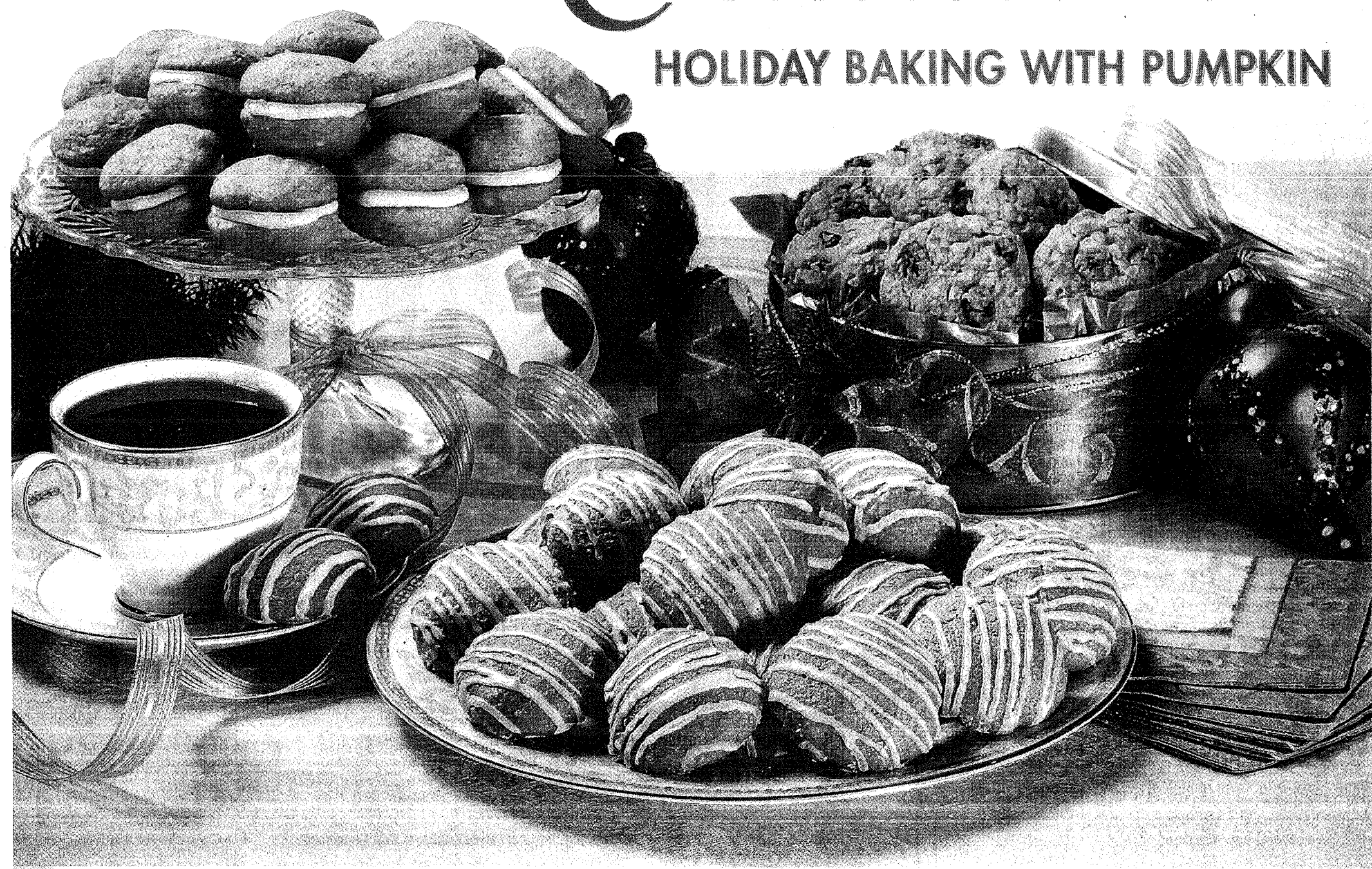
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From left: Mini Pumpkin Whoopie Pies, Old-Fashioned Soft Pumpkin Cookies and Pumpkin-Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

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For more ways to make baking with pumpkin a tradition in your home, visit [VeryBestBaking.com](http://VeryBestBaking.com).



#### Mini Pumpkin Whoopie Pies

Makes 3 dozen

##### Cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature, lightly beaten
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

##### Cream Cheese Filling

- 4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

##### For Cookies:

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Lightly grease or line four baking sheets with parchment paper. COMBINE flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and salt in medium bowl. Beat butter and sugar in large mixer bowl on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add pumpkin and vanilla extract; beat until smooth. Stir in flour mixture until combined. Drop by heaping measuring teaspoons onto prepared baking sheets. (A total of 72 cookies are needed for the recipe.) BAKE for 10 to 13 minutes or until springy to the touch. Cool on baking sheets for 5 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

##### For Cream Cheese Filling:

BEAT cream cheese, butter and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl on medium speed until fluffy. Gradually beat in powdered sugar until light and fluffy. SPREAD a heaping teaspoon of filling onto flat side of one cookie; top with flat side of second cookie to make a sandwich. Repeat with remaining cookies and filling. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

#### Old-Fashioned Soft Pumpkin Cookies

Makes 3 dozen

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), softened
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Glaze (recipe follows)

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease baking sheets.

COMBINE flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in medium bowl. Beat sugar and butter in large mixer bowl until well blended. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract until smooth. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets.

BAKE for 15 to 18 minutes or until edges are firm. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Drizzle Glaze over cookies.

##### For Glaze:

COMBINE 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 3 tablespoons milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl until smooth.

#### Pumpkin-Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Makes 4 dozen

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups quick or old-fashioned oats
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup raisins

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Lightly grease baking sheets.

COMBINE flour, oats, pie spice, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract; mix well. Add flour mixture; mix well. Stir in nuts and raisins. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets. BAKE for 14 to 16 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned and set in centers. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

#### Pumpkin Bread Pudding With Brown Sugar-Yogurt Sauce

Makes 15 servings

- 12 slices cracked or whole-wheat bread, cut into cubes (12 cups)
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries, chopped
- 2 cans (12 fluid ounces each) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Lowfat 2% Milk
- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 cup refrigerated egg substitute or 4 large eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Brown Sugar-Yogurt Sauce (recipe follows)

##### For Bread Pudding:

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking dish. COMBINE bread and cranberries in large bowl. Combine evaporated milk, pumpkin, egg substitute, sugar, vanilla extract, pumpkin pie spice and salt in medium bowl. Pour egg mixture over bread mixture; stir. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish; let stand for 10 minutes. BAKE for 45 to 55 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm with Brown Sugar-Yogurt Sauce.

##### For Brown Sugar-Yogurt Sauce:

COMBINE 2 containers (6 ounces each) or 1 1/2 cups nonfat plain yogurt and 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar in small bowl.



# DVD teaches raw food preparation

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Chef Mary Beckerman can teach you how to make spaghetti without boiling water for pasta.

She can show you how to make pudding without cooking it and soup without any simmering.

In fact, you won't need a stove or an oven for any of the recipes, including spaghetti, pudding, soup, vegetables, wraps and more that are included with step by step instructions on her new dvd, *Raw Fundamentals*.

But a slight change in perspective might be required if you're accustomed to heating most everything you eat, because everything on the menu is raw.

"I think the challenge lies in really changing your mind set in terms of preparing foods differently. We were brought up traditionally in how to prepare foods and the biggest challenge is a new way of doing things," said Beckerman of West Bloomfield.

"When you look at it from that perspective and set up a lifestyle to embrace those concepts, life gets easier."

Beckerman shares her knowledge and passion about preparing raw foods through demonstration workshops, catering, training, and consultations, in addition to her new dvd. She also advises individuals on how to set up a raw food kitchen and how to select whole, unprocessed, organic foods.

"I've embraced raw foods for a great part of my life," said the Michigan native. "Even back in high school I was juicing and doing wheat grass and leaned more toward being a vegetarian."

Although she has held various jobs — everything from modeling to working for Orion pictures to running her own catering company — her love of food has remained

consistent throughout her life.

When a friend suggested she "do what you love," she quit her corporate job and headed to California to study raw foods preparation.

"I said 'this resonates with me,' and I became a chef, put a business plan together and came home."

Beckerman is a graduate of the Living Light Culinary Arts Institute in California and a member of the American Association of Nutritional Consultants.

## OFFERING OPTIONS

"What I do in my dvd is empower people. I not only give them recipes but tools, empowerment tools," she said. Each recipe offers a variety of ingredient options.

"It's really simple and if people embrace something like that they're able to create healthy meals."

Taking baby steps toward a raw food diet can start with swapping sugar-filled, cooked desserts for tasty fruit-

based sweets that use agar or raw honey.

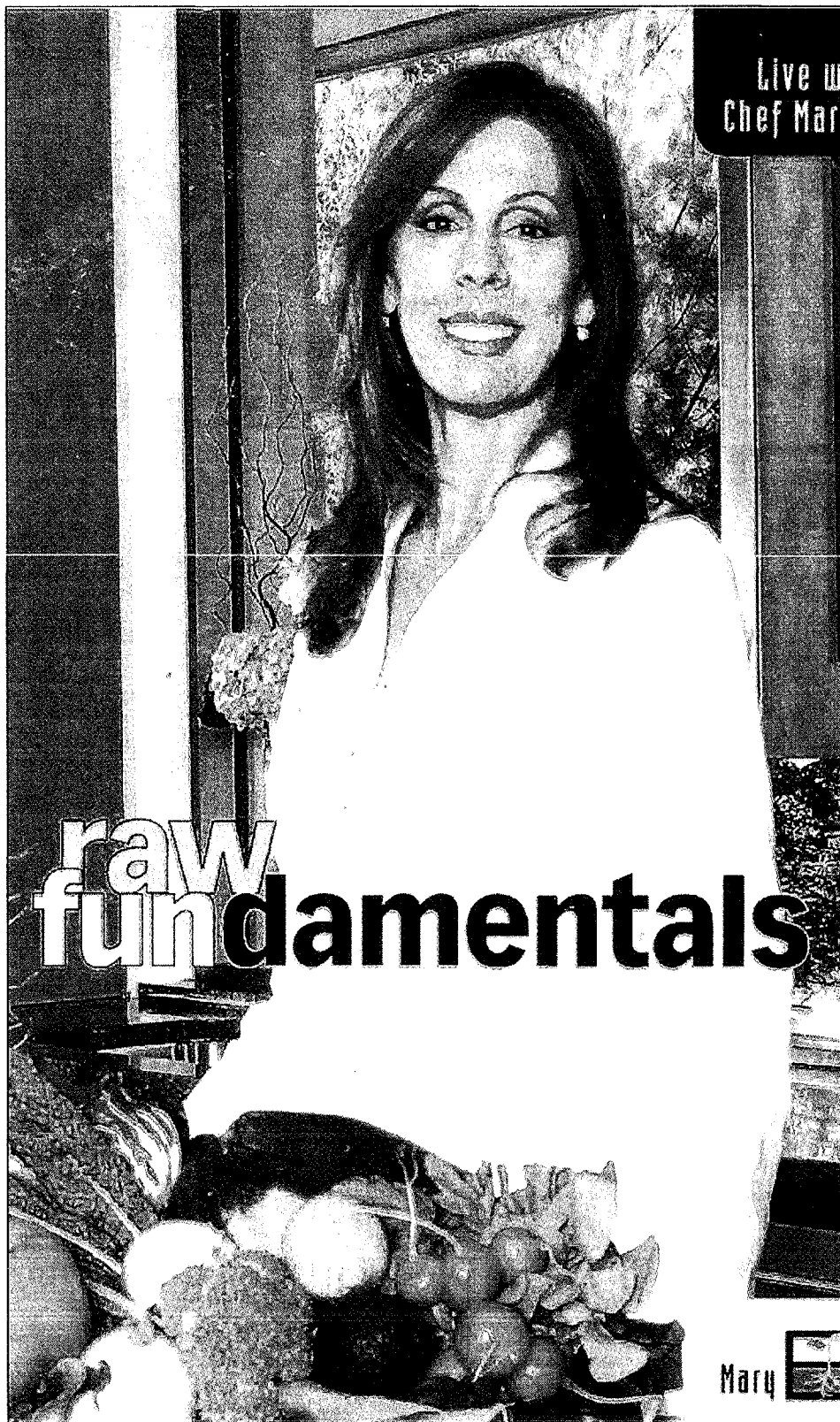
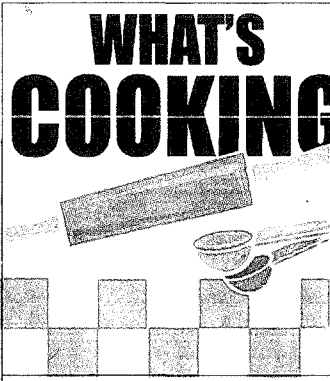
Or heating one portion of a meal as Beckerman does in her spaghetti recipe that uses raw zucchini "pasta" strips and gently-heated tomato sauce.

"There are certain foods you can cook. By cooking the tomatoes you might lose some nutrients through the cooking process but you'll have an increase of lycopene," she said. "It's about balance and educating people."

"When you start eating raw foods your sense become alive. You start really tasting food."

Beckerman will sign her DVD, noon-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at Barnes & Noble, 6900 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. It costs \$24.95.

Check out her Web site, [www.lovinggoodies.com](http://www.lovinggoodies.com) for a list of classes, Thanksgiving menu ideas, recipes and more.



Chef Mary Beckerman will sign her DVD Saturday, Nov. 7 at Barnes & Noble in West Bloomfield.

## CITY BITES

### Benefitting horses

**Plymouth** — This month shoppers can donate a dollar at the register at Hiller's Markets grocery stores to support CANTER, a locally-based organization that finds homes for retired racehorses. Led by WXYZ-TV anchor and CANTER board member Robbie Timmons, the non-profit finds viable alternatives for young horses whose future, without CANTER's help, is bleak.

"As someone who is passionate about animals and animal welfare, I'm so glad Robbie Timmons brought CANTER to my attention," stated Jim Hiller, CEO of Hiller's Markets. "In tough times, we often forget about our four-legged friends — and it's imperative that we care for every creature to the best of our abilities."

Timmons said the dollars can "add up quickly" to help CANTER's charges. Most of the horses are only 3-4 years old. With a potential lifespan of 30 years, CANTER helps these delicate creatures become accustomed to pasture-living. CANTER Michigan is the founding chapter of what has become a national effort. Started in 1997, the group has saved thousands of thoroughbreds, spending approximately \$200,000 annually to rescue horses from racetrack life. CANTER stands for Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses. There are no administrative costs or salaries — CANTER is all volunteer so every dollar donated goes to help horses.

Timmons will be available in Hiller's stores to talk with shoppers about the cause and sign her book, *Twoeys & the Goat*, a true-to-life story about a horse who received a new home after not performing at the track. Elegant horse-themed holiday cards will be sold at all Hiller's customer service desks, with sales benefiting CANTER.

Timmons' book-signings at Hiller's:

■ 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Plymouth store, Five Mile and Haggerty

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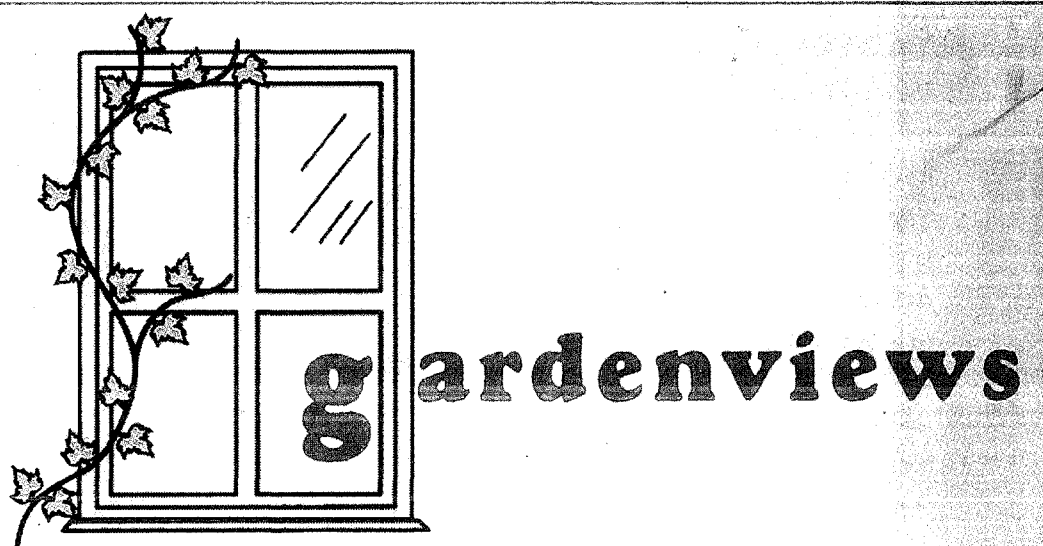
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## Realtors help seniors cope with moving challenges

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Realtor Nancy Austin, of Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth, recalls her dad being 92 and concerned about his home.

"He was worried about selling his house," said Austin, a Canton resident who's been in real estate full time since 1984.

That helped to motivate her to get her Seniors Real Estate Specialists designation, given through the National Association of Realtors. She's held that since about 1998, when NAR picked it up, but did that kind of work for years before.

A Seniors Real Estate Specialist is an agent who has special qualifications and training to work with seniors who wish to sell their houses to either downsize, buy a condo, sell a condo, move to assisted living or just a senior retirement center.

Austin concentrates on western Wayne and south Oakland, including Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Westland. She has found seniors will do major updates on their homes, like furnaces, but put off updating cabinets and other smaller things.

"I really felt they could use my help in preparing houses for sale," she said. Even replacing light fixtures or painting will help a home sell.

"I do a walk-through all the time," Austin said. She agreed the need to help seniors is great, and will grow as baby boomers age.

"It can be challenging, it's very rewarding." A Realtor must be trustworthy and very patient, she said. Often, adult children are involved.

"There are a lot of times you must go the extra mile." The adult children may be living in other states, and some are estranged from the parent or parents.

Seniors may have faulty memory issues, Austin said, and some adult children lack patience to work with them. "Patience is just huge."

She shows properties to seniors who often need longer to see them due to physical challenges like using a cane or walker. Seniors often don't know what's best for them; most of the time, the move will be their final one.

She spoke glowingly of the Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills, where a couple she knows was able to stay together when one became more ill. The spouse could



visit for meals and at other times, staying nearby.

Austin can be reached at Keller Williams, (734) 718-8900. She doesn't offer seniors tax or mortgage advice, but has access to professionals who help in those areas. She recommends the SRES members/consumers Web site at [www.seniorsrealestate.com/sarec](http://www.seniorsrealestate.com/sarec).

Austin also praises Bryan Neal, who owns a local company, Assisted Moving, at (734) 751-5026. He moves people into senior facilities. "He will dispose of the furniture that's left behind," Austin said. He has a consignment store in Plymouth, and also takes furniture to homes of adult children or to charities like the Salvation Army.

"He's very good, a very pleasant person," Austin said.

Michelle Michael, associate broker with RE/MAX

Classic in Novi, also holds the SRES designation, for about nine years. She'd worked with seniors before that, having gotten referrals from Henry Ford Village in Dearborn.

"I just found I really enjoyed working with seniors and helping them sell their homes," the Novi resident said.

A difference is that seniors have typically been in the home 25 or more years, Michael said. "A big issue is decluttering the home to prepare it for showings."

She finds seniors don't want to be taken advantage of: "They are a very smart group of people and they want to know what's going on. I think they want to feel more of a human connection with the person they're working with. They want to be as informed as possible upfront."

Seniors need to know how the market's changed, Michael

said, such things as increased use of the Internet to sell homes and interior pictures being important.

Seniors are some 95 percent of her business, and she spends a lot of face to face time. Michael, who can be reached at (248) 348-3000, also does seminars at retirement communities and community centers.

She noted this area had huge growth in the 1970s and 1980s. "Now they're looking for alternative housing. They just don't need or want the big house anymore," Michael said.

Mary Rettig, associate broker with Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, has held the SRES designation for at least four-five years.

Rettig, a Berkley resident, realized she knew the market and enjoys educational opportunities. "I needed to work on this designation so I can work

with these folks a little better," she said.

"You're dealing with family members, too." Some seniors are healthy and active, while others face health issues, Rettig said.

Rettig, who can be reached at (248) 538-2818, noted inheritance issues may arise. For seniors moving into assisted livings, costs are high and they need a trustworthy source of information.

"It just depends on the family mix," said Rettig, who finds work with seniors rewarding. Her dad was almost 91 when he died and her mom is 81.

"There's the trust factor, too," she said. "It's nice helping families out."

The current market is trying, Rettig added, and seniors benefit from having someone who can explain it in a lower gear.

## Check out condo 'specialist' claim

Q: What is a "condominium specialist"?

Some law firms indicate that they have a "condominium specialist" assisting attorneys in collecting monies due and owing to a community association. Then what is a condominium specialist? Is it someone who is trained in community association law? Is it a licensed legal assistant? Is it a secretary or file clerk who has assumed the role of being a so-called community association specialist?

A: The law does not ethically categorize someone as a specialist until they are



Robert Meisner

trained in a particular area and receive a certificate or other certification from a duly designated

licensing body. At the minimum,

we would hope that a condominium specialist is a trained legal assistant from an accredited legal assistant school. One of the questions you should ask your attorney is who, in fact, is assisting him or her in collections and is that person qualified and experienced, and, does that person have the right training to hold themselves out as a "condominium specialist" in collections?

Q: I am having a problem with our neighbor whose dog barks continuously and the association won't do anything about it nor will the owner of the dog do anything either. There is no end in sight and it is affecting my ability to sell the unit. What can we do?

A: If you have prevailed upon the association and the dog owner with no success, your only recourse is to seek legal action on your own behalf presumably under your community association documents. You are best advised to hire an attorney experienced in condominium law to seek an injunction against the dog making unreasonably loud noises. Other than that, you may have to grin and bear it.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 20-24, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		
879 Ashton Woods Dr	\$225,000	
4203 Berkeley Ave	\$89,000	
762 Buchanan St	\$193,000	
1352 Colonade Ct	\$373,000	
39887 Edmunton St	\$128,000	
45000 Patrick Dr	\$200,000	
6430 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000	
43896 Shiloh Ct	\$113,000	
Garden City		
32201 Chester St	\$103,000	
29549 Dover St	\$42,000	
6644 Henry Ruff Rd	\$72,000	
31932 Maplewood St	\$55,000	
29424 Rosslyn Ave	\$89,000	
32701 Rosslyn Ave	\$100,000	
Livonia		
36016 Ann Arbor Trl	\$54,000	
15518 Comstock St	\$147,000	
31532 Haldane St	\$115,000	
17505 Hizmet St	\$93,000	
37200 Joy Rd	\$113,000	
30329 Minton St	\$118,000	
37916 N Laurel Park Dr	\$150,000	
14143 Riverside St	\$143,000	
16244 Southampton St	\$154,000	
15612 Sunset St	\$137,000	
19235 Sunset St	\$145,000	
14766 Taylor Blvd	\$208,000	
18382 University Park Dr	\$41,000	
20027 Wayne Rd	\$315,000	

Northville		
44987 Broadmoor Cir S	\$319,000	
44993 Broadmoor Cir S	\$310,000	
16088 Morningside	\$134,000	
16092 Morningside	\$130,000	
19552 Northridge Dr	\$68,000	
16436 Ridgewood Ct	\$267,000	
41630 Sutters Ln	\$228,000	
50409 Teton Ridge Rd	\$704,000	
44456 White Pine Cir W	\$446,000	
17560 White Pine Ct	\$420,000	
Plymouth		
550 Adams St	\$270,000	
11388 Cedar Ln	\$130,000	
47100 Tania Ct	\$382,000	
12357 Wendover Dr	\$358,000	
Redford		
9944 Berwyn	\$45,000	
13973 Brady	\$33,000	
26440 Kenneth	\$96,000	
19190 Kinloch	\$44,000	
12076 Nathaline	\$73,000	
9138 Seminole	\$79,000	
Westland		
8659 Alper St	\$125,000	
7444 August Ave	\$104,000	
7636 Gary Ave	\$90,000	
39255 Huron Pkwy	\$159,000	
7494 Manor Cir	\$58,000	
1032 Mitchell Dr	\$167,000	
8429 N Henry Ruff Rd	\$73,000	
825 Patricia Place Dr	\$169,000	
1761 Regene St	\$28,000	
8335 Rickie Ln	\$90,000	
35748 Rolf St	\$82,000	
38537 Sycamore Pl	\$90,000	
38991 Willow Creek Pkwy	\$154,000	

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Beverly Hills		
1712 Kirkshire Ave	\$135,000	
16121 Lauderdale Ave	\$195,000	
32657 Old Post Rd	\$341,000	
Bingham Farms		
23780 Ravineview Ct	\$285,000	
Birmingham		
484 Benville Ave	\$109,000	
1699 Maryland Blvd	\$163,000	
499 N Eton St # A2	\$72,000	
Bloomfield Hills		
1400 Pembroke Dr	\$1,300,000	
12 Vaughan Xing	\$560,000	
Bloomfield Township		
4792 Apple Grove Ct	\$348,000	
5916 Blandford Rd	\$155,000	
5275 Brookdale Rd	\$950,000	
1963 E Hammond Lake Dr	\$150,000	
5168 Forest Way	\$385,000	
3792 Peabody Dr	\$480,000	
3550 Rayburn Rd	\$245,000	
2562 Sequoia Ct	\$575,000	
1619 Spotswood Dr	\$280,000	
6487 Sunningdale Dr	\$215,000	
2375 Tilbury Pl	\$400,000	
Clarkston		
7130 Deer Lake Rd	\$564,000	
5665 Dvorak St	\$100,000	
5305 Ridge Trl N	\$256,000	
5390 Whipple Lake Rd	\$142,000	
Commerce Township		
2841 Commerce Xing	\$367,000	

1467 Knob Hl	\$165,000	
3303 Newton Rd	\$185,000	
6042 Strawberry Cir	\$150,000	
8624 War Bonnet Dr	\$138,000	
Davisburg		
5106 Birch Dr	\$209,000	
10026 King Rd	\$130,000	
Farmington		
34032 Moore Dr	\$135,000	
34020 Oakland St	\$265,000	
Farmington Hills		
37813 Avon Ln	\$140,000	
34905 Bridgeman St	\$109,000	
32481 Cedar Island Road	\$171,000	
28385 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$295,000	
39200 Heatherbrook Dr	\$220,000	
20972 Marshview Dr	\$190,000	
30151 Northwick Ct	\$268,000	
30973 Oak Valley Ct	\$246,000	
32988 Thorndyke Ct	\$205,000	
Lake Orion		
3112 Cedar Key Dr	\$150,000	
3611 Forest Spring Dr	\$220,000	
2658 Shadow Lake Dr	\$220,000	
110 Shorewood Ct	\$120,000	
Lathrup Village		
18130 Redwood Ave	\$74,000	
18833 Sunnybrook Ave	\$155,000	
Northville		
22219 Roberts Dr	\$65,000	
43562 Serenity Dr	\$365,000	
Novi		
43050 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$125,000	
45530 Emerald Forest Dr	\$260,000	
24018 Lynwood Dr	\$100,000	
27388 Sloan St	\$45,000	
27612 Sloan St	\$335,000	
49947 Streamwood Dr	\$203,000	
24290 Terra Del Mar Dr	\$533,000	
30197 Viewcrest Ct	\$240,000	

Oakland Township		
320 E Gunn Rd	\$308,000	
493 Kingstone Ct	\$606,000	
2850 Royal View Dr	\$500,000	
Oxford		
1070 Cross St	\$198,000	
40 Dennison St	\$92,000	
772 Glenmoor Dr	\$190,000	
Rochester		
1606 Boulder Ct	\$275,000	
1574 Stony Creek Dr	\$625,000	
Rochester Hills		
3470 Connors Dr	\$50,000	
3177 Crooks Rd	\$130,000	
1836 E Hamlin Rd	\$210,000	
3380 Grant Rd	\$27,000	
3332 Henley Ct	\$125,000	
1664 Hillside Ln	\$138,000	
155 Michelson Rd	\$127,000	
688 Millstone Dr	\$150,000	
1637 Ridgecrest	\$185,000	
3349 Rocky Crest Dr	\$281,000	
618 Shellbourne Dr	\$170,000	
2630 W Tienken Rd	\$130,000	
1303 Wagon Wheel Ln	\$100,000	
South Lyon		
868 Challenging Trl	\$115,000	
26800 Daria Cir E	\$285,000	
1053 Equestrian Dr	\$188,000	
29059 Pontiac Trl	\$150,000	
1030 Vassar	\$135,000	
52859 Willowbrook Dr	\$61,000	
Southfield		
27565 Berkshire Dr	\$100,000	
16910 New Hampshire Dr	\$95,000	
27426 Pierce St	\$69,000	
28819 W Kalong Cir	\$136,000	
Troy		
935 Banmoor Dr	\$262,000	
6376 Brookings Dr	\$205,000	
3039 Camden Dr	\$170,000	

5768 Firwood Dr	\$211,000	
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120 Melanie Ln	\$393,000	
6249 Riverton Dr	\$210,000	
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347 Cove View Dr	\$260,000	
940 Elira Rd	\$75,000	
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7296 Feather Ln	\$137,000	
3903 Florine Ave	\$169,000	
2164 Georgeland Dr	\$212,000	
5058 Harbor Oak Dr	\$45,000	
356 Pine Creek Ct	\$147,000	
453 Pineland Trl	\$163,000	
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628 Woodingham Ave	\$122,000	
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6885 Brookshire Dr	\$258,000	
5620 Carol Run N	\$94,000	
2780 Elizabeth Ln	\$367,000	
5547 Hampshire Dr	\$450,000	
1848 Heron View Dr	\$235,000	
7194 Huntcliff	\$89,000	
2630 Mandale Ln	\$270,000	
3823 Normanwood	\$300,000	
7427 Radcliff Ct	\$89,000	
6600 Ridgfield Cir	\$70,000	
6619 Ridgfield Cir	\$68,000	
5265 S Peblecreek Rd	\$145,000	
7254 Silver Leaf Ln	\$195,000	
7450 Vinewood	\$150,000	
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## ACROSS

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6 Netting  
10 Skulk about  
14 "20,000 Leagues" author  
15 Ms. Bombek  
16 Fiery gem  
17 PC message (hyph.)  
18 Carpe —  
19 Fat cat's victim  
20 Expensive  
22 Lingerie buy  
24 1040 agcy.  
26 Break  
27 Driving permit  
31 Reagan nick-name  
32 Lamp-plug part  
33 UFO passenger  
36 Antenna type  
39 Is on the go  
40 Fern foliage  
41 Fingerprint, e.g.  
42 Even one  
43 Social stratum  
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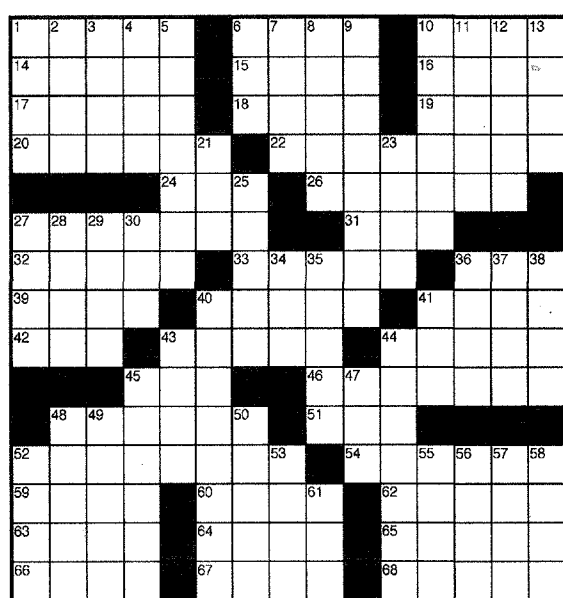
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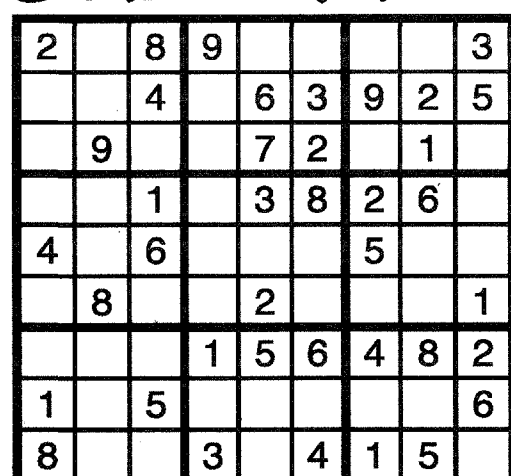


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- 36 Humerus  
37 Bruised  
38 Service charges  
40 Trivia tidbits  
41 High note  
43 Gator kin  
44 Awful  
45 Baja girlfriends  
47 Spacewalk, to NASA  
48 The One-Lama  
49 Use, as force  
50 Painter's device  
52 Raccoon face  
53 Bedtime story  
55 Loafer, maybe  
56 Historical periods  
57 Philosopher — Descartes  
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61 Nanny's charge



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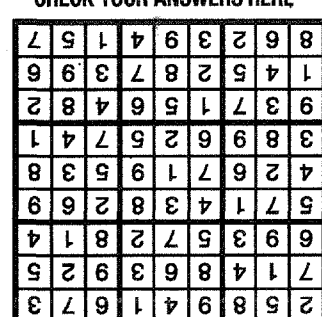
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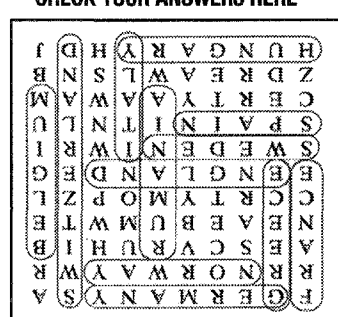
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