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The holiday season is upon us and, through the hustle and bustle, we're asking our readers to let us be a part of their celebration.

We're asking readers to send us their favorite holiday memories and photos to the Observer for the special holiday edition we're planning for Thursday, Dec. 24.

Did you get a favorite gift for Christmas, or do you have a special memory of Hanukkah? Is there a special tradition your family has that makes the season merry and bright?

Share those memories with your neighbors through us. Send your items — be sure to include a photo, if you can — to Observer editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Deadline is Friday, Dec. 18.

### Santa letters

Santa Claus has started to make his list, although sources tell the Observer that, while he's far from check it twice, he is waiting by his mailbox for youngsters' gift lists and letters.

The Observer wants to make sure Santa Claus knows what children would like this Christmas and is asking youngsters to send us letters to him. We will publish the letters in the newspaper during December before sending them on to the North Pole.

The letters should be sent by e-mail and include a snapshot of the child writing the letter. They can be a list of toys, a holiday greeting for the Jolly Ol' Elf or whatever information voungsters want Santa to have.

Send Santa correspondence to bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to put "Letter to Santa" in the subject line. Letters can also be sent the old-fashioned way, via postal service, to Letter to Santa, c/o Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Deadline is Dec. 18.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dave and Ronni Curtis, standing inside the Canton Historical Museum, talked of how Canton has changed over the decades.

# Quiet reflection

## Canton marks 175th year in low-key fashion

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Unlike the huge celebration that marked Canton's 150th year as a township in 1984, local officials, historians and residents are closing out this 175th year in low-key fashion.

"It was a quiet celebration," said township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who was only 5 years old when her family "moved out here to the boondocks" in 1962 to their Napier Road home.

Rather than pull out their party hats like they did for the sesquicentennial celebration 25 years ago, the locals this year have quietly reflected on the history of Canton, which became a township on March 7, 1834, three years before Michigan became a

"We were a township before Michigan was officially admitted into the union," said Ronni Curtis, a Canton Historical Society trustee.

Canton and the former Nankin and Peking townships had taken their names after cities in China due to enhanced trade relations between the United States and China.

'Canton is the only one that still carries its own name," Curtis said.

Early on, Canton had its first township supervisor, James Safford, and Curtis said local officials typically met in people's homes. It wasn't until 1874 that the first township hall was built



The Cherry Hill House, built in 1865-66, was once partially used as a general store and an upstairs dance hall. It stands today at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, and it houses businesses.

at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads for \$700.

The first residents farmed to provide for their families, and the surplus could be sold or bartered for goods. Locals also had dairy farms.

"At one point, we had several cheese factories," Curtis

Amid the farm fields and wooded areas that made up early Canton, two early settlements — Sheldon Corners at Sheldon and Michigan Avenue, and Cherry Hill at Ridge and Cherry Hill — emerged and provided services such as a post office, a general store, a blacksmith,

schools and churches. One congregation began meeting 175 years ago near

the site where the existing brick Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, built in 1882, still stands and has services. The Rev. Merlin Pratt has said many passersby now mistakenly believe the church is merely an unused, historic building, although it continues to reach out to the community.

At one time, Canton had nine one-room schoolhouses, and one of them remains as the Canton Historical Museum on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill.

Dave Curtis, Ronni's husband and vice president of the historical society, said the township became known as

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# **Inclusion group** calls for diversity in public safety BY DARRELL CLEM

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A Plymouth-Canton group has called for a more concerted effort to recruit minorities and make the Canton Public Safety Department more reflective of the increasingly racially diverse community it serves.

The group, Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion, has issued a statement saying the township's recruiting and hiring practices have fallen short and led to a situation in which 87 sworn police officers include no racial minorities.

'We are not asking that any person or race be guaranteed a position," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, who chairs the group.

However, she said minorities appear to have missed out on local hiring practices, and "we would like to see a cultural shift in the organization that promotes inclu-

Township officials indicated Friday they are willing to work with the inclusion group to broaden the list of places where recruitment efforts and job brochures can

'We understand they have concerns, and we are willing to work with them," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We are going to work extremely hard with them. We're looking forward to cooperating with this group."

Incoming Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek, who officially assumes his new post in January, agreed. "We're absolutely open to the ideas that they have as far as our recruiting," Nemecek said, adding that a recruiting team has been formed and the administra-

tion will seek input from the inclusion group on where to place job brochures and focus recruitment efforts. "We're absolutely not shutting anybody out," Nemecek

Still, township officials may face some hurdles: · Other than one police officer job currently waiting to be filled, local positions across the township are expected to be scarce as officials grapple with declining revenues. Certain posts, including the deputy police chief job Nemecek is leaving to become public safety

director, aren't being filled to save money. Certain laws, such as a 2006 voter-approved ballot measure, prohibit government institutions from giving preferential treatment to — or discriminating against - any person or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion members have said they believe there are certain steps, such as broadening recruitment efforts, that can be implemented without any legal snags.

"We are hopeful the township is committed to working with us in the recruiting process and are glad they acknowledge they have to do a better job of making the (public safety) force reflective of the diversity in the community," said Jeff Shamberger, a retired business leader and vice chair of the inclusion group.

U.S. Census data from 2000 showed Canton with a population composed of roughly 84 percent whites, 9 percent Indian/Asian, 4.5 percent African American and 2 percent Hispanic, among others.

However, Graham-Hudak pointed to a Census-related American Community Survey that, for 2008, indicated the percentage of white residents had fallen to 74 percent. Simultaneously, the survey estimated that the percentage of each minority group had increased · most significantly for the Indian/Asian group that had risen to about 16 percent.

Inclusion group members said they will continue to work with local officials to try to make the police ranks and other departments - more reflective of the community.

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# Delay in cut could just be temporary

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Plymouth-Canton school officials applauded Gov. Jennifer Granholm's decision to rescind the \$127-per-pupil cut in funding, at least for December, they weren't exactly hurrying to the bank.

Granholm rescinded the aid cut she'd ordered last month, pointing out the School Aid Fund had some \$150 million more than was expected.

But Plymouth-Canton officials, who'd already adjusted their budget without the \$127 per pupil, said they weren't in any rush to put it back into the budget.

"We had already absorbed it in our budget," said James Larson-Shidler, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent for

business services. "I don't think we're going to be rushing to the school board asking to put it back in. I think we'll wait and see what happens in January."

Granholm said it was important to give schools the money, even if only for a month. She and state economists will review school finances in January, and she said the \$127-per-pupil cut could be imposed then.

School districts still must absorb a \$165-per-pupil reduction in state aid under the 2009-10 budget.

For now, though, Larson-Shidler said the district, at least, wouldn't lose some \$250,000 from the state-aid payment they're due to get this month. He said he hopes, when the board considers a budget amendment in January, he'll have better numbers to give them.

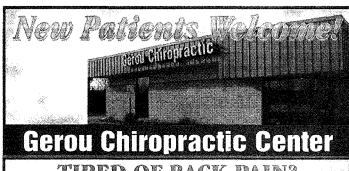
"This hopefully gives legislators a chance to find some revenue enhancements," Larson-Shidler said. "When we go to the board in January, we hope the state will be able to give us firmer numbers.'

Granholm warned that school officials shouldn't count on the money being restored in 2010, and that even deeper cuts are coming unless the federal government unloads additional money to states.

Granholm said one reason for the additional money is that commercial property values have risen unexpectedly in some areas, particularly southeast Michigan. That's resulted in an additional \$100 million for the School Aid Fund.

Also, she said, school districts

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Back then, farmers routinely took their corn and sold it for a profit in Detroit at the Farmers Market, he said.

As recently as 1961, Canton had only 5,300 residents, compared to nearly 90,000 people who now live in homes where farm fields once stood.

McLaughlin recalled what it was like to live in Canton when her family moved here in 1962. She had a horse named Goldie that she would ride "for miles and miles" in the neighborhood as her dog, Hobo, tried to keep up with them.

When Hobo tired out, McLaughlin would scoop her up and let her ride on Goldie.

McLaughlin attended Gallimore Elementary School - the only Cantonbased elementary at the time in the Plymouth-Canton district. She also attended West Middle School until Pioneer Middle School was finished being built, and she was a graduate of Salem High School.

As it grew, Canton — bounded by Joy Road to the north, Van Born to the south, Hannan to the east and Napier to the west - incorporated into a charter township, a move that ushered in new powers to establish a police force, enforce traffic



Spencer Grummel, Spencer Grummel Jr. and Joseph Grummel grew corn in Canton. Corn was an important cash crop to Canton farmers.

rules and broaden local health ordinanc-

Today, the township has a nominally consolidated police and fire department of nearly 200 employees, is part of an acclaimed school system, has the busiest single-branch library in Michigan and has numerous volunteer and civic organizations, which pitch in each year for popular celebrations such as Liberty Fest.

Canton also has experienced growing pains, and local officials even now are trying to secure a \$20.3 million federal grant to reshape the I-275/Ford Road interchange to ease traffic problems that plague the main business strip along Ford Road.

It's impossible to say what Canton will be like when it celebrates its next major anniversary — its 200th birthday — in 2034, and some locals wonder if they still will be here to mark the event.

Regardless, Dave Curtis said a time capsule buried near the Canton Historical Museum is supposed to be unearthed that year. And chances are the party could be just as big — if not bigger — than the sesquicentennial celebration.

"We'll be all geared up for our 200th," McLaughlin said.

"We will continue to provide resources for Canton, the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to reach out to minority applicants in order to see a safety department force more reflective of our community demographics,' Graham-Hudak said.

Loren Khogali, a vice chair of the group, said the committee will continue to monitor the situation.

"We expect a commitment to diversity in recruiting and hiring," Khogali said. "It is vital that those responsible for hiring in our community recognize that a more diverse public safety department will be a strength in a community that is more diverse every year."

Group members said anyone who has questions or who wants more information about the group may send an e-mail to plycancdi@gmail.com

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have tightened their belts so much that it's left a small surplus in the fund.

"The crisis of how we fund public education is real," Granholm said. "While the

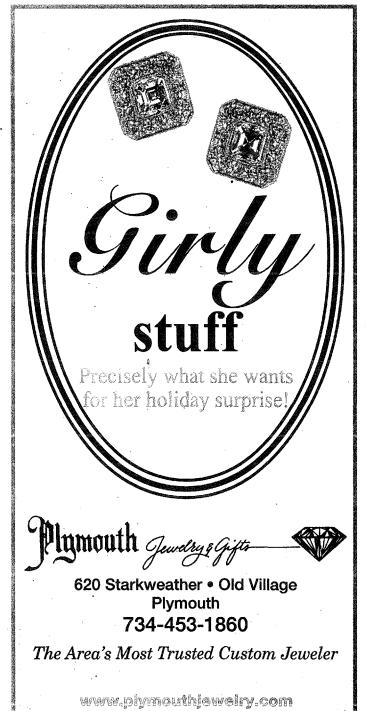
hard work of school officials across the state to cut their budgets has resulted in a larger than expected carry forward from the last fiscal year, we must continue to find a way to ensure stable and adequate funding for public education next year and beyond."

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#### **CORRECTION**

A story in the Dec. 10 Observer about the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education moving its election date to oddyear Novembers should have said the term of Trustee Nancy Eggenberger, elected in May 2007, is scheduled to end in November 2011.











"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.

#### **Business women meet**

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road.

Guest speaker is Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step.

#### Holiday magic

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Radatz was born and raised in Detroit and began his magic career at the young age of 6 after receiving a magic set from his grandmother for Christmas. He continued honing his craft in these early years while attending Detroit Catholic Central and Central Michigan University; where he recently received the Outstanding Young Alumni

When Radatz was asked about performing in Michigan again, he responded, "I am thrilled to bring some magic back to the city and the fans who gave me my start. I can't wait to give them an amazing performance."

His show is a non-stop journey finding magic in everyday objects and everyday people. Combining music, storytelling, and audience participation with a personal touch, Radatz captures the magic that we all want to believe exists. The highlight of the show in Canton will feature Radatz recreating an escape made famous by Harry Houdini. Radatz will be restrained in a regulation straight jacket and hung by his ankles 40 feet above the stage as he tries to escape and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friends gather

A crowd is expected tonight (Sunday) in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the annual Compassionate Friends candle-lighting ceremony to honor children who died too young. The ceremony, which starts at 7 p.m., features poems and the reading of the names of the children who've died. Two trees in the park will be decorated with ornaments featuring their names. Organizers recommend attendees arrive around 6:30 p.m.

beat Houdini's best time.

Tickets to these family shows are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater. org. Visit www.aaronradatz. com for the latest news and tour information on Aaron Radatz. For more information or to order tickets for either of these exciting shows, call (734) 394-5460.

#### Happy meals

Since 1979, McDonald's Happy Meals have changed the way families enjoy lunch and dinner out together. To celebrate the 30th birthday of the Happy Meal, the Southeast Michigan McDonald's Operators Association brings its traveling exhibit to the Canton Public Library through Jan. 4.

The exhibit contains many of the different specialty toys and artifacts that have been included in the Happy Meal since its introduction.

"The response to this exhibit has been tremendous," said Willie Blue, marketing supervisor for McDonald's Michigan Region. "People from all over metro Detroit have enjoyed reliving their Happy Meal memories with their children."

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center. In addition, Ronald McDonald, McDonald's Chief Happiness Officer, will make a special appearance 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, for a

special children's show.

#### Toys for Tots

The Goddard School began collecting new, unwrapped Toys for Tots on Monday, Nov. 23. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program distributes the donated toys as holiday gifts to needy children in the community.

The goal of the Toys for Tots program is to not only deliver a new toy during the holidays, but also a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters throughout the United States. The Goddard School uses cause-related opportunities like Toys for Tots to teach their little students the importance of helping others.

A Toys for Tots collection box will be located in the lobby of the school through Dec. 16 for donations. The Goddard School is located at 6697 N Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 454-4737.

#### Art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will showcase the art works of Robert Throne through Jan. 3 in the Gallery@VT. Thorne's latest exhibit features recent print and pastel works.

Throne's artwork is a mix of process and theme. As noted in his artist statement, Thorne states that his work is a comment on the passage of time and the elements

of nature, which affect our technological environment. "Process is an important component of my work; it is never hidden, but is part of the experience of looking."

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during public performances at the theater.

For more information about this latest exhibition, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

#### Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestras will be selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season. Each kit will consist of 10 white paper bags as well as 10 candles. The kits can be purchased for \$5 in Plymouth at Gabriala's, Saxton's, Sideways, and The Plymouth Canton Symphony office located at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

The Luminaria kits will also be for sale in between the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Plymouth Symphony "Home for the Holidays" POPS concert that will be taking place in the historic Penn Theatre located downtown Plymouth on

Thursday, Dec. 17.

The Luminaria kits are available through Dec. 24. For further information contact the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society at (734)-451-2112.

#### **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

Retail cost is \$35; your cost is \$20. Save money and support the BeckRidge Chorale.

Call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be delivered in the Plymouth area upon request.

#### Breast cancer fund-raiser

Sue Turner and two of her dearest friends will be walking in the Michigan 3-day to raise money for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research. The event is one in which they will walk a total of 60 miles over the course of three days, training hundreds of miles to get ready for this weekend-long event.

The three wanted to do their part in fighting against the disease. They've created a cookbook for people to enjoy and also at the same time contribute to a great cause. In order to accomplish their goal, they gathered recipes from friends and

"The title of the book just seemed to fall into place ... '3 Friends, 3 Reasons (for walking the 3day), 3 Hearts," Turner said. "Our team name for the walk is "BE BOLD." "BE BOLD" is a statement of power. BE BOLD to fight for what you believe in; BE BOLD to go beyond your comfort zone ... the list is endless."

The book consists of 400 wonderful recipes. Including the trio's signature cookie "Be Bold! Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites.'

Each book is \$15. Additional shipping charges may apply for non-local buy-

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# EDUCATION

# East, Miller squads earn honors in robotics competition

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH CORRESPONDENT

What's more fun than playing video games? If you ask students at East Middle School and Miller Elementary School, they will answer that it's more fun to create and design a robot.

Two teams of students from those two schools - East Middle School's Short Circuit and Miller Elementary's Millerbots - had so much fun at the FIRST LEGO League championship tournament it paid off in awards for both teams.

Competing among 48 robotics teams from across Michigan, Short Circuit won first place for Innovative Solutions and finished in the top five for Research Quality and Innovative Design. Millerbots earned first place for Research Quality and was in the top five for Creative Presentation.

Harish Chander, a fifthgrader from Miller, said being on the Millerbots team is "way more fun than video games because it's more interactive than sitting on the couch."

"The programming is more fun than even playing on the Wii because we use our motor skills and our brains," Harish said.

Tiberiu Vilcu, an eighthgrader from East, agreed.

"Overall, I had fun with my friends while doing something productive," Tiberiu said. "Of course, the robotics portion was the best."

#### **MENTOR BASED**

LEGO Group and FIRST, an exciting mentor-based program "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology", joined forces as



The East Middle School robotics team, Short Circuit, included (front, from left) Prithvi Jayachandran, Nitin Ram, Sharanya Jayachandran, Madhurima Das; and (back, from left) Krishna Vemulapalli, Shuvra Das (Coach), Brandon Cheung, Chithrini Sivashankar and Tiberiu Vilcu.

FLL. They promote science and technology using a real-world context and handson experimentation. Through this program, students are introduced to real-world engineering challenges. They build LEGO-based robots, which complete tasks

lan Wunderlich and Aalia Siddiqui take part in the on a theme-based competition.

playing surface. The fun began when students designed, built and programmed robots using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology. Through this process, they applied real-world math and science concepts, researched challenges, learned presentation, critical thinking and team building skills.

Team building is important for Short Circuit's team coach,

Dr. Shuvra Das, who is an East parent volunteer and a 15year engineering professor at University of Detroit Mercy.

"The biggest skill the children take from this experience is how to work with each other and manage different opinions," Das said. "This is a critical skill that they will need when they enter the workforce.



The Millerbots from Miller Elementary included (top, from left) Tanvi Hegde, Rick Wunderlich (Mentor), Alice Wu, Ian Wunderlich, Sven Olson, Damodar Hegde (Mentor), Kristi Berry, (Coach and 5th Grade TAG Teacher, Miller Elementary); (middle, from left) Priya Vijayakumar, Shachi Salvi, Harish Chander, Ben Ludtke; and (front, from left) Aalia Siddiqui, Cameron McFadden, Nidhi Nagaraj and Nathan Tseng.

Miller fifth-grader Ian Wunderlich said his favorite part was doing the research presentation at the state com-

"It was fun to sing a song," he said. "One of the judges was a music teacher who said singing helped us remember it better."

#### **READY FOR FUTURE**

Not only did the students have fun and learn team building, but they learned other things as well. Nitin Ram, an eighth-grader from East, said "I learned that I can program in two different ways: a simple program or a complex one. This experience will help me pursue a future in biochemistry.

According to Das, this is Short Circuit's second year and the entire team consists of Talented and Gifted students. The eight students on the Short Circuit previously competed in 'Destination Imagination' for three years. In May 2009, they competed in Knoxville, Tenn., where they won the Outstanding Award for Project Outreach. That was a similarly parentled club and taught the students about teamwork.

Both Short Circuit and Millerbots started meeting as early as late summer, when they went over basic programming. In early September, FLL posted the challenge online. This year's challenge is called 'Smart Move' and relates to transportation. Both teams then met twice a week until the competition ended.

In addition to their meetings, both Short Circuit and Millerbots participated in robotics practice competitions. Short Circuit went to Flint

and Miller went to Dearborn. Then, both teams competed at the national level.

Competition is judged on four parts: research project, which involves a presentation to the judge; teamwork; interview with the judges about their robot design and programming and the robot obstacle course.

#### **GAINING EXPERIENCE**

While this was Short Circuit's second year in the robotics competition, this was Millerbots' first year. In fact, Miller is the first public elementary school in the Plymouth-Canton area to field a team for FLL. Millerbot's team coach, Kristi Berry, is a fifth-grade TAG teacher.

"We have such a tremendous core of strong students at Miller who are excited about science," Berry said. "We actually have about 50 students attending robotics club each week." There are 12 students (including two alternates) on the Millerbot team and 38 additional students in the club.

Leading such a large group would not be possible without the active involvement of parents, especially the volunteer mentors Rick Wunderlich, Damodar Hegde, Bala Chander, Eric Tseng, Shelly Ludtke and Yuefei Wu.

The students from Short Circuit and Millerbots see this experience as a step in their future careers.

"My dad is an engineer and volunteered for the team," said Tanvi Hegde, a Miller fifthgrader. I have an interest in building and programming and want to be an engineer, too."

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# Scotch specialty items draw customers near, far

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

Allan Ackroyd, Jr. proudly displays his new shortbread creations alongside a refrigerated case of specialty items at his store in Redford. The second-generation baker threw out about 100 pounds of dough before perfecting the take-off on the traditional treat, but it's the pasties, steak pies and sausage rolls that keep customers coming back to Ackroyd's Scotch Bakery.

The store on Five Mile, east of Beech Daly, is about the only place around where Scotch and non-Scotch alike are able to buy foods such as shepherd pies, bridies, and black or mealie pudding (blood sausage). One customer stopped in recently to find out the deadline for sending meat pies to his mother down South for Christmas. Ackroyd sells his baked products across the United States throughout the year but especially during the holidays.

"What's popular for the holiday? Everything in volumes," said Ackroyd, who puts in 12 to 14 hours, seven days a week at this time of year. On Christmas he celebrates by sleeping.

Ackroyd jokes he has a lot of elves who work hard in the large kitchen at the back of the bakery. Last year those six employees helped Ackroyd make 700 dozen meat pies the week before Christmas.

"Two days before Christmas is usually orders only. If you haven't placed an order by then, it's usually too late unless we have a few items left in the case," Ackroyd said.

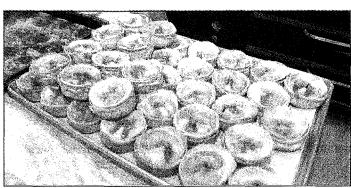
"People come from all over and we've shipped as far as Hawaii and last week Oregon. I love doing it. A lot of the customers I know by name or face."

The new shortbread cookies are made the traditional way with butter, flour, sugar and a little salt before adding flavorings or covering with chocolate. The Apple Cinnamon

Made in Michigan



Owner Allan Ackroyd Jr. will be very busy over the next few weeks as orders come in from all over the country.



Three dozen of the thousands of pies Ackroyd's will ship for the holidays.

was inspired by Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill, which carries the shortbread seasonally. Pumpkin Spice and Dark Chocolate Dipped round out the offerings stocked by several local merchants.

Allan Jr. believes Ackroyd's has been in business for 60 years because of the quality. The bakery case beckons with trays of oatcakes, cherry and sultana (golden raisin) pound cake as well as fern cakes made from a shortbread crust and strawberry jam on the bottom then topped with almond-flavored yellow cake and icing. Cubes of steak in gravy fill pies covered with puff pastry made from scratch

just like all of Ackroyd's products.

"They're family recipes, primarily dad's recipes and a master baker from Scotland who worked with him," said Allan Jr. Allan Sr., 83, who still helps out at the bakery.

"Dad started with meat pies and formed the dough over Mason (canning) jars until he was able to buy a special machine from Scotland for making crusts. There were about seven Scotch bakeries back then. We're the only one in this area now and one of a few Scotch bakeries in the U.S. that does a full line of meatfilled products."

Allan Sr. and his brother

Silas immigrated to the U.S. from Scotland in 1947 and opened their first bakery in Detroit about a year later. Ackroyd's has called Redford home for 37 years. The family owned a Birmingham store for 21 years until closing about five years ago.

In addition to baked goods, the store carries imported Lemon Curd and Bramble Jelly to spread on their well-fired bread and serve along with a cup of Yorkshire tea from the United Kingdom.

Ackroyd's three new flavors of shortbread are available at the bakery in Redford; Hiller's Markets in Plymouth, Northville and West Bloomfield; Hollywood Market, Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak; Harvest Fresh Market, Farmington; Westborn Market and Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market, Livonia, and Market Square, Birmingham, to name a few.

For a complete list, visit the Web site at www.ackroydbak-ery.com.

Ackroyd's Scotch Bakery is at 25566 Five Mile, Redford. Call (313) 532-1181 or (866) 532-1444.

## Wallets, cash, stolen from vehicles

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police in Plymouth Township are investigating larcenies of purses from three different vehicles that were parked outside businesses in the area of Five Mile and Beck Road in recent days.

The wallets had been sitting in plain view in the vehicles, said detective Sgt. Steve Rapson, who called the incidents crimes of opportunity. Their contents included cash and credit cards. The vehicles were all parked outside businesses in an industrial area.

One vehicle was entered when a window was smashed, while two others had apparently been left unlocked, Rapson said. The incidents all occurred within about the last 10 days, he said. In addition, a fourth theft occurred in another area, on the township's east side, within the same time frame, he said.

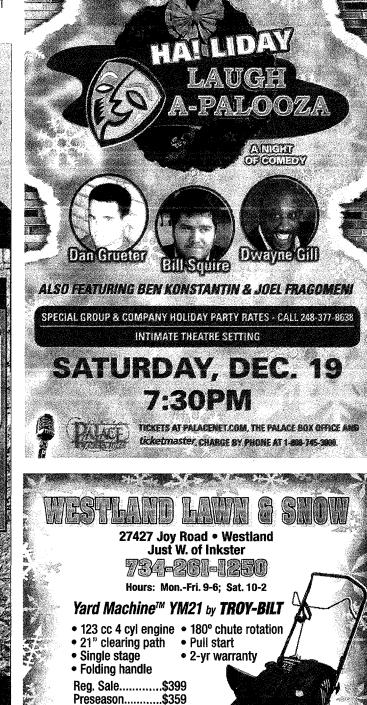
Police later learned that two of the credit cards reported stolen were used, Rapson said. Investigators are still developing leads in the case.

Police urge motorists to remove all valuables, such as purses, cellular phones and laptop computers, from vehicles when leaving them parked, and to lock vehicle doors whether parking at a business or at home.

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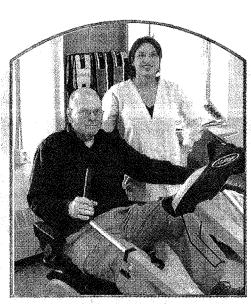


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# Good deed: Ford workers help out at Salvation Army



Employees of the Ford Motor Company helped make merry the annual Christmas luncheon for seniors at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps by serving the meal. Working at the site were team leader Annie Wong of Canton Township, Sharon Priebe of Redford Township, Jody Banciu of Grosse Ile, Michelle Kurtjian of Dearborn, Colleen Murphy, Rhonda Rosselle, Diane Abramczyk of Farmington Hills, Nancy Natter of Garden City, Diane Domek, Diane Dossin, Jill Plensdorf of Grass Lake and Deborah Gertsen of Dearborn.



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BY DANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

Velda and Elmer Fraley of Westland haven't been out much this year, because most of their time has been spent at hospitals and doctor's appointments.

Before Elmer got sick, they attended the monthly senior programs at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"We decided today we would start going out again," Velda said, sitting at a table with a wrapped gift at each setting.

The Fraleys were among some 100 seniors who Friday were at the annual Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Christmas luncheon that was served this year by Ford Motor Co. volunteers.

"For some, this is their special day out for the year," said Elma Newell, a senior at the luncheon and a Westland resident for 45 years. "Some have no family and need this. The people here are so caring and want to help anyone they can."

Twelve Ford employees, who work in the company's Office of General Counsel, volunteered in Westland. And they felt humbled by the experience.

"I came out because I like to help the community and it helps others less fortunate than most of us are," said Nancy Natter, a Ford employee and Garden City resident.

"It makes me feel good that I'm giving back to the community," said Sharon Priebe, a Ford employee and Redford resident.

Diane Abramczyk, a Farmington Hills resident, said she tries to volunteer at programs outside of Ford, too.

"I think it's important to always help out, regardless of the changes and conditions of the times," Abramczyk said. "There are always people who can use assistance."

For Jill Plensdorf, a Grass Lake resident, the outing was the third volunteer program she has been involved with through Ford this year.

"I worked at a food bank and that especially touched me to see that basic needs aren't being met," Plensdorf said. "There's a feeling of giving back to the community to people less fortunate than myself."

The 12 women at the Salvation Army were among Ford employee groups throughout southeast Michigan who Friday worked anywhere food was being distributed, according to Janet Lawson, Ford volunteer corps director.

"Between 600,000 and 700,000 people in southeast Michigan don't know when their next meal will be." Lawson said. "Every day of the week, there are Ford volunteers doing some good."

Four days a year, on Accelerated Action Days, between 400 to 600 Ford volunteers are out in full force. Each of the Accelerated Action Days has a theme and Friday's was providing food to people in need.

"Hunger is a painful reality for far too many people who go to bed hungry each night in our local communities," said Jim Vella, president, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Community Services. "Giving of our time and sharing our resources are two ways

Ford and its volunteers can help ease that pain and take another step toward our goal of making the world a better

Ford offers employees a chance to work in community service and get paid their

regular salary. We hope they get their appetites whetted and become volunteers for those community groups," Lawson said. "We're a smaller, leaner company these days, but our people are really giving back."

Transit Connects, a new model similar in design to vans, have been donated by Ford and marked for Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest and United Way services, Lawson said.

"They're to get meals to these people who are challenged with lack of food," Lawson said. "We have a whole new population of hungry people and they're not near those soup kitchens."

The next Ford Accelerated Action Day is March 3 and the focus will be to help agencies that serve children and fami-

Westland Salvation Army Capt. Joanna Rose said that the corps couldn't provide services like the luncheon without the help of volunteers.

"Some of these seniors have families, but now that they are getting older their friends are passing away and sometimes their families are moving away," Rose said. "They hold our history in their hands. They raised our parents and our grandchildren. What better way to celebrate Christ's birth than to celebrate the people who he has put in our lives, especially the seniors."

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# Get sound advice on filing for bankruptcy

Q: Dear Rick: My husband and I have decided that there is no alternative but to file for bankruptcy. In addition to our mortgage, which is more than the value of our house, we have a substantial amount in credit card debt. We have five charge cards. One is in my name, one is in my husband's name and we have three joint cards. For many reasons, we don't want to be the position where we both have to file for bankruptcy. We decided it would make sense for him to file. We figure that if he declares bankruptcy, he can claim all the charge cards except the one in my name. In reading one of your past columns, I thought that could be a problem, however, a friend said I shouldn't worry and that as long as my husband declares bankruptcy and claims those cards there should be no problem. Is this true? My friend also said that if it is a problem then my husband and I can divorce and in the settlement he would take all the debt. What do you think?

A: I can almost guarantee that your friend is not a lawyer and doesn't understand bankruptcy laws.

First, if your husband did declare bankruptcy he could potentially receive a discharge from his liabilities. However, his bankruptcy does not affect you. Since you are a signator on the joint charge cards, the charge card companies would not be able to go after him but they certainly can go after you. His bankruptcy does not discharge you from your obligation under the debt.

The same premise applies to your home. If the mortgage is in both your names, once again, his bankruptcy would not have any impact on you and the



**Money Matters** Rick Bloom

from you. With regards to divorce, your friend, once again, is wrong. A divorce would

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sue collections

have no impact on your obligations to the creditors. Even

if the court orders him to pay the debts that would not prevent the charge card companies and the mortgage company from coming after you.

I recommend that you sit down with a qualified bankruptcy attorney and discuss vour options. More than likely, the debts on all the charge cards are substantial and there is no realistic opportunity to repay the debt and it would make sense for both of you to file for bankruptcy.

I recognize that going into bankruptcy does impact your credit, however, what it is also does is allow you and your husband to get a clean start. Just by the fact that you file for bankruptcy does not mean that in the future you will not be able to obtain credit because you will. It will be a little more difficult and it may be more expensive. However, as far as I am concerned that is a small cost to pay to get a fresh start.

I am not one who recommends bankruptcy the first time someone gets themselves into financial difficulty. After all, there are opportunities to potentially work with creditors to solve the problem without having to go into bankruptcy and impact one's credit. However, that said, I'm also not one who believes that bankruptcy is something that people should avoid at all costs.

We live in a society and a

country that believes that people are entitled to a second chance and bankruptcy laws are there to provide that opportunity. I also believe that the stigma with regards to bankruptcy is no longer there. In this financial crisis, many individuals and corporations have had to seek protection through bankruptcy laws and I believe that most people in our society recognize that things happen that are sometimes out of ones control.

A perfect example of is what has happened to General Motors. I remember when many people in the financial world predicted and even recommended that General Motors seek bankruptcy protection. The general thought of many people in the company was if GM went into bankruptcy no one would buy GM cars.

That is not the case. Consumers have continued to purchase GM vehicles.

In fact, I believe if GM had filed for bankruptcy a few years ago, they probably would be in better shape than they are in

When it comes to bankruptcy, I strongly recommend someone whose great majority of work is in the bankruptcy courts. Bankruptcy is very specialized. If you need the name of a qualified individual e-mail me.

One final point. Many people attempt to transfer assets or do other transactions to shield assets before they go through bankruptcy. Be very careful. Those transfers, perhaps well intentioned, can cause you problems.

Good luck!

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

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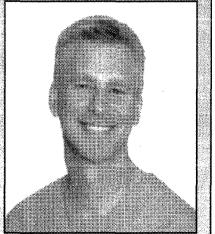
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# MADD kicks off annual holiday campaign

BY LEANNE ROGERS **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Two years after her daughter was killed in 1992 by a drunken driver, Paulette Gibson became a victim impact speaker for Mothers Against Drunk

"I speak once or twice a month to first-time offenders a lot of them really aren't first-time offenders," said Gibson. "It became a passion for me."

But continuing to see 40-50 first-time offenders at each session became disheartening, said Gibson, who often brought along her 4-year-old granddaughter — a child she raised after her daughter's

"It had a big impact on people seeing her sitting in a big chair behind me, coloring,"

Speaking at the kick-off ceremony for MADD's annual Tie One On For Safety red ribbon campaign, Gibson said she returned as a speaker after

about a five-year break. "I realized that the problem was not going to go away unless there was no alcohol and that wasn't going to happen," said Gibson. "I speak from compassion and consequences. Choices have consequences.'

Drunken driving impacts the offender's family, too, Gibson said.

"I start by asking them to close their eyes and think of someone they love and who loves them unconditionally."



Paulette Gibson, a victim impact speaker for MADD, talks about the loss of her daughter, who was killed in 1992 by a drunken driver.

said Gibson.

Metro area law enforcement officials, including Wayne County Undersheriff Daniel Pfannes and Macomb County Sheriff's Department Capt. Anthony Wickersham, attended the kick-off at Westland Center.

"I'm here as a law enforcement officer and also as a citizen. My best friend was killed in the 1980s by drunk driver," said Pfannes. "This is very near and dear to my heart. We can't preach enough that people need to be responsible for themselves and each other. It's a hard task stepping up when someone is getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol."

Like Pfannes, Wickersham urged drivers to call 9-1-1 when they see erratic drivers who may be intoxicated. In a time when budgets are being cut, Wickersham said that Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel and Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith have sponsored billboards asking people to call 9-1-1 about possible drunken drivers.

"We took this concept from Neighborhood Watch. We need people to be our eyes and ears and call 9-1-1 with as much information about the vehicle as they can," said Wickersham. "Then we hope an officer will be able to stop them.'

From Thanksgiving to New

Year's Day nationally close to 1,500 fatalities occur involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher and thousands of individuals are injured, according to MADD. In 2008, 317 people were killed and 5,700 injured in alcohol-related accidents statewide. In the seven counties that make up Southeast Michigan, 104 fatalities and 2,085 injuries occurred in crashes where the drunken driver had a BAC of .08 or higher.

Noting his relationship with MADD dated back to his time as Wayne County sheriff, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said that the organization has changed the dynamics and discussions that relate to alcohol consumption

"Ten years ago, you wouldn't have known what a designated driver is. There is a lot more discussion at parties about drinking and who is driving home," he said. "But the job isn't complete if one family is injured by a drunk driver."

Tying a red ribbon around a vehicle antenna wasn't just a reminder of the campaign, Westland Mayor William Wild said, but also shows a commitment to drive sober and wearing a seat belt.

The MADD ribbons are available at local State Farm Insurance offices — the insurance company is a sponsor of the Tie One On For Safety effort.

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#### LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs are available during December at the Plymouth District Library:

· Library closings - The Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 30-31.

• WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

• DIA LECTURE, Monday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. - The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents this monthly gathering, drawing from the Detroit Institute of Art Speakers Bureau. No registration is required.

• BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Dec. 16, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Home by Marilynne Robinson. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's

Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

• MIDWEEK MOVIE, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m. - Enjoy a recent release, popcorn and pop. No registration required.

• STARS, MOONS & PLANETS, Monday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. Contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@gmail.com

 NEEDLECKAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project.

• HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY - Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library

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#### Youth Programs

• LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, Dec. 14, 10 & 11 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required – call Reader's Advisory Desk at 734-453-0750, Ext. 5.

· BABY PLAY, Monday, Dec. 28, 10 & 11 a.m., and Saturday, Jan. 2, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

• HOLIDAY BREAK PROGRAM: LEGOS, Monday, Dec. 28, 10 or 11 a.m. - For

children ages 5-12 only, this a chance to build spaceships, buildings, sculptures or any lego creation their heart desires. Space is limited – registration opens on December 15 is required. Call 734-453-0750, Ext. 5.

• FAMILY GAME NIGHT, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 6 p.m. - Enjoy an evening of board games with friends and neighbors. The Library will supply the games, as well as pizza and soda. This program is intended for elementary school students and their families. Registration opens on Dec. 15 - space is limited to the first 25 families to sign up. Call 734-453-0750, Ext. 5.

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• BOOKS & BITES, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 3:15 p.m. - Teens are invited to read The Secret Identity of Devon Delaney by Barnholt. Things are about to get interesting for Devon when her lies of last summer catch up to her in the middle of Mr. Pritchard's third-period math class. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, 734-453-0750, Ext. 4.

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# 'Detroit: Our Greatest Generation'

# Film honors local World War II heroes

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dale Holland couldn't wait to enlist in the United States Air Force.

The year was 1942 and his dream of becoming a pilot was well within reach.

"I was always interested in aviation," said Holland, 88, of Dearborn. "I built model airplanes; flying was a very popular occupation then."

His dream came true, and before he knew it, he was behind the controls of a B-24, awaiting take-off on a mission in New Guinea. It was his first mission — and his first glimpse into the dangers of his new career as a United States Army Air Corps pilot.

"The plane in front of us ran off the runway and blew up," he said, noting there was a malfunction in the plane. "My crew was very close to that crew."

Another memorable mission — of the 59 he flew in the South Pacific during World War II — was the successful Oct. 14, 1944, bombing of an oil refinery in Balikpapan, on Borneo Island in Indonesia. It was the main fuel source for the Japanese Armed Forces.

Holland and his Jolly Rogers 90th Bomb Group succeeded where others had tried for months, earning him a letter of commendation from George C. Kenny, commander of the Allied Air Forces of the Southwestern Pacific.

Holland was issued a Purple Heart after being injured in the line of duty. He suffered a flesh wound on his arm in combat.

Humble about his courageous service during World War II, Holland said being included in the documentary by metro Detroit's Keith Famie, entitled *Detroit: Our Greatest Generation*, is "a little uncomfortable."

Holland is one of hundreds of local World War II veterans being honored in Famie's latest documentary, which will premiere at the Fox Theatre in Detroit tonight (Sunday). This historic, once-in-a-lifetime tribute to Michigan's greatest genera-

tion begins at 7 p.m.
The 90-minute director's cut documentary
— which was edited at the Farmington Hills-based
Digital Image Studios — captures the emotional realities of pre- and post-WWII survivors and how their lives affected the city, known at the time as "the Arsenal of Democracy."

The film is directed and produced by Keith Famie of eight-time Emmy award winning Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

The project, developed over 16 months, features exclusive personal interviews with veterans and their families, including a soldier's first-time journey back to Omaha Beach, Normandy. Capt. Merle Barr, who shared the trip to France with his son, survived against insurmountable odds on D. Day

able odds on D-Day.

Legendary Detroit broadcasters and military veterans Sonny Elliot and Budd Lynch also share their experiences in the film, along with several metro Detroiters, who reflect on how their service affected the rest of their lives.

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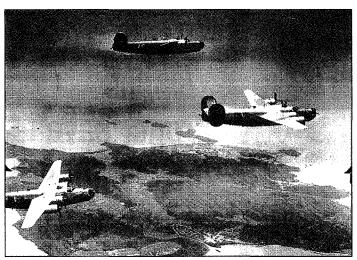
role as the Arsenal of Democracy.

"The debut of *Detroit: Our Greatest Generation* is more than a film premiere. It's the celebration of an era: one that belongs to Detroit and was critically influential in the freedom Americans share in today," said Famie. "The film tells the narrative of Detroit's heroes like never before, while we are still able to hear the stories from the people who were there to experience them."

The premiere event will feature WJR's Paul W. Smith as emcee, Mitch Ryder and Stewart Francke performing with the United States 338th



The 90th Bomb Group.



This photo depicts the Jolly Rogers 90th Bomb Group out in force formation on an airdrome bombing mission.

Army Band in a special sound off to each branch of the current military. Also featured will be a special Andrews Sisters revue and the Cornerstone Concert Choir singing the National Anthem.

Holocaust survivor Sam Offen, who lost more than 50 members of his immediate and extended family to slave labor, ghetto confinement and concentration camp horrors, will speak, offering his gratitude to all the WWII veterans who helped liberate the Jewish community.

The debut will open with a specially recorded message

from Tom Brokaw, author of The Greatest Generation and special correspondent for NBC News, who also speaks in the film about Detroit's importance in the war effort.

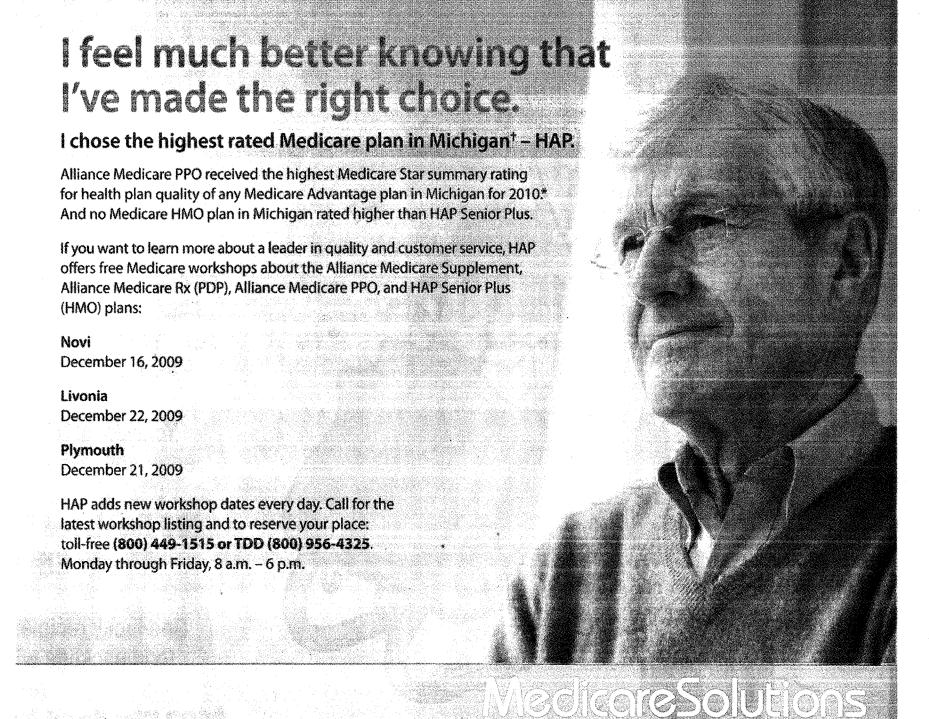
The film benefits the Michigan Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Yankee Air Museum. Tickets are available for \$23 and \$33 on Ticketmaster or at the Fox Box Office. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

A one-hour version of the film will be shown on WDIV-TV in Detroit, with no commercial interruption, on Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. and again on Dec. 25 at 2 p.m.

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"With our nation losing 1,500 World War II veterans a day, Detroit: Our Greatest Generation is not only timely, but a powerful and moving way to honor our heroes both abroad and on the home front in Detroit," said founder of American House Bob Gillette. "And with more than 300 World War II veterans calling American House home, we're not only a sponsor of the film, but an everyday advocate for Our Greatest Generation."

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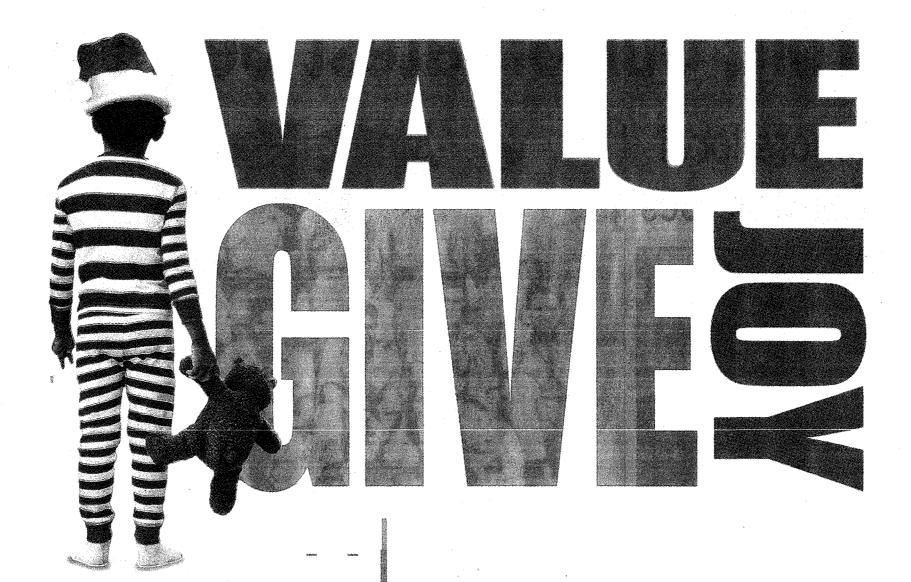
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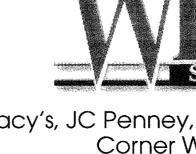
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Battling along the boards for the puck during Wednesday's KLAA varsity boys hockey game are Livonia Churchill's Cam Benson (left) and Plymouth's John Deal.

# Wildcats claw back, tie Churchill

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The tried-and-true hockey

adage that it's never a bad play to shoot the puck held true to form again Wednesday night. A seemingly routine wrist

shot by Plymouth junior defenseman Justin Bauer with 6:42 remaining in the third period found the top left corner and lifted the Wildcats (6-0-1) to a 3-3 tie with host Livonia Churchill at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Bauer skated into the Churchill zone, and reached the right circle when he lofted a shot high over the blocker of senior netminder Aaron Crouse (33 saves).

"I think it caught him Crouse) off guard," said Wildcats head coach Paul Fassbender. "He might have used the defenseman as a screen, maybe the goalie didn't see it.

"And I think it surprised him, because they were blocking everything."

The Chargers (1-3-1) nearly regained the lead with about two minutes to play.

But Plymouth junior goalie Mike Justus (20 saves) scooted across the crease in time to block a one-timer by winger Mike Kutek — perfectly set up by junior linemate Steven Klisz.

Churchill head coach Pete Mazzoni said that the tying marker stemmed from "a smart play on their guy's part, just get pucks to the net. But I like the way we played" particularly on the power play (two goals).

"Plymouth's a good team, a lot of good speed, a lot of good guys up front," Mazzoni added. "I'm disappointed we had the lead and couldn't keep it, but it's a step in the right direction.

We're learning, it's just taking a little longer than we would have hoped."

Fassbender said the Bauer goal was a bit of a bonus because he had only wanted the player to move the puck deep into Churchill territory.

'We're focusing on getting the puck deep," Fassbender said. "When we do that, when we get it in the corners we seem to have a lot of success.

"So I was yelling to dump it, dump it, dump it and he took that shot and it went in."

Bauer scored less than two minutes after Chargers senior defenseman Scott Hamill's long screen shot beat Plymouth goalie Michael Justus to put Churchill up

Hamill — who moved from forward to D-man this season also assisted on Churchill's second period goals by senior forward Christo Papaioannou and sophomore forward Ben Proben. Both goals were scored with the extra man.

"Scotty, we asked him to change positions this year, he has the C on his jersey and he's the ultimate team guy,' Mazzoni said. "I'm really happy for him because he's worked hard and he's very capable of playing like that."

Papaioannou benefited from a fortuitous bounce to score his goal.

A wide shot by Hamill caromed off the boards behind Justus, out the other side to Papaioannou at the left post. He then stuffed the puck

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# **OT** defeat good test for Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a heart-wrenching 38-36 loss to Detroit Renaissance in overtime Thursday night, Canton's girls basketball team learned it can hang with one of the best.

"I schedule those guys for a reason," said Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski. "There's no point in going out and just blowing people out. You want to compete against the best and they're one of the

"I think that will help our group. I'll get better as a coach and they'll get better as play-

The Phoenix (3-0) remain one of the toughest teams the Detroit Public School League has to offer — not to mention being among Michigan's topranked squads.

But Canton (2-1), especially junior forward Kari Schmitt, served notice it will be an opponent to be reckoned with during the postseason. Schmitt scored 17 points, including all 13 of her team's points in the second half.

"Kari's becoming a very nice player," Samulski said.

Schmitt sent the game to OT with 1:05 left in the fourth. Schmitt, banging for position under the Renaissance rim, took a pass from junior forward Kayla Bridges from the right corner and sank a layup.

The Chiefs then got the ball back after a traveling violation against Renaissance but couldn't push it up the floor and had to call a timeout with five seconds to go.

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# WRAPS

Boys basketball west bloomfield 58, canton 57:

Canton senior forward Kevin Weisz drained back-to-back triples in the final two minutes Friday night to lift the host Chiefs into a 57-57 tie with West Bloomfield. But a free throw by Spencer Parker (20 points) with 3.4 seconds to go gave the Lakers the win.

Weisz scored 22 points, with six treys accounting for most of them. He also grabbed six rebounds.

Also tallying 22 points for Canton was junior point guard Dietrich Lever, who registered eight assists.

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said the inability to keep the Lakers from crashing the glass and getting rebounds hurt the team's chances.

'They had 14 offensive rebounds, we just couldn't get them blocked out," Reddy said.

The Chiefs dropped to 1-1 on the young season.

Girls basketball MERCY 50, PLYMOUTH 30: The visiting Wildcats dropped to 1-2 with this Friday night non-conference defeat, despite 10 points from Isis Haywood.

Stacey Klonowski tallied five points while Alex Roberts and Katelyn Watson each scored four. For Mercy, Janelle McQueen scored 16 points.
TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK 52, PLYMOUTH

CHRISTIAN 49: An excellent allaround game by junior point guard Brianna Harris was not enough Monday night for the visiting Eagles.

Harris led PCA with 13 points, 16 rebounds, six steals and five assists and helped the Eagles go on a 20-13 run in the third to forge a 39-39 tie entering the fourth quarter. But the Eagles could not sustain that surge.

'We had a great third quarter and we just had a couple turnovers in the fourth quarter at crucial times," said Plymouth Christian head coach Carol Gerulis.

The Eagles (1-2 overall), still without injured sophomore forward Kristin Malcolm,

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#### **BOWLING PREVIEW**

# Let it roll

## PCEP bowling teams eager to gain momentum in Season 2

BY TIM SMITH

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

In 2008-09, all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools unveiled varsity bowling programs to a fair amount of success.

Salem's boys team — led by then-sophomore Ryan Clark — went to the state finals, and the Rocks were joined by individual bowlers from Plymouth's girls team and Canton's boys team.

"We also had a couple of 300 games rolled last year," said Wildcats head coach Tammy Thompson.

On the flip side, coaches for Canton, Plymouth and Salem (each school has boys and girls varsity teams) dealt with club status and had to "convince other coaches to play us," stressed Salem head coach Kathie Hahn.

But thankfully, 2009-10 "will be a

whole different ballgame for our players," Hahn said. "(There's) more matches and more competition. But we are all up for the challenge."

All of the teams will be part of the **Kensington Lakes Activities Association** to start with.

#### **SEASON'S UNDER WAY**

Opening matches took place Monday at Superbowl in Milford and each PCEP school went 1-1.

In boys varsity action (JV teams also compete), scores were as follows: Canton 16. Brighton 14; Plymouth 23, Milford 7; Hartland 16, Salem 14.

On the girls side, it was: Brighton 16, Canton 14; Milford 17, Plymouth 14; Salem 18, Hartland 12.

 Canton's boys were led by Ross Terrasi (191-190-381), David Blythe (181-181-362) and Casey Bindas (153-198-351).

Leading the Canton girls were Charlotte Zimmer (150-169-319), Ashley Cade (153-156-309) and Allison Fries (153-109-262).

• In the Plymouth matches, top Wildcats were: (boys) Brandon Congdon (165-200-365), Kyle Webb (199-167-366) and Rob Korstjens (138-181-319); (girls) Kristyn Sturtz (142-151-293), Mackenzie Carlson (122-146-268) and Allyson Gibbs (135-97-232).

• For Salem's boys, Clark (196-194-390) had a consistently outstanding day, followed by Shaun Schmidt (170-200-377) and David Nikkila (154-172-326).

Top bowlers for the Salem girls team were Ashley Kretschmer (146-196-342), Rachel Amadio (142-180-322) and Emily Simmons (82-229-311).

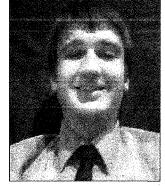
Obviously, it remains to be seen if the opening results will become trends.

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# Captain's

Who: Evan Swieczkowski, Plymouth senior, co-captain varsity boys hockey team. Miscellany: Swieczkowski, 17, carries a 2.6 grade-point average. His parents are Karl and Renee.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to keep the team motivated and focused on the goals and tasks that lie ahead. The captain must lead by example on and off the ice and stand by each and every teammate as if they were your brothers." Leadership style: "My style of leadership is to lead by example. I'm not the most vocal person on the team but I give it my all everytime we skate. I make sure everyone is ready to play when it comes time for us



to hit the ice. I help make my teammates more successful by reinforcing the principals that the coaches set for the team." Why him?: "I think that my teammates choose me to be captain because they know that I have their backs. They look up to me and they believe that I am the right person to keep everyone on the same page."

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Kaitlyn Krause, Jr. S-OH, N. Farmington Kristine Vulai, Sr. MH, Redford Union Cory Urbats, Jr. Setter, Liv. Churchill. Emilie Freeman, Sr. MB, Luth. Westland Katy Rooney, Jr. MB , Liv. Ladywood Kristen Muir, Sooh., OH, Canton Kelly Vellucci, Soph. OH-S, Liv. Stevenson Lindsey Lerg, Soph. OH, F.H. Mercy Taylor Kerr, Sr. Libero, Liv. Churchill SECOND-TEAM

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Loretta Vogel, Farmington Hills Mercy HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Kara Kempinski, Erin Menard. Nicole Kempinski, Franklin: Liz Hollaway, Amanda Borieo, Chelsea Williams; Stevenson: Shelbie Wilson: John Glenn: Brooke Zywick, Mercedes Robinson, Brittani Robinson; Wayne: Emily Rudy; Ladywood: Jenny Rhodes, McKenzie Kettner, Caitlin McClorey, Clarenceville: Brittany Tallman, Teresa Parent: Lutheran Westland: Lauren Switzer. Emily Wilson, Nicole Zehel: Garden City: Sam Zalewski; Thurston: Rachel Smith, Breanna Taylor: Redford Union: Chelsey Gehlhausen. Katelyn Patra; Huron Valley Lutheran: Allie Dest, Kelly Kubinski, Canton: Traci Breitmeyer, Alaina Turner; Plymouth: Danielle Risi, Kelly Smoltz, Mariah Tesarz; Plymouth Christian: Brianna Harris, Amy Zinn; Salem: Jillian Sommerville, Kerstin Johnson, N. Farmington: Allison Peasley, Kaitiyn Schoepner, Makenzie Coulter: Harrison: Andrea Phillips. Karlyn Cassidy, Jasmine McBryde, Emma Williams; Farmington: Haley Schneider, Melanie Guyette: Mercy: Brooke Ruffoio Flena Lamping.

**ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM** Sarah Suppelsa, Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The 5-foot-11 outside hitter incorporated a variety of shots to lead the Chargers to a 53-6 overall record and a berth in the Class A state

Suppelsa finished the year with 615 total kills (4.6 per game), which ranks sixth all-time in school his-

semifinals.

She also hit at an impressive .353 clip and served at a 97.6 percent rate. The All-Kensington Lakes, MIVCA All-Region 18 and second-team All-State selection also collected 151

"Sarah leaves Churchill as one of the best hitters of all time." Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "She is only behind Lauren Krupsky (Central Michigan) and Kyndra Abron (Michigan State) in kills in a season, kills per game and kills in a

Maddy Doyle, Soph. OH, F.H. Mercy: Doyle, who made the Class A allstate second team, had 602 kills and a .417 kill percentage. An all-around player, she also had 428 digs and 48 aces; she averaged 1.4 blocks per game. Doyle isn't big but she has one of the most powerful swings of any player.

"Last year they didn't utilize Maddy as a primary passer," Vogel said. "For us, we needed that this year. We also needed Maddy as an attacker in every aspect of the game whether she was in the front row or back row. It was the same with Lindsey (Lerg) but especially Maddy.

"With Maddy being the youngest of three sisters, she's been able to watch her older sisters play, which is an advantage. She has watched a lot of volleyball. Her techniques are very precise; she really understands the

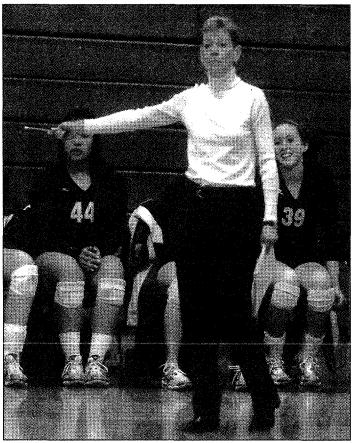
Jordan Kielty, Sr. OH, Canton: The four-year varsity player made headlines her entire high school career, sparking the Chiefs to a 37-11 record and making the All-State team for a second year in a row.

Along the way the 5-10 outside hitter broke Canton school records in total kills, kill percentage and "has set the standards high for the rest of the players to come," said Chiefs coach Mary Kryska.

Kielty, again All-KLAA and All-Region, tallied 495 kills, 36 blocks, 403 digs and 398 assists.

"She was a great leader and a huge asset to our team," Kryska said. "She was the player that kept everyone together at all times on and off the court. We will miss her."

Kellyn O'Brady, Sr. OH, Garden City:



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Loretta Vogel was named Coach of the Year after leading Mercy to the state semifinals in her first season.

The senior co-captain proved to be one of the area's premier outside hitters as she led the Cougars in kills and aces. O'Brady averaged 3.5 kills and 1.1 aces per game and assumed the primary role of serve reception

"Kellyn is a great leader and set a good example for everyone to follow," Garden City coach John Pace said. "She was a threat at the net and any team we played could not stop her from getting her kills. She was a threat in every aspect of the game — a very tough jump serve, a quick and heavy ball when at the net and a primary passer. She was great on the floor and even better in the classroom. She's an Academic All-State player who is looking at the strongest academic institutions to attend col-

Claire Dezelski, Sr. OH, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-9 senior outside hitter earned first-team All-Area honors for the second straight year leading the Blazers to a 40-23 overall record and a berth in the state Class B semifi-

Dezelski earned Class B All-Region 18, All-Catholic League and second-team All-State honors.

"Claire was our go-to player this vear," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said. "She was our primary passer and led our team with over 500 kills on the year."

Nicole Merget, Jr. MB, Salem: Only a junior, Merget powered the Rocks with outstanding offense and defense, especially in the front row. The middle blocker and co-captain registered 530 kills and 125 blocks up front.

"She is a force in the middle," said Salem head coach Amanda Suder. "She has gotten better each year and works extremely hard."

Merget, an All-KLAA and All-Region selection, contributed to Salem's success in other ways. She chipped in with 57 aces and 213 digs.

Kaitlyn Krause, Jr. S-OH, N. Farmington: The 5-foot-11 junior was primarily the setter for the OAA White Division champions, but she contributed in all phases of the game. Krause had 798 assists, 46 aces, 194 kills and 73 blocks to lead the Raiders to a 30-11-8 record and a runner-up finish in the district to Mercy. Krause is a three-year varsity starter and an all-region player.

"Without her, North Farmington wouldn't have been as successful." coach Joe Lamagno said. "As a setter, she managed the game extremely well. Not only did she set up other players for success, but she got her own kills as well. She was our second-leading kill maker.

"Kaitlyn was one of our captains. Just her floor presence calmed people down and gave them confidence we could be as successful as we were. We were the first North team to win 30 games in a season, and Kaitlyn was a huge part of that."

Kristine Vulaj, Sr. MH, Redford Union: In her fourth season of varsity competition, Vulai emerged as a premier middle hitter. Using her 6-foot frame, Vulaj hammered down 234 kills on the season. Quickness and incredible instincts led to 142 blocks

and 235 digs. She also served up 63

aces. Vulaj is headed to Wayne State

next year on a volleyball scholarship. "I am very proud of Kristine," RU head coach Rachel Clor said. "She has worked hard for the last four years and the more she plays the better she becomes. Kris is very smart and she has great instincts. She has grown as a player and it has been wonderful to see her fulfill her

dreams. Cory Urbats, Jr. Setter, Liv. Churchill: The 5-6 junior and two-year starter earned the distinction as one of the top setters in the state after piling up a school-record 1,465 assists on the

Urbats also served a staggering 496-of-501 balls (99 percent), which is also a school best. She had 60 aces and also became the first non-libero in school history to make the top ten list with 515 total digs (seventh

The All-Region 18, All-KLAA and honorable mention All-Stater was also named Churchill's co-MVP.

"She rarely left the floor," Grenier said. "Cory is one of the hardest working, most coachable, and humble kids that I have ever coached.

"She was the workhouse of the team and a huge part of our success started with her."

Emilie Freeman, Sr. MB, Luth. Westland: The 6-3 middle blocker finished with 369 total kills (3.21 per game) with an attack percentage of .326 for the state-ranked Warriors.

Freeman also recorded 119 total blocks and served at an 89.8 percent clip (with 63 aces) to go along with 82 digs. She earned Class D All-Region 18 and second-team All-State honors.

"Emilie has had a tremendous year and it was definitely fun to watch her improvement from her junior year to her senior year," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Emilie was able to



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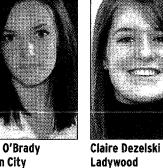
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do some things with the ball this year that she never would have as a sophomore or junior. She had some big shoes to fill in playing the middle with Becca Refenes (now at Cincinnati) graduating and she didn't disappoint by helping us to our first MIAC conference title in school history."

Katy Rooney, Jr. MB, Liv. Ladywood: The 6-1 junior middle attacker earned All-Region 18 and secondteam All-State honors in Class B.

Rooney, an All-Central Division selection, hit at a .344 percentage with an average of 0.97 blocks per game for the regional and district

Kristen Muir, Soph. OH-S, Canton: The Chiefs will happily welcome this two-year player back for two more seasons after her All-KLAA, All-Region performance in 2009.

"She will easily fill in for anything we may be losing with the seniors," Kryska said. "She is an amazing player all around. She is a strong player both physically and mentally. She plays smart and focused at all

"I look forward to seeing her grow even more the next couple of years." A hard hitter at the net, the 5-7 Muir contributed 320 kills, 19 blocks and 538 digs.

Kelly Vellucci, Soph. OH-S, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-11 sophomore setter and outside hitter had a total of 229 assists, 358 kills, 203 digs and 80 aces en route to team MVP honors. Vellucci, a Scholar-Athlete, also

earned Division 1 All-Region and All-KLAA honors. "Kelly is a hard worker, dedicated athlete and total team player," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "I'm excited to have her back the

next two years," Lindsey Lerg, Soph. OH, F.H. Mercy: The sophomore outside hitter recorded 416 kills for a .389 percentage. Lerg also had 516 digs (1.9 per game), as well as 1.8 aces and 1.2

blocks per game. "Her ability to become a left-front attack for us was exceptional," Vogel said. "As a jayvee player last year, she was a setter. In club, she's a libero, and she does compete on a national level for her club team. For a sophomore to assume that role as a leftfront and be as effective as she was really speaks volumes for Lindsey.

"We had games where the intensi-

ty was pretty high. I don't think you could ever tell by her emotions. She never got upset; she just continued to play the game. There aren't many players as young as Lindsey who would've been able to keep that kind of demeanor. She always played big in big games."

Taylor Kerr, Sr. Libero, Liv. Churchill: The 5-6 senior made a smooth transition to the libero position finishing with a school-record 867 digs on the year (6.9 per set), while serving at a 93.1 percent clip (with 59 aces).

Kerr, Churchill's co-MVP, earned All-KLAA and All-Region 18 honors.

"A lot of our success started with Taylor's ability to pass and play defense," Grenier said. "With Taylor's ability to deliver pinpoint passes every single time she touched the ball, we were able to transition into our offense and score.

"Taylor leaves Churchill as one of the best passers and defensive players of all-time."

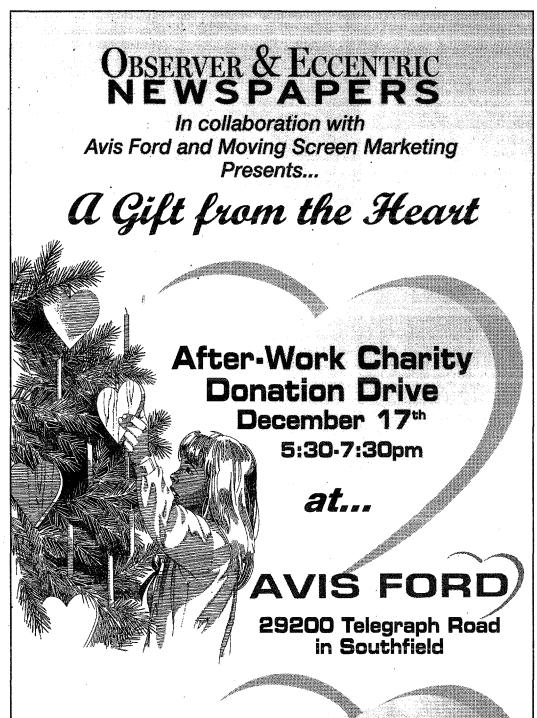
**COACH OF THE YEAR** Loretta Vogel, F.H. Mercy: In her first season at Mercy, Vogel led the Marlins to a Final Four appearance in the Class A tournament. She took a young team that had lost nine seniors from the previous year and guided it to district and regional

championships and a 51-9-3 record. Along the way, the Marlins won four tournaments at Chippewa Valley, Marysville, Mount Morris and Grand Blanc. Four of the team's losses were to Catholic League rival and state champion Marian.

"This year was unbelievable: I'm still smiling," Vogel said. "When we began with the district, it was just such a high from one game to the next, getting the girls prepared for it.

"During that run, I don't think anyone looked at them as being young. I never thought about that. It was always everyone preparing for the next team we were going to play. Fortunately, we had game tapes on just about everyone. That truly makes a difference in being prepared for the opponents we did see.

"I think the reason we were successful is these girls play a lot of club and have a lot of experience. You could tell; we were able to play through games and not panic. There were many times we changed offenses and defenses during a game, and they were very successful at doing

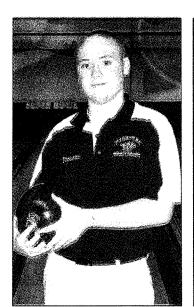


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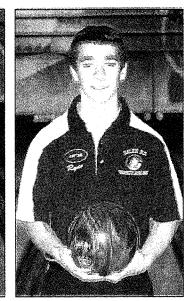
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Brandon Congdon of Plymouth got the season off to a strong start, bowling a 200 game.



Kristyn Sturtz, captain for Plymouth's girls team, will be counted on to excel. She bowled a 293 series against Milford last week to lead the Wildcats.



Salem's Ryan Clark is an excellent talent who in 2008-09 had the best average in the state.

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But coaches are enthusiastic about having some solid returnees and promising rookies on their teams as the year unfolds.

#### **BREAKING IT DOWN**

Following is a closer look:

Plymouth: Thompson sees plenty of promise, especially with the deeper and more-experienced boys squad.

The coach has 15 bowlers vying for spots on the boys varsity (others will compete at the JV level), led by sophomore team tri-captains Congdon, Korstjens and Justin Thompson.

Talented junior newcomer Ryan Rockov, returning sophomores Webb and Matt Bracey and sophomore newbie Joseph Langell could be heard from.

Joining them are returning senior lefty Andrew Fraser, juniors Mike Brasseur, Joey McBride (both returnees) and a number of younger newcomers. Sophomore Kevin Hanson and freshmen Zach Behr, Evan Grimme, Ryan Riva and Antonio Spinale round out the roster.

For the Plymouth girls, the anchor is returning junior and team captain Sturtz.

She will look to promising newcomers in junior Carlson and senior Amanda Martin as well as returnees Alyssa Conrad (sophomore) and Gibbs (junior) for scoring help.

Augmenting that group will be first-year bowlers Ashley Mikolaiczik (junior) and sophomores Serena Oliver, Tiffani Patterson and Katie Potter.

"We have a fairly young, talented team," Thompson said. "I think we will do very well this year and even better in the next few years because most of our players will be around for a

few years. Salem: The Rocks boys team will be carried by Clark, the junior captain who in 2008-09 boasted the top average for the state, according

to coach Hahn. But the Salem team that is expected to return to the state finals also features a lineup including "very strong competitors" in seniors

Schmidt and Kyle Newcomb. Promising sophomore Nikkila, junior Tyler Foley, senior Elliot Stout and junior Eric Snyder

also could help the cause. Backing them up, and looking to get some varsity action, are juniors Cody Coole, Eli Engle, Jack Roberts, Evan Ross, sophomore Joseph Mirsky and freshmen Jimmy Bowling, Nathan Lijewski and Kevin Williams.

Salem's girls team is mostly young and inexperienced to varsity bowling. But Hahn has senior captain Kristin Peltz back for another

"Kristin Peltz is my team 'firecracker," Hahn said. "She gets the whole team going with her spark and spunk."

Hahn noted the "excellent" 931 score her varsity five of Peltz, juniors Kretschmer, Simmons, sophomore Amodio and freshman Kristin Larkins rolled in the opener against Hartland.

Juniors Meaghan Eldridge, Sarah Joswiak, sophomore Clarissa Carvalho and freshmen Samantha Madden and Bridget Maul comprise the rest of the roster.

Canton: Over at Canton, coaches Karl Brubaker, Jim Keppen and Steve Pydyn (the latter with extensive collegiate experience), are pumped up about the season, especially following the boys' comeback performance against Brighton last week (clutch shots to win the 10th

For the boys team, the Chiefs will have a lineup including returnees Bindas (senior), Andrew Klein, Terrasi, Ryan Washburn (all juniors) and Blythe (sophomore).

But there is "tremendous depth this year," noted coach Keppen, "and with so many strong players, literally all 12 are competing for starting positions for each match and tournament."

Those bowlers looking to start include promising freshman Alex Champagne, junior newcomer Justin Newton, returning seniors Trevor Cummins, Billy Keppen and returning sophomore Kurt Kowalski and first-year bowlers Mike Pawlowski (senior) and Andrew Green (sophomore).

Spearheading the girls will be senior captain Lauren O'Bradovich and junior captain Cade, who were augmented in the opener by sophomores Fries, Kelsey Joseph and freshman

"Charlotte has travel league experience and looks to be a solid contributor to our team this year, and in the future," Keppen said.

Returning juniors Cheryl Cosby, Jackie Polaski and senior newcomer Chelsie "Huz" Husband also look to contribute.

"Led by our girls captains, Canton's girls team is showing good scores and excellent team spirit and chemistry in the three weeks since tryouts began," the coach added. "Our girls recognize that we need to cheer each other on to do our best, and while we focus on our team, we know the individual awards will take care of themselves."

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# Whalers celebrate 20th in big way

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those fans who braved the bitter cold Friday night to watch the Plymouth Whalers were treated to a "special" night on several

They celebrated the 20th anniversary (to the day) of when the Ontario Hockey League awarded a franchise to Peter Karmanos by watching a 6-3 victory over Erie at Compuware Arena.

Special teams dominated for the home team.

Plymouth went three-for-three on the power play and killed off several penalties when the game was close.

And all four Whalers who this week are headed off to make a bid for the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships made their presence known - primarily Canadian-born forward Tyler Seguin, who scored a goal and assisted on four others.

"Our whole team played well tonight and I think with a few guys missing they'll be all right if they keep playing this way," said forward AJ Jenks, leaving to participate in the preliminaries for the 2010 U.S. National Junior Team.

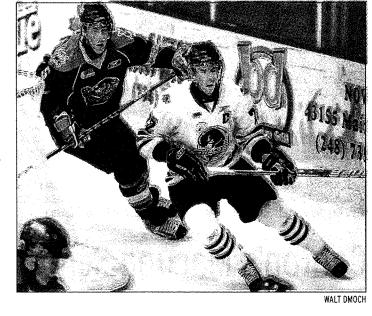
Erie went up 1-0 in the first, but then six unanswered Whalers goals, including four in the second period, blew open the contest.

"I think we responded nicely," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said. "Just preaching the same things we've always been we want the puck first, get to the loose pucks all over the ice and drive the net."

According to Vellucci, it was great to see the team (18-14-0-1) play such a solid all-around game on the 20th anniversary. "Nobody thought we'd keep a junior team in the Detroit area for 20 years. So it's something special."

#### REPRESENTING

Seguin and goalie Matt Hackett (27 saves for the win) will compete at prelims for a chance to represent Canada in Saskatchewan, where the World Juniors are slated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 10.



Forward AJ Jenks (No. 22) of Plymouth wards off Erie's David Shields during Friday night action. Jenks, from Wolverine Lake, will try to win a spot on the 2010 U.S. National Junior Team this month.

Plymouth captain Jenks (Wolverine Lake/Walled Lake Central) also will be looking to make the trip with the U.S. junior team. Against Erie, he scored a goal and assisted on another.

"It's obviously a huge honor to be put in that class, with the top 30 players," Jenks said. "And I'm really excited. It's an opportunity I've been looking forward to for a long time and I worked hard to get there.

"Hopefully if things go well, I'll be able to represent our country at that tournament."

To have a chance, Jenks said he'll need to "be a big, physical player, see the ice well and be smart with the puck."

Likewise, Seguin said he has "an all-around complete game that I'm trying to perfect and that's what I have to go out there and do."

The fourth Whaler named to a preliminary roster is defenseman Michal Jordan (1 goal, 1 assist).

Vellucci said the quartet could miss up to nine games if they make their respective team. "Other guys will have to pick it

The sendoff for Seguin and the others couldn't have been sweeter. After Erie's Shawn Szydlowski

scored at 15:25 of the first, Plymouth tied the game at the 18-minute mark. Forward Robbie Czarnik (1 goal, 1 assist) received a perfect pass from Seguin and roofed a backhander past Erie netminder Ramis Sadikov (42

The Whalers then broke loose, with forward Joe Gaynor, Jordan and Jenks scoring before the midway point.

At 14:57 it was 5-1 after Seguin sent a centering pass in front to forward Tyler G. Brown (one goal, one assist). Brown, who also was strong on the penalty kill all game, made no mistake, slamming the puck in from the right side of the crease.

Finishing off a run of six unanswered goals was Seguin, at 1:32 of the third. He whistled a wrist shot from the hash marks past Sadikov. Also picking up two assists was forward Ryan Hayes, another standout in the game.

The Otters (13-14-4-1) made the final score closer with a pair of meaningless goals late in the third, by David Shields and Mitch Gaulton.

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Canton struggled to in-bounds the ball at midcourt against intense defensive pressure and had to call a pair of time-outs.

"Kari was running off to the basket and (sophomore guard Robyn) Mack was running to the corner," Samulski said. "We were hoping to either throw the lob the ball to Kari or get the ball to Mack."

#### **EXTRA TIME**

But the Chiefs could not muster a potential game-winning shot, Renaissance missed at the other end, and the contest went to a four-minute extra stanza.

Trading hoops were Asia Boyd (15 points) and Canton junior forward CarolAnn Sexauer (7 points), the latter on a nice jumper.

Canton, however, could not follow that bucket up and Jones, after running down the clock for nearly a minute in the backcourt, found a seam and slashed to the bucket for her game-winning

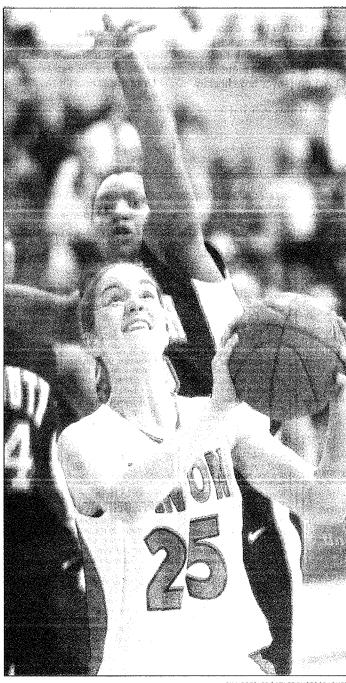
"I could have went with more of a defensive lineup down the stretch when they made that shot (late in OT)," Samulski said. "That's one thing I'll second guess myself about, but it is what it is.'

Also in double figures for Renaissance was Alexis Harris, with 10 points.

Bridges tallied six points and five rebounds for the Chiefs, while Mack chipped in with four points and four boards.

The Chiefs are idle until 7 p.m. Thursday, when they visit South

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In this photo from last season, Canton's Kari Schmitt shows her determination while going to the basket. On Thursday, Schmitt scored 17 points against Detroit Renaissance — including all of Canton's points in the second half.



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Canton senior volleyball player Lauren Macuga (second from right) recently signed her letter of intent to play at Schoolcraft College. Helping share in her big day were Schoolcraft coach Rich Lamb (far left), Canton head coach Mary Kryska (next to Lamb) and Canton freshman coach Steve Johnson.

# Canton's Macuga Schoolcraft-bound

Canton senior volleyball standout Lauren Macuga recently signed to play at Schoolcraft College on a scholarship award.

Macuga celebrated the signing along with Lady Ocelots head coach Rich Lamb, Canton varsity coach Mary Kryska and Chiefs varsity coach Steve Johnson.

It will be a reunion of sorts for Macuga and Lamb as she played for the coach on a High Velocity club team.

"I am very happy for Lauren to have the opportunity to play in college," Kryska said. She will do a great job at Schoolcraft with her leadership abilities as well as her mental tough-

"She really deserves the opportunity to continue to play after high school because of how hard she has worked and how dedicated to the sport of volleyball she has been in the last

#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### Holiday hoops camp

The Plymouth High School Basketball Booster Club announced it will be hosting its Holiday Basketball Camp, 1-3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the PHS gymnasium.

Up to 50 boys in grades 5-8 are eligible to sign up. The cost of the camp is \$50. For more information and to register, contact booster club president John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

#### 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.

#### Precision Baseball clinic

Baseball players take note: Precision Baseball in Canton recently announced an eightweek Progression Clinic on pitching, catching and hitting - to feature members of Eastern Michigan University's coaching staff.

Those coaches include assistant coach Aaron Hepner and assistant coach/recruiting coordinator Andrew Maki.

Areas where pitchers can expect improvement include: increasing velocity and arm

strength; changing speeds; improving control and learning proper warm-up techniques. Batters can increase power, hit to all fields, reduce strikeouts, make good contact and recognize a fastball instead of a changeup or

Meanwhile, in the catching department, instructors will focus on blocking, receiving, throwing, calling a game and being quick behind the dish.

For more information, send an e-mail to info@precisionbaseballone.com or call (734) 459-5921. Precision Baseball is located at 7835 Market Street in Canton.

#### 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 b: Iminton, 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.

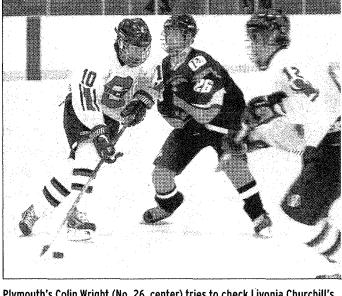
"The Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports program targets many of the issues we see happening at youth sporting events by shining a positive light on what it means to be a responsible coach and a responsible sports-parent," said Greg Gordon, vice president of Consumer Marketing at Liberty Mutual. "Beyond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

The ongoing, communitybased program offers meaningful, easy-to-use educational resources for youth sports parents and coaches, including access to on-the-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.



Plymouth's Colin Wright (No. 26, center) tries to check Livonia Churchill's Drew Carlson (No. 10). At right is Ben Proben of the Chargers.

Proben made it 2-0 at 14:13 when he tipped a wrist shot from sophomore forwarddefenseman Nick Proben.

A penalty to Churchill in the final minute of the period led to a Plymouth goal at 16:50.

Crouse stopped a blast from senior winger Ryan Renault, but couldn't control the rebound.

Senior linemate Pat Smiatacz jammed away in front until he finally poked the puck across the goal line.

"It was a huge momentum builder, big emotional lift for us," Fassbinder said.

The Wildcats came out charging in the third period, and finally evened the game at 2-2 with 10:41 remaining.

A wrister taken by sophomore forward Zach Gambrell from the left circle was tipped past Crouse by junior forward Ryan Brown. Also assisting was senior defenseman Ryan Cigile.

Considering his team had to come from behind twice, Fassbinder said it was a wellearned point in the standings

"It's what I expected, a tight game," he said. "I think if we would have gotten one earlier, if we would have got one first, it would have been a different outcome. But we gave them blood."

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from freshmen guards Jenna Abraham (10 points) and Karen Windle while junior power forward Bethany Hale tallied 11 points.

Prep hockey

CANTON 4, LAKELAND 1: A strong first period sparked the visiting Chiefs to this victory Wednesday night at Lakeland Arena against the Eagles.

The Chiefs went up 2-0 in the first on goals by AJ Rosales and Jordan Smith, then killed off a series of penalties in the second period to maintain control. For good measure, Alec Gilo and Kyle Korte added power play markers in the third period. It was the first varsity goal for Gilo, tipped in a shot from Josh Dickson.

Making 28 saves to earn the victory was goaltender Spencer

"I'm very happy with the way we played," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, whose team improved to 3-2-1. "In the first period we were all over them and got up 2-0."

SALEM 4, SOUTH LYON 1: Mario Macari scored two second period goals to break a 1-1 tie and spark the visiting Rocks to victory Monday night in a KLAA crossover boys hockey

Macari also assisted on a

goal by Mark McGee to put shorthanded Salem (missing four regulars) up 1-0 in the opening frame.

Chipping in with a goal in the third was Kurt Driscoll.

Playing a strong game in net was winning goalkeeper Steven Manser, who (as did the team) improved to 3-0-2 on the season.

'South Lyon is a pretty good team, they were regional winners last year and got knocked off by the eventual state champs (Detroit Catholic Central)," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Any time you can go out there and get a a win (against the Lions) it's good, especially a league game."

Ossenmacher said he hoped some of his injured players would be coming back soon. Salem visits Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (ranked No. 2 in Division 3) on Saturday. UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 3, PCS PENGUINS

2 (01): An overtime goal by Haliegh Bolton lifted the Knights over the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team Tuesday at Arctic Edge. PCS (3-3) received goals from

Jordyn Moore and Jennifer Fedon to rally from a 2-0 firstperiod deficit. But Bolton won the game with an unassisted goal at 3:06 of the extra session.

Drawing assists for the Penguins were Moore and Shauna Siebert.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Tuesday, Dec. 15
Dexter at Plymouth, 7 p.m Salem at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Canton at Seaholm, 7 p.m. Carlton at Sedicini, 7 p.m.

Oak. Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Salem at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

South Lyon at Canton, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 17

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Plymouth at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY Monday, Dec. 14 Plymouth at Novi, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 Regina vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m. Ladywood vs. Mercy at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16

Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m. Plymouth vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. PCS Penguins at G.P. North, 7 p.m. Salem at Allen Park, 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 W.L. Western vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m. Canton at Monroe CC, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING

Monday, Dec. 14 Clarenceville at Redford Union, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 Canton Quad, 5:30 p.m Canton Quad, 5:30 p.m. Stevenson Quad, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 Oakland Co. Meet at Troy, TBA. Saturday, Dec. 19 Salem JV Invite, 9 a.m. Ida Invitational, 9 a.m. Franklin Invitational, 9 a.m Woodhaven Invitational, 9 a.m. Michigan Center Invitational, 9 a.m Oakland Co. Meet at Oxford, TBA. **BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING** 

Thursday, Dec. 17
Salem at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m
Friday, Dec. 18
Wildcat Relay Meet, 6:30 p.m.
PREP BOWLING

Salem vs. Plymouth at Town 'n Country Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Canton vs Salem;

Plymouth vs Northville

at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Bay City John Glenn Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS FIGURE SKATING Sunday, Dec. 13 Team Competition at Hartland Sports Center, 8 a m MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 16 Madonna at Defiance (Ohio), 8 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 19 Madonna at Cedarville (Ohio), 2 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Dec. 17
Plymouth at Peterborough, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
Plymouth at Oshawa, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19 Plymouth at Guelph, 2 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

#### **BOYS SWIM RESULTS**

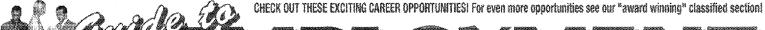
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Christenson (P), 59.82; 100 freestyle:

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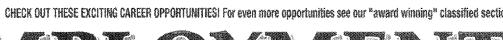
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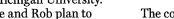
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#### WHEELER-BORYSIAK

Pamela Wheeler of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter Stefanie Lapenta to Robert Borysiak, son of Ann Borysiak of Dearborn and the late Bob Borysiak.

The bride-to-be graduated from Stevenson High School, earned a B.S. in education from Central Michigan University, and received a master's degree in administration from Madonna University.

Her fiancé graduated from Dearborn High School and earned a B.S. in finance from Central Michigan University. Stefanie and Rob plan to



#### wed in December 2009.

#### **ALLEN-GNIEWEK**

Lindsey Allen and Michael Gniewek announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Patrick and Debbie Allen of New Hudson, graduated from Eastern Michigan Univsersiy and teaches in the Wayne-Westland school district.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Lynn Gniewek of Canton. works for Citi Group in Ann Arbor.

A June 2010 wedding is planned at St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon. The reception will be held at Summit on the Park



Joy Heiser of Livonia and Timothy Bruce of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Edwin and Phyllis Heiser of Superior Township, is a graduate of Livonia Public Schools and Schoolcraft College. She is employed as an executive administrative assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Ruthann Bruce of Canton, graduated from Plymouth Canton High School and Western Michigan University. He's employed as an airline pilot.

#### **WRIGHT-KONFARA**

Justin Lee Wright and Stephanie Marie Konfara were married July 11, 2009 in Goshen, Ind. The Rev. Tim Rowland officiated.

The bride, daughter of Rick and Paula Konfara of Farmington Hills, is a Hope College graduate. She teaches third grade in Elkhart, Ind.

The groom, son of Edward Wright and Dorothy DuMars of Goshen, Ind., graduated from Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.

The bride's attendants were Michelle Rimmke, Brittany Konfara, Laura Heneveld. Carrie Dubin, and Stacy Smith. The groom's attendants were Josh Rowland, Derek Eller, Jeremiah Wright, Loren

#### STOKAN-GRACE

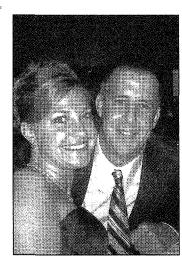
Elizabeth Grace and Terrance Flynn of Ann Arbor are pleased to announce the wedding of Rebecca Grace to Eric Stokan, son of Deborah and Christopher Moroni of Sterling Heights.

Rebecca, who grew up in Canton, was attended by Carmen Grace, Maid of Honor, and bridesmaids Jeanette Henry and Kristi Harry.

Best man was Robert Alger and groomsmen were Clarence Dass and Wassim Tarraf.

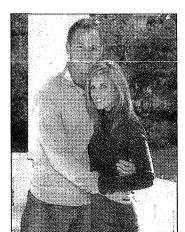
The couple wed Oct. 16, 2009 at St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor, with the Rev. Dennis Glasgow as the celebrant. They celebrated their wedding with family and friends in Ann Arbor before taking a honeymoon trip to Chicago.

The bride and groom met



Wheeler-Borysiak

The couple will reside in Livonia.



Allen-Gniewek

in Canton.



Heiser-Bruce

They plan a June 2010 wed-



Wright-Konfara

Rhude, and Jeff Konfara. A reception was held in Elkhart, Ind.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Aruba and have made their home in Elkhart,



Stokan-Grace

while students at Wayne State University. Both are employed by Wayne State University.



## **MILESTONES**

#### ANDES-PRZYBYLSKI

Lisa Ann Przybylski of Zeeland and Michael Joseph Andes of Livonia were married Aug. 8, 2009 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, with the Rev. Michael Kazer officiating. A reception followed at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Maids of honor were Darcy

Kavanaugh and Alecia Carrocci. Bridesmaids were Sara Przybylski, Amy Przybylski, Stephanie Waalkes, and Jodie Long.

Jeffrey Andes was the best man. Groomsmen were Joshua Pike, Kevin Gessler, Brian Przybylski, Adam Kiwak, and Ryan McBroom.

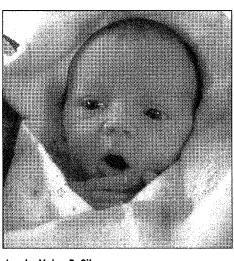
The bride, daughter of Kevin and Carol Przybylski of Zeeland, graduated from Western Michigan University and University of Toledo. She is employed by Lakeshore Communication Disorders Center

The groom, son of Kirk and Luann Andes of Canton, graduated from Western Michigan University and is employed by the Canton Police Department.

The couple resides in Livonia.



Andes-Przybylski



Jacoby Mateo DaSilva

#### **JACOBY MATEO DASILVA**

Jacoby Mateo DaSilva was born Nov. 12, 2009, in Silver Spring, Md.

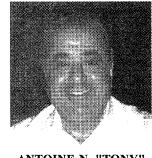
Proud parents are Eric and Lindsey DaSilva of Burtonsville, Md.

Grandparents are Keith and Linnea Garvey of Livonia, Wayne Jones of Westland, and Alice Garvey Schmitt of Stonelake, Wis.



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ANTOINE N. "TONY" **FARRIS** 

December 8, 2009, Age 79. Beloved nusband of Laurance. Dear father of Lina, Anthony, Corey and the late Joseph. Brother of Ann Makool and Seham Azar. Services & burial have een held. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. View bituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



CORRINE CLARK

Age 84 of Canton, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2009. She was born May 7, 1925 to Walter and Agnes Schifle and was a life long resident of the Plymouth-Canton area. Married Wilbert (Bill) Clark on June 28, 1944 and had celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this last year. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed traveling, bowling, gardening and family functions. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Nankin Eastern Star, the VFW Auxilary, a Charter member of the Elks Vivian Club of Plymouth and belonged to the Trailwood Garden Club. She volunteered for the American Red Cross for 15 years. Dear mother of Terry (Susan) Clark of Ft. Wayne, IN and Carol (Bill) Barringer of Canton. Loving grandmother of Kelly (Chris) Steffen, Greg (Erin) Clark and Brent Clark of Ft. Wayne, IN and Grant (Jaime) Gardner and Mike Gardner of lymouth and five great-grandchil-Visitation 2-5pm and 6-8pm Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, Funeral Monday 1:30pm at the funeral home. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



#### GERALD D. HARDER

Age 78, passed away at the VA Nursing Home in Tampa, FL, December 9th. He is survived by Mildred, his wife of 52 years; three children, Diane Wardwell, Gilbert & Jacque Baker, Terrence Harder & six grandchildren. Gerald moved to Rosedale Garden in 1939, attended Plymouth Schools, participating in band, baseball & football. During the Korean War, he was stationed at the Chateauroux, France Air Depot. He had "The Gentlemen Salon" Barber Shop on Forest St. A member of the Plymouth Optimist Service Club & attended Canton Calvary Baptist Church.



**DEL MARIE BURNS** 

Passed away at home December 5, 2009, at the age of 102. She was the beloved wife of the late Warren. Dearest sister of Elise Emrick. Dear aunt of J.P. DesCamp, Lynn DesCamp, Geraldine Robinson and Janice Robinson. Predeceased by her parents, Peter and Elise DesCamp; her siblings, Mary Milligan(wife of Hugh and John), Celia Drake(wife of Harold), Peter DesCamp(husband of June) and Andrew DesCamp(husband of Angeline). Del Marie retired from Michigan Bell Telephone as a telephone operator after 47 years of serve: she loved her work. resident of Melvindale since 1958. She did beautiful work crocheting and doing needlepoint. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 9, at St. Mary Magdaline Catholic Church, Melvindale, MI. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the charity of donor's choice. To share a special thought or memory, visit www.schrader-howell.com



JUDY Y. SOCKS HANBY

Age 94, passed away Dec.6, 2009. She was a devout Catholic, friend, devoted wife and mother, proud grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter Barbara (Jack) Hughes; sons Arthur and Robert; grandsons Ken, Craig, and Erik (Dina); great-grandchildren Ken Jr., Gabriel, Natalie, and many nieces and nephews. She will be truly be loved and missed. On Dec. 19, Saturday there will be a family visita-tion at 11:30 at Holy Name Church in Birmingham, followed by a memorial mass at noon. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to either the Arthritis Foundation or Guardian Angel Organization.

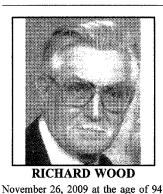
#### MARGORIE McGREGOR

Age 80, of Stockbridge, GA died Tuesday, December 8, 2009. She was born in Garden City, MI to the late William and Meda Tedlock Maylen. She loved reading, crafts, and taking care of her family. Margorie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be missed by her family and many friends throughout Georgia. McGregor is survived by her husband, Ralph McGregor, Stockbridge, GA; son, Gary (Laurie) McGregor, Stockbridge, GA; daughter, Tracy (Pat) McHugh, Plymouth, MI; and grandsons, Steven McGregor and Dylan McGregor, Stockbridge, GA. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at The Chapel of Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors with Rev. Dudley Rose officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday, December 13, 2009 one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Those who wish may sign the on-line guest registry at www.cannonclevelandfunerals.com. Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors,



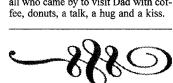
PAULA K. DUNCAN

Dec. 3, 2009 age 52, of Westland. Beloved wife of Charlie L. Dear mother of Christina (Jason) Parrillo, Samantha Duncan & Charlie Duncan III. Loving daughter of Sharon Morris & the late James Morris. Sister of Sherie Wells. Grandmother of Kaelee & Christopher Decker. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Mon. 1 PM. Family will receive friends Sun. 1-9 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com



A 55 year resident of Redford Twp. Passed on Thanksgiving to be with his wife Ruth and many others he deeply missed. Dear father of Richard (Joyce), Robert (Mona) and Dolly. Dear Gramps to seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was retired from Ford Motor Company for 38 years, he had also worked for Ford Rouge (Local 600) for 38 years. Services were held on Nov. 30th. Please visit and sign a tribute at:

www.griffinfuneralhome.com. The family would also like to thank all who came by to visit Dad with coffee. donuts, a talk, a hug and a kiss.

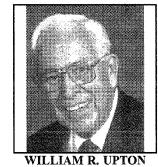


#### **RUTH ELEANOR FULTON**

69, of Atlanta, MI and Sun City, AZ, passed away on December 8, 2009. She was born on February 8, 1940 to Joseph and Ethel (Foreman) Skaggs in Plymouth, MI. She worked at South Lyon Schools as a secretary for many years before retiring in 1986. She enjoyed spending her summers on Canada Creek Ranch in Atlanta, and her winters in the snow free Sun City, AZ. She enjoyed crafting, especially card embroidery, knitting, and scrapbooking. She loved to spend time on the beach. She enjoyed rides out back at Canada Creek Ranch looking for Elk. Above all else came spending time with her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Eleanor is survived by her husband, Harold of Atlanta, MI and Sun City, AZ; son, Dan (Gaye) Fulton of Austin, TX; daughters, Dawn (Jack) Schaible of Atlanta, MI, and Pam (Kevin) Lear of South Lyon, MI; grandchildren, Scott, Jeff, Jim, Benjamin, and Justin; great grandchildren, Kaylee and Nicklas; and a sister, Joan Rogers of Sun City, AZ. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Skaggs. As were the family wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service for Mrs Fulton on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 4:00 PM at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene on Ann Arbor Road. Arrangements were entrusted to the Green Funeral Home. Condolence messages can be sent via our website. www.greenfuneralhomes.com

## VIVIAN MAXINE HARRIS BIERMAN

Age 80, of Wixom, MI, died Nov. 25, 2009. Arrangements: THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



WILLIAM R. UPTON

Age 84, of Plymouth, passed away December 7, 2009. He was born in lymouth, and lived here his entire life. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1943. While in the ninth grade, a young lady named Jean Crandell wearing a vellow flared skirt with a yellow polka-dotted blouse caught his eye. They were married on May 22, 1948. Bill retired from Ford Motor Company after 40 years as an engineer. He was an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, where he was also a long-time member of the choir. He was a founding member of the Plymouth Community Band, and a member of both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Oratorio Society. University of Michigan graduate, he was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. While at U of M, he marched in the 1948 Rose Bowl Parade with the marching band. He later became a founding member and longtime board member of the U of M Alumni Band Association. A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean; his children, Karen (Clark) Chapin, Laura Upton, Carla Greg) Gonthier, and John (Alicia) pton; his grandchildren, Bill Chapin and John Gonthier; his brother, Lester (Delores) Upton; and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will take place Saturday, December 12, pm, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 1pm. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Community Band or the Plymouth Oratorio Society.

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# NEIGHBORS

# **Seasonal sweaters**

## A fashion 'don't' becomes a 'must-do'

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CORRESPONDENT

Every holiday season, Yalla Villarreal and her friends get dressed up and gather for a festive girl's night out. This year, instead of party dresses, they plan to wear the tackiest tops they can track down.

She and her friends are among a growing number of revelers who plan to celebrate the season with Ugly Christmas Sweater Parties.

"This year we just decided we'd be a little silly and mix it up," said Villarreal, 28, of Canton. "We all said be as cute as you possibly can with shoes, pants, hair, makeup and everything like you're going out and then find the ugliest top possible."

Villarreal said she has relatives who inevitably show up to family gatherings in holiday-themed sweaters, complete with appliques of skiing Santas, dancing penguins or cardinals perched on branches covered in glittery snow.

"For sure most of the grandmas do, that's just a given ... some of the aunts," Villarreal said. "I usually get one each year for Christmas and I usually give them away. Now I regret it."

If only she still had that Snoopy number with the flashing lights, it would have been perfect for her upcoming girl's gathering at Grape Expectations in Plymouth. Instead, Villarreal plans to troll the racks at Kohl's and J.C. Penney looking for a completely un-fabulous find. She's also heard Value World in Wayne has a great selection.

"Personally I'm looking for something that lights up or plays music. Something battery-operated would be my best choice, but if not, something with puffy paint or puffy balls, something 3-D, the



DO: For women, this Heart-n-Crush, red and white V-neck from Parisian will keep you cozy during the holidays and beyond. The Junior's sweater with scarf, originally retailed for \$40. Sale price: \$16.

gaudier the better."

#### **WEAR IT FOR FUN**

Seasonal sweaters — or worse, sweat shirts — often boast iron-on illustrations, country-style patchwork, or sassy slogans like "Bah Humbug!" They are best paired with loud print turtlenecks.

Holiday sweaters have earned such an infamous reputation as fashion don'ts, they've actually become "dos." Web sites like www.uglychristmassweaterparty.com have cropped up to serve men, women and children "looking to buy the ugliest Christmas sweaters of all time."

The Magic Bag in Ferndale has hosted an annual Turtleneck & Sweater Holiday Extravaganza for the past decade, and spin-offs have spread to San Diego, Chicago,

Texas, Florida and even West Africa with proceeds benefiting various charities.

The goal was to reproduce that awkward family gathering in 1981 when your Uncle Phil drank too much and slept in the garage and your weird cousin waited under the mistletoe all night with expectant eyes," said Cort Johns, an organizer of the event. "But one thing everyone had in common was a gauche reindeered sweater and contrast-

ing turtleneck." Set for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, The Magic Bag's 10th anniversary bash will feature a fashion show, coronation of an ugly sweater Prince and Princess, and plenty of spiked eggnog. Admission is \$10.

#### **AVOID HOLIDAY THEME**

Yet even as ironic Ugly **Christmas Sweater Parties** 



invited to an Ugly Sweater Party.

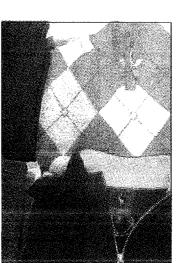
#### **WEAR SWEATER PROUDLY**

What: 10th annual Turtleneck and Sweater Holiday Extravaganza When: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 Where: The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale Cost: \$10, benefits charity Information: Call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

gain popularity, some people continue to wear the garments as seemingly serious fashion statements.

Rod Brown, co-owner of The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills, said sweaters are a great choice for any holiday party, but he cautions against anything with an overtly seasonal theme.

"You don't have to go walking into a party with a bright red or green sweater," he said. "We can give you a little bit more of a sharp look that



DO: For men, zip mocks are a good sweater choice. Pick any two select sweaters and cords for \$89 at The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills.

will still be fun and get you noticed."

For men, The Shirt Box carries standard crew and V-necks in virtually every color, as well as sweaters

with shawl collars, doublebreasted cardigans, sweater vests and argyles. The most popular style right now is the zip mock," which can be worn underneath a blazer or alone.

Cardigans, with either zip-

pers or buttons, are actually taking the place of the casual sports jacket, Brown said. "There has definitely been

a resurgence in the sweater," he said.

For women, Suzy Brown, store manager at Parisian Laurel Park Place in Livonia, suggests sweaters with some extra sparkle or indulgent fabrics for the holidays.

"You could tackle it with cashmere, embellishments, metallic, lurex or sequins," she

Buying a simple sweater that fits and flatters, instead of something with a seasonal motif, means you can wear it well beyond the holidays. Best of all, you won't become a walking fashion faux pas.

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# Saint's celebration signals start of Christmas season



Donning an elf costume and dancing around a Christmas tree is part of the fun at the St. Lucia Day breakfast.

**BY SHARON DARGAY** 

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Kristin Carlson walked

through the darkened

ing golden star-shaped

wands, trailed behind and

to Christians hiding in the catacombs. She serves as a symbol of service and light, a reminder to Christians at Advent to anticipate

Jeannine McFadyen of

Westland now coordinates

Christ's light. church, dressed in a white robe and carrying a coffee Faith Covenant's event pot and bread on a serving included three breakfast sittings, choir perfor-The only light helping her mances, a handbell choir, youth dancers, comments navigate around the breakfast tables that had been set from the Rev. Ken Larson in Faith Covenant Church's and an opportunity to visit the church Christmas Shop, sanctuary glowed from atop her head and on her tray. which included Swedish Her "court," other teens foods, crafts and gently used seasonal decoradressed in robes and carrying candles, along with tions. Nancy Bergstrom of young "star boys" wearing Farmington founded the tall pointed hats and graspcelebration 30 years ago;

assembled around her as Kristin stopped to face her Each breakfast procession included its own St. Lucia, audience. "He will make you a light played by Kristin at 8 a.m., of the nations so that his Allie Swanson at 10 a.m. salvation will reach the end and Emily Hand at noon.

"I was in total darkness of the earth." With those words, the and couldn't see," said Kristin, who said she felt North Farmington High School junior signaled the relieved when the dramatic start of the 30th annual St. opening procession was Lucia Day breakfast celover. "The biggest challenge ebration at Faith Covenant, is not tilting your head if in Farmington Hills. you don't want to get wax in

your hair." The event celebrates the saint who, wearing Most teens who play St. candles on her head to Lucia have been active in light the way, carried food the saint's court or as a



Paige Setsuda lights the candles in Allie Swanson's crown at Faith Covenant Church's annual St. Lucia breakfast. Swanson portrayed St. Lucia in the second of three breakfast seatings at the Farmington Hills church.



Diane Berg from Farmington Hills attends the breakfast every year.

Faith Handbells perform at the St. Lucia Day breakfast at Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Hills.



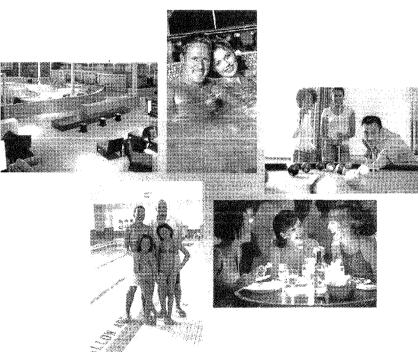
Nancy McHutchion of Canton (left), checks out items for sale in the church Christmas Shop with daughter, Christina Johnson, her daughter Kierstyn, 6, and Rachel, 9. Leaning over between the girls is their aunt, Jennifer McHutchion of Westland.

youth dancers at previous celebrations. They've grown up in the church and look forward to the day they can breakfast at Faith Covenant Church, wear the glowing crown and Farmington Hills. recite words of Scripture.

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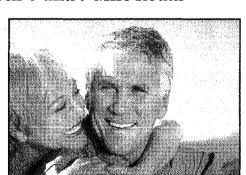
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Photos cost \$8 for a 4- by 6-inch print and \$13 for a 5- by 7-inch print. Proceeds will ben-

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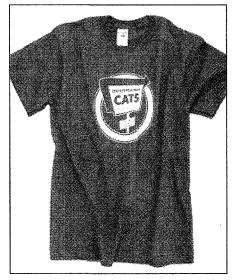
The Canton store holds

an adoption event noon to 4 p.m., every first and third Saturday of the month.

Call (734) 981-9191 for more information. Homeward Bound Rescue League sponsors the event.

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The Michigan Humane Society's 2010 calendar is available online.

**REUNION CALENDAR** 

## Accounting Aid Society needs help for tax season

Every tax season, Accounting Aid Society helps more than 13,600 struggling families in southeast Michigan recover more than \$14 million in tax refunds and credits.

The organization is recruiting volunteers now who can deduct a little of their own time in January through mid-April to help low-income people file their taxes and credits. Required training begins Jan. 9, 2010 and volunteers are encouraged

to register online at www. accountingaidsociety.org.

Classes will be held at eight area colleges and universities, including Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Schoolcraft College in Livonia, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University in Detroit.

Accounting Aid's tax training consists of learning tax law and tax computer software, and completing IRS certification.

The nonprofit agency will operate more than 25 free tax sites throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston counties from late January through April 15, 2010. Eligibility for assistance will be based on annual household income — \$50,000 or less for families and \$25,000 or less for individuals.

This year, more than 800 volunteers donated over 14,500 hours.

In addition to filing tax returns, volunteers also help clients receive tax credits such as the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credits, the Michigan Home Heating Credit, and the Michigan Property Tax Credit.

Through the recovery of taxes and credits, Accounting Aid helps families stay in their homes, keep their utilities turned on, put food on the table, and save for the future.

"It is very rewarding volunteer work. If Accounting Aid Society did not exist, many people in need would have an even harder time paying bills because they wouldn't have the tax refunds that Accounting Aid helps them obtain. Most probably they wouldn't fill out their tax forms on their own and couldn't afford to pay someone to do it," stated Amanda Luedtke, a hybrid analysis engineer for GM and a first-year volunteer with

Accounting Aid Society.
As the largest provider of free income tax preparation in Michigan, Accounting Aid has returned more than \$170 million to low to moderate income households since 1972.

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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety

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Holiday lunch, 1 p.m. Dec. 21, at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Contact: Vera at (734) 591-1305 or Irene at (248) 489-0415.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

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# Livonia woman wants to make hydrocephalus a household word

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN CORRESPONDENT

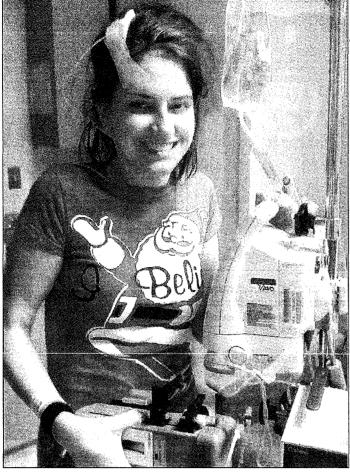
Jennifer Bechard is a fighter. Just 21 years old, the Livonia woman has undergone 88 surgeries for hydrocephalus, but she's not about to give in to the disease. Instead of sitting around and feeling hopeless, Bechard is doing everything possible to help herself and others. In addition to starting a support group on Jan. 15, she and her mother, Denise, organize an annual walk to raise funds for the Hydrocephalus Association based in San Francisco, Calif. This year, they sent more than \$25,000 to the nonprofit which provides support, education and advocacy for patients and their families.

There is no cure for the hydrocephalus causing an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in Bechard's brain so she's determined to find one. Before 1952, when shunts were first used to drain fluid to other parts of the body, patients died. Surgical placement of a shunt is still the only treatment available.

"Shunts can break, disconnect, malfunction," said Bechard. "You have to have surgery each time something goes wrong and there's a risk because it's brain surgery."

Hydrocephalus affects one million Americans who in total undergo more than 36,000 shunt surgeries every year at an average cost of about \$35,000 each. To help families struggling with the costs of the disease the Bechards created Just Believe, an adopt-a-family program. They are looking for donations for a 2-year-old boy whose Christmases have been spent in the hospital. One to two of every 1,000 babies are born with hydrocephalus, the most common reason for brain surgery in children.

Bechard was diagnosed at age 10 after suffering with



Jennifer Bechard had just undergone her 88th surgery when this photo was taken Nov. 23 in Children's Hospital, Detroit.

Steven Ham, chief of pediatric

neurosurgery at Children's

Detroit. Ham has seen the

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The cutting edge technology

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Hospital of Michigan in

headaches. Hydrocephalus affects all ages from infants on up. Her first surgery was at age 11 after a CT scan found a fluid-filled sac in her spine. A shunt-like device was implanted and she eventually went on to participate in sports at Ladywood High School. Today a shunt drains fluid from her brain into her right atrium.

"Until age 17 I only had 17 shunt revisions, the rest since then," said Bechard. "I'm trying to raise awareness because I don't think anyone should go through this. People need to know about this condition, but it's not just awareness but funding for research."

#### **IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY**

Advances have been made since 1952 according to Dr.

being born prematurely, from having an accident. Like any other disease, we're striving to make things better. When I was a resident 25 years ago, the valves were very simple. We didn't have endoscopy didn't have the camera to open chambers, didn't have MRIs to understand disease process. We're understanding patients

> wouldn't have done years ago." Ham applauds Bechard's efforts to raise awareness of the need for funding research of the disease that sometimes is mistaken for dementia. Normal pressure hydrocephalus causes problems with walking and gait, urinary

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people from their 60s to 80s. 'The numbers of cases we're seeing is about the same, but the knowledge of it is increasing. Hydrocephalus has always been under-supported. The level of funding is starting to increase. Many times progress is made from a grass roots effort like the one by Jennifer Bechard," said Ham of his patient. "Sometimes it's the only way to get some support."

#### SUPPORT, INFORMATION

Bev Crider is doing her part to educate hydrocephalus patients and their families. Crider's 30-year old daughter, Meredith, was born with a disease she knew nothing about.

"It wasn't apparent at birth but when I took her in for the one-month checkup, the top of her head was bulging," said Crider, Patient and Family Centered Care Director at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "It was frightening and overwhelming to think my infant daughter was going to have brain surgery. I went to the medical library and photocopied information and took it to the neurologist. I felt very isolated. I didn't know anyone

Jennifer Bechard gives her mom, Denise, a hug at the third annual Detroit Hydrocephalus WALK.

with a child with a medical problem let alone hydrocepha-

Today Crider sends out an e-mail, Family 411, for anyone in need of information or support. To contact her, e-mail bcrider@dmc.org.

"I'd like them to know hydrocephalus is a scary word but it doesn't have to be," said Crider. "I'd like families to understand this is a very extraordinary challenge families face but they don't have to face it alone. I have had the same experience and am willing to share what I know."

Tom Smith is heartened by the progress in treatment, but believes more research could be done with increased fund-

"Before the early 1950s people didn't usually live, but more people are living today because of treatment," said Smith, outreach and media liaison for the Hydrocephalus Association. "There is all kinds of research going on right now. Our winter newsletter mentions 50 different research projects across the globe and we're heading toward funding five new research projects right now through the association, but there's an awful lot of research to be done. If more people knew about it, it could



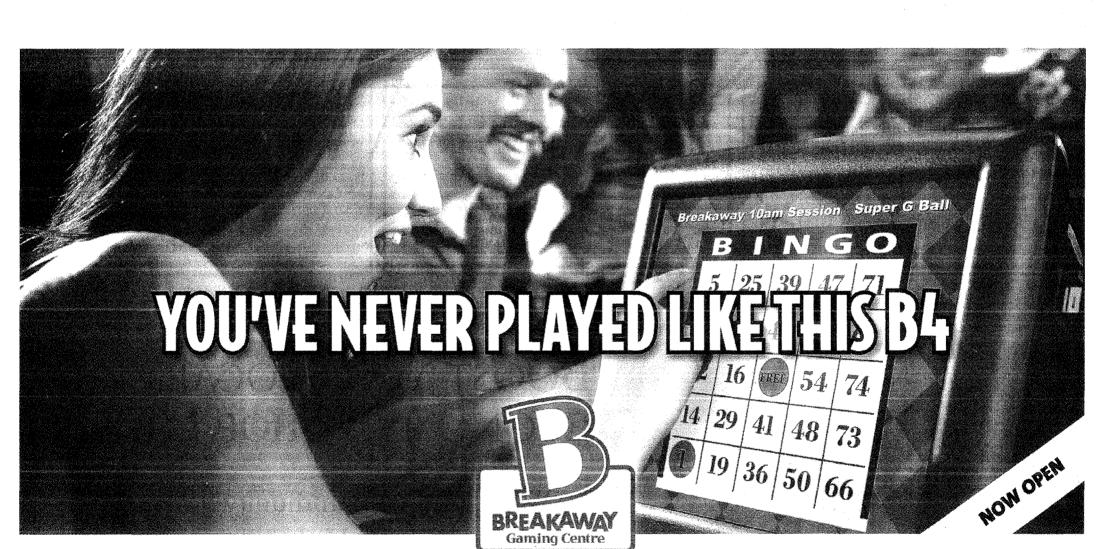
Dr. Steven Ham, chief of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit

lead to access for federal funding. We'd like to see a better failure rate. Shunts have one of the highest failure rate. There's a shunt surgery every 15 minutes, because revisions are often required."

For more information visit www.hydroassoc.org.

Bechard's hydrocephalus support group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi. For details, call Bechard at (734) 890-2665 or e-mail her at jenn.bechard@gmail.com.

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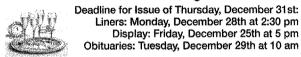
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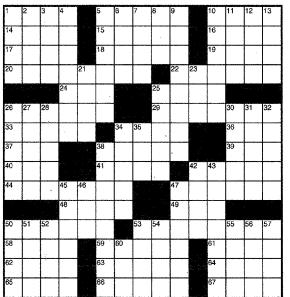
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#### **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS! WiWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, WS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. 23976914

SHOW ME THE TOWN DBF, 47, one older son, would like to meet a SM, 45-55, for friendship and dating that could possibly lead to more. 27322980

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basket-ball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. 12299111 ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc.

LADY OF QUALITY SBF, 30-something, 57", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, race open. 23310218

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME SWPF, 48, educated, H/W proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. \$\mathbb{T}\$311355

CURVACEOUS SWF, 47, 5"7" 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 36, 5'8", 150lbs, looking for a SBM, 35-45, who likes movies, dining, concerts, walks in the park, hanging out. 27324444

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please.

SEEKING A MATURE MAN
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like
to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to
enjoy life together. 23300680

SEEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Chris-tian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values. 27310924

SINGLE DAD WELCOME PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. SEEKING A REAL MAN

Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SB/WM, 29-58.

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SBF, 36, 5'4", 166lbs, brown/brown, drama-free, disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. 27317137

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call met 2217234

HONEST AND CARING
Sensitive SWF, 41, 5'5", likes Bon Jovi
and Van Halen, spaghetti dinners, gardening, hockey and baseball, old movies, arts
and crafts, picnics, reading. Looking for a
gentleman, 45-57, race open, for friendship
\$\pi\frac{1}{2}\$18717

TOTAL LOSER! I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no I.Q, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since 1982! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SJPF, 47, 58", blonde, shapely, truth. I am a SJPF, 47, 58", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. \$324039

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?** Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. \$\pi 230694\$

ISO COMPANIONSHIP Attractive, flexible SBF, 63, 5'4", 105lbs, loves dancing, movies, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere, independent, humorous gentleman for friendship, possibly more.

LET'S CHAT! SWF, 5'2", blonde hair, small build, seeks SWM, 70-75, N/S, who likes trips, good friendships, movies, and many different friendships, movies, and many unrecontribings with good conversation and SOH.

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 27963760

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT SBF, 26, 139lbs, shoulder-length hair, shy, down-to-earth, looking for a gentleman, 29-35, who doesn't play games. \$324542

**ACTIVE WOMAN** SWF, 58, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. TP262181

PRETTY EYES SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests.

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR.

**READY TO SETTLE DOWN?** WF, 5'5", blonde/brown, loves horseback riding, movies, cooking, quiet nights at home, reading, going out, playing sports. Seeking a family-oriented WM, 38-44, who likes the

same things. 23321514 DOWN-TO-EARTH WOMAN WF, full-figured, aubum hair, looking for a guy who likes books and more intellectual pursuits. I enjoy jazz and classical music. 45-65. 23321569

WEST SIDE BEAUTY Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'6", slender, 54, seeks a gentieman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things outdoors, light smoker, for friendship to relationship. Sincere responses

SUNSHINE
Widowed WF, 5', 120lbs, young 69, looking
for fun-loving, humorous guy, N/S, to enjoy
life together. 2323678 I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. 27300110 SEEKING SBM COMPANION

I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me. 27302311

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS? SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, NS, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversa-tions. Must have good SOH and self-worth.

TAKE A CHANCE SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more.

MUST LOVE THE LORD God-fearing, SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for pos sible relationship. 2311174

LOOK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. 2311011

#### Ready to meet great new people?

**DBF SEEKS LTR** Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friend-ship and see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a plus. 17310736

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 5'9", blond/blue, would like to meet a
young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with,
date and have a good time with. \$\tilde{x}310164\$

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking S/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who wants to enjoy the rest of life with no drama. \$\frac{\pi}{2311753}\$

SOPHISTICATED LADY SOPHISTICATED LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet
serious-minded and responsible, enjoys
dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a
SM, 48-69, IVS, responsible, good sense of
humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. \$2207254

WANTED: MATURE MAN Semi retired nurse, WF, dark hair, blue eyes, 5', NS, enjoys travel, history and home life. Looking for an honest, loyal man, 60-70, N/S, for a possible LTR. \$\textit{T320985}\$

ARE YOU SEEKING? DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating, 27630808

I NEED A LOVE... to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring.

**VERY CUTE** SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intelli-gent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 27113198

#### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

DWM, 56, 510", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wisense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 22269646

SINGLE, HANDSOME WM Marketing professional, part-time personal trainer, tall, athletic, muscular, 6'2", 205lbs, 49, brown/blue, degreed, looking for an attractive woman, with a great personality, who is friendly, positive, active and fun.

WM. 5'8", brown hair, moustache, enjoys doing all kinds of things. Looking for a slender, attractive WF, 23-35, for dating. 2325657

MUST LOVE LIFE DWM, 32, enjoys going out, listening to music, the outdoors, relaxing at home and movies. Interested in meeting a down-to-earth WF, 24-33, who is honest and faithful.

A GREAT GUY Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection.

LOOK NO FURTHER SBM, 24, 6', athletic build, dark complexion, looking for a cool, laid-back, fun and outgo-ing SB/HF, 21-29. 합319532

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/
blue, no dependents, college-educated,
clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing,
seeks friendly SF for fun. Age/location open.

WANTED: ONE NICE LADY SWM, 41, 5'8", 180lbs, nice, sweet, honest, down-to-earth, looking for a nice lady, 35-45, who enjoys working out, going out, taking long walks and more. 23323963

OPEN TO LTR SWM, 38, Italian-American, dark brown/

brown, 6', attractive and good-looking, part-time substitute teacher working towards a degree, enjoys sports, dining, dancing, values. 23325061

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM, 37, 5'10", 175lbs, N/S, father, likes to work out. Looking for a lady, 25-50, who is down-to-earth, doesn't play games, to relate

ARE WE A MATCH? SM, 49, 6', 185lbs, brown/brown, down-toearth, easygoing, looking for SF, 30-50, with same qualities. 27323835 ONE DAY AT A TIME

SBM, 37, 5'5", 220lbs, beard and mustache, brown eyes, likes writing poetry, listening to jazz. Looking for a nice lady, 30-42, who knows what she wants out of life, understands herself. 27323746

LONELY IN DETROIT SBM looking for a female, 35-45, for friend-ship first. Let's see where things lead! \$\tilde{3}24117\$

VERY HANDSOME, ROMANTIC. middle-aged man with a good job, looking for a female companion, 32-46, to spend time with, possibly develop a relationship. 3324249

LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 27128302

FASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 27187614

FEMININE LADY WANTED Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. 72721990

CALL ME! SWM, 45, likes sports, working out, cooking, bodybuilding. Looking for a similar lady for LTR. 2319016

SOUTH AMERICAN SF WANTED WM, 6'3", dark hair, blue eyes, good sense of humor, likes concerts, movies, dining out. Seeking South American SHF, 18-52, for LTR. Will answer all calls. 27320560

CALL ME! SM, 39, 5'6", 139lbs, short brown/green, wears glasses, likes cars, auto auctions, wrestling, boxing, karate. Looking for SWF, 32-45, with similar interests. 2323516

IS THIS YOU? DWM, 51, financially secure, not particularly looking for LTR, but it's not out of the question, either. Looking for SF, 45-60, to have some fun together during our spare time.

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. 22262579

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME SHM, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 49-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! ☎300709

WINTER SPORTS
Single DWM, 42, 6'1", 218lbs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling and winter sports. Looking for SWM, 35-42, for dating \$7201662 dating. 23301662

SBM, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! \$\tilde{x}\$301956 OUTDOORSMAN

BM, 5'7", 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. 37302424

THE ONE FOR ME SBM, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. 2302986

**SEEKING A FRIEND** SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. 23'303036 SWM SEEKS SBF

DWM, 37, N/S, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. 22303043 WANT TO TALK?

Sexy SBM, 35, NS, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SB/WF, 18-24, to chat with I like movies, dining, just chilling out. NOT A GAME PLAYER

NOT A GAME PLAYER SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, car-ing, loving. \$2302998 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me a call. 2303066 THE ONE TO CALL

BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. 27303275

A LOT TO OFFER SBM, 43, 5'9", 143lbs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SBWF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. 27303815 MOVING FORWARD

MOVING FOHWARD
SWM, 39-years-old 5'8, thin and fit, N/S, lightblue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and
caring. Interests: film, music, and literature.
Looking for friendship possibly leading to a
more serious relationship. 23304387

SEEKING REAL WOMAN SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. \$\textit{T305549}\$

SEEKING LATIN LADY WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. 23308881

SO WE MATCH? SO WE MAICH?

SM likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. 27308942

GENUINE NICE GUY
WM, 45, 61", blond/blue, NS, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualities and vatues. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. \$2308313

LET'S GO OUT BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. 22308637

NO DRAMA SBM, 42, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, caramel complex-ion, enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining. Seeking SBF, 25-45, who is not into drama.

FULFILL MY LIFE SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves litalian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is honest, caring, sincere, romantic, spontaneous, compassion ate, and ready for a relationship. 2309096 ARE YOU OUTGOING?

ARE YOU OUTGOING?
SBM, 38, looking for SBF, 26-38, for long-lasting relationship, N/S, N/D, no drugs. You must be sincere, honest and respectful. I love movies, diring, sports, walks in the park. 2310527

LET'S MEET SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF, 29-40. 2312103

**ENJOY THE VIEW** Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area

CALL THIS MAN!
Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE

SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. 23315352 CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking

the company of a lady with similar interests CALL ME

SM, 42, would like to meet a WF, 35-45, who is outgoing and fun to be with for LTR. If you're out there, please give me a call. 27317043 YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SM, 5'5", 155lbs, brown eyes, interested in meeting a nice, honest, respectful, trustwor-thy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly lead-

thy woman, 35-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. 2316761 HONESTY A MUST

SWM looking for an honest female, 18-44, who is interested in LTR. No games please. 2317031 WORTH THE CALL SBM, 35, no kids, looking for a SBF, 24-34, N/S, for good friendship possibly leading to more. Call me! \$\pi 318056

IF INTERESTED, CALL SWM, 43, 5'7", 160lbs, red/green, secure homeowner, would like to meet a WF, 35-45,

to get to know and date, possibly leading to more. 2318518 CAPRICORN SBM, 5'11", 170lbs, medium complexion, likes sports, concerts and much more. Would

like to meet a woman, 25+, who is easygoing and has a nice personality. 23318568 I PROMISE THAT YOU.. won't be disappointed. SBM, 5'9", 190lbs, likes working out and spending time with that special person. Would like to meet a secure, goal-oriented woman, 20-46, with a

nice personality. 12318591

HAVE FUN WITH ME

SWM, 45, 5'11", 230lbs, brown/brown, N/S, N/Drugs, looking for SF, 30-65, race open, who enjoys walks, bike riding, intelligent conversation, board games, classic movies, dining out or cooking at home and romantic evenings at home. 23318819

I'LL KEEP IT REAL BM, 6'1", 185ibs, brown eyes, likes movies concerts, cooking and much more. Would like to meet a secure, attractive, goal-oriented H/BF, 21-45, for dating. 22318792

EASYGOING SBM, 38, 6'4", likes movies, jazz concerts, walks in the park, quiet moments at

home, playing pool. Looking for SF, 35-45. **ROMANTIC MAN** BM, 5'8", 186lbs, brown eyes, wavy black

hair, likes working out, bowling, dining out, movies and treating a woman with respect. Looking for a BF, 44-49, for dating and romance. 27320053 A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a likeminded counterpart for where ever it goes. **22200890** WELL-ROUNDED DWM. 59, retired gentleman of independent

neans, emotionally/financially secure, hon-

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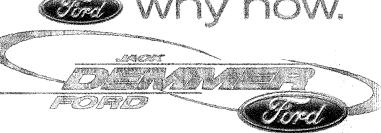
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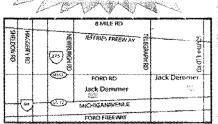
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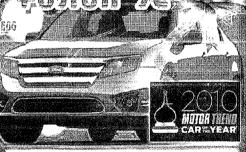
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