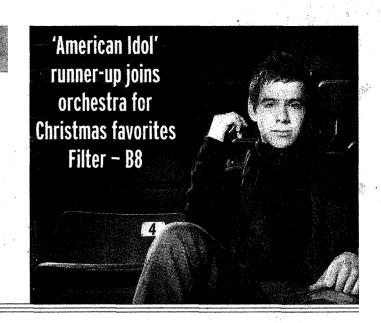
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Food help

Canton is now participating in "The Emergency Food Assistance Program," a supplemental food program for all income-eligible Wayne County residents.

The first distribution is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec.16, at the Summit on the Park. Distribution will continue on the third Wednesday of each month. All recipients must become certified for eligibility, meeting two criteria: 130 percent of Federal Poverty Income for people under 60 years old, and 160 percent for people 60 and older.

Methods by which house-hold may demonstrate eligibility include Food Stamp Card, W-2 form, Medicaid, income tax return and self-declaration. Households must be located in Canton. Methods by which household may demonstrate eligibility include driver's license, state ID, utility bill, Medicaid card and self-declaration.

Canton will host a certification of recipients 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec.8, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 9-11 a.m. in the lower level of Canton's Administration Building. Recipients not currently on any governmental program will need to provide documentation such as birth certificates or social security cards declaring number of household members.

For more information, call (734) 394-5185.

Toy drive

Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children, and there's still time to donate a new, unwrapped toy through Dec. 13 at a Canton Leisure Services location.

The following facilities are collecting holiday gifts with individual fun themes. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be collecting "Arts and Crafts." The Canton Sports Center will be collecting "Sporting Equipment." The Summit on the Park will be collecting "Fun and Games." The Leisure Services offices will also be a collection site.

"So many families are feeling the impact of the economic situation in our community this holiday season," said Marion Rozum of the Canton Goodfellows. "The Canton community continues to show its generosity and supports 'No Child Without A Christmas.' Every gift and every dollar stays within Canton and goes to help the children of our community."

Cash donations and gift cards are also welcomed and can be dropped off at the Leisure Services Department. For more information, call (734) 394-5360 or visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Canton hits all notes with holiday shows



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Standing in front of The Village Theater are (from left) Johnny Evans of the Howling Diablos, Chris Polite of The Infatuations, Tino Gross of the Diablos, Christian Draheim of The Infatuations and DJ Zack Daniels of Canton's Cherry Martini.

Diablos set for Village Theater 'house party'

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton — the township that rocks.

Doubt it? Don't.

Detroit's own Howling
Diablos, a bluesy, soulful rock
group that headlines its own
shows and has opened for
the likes of George Clinton's
Parliament-Funkadelic, Alice
Cooper, Incubus and ZZ Top,
is set to follow one of the area's
newest bands, The Infatuations,
on stage during an 8 p.m.
Thanksgiving Eve bash at The
Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Theater doors, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, open at 7:30 p.m., and \$12 tickets for the all-ages show are available at the box office, at Canton's Summit on the Park or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Band members seemed eager to play the 400-seat venue during interviews Tuesday afternoon inside the nearby Cherry Martini, where owner Wally Kalled and DJ Zack Daniels are planning a post-concert gathering. Daniels also will entertain the crowd before the show and during intermission.

After playing venues as large as The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Howling Diablos welcome the opportunity to play timetested tunes and tracks from their latest album, *Divine Trash Highway*, at The Village Theater.

"It's more like a house party," vocalist Tino Gross said. "You're right up in everybody's face."

Sax/harp player Johnny Evans agreed. "It's more like a



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club," he said.

Their 90-minute set will include guitarists Mo Hollis and Erik Gustafson, drummer Jerome Day, keyboardist Jimmie Bones from Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker Band and an appearance by Sean Forbes of the Deaf Performing Arts Network, who has signed songs on MTV videos.

As of late, music from Divine
Trash Highway — the Howling
Diablos' fourth full-length album

— has gained television recognition on the E! Channel's *Keeping Up With the Kardashians* and MTV's *Road Rules Challenge*.

"We're getting a lot of mileage off TV," Gross said.

Raised on Detroit rock, the Howling Diablos' style blends funk, blues and soul music with rock, and their sound has broadened to include elements of jazz and hip-hop. The band is eager

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Canton vocalist brings soul home

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The morning after Barack Obama was elected president, singer Dan "Dahsoulman" Carter of Canton felt so inspired he sat down and wrote a new song, Where Were You When, in one day.

"I felt just an awesome sense of pride," said Carter, lead vocalist for the Detroit area band MFTMO (Music From The Mind Of) ... Z-Man, a six-man group that brings its neo-blues set, flavored with rock and soul, to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill for an 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, show.

Where Were You When is one of the songs Z-Man will perform during a CD release event featuring its 13-song, self-titled record. The band takes the stage for an all-ages show after first showing a "rockumentary" revealing the evolution of Z-Man, a group that formed last year to deliver a style of music it calls "eclectic urban tonic."

"We're something of a jam band," Z-Man leader and videographer Donald Louis Anthony, a Detroit guitarist and vocalist, said Monday afternoon as he and Carter talked about the band during an interview in Carter's home.

Concert tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Village Theater box office at 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton's Summit on the Park or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Weaving blues, rock and soul into its music, Z-Man will perform its 13 songs — 10 written by Anthony, three by Carter — during a live show in which Anthony said the intensity "gets kicked up a notch."

MFTMO ... Z-Man gets its name from an unpublished story about a dimension-crossing, science-fiction character created by one of Anthony's friends, Ephraim Gate. Anthony and Carter will be joined on-stage by bassist JB3 (John Baker III), keyboardist J. Emmanuel, percussionist and cowbell extraordinaire Billie Wayne and drummer Ike Whitener. Drummer G. Davis Jr. played on the CD but isn't part of the concert.

Z-Man typically performs in venues from Detroit to Ann Arbor, including the last Canton Art Fair, and it garnered attention in March during a 288-hour music tribute to the

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Donald Louis Anthony, left, and Dan Carter are part of the Z-Man group that performs at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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Police still seek cause of Ford Road accident

BY DARRELL CLEM
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As Canton authorities piece together what caused a Garden City driver to cross the median and hit two cars in rush-hour Ford Road traffic, one of four people has been released from a hospital, police confirmed.

The accident happened Friday evening on Ford Road near I-275, one of Canton's most accident-prone stretches of highway.

A 5-year-old Westland girl has been released from the University of Michigan Hospital, but her 30-year-old mother and 8-year-old sibling remain hospitalized, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Garden City woman who police say crossed the median also remains hospitalized after she was taken to Oakwood Hospital.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Wednesday the police department's specialized accident investigation team is continuing to investigate what caused the multiple-injury accident that snarled traffic shortly after 6 p.m. on Canton's busiest thoroughfare. A 5-year-old Westland girl has been released from the University of Michigan Hospital, but her 30-year-old mother and 8-year-old sibling remain hospitalized, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said Wednesday.

The Garden City woman was driving her car west on Ford Road when she crossed the median and struck two eastbound vehicles, Gajeski said.

A 59-year-old woman driving the first car that was struck received only minor injuries, but a second vehicle driven by the Westland mother was hit head-on, Gajeski said.

The mother was airlifted to U-M Hospital, and her two children were taken there by ambulance. The 5-year-old girl has since been released, Gajeski said.

The Garden City driver, taken to Oakwood for serious injuries, also remains hospitalized.

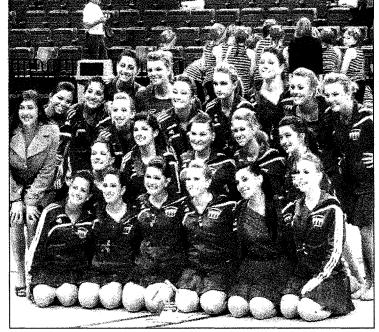
Police hadn't released the identities of people involved in the accident.

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Rockettes rule

The Varsity Salem Rockette Pom team took first place in the jazz category at the Mid-American Pom Pon Dance Championship Competition at Eastern Michigan University. The varsity team, coached by Heather Cornell, will compete in two categories Sunday in the UDA Competition. Members of the varsity include Amanda Hynes, Lexie Hotz, Kate Balsis, Shannon Cornell, Lauren Donaldson, Olivia Fuller, Michelle Hunsaker, Michelle Lent, Rachael Nosewicz, Nicole Vance, Katie Arnold, Mary-Liz Benintende, Alyssa Engle, Mary Colon, Stephanie Fogoros, Sarah Johnson, Taylor Liddane, Jenna Newman, Morgan Rice, Jessica VanOoyen and Marissa Ziegler.



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Corriveau coffee

State Representative Marc Corriveau is hosting a coffee hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford Road, in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 981-0200.

Passion for Fashion

Indigo Salon and Day Spa and the Village Theater present the first "Jingle Bell Benefit, Passion for Fashion" 7:30-9 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater.

Passion for Fashion is dedicated to raising funds for the

Canton Goodfellows Gifts for Kids program. With your help Indigo will be able to provide over 600 children in need with the Christmas of a lifetime. Half of all proceeds received from the 2009 Jingle Bell Benefit, Passion for Fashion will be used to purchase Christmas gifts' for

Businesses interested in making a donation can contact Meghan Giersdorf, Indigo Salon and Day Spa, 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton by email at marketing@indigosalonanddayspa.com or by calling (734) 961-3245.

Craft show

those in need.

St. Thomas a'Becket Church, located at 555 S. Lilley in Canton, is accepting applications for its annual Christmas

Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

All interested crafters should e-mail stabcraftshow@yahoo. com or call (734) 981-1333.

Historical display

A new display for the Canton Historical Society honors local past and present troops. "Canton answers the call on the battle front and home front" featuring objects and photographs helps visitors examine the lives of Canton residents as they faced difficult and immense challenges.

The exhibit honors the commitment and sacrifice made in the past and continuing through the present.

The exhibit will run through Dec. 12 during museum hours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For addition information, or for anyone who would like to loan items for the display, contact the museum at (734) 397-0088.

Doctor documentary

Audiences across the country will get a rare inside look into the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Doctors Without Borders at the Goodrich Quality Theater-Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Rd, Canton, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14.

"Living in Emergency: Stories of Doctors Without Borders LIVE with Elizabeth Vargas" is an exclusive, onenight only event, which will be broadcast via satellite from New York University's Skirball Center for the Performing Arts to thousands of Americans seated in nearly 450 movie theaters across the country.

Doctors Without Borders gave a documentary crew unlimited and uncensored access to its field operations in war-torn Congo and postconflict Liberia. The critically acclaimed documentary, "Living in Emergency," interweaves the stories of four doctors who are forced to confront the limits of their idealism in the face of $overwhelming\ medical\ needs.$

Following the documentary, Elizabeth Vargas, anchor of ABC News 20/20, will moderate a LIVE town-hall discussion with frontline aid workers and award-winning journalists, including Sebastian Junger, best-selling author of The Perfect Storm and Vanity Fair contributing editor.

To purchase tickets, visit www.FathomEvents.com/doctorswithoutborders

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.

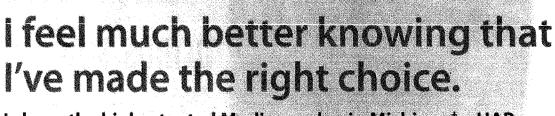
Cost is \$50. Details can be found and tickets purchased at www.pcep1994.com

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

Entertainment books

The Beckridge Chorale is selling the 2010 Entertainment Book to support its vocal scholarship program. The book contains hundreds of 2-for-1 and 50percent discounts at airlines, restaurants, hotels, car rentals, movie rentals, theater and sports events, and much more.

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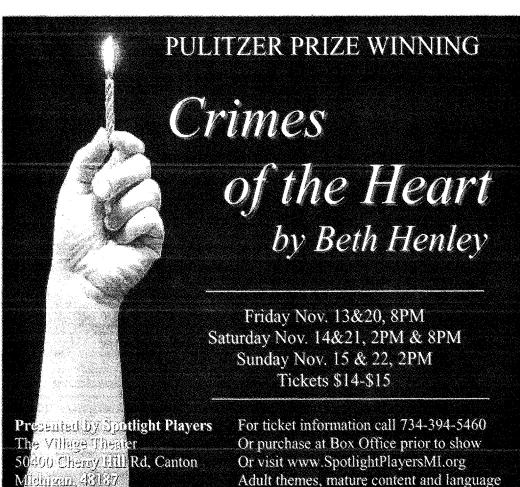
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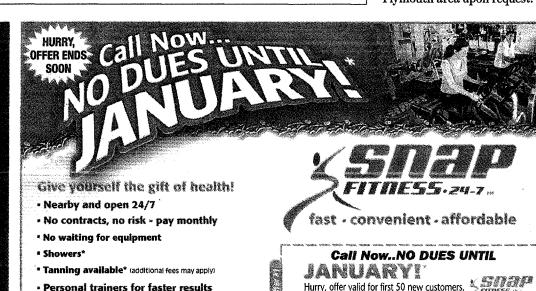
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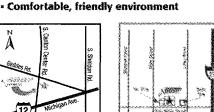
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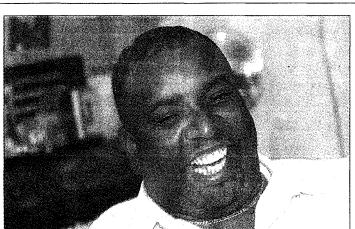
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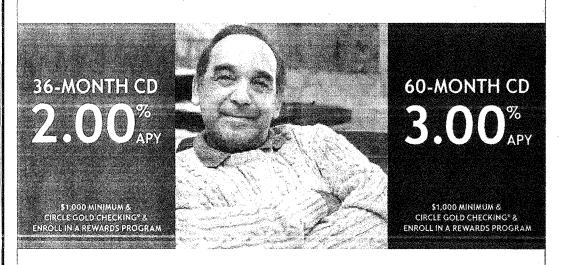


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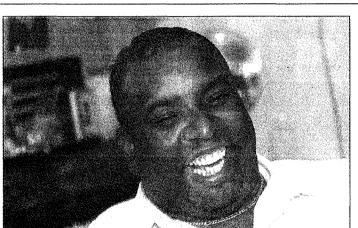
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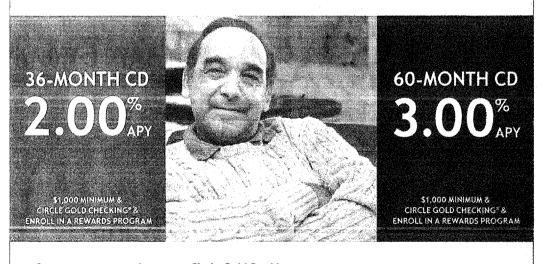


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St. Joe's facility drawing raves as opening nears

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As St. Joseph Mercy Health System prepares Sunday to publicly unveil its new Canton facility expansion, the project is drawing accolades from township officials.

Hospital officials plan to show the Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery during an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday at 1600 S. Canton Center, just north of Palmer.

"The St. Joe's Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery is a beautiful new facility, township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We have enjoyed a long-standing relationship with St. Joe's and are excited about the wonderful new services they are bringing to the community."

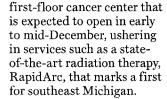
St. Joseph has invested \$43 million in its Canton facility — much of it in medical technology inside the twostory, 53,000-square-foot facility. The addition marks a vast expansion of an 85,000square-foot building that opened 11 years ago.

"It's a huge investment in the community to our health infrastructure," Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

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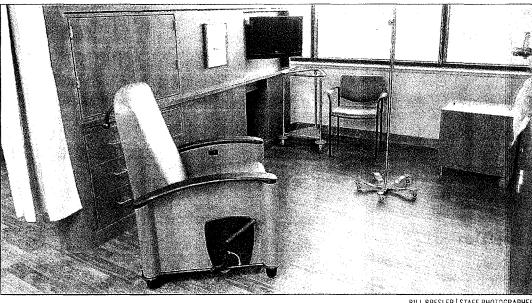
A second-floor outpatient surgery center for minimally invasive procedures is expected to open in late spring.

"Without having a full-service hospital, the expansion of medical services is important

to provide service in our back yard," Goulet said, adding that such services will become even more critical as the township demographics change and residents age.

Goulet also said the new center will make it convenient for St. Joseph patients who now have to go to Ann Arbor for outpatient surgery proce-

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Patients receiving chemotherapy have a private area that overlooks a 'healing garden.' St. Joseph Mercy opens its expanded facility in Canton Sunday.

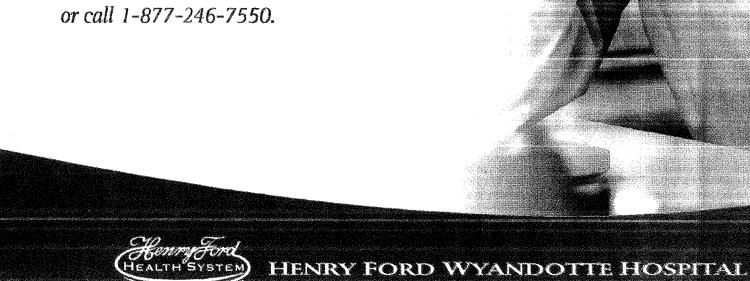
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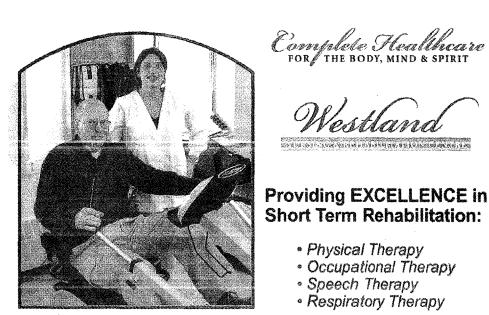
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SHOPPING TIPS

Getting started on your holiday decorating? Check back Dec. 3 for the "Decorating for the Holidays" special page!

ADVERTISING FEATURE

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THE SURPRISING HIDDEN COSTS OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING - AND HOW TO BEAT THEM

As we head into this holiday season, shoppers will start to plan their holiday gift lists, hit the stores and start shopping. Getting the most for your holiday shopping dollars this year will not only be about sticking to a budget, but managing valuable time to spend on shopping for the holidays.

Bing.com commissioned University of Washington Economist Ali Tarhouni to analyze data on consumer shopping behavior and found the time spent holiday shopping could be more valuable than you might

• Research reveals that an average American can expect a \$114 savings, or roughly 10 percent savings per transaction in time and material cost this holiday season by reducing the running around typically associated with holiday shopping.

Y Shoppers could make an average of 5.4 trips to the mall for holiday shopping this coming season, which is equivalent to an average of \$98 for lost working productivity and approximately \$16 for gas, according to Tarhouni's research.

• A typical consumer visits an average of five stores, shops for an average of two hours and spends an average of \$150 per mall trip during the holiday season, according to a survey by Baker Retail Initiative and Verde Group Research. Conducting research by comparison shopping online before heading into stores or making purchases online can help reduce the amount of time and money spent.

Mary Hunt, personal finance expert and author of "Debt Proof Living," believes it's important to be smart in the way you approach your holiday shopping so you can avoid these hidden costs and be more productive this holiday season.

"This season it is all about value, and time is often a more precious resource than money," says Hunt. "If we consider how valuable each hour of our holiday shopping experience is, consider how much more valuable spending time with loved ones is, or volunteering at a local food bank. Shopping is about efficiency this time of year, and it's about using the tools available to make better purchasing decisions faster."

Hunt offers a few tips to help you make faster and more informed shopping decisions this holiday season:

• Use tools available online: when creating your holiday shopping plan, start online. You can organize your list, set your budget and comparison shop fast and efficiently.

Sites like Bing.com offer comprehensive user and expert reviews, and you can choose to shop entirely online, or hit the mall more empowered to find what you want in less time.

• Shop alone. Take the kids to the mall to see the Holiday sights and sounds and enjoy hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls, but shop alone when you are not distracted or pressured. Shopping solo gives you the luxury to compare, contemplate and change your mind.

• Keep organized with an exclusive online shopping e-mail account and keep all receipts. Create an e-mail address that you use exclusively for online shopping. Now it will be a snap to keep all your invoices and receipts together in one place where they can be easily retrieved. Returns are always easiest when you have the receipt. Ask for "gift receipts" that do not show the dollar amounts to give to your recipient just in case the sweater doesn't fit or the color is all wrong. A stack of envelopes, each with the name of a person on your list, is the best way to stay organized.

 Shop early to take advantage of deals and free shipping. If you wait until the last moment you may spend all your savings on overnight shipping. Shop early when you have the luxury of the cheaper and slower — delivery options.

• Get cash back. More online retailers than ever are offering cash back this holiday season. Try Bing cashback for cash rewards on purchases from more than a thousand of your favorite retailers including Walmart, Target, HP, Nordstrom and eBay.

Bing shopping offers you a single destination to shop and get cashback from more than 1,000 retailers nationwide. You'll reduce your online shopping time with features including search result filters, comprehensive shopping results and opinion ranking

Bing cashback allows you to set up an account and receive actual cash back on qualifying purchases. The site tells you up front what items will qualify and how much you'll save. Money is deposited into your account and you can ask for a payout 60 days (varies by merchants) after purchases as long as your account total tops \$5.

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GET THE MOST VALUE OUT OF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

What is the hottest holiday gift-giving trend this season? It's all about getting the most bang for your buck.

"Shopping for the holidays this year is all about finding value and stretching your dollar to get the most out of your purchases," says Steve Kemble, 'America's Sassiest Lifestyle Guru' and General Growth Properties (GGP) gift-giving expert. "Knowing the secrets to finding the best deals and creating a successful shopping strategy will get you the most value as you shop for family and friends this holiday season."

To help make your holiday shopping experience a success, Kemble offers his top tips for a foolproof holiday shopping plan:

Tip 1: Subscribe to your local mall's e-mail list

Be the first to find out about the hottest deals by joining the e-mail list of your local mall. By adding yourself to these lists, you may be alerted of upcoming sales, or even receive special coupons or invitations to shopping events or promotions. Visit www. MerryGiving.com to find your local GGP mall Web site and register to receive exclusive news, retail offers and much more.

Tip 2: Buy early and late

Be a savvy shopper and buy gifts throughout the year when you find a good sale. By planning ahead and crossing some items off your list before the holidays, you can avoid feeling pressured into last-minute purchases and find a few gifts during late-season sales when some stores offer deeper discounts.

Tip 3: Buy last year's model

Skip the lines and the steep prices by buying last year's models on electronics that have likely seen up to 30 percent price cuts. Today's cutting-edge technological advancements in Mp3 players and digital cameras don't come cheap, so carefully consider the added value they offer. Do your research and find out if those extra pixels or special features are essential for the person you are shopping for. If you pay close attention, you

may find that last year's model does 95 percent of the things that this year's model does, but at 70 percent of the price.

Tip 4: Comparison shop

Being organized is crucial to developing a successful holiday shopping strategy. Start a list of items you need to purchase and watch for ads in the newspaper, on television, and in your mall subscription alerts starting in early November. Then make your purchases wherever you find the best deals or most compelling promotions. For example, participating GGP malls all over the country are offering special retail offers on Thanksgiving weekend, including \$10 GGP Gift Cards with qualifying purchases, and free holiday "Mistle-Tote" giveaways full of retailer goodies, while supplies last. Check out www.MerryGiving. com for more event information.

Tip 5: Find value in the season's hottest gifts

Finally, once you have planned the perfect the holiday shopping strategy, keep your eyes open for these hot holiday gifts that can offer great value. Eco-chic is in now more than ever, and many gifts put a hip spin on being environmentally friendly by using renewable materials that are both functional and ecoresponsible. For the techie on your list, smart phones are the do-it-all tool that keeps families connected with each other and the rest of the world. The latest smart phone technology is more affordable than ever - even free with a new contract or group plan - and available across a variety of carriers. Finally, for your fashionista friend, remember that high fashion doesn't necessarily have to come with a high price tag. Give big, bold accessories that make a stylish statement without breaking the bank.

To find more ways to get the most value out of the holidays log on to www.MerryGiving. com where you can explore details of exclusive shopping events, retailer sales, and a special partnership with Martha Stewart Living magazine, all taking place at participating GGP malls across the country.

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Great season, tough ending for hometown marchers

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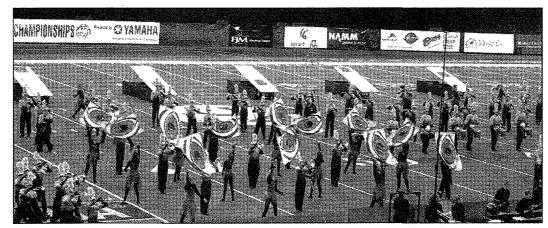
After a stellar in-state season of first-place trophies, culminating in the highest score of all 40 high school marching bands at the Michigan Competing Marching Band State Finals, and a secondplace Bands of America Regional finish, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took 13th at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday, very narrowly missing placement in the top 12 finalist bands.

"This was a little shock to us," admitted David Armbruster, director of bands at the Park. "They have definitely come a long way this year. They got 10 times better this week alone, but this is the most competitive nationals we've had in easily 20 years. The good thing is that everything is a learning experience. I told them I was very proud of

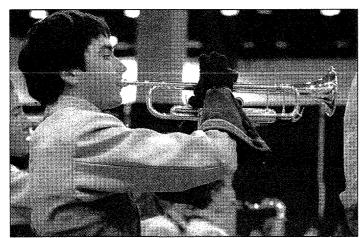
After a spectacular pre-liminary performance of their show, "Beneath the Surface," on Friday netted them a score of 91.35 and placed them sixth among the top 30 high school marching bands in the nation, narrowed from a field of 91, an early draw for their semi-finals performance Saturday had the 170-member hometown team rising at 5 a.m. and performing at 9:30 a.m. with just the basic warm-ups, but no runthrough.

Band members and staff realized the second performance wasn't at the same level

as the first. "In the prelims, we really knocked it out, but Saturday



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band delivered a crowd-pleasing performance of their innovative and eerily entertaining competition program, 'Beneath the Surface,' based on the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium.



Trumpet player William Garcia warms up before the P-CMB semifinals performance at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday.

was a little different," said senior drum major Caroline Williams. "There were a couple of mistakes. Those things happen and you can't change things."

Even so, the average of the two scores from prelims and semi-finals (86.45) would have given the P-CMB a ninth-place overall. But placements for finals are based on semi-final scores alone, landing them in

the 13th slot.

P-CMB has never placed lower than 15th at the Grand Nationals, winning the championship title in 1990, 1991, and 1999. This year three other Michigan bands also made semi-finals, but no Michigan bands advanced to finals.

In spite of the disappointment of not making it into the finalist bands this year, the Plymouth-Canton Band made it a point to cheer on those

"Band is a great thing," said senior flutist Alex Rodriguez. "And we all have so much in common - we all pour our hearts and souls into these shows. And even though our band can't personally be out there competing in finals, it's wonderful to support people like us who work as hard as we do. Even though I would love to be out there, I have nothing but well wishes for these bands. I'm very, very proud of them."

Many of the P-CMB parents, who provide a tremendous amount of support through the booster organization - building props, sewing and washing uniforms, and fund-raising among other things - were in those Colts' bleachers cheering

"We were disappointed for them," said Sharon Hardin of the hometown marchers. Her daughter Cassie is a senior in the guard this year. "But, at the same time, we're glad for the other bands. It was a really strong field this year."



Rifles fly high as the Plymouth-Canton guard section practices maneuvers while the saxophone section, including from right, Erin Zaluzec, Justine Williams, and Grace Wine warm up before their semifinals performance Saturday at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.









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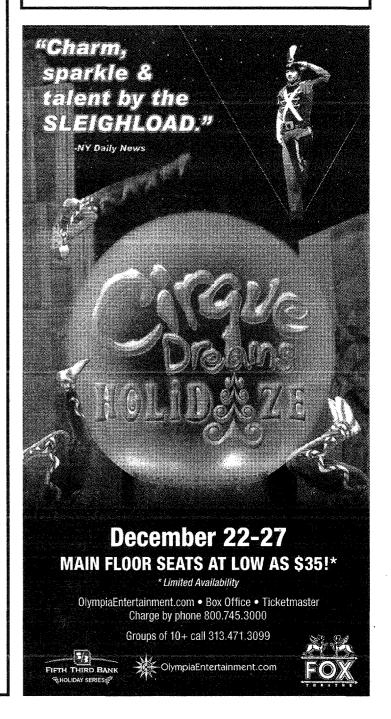
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OUR VIEWS

Bond performance provides good bang for the buck

Work has begun on the last big project to be paid for with funds from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' 2004 bond.

And while crews are renovating the front of Salem High School, using what is now the courtyard to ultimately create needed classroom space, a thought occurs to us.

The district got a pretty good bang for its \$109 million buck.

The Salem courtyard renovation project was the 25th bid package put out under the bond. With each package came 3-5 projects, which puts the total number of projects around 100, give or take a few.

Work was done on 26 of the district's buildings, and every building except one built before 2000 had renovation work of some sort done on it. The lone exception is Central Middle School, which district officials agree has outlived its usefulness as a school. The district has reconvened its Strategic Planning Committee, and the Central Middle School issue will be near the top of its priority list.

The performance under the auspices of the 2004 bond represents a confluence of efforts from administrators - primarily assistant superintendent Ken Jacobs - and construction managers at both TMP and McCarthy & Smith. According to district officials, every project came in on time and under budget, an amazing accomplishment considering the economy, the nature of the work, Michigan weather and human nature.

Don't think it's impressive? Ask Ann Arbor school officials, who had a host of problems getting its new Skyline High School up and running some two years later than originally projected.

That's not to say everything went smoothly. There were problems at West Middle School with issues relating to concrete. There were issues at the administration building with the quality of materials being used. There were weather issues, particularly a rainy August that left, for instance, a problem not-so-lovingly dubbed "Lake Gallimore" in front of Gallimore Elementary, where a new bus entrance/exit was being installed.

Despite those issues, district officials also hang their hat on the bond creating something woefully missing these days, especially in Michigan: Jobs. According to McCarthy & Smith officials, the 2004 bond created some 760,000 manhours of labor. employing some 50 people a day.

Plymouth-Canton board members and administrators have had plenty of financial issues with which to deal lately. They've made some \$20 million worth of cuts the last eight years or so, and it still won't be good enough because the state can't get its financial act together.

The district has its critics, who think the estimated \$8 million the district saved by being on time and under budget so much should have gone back into the budget, rather than into more projects.

But officials knew there was work needed around the district they might not ever have the money to accomplish. Having seen bond proposals rejected in 2006 and 2007, they understand voters aren't necessarily in an approving mood.

They also look at the economy, understand the financial situation and don't wish to burden their residents with another bond.

But they also understood their buildings had infrastructure needs, and by taking care of those needs with savings realized in the 2004 bond, administrators have put the vast majority of their buildings in good shape for the next 15-20 years.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

 In response to the story "Canton OKs \$40k for road service":

MikeAndro wrote:

"I applaud Trustee Pat Williams for voting against subsidizing Wayne County to the tune of \$40,000 to plow roads the county is responsible for maintaining. The fact that the county has received this misappropriation of Canton Township funds for 17 years shows how easily the county can shirk its legal duties. This is one of the very reasons I ran for Trustee last year. The days of Canton being "the nice guy" who will financially cover for the "sorry we have no money" county has to stop! I am more than just holding my nose over this bad decision by the board."

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Why do you think turnout is low for local elections, such as the school board?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think because the government doesn't care about us like they should, so why should we vote. If they don't care, why should we?" **Jeffrey Barton**

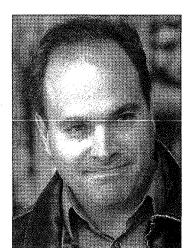
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"Because people aren't as involved anymore. With local government, they feel distant. They feel it's unimportant."

Marko Harbar

Canton



"We should have the election on a Sunday when more people don't have to work."

Peter Theodorakakos

Canton



"I think people just aren't educated about the issues, and they don't feel like their vote makes a difference."

Kara Kirk

Canton

LETTERS

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Not helpful

A fine example of some political hack wasting \$32,000, plus the cost of her sal-

The young man's quote, "It does sound a lot easier sometimes," he said, noting that it should help emergency personnel find locations as well.

Besides being uninformed, his comment is downright scary. Does it mean if I don't have a colored flag in front of my home, I'll die in the flames?

After spending many hundreds of thousands of dollars to put up new lighting in

the area, alas, they hang junk on them. Narrowing a search for a business down to a quarter-mile stretch on both sides of

Len Roberts

Canton

Useless walls

Ford Road isn't too helpful.

After reading the article in the Nov. 12 paper about a trimmed budget for Canton and where the painful trimming was taken, I'm wondering where money allocated for the four walls on the I-275 and Ford Road intersection came from.

Does Canton really need more walls? Isn't every intersection on Ford Road and other places in the township enough? I'm all for my tax money being used for police protection or fire protection, but beautification such as brick walls and streetlights by the hundreds should be left up to the taxpayers of this great township and not the elected officials.

Let's start to be a place that shows we are smart in the way we use our tax dollars to run our community and think it out before building more useless walls.

Robert Denstedt

Canton

Legion thanks

Wednesday, Nov. 11, was a beautiful fall day that reminded us of the blessing of living in this area, in this free country. At 11 a.m., the Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth was the perfect background for the remembering and commemorating all veterans, past and present, who made, and continue to make, the sacrifices that enable the rest of us to enjoy this great life. We cannot thank them enough!

Earlier in the day, our group was honored to cook and serve breakfast to more than 60 people. Many veterans and their friends and families enjoyed the opportunity to eat, talk and do lots of reminiscing. This was our way of saying thank you to them.

We especially want to thank Bob Evans of Canton (on Ford Road) for again donating the pancake mix, sausages and other needed items for the breakfast. Their generous participation is very helpful to our organization.

We also want to thank our friends and families who got up very early that day to come and help do the cooking and then stayed to clean up!

We hope that you join us next year - same time, same place. We meet at the IOOF Hall on Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail the third Monday of the month. It's a great group with a great cause.

If you want more information, please call (734)459-1778.**Eunice Taylor**

American Legion Auxiliary

Put families first

I am a pediatrician and a mother, living and working in Thaddeus McCotter's district. While I fully expected that Rep. McCotter would not vote for the health reform bill, I did not expect that he would vote "yes" on the other health care proposal considered that day.

This health care plan, known as "the Boehner substitute," was clearly not written in the best interests of improving the quality of health care in this country. Rather, this proposal was cleverly drafted to best serve the needs of the insurance industry.

According to the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office which looked into this bill, eight out of 10 Americans would only see a 3-percent drop in insurance premiums under the best-case scenario and thousands of uninsured and underinsured families would receive no help whatsoever.

Fortunately, a health care reform bill passed without the assistance of Rep. McCotter's vote, but this is only the first act in a three-act play. Next the health care reform bill will move to the Senate for debate before finally heading to the conference committee to work out the differences between the successful House reform bill and what ultimately clears the U.S. Senate. As a doctor, I won't pretend to know exactly how to fix every problem with our current system, but I do know we just can't ignore these problems any longer. We all need a health care reform bill to hit President Obama's desk.

As a doctor, I talk to families every day who have suffered from the effect that this economy has had on their ability to keep health insurance. I recently spoke with a young family who is struggling to continue making Cobra payments since the husband was laid off from his job. His wife continues to work full time, but her job doesn't offer health insurance and she has a "pre-existing condition." Even though their monthly Cobra payments are higher than their mortgage payment, this young family simply cannot afford to miss an insurance payment. Under the reform plan that passed the House, the days of families choosing between health care and a roof over their heads will come to an end.

Another patient, a laid-off auto worker, is struggling to care for his son, who was recently diagnosed with autism. I lose sleep when I think that both mom and dad now work as many hours as they can get at part-time jobs that, of course, do not provide health insurance. While they feel lucky to have work, they simply can't afford the therapy their beautiful 2-year-old boy really needs given their underemployment situation.

I, as a mother, doctor and citizen, am very concerned that during these trying times my representative seems to be working in direct opposition to the needs of the working families in my neighborhood. This behavior on his part is nothing short of irresponsible. As this process moves forward, I hope that my neighbors, patients and friends will join with me in urging Rep. McCotter to put families first and stop playing politics with our health

Kathryn Bondy Fessler, M.D., Ph.D.

staff physician, Integrated Health Associates research fellow, University of Michigan

Hospice month

We seek your help in letting your readers know about National Hospice Month and, more importantly, about the services available to them from their local hospices.

Sponsored by both the National Hospice & Palliative Care and Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Organizations, this special month pays tribute to hospice providers, who are dedicated to providing physical, spiritual and emotional support to terminally ill patients; it also serves as a means of increasing public awareness about the available choices in end-of-life care.

As you may know, Arbor Hospice is a 501(c) not-for-profit organization committed to improving end of life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in southeast Michigan, and taking care of their loved ones as well. As a nonprofit, they also provide free grief support services to the community at large.

Health care professionals who specialize in hospice and palliative care work closely with staff and volunteers to address all the symptoms of illness, with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity.

Please help us spread the word about National Hospice Month and raise public awareness of the great support services provided by Arbor Hospice, which serves patients in Wayne, Oakland, Monroe, Washtenaw, Lenawee and Livingston counties and has offices in Ann Arbor, Plymouth and Woodhaven.

If you have any questions about National Hospice Month, hospice services or would like to make a donation to Arbor Hospice. please call (888) 992-2273 or visit www. arborhospice.org.

Gloria Danna Brooks

president and CEO, Arbor Hospice

Hope for the hurting

It was a time of shock, shame and secret for me when I lost my teenaged nephew to suicide in the 1980s. Back then, I shared the nature of my loss with few friends and fewer co-workers.

Working now with the professionals I've come to know in the last year and a half as a staff member at Angela Hospice, it's good to know such wonderful resources are available for those who need them.

Each day I hear family members share stories of how the social workers, volunteers and bereavement staff have helped them through the most challenging weeks and months of their lives.

Last year at our Children's Holiday Workshop, I was impressed with the straightforward and direct way the pediatric bereavement specialist spoke to children about loss. Like many of our events, including the Walk of Remembrance and Tree of Life, the workshop proved to be cathartic and perhaps a stepping stone to one's healing process. Angela Hospice was the second hospice in the country to offer a prenatal program, and I can't imagine any other way to survive such a loss.

Here in metro Detroit, I recognize I am fortunate not only to have a job, but to have such meaningful work in an atmosphere that contributes to the healing and wellbeing of its community's most basic need - hope - is truly a blessing.

> Barb lovan Livonia

Cell phones for Soldiers

Nationwide effort keeps troops connected

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Patt Carlson heard about Cell Phones for Soldiers, she immediately wanted to get involved. The nationwide program collects used cell phones and turns them into pre-paid calling cards for troops overseas.

"I thought it was a cool idea," said Carlson. "I just thought it was a wonderful effort."

Carlson is director of operations for Pogoda Management Co., a Farmington Hills-based business that manages 34 storage units throughout Michigan and Ohio. Each location will collect cell phones through December, and Carlson said the donation boxes are already more than half full.

She said the self-storage facilities are a natural fit for the program, because customers are often moving or downsizing and sorting through all their stuff.

"It's amazing how many phones people throw away,' she said. "I went through my drawer and found three."

Old cell phones may seem obsolete next to shiny new iPhones and Blackberries, but they are actually loaded with value. Each donated cell phone is sent for recycling to ReCellular, an international company based in Dexter.

According to ReCellular's Mike Newman, about half the phones are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in more than 40 countries around the world. The rest are harvested for components like gold, silver and plati-

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS



num from circuit boards; copper wiring from phone chargers; nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs; and plastic from phone cases and accesso-

For each donated phone, ReCellular pays enough to provide a soldier with one hour of talk time.

YOUNG FOUNDERS

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Berquist of Norwell, Mass., after they read an article about a soldier who ran up a huge cell phone bill calling home from Iraq. The siblings started the nonprofit using \$21 of their own money, and it has since raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers abroad.

Through increased fund-raising efforts, the Bergquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years and expand into providing other services such as video phones.

More than 150,000 troops are currently serving overseas, and Carlson said it's especially important to help them stay connected with loved ones during the holidays.

"Our troops are representing all of us so we should support them," she

Visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers. com to find a drop-off site near you, or to print materials and create your own collection box. You can also download a cell phone data eraser, pre-paid shipping labels and donation

IKEA

CANTON - IKEA Social Initiative will donate \$1 to UNICEF and Save the Children for each soft toy sold during some weeks leading up to the holiday season. IKEA has donated \$16.7 million since launching the effort in 2003. Visit www.ikea.com for more information.

Holiday Food Drive

LIVONIA - Santa Claus is doling out some extra credit this holiday season to good boys and girls of all ages who bring the gift of non-perishable food to Laurel Park Place during November and December. Laurel Park Place is teaming up with Santa and his elves to collect food and financial donations for City of Livonia and Wayne County's neediest families. As part of Santa Feeds America, the largest nationwide canned food drive ever conducted by a shopping center developer, Laurel Park Place is joining more than 80 CBL properties across the country to collect non-perishable food for distribution to through local food banks. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan will use all donations to provide for those in need during the holidays and into 2010. For more information, visit CBL's Web site, www.cblproperties.com or LaurelParkPlace.com.

Coat Collection Efforts

WESTLAND - The Lands' End Shop at Sears in Westland Center is among Lands' End locations participating in the Big Warm Up, a nationwide initiative to collect coats for those in need across the country. Through Nov. 30 donate a gently used coat to Lands' End Shops at Sears, and receive 20 percent off the purchase of a new Lands End coat. All donated coats will be given to the National Coalition for the Homeless for distribution to homeless people near communities where they are collected. Land's End Shops are also

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located inside Sears at Twelve Oaks Mall and Livonia Mall. Visit www.bigwarmup.com or www.landsend.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - For 18

years, Tapper's Diamonds

and Fine Jewelry has collected new and used coats and accoutrements to help individuals who cannot afford warm clothing through Michigan's harsh winter. This year, other tenants at Orchard Mall also will join the effort. Through Nov. 21, donate coats and cold-weather clothing at Maria's Bridal Couture, Yoga Shelter, Frameable Faces Photography, Eleganza Boutique, Guys N Gals, Gotta Dance, Massage Envy, The Beauty Lounge, Nancy's Linens and Toys! Toys! Toys!. Donations go to various organizations, including Orchards Children's Services, Baldwin Church Center, Grace Centers for Hope, Kids Kicking Cancer, Mercy Health Services and the Detroit Public Schools. Orchard Mall is located at Maple and Orchard Lake Roads.

Buckle Opens at Twelve Oaks

NOVI - in time for the holidays, Twelve Oaks is proud to announce the addition of the fashion-forward clothing retailer Buckle to its diverse lineup of nearly 200 stores and services. Offering a unique mix of high-quality, on-trend apparel, accessories and footwear, Buckle caters to style-conscious young men and women who seek to express their individuality through fashion. Reflecting Buckle's focus on helping

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guests find their favorite jeans, the store carries a wide selection of fits, styles and finishes from leading denim brands, including their exclusive brand BKE. Buckle is also known for its personalized attention, including free hemming, free gift-wrapping, easy layaway and frequent shopper "Primo Cards." Visit www. shoptwelveoaks.com.

New Art Gallery Opens

LIVONIA - The Art Gallery at Town Peddler, Livonia's newest art gallery and showplace, recently held its grand opening. Located within Town Peddler Craft and Antique Mall at 35323 Plymouth Road, The Art Gallery at Town Peddler features works from top local artists with a wide range of styles, media and prices. For more information, call owner Brenda Bumgardner or visit www. townpeddler.com.

Walk of Trees

PLYMOUTH - Reservations are now being taken for the 2009 Walk of Trees. Any resident, group or business is welcome to sponsor and decorate their own Christmas tree in Kellogg Park. Organizations, businesses, Scout troops and families will decorate their trees Nov. 20-22, which will remain on display through Dec. 30. Trees can be reserved for \$75 each. Each tree will be covered in 200 white lights and will be randomly assigned. The fee includes the cost of the tree, lights, signage, disposal fee and other City costs. Call (734) 453-1540 to reserve

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Westland resident Sally Looney points out her mother's name on the 2008 Tree of Life as friend Josephine Giurlanda, also of Westland, looks on.

Tree of Life provides unique holiday tradition

For many shoppers who frequent Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the Angela Hospice Tree of Life is a sight they instantly recognize.

The annual Tree of Life offers individuals the chance to remember and honor their loved ones during the holidays by placing angel ornaments on the trees when they make a donation to Angela Hospice.

For Maureen Mullins, it is

and lighted display that are familiar, but the thousands of names that grace the little gold angels. Mullins works in medical records at Angela Hospice and has talked with countless family members of the many patients whose charts she has processed.

"Being in medical records, I see every name that comes through here," said Mullins, a hospice volunteer. Tree of

her own family, just as it is a tradition for many in the community.

"It is interesting to see the names of patients I recognize from many, many years ago," she said. "Their families still pay tribute to them by putting an ornament on the tree. It is almost overwhelming to see."

Many Angela Hospice supporters visit the Tree of Life each year and attend the open-

one in the community as well. This year's opening took place Saturday. The Tree of Life is located inside Laurel Park, near the Von Maur store.

"I think it's a happy way of remembering people," Mullins said. "People associate losing someone with angels, and it's a way of remembering the people they've lost in a public way, to show they meant something to someone."

Last year more than 4,000 angels decorated the seven trees at Laurel Park Place, each angel representing someone who is loved and thought of at this special time of year. Mullins noted how the Tree of Life has grown in the years she has been involved, and it has become more meaningful to her own family as well.

Mullins helps to set up the display with her husband and daughter, along with other Angela Hospice volunteers. She also takes the opportunity to hang angels in memory of her loved ones, including her father and godmother who were both served by Angela Hospice.

"When we started this event 22 years ago, we couldn't have imagined it growing into what it is today," said Sister Mary Giovanni, president, CEO and founder of Angela Hospice. "I am pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for people to do something special for their loved ones, even those that are no longer with us. I am moved and grateful that so many people take this time to support Angela Hospice programs as well."

The Tree of Life will be on display during mall hours through Dec. 24. For more information on the Tree of Life, contact Angela Hospice events coordinator Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045 or visit www.AskForAngela.com.





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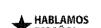
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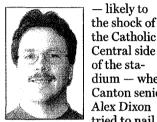


Try to top that

he pigskin tumbled through the air, meeting a brisk wind, toward the

With time running out in the fourth quarter of Saturday's thrilling Division 1 regional football final between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, thousands held their breaths to see where the ball would land.

The undefeated Shamrocks and Tim Baechler's amazing Chiefs were knotted 24-24



Tim Smith

the Catholic Central side of the stadium — when Canton senior Alex Dixon tried to nail a game-winning 47-yard field

- likely to

goal. Almost traveling in slow motion as everybody waited to find out the outcome of Dixon's kick, the football soared — then dipped — finally falling in the end zone a few yards short of the ultimate

Moments later in overtime, Catholic Central scored and Canton didn't. Final, 31-24. Season over for the Chiefs, just when it looked as though it might be extended to the dismay of Blue Nation.

Dixon might have fared better had the Shamrocks' defense not found an answer just in the nick of time. His field-goal try easily could have been shorter and more make-

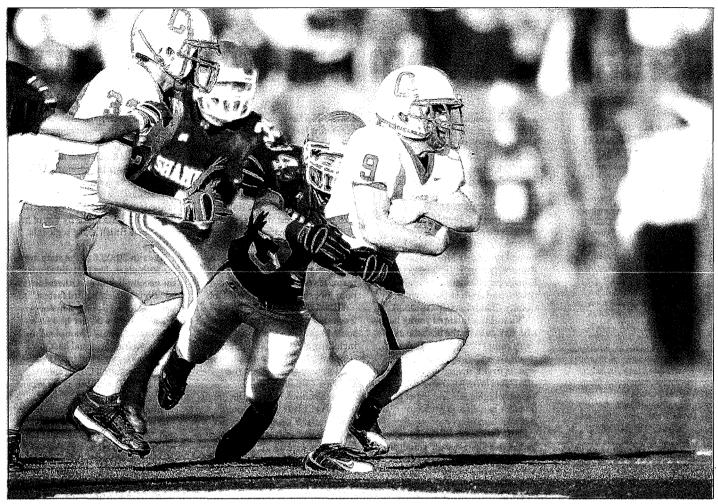
Canton survived a wide-tothe-left field goal try at the other end and then had more than four minutes to go for broke. Most pundits predicted an easy win for CC; it was far from that as the Chiefs bounced back with a vengeance all afternoon.

For example, twice after the Shamrocks scored, a Canton player broke less for TDs on the very first play of the subsequent series.

NOT ENOUGH

In absolute crunch time, the Chiefs moved crisply. It was first-and-10 at the CC 26

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Grabbing hold of Canton senior running back Adam Payter (No. 9) during the final possession of the fourth guarter Saturday is Catholic Central's Diaz Benjamin.

Chiefs nearly shock Shamrocks

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

With blue-clad fans sitting on one side of the field and red-clad fans on the other, the buzz in the air for Saturday's Division 1 regional football game between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central couldn't have been any better.

It's too bad only one team could win. For those spectators, the afternoon tilt turned out to be a real treat with the Shamrocks dodging a major Canton bullet late in regulation and going on to win

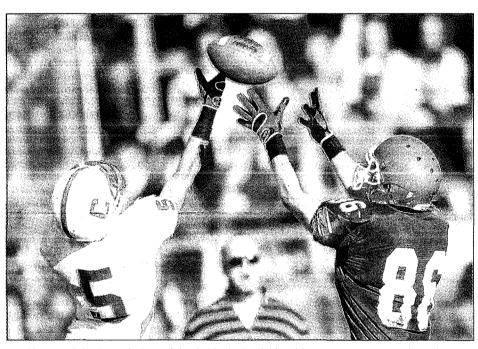
31-24 in overtime. Catholic Central will next face Holt 1 p.m. Saturday at Lansing Everett in a D1

semifinal. "I'm so proud of our guys," said Chiefs' head coach Tim Baechier. "Both teams just played great, both teams deserved to win. There's no loser today."

Echoing those sentiments was Catholic Central's Tom Mach, who watched his team score three touchdowns only to have the Chiefs immediately answer with sixpointers each time.

"I wasn't surprised that they (the Chiefs) kept coming back because they've got great athletes and they did a great job of constantly rebounding," Mach said. "Every time we scored, they scored. It kind of ended up being a classic battle for 48 minutes."

The back-and-forth contest was tied 24-24 after Catholic Central's Justin D'Agostino missed a field goal, giving the



Breaking up a Catholic Central pass intended for junior tight end George Darany (No. 86) is Canton junior defensive back Ryan Powell.

Chiefs a first down from their own 20 with 4:12 remaining.

Canton (10-2) then silenced the Catholic Central fans by moving down to the Shamrocks' 26-yard line with 1:30 to

Senior running back Adam Payter, who gained 174 yards in 16 carries, moved the chains with runs of 13, 12 and six yards. Quarterback Kevin Delapaz also completed a 15-yard toss to Ryan Powell.

ANSWERING THE CALL

But that's where the Shamrocks' defense met the challenge, pushing the Chiefs back to the 30-yard line.

"They played good defense," said junior running back Davion Stackhouse (103

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Ashley Micek of Salem is shown swimming at the recent KLAA tournament. She is one of an impressive contingent qualifying for the Division 1 state meet from the three Plymouth-Canton high schools.

PCEP girls set for ultimate splash

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be quite a contingent from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on hand in Holland, Mich., on Friday when the Division 1 girls swim state meet begins.

The preliminaries are slated for Friday at the Holland Community Aquatic Center with swimmers pushing to continue to Saturday's proceedings.

For example, KLAA South Division co-champions Plymouth and Salem will send a combined 12 swimmers.

Seven will make the trip for Plymouth, representing the largest group in Wildcats history — four of them competing in four events.

"It's the first time we've ever been able to send all three relays to the meet," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "We're hoping to swim fast and have fun, breaking more school records in the process."

The trip to Holland culminates a solid season for the Wildcats.

"We've had success this year because the girls are willing to accept coaching even though many of them come from different clubs," said Schade. His Wildcats finished with a second-place

record of 4-1 in the South but caught Canton

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Hats off to Myles: Whalers win big

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A natural hat trick by forward Myles McCauley Saturday night couldn't have come at a better time for the Plymouth Whalers, who have been limping along without injured Tyler Seguin.

McCauley tallied the first three goals of the Whalers' contest against Kitchener, sparking a 5-1 victory before a sellout crowd at Compuware Arena. He also set up another goal.

"Last night we only got one goal and the other team played pretty good," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci, referring to a 2-1 loss to Guelph Friday night. "But yeah, we were looking for more offense from other guys."

Seguin - among OHL scoring leaders with 36 points - missed his fourth game Saturday due to a hip pointer. Although he is expected back later this week, the team was glad to see McCauley step up with

the first hat trick of his career.

"That's a lot of scoring, so when you lose him (Seguin) that's the majority of our offense," McCauley said. "I just felt really good, had a good night sleep last night and had a good pre-game. I felt great tonight."

GOOD IMPRESSION

Another plus for Plymouth (13-9-0-0) was the sturdy goaltending of Minnesota (NHL) property Matt Hackett. He made 34 saves, all with Wild goalie coach Bob Mason in attendance at Compuware.

"I know the Minnesota goalie coach was here and some of the other scouts," Vellucci said. "So he put on a good show for them."

Hackett said he saw Mason after Thursday's contest at Windsor, when the netminder stopped 45 of 48 shots in a 4-2 defeat (the fourth goal was an empty netter).

"He was actually at the

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WSJFL Super Bowl

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers' freshmen squad gave it their all Sunday. But the team lost 26-12 to the Lake Area Hawks in the Western Suburban Junior Football League freshman Super Bowl.

Despite the loss at the Dearborn Redskins-hosted game, the Steelers finished 10-1 and captured the WSJFL Division A championship and - as did all of the Steelers teams this fall (varsity, junior varsity, freshmen) - proudly represented their organization with sports-manship and dedication, noted a team spokesman.

In the Super Bowl, the Steelers were buoyed by the running of Aaron Brazelton and Dylan Stackhouse, the latter who scored the season's final touchdown.

Offensive lineman David Dart Jr. anchored the front line to help the tailbacks find ample running room.

Defensively, Jared Golles had a great game with several huge tackles and Luke Walkley did an awesome job on the line.

For more about youth football, please look inside today's Observer.

Coaches, please call

It's getting close to the winter season of high school sports, believe it or not.

Coaches or their assistants are asked to supply recaps of games, meets and matches (win or lose, home or away) to help spotlight the accomplishments of deserving studentathletes at Canton, Plymouth, Salem and Plymouth Christian Academy.

To do so, please e-mail Observer sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com) or leave him detailed messages at (313) 222-2637. Deadlines are Tuesday nights for the Thursday paper and Friday nights for the Sunday edition.

Scouts love Seguin

Plymouth Whalers scoring sensation Tyler Seguin is ranked at the top of Ontario Hockey League prospects in the latest ranking by NHL Central Scouting, according to NHL.com.

Seguin jumped to the head of the class thanks to outstanding numbers so far this season. The speedy, playmaking forward is second in the league with 19 goals and fourth with 36 points in just 18 games. He is expected to return this week after missing several games due to an injury.

"Tyler Seguin has had a great start to the season," Central Scouting's Chris Edwards told NHL.com. "He has been producing and playing consistently well. He makes things happen every time he is on the ice and he makes his teammates better."

Senior Olympics

The Michigan Senior Olympics are three months away, but it's not too early to start getting in shape.

Event organizers are looking for athletes 50 years and over to compete and enjoy the camaraderie and challenge that the MSO has to offer. It's a good time to chase away the winter blues and have some wintertime fun. The 2010 Michigan Senior Olympics are scheduled for Jan. 25-27 at various venues in Oakland County. The registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 14.

The games feature the snow sports of Alpine skiing, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. Badminton, pickleball, weight lifting, bocce ball and dancesport are the other scheduled events.

Visit www.michiganseniorolympics.org, or call (800) 400-8161 for more information.



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Salem girls harriers dominate All-Observer team

FIRST TEAM

SARA KROLL, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The senior enjoyed a banner season placing third in the Division 1 state finals (18:10.7) to earn All-State honors for the third straight year.

Kroll was also KLAA Kensington Conference champ with a meet record 17:54 (for 5,000 meters).

Among her other accomplishments was a school-record 17:25.2 along with firsts at the Wayne County (meet record), Jackson (course record) and KLAA invitationals. She also was Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion and set a course record at the challenging Cass Benton Park (17:54.1).

The Churchill MVP and twotime All-Stater in track (800) also holds the Churchill freshman record

Kroll is being aggressively recruited by Illinois, Michigan State and Michigan.

"Sara is the type of athlete that most coaches only dream of coaching," Churchill coach Sue Tatro said. "It has been an absolute privilege these past four seasons, and definitely one of the biggest highlights of my career.

"She is the whole package when it comes to an elite runner. She possesses talent, intelligence, drive, passion, and leadership. What more can a coach ask for in an athlete. Sara proved that she is not only one of the best runners in the state, but also in the country. I am looking forward to seeing what this talented athlete will do in the future."

MEGAN MCPHERSON, JR., LIV. FRANKLIN: The junior, who bowed out of the state finals with an injury, was regional champion (18:37.3) and Kensington Conference runner-up

McPherson also placed third at the Wayne County meet with a personal best and school-record time of 18:26.4.

The school-record holder at Cass Benton, Nankin Mills and Willow Metropark courses, McPherson added runner-up honors at the KLAA Invitational (18:37.3). placed 12th at the Michigan State Invitational (18:44.0), and won at Monroe-Jefferson (18:35.0).

The two-time state qualifier was 32nd in the MHSAA finals as a sophomore.

"Megan had an outstanding season where she ran some terrific races," Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She was always

2009 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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prepared for the level of competition and the conditions of each course. Every time she raced she made me so proud because she executed perfectly. Her best races were down the stretch at the Wayne County, conference, and regional meets.

"She ran under 19-minutes seven times this year and established herself as one of the elite runners in the area and state. Although she was injured at the state meet (rotated pelvic bone), everything is O.K. now and she'll be back next year with a vengeance.

VICTORIA TRIPP, JR., SALEM: The junior qualified for the D-1 state meet for

a second straight year when she placed seventh at the regional finals with a time of 19-minutes, 34-seconds. At the state meet, she finished 31st with a time of 19:24.8.

She also registered her personal best time of 19:05.9 at the Wayne County Championship, the third fastest time in Salem history for 5,000 meters.

Other highlights included being named the team's Most Valuable Runner, taking fifth place at the **Kensington Conference Finals** (19:29) and sixth at the Wayne County Championship (19:05.9).

"Victoria's a talented young lady who strives to be the best she can every competition," said Rocks coach Dave Gerlach, whose team won its first Kensington Conference title. "Tori loves to compete. Tori has very high goals and expectations for herself and works to

achieve them every day. BIANCA KUBICKI, JR., CANTON: The junior had an excellent season, finishing seventh at the D-1 regionals and 35th at the state meet.

Kubicki's season's best mark was 19:07, close to her career best - a time of 18:54, which is a Canton school mark she shares with anoth-

er runner. Chiefs coach Eric Pahl said Kubicki developed into a team leader so much that teammates named

her the 2010 captain. Honors included being 1st-team picks for the all-county and all-conference teams.

"Bianca has really dedicated herself to cross country this year," Pahl said. "She trained all summer and came into the season in good running shape.

"She was asked to take on many different challenges with the team. Not only did she succeed in this, but she excelled."

GABBY DEFLORIO, SOPH., FARMINGTON: The sophomore placed fourth at Brighton regional with her best time of the season (18:50). DeFlorio was 68th in the D-1 state meet. She won the Farmington city meet and was second in the OAA White Division meet.

DeFlorio also finished 18th at Oakland County, sixth at the Haslett Invite and 13th at the MSU Spartan Invite. She was undefeated in dual meets.

"Gabby improved her time on almost every course we ran, anywhere from 30 seconds to a minute."

coach Chip Bridges said. "At a certain point last track season, Gabby decided she wanted to be the best runner she could be. She decided to take running seriously, and she has gotten better and better since then.

"She won our Most Improved Runner Award, too. She improved 1:28 over her best time last year. Nobody improved more this year than Gabby did. She followed the workout plan through summer and fall more closely than any girl on the team. It's not that other girls did a poor job; she just did the best job."

KERIGAN RILEY, FR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The freshman burst onto the scene with some impressive performances including an eighth at the regional (19:46.8); 12th in the Kensington Conference: and 176th at the Division 1 finals.

She also took third at the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational. ninth at the KLAA Invitational (19:57.0) and 14th at the Jackson Invitational (19:11.0).

Riley turned in a season-best 19:04.8, 10th fastest in Churchill history en route to Most Valuable Freshman honors.

"Kerigan is definitely one of the most successful freshmen to come through our program," Tatro said. "She possesses a great deal of talent, motivation, passion, and desire. It was obvious during her middle school years that she was going to come to Churchill and have an immediate impact on our program. I am really looking forward to seeing what Kerigan will accomplish in her future cross country and track seasons at CHS.

JORDYN MOORE, SR., SALEM: Team captain and "Senior of the Year" for the Rocks, Moore also excelled on the courses throughout the season.

At the Division 1 regionals, she took 11th place with a time of 19:51.1 to qualify for the state meet for a third consecutive year. At the finals, she finished 65th (19:58.1).

Other top showings included a personal best of 19:24.1 at the Jackson Invitational (Sharp Park), which Gerlach said is the seventh fastest time recorded by a Salem

Moore tallied a 10th-place finish at the Kensington Conference Finals and 13th at the Wayne County Championship, held at Salem's home course (Willow Metropark).

"Jordyn is a true leader who places the team goals as high as her personal goals," Gerlach said. "Jordyn is a true competitor who knows what it takes to be successful.

"Jordyn is a very goal-oriented athlete and works extremely hard to achieve those goals." SHANNON FLYNN, FR., SALEM: Making an

immediate impact, Flynn qualified for the D-1 state finals by way of her 12th-place finish at the regionals (19:51.6).She ran 20:03.6 at the state meet

for 70th place, but that didn't spoil the accomplishment. Others included tallying Salem's third fastest time for a freshman in school history (for 5,000 meters) with her 19:49.2 at the Wavne County Championship, which was her personal best.

Flynn also finished in 11th place at the Kensington Conference Finals (19:51) and 15th at the Wayne County meet.

"Shannon is an all-around athlete who is very competitive." Gerlach said. "Shannon has unlimited potential as a distance runner and has

already experience much success. "This team is looking forward to what else she can accomplish."

KARA BOOMS, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' "Junior of the Year," Booms emerged this season. She qualified for the D-1 state meet with her 16th-place time of 20:22.2 seconds at the regionals.

Other highlights included finishing with a personal best of 20:07.0 at the Kensington Conference Finals (9th-best time in school history for a junior), good for 16th place and a 21st-place showing at the Wayne County Championship (20:16.8).

"Kara is a very passionate athlete whose love of running carries over to the team," Gerlach said. "Kara had a breakout year this season to provide Salem with a solid fifth runner.

"Kara is one of the most consis-

tent distance runners who knows when to step up.' KATIE RASH, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The

junior ran a personal best 19:56.7 at the Jackson Invitational.

Rash wound up 82nd in the Division 1 finals (20:10.1): 16th at the regional (20:27.9) and 22nd at the Wayne County Invitational (20:31.0). She added a 28th at the Wayne County meet (20:31.0).

"Katie really stepped it up this season and ran like a mature and experienced runner," Tatro said. "I always knew that she possessed a great deal of talent, and she proved to herself and others that she is capable of running some great races. "It was truly a joy watching Katie shine during the season. She capped off a great season by having a great performance at the state meet. I am

looking forward to watching her continue to excel at this new level." **COACH OF THE YEAR**

DAVE GERLACH, SALEM: For the second time in his distinguished coaching career at Salem. Gerlach was named Coach of the Year by the Observer and with good reason. Gerlach's team not only won the KLAA Central Division with an undefeated record in dual meets, the Rocks captured their first-ever Kensington Conference Championship.

Salem qualified as a team for the Division 1 state finals and did well,

placing eighth. And Salem won the Plymouth-

Canton Educational Park championship for the first time since



but fair approach, Gerlach teaches and motivates the girls to become

successful runners. "It is a great honor to receive Coach of the Year from the Observer

and my fellow coaches," said Gerlach who lives in Canton with his wife Kimberly, daughter Emilee and stepdaughter Adriane. "Over 15 years of coaching at Salem we have tried to instill a tradition and quality program for these young ladies.

Dave Gerlach

Salem coach

"We try to lead by example and are as passionate about the sport as we expect our athletes to be."

Gerlach said he lays the knowledge and groundwork for success. but "the rest of accountability lies on the athletes to follow through and work hard." "This group has been so much fun

to coach because they wanted to be good and had high goals," he added. "They were very passionate and worked very hard to achieve their individual and team goals."

The 2009 Rocks were a team that meshed well in all aspects, Gerlach

"We had terrific team chemistry this season with a great balance or experienced athletes and talented rookies," he continued. "For me it this season's team success and these young ladies deserve all the credit."

(5-0) for a share of the title by winning the division meet.

Salem's Rocks — described by head coach Chuck Olson as being the best 2-9 team in memory — will be represented by six swimmers while five members of the Chiefs will travel to the shores of Lake Michigan.

Meanwhile, Canton divers Mallory Hudak and Robin Piwowar took part in Tuesday's D1 regional diving meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The top 16 will also go to Holland.

Olson said he is "very optimistic" that the Salem swimmers' preliminaries "will be fast and will ensure their return for the finals on Saturday."



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One of six members of the Salem varsity girls swim team headed to the Division 1 state meet in Holland is Lauren Seroka, shown here diving into the pool at the recent South Lyon East-hosted KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

PLENTY OF RELAYS

For all of the teams, their relays are making quite a

more from Salem and Canton:

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• Relays in the state meet for the Wildcats include: the 200 medley relay of freshsophomore Stephanie Matsui, senior Michelle Chang and senior Chantel Cote; the 400 free relay of Hao, Erickson, Matsui and Chang.

 For Salem, relays going to Holland are: the 200 medley team of freshman Abby Aumiller, junior Ashley Micek, sophomore Lauren Seroka and junior Emily Nelson; the 400 free relay of Nelson, sophomore Irene Li, Aumiller and

Seroka. • And for Canton, the 200 free relay of junior Kari Schmitt, junior Sara Schmitt, junior Kayla Eyster and freshman Delaney Adams as well as the 400 free team of Kari Schmitt, Eyster, junior Sara Krebs and Adams will com-

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

There will be a lot of individual events with Plymouth, Salem and Canton swimmers

as well. For the Wildcats, swimmers in those events will include Hao (200 individual medley, 500 free), Erickson (200 IM, 100 backstroke) and Matsui (50 free, 100 free).

Salem's individual qualifiers include three swimmers who will take part in two events. Seroka is slated to swim in the 200 free and 500 free, Nelson is set for the 200 IM and 100 back and Aumiller's events are

the 200 free and 100 back. In the lineup from Canton will be Kari Schmitt (50 free, 200 free), Krebs (100 breast)

Lamoureux, who will take part in the 500 free.

REDEMPTION

According to Salem's Olson. a good showing this weekend would help take the sting out his team's losing record.

But he emphasized that the Rocks are much better than that 2-9 record in dual meets.

"I told the girls this is the best worst team I've ever had," Olson said. "On paper we don't look very good, 2-9 in dual meets, which doesn't sound very good."

But he said Salem swam competitively against stateranked teams such as No. 4 Novi and three others in the top 10 — Livonia Stevenson, Northville and South Lyon.

splash. man Emily Toro, senior Sijia pete. and Adams (100 fly). "So we've lost to good com-Hao, junior Rachel Huhta and Rounding out the PCEP Plymouth will have three This marks the third petition and we've been in the freshman Linda Erickson; straight appearance in the 400 presence in individual events meets," Olson added. "But we relay teams in the mix with two free relay for Kari Schmitt. the 200 free relay of Huhta, is Salem freshman Joyce just couldn't finish the deal."





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all-purpose yards), who scored TDs on a 67-yard run and a 23-yard pass from Delapaz. "They figured out what we were doing and stopped us, they just shut us down."

With wind blowing into his face, Canton senior Alex Dixon just could not put enough steam behind a 47-yard field-goal attempt that would have won the game as time elapsed.

"Our defense finally got one stop and that was the opportunity we needed," Baechler said. "And then we ran out of time and the field goal was just too far, with a little bit of wind in our face."

In overtime (where teams start from the 10-yard line), the Shamrocks needed just one play — a 10-yard run by senior Anthony Capatina (17 carries, 106 yards) to break the deadlock and win their 12th straight game and their first regional title since 2007.

"We didn't really expect our defense to give up that much (24 points)," Capatina said. "But they've bailed us (offense) out all year and so it was our turn to step it up. We both got it done when we needed to."

As they have all season, Capatina and senior tailback Niko Palazeti (18-84, 3 TDs) proved to be a tough 1-2 punch for the Chiefs.

"They do have different styles," Mach said. "One can beat you fast and one can beat you slow. We're going to wear you down. But they wore us down at the same time."

COMING BACK

It didn't take long for Canton to show the Shamrocks that it wasn't going to be business as usual. Catholic Central allowed just three defensive touchdowns before Saturday, when the Chiefs doubled that total.

CC took an early 3-0 lead when D'Agostino booted a 28yard field goal with 2:37 left in the first.

The Chiefs came right back, as they did all day, with a 58-yard pass from Delapaz to senior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird and a bulldozing 11-yard run by Payter enabled freshman Conner Shennan to tie the game with a 23-yard field goal.

Catholic Central marched 88 yards in 15 plays to take a 10-3 led with just 1:10 left in



Making a key play for the Chiefs in the first quarter is senior tight end Dakota Dark-Bird, who caught this Kevin Delapaz pass near midfield and took it down to Catholic Central's 19yard line to set up a field goal. The play went for 58 yards.

the first half.

A 14-yard run by Capatina on a third-and-long deep in the Shamrocks end kept the drive going and Palazeti finished things with a two-yard plunge, leaping over the goal line.

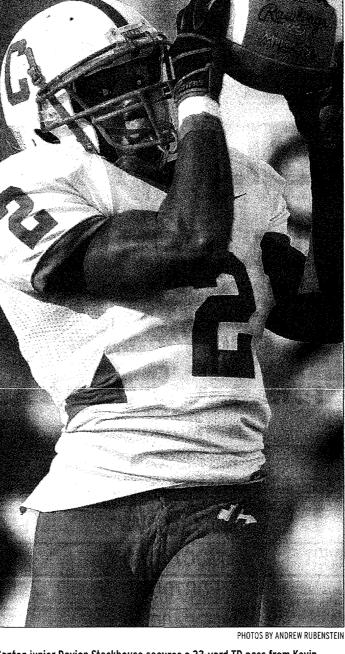
Undaunted, Canton immediately responded to hush the CC crowd.

On the very first play after getting the ball back, Stackhouse blew through the line and veered down the left sidelines for a 67-yard touchdown gallop. The extra-point try was wide left to make it 10-9 at halftime.

The Shamrocks started the second half with good field possession following Capatina's 32-yard return to the CC 35 and senior quarterback Sam Landry (6-12, 88 yards) hit senior tight end Michael Kinville for a clutch 11-yard gainer to midfield.

A personal foul against Canton further helped CC's cause as did a 12-yard runby junior tailback Justin Messner.

On third down and short, the Chiefs' defense stopped



Canton junior Davion Stackhouse secures a 23-yard TD pass from Kevin Delapaz to even the Division 1 regional at 24-24 in the fourth quarter.

Palazeti. But when the 6-2, 245-pounder got the ball again on fourth down he muscled his way 18 yards for the TD, giving the Shamrocks a 17-9 advantage.

IN THE CLUTCH

Canton answered again with a big-play score as Payter stormed 76 yards up the middle of the field for six points. The Chiefs then made it 17-17 on a nifty two-point pass from Delapaz to junior tight end Angelo Lanava with 7:09 to go in the third.

The game's see-saw flavor continued on CC's next offensive series. The Shamrocks scored on a two-yard run by Palazeti, but the key play of the 80-yard drive was another fourth-down conversion.

Despite Canton's defensive pressure, Landry launched a

throw just in time that junior wide-out Andrew Nelson hauled in for 23 yards along the left sidelines with less than three minutes to play in the third.

After the Chiefs got the ball again, they took it 68 yards in 11 plays. This time, Canton came through on fourth down as Delapaz fired a pass across the grain to Stackhouse for a 23-yard TD catch with 10:00 to play in regulation.

The extra point made it 24-24 and set up the final chapter of an intriguing matchup.

But the final page turned out to be not so sweet for Canton.

"We worked really hard in practice and we knew we could do it, ... it hurts," Delapaz said.

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following the latest in a string of full-speed-ahead runs by Canton senior running back Adam Payter.

But Catholic Central's defense — which gave up 30 points all season before Saturday — wouldn't fold and actually pushed Canton back a yard or two on first, second and third down.

Oh, what might have been with just one more Payter run or completion from senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz.

Of course, this was one of those games where both teams performed like champions on a perfect autumn day for football, before a crowd estimated at more than 3,500 fans.

And the atmosphere was a winner, too. Fans rode shuttles from a nearby field or shopping center parking lot to Catholic Central. Where else does that happen?

Turning off of Beck Road, buses whisked down a feeder road past hundreds of handmade signs proclaiming it "Shamrock Country" or a place where "CC Attitude" would lead the team to its 12th straight victory.

Once fans muscled their way through the crowded gates, they had to squeeze into whatever bleacher space they could find.

find.

Media members stood on top of the press box and fans of both teams ringed the outside of the Turf field because they

couldn't find seats.

With fans of the teams on opposite sides of the field, it was easy to tell whether the Shamrocks or Chiefs were on the move or holding on for dear life.

When Canton scored to make it 24-24, Shamrock fans were so quiet it was as if a community mute button was pushed.

They let loose a huge roar, or maybe a sigh of relief, once the game finally ended.

It's too bad it did, because the D1 championship game Nov. 28 at Ford Field might not be as compelling or competitive as the 48-minutes-plus of great action Saturday.

We can only hope it will be.

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game in Windsor, last night and tonight, too," Hackett said. "So it was pretty nice for me to play well. ... I definitely wanted to impress him."

Although crediting his defense for letting him see the puck, Hackett was particular solid during a two-minute 5-on-3 penalty kill late in the first period with Plymouth up 2-0.

McCauley got the Whalers on the board at 8:22, beating Kitchener goalie Brandon Maxwell (22 saves) with a wrist shot. He converted a pass from forward Tyler G. Brown to finish a hard-driving line rush, started by left wing Josh Brittain.

The Whalers added to their lead with McCauley's second goal, a power-play marker at 11:47. He walked out of the left corner and flipped a shot into the goalmouth, which banked in off a skate.

Assisting on the goal were defensemen Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) and Jenks (1 goal, 2 assists).

A Plymouth penalty early in the middle stanza wiped out an apparent goal by winger Ryan Hayes, but McCauley got it back with his 14th of the season at 8:34 to make it 3-0.

Perched to the left of Maxwell, he ripped home the rebound of a Hayes shot high into the cage for the natural hat trick.

The Rangers (15-4-1-2) broke Hackett's shutout at 17:44 of the frame when defenseman John Moore blasted a shot through the goalie's five-hole during a two-man advantage.

But the Whalers restored their three-goal lead with just six seconds left when McCauley's shot was stopped by Maxwell, only for winger Joe Gaynor to bang it home.

Defenseman AJ Jenks finished the scoring with a beautiful end-to-end rush less than a minute into the third.

The blueliner skated down the ice and ripped a drive that Maxwell turned aside. But Jenks followed his shot for the rebound goal. Clarkston's Josh Bemis started the play.

The Whalers now go on the road for three games this weekend, starting Friday at Ottawa.

Canton Bills flag down state title

Canton's Workman Elementary School must be buzzing these days thanks to the Canton Bills flag football team.

The Bills, comprised entirely of Workman students, Saturday captured the 2nd Grade Division of the Michigan Youth Flag Football League State Championships at Walled Lake Northern with shutout defense in all three tournament games.

After blanking the Northville Jets 13-0 in the team's opener, the Bills knocked off the Canton Texans in the second and championship games, by scores of 14-0 and 6-0, respectively.

The three opponents managed a total of two combined first downs.

In the championship final, the Bills broke a scoreless tie

late in the first half as Nathan Janke ran around the right corner and sprinted into the end zone.

Outstanding defense in the second half by Adam Janack was a key factor, and the game-winning flag pull by Marko Aki ended the game.

In the earlier win over the Texans, Bills defenders Fletcher Cummings, Donovan Hails and Janack excelled in pitching the shutout. Against Northville, good

runs by Luke Nader and Caden Musa sparked the offense with touchdowns scored by Janke and Aki. Completing an extra-point pass was Connor Fox.

Meanwhile the Bills dedic

Meanwhile, the Bills dedicated their tourney performance to star player Cian McGill, who was ill and missed the entire state championship.



Celebrating Saturday after winning the 2nd Grade Division of the Michigan Youth Flag Football League State Championships are the Canton Bills. The entire team is comprised of players from Workman Elementary School in Canton. The team includes the following: (front row, from left) Luke Nader, Connor Fox, Donovan Hails, Caden Musa, Nathan Janke, Marko Aki, Fletcher Cummings and Adam Janack; (back row, from left) Coach Walt, Coach Scott, Coach Rob and Coach Todd. Not pictured are Cian McGill and Coach Darin.

Madonna women fall

Thirteen different players scored Tuesday night as NCAA Division III quarterfinalist and defending Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association champion Hope College (1-0) opened its season with a 82-70 non-conference win over Madonna University (2-1).

Carrie Snikkers led the Flying Dutchwomen, who were 28-2 a year ago, with 17 points. Erika Bruinsma added 11, while Philana Greene contributed nine points and nine rebounds.

MU, unable to cover from a 50-27 halftime deficit, got a game-high 21 points from Tabatha Wydryck.

Kim Olech (Plymouth) contributed 12 points and 11 rebounds. Shantelle Herring chipped in with 11 points.

The Crusaders shot just 8-of-27 from the field during the first half (29.6 percent) and committed a total of 33 turnovers.

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.

Plymouth YMCA eyes grant

Liberty Mutual will soon donate a

\$2,500 Responsible Community Grant to

20 youth sports organizations demonstrating their commitment to doing the right things on and off the playing surface. The Plymouth Family YMCA is hoping

to be one of the recipients.

"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond that, Liberty Mutual is making a significant financial contribution to support the efforts of local organizations like Plymouth Family YMCA."

The ongoing, community-based program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to onthe-field game and practice preparation tools as well as self-paced online courses filled with learning tools, videos and topics addressing youth sports issues.

The Responsible Sports program, including community grants, comes at

a crucial time for communities where youth programs are under pressure from increasing numbers of participants, limited volunteer activity and mounting program-administration costs.

Through the resources provided by the grants, it is hoped that "our organizations thrive even under challenging circumstances."

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or go to www. responsiblesports.com.

Time to register for YMCA

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering plenty of leagues and instructional classes this fall and winter, as detailed below:

There is something for everyone this Fall at the Plymouth YMCA. Registration is ongoing for Girls Volleyball Clinics (for ages 8-10 and 10-12), Basketball Clinics (for ages 6-7 and 8-9), Sports Sampler Class (for ages 3-5) and Little Dragons Martial Arts (for ages 4-7).

For more information on YMCA leagues and programs, check out www.ymcade-troit.org or call the office at 734-453-2904.



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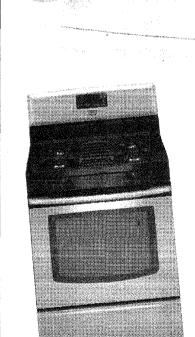


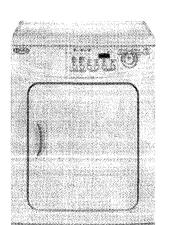
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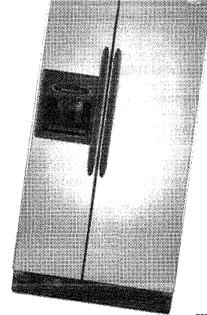
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Indigo expands

A ribbon-cutting was held recently by Indigo Salon & Day Spa to announce the grand opening of their newly expanded facility. Indigo Salon & Day Spa is located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill Village. Attending the event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members, family members and local residents.

Volunteers needed

On Saturday, Dec. 5, noon to 3 p.m., Shop Canton will be hosting a holiday event, "HO, HO, HO and a Whole Lot More," in the Red Block (between Sheldon and Morton Taylor) and the Green Block (between Morton Taylor and Lilley).

Santa will be there to greet the little ones at a great location inside JC Penney, and there will be Carriage Rides at the Harvard Square Shopping Center. The Stuffa-Bus (toy donation collection) has named our own Canton Goodfellows as one of the recipients and will be at Borders Bookstore. A magician will be at Canton Cinema, face painters will be at Paul's Fine Jewelry, and a balloon artist will be at Once Upon a Child and "a Whole Lot More..." to come.

Because we have changed things up a little, we need many volunteers to assist us throughout the two-block area directing families to the various events, etc. MOST OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE OUTSIDE, but don't worry, we have already asked Santa for a sunny day ... and, you are guaranteed the joy of warm smiling little faces as a nice reward for your efforts.

Anyone willing to give a few hours, please contact the **Canton Chamber of Commerce** office at (734) 453-4040 or email admin@cantonchamber. com. Please include Name, Company, address, phone, cell and e-mail.

Canton Goodfellows

Canton Goodfellow's "No child without a Christmas"

Collection continues through Dec. 9 at Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center

Bring in canned goods, nonperishable items or cash donation for the Canton Goodfellows and receive a gift from our Santa Bag. All gifts are with a retail value of \$20

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 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

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.

Governmental Departments.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at 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.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

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.

Economic eats

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

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.

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 41/8" x 51/2". 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 packing 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, for a look at some of our new designs.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a Livonia nonprofit 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.

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 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, strengthtraining 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.

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t's hard to believe that the year and the decade is almost over. It is incredible what we have witnessed over the last 10 years. When this century began, Y2K was the great fear. The years of the 2000s have seen incredible changes to the world and to our financial system. There are, however, certain things that have remained relatively the same. One in particular is that now is the time to do any last-minute tax planning. It is important to recognize there is no time to procrastinate. Year-end tax planning must be done now.

Everyone's tax situation is a little different and the advice given for one doesn't necessarily apply to everyone. However, there are some issues that affect many people that should be taken into consideration.

One is Roth IRA conversions. Converting money from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA has the advantage of turning money that grows tax-deferred (which means you eventually pay income taxes) into money growing tax-free.

To qualify for a Roth IRA conversion, adjusted gross income,



Rick Bloom

ments, you should consider my personal test to determine whether you should proceed. The first is whether converting the money will throw you into a higher tax bracket.

sion.

Remember, the money that you convert from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA is taxed at your ordinary income bracket. If it will not throw you into another bracket, the next question is, will you need this money in five to seven years? If you can invest the money for at least this time, the next question is, do you have the money to pay the additional tax without touching any of the money that you are converting? If the answer is yes, I believe a Roth

conversion makes sense. Many individuals have large capital loss carryovers from last year. If that is your situation, you may wish to sell an investment that has a gain and use your losses to offset. If you do it correctly, you can sell an investment with the gain and be required to pay no taxes. If you like the investment that you are selling, there's nothing to prevent you from immediately re-buying it. You cannot do that with an investment you have a loss in because of the wash-sales rule, however, you can do it with a gain.

My advice when it comes to tax planning is to always be certain you do not let the tax tail wag the dog. You do not want to do something for tax reasons alone. Ultimately, what you decide must make good economic sense. The goal is not to lower your taxes, but rather have more money in your pocket. That's the ultimate goal.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.





Redford couple, church cook Thanksgiving dinner for all

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

Karen and Don McCuean will start Thanksgiving Day this year like they always do - cooking up enough turkey and trimmings for 400 people.

"We do real turkeys – nothing processed - turkey and gravy, mashed potato - that's real, not boxed," said Karen McCuean. "The sweet potato is fresh. There's stuffing with sausage. We do creamed corn cornbread and a vegetable medley. I put Swiss cheese and mushroom soup in. I do a gourmet coleslaw with cranberry and celery and apple. It's like a Waldorf with homemade poppy seed dressing and there's a pista-

"Then there are relishes and rolls and butter. We have assorted pies and they come from St. Colette (in Livonia). They have a piefest the day before Thanksgiving and everyone brings a pie to share and a pie to donate to charity. They donate all their pies to our Thanksgiving din-

The Redford couple puts on a feast and invites anyone who wants to share the holiday. Volunteers from their church, Our Lady of Loretto in Redford, and donations from generous supporters have helped continue the tradition, which marks nine years next week.

"If it wasn't for them we couldn't do this," Karen McCuean said. "My husband goes in around 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. and volunteers come in around 9 a.m. to do prep work. We have volunteers who come in and serve from 2-5 p.m. and we have people come in for clean-up. We're done and out of there by 6 p.m.

'We enjoy it. Thanksgiving years ago was

never really my favorite holiday, but now that my husband and I do this it is our favorite holiday. It's so nice to help out other people."

Karen initially cooked and cleaned for an elderly couple, bringing them special dinners at the holidays. Her husband suggested they expand their efforts and cook a holiday meal for the community. They knew of other elderly couples, people who couldn't cook for themselves and those who were home alone without any family.

They enlisted the help of other parishioners and served about 50 guests that first year. Participation has since ranged between 150-250 guests. Any leftovers are passed along to another church feeding program.

"The guests all have different situations," Karen said. "One group came in - there were 10 of them - that had a death in the family and were going to a funeral home and couldn't cook Thanksgiving dinner. So they stopped in.

"They all have different situations. They're not always people who are alone or are handicapped or are financially strapped. Some people have a sudden crisis. I never know how many people I'll have from year to year."

She hopes fears over the Swine Flu doesn't discourage people from attending the dinner this year. She'll have hand sanitizers placed throughout the dining area and volunteers will be stationed at each food dish. They'll serve the guests, cutting down on the number of people who handle utensils.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 26 at the church family center, located at Six Mile and Beech Daly. To make a reservation, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 23.

Church distributes turkeys

Living Word Church of Plymouth will give away 500 turkeys to needy families Sunday, Nov. 22.

Those interested in reserving a turkey can call the church and leave a message at (734) 207-WORD (9673) or e-mailing them at thanksgiving@livingwordcommunity.net.

They should include their name and phone number in the voice mail message.

The turkeys will be distributed after a special Service of Hope at 10:45 a.m. The service is open to

Turkeys will be distributed from 12:30-3 p.m.



DORIS HAMMOND FEDUS Age 98 of Petoskey, MI and formerly of Livonia, died November 13, 2009 at the home. A memorial celebration will be held on Friday November 20th from 1-4pm at the Stafford's Bay View Inn in Petoskey with a service being held at 2:30pm. Arrangements are in the care of the Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

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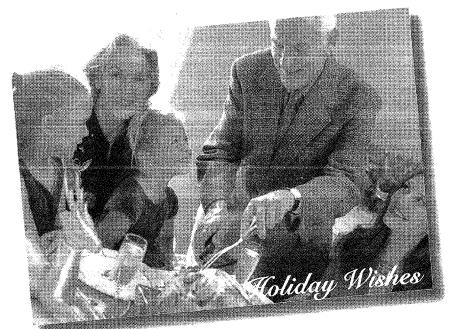
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NOV. 19-25

Advent reflection

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will host a "Journey to Bethlehem," an afternoon of Advent reflections led by the Rev. Alex Kratz, O.F.M., of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Mobile Evangelization Team, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, in the school gymnasium, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington Road and Merriman in Livonia. This event offers an opportunity to prepare for the coming of the Christ child through Fr. Kratz's insights into the people, culture, and city of Jesus' birth. Fr. Kratz, a Franciscan priest, has served as a pilgrimage leader to the Holy Land for a number of years for TerraSanctaPilgrimages and knows the area and its people intimately. The event is free of charge and open to the public. (734) 261-1455

Chili cook-off

11a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. This is a fund-raiser to support the church's "Rebuilding Together Oakland County" effort, assist church youth in attending their statewide retreat and defray material costs for Lutheran World Relief

Quilts. Participants may choose from a variety of chili dishes, take home items from the bake sale and

bid on items in the silent auction. The silent auction will run though 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22. \$5.00 per adult, \$1.50 age 10 and under. Price includes chili, salad and beverage. (248) 474-0584

RELIGION CALENDAR

Christmas ornament

The Limited Edition Our Lady of Good Counsel Christmas ornament is now on sale. This ornament was specially crafted in Poland and is hand painted with a mosaic portrait of the O.L.G.C. Mother and Child. This keepsake ornament is available for \$35 after Masses at O.L.G.C. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Good Counsel. For more details or to arrange delivery, call Mark Coulter at (734) 453-5423 or Mary Vangieson at (734) 737-9442.

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 Iglinski@aol.com.

Dinner and auction

6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at Solid Rock Bible Church, 670 Church Street, Plymouth. Silent Auction and Charity Dinner includes live, silent and raffle auctions with proceeds going to the Zambia Mission Trip for the church. Suggested \$10 donation for the dinner. Questions? E-mail to pamseymour@ameritech.net or call (734) 455-7711.

Food drive

Thursday, Nov. 19 is the last day to reserve a pick-up time for Kenwood Church of Christ's Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church at (248) 476-8222 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is located at 20200 Merriman, Livonia.

NOV. 26-DEC. 2

Advent service

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will hold midweek Advent services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16. Each service is 45 minutes long and is intended to help people prepare for Christ's coming. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

Clothing closet

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank will be open to people in need 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 28, 5-6:30 p.m.., Wednesday, Dec. 9, and noon-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, at 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty. Donations of winter coats, gloves, boots accepted. (734) 404-2480

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.

Please see CALENDAR, B7

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

■ Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have a special service of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m., Nov. 26, The sermon theme will be: "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat." For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

DEC. 3-9

Advent service

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will hold midweek Advent services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 and 16. Each service is 45 minutes long and is intended to help people prepare for Christ's coming. For more information, call (313) 532-8655.

Breakfast

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, presents Breakfast with Angels, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5. The special event for families with children age 3-7, will include breakfast, crafts, singing and a special visit from the angels. Contact the church office at (734) 464-0211 for more information.

Concert

Christmas concert featuring the Classical Bells handbell ensemble and the Livonia Civic Chorus, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. A reception will follow. Tickets \$12 each in advance; \$14 each at the door; \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Go to SeatYourself.biz/stmatthewslivonia or call (734) 422-6038 to purchase tickets or for more information.

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington presents the acclaimed men's choral society Measure for Measure in a special joint concert with the Wayne State University Concert Chorale at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the church, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile. There is no admission fee for this event, which is open to the general public, but donations of \$10 per person or \$25 per family are suggested. (248) 474-6170, extension 208

Drop and shop

6-8 p.m., Dec. 8 and 15 at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Mothers and Grandmothers will take care of children while their parents are out doing last minute errands for Christmas. No charge for the service.



Measure for Measure will sing at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information call (734) 421-5406.

Congregation B'nai Moshe Sisterhood of West Bloomfield presents a Holiday Gift Bazaar 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6. Discover gifts for all ages, including items such as handbags, clothing, toys, jewelry, works of art, Judaica and more. Congregation B'nai Moshe is located at 6800 Drake, between Maple and 14 Mile Roads in West Bloomfield. For more information about the Gift Bazaar, call Linda Mondrow at (248) 682-0471 or e-mail to Imondrow@aol.com

Special needs event

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and their caretakers to attend a Christmas "Sing & Ring" event 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. Participants will sing carols, ring bells, hear the Christmas story, and enjoy dessert and beverages. RSVP to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or email to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org no later than Friday, Nov. 27. If local schools are closed because of heavy snow or inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. **Swedish Christmas Shop**

5-8 p.m. Friday Dec. 4 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. Dec. 5 at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, corner of Drake, in Farmington Hills. Swedish Christmas ornaments and decorations, along with homemade cardamom bread and crafts from Thailand and South Africa.

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'American Idol' runner-up joins orchestra for Christmas favorites

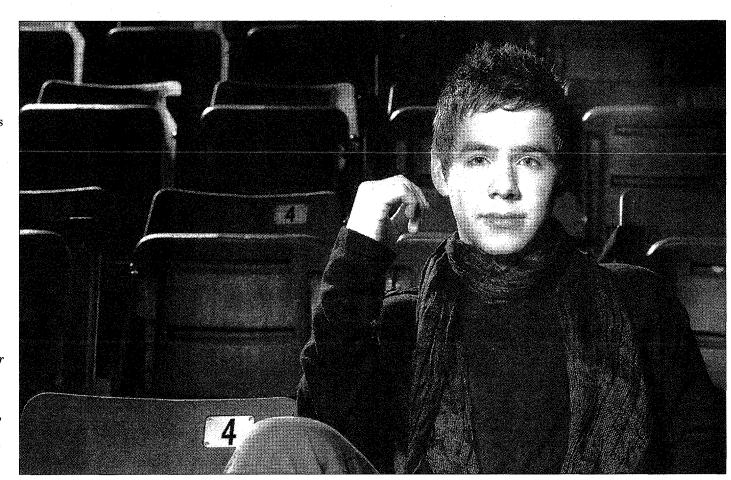
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Dave Siefkes can't wait for the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's concert featuring special guest David Archuleta at Hill Auditorium. Not only is the American Idol runner-up singing music from his latest recording, but for the first time performs Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas to arrangements for orchestra.

Archuleta is currently on tour with his Christmas from the Heart CD released in mid-October. In addition to selections such as Joy tothe World and Silent Night and Ave Maria, Archuleta sings his original Melodies of Christmas. The orchestra rounds out the program with selections from the Nutcracker Suite as well as Sleigh Ride.

"This is the first concert he's ever done with symphony orchestra," said Siefkes, orchestra marketing director and a former Livonia resident. "This is the premiere of these arrangements even for his biggest hit Crush (the first single from his debut album) and a couple we're keeping as a surprise. He has such a great voice. We'll have our 76 piece orchestra on the stage with him, all special for this

Archuleta in 2007 received more than 97 million votes in the American Idol competition that became a close run against David Cook who eventually won. Since then Archuleta has thrilled crowds in tours across the U.S. and United Kingdom. His Nov. 27 appearance is a way for the orchestra to draw



American Idol David Archuleta will perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony.

young people to concerts. As part of their educational outreach Ann Arbor Symphony members regularly present programs that introduce students to classical music at schools in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Novi, West Bloomfield, Canton, and Plymouth.

YOUNG PERFORMER

Archuleta appeals to the very young as well as those young-at-heart. He was only 10 years old when he won the **Utah Talent Competition's** division for children and then two years later became the Junior Vocal Champion on Star Search 2. When he auditioned for American Idol Archuleta was the youngest singer ever to compete at just 16 years old. His Honduran-born mother exposed Archuleta early to the Latin music. She and her sisters sang at events while his

father played recordings of a variety of music styles includ-

ing the jazz he performed. "We're trying to do something to extend our reach a little," said Siefkes. "The folks at Radio Disney helped us put this together. We're happy to have this collaboration and plan to do something together again in the future. The fun part of the concert is we'll have extra instruments like a harp and celesta, a percussion instrument that's

very beautiful. And it's at Hill Auditorium that has three levels and not a bad seat in the house."

David Archuleta joins the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in concert 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor. Tickets range from \$19 to \$72 plus extra service charges of \$4 to \$14 per seat. Call (734) 994-4801 or go online to www.a2so.



Isabel Bayrakdarian sings Dec. 4 at the Dearborn Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

Internationally known soprano to perform church benefit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Anyone who enjoys opera and classical music won't want to miss the Dec. 4 concert by Isabel Bayrakdarian at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The soprano recently returned from Florence where she ended her European tour.

Bayrakdarian is an award-winning singer having won first prize in the 2000 Operalia competition founded by Placido Domingo, the legendary tenor. Since then she's taken home four Juno awards. She won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Award in 1997, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2005, Virginia Parker Prize from the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Leonie Rysanek Award from the George London Foundation.

Bayrakdarian has several recordings to her credit including the Grammy Award winning soundtrack for the film The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.

Born in Lebanon, Bayrakdarian is of Armenian heritage, so when approached by the board at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Dearborn she immediately said yes to helping them raise funds for the church. Bayrakdarian's first experience as a vocalist was at church. Now a citizen of Canada, Bayrakdarian says the church and her family

remain the focus of her life. "I encourage everyone who loves fine classical music to come to the concert," said Michael Hagopian, chairman of the church's board of trustees and a Northville resident.

"One of the parishioners is related to Isabel and asked me if the church would be interested. We immediately jumped at the opportunity."

Robert Kachadourian is only too happy to be part of the committee planning the performance for the last six months.

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity for people of the area to hear someone from the New York Met," said Kachadourian. "There are not too many people of her caliber coming around. It's kind of a coup in a

Soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian performs 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. For tickets, call (313) 943-2354 or online at www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Tickets are reserved and priced at \$25, \$40 and \$50.

"We've made it as reasonable as we possibly can," said Hagopian. "It is hard economic times in Michigan. We want to expose as many people as we can to her talent and the music she will be performing."

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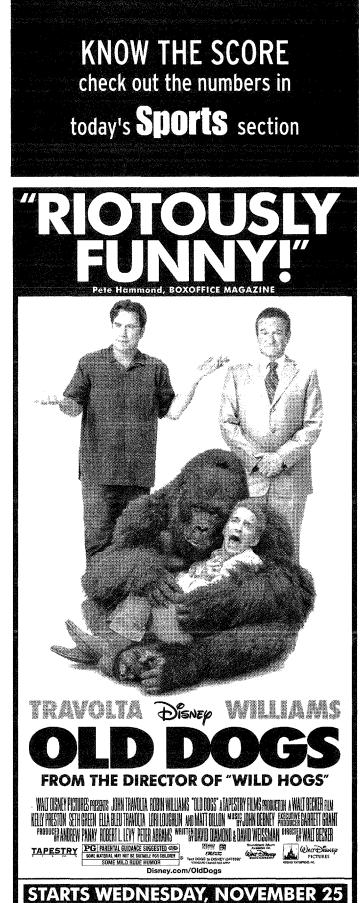
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8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday **Details:** The work of multimedia artist Susan

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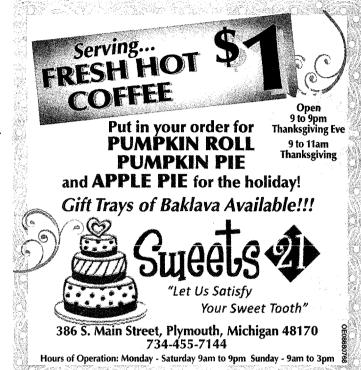
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Hill Auditorium Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 29

Location: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor Details: The Vienna Boys Choir with "Christmas in Vienna." Tickets \$10-\$36

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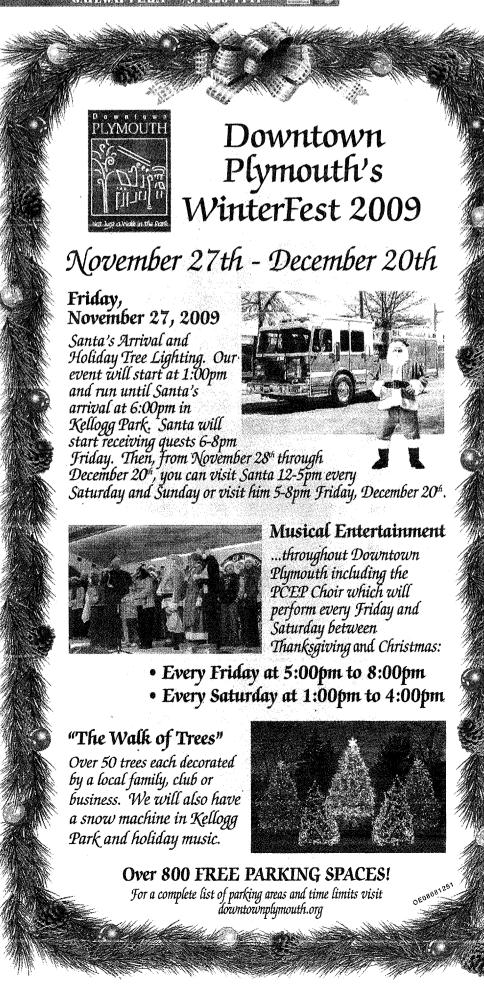


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Enjoy a stress-free, easy and impressive holiday

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, November 19, 2009

Whether you've made a number of holiday dinners or not, this coming holiday season is filled with enough challenges for any family. Why not approach the main holiday meal from a more relaxed state of mind? You don't have to be a television food chef to make a dinner that will be memorable - it can be as simple as stuffing your thawed turkey with fresh citrus fruits, brushing on a glaze, and making a few no-stress side dishes to perfectly complement

You'll want to start with a fresh or frozen thawed turkey, appropriately rinsed and drained. Quarter a fresh orange or two and stuff into the carcass. Stir together about 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice, 1/4 cup of vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon garlic salt, 1 teaspoon fresh

or dried herbs of your choice, and a dash of pepper, and brush over the bird. Cover and bake according to package directions.

The citrus flavor permeating your turkey will perfectly blend with Easy Sausage and Cranberry Stuffing, as well as a Fruity Holiday Salad that's ready in less than five minutes and sure to please. Add some baked yams, canned cranberry sauce and fresh bakery rolls or bread for a meal to remember. Your stuffing can bake while the completely roasted turkey rests and is carved.

It doesn't take great culinary skills or a lot of effort to create a good holiday dinner. For more recipes and holiday tips, visit www.stuffingrecipes.com.

FRUITY HOLIDAY SALAD

Makes a large bowl, sure to feed a crowd!

1 medium head of fresh lettuce, chopped or 1 bag of pre-packaged

1 large, fresh carrot, shredded (optional if using bagged salad)

1 cup fresh, sliced celery

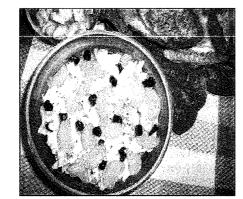
½ cup dried cranberries

1 cup canned Mandarin Orange slices, drained

½ cup purchased or prepared light vinaigrette salad dressing

2 cups salad croutons

Toss the vegetables, fruit and vinaigrette together until well combined. Sprinkle with croutons and serve for the perfect blend of sweet and savory, crunchy salad.



Fruity Holiday Salad

EASY SAUSAGE AND CRANBERRY STUFFING

Makes 10-12 servings

1 cup dried cranberries

½ cup apple juice

½ cup chicken broth

1 pound uncooked breakfast or mild sausage

2 cups diced, fresh celery

1 cup diced, fresh onion

1 to 1½ cups chopped pecans (optional) 34 cup chicken broth

110-ounce package herb seasoned cube stuffing

Place dried cranberries, apple juice and ½ cup chicken broth into small glass bowl; microwave uncovered on high for 2 minutes. Stir, and place to the side (allowing liquid to be absorbed by dried berries).

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large, nonstick pot, brown sliced or chopped sausage, breaking up and stirring frequently until browned. Reduce heat to low, add vegetables and sauté until somewhat tender (about 3-4 minutes). Add chopped pecans if desired, soaked cranberries (including liquid), and 3/4 cup of chicken broth; stir and remove from

Fold in entire contents of stuffing mix until well combined, and spoon mixture into a 9- by 11-inch baking

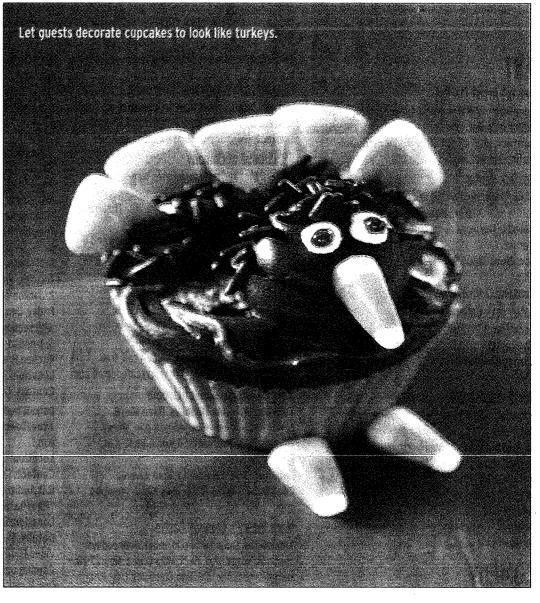


A sausage and cranberry stuffing makes a perfect side to citrus-glazed turkey.

dish that has been prepared with cooking oil spray. Cover baking dish with foil and bake for approximately 20 minutes. Remove foil, return to oven, and bake for an additional 10 minutes uncovered.

Remove from the oven, cool slightly while slicing turkey or other poultry to serve with the meal, and garnish before presentation with 1/2 cup pecan halves, if

Courtesy of Family Features



Let guests help decorate holiday cupcakes

Sometimes, it's the little turkeys — not the centerpiece feast - that can be tough to manage during Thanksgiving. By giving your younger guests something to do while the main course is being prepared, they will stay busy and feel like they have a role in the big day.

Switch up the typical pumpkin pie dessert and capture their attention by helping them exercise their imagination with these Turkey Cupcakes.

Using a Devil's Food cake mix as the base, it's easy to bake and prepare these cupcakes the day prior to the holiday. Then, on Thanksgiving, guests young and old can customize their turkey cupcakes with candy corn and frosting as feathers, feet and the beak.

After the cupcakes are decorated and ready to be enjoyed, encourage each child to make a hand turkey by tracing the outside of their hand onto a sheet of construction paper and writing one thing they are grateful for on every finger of the outline. Decorate with feathers, wiggly eyes and crayons. With these hand tracings serving as table decorations, ask each child to read aloud the list of things they are grateful for during dinner.

TURKEY CUPCAKES

1 box Devil's Food cake mix - water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box

2 containers (1 pound each) milk chocolate frosting

1 tube (4.25 ounces) white decorating icing 1 tube (0.68 ounces) brown decorating gel

Candy corn

Chocolate candy sprinkles

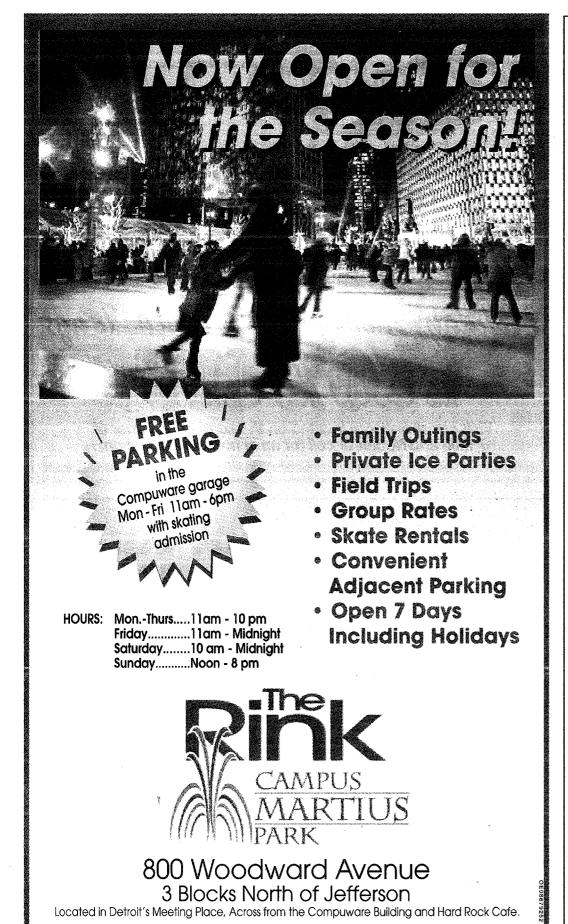
1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pans). Make and cool cake as directed on box for 24 cupcakes.

2. Frost cupcakes with frosting. Place remaining frosting in corner of resealable freezer plastic bag. Snip off small corner

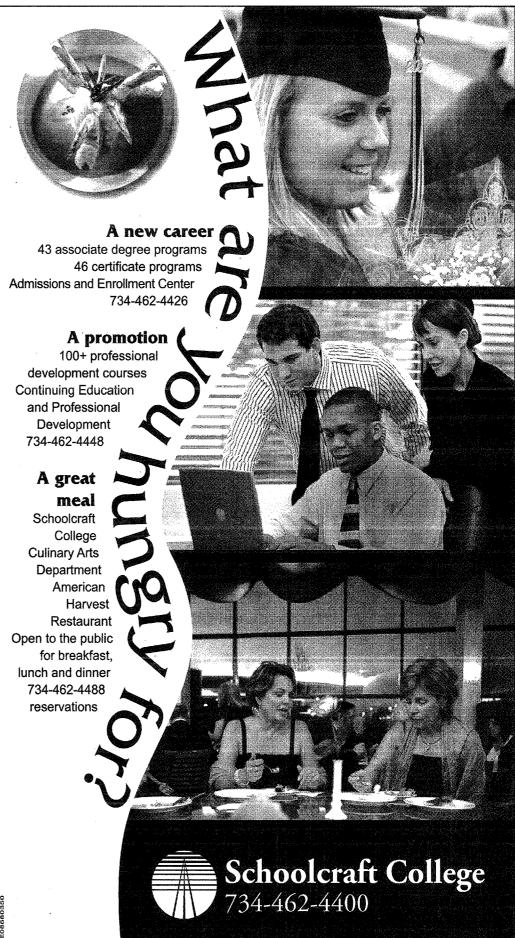
3. To decorate each cupcake, pipe 1-inch mound of frosting on one side of cupcake to look like head of turkey. Make eyes with white decorating icing and brown decorating gel; add candy corn for beak. To make feathers, pipe frosting on opposite side to hold candy corn; place candy corn upright on frosting to look like feathers. Sprinkle chocolate candy sprinkles near head and at base of feathers. If desired, add candy corn at base of cupcake for feet. Store loosely covered.

Prep Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes Makes: 24 cupcakes

Courtesy of Family Features



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Habitat homes: Hand up, not a handout

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Angela Landon's pretty excited about moving into a Habitat for Humanity home in November.

"Oh, my gosh, a lot," she said when asked of the Taylor home's meaning to her family, which includes two children ages 7 and 10. She wants a stable place for her kids to grow up, and Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County came through.

"I never would have had a chance to own a house any other way," said Landon, who had lived for about five months in Westland's shelter.

"Things happen to everybody," said Landon, who'd had a good job. She got sick: "I ended up in a shelter. It was a really eye-opening experience." The shelter staff and volunteers were a big help to Landon, who is disabled.

"There are people who have a lot more need even than me," she said. "I'm so lucky to have found Habitat."

She'll get the keys to her home at 6665 Buck in Taylor the morning of Monday, Nov. 23. Alice Dent, executive director of the Habitat affiliate, based in Plymouth, is so encouraged when she hears stories like Landon's.

"I'm just thrilled we are providing housing for the homeless," said Dent, noting some people don't realize Habitat does that. "We were able to find creative ways to get her sweat equity hours completed."

All new Habitat homeowners must complete so many hours of "sweat equity" work on their own or other houses. The Buck home in Taylor has UPS and JP Properties as sponsors, and was a rehab construction.

It's a busy time of year for the Habitat affiliate with dedications also in Inkster, Wayne and Westland. At all dedications, the keys are turned over to the new homeowners. For the Taylor site, there was a UPS grant, and Dent worked with the city of Taylor's Taylor Cares program in a partnership, with JP Properties giving the money for the

Dent praises all the officials she's worked with in the communities. "That's our first build in Wayne," she said of the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans build at 35430 Glover in Wayne. Tiana Beavers and her family are the partner family for that new construction, dedicated Nov. 2.

The Westland site at 37241 Vincent came via Neighborhood Stabilization funds, with public money for sites in Taylor, Wayne and Westland. The Inkster property at 26120 Dunning was bought from a private individual.

Oct. 29 was dedication day for the 26120 Dunning in Inkster build by



Delta employees who worked on the build on Dunning in Inkster with the partner family in the front row.

Delta Air Lines. Northwest Airlines has done home builds with Habitat locally in the past, Dent said, and this most recent one marked the merger with Delta.

The Delta 6 build included six Habitat affiliates in states across the U.S. Sept. 16 was the wall-raising for all states' Habitat homes.

"So that was a significant build for everyone this year," Dent said. The Chantel Dixon family, coming from Taylor to live in the home, did sweat equity work at other sites as well.

"This was a Blitz Build," Dent said. "This house was built in one month."

Today, Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. is the dedication for the Apostle Churches build at 37241 Vincent, Westland.

Kanette Washington's family is the partner family for the Westland rehab construction.

"We're excited to be busy," Dent said of transitioning four families into good housing through the Christian ministry. She was excited to give Landon two gallons of bright pink paint for her daughter's room.

"This is one of the most memorable builds. This is just giving her so much hope."

Other Habitat homes have been built on Dunning in Inkster, and there's one lot left with sponsors being sought. It's next to the Delta



The Dunning home in Inkster partner family in front of their new home (Chantel Dixon, her children and their grandmother).

"We're really looking for someone to do that so we can complete that project," Dent said.

Alice Dent of Habitat for Humanity of

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Meet me in St. Louis you'll be glad

Q: I am being transferred to St. Louis and I am wondering what the city that awaits me will be like particularly, in terms of residing in the downtown or Forest Park area?

A: St. Louis is more dynamic than ever with a MetroLink that provides rapid transit from the airport to downtown and other locales. There is much development in the downtown area including new condominiums and conversions as well as in the Forest Park area. The weakened economy has not hurt St. Louis



Robert Meisner clean City

other areas, and I think you will find a wide variety of residential opportunities as well as a with two new

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stadia. You are best advised to consult with a well-known real estate firm and lawyer before entering into any real estate transaction.

Q: Do you have any information about the real estate market in St. Louis?

A: The real estate market is relatively strong in St. Louis although there are a number of developments that have suffered with the economy. On the other hand, there are new condominiums being constructed throughout St. Louis, particularly in the downtown area overlooking the Mississippi. There are also a number of apartments for lease in the downtown area. some of which constitute new construction. The downtown area has major shopping and entertainment with a multitude of restaurants from low end to the very high end.

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

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer

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| Beverly Hills | |
| 19191 Devonshire St | \$193,000 |
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| 824 Bennaville Ave | \$484,000 |
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| 4576 Niagara Ln | \$300,000 |
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Kudos

&R Property Management Company was honored with seven awards on Nov. 6 during the Property Management Association of Michigan's GLASTAR awards at the Kellogg Center at Michigan State University. The awards honor excellence in the multifamily industry throughout the State of Michigan.

R&R Management won for "Best Brochure"-Fountain Park Novi, "Best Decorated Model"-Brittany Park Apartments in Harrison Township, "Outstanding Leasing Team of the Year"-Fountain Park Novi, "Outstanding Maintenance Team of the Year"-Brittany Park Apartments, "Outstanding Maintenance Person of the Year"-Fountain Park Westland, "Manager of the Year"-Fountain Park Westland, and the big prize of the evening, "Best Overall STAR Property"-Fountain Park South in Southgate, the third time this award has been given to one of R&R Management's managed apartment communities.

Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 3-7, 2009, at the Wayne County

| Register of Deeds office. Listed below are | | | | | | | |
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| cities, addresses, and sales prices. | | | | | | | |
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| 43600 Appomattax Ct | \$140,000 | | | | | | |
| 852 Aylesbury Ct | \$250,000 | | | | | | |
| 42400 Beechwood Dr | \$150,000 | | | | | | |
| 44080 Candlewood Dr | \$199,000 | | | | | | |
| 2243 Cleveland Way | \$218,000 | | | | | | |
| 50509 Coolidge St | \$195,000 | | | | | | |
| 45431 Cypress Ct | \$230,000 | | | | | | |
| 40675 Deer Creek Ct | \$200,000 | | | | | | |
| 3944 Elizabeth Ave | \$74,000 | | | | | | |
| 43589 Fleetwood Dr | \$140,000 | | | | | | |
| 4189 Forest Bridge Dr | \$58,000 | | | | | | |
| 45475 Glengarry Blvd | \$265,000 | | | | | | |
| 51067 Gold Ridge Ln | \$225,000 | | | | | | |
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| 43661 Nowland Dr | \$225,0 |
| 2171 Preserve Cir E | \$127,0 |
| 48805 Rockefeller Dr | \$281, |
| 607 Sandalwood Rd | \$299,0 |
| 46842 Spinning Wheel | |
| 42274 Trent Dr | \$245,0 |
| 437 W Canford Park | \$265,0 |
| 1773 Willard Dr | \$145,0 |
| 1861 Willard Dr | \$150,0 |
| Garden City | |
| 29051 Bock St | \$44,0 |
| 29435 Brown Ct | \$90, |
| 6777 Gilman St | \$57, |
| Livonia | |
| 34940 Beacon St | \$176,0 |
| 30425 Bonnydale St | \$139,0 |
| 32910 Brookside Cir | \$169, |
| 18480 Gillman St | \$63, |
| 18994 Harrison Ave | \$164 |

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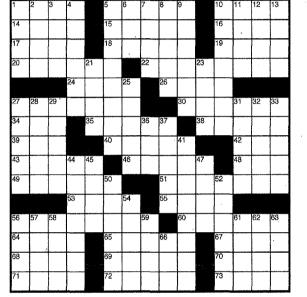
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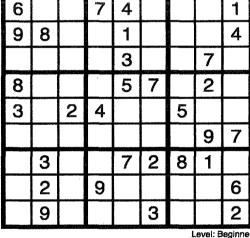
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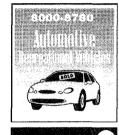
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