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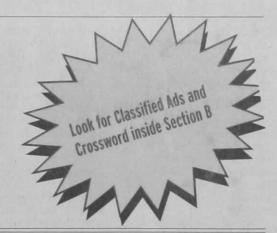
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Democrat Marc Corriveau,

state Representative for

pass up a potential third

term in the House to run

for the state Senate seat

Bruce Patterson.

being vacated by Republican

the 20th District, said he'll

"Everybody's enthusiastic, and there's a real buzz," said one auto dealer earlier this week.

Look for your photo in our photo gallery online at www. hometownlife.com and in the Thursday, Jan. 21 edition of the Canton Observer.

Drive for Cure

The Canton Community Foundation hosts "Drive for the Cure," a dinner and silent auction to help fight the battle against lymphoma cancer. Proceeds benefit Mark Doughty and family

The event takes place at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Those unable to attend the event and wish to donate, please make checks payable to the Canton Community Foundation and mail to 50430 School House Road, #200, Canton, MI

Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP by calling (734) 397-6460.

AAUW's 50th

Plymouth-Canton AAUW celebrates 50 years of presenting live theater to the children in the Wayne county area with four performances of "The Wizard of

Performances take place 7 p.m. Feb. 4-5 and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 6. Performances will be in the Garden City High School **Auditorium**

Members (former and present) who participated in previous plays will be recognized at the end of each performance. They are also invited to join the cast at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth following the Friday night (Feb. 5) performance.

Corriveau seeks state Senate seat

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marc Corriveau thinks the problems facing the state will take a longer fix than the two-plus years he'd have left in the state House if he wins a third term representing the 20th House District.

So the two-term Democrat from Northville, who has represented the cities of Plymouth, Northville and Wayne, along with Northville, Canton and Plymouth Townships, since his election in 2006, has turned his attention to the bigger picture. Instead of seeking reelection, Corriveau will run for the 7th District Senate seat being vacated this year by the term-limited Bruce Patterson.

"I think I've done what I said I would do when I was elected in 2006, which is go up to Lansing and work hard to represent the people who sent me there, Corriveau said. "Now I want to take that attitude to the rest of the 7th Senate District.

Corriveau, who before being elected spent six years practicing law with his family's Northville law firm, has been contemplating the move for a while, and **RACE FOR THE 7TH**

So far, state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, has the race for the state Senate 7th District seat to himself, but that could change. While no other candidates have officially entered the race,

there are names floating around for potential candidacies. Democrat John Stewart has been gauging support for months in preparation for a potential run; he couldn't be reached Wednesday to confirm his candidacy. He held the 20th House seat for three terms as a Republican, then switched parties shortly after leaving office.

Other names being bandied about are Cindy Dingell, currently the deputy chief operating officer for Wayne County, and former Democratic state Rep. Kathleen Law. Political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor of 'Inside Michigan

Politics,' said Corriveau enjoys a solid reputation in Lansing.

"I think he's seen as a strong legislator," Ballenger said. "Corriveau has proven he has the ability to get some Republican and independent votes, and he'll be tough to beat.

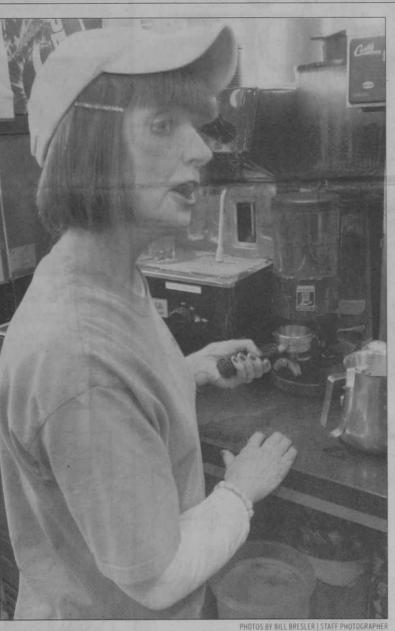
said consultation with his wife and children over the last few weeks - and their resulting support - solidified his deci-

Corriveau chairs the House health policy committee and sits on the House judiciary, education and government operations committees. He said he's spent his

first two terms building relationships with local leaders, regardless of political party, and hopes to take that bipartisan attitude to the Senate.

If he gets there, he'll have a much bigger challenge. The 7th Senate District

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"It's a wonderful workplace," says Gail Wyscaver, who works weekdays at Jungle Java Express inside the Canton Public Library.

Readin' and relaxin'

Library cafe provides patrons a warm haven

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As snowflakes fell outside the tall windows of Jungle Java Express - a small cafe and warm haven just inside the Canton Public Library's front door — customer Elizabeth Quan shook off the cold outside by ordering a hot chai tea mixed with

"It's a trip here, because I grew up at a library where you couldn't even chew gum," she said.

Quan and other patrons relish having a 20-seat cafe inside the library, especially on cold, winter days when familiar Jungle Java employees like Gail Wyscaver dish out sm readily as they serve grilled cheese pretzels, spicy black bean wraps, double chocolate cake, caramel mocha and numerous other treats.

"It's a wonderful workplace,"

Wyscaver said. "It's very relaxing." Quan's 5-year-old son, Elijah, often accompanies her to Jungle Java, enjoying the view of brownies, cookies and cakes inside a glass display case as he gets the royal treatment from Wyscaver.

"She is so friendly to him," Quan

Wyscaver readily takes requests for television stations on a screen that hangs inside the cafe.

"I came in one day and asked for CNN," Quan said.

Canton's library, unlike many facilities where patrons have to leave to grab a meal or a drink, has had a cafe since 2004, Director Eva Davis



and other treats.

said. It's handy for people who are doing research or just enjoying a lazy day reading inside the popular library, located at 1200 S. Canton Center near Palmer.

The cafe doesn't have the play equipment of some Jungle Java businesses - it's tucked inside a library, after all - but library officials warmed to the idea of a small eatery after patrons requested it several years ago.

'I think it's real nice," customer Sharon Arnold said, leaving Jungle Java Express. "I just had the chili, and it was excellent."

And while the cafe, equipped with wireless Internet access, is a perfect spot to spend part of a cold, winter day, it's certainly not off limits during summer.

"If if were warm," Quan said, "I'd probably get the frozen lemonade."

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Crackdown aims to stop car-train accidents

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After five people died last July in a car-train collision in Canton, township police Wednesday joined law-enforcement agencies from Pontiac to Ann Arbor for a crackdown aimed at catching motorists who might ignore railroad signals and crossing gates as Amtrak Train 353 rumbled through.

Sure enough, Canton police Sgt. Pat Sullivan said officers ticketed a male driver who ignored flashing railroad signals and crossing gates that had started to come down on Hannan near Michigan Avenue - the same spot where the fatal collision happened six months ago.

"It's very incredible," Sullivan said, adding that he believes the driver had even heard of the five

The special enforcement, aimed at ticketing violators and reminding drivers of the dangers of ignoring railroad signals, is expected to occur periodically in hopes of saving lives by convincing motorists to obey laws.

This is a great thing we're going to start



Police had their eye Wednesday on the Hannan railroad crossing in Canton, hoping to stop accidents such as the July 2009 crash that claimed five young lives when the driver tried to beat the train through the crossing.

doing," Canton police Lt. Scott Hilden said. Michigan Operation Lifesaver - part of a national effort to end vehicle-train collisions, save lives and reduce injuries — worked with Amtrak

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Blood drive

Canton Township hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 at the Canton Administration Building, Lower Level, meeting room B. Appointments are available in 15-minute incre-

Contact John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 or jspencer@ canton-mi.org to make an appointment.

All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School, located in Canton on Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school

For further information please contact (734) 459-2490, www.allsaintscs.com, or ascs9@hotmail.com

Murder mystery dinner

The Roaring Twenties come to life at a "Funeral for a Gangster," a hilarious murder mystery dinner theater

presented Jan. 16, Feb. 13 and March 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The intimate setting of The Biltmore Studio has been transformed into Ruby's Coffee House where the hijinks unfold and where delicious food will be served.

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"The show is set in the Roaring Twenties, and takes place at Ruby's Coffee House, a speakeasy run by Ruby Marzetti, one of three children of the slain gangster Vito the Gut Marzetti," said director Mike Cuba. "Ruby, her brothers Frankie Marbles and Joey the Lump, along with their new stepmother Lena, are trying to figure out who fingered Vito, and where he hid the key to his wealth.'

Audience members will serve as mourners at the wake of mob boss Vito "The Gut" Marzetti, who was served a bullet buffet while dining in a Chinese restaurant. Evidence unfurls as the wake commences, and it's up to the audience to'solve the mystery.

The show includes dinner, music, puzzles and prizes for best costumes (optional, but fun!) and the best solution to the mystery. Local actors complete the 1920's ambience of



Indoor excellence

The Plymouth Reign 98 U12 Girls team finished second at the regional indoor soccer tournament held over the weekend at High Velocity in Canton. Team members include (back, from left) Coach Glenn Luguori, Kaya Knake, Jordan Anheuser, Frankie Sadler, Kara Hutchison, Kari Klavon, Jessica Joppich; (center, from left) Nicole Clark, Camilla Brown and Sarah Bloem; and (front, from left) Anna De Biasi, Emily Raymo, Samantha McGrath and Hailey Katulski.

Ruby's Coffee House: Rebecca Biber is the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and mas-

ter of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30, and the show at starts at 7 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Biltmore Studio, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets, which are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater, are \$45 each. Call Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102 for more details.

Usher training

Folks looking to volunteer in 2010 can consider the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which needs volunteer support for ongoing programs and special events.

Canton Leisure Services will be holding an usher training session noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. This training session is mandatory for all adult volunteers interested in ushering at this popular performing arts cen-

Volunteer support is crucial to The Village Theater's operations and is a great way to meet new people and show support for the arts by greeting patrons, taking tickets, handling out programs, giving tours, helping with hospitality/concessions and numerous other opportunities. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age with the ability to deal with the public in a tactful and courteous manner and be able to stand for periods of time.

To register for the training session or for more information on volunteering, call (734) 394-5191.

Charity 'Whodunit'

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, is hosts their fourth annual charity event Friday, Jan. 29 at

Genitti's-Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville from 6:30-10 p.m.

The evening begins with a seven-course family style Italian dinner followed by the audience participation whodunit Mystic Madness. Reservations are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available.

Proceeds from this event go toward United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care for patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. This fund is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need. With Michigan's struggling economy, these needs are greater than ever.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 8.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit New Hope's Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

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College carvers will once again be part of the annual Plymouth Ice Festival, which returns to Kellogg Park in

Organizers put finishing touches on Ice Festival

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With one eye on the weather forecast and another on fund-raising, Sam Walton is putting the finishing touches on this year's Plymouth Ice Festival.

The festival begins Friday, Jan. 22, in downtown Plymouth. The hours are 3-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

Walton, whose event-planning company, Signature Professional Group, in September took over the ice festival production from longtime organizer Watts Up. Inc., said the fundraising goal for the nonprofit event is \$75,000.

"It's a little more aggressive than a couple of years ago, but that's the only way we're going to grow this festival, is to get some more dollars involved," Walton said.

Fund-raising is ongoing, Walton said, but even in a tough economy, he's confident the goal

The show will feature some 30 college and high school ice carvers and 10 professionals turning 200 blocks of ice into a variety of sculptures. There will be a number of carving competitions, including a "Dueling Chainsaws" speed-carving event that will give carvers 15 minutes to complete a sculpture.

Walton and the Downtown Development Authority are also lining up bands to play at different spots around the downtown both Saturday and Sunday as a way of drawing people out of Kellogg Park. The DDA is sponsoring the concerts; Steve

King and the Dittlies have already signed on. The Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre on Penniman, will be the festival's "Hot Spot" for



visitors to warm up and enjoy refreshments, while food vendors will be nearby, at Penniman

For more information on the ice festival, including information on volunteering, donating and becoming a festival sponsor, visit its Web site, www.plymouthicefestival.org.

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is made up of the same communities (except for the city of Wayne) he now represents, plus the cities of Flat Rock, Belleville, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven and the townships of Brownstown, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron and Van Buren.

Political analyst Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, said at this point Corriveau has the early

"At this point, Corriveau becomes kind of the instant odds-on favorite in that district," Ballenger said. "It's a district that has been a Republican district (Patterson has represented it for eight years), but if you look at what's happened, it's filled up with Democrats. The Republicans have kind of been purged from everything.

"Of all the districts in the state that are likely to flip, that one is A-number-one on the list," he added. "Corriveau is the most prominent elected Democrat in the district. He's a guy who won an open seat that was viewed as a Republican seat four years



Corriveau

Corriveau said he's already been meeting with local leaders in the southern end of the

ago, a seat no

one thought

a Democrat

could win."

district in an effort to educate himself on the issues that concern those residents, and letting people in those communities know he's available.

He said the relationships he has established with local leaders at this end of the district -Republicans Richard Reaume in Plymouth Township and Phil LaJoy in Canton - will continue to help him should he win the Senate seat.

Corriveau pointed to work he's done on ethics legislation, his efforts in the Northville annexation issue (with Patterson) and efforts to get equitable school funding. Statewide issues he points to include the smoking ban, which goes into effect May 1, along with water issues and a push for alternative energy and the movie industry.

He's been the Michigan Township Association's "Legislator of the Year," and said he's about to get the same honor from the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. He also got the Michigan Business and Professional Association's "Distinguished Service Award" last year.

"I've had some successes in the House," Corriveau said. What I've learned is the systemic changes that need to be made need to be started now. If I want to see the longterm reforms come about, the Senate is where I need to be.

Corriveau acknowledges timing is everything in his decision to seek the Senate seat. If he stays in the House, he'd have one two-year term remaining, then have to be out of the game for two years before the Senate seat would be open again (in 2014). Seeking the seat now, while it's an open seat and won't require beating an incumbent, makes

"The timing is a big factor," he said. "I can either work two more years to see what I can get done, or I can work the next nine years (one year remaining in the House and then potentially two four-year Senate terms) and try and get things done.'

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to coordinate Wednesday's special enforcement.

"These crashes are all preventable if people would just obey the laws," said Dave Cornelius, a retired Norfolk Southern police officer of 31 years who chairs the nonprofit Michigan Operation Lifesaver's enforcement committee.

All five people inside a Ford Fusion died last July 9 when a 19-year-old driver tried to beat Amtrak 353 at the Hannan crossing in Canton.

Hilden said local police planned to watch the Hannan and Haggerty crossings in Canton after the Amtrak train, with a Fox 2 Detroit television crew on board, left Pontiac on Wednesday morning.

Railroad safety issues aside,

Hilden said motorists who are ticketed for ignoring crossing signals and gates also face penalties including \$150 in fines and three points on their driving record.

"That can affect your (auto) insurance," he said.

Cornelius called it baffling that drivers will try to beat on oncoming train.

"When you start dealing with passenger trains or 6,000-ton freight trains, it's a whole different thing than two cars hitting each other out here in an intersection," he said.

Cornelius said a freight train moving at 55 mph can take a mile or more to stop - that's at least 18 football fields after the emergency brakes are applied. That makes it impossible for the crew to avoid motorists who believe they can beat an oncoming train.

He said railroad crews involved in fatal accidents

never forget what they saw - even though they're not at fault for incidents involving law-breaking motorists.

Cornelius said police in many communities planned to join Wednesday's special enforcement along with railroad authorities and other agencies.

According to national Operation Lifesaver statistics for 2008, there were more than 2,400 vehicle-train collisions that resulted in 286 deaths and 935 injuries numbers that have gradually declined over the years as better railroad signals have been installed. Some other Web sites cite even higher statistics.

Regardless, Cornelius said motorists approaching railroad crossings always need to remember three tips to survive: Look. Listen. And live.

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Teen accused of thefts at high schools

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An anonymous tip led Canton police to a teen suspected of stealing money and other items from two Plymouth-Canton high schools.

The 15-year-old ninthgrader is facing charges amid accusations he stole keys and used them during afterschool hours to steal small amounts of cash and electronic items, such as calculators,

from Canton and Salem high schools, police Sgt. Mark

Police arrested the suspect last Thursday and turned him over to the Wayne County Youth Home.

The youngster is suspected of about eight incidents involving more than \$500 in cash and stolen items between mid-November and early January, Gajeski said.

The incidents happened at Canton and Salem high

schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, southwest of Joy and North Canton Center roads.

The thefts occurred inside administrator offices and a school library, Gajeski said.

"He lifted the keys off a janitor, then he broke into one office and would find keys to another office where he would find keys to another office," Gajeski said.

One of the later incidents involved a security guard learning that someone had broken into the automotive section and an administrative office of Canton High School on Jan. 1.

Ultimately, an anonymous tip from someone who knew what the teen had been doing gave authorities the break they needed in their investigation,

The suspect's name hasn't been released because he is a juvenile.

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Jewelry suspects

The Canton Police Department has obtained better photos of the two people suspected in a jewelry theft from the Canton JC Penney. The pair are suspected of stealing a pair of 1-carat diamond earrings from the JC Penney on Ford Road in Canton Dec. 26. The suspects are described as a white male, approximately 30 years old, 5 feet, 11 inches, 190 pounds, with red/auburn hair; and a white female, approximately 30 years old, 5 feet, 7 inches, well-groomed, with long brown hair. The suspects were seen walking in together, receiving service from a sales clerk at the jewelry counter, and then leaving the store together. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or online to www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to an arrest.

CRIME WATCH

Foreclosed homes become target of thieves

¶ A real estate representative I told police that a furnace inside an unoccupied, foreclosed home on Strathmore, southwest of Geddes and Beck, was stolen prior to the afternoon of Jan. 7, when she arrived at the house to show it to a potential buyer.

Township officials have said thefts inside foreclosed homes have become more commonplace as the economy has suffered a lingering downturn.

Change stolen

2A woman reported that a change purse was stolen from her purse while she was shopping at the Marshall's store, on Ford east of Lilley, between 2:50-3:30 p.m.

The woman told police she was looking at merchandise and had placed her purse in a cart. She said someone warned her that she shouldn't leave the purse unattended, and whenshe looked inside she noticed the change purse had been taken.

The change purse included personal items such as a driver's license, credit cards, medical cards, library cards

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and \$20 in cash.

A police report indicated credit cards had been used at the Marshall's store and at a gas station for items totaling

Walmart bust

3 Two women initially accused of eating food they didn't pay for inside the Walmart on Ford east of I-275 were taken into custody around 3 p.m. Saturday. Police found what appeared to be an illegal drug, ecstasy, on one

of the women. The pair was accused of causing a disturbance at the store.

Break-in

Police investigated a breakin following reports of glass breaking on the morning of Jan. 6 on Roundtable, southwest of Palmer and Lilley.

A woman told authorities her son awakened her when he heard glass breaking around 5 a.m., but they noticed nothing amiss in their house. About three hours later, the woman

noticed that a back window of a neighbor's house had been broken out.

A police report indicated that intruders had entered through a kitchen window, then unlocked a sliding glass door before leaving out the front door. Missing items included a television, and the bedrooms had been ransacked.

Warrant arrest

5 Police arrested a man outside a business southwest of Koppernick and Haggerty after learning that he was wanted in another community on an outstanding warrant for criminal sexual conduct and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to a police report. The arrest was made around noon Jan. 5.

Stolen truck

6A maintenance worker at an apartment building on Regency, northwest of Morton Taylor and Palmer, reported that a truck and plow were stolen from a parking lot between 5 p.m. Jan. 4 and 6:30 a.m.

- Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department

Carjackers kidnap woman from area mall parking lot

Two suspects are expected to be arraigned on charges today in the carjacking and kidnapping of a woman from the parking lot of Laurel Park Place mall Tuesday morning, Livonia Police Lt. Greg Winn

The victim, a 47-year-old Canton resident, was uninjured in the incident, which took place at about 10:30 a.m.

A 20-year-old Detroit man and a 20-year-old Westland woman were arrested.

Winn said there is no connection between the carjacking from the mall, located at Six Mile and Newburgh roads, and an attempted carjacking exactly a week earlier in the parking lot of Meijer at 13000 Middlebelt Road.

In this week's incident, the two suspects followed the woman, who was driving a newer model Cadillac Escalade, from L.A. Fitness on Plymouth Road to the Laurel Park Place mall parking lot,

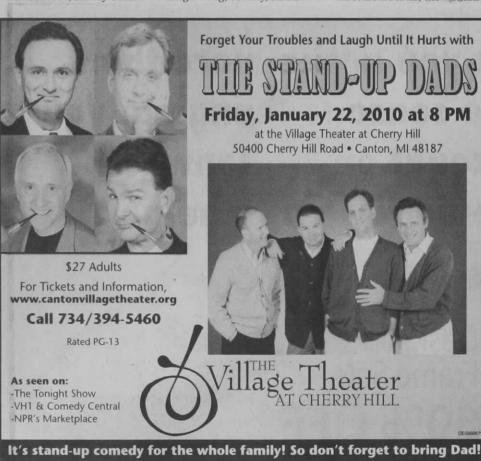
where the man, armed with a handgun, ordered her to surrender her vehicle and get inside with him. The female accomplice did not get into the Escalade.

The man got onto I-96 and drove about six miles before exiting at Merriman and letting the woman out of the car, where she called her husband and then the police from a local business

Using OnStar, Livonia police tracked the vehicle to a Detroit neighborhood, where they later found it hidden in an abandoned residential garage. Officers arrested the suspects about two hours later after they showed up in a Ford Escape, the same vehicle in which they had been following the woman.

The woman let the man out of the car, and officers arrested him after a foot chase. They pulled the woman over and arrested her.

- By Karen Smith

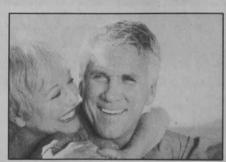




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Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull said the best way to help those devastated by the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti is to donate cash.

Help for Haiti

Cash the best way to help relief efforts

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salvation Army officials know when disaster strikes, people in the communities they serve want to help.

That's why they want to make sure, in the wake of a 7.0-magnitude tremor that struck Haiti late Tuesday, people know just how to provide that help.

No numbers were available at press time, but one relief worker in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, was quoted saying, "There must be thousands dead," and International Red Cross officials said as many as 3 million people may have been affected by the quake and its aftershocks.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered 7.0 and was centered some 10 miles from Port-au-Prince.

It's the kind of disaster that, according to local Salvation Army officials, brings out the generosity in people wanting to help. And, according to Capt. Dan Hull, the corps officer in Plymouth.

"It's cash; money donations are the best," Hull said. "This allows those aiding Haiti to purchase what they need, where they need it and when they need it. This also helps get cash back into the local economy."

According to Hull, people's first response is to donate clothing, a generous thought but one Hull said doesn't help in the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

"It needs to be shipped and stored, sorted and distributed and during a large-scale disaster, this is next to impossible," Hull said. "It's a good thought, but unfortunately not practical. Shipping is so very costly and as you hear on the news, you can't even get to the island right now."

Those wishing to donate can designate their gift to The Salvation Army in Haiti by going to The Salvation Army's Web site at www.salvation-armyusa.org or calling (800) SAL-ARMY. Those wishing to mail their gift can send it to The Salvation Army World Service Office, International Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 630728, Baltimore, MD 21263-0728.

bkadrich@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-8899 cancer.

Library looks for environmental stewards

The Canton Public Library is looking for 20 families to become leaders in a local environmental stewardship effort by participating in Action for Earth, a partnership project between the library, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Project S.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act Preserve).

The families selected will participate in two workshops held at the Canton Public Library and led by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, one Project S.N.A.P. session creating art with a message for a community mural, and one community-wide environmental event. Families should be Canton residents, have children in K-8 classes and be willing to commit their time and energy to the Action for Earth project.

Workshop dates are:

• March 24 and April 28, 7 p.m. Ann Arbor Hands On Museum workshops at the Canton Public Library

• April 18, 1 p.m. Project S.N.A.P. mural art creation at the Canton Public Library

• June 5, time to be determined, River Day Clean Up, various Canton Township sites

 June 21, 7 p.m. Mural unveiling at the Canton Public Library

For details or to apply for the program, call the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl. org/node/action-earth-project.

Action for Earth is a sixmonth environmental stewardship campaign. This pilot project is funded by the Erb Family Foundation and strives to teach children the science behind environmental challenges and inspire them to be responsible environmental teachers.

Race for the Cure

Over the past 18 years, millions of people have gathered in metropolitan Detroit to celebrate progress, honor the memory of a loved one, and raise awareness and support for those affected by breast cancer.

NEWS BRIEFS

The 19th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, takes place Saturday, May 22, at Comerica Park. Sponsors, teams and participants are already signing up for this year's race. Each year approximately 30,000 people take part in this movement in Detroit, making it a top-tier event in the world's 5K run/walk series.

The Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awards 75 percent of the current year's net proceeds to a diverse group of organizations serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Funds support breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the medically underserved. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research and project grants awarded through Komen for the Cure. Since 1992, the Detroit Race has raised \$17.5 million in the fight against breast cancer. Thanks to the generosity of Komen Detroit supporters, in 2009, \$1.5 million was awarded to local breast cancer programs and more than \$320,600 to breast cancer research.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 8 a.m.; the race and walks at 9 a.m.; and the closing ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

There are several ways to get involved:

• Be a Sponsor. Business sponsorships range from \$1,000 and up. Review sponsorship opportunities at http:// www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/sponsorship. asp.

• Register a Team or Individual. Register at www. karmanos.org/detroitrace-forthecure. This is a wonderful way to engage coworkers, friends, families, neighbors and others to be part of the breast cancer movement. You will also be able to register onsite May 22, beginning at 7 am.

 Volunteer. See a variety of volunteer opportunities at www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/volunteers. asp.

asp.
• Make a Donation. Whether

or not you can join us in person on May 22, please consider making a donation. See the terrific fund raising incentives. Details at: http://www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure/friendsfor.asp

For more information go to www.karmanos.org and click the Race icon or call (800) KARMANOS and ask for the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.

Grief support

Arbor Hospice will offer several support groups this winter for men, women and children, to educate and support anyone who has experienced loss. These support groups are available to anyone in the Ann Arbor, Western Wayne or Downriver communities whether or not they have received hospice care from Arbor Hospice. There is no charge to attend a support group, but donations are welcomed to help support Arbor Hospice programs.

Classes in Western Wayne:
• Loss of Spouse or Partner
will meet on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 28 through March
18, from 10-11:30 a.m.

To register please call Vicki Campbell at (734) 656-0031 or e-mail vcampbell@arborhospice.org. The group will be held at Arbor Hospice, 40500 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite. 102, in Plymouth.

Workshops in Ann Arbor:
• General Loss will meet on
Sundays, beginning on Jan.
24 through March 14 from 3

• Adult Loss of a Parent will meet on Mondays, beginning on Jan. 25 through March 15 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

- 4:30 p.m.

• Loss of Spouse or Partner will meet on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 27 through March 17 at 10 - 11:30 a.m. or at 7-8:30 p.m.

• Arbor Hospice will also host a series of three educational sessions designed to help recently widowed individuals become accustomed to life on their own. Basic Home Maintenance will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Cooking for One will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Personal Finances will be held on Saturday, March 27.

To register, please call Arbor Hospice's Grief Support Services at (734) 794-5375 or email info@arborhospice. org. The groups will be held at Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich., 48103.

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LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs will be available at the Plymonth: District Library in January

· GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Jun. 16, 7.15 p.m. - The discretions group in open to accome who is curious and willing to work with others in developing as understanding and appreciation of great literature. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to http://www. greebooks.org

· WRITING MY LIFE. STORY A SENSOR WRITING GROUP, Toesday, Jun. 19, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Physicoth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is requi

* STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS - Monday Jamuary 18, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gather ing, 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. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

. UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME, Monday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. - In the library's continuing Money Management series, Beverly Stanton, Real Estate appraiser, will explain how the value of your home is determined and how improvements provide return on investment. Register for this free program at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or e-mail plymouth@plymouthlibrary.org

 MIDWEEK MOVIES Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m. Enjoy a recent release, popcorn and pop. No registration required.

* GENEALOGY: Researching your Ancestors' arrival to the U.S., Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. - The Library's Great Michigan Read programs continue as Kathy Petlewski, Electronic Resources librarian, will present a how-to class on researching the arrival of your immigrant ancestors to the United States. This class will be presented in the library's large meeting room, not in the computer lab. Register for this

Irre program at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (234) 453-0250. Ext. 4, or online at plymouth/s-

· NEEDLECKAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Jun. 25, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needle pointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lensons are not provided, but sless exchanged among attendses. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

* EROWN BAG BOOK DESCUSSION, Wednesday, Jun. 27, room - This month's discusvion invites members to read. Stealing Buddha's Dinner by Bich Minh Nguyen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bug Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the library, (734) 453-0750, Eat. 206, or e-mail tsberman@plymouthlibrary.org

Youth Programs

* BABY PLAY, Monday, Jan. 25, 10 and II a.m.; Saturday, Jun. 30, 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 tows and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play

· LAP SIT STORYTIME. Saturday, Jan. 16, 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 the Youth Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

* PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES, Session one: Tuesdays, through Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Session two: Wednesdays through Feb. 17, 7 p.m. - This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5,

* PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES, Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3 1/2 -



Cassette book blowout

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will continue their cassette used book sale through Sunday, Jan. 17. As audio technology moves forward, the library staff found it could no longer get newly released books on cassette. For this reason, the collection is being removed and made available for sale at 50 cents per book. The Friends used-book sale is open every day, just like the library, and can be found in the meeting room lobby. The majority of sale books are available at \$1 for hardcovers, 50 cents for paperbacks, unless otherwise noted.

5 years. Registration is required and may be made starting on Jan. 7, by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

*TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays, through Feb. 16 - The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2 - 3 ½ years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other-arrangements for siblings.

The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

Teen Programs

· VIDEO GAMING, Thursday, Jan. 21, 3-4:30 p.m. Snacks and friendly competition on the Library's gaming

consoles: Xbox 360, Wii and PS2. No registration required.

· TEEN ADVISORY BOARD, Saturday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the web site and just have fun. Free refreshments

· BOOKS & BITES, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 3:15-4:15 p.m. - Read The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson. In the bio-tech future, a 17-year-old girl learns a startling secret about her existence following a serious accident. Register at Reader's Advisory - (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

New year is perfect time for net worth statement

albests son will be rwamped with statements, 1000s, W-2s and other tax correspondence. It is important for taxpevers to save these documents, because they are essential for proper completion of 2009 TAX PETUTION.

Forgetting to include income. from a 1099 will almost guarantee a letter from the Internal Revenue Service (TRS). The IRS is one government entity that one never wants to hear from.

One of the surest ways to draw IES scrutiny is to fail to report income. Typically, what is on a 1099 or a W-2 is extremely important in completing an accurate tax return. In addition, documentation that deals with deductions is also important. when it comes to filing your tax. returns. All tax documentation received can be extremely impor tant if your tax return is audited.

This is an opportune time to take stock at the beginning of the new year by doing a net worth statement. It is important to know your net worth because it can be used as a measuring stick.

Knowing your net worth, which is nothing more than assets less liabilities, and how it changes over the years is essential to financial planning Knowing such things as whether you can afford to retire or whether you should make gifts for estate planning purposes are directly related to net worth.

One question I'm always asked is whether a home should be included in the net worth statement. I believe, generally, it should be part of a new worth statement. After all, equity in a home can be an important factor when it comes to retirement planning.

The problem with including the home, however, is that homes are hard to value. Remember, it's not what you think your house is worth, but what it can sell for on the open market.

If you choose to include the home in your net worth statement, be reasonable and honest when it comes to value.

Items not included in net worth statement are collectibles. My reasoning is that most col-



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as valoable as people think loo many people attach sentireental value to a collectible, but in reality, if they went to sell the item, sections. tal value is not a factor.

If however. you have a collection of something that is not only easily valued but also easily sold, then it may make sense to include those items. There are many things that have value. The problem is finding a seller who will pay that value. Although the Internet and sites like ellay have changed the landscape, selling collectibles, memorabilia or artwork at a true value is sometimes difficult.

Just as it will take some time to obtain the value of your assets, you need to spend the same time with your liabilities. Mortgages, charge cards, personal loans

 know the balances as of Jan. 1. In addition to knowing the balances of your liabilities, know the terms - interest rates, how interest is calculated, penalty provisions and whether interest is tax deductible.

Determining net worth creates a base you now can use for comparison purposes. Should you do a net worth statement every month? No. My general recommendation is every six months.

Any type of personal financial planning has to start with a snapshot of where you are starting from. A net worth statement is exactly that.

Over the next few weeks, sit down and spend an hour or so preparing your net worth statement. The results, whether good, bad or indifferent, will help to keep your financial house in order. Good lack!

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

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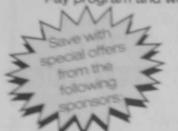
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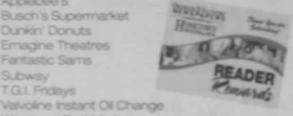
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2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Plymouth Observer and the Northville Reporter three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. John Phillips shall post a copy of this Order at 633 Natalie or 501 West Dunlap, Northville, Michigan 48170.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Randall A. Dickinson and DC Kitchen & Bath, L.L.C. at the last-known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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Kroger is offering discount tickets to The North American International Auto Show.

Caffe Italia fund-raiser

Caffe Italia hosts a fundraiser for the Michigan Indigo Children and Family Network Saturday, Jan. 16.

The MICFN is dedicated to helping families affected by Autism, Asperger's, ADD and ADHD. In addition to having resources and information available, there will be live entertainment and the visual art of Karl Kanai.

A percentage of proceeds from the event will go to the MICFN to help families receive the help and support they need for their "Indigo" spectrum children.

The event will run all day with live entertainment beginning at 3 p.m.

Caffe Italia is located at 41985 Ford Rd. between Lilley and Haggerty in the Zap Zone complex.

Real Estate class

Out of a job? Changing careers? Become a real estate agent and be ready for the upcoming real estate boom.

REMERICA HOMETOWN will be presenting a pre-license training class beginning soon. Real Estate Professional Education Group, LLC at:

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Total class cost is \$50 and it includes all materials. Call for a reservation or a private interview, Chris or Judy, (734) 459-6222 or e-mail info@ remericahometown.com.

Auto show tickets

Auto show enthusiasts will find discount tickets for the North American International Auto Show 2010 at the customer service desk within all Michigan Kroger stores. Kroger is the exclusive location to purchase advance NAIAS tickets, with all tickets discounted \$1.

Kroger offers adult tickets for \$11 and child and senior tickets for \$5. Tickets will return to the full price of \$12 and \$6, respectively, on Jan. 16. NAIAS is one of the largest and most prestigious auto shows in the world and will be open to the public Jan. 16-24 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"In today's economy, everyone is interested in cutting costs," said Rick Going, president of Kroger's Michigan Division. "The savings add up quickly for families and individuals purchasing multiple

NAIAS tickets." In its 21st year as an international event, NAIAS will debut more than 50 vehicles, with over 30 of those vehicles making worldwide introductions. NAIAS will feature more than 700 vehicles representing the most innovative designs in the world, with more than 700,000 show-goers expected to attend.

"NAIAS will provide attendees an entertaining and informative respite from winter," Going said. "Kroger is pleased to be able to offer customers the convenience of purchasing advance tickets for the event at the same place they shop for

Previously called the Detroit Auto Show, the show launched in Detroit in 1907 and has been held every year since - except from 1943 to 1952. The auto show moved to Cobo Center in 1961 and was renamed the North American International Auto Show in

The Plymouth Kroger is located at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. Canton Kroger locations include 45540 Michigan Ave., and 1905 N. Canton Center Road.

February luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its February Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

Impemba

February's luncheon will feature guest speaker Mario Impemba, the play-by-play announcer for the Detroit

Tigers on Fox Sports Detroit.

Impemba captured his own Michigan Emmy in June 2006 in the "Sports Play-by-Play" category. He is also a graduate of Michigan State University. He joined FOX Sports Detroit after seven seasons as the radio and fill-in television play-by-play man for the Anaheim Angels.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Impemba speak at our chamber luncheon", said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

February's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Schoolcraft College. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Quantum Leap Strategy

A workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Holiday Inn Suites, 3950 S. Lotz in Canton, designed to give you the tools, skills and executable steps to jump start your 2010 and take the systems approach to profitability.

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A free franchising seminar is scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 23, in the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 45525 Hanford in Canton, where attendees can hear four franchise experts discuss "Futures in Franchising," SBA expert Randy Jones, Franchise attorney Kelly Hayes, Franchising consultant Terry Coker and Curves Franchise owner Kim Scartelli.

First-time entrepreneurs who are considering business ownership through franchising should attend with their spouse or business partners. You will hear about financing a franchise, the laws of franchising, how to work with a

consultant to identify the right franchise fit and exactly what it's like to own a franchise from a current owner and Franchisee of the Year.

Admission is free, but reservations are requested and can be made calling Terry Coker at (734) 459-4121.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance agents, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc.

Drive for the Cure

The Canton Community Foundation hosts "Drive for the Cure," a dinner and silent auction to help fight the battle against lymphoma cancer. Proceeds benefit Mark Doughty and family.

The event takes place at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Those unable to attend the event and wish to donate, please make checks payable to the Canton Community Foundation and mail to 50430 School House Road, #200, Canton, MI 48187.

Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP by Jan. 8 by calling (734) 397-6460.

Karen Alexander (center) Community Financial's Educational Partnership Coordinator, presents a check to Salem High School Math teachers Susan Scott (left) and Rebecca Nimmerguth. The donation to purchase graphing calculators was funded through the credit union's Community Shares program.

Donation helps schools with calculator purchase

Community Financial recently demonstrated its continuing commitment to supporting education with a donation to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for graphing calculators.

The need for these calculators was identified by the credit union, with the assistance of the Educational Excellence Foundation (EEF) and the purchase was funded from Community Financial's annual

Community Shares program. "We are very appreciative of the strong and continuing support that Community Financial provides to help our community's students," said Carole Kody, EEF's executive director. "Students learn to use these calculators with ease and will be permitted to use them on the ACT/Michigan Merit Exam."

"We are very pleased to be able to provide resources that benefit students and local schools," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. "This is another way that Community Financial helps students develop their skills and achieve.

Karen Alexander, Community Financial's education partnership coordinator, presented the check to Salem High School Math teachers Susan Scott and Rebecca Nimmerguth.

Community Financial provides classroom presentations, curriculum supplements and sponsors student-run credit unions at all three high schools at the PCEP. Student volunteers are trained by Community Financial to operate the high school branches.

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credit union program students benefit by learning the importance of saving money, managing finances and setting personal financial goals.

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

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Free art exhibit at MU has green theme

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The Madonna University Gallery will host "The Green Show," a multi-media art exhibit that aims to educate people about the effects of their actions on the planet.

The show opens Friday and runs through Feb. 22. An evening reception, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, offers an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists. Singer/songwriter John D. Lamb and poet John Jeffire will perform during the reception, and refreshments will be served. Admission to the show and reception are free.

The exhibit was inspired by an Oprah Winfrey show that focused on the environment. The work of 11 local artists in such media as photography, painting, sculpture and Intaglio, the show features images of nature by Mandy Getschman of Northville and Marat Paransky

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Artwork in 'The Green Show,' like this untitled piece, is designed to make people think about how they impact the environment.

of Oak Park, as well as dolls made from trash by Tina Carter

Madonna alumna Nancy Paton has been curating shows at Madonna for nine years. She recently formed Other

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Dimensions in Art, a group that creates and organizes art exhibitions to help promote aware-

ness of important social issues. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Folk concert returns to Plymouth

The BaseLine Folk Society returns to Plymouth on Saturday for another openmicrophone acoustic concert.

The show, with a featured performer and up to eight open-mic performers, starts at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Admission is \$5.

The featured performer is Dawson Laabs, 15, a sophomore at Northville High School, who has been writing his own music for about a year and a half. Sue Laabs will host

Signup time for musicians who want to participate in the open-mic session is 6:15 p.m. to

The society is selling season passes, \$25 for an individual and \$50 for a family. The society's season of monthly concerts is September through May.

For more information, contact Mike Mullen at (248) 347-6881 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com.



The Mercedes ML450 Hybrid Sports Utility vehicle, developed by engineers now working at the Mercedes-Benz Research and Development facility in Redford, is one of the showcase vehicles at the 2010 auto show.

Local car dealer: 'Everything is fresh' at 2010 auto show

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What a difference a year

Opening day of the North American International Auto Show is always a time of optimism. That was never more true than this week at press briefings and auto unveiling ceremonies preceding Saturday's official opening.

The country, the auto industry and metro Detroit needed a boost, according to Douglas North, president of North Brothers Ford in Westland. "And this is it," he said after an initial visit to Cobo Hall earlier this morning.

Last year was a downer, said North. The economy nose dived, automakers were talking about layoffs and bankruptcies and massive uncertainty shrouded the auto show and much of the year.

This year is different," he said. "Everybody's enthusiastic, and there's a real buzz.'

Most definitely, agreed Rick Hodges, general manager of Victory Toyota in Canton. "Everything is fresh," he said, "and customers (as well as the industry) have a lot more optimism.

And with good reason, according to industry analysts. The industry has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into making long lasting, high mileage cars that excite customers. They predict sales in 2010 could top 12.5 million compared to the disastrous 2009, when fewer than 10 mil-

incentives. Nobody doubts that gas guzzlers are out and the country's love affairs with the automobile is far from smoldering. And sales aren't expected to approach the bumper years of

lion cars and trucks were sold

despite the Cash for Clunkers

earlier in the decade. But customers will be pleased with all the fuel-efficient vehicles, insisted North, and that will translate into

Ford vehicles were voted the car and truck of the year, he noted, referring to the Ford Fusion and the Transit Connect. "And we've got a lot of other exciting vehicles like the new Fiesta and Mustang.'

Toyota won't be outdone, insisted Brian Jones-Chance, a sales representative who will represent Victory Toyota Saturday when the show opens to the public. "This will be my first auto show," said Jones-Chance, 23, who said he has been selling cars for less than a year. "But I'm excited."

The Japanese automaker is hoping the redesigned Prius and its new 2011 van will appeal to customers across the

"I'm new to the industry," said Jones-Chance. But Toyota has some exciting vehicles from small hybrids up to the luxury Lexus, he said. "This will be an exciting year."

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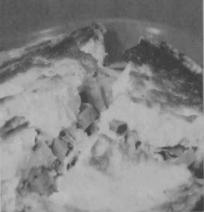
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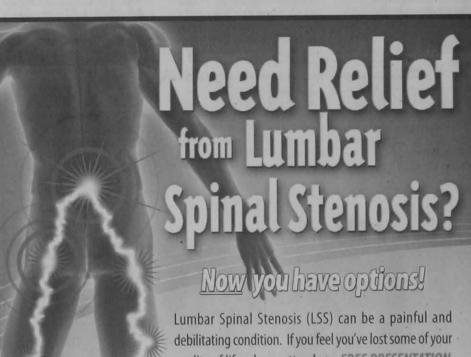
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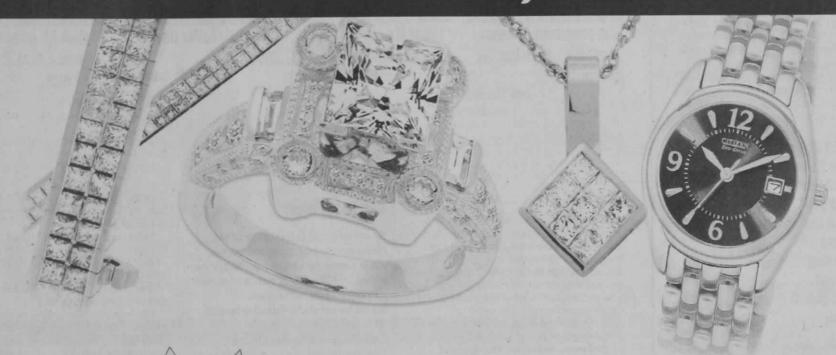
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OUR VIEWS

Board right to hear committees

As its begin to consider its budget for the 2010-11 school year, with its potentially massive cuts depending on what the state does in terms of school funding, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education seems to have adopted what we think is a great mantra:

We can use all the help we can get." That's why administrators commissioned seven committees made up of parents, residents, teachers and school officials to consider potential cuts or methods of delivering a quality education in a more efficient, cost-effective manner.

The committees began meeting in October in seven different groups - high school, middle school and elementary school, along with district support, food service, transportation and building and grounds maintenance.

Their charge? Help the school board find areas where potential cuts or efficiencies exist, preferably, of course, without cutting into the education teachers provide in the classroom.

After cutting some \$20 million out of the budget over the last four years, and with no federal stimulus money bucking up the state's educational fund, school board members seem determined to do two things with regard to the budget: Inform their residents (voters) and then count on their opinions.

The process accelerated this week when the committees met in two groups Monday and Wednesday night, respectively, in "see where we're at" sessions designed to bring each other up to speed about where they stand and the thought processes that got

them there.

School officials hope the committees can present their reports to the full school board later this month or early in February. Board of Education members want as much time as possible to consider their suggestions as they try to manage the shrinking pot of money left them by per-pupil foundation grant cuts coming out of Lansing.

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Board members have spent a good deal of time going pretty much to any meeting that would have them, presenting their budget situation to as many people as would listen. Part of the reason for that was an effort to get parents on board with the board's contention a structural change in the way schools are funded, and not just some influx of cash, is necessary to save not only their district, but public schools throughout the state.

Administrators say Plymouth-Canton's \$7,600 per-student foundation allowance is lower than all but six of Wayne County's 34 school districts. Plymouth-Canton officials say they've cut drastically over the last eight years and have committed to keeping the cuts out of the classroom.

With the state struggling so mightily economically, Plymouth-Canton officials believe it's time to change the formula. That kind of change isn't on Lansing's radar - say the words "tweak Proposal A" to most politicians and they grimace - so Plymouth-Canton is approaching it the same way they've been doing it for years - figuring out where they can be more effective and cost-efficient within the line items in their own budget.

When the committee recommendations come in, the Board of Education would do well to consider them. The last time they failed to do so came a few years ago, when the community determined the board was asking for a few too many "wants" rather than "needs" in a bond issue and turned it down.

These budget considerations provide the perfect opportunity for the board to mesh with the community. The effort will result in an informed electorate made up of concerned citizens whose biggest concern is the education of their children partnered with a Board of Education charged with providing that education.

That's exactly how it's supposed to work.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the economy will fare in 2010?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I'm a pessimist by nature. I don't think it will improve that much."

Jeff Talicski Belleville



"I think it's going to rebound a little bit." Bill Podorsek

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"Hopefully better than in 2009."

Matt Zumstein

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"I think it's going to rebound. I think it's going to come back."

Dave Lewis Canton

LETTERS

'The Sign'

OK ... so it was somewhere around five years ago when "the sign" changed my life. I will not go into the boring details, but I had health issues, plus two back surgeries in three months, and had just lost what I thought was the most important entity in my life - my job!

Sound familiar? Kind of like what many of you are going through right now?

One Saturday evening, my husband suggested we go out for a ride around town; maybe I would feel better. The sign read "Come smile with us!"

It was the church sign in front of New Hope Church, 44815 Cherry Hill in Canton. I was drawn like a magnet to the place. We went to New Hope Church the next day. In that service, God was touching my heart with his healing grace. This began my journey of hope, which I needed at that crucial time in my life.

Since that day, God has consistently filled my life with peace, friendships, love for others and hope and promise for the future. He also filled a void, by providing the opportunity to serve Him by doing work for New Hope Church.

That same church sign is there today, beckoning to touch others who need help; those who need to feed their families, but don't have the resources to do so. The sign now reads 'Need Food Help? Info Call (734) 270-2528."

Pastor Ranay Brown, our associate pastor, heads the program. Call, and if she is not there, leave a message, and you will soon be introduced to our little church; the one with the biggest heart in Canton! If you are reading this article and know of someone who needs help feeding their family, have them call New Hope Church; we want to help.

JoAn S. Neubacher

Revising history

Apparently, the latest tactic being employed by Republican pundits and politicians alike seems to be revising recent history to promote the perception that events like terrorist attacks are unique to the Obama administration and that we were kept safe until Obama

The first trial balloon was launched by Dana Perino, former Bush press secretary. Earlier last month on Sean Hannity's program that airs on Fox News network, Perino boldly stated that, "No terrorist attacks took place during the Bush presidency." One would have expected Hannity to immediately dispute the remark or, at the very least, ask for differentiation, but no cross-examination ensued. Perino wasn't even asked if she was talking about the administration of George H.W. Bush by Hannity or if she was referring to the post-9/11 period that featured the "shoe bomber" incident, the "anthrax attacks" and several other smaller violent assaults on Americans that occurred within the country that involved professed Muslim extremists attacking citizens in the name of revenge or jihad.

Even though it was Sean Hannity, basic journalistic integrity would dictate a further, on-the-spot examination of the statement, but none was forthcoming. This speaks volumes about the ethics of Mr. Hannity, but I digress. In the process it seems that the attitude that if you let a lie go undisputed, it becomes truer, was born.

The next shot at trying to get something inaccurate to "stick" and thus manipulate perception came when Mary Matalin, former Cheney adviser, declared on the CNN program, State of the Union, hosted by John King, that Bush had "inherited the 9/11 attack" from the Clinton administration. Again in this case, the interviewer, Mr. King, bloused over the comment failing to ask Matalin for an explanation of her obvious gaffe. Score two for those who seek to misinform and manipulate and shame on John King.

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Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

By now, the Republican misinformation machine and individuals within the party, experiencing little if any push-back by the mainstream media, are ready to hit the big leagues. Enter Rudy Giuliani, "Mr. 9/11." Last week on ABC's GMA, while being interviewed by George Stephanopoulos, Giuliani stated that there were "no domestic terror attacks" during the Bush administration. Was he playing a game of semantics or was he denying the date that represents that event upon which he has based his pathetic identity since that hor-

We will never know since Stephanopoulos, like King and Hannity, failed to dispute his assertion. Of course, after being called on it after the show, George apologized for not pushing the Mayor of Terrorville on the point, but the damage was done. There is no guarantee that anyone who may have been influenced by Giulianai's statement and might be experiencing skepticism about what should be indisputable saw Stephanopoulos's apology, hence the lie got out and the bell can't be unrung. As for George, if he won't or can't ask the tough questions that he should be accustomed to asking from his tenure on This Week, perhaps he should be relegated to covering the fluff, newsmagazine features about dogs and cats and other pablum for GMA.

The point of all this is that truth and honesty have become rare commodities and that citizens should beware of the tricks played by unscrupulous politicians and pundits who seek to shape opinion and perception for their own purposes, in this case the destruction of the Obama administration. Likewise, citizens should be vigilant about "journalists." As we have seen, they can be lazy, incompetent or even biased in their delivery of news products and the conduct of interviews.

Mitch Smith

Collect sales taxes

Are we the only ones outraged at the cuts in state revenues for our cities, schools, etc.? Oh, ves, there were some demonstrations regarding school cuts, cuts in some city services and/ or more pay cuts. Doesn't it bother you when the powers that be are trying to replace lost revenues, such as losses due to foreclosures, cutbacks in other areas because of loss of jobs and other economic-related slump issues; namely loss of tax revenues, by adding new

And, as many people are really hurting, NO ONE is reminding us that our government at both the federal and state levels fails to collect an ongoing 6 percent of sales from purchases made online or by mail. As a result of that we continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, regularly.

Don't take our word for it, check with your legislators. They will explain to you all of the reasons for not doing so ... we call those excuses. And, they may tell you that our income tax forms ask us to declare the sales tax on the aforementioned processes. Well and good, however, the fact still remains that we

continue to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, regularly, because we fail to collect the 6-percent sales taxes. Where is the outcry from the cities that

continue to experience cutbacks in state revenues? Where is the outcry from all of the school districts that continue to lose state shared revenues and thus in some cases are forced to close schools, etc.?

Our legislators are looking for sources of revenue. Has anyone reminded them that they don't have to look very far? All they have to do is change the laws that are apparently preventing them from collecting all of the lost dollars from uncollected sales taxes.

The legislators are cutting social programs, big time. The most vulnerable people in our society are an easy target. They don't have the lobbyists or advocates to plead their case. So we allow legislation to pay our bills off the backs of the most vulnerable people. Whatever happened to everyone's moral com-

Isn't there anyone out there who will be brave enough to address this issue regardless of political implications? Isn't there anyone out there who will stop the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars?

We just came from a Group Home of handicapped adults and were told by a staff person that they are going to get yet another cut in 2010. We are so outraged because we know of the money that is going down the drain; and when we did inquire, we were given the same list of excuses, which, we're sorry, but they are only excuses.

At this specific time in our state, we feel it is a moral issue. We pray that someone out there who will read this letter will also become outraged and deluge the offices of all the legislators and fight to bring back all of the hundreds of millions of dollars to our state of Michigan.

James and Mary A. Murphy

No private experience

The tax and spend plan the Obama administration has been on in the last year is doing exactly what the experts said it would; halt the economy and send the jobless rate skyrocketing. Not one of Obama's cabinet members has ever held a real job with a private company. They have no clue on what makes the economy tick because they've always been paid by our tax dollars and have never had to tighten their belts like we do when times get tough.

Now Obama comes out with a new greenjobs program that will cost taxpayers \$2.3 billion. He predicts special tax credits for all of his faddish "energy savers" — jobs selected by EPA bureaucrats will create 17,000 new jobs. This is out of a total workforce of 153 million.

The average cost of these alleged new green jobs will be \$135,000 per job. It's sort of like the \$780 billion stimulus plan, half of which has supposedly saved one million jobs at roughly \$200,000 per job. Let us not forget that Obama told us that if we passed the stimulus, the unemployment rate would not exceed 8 percent; we've been at over 10 percent for months now

Obama's EPA is now going to penalize manufacturing America, or what's left of it - with tougher standards to reduce smog. Of course, smog has already fallen 25 percent in the last three decades. This little beauty could cost us up to \$90 billion annually.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recently announced that he is closing down federal lands for oil and gas drilling. This with the price of oil hovering around \$83 a barrel and retail gas at the pump moving in the direction of \$3 per gallon, you have to wonder if anybody in Washington has any common sense

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It's a brand new year and time to sing auld lang syne to some of your cosmetics. Saks Fifth Avenue will help customers find a brand new beauty regimen during Pretty Organized, Jan. 14-18 at Somerset Collection.

According to S5A Cosmetics Manager Sandy Waterfall, deep festive lip gloss and eye shadow shades from the holidays should give way to fresh faced beauty, with a focus on staying hydrated and protected during the dry months of winter.

"It's really about paring down and making sure you have all the necessities in your cosmetic bag," said Waterfall, of Royal Oak. "It's kind of the equivalent of cleaning out your doset."

Ext. 5261 To inspire customers to make a fresh start, Saks is offering a free Pretty Organized makeup bag with any cosmetics or fragrance purchase of \$50 or more.

The white clutch has three compartments, each with a zipper in a different shade of pink. Waterfall said it's perfect for filing beauty supplies for face, lips and eyes. Here are Waterfall's picks from Cosmetics on One.

Waterfall said.

When it comes to skin care, moisture is the mantra in winter. Waterfall said several steps should come before foundation, all designed to hydrate.

"The key to this time of the season is to make sure you're really moisturized because it's so dry," Waterfall said. "Even women with oily skin tend to be dry this time of year, so it's important to moisturize not only in the morning but throughout the day."

Waterfall layers Estee Lauder Perfectionist Serum. which boosts collagen and gives skin a silky feel, and La Mer Moisturizing Gel Creme, made with a "miracle broth" of sea kelp harvested off the coast of California. She also recommends Cle de Peau Smoothing Base for

"It's another step, but it helps your foundation to lay really nicely on your skin, and helps keep that moisture you just put on your skin stay locked in," Waterfall said.

The fact that it's SPF 24 is a bonus. You definitely need that when you're out and about. In winter you're getting as many rays as you are in the summer if not more because it's reflected off the snow,"

For foundation, Waterfall loves Trish McEvoy's Beauty-To-Go Refillable Pen. "I don't wear foundation in the summer but this time of the year it's so challenging. I don't know any women who love their skin in the winter," she said.

Now that holiday parties have passed, it's time to leave those glamorous lipsticks in the drawer and focus instead on a naturally pretty pucker.

Just like skin, lips tend to be dry in winter so it's important to stock up on some serious lip products and apply liberally.

Waterfall loves Laura Mercier's Lip Treatment Kit. The two-piece set includes a Lip Polish that exfoliates, and a Lip Conditioner that infuses lips with moisture. For lip gloss, Waterfall likes Chanel Glossimers because they don't take on a tacky feel in the cold. She recommends the universal color Rose Sand, with pink and coral hues that work with every skin tone.

If you can only pick up one new product for your pout, make it a tube of Kiehl's Since 1851 Lip Balm #1. Inexpensive and indulgent, it smooths and soothes, and tastes great in flavors like mint, cranberry, mango and coconut.

Waterfall, a self-professed cosmetics junkie, said the "eyes" pocket of her Pretty Organized pouch is overflow-

"This is my favorite category," she said. Her picks include La Prarie Light Fantastic Brightening Eye Treatment, which can be used on the eyelids as a concealer and eyeshadow base, and under the eyes for highlighting.

"That too is a clicker pen. I love clicker pens," Waterfall said. "It's sheer but it does give you some luminosity. If you have redness on the tops of your lids or dark circles underneath it just remedies that and gives you an nice



Estee Lauder Perfectionist Serum boosts collagen and gives skin a silky feel.

For the ever-important moisture, Waterfall applies Hydra Seal Yeux by Yves Saint Laurent throughout the

She gushes over NeuLash Eyelash Enhancement Serum, an all-natural alternative to Latisse that delivers healthy and fuller lashes in 30 days.

"You put it on at nighttime, liquid liner right above each lash line before you go to bed. We sell a ton of it in the department," she said. "Everyone in our department uses it and we have these crazy long lashes.'

Her favorite mascara to draw all eyes to that fringe? Lancome Definicils.

"It's an oldie but goodie," Waterfall said.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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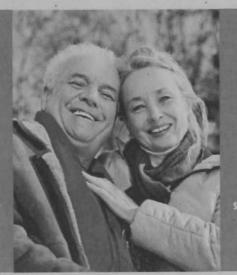
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HOMETOWN LIFE



Salem rolls to victory

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's varsity boys bowling team grabbed the KLAA Central lead Tuesday with a 20-10 triumph over the team they were tied with entering the match - Westland John

The Rocks remained perfect in league play, with a mark of 5-0 while John Glenn dropped

All three boys teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park scored one-sided victories at Super

BOYS BOWLING Bowl in Canton.

Pacing Salem's victory was the team's big gun, Ryan Clark, who rolled a 450 series on the strength of consistent 227 and 224 scores.

Also surpassing the 400-pin mark was Shaun Schmidt, with a total of 404. Schmidt had the team's best game with a 241 in

the opener. "This was exciting," said Salem head coach Kathie Hahn. "I didn't have anything stupendous, but they picked up their spares and that was huge.

According to Hahn, her team realized how big the match was, but didn't lose focus.

"If they lose their focus they

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem bowler Ryan Clark eyes another strike Tuesday at Super Bowl in Canton.



Getting comfortable at Detroit's Clark Park, site of Sunday's Outdoor Classic, are Novi-Detroit Catholic Central players (from left) Brad Wilhelm of Plymouth and Zack Cisek of Canton.

PUCKS ON THE POND

Local Shamrocks eager to play outdoors in the 'D'

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not Fenway Park, where the NHL Winter Classic wowed fans on New Year's Day.

But Clark Park will provide an intriguing, perhaps heartwarming venue for Detroit's mini-version of an outdoor hockey game 2 p.m. Sunday.

That's when Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood will compete in the shadows of the Ambassador Bridge in their first Outdoor Classic.

A handful of Shamrocks live in Canton or Plymouth and they are amped up for the big day, even if it means bringing extra thermals, tuques and hand-warmers along with their sticks and skates.

"We've all got a couple new things to wear under our equipment," said Shamrocks senior goalie and co-captain Zack Cisek of Canton.

Cisek and his teammates have an idea what to expect, having gotten through a Jan. 2 practice to check out Clark Park.

"We got dressed at our home rink and took the bus down there," noted the 18-year-old Cisek. "In between periods (Sunday) we're getting a heated tent."

Being a goalkeeper, Cisek said wind and sun are the main differences from

CLASSIC ICE CHIPS

What: 2010 Outdoor Classic, featuring Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Where: Clark Park in Detroit

When: The 2 p.m. varsity game will be the fourth of the day. Preceding it will be a JV game (10 a.m.) and two games featuring alums of both schools (1925-90 at noon; 1991 to 2009 at 1 p.m.).

Local flavor: Six Catholic Central players hail from Plymouth or Canton.

Why: To promote high school hockey between two traditional rivals as well as foster youth recreation programs for innercity youths through the Clark Park Coalition. Tickets: The game is sold out.

indoor games that he expects to deal

with

The ice was really nice at one end (at practice)," he added. "It was during the afternoon and the game is going to be in the afternoon. So at one end the sun might be a factor.'

According to 17-year-old Plymouth resident and senior forward Brad Wilhelm, that practice was "really cold, but it looked nice and it's going to look



Obuchowski

a lot better once everything's in place."

WING FOR A DAY

Logistics and weather won't take away from what certainly will be an unforgettable experience. "It's awesome," Cisek

said. "It's really a once-ina-lifetime kind of thing. It's a good idea." When Wilhelm found out he would be skating in an Outdoor Classic, he immediately thought about last January when the Detroit Red Wings played at Wrigley

Field in Chicago. "I'm excited because the Red Wings did it a couple years ago," he said. "I feel

like I'm part of it like the Red Wings." He isn't a newcomer to outdoor hock-

ey, however.

'We have a cottage on a lake Up North," Wilhelm said. "So I go skating up there a lot. as well as pond hockey (in Novi) at a friend's house.

Cisek said that same backyard rink in Novi gave him a place to "mess around, nothing organized.

Also ready for the hockey happening is senior CC defenseman Ryan Obuchowski, a 17-year-old Canton resident.

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GAME WRAPS

Girls basketball

CANTON 51, CHURCHILL 16: The host Chiefs blanked Livonia Churchill in the first quarter Tuesday and were off and running to a KLAA South

Sparking Canton (7-1, 2-0) with 16 points was CarolAnn Sexauer but several players contributed. Kari Schmidt scored eight points and registered six rebounds, Yuki Krolicki also tallied eight points and Kayla Bridges netted six.

Strong defense keyed the victory, as Melanie Pickert (five steals) and Robyn Mack (six points, four steals) continually stopped the Chargers from getting in

Taylor Kerr scored seven points for Churchill.

SALEM 43, NOVI 35: Sara Stone scored 19 points and hauled down 11 boards Tuesday night as the Rocks defeated the host Wildcats

Also strong in the KLAA Central tilt was Brett deBear (15 points) while Tabitha Mann helped keep Novi (6-1, 1-1) at bay with eight rebounds. Salem (5-3, 2-0) broke out

to leads of 8-4 after one and 21-13 at the halftime break and maintained a comfortable edge the rest of the way thanks to strong all-around defense.

"It was an excellent game for us," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann. "Our defense was solid.

PLYMOUTH 56, WAYNE 38: Balanced scoring helped vis-

iting Plymouth break a fivegame losing streak with this Tuesday victory. Troi Davis and Stacey

Klonowski tallied 15 and 12 points respectively for Plymouth (2-5, 0-2 in the KLAA South) while sophomore Katelyn Watson chipped in with nine points. Helping the cause were Danielle Desilets (8 points) and Isis Haywood (5 points).

For the Zebras, Jane Thayer led the scoring with 12 points and Jaylyn Hammac added 10.

Boys basketball CANTON 61, CHURCHILL 48:

Dietrich Lever and Kevin Weisz each scored 17 points Tuesday to pace visit Canton (3-4, 1-1) to an impressive KLAA South vic-

Lever also chipped in with nine assists and seven steals while Weisz grabbed 10 boards.

Leading Churchill (3-4, 0-2) with 15 points was Adam

Bedell. The Chiefs enjoyed a 27-

19 rebounding edge for the game, and pulled down 12 offensive boards after the intermission. Churchill made a number

of costly turnovers in the second half to further put

Canton in control. WAYNE 48, PLYMOUTH 46:

Tuesday's KLAA South tilt at Plymouth came down to the wire, but the Wildcats came up on the short end of the stick despite 20 points from Pat Salo.
After Wayne missed a

free throw with 20 seconds remaining, the Wildcats had a chance to tie it or win it at the end of regulation, but a midrange shot fell off. Scoring 16 and 13 points,

respectively, for Wayne were Daniel Hill and Reggie Reeves. Also in double figures for Plymouth was Mike Nadratowski (11 points).

Canton icers working, winning to stay in KLAA race

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After Saturday's tough loss at Midland, the Canton boys hockey team embarked on a difficult twoweek stretch of KLAA South battles that could determine whether the Chiefs will be in the hunt. That first test came Monday, and

Canton passed with flying colors skating to a 4-2 victory over host South Lyon to improve to 4-7-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the South.

"Everyone played well," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, particularly citing the efforts of senior defenseman Rohn Gaudi and sophomore forward Taylor Baker. "(It was a) good

PREP HOCKEY

start to the next string of games and a great KLAA victory.

Majszak said his team "came out on

fire" and scored two power play goals in the first period for a 2-0 advantage. Scoring were junior defensemen Josh Dickson and Alec Gilo. Canton then took a three-goal

lead just 30 seconds into the third period, on a goal by senior forward Sean Murphy. That turned out to be the winner because the Lions rallied to score twice against sophomore netminder Spencer Craig, who stopped 34 shots for the victory. Both South Lyon tallies were with

an extra attacker as the Chiefs were shorthanded much of the final seven minutes.

A late empty netter by junior forward Jordan Smith sealed the win.

"I was very happy with how boys fought through adversity with calls," Majszak said. "They battled to the

Playing hard for 51 minutes is exactly what Majszak said his team must do to have a chance in the KLAA South. "They need to play three strong periods of hockey" every

Assisting on Dickson's marker were senior forward Riley Hoernschmeyer and junior D-man Jimmy LaFontaine; senior defenseman Kyle

Korte and junior forward Phil Baciak set up Gilo's goal. Dickson and junior forward Garrett Bryden collected helpers on Murphy's tally.

The next division challenge is 8 p.m. Friday against Livonia Franklin at Canton Arctic Edge. SALEM 5, CHURCHILL 3: Mario Macari

scored two goals and both Garrett Berg and Josh Jarvela collected a goal and assist Tuesday to lift Salem to a KLAA South win at Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We competed pretty hard for the second night in a row which is something we've been working on," said Rocks head coach Ryan

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PREP WRESTLING

Youssef defeated Salem's

Cody Korpus, who beat

him earlier this season, as

Berry and Youssef were

two of 10 Wildcats to have

were Shadi Jammoul, Alec

Breckenridge, Chase Kallil,

Crowther, Rob Barackman,

Brendon Varner and Wally

CANTON THIRD: Six of the

state's top-10 ranked wres-

collided in Saturday's Novi-

coming away with the team

CC, rated No. 3, scored a

(172), No. 7 Oxford (143), No. 5 Westland John Glenn

Tecumseh, ranked eighth

rated 10th in Division 1, was

in Division 2, placed sixth

with 108.5, while Howell,

eighth with 99.

team-high 218 points fol-

lowed by No. 4 Rockford

(134.5) and No. 9 Canton

tling teams in Division 1

Detroit Catholic Central

with the host Shamrocks

Eppler.

Jimmy Ahearn, Brandon

perfect days. The others

well as a Churchill oppo-

quality wins" at 119.

Girls bowling teams look for positives 'Cats tear it up at tourney

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 14, 2010

Just one of three girls bowling teams from "The Park" earned a win Tuesday at Super Bowl in Canton.

Plymouth knocked off Novi, 22-8, sparked by Allyson Gibbs and Mackenzie Carlson.

They bowled pretty consistent and made their spares," said Wildcats assistant coach Tom Kaye. "We made a couple changes here and there, (so) all in all I'm pretty pleased with the way they performed."

The best bowler for Plymouth was Gibbs, with games of 183 and 148. "She only missed a couple spares," Kaye said.

Carlson, meanwhile, did what she normally does with games of 162 and 150. Meanwhile, Kristyn Sturtz

and Mandy Martin chipped in with totals of 292 and 276. But coaches for Canton and

Salem also saw some positives from the matches. Despite losing 21-9 to Wayne Memorial, Chiefs cocoach Jim Kippen continues to improve. Charlotte Zimmer totaled a 345 while team-

mates Cheryl Cosby (303) and Lauren O'Bradovich (300) contributed. Kippen added that his team really showed gains with a fourth-place finish out of 25 teams at Saturday's Ladywood

Invitational. The Chiefs just

missed finishing third while

don't make their spares and

was David Nikkila, with a

then it's huge," she explained.

Taking third for the Rocks

Jordon Hornes (390), Chris

Harper (365) and Kyle Hamlin

(337) made their presence felt

In the baker games, John

Glenn outpointed Salem 6-4.

Another PCEP boys team

romped to a win as Canton

drubbed Wayne Memorial,

a personal best 499 series

Sparking the Chiefs with

(with single games of 255 and

244) was Ross Terrasi, who

up to the leadoff spot in co-

coach Jim Kippen's lineup.

leadoff position and he just

Kippen said. "He did real well

showed leadership there,"

for us today.

responded after being moved

We just moved him to the

FROM PAGE B1

for the Rockets.



Canton team captain Ashley Cade talks with coach Jim Keppen for some pointers during Tuesday's dual match against Wayne Memorial.

captain Ashley Cade took eighth in the individual stand-

"Our girls have bowled against some very tough competition this year," Kippen said. "This past weekend we had the Ladywood tournament and our girls were excel-

"We were so proud of them and we missed third position by 10 pins. Over 19 games we came up 10 pins short of a

After Salem lost 21-9 to Westland John Glenn, Rocks head coach Kathie. Hahn preferred to focus on Game 2, when her team finished just 10 pins behind the Rockets.

In that game, Ashley Kretschmer tallied a teamhigh 176 while Kristin Larkins and Emily Simmons each finished with scores of 149. Kretschmer and Larkins led the team in totals, with 336

and 314, respectively.

"The second game they came back and really rallied," Hahn

But Salem bowlers must become more consistent making spares, she noted.

Spares are key with any team and that's where my girls have to focus," Hahn said. "They were doing really good and kind of just fell apart."

were David Blythe (390), Billy

Keppen (388), Andrew Klein

Mike Gabriel rolled a 386

Canton earned all 10 baker

Meanwhile, Plymouth belted

Novi, 21-9, sparked by a strong

performance from Justin

Thompson (235-199-434).

The Wildcats, who swept

the 10 baker points, also ben-

efited from good outings from

Tammy Thompson said Justin

"He's been struggling the

Brandon Congdon (356) and

Plymouth head coach

Thompson busted out of a

past few weeks," the coach

said. "He started off as our

anchor bowler, but was strug-

gling so we moved him up in

"Tonight he was back on

the lineup a little bit to get him

recent slump Tuesday.

(363) and Ryan Washburn

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for the Zebras.

Zach Behr (340).

Canton gymnasts now 4-0

Canton continued its strong start to the gymnastics season Tuesday, defeating visiting Walled Lake Maroon (Northern) and Walled Lake Gold (Central).

The Wildcat Team

Invitational Saturday gave

the host wrestling team a chance to claw its way to

Plymouth defeated all

four opponents to earn the

tourney title, giving head

reason to feel good about

meet at Livonia Churchill

(which took place after this

issue of the Observer went

"The team is hoping to build on the momentum,"

said Guernsey, whose squad

was slated to face Livonia

The Wildcats saw the

Zebras during Saturday's

tourney, earning a 53-21

Other Plymouth wins

were 69-12 over Churchill,

Heights Crestwood and 51-

"We had a positive day

overall," Guernsey said.

"Trey Berry had a excel-

lent day, going above and

beyond our expectations

for him. Said Youssef also

wrestled very well getting

80-6 over Dearborn

8 over Salem.

Franklin and Wayne

to press).

Memorial.

victory

his team as it geared up for Wednesday's KLAA quad

coach Quinn Guernsey

The Chiefs (4-0) tallied 139.15 points to the 121.125 and 119.875 registered by Gold and Maroon, respectively.

Robyn Piwowar won three of the four events and barely finished second in the other to lead Canton. She took first in vault (9.1), balance beam (9.2) and floor exercise (9.35) while her 8.8 in uneven bars trailed the 8.85 turned in by first-place finisher Ayana

The Canton scoring break-

down is as follows: • Vault: 1. Piwowar, 9.1; 3. Lewis, 8.5; 5. Mallory Hudak, 8.3; 6. Alex Fideler, 8.257

Piwowar, 8.8; 4. Fideler, 8.425; 6. Brittany Granowicz, 8.05.

• Beam: 1. Piwowar, 9.2; 2.

• Bars: 1. Lewis, 8.875; 2.

Fideler, 8.6; 6. Lewis, 8.325. • Floor: Piwowar, 9.35; 2. (tie) Fideler, Hudak, 9.0; 4. Pierce, 8.5; 6. Lewis 8.2.

> On Saturday, Canton finished second out of 18 teams at the Rockford Invitational with 139.7 points. Farmington took

PREP GYMNASTICS

first (145.15). Chiefs coach John Cunningham noted medalists Piwowar (3rd, floor, 9.3; 3rd, vault, 9.2 in Division 1); Granowicz (6th, beam, 8.85 in Division 2); Hudak (5th, floor, 9.2 and 9th, vault, 8.8, D2); and Lewis (5th, bars, 8.8 and 10th, beam, 8.65, D2).

Cunningham also said the B team (JV) placed 12th with

all-around scoring with 34.6

Lewis also was ninth in D2

128.975 points. a school record for B teams,"

"I told the girls that would be the veteran coach noted.

Kali Pierce, 8.8; 3. (tie) Hudak,

Kippen stressed that the rest the anchor man for us and of the squad feeds off a leadoff bowler who rolls plenty of strikes and spares.

"Obviously it helps spark us," Kippen noted. "Ross had been

we knew his talent belonged position."

Other key contributors

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Salem bowler Shaun Schmidt (right) rolls a strike and shakes hands with Ryan

> somewhere more visible and we put him up in the leadoff

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anchor and did good."

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

Clark during Tuesday's KLAA Central showdown with Westland John Glenn.

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS SALEM 20. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10

Jan. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton) Salem scorers. Ryan Clark, 227-223-450; Shaun Schmidt, 241-163-404; David Nikkila, 180-149-329; Evan Ross, 202; Kevin Williams, 163; Kyle Newcomb 155; Tyler Foley, 150, Team totals: 966-887-1,853

Baker games: 182-192-374 (4 points) John Glenn scorers: Jordon Hornes, 173-217 390: Chris Harper, 180-185-365; Kyle Hamlin, 190-147-337; Thomas Brusseau, 171; Steve White, 160; Tommy Ruark, 156; John Cleavenger, 154. Team totals: 868-865-1,733 (4 points);

Baker games: 239-167-406 (6 points).

Dual match record: Salem, 5-2 overall, 5-0 KLAA Central; John Glenn, 6-1 overall, 4-1 KLAA

CANTON 27, WAYNE MEMORIAL 3

Jan. 12 at Super Bowl

Canton scorers; Ross Terrasi, 255-244-499;
David Blythe, 193-197-390; Billy Keppen, 190-198-388;
Andrew Klein, 168-195-363; Ryan Washburn, 144-190-334. Team totals: 950-1,024-1,974 (27 points); Baker games: 195-193-388 (10 points)

Wayne scorers: Mike Gabriel, 191-195-386; Elliot Arnold, 199-174-373, Jeremy Brown, 179-140-319; Kellen Collison, 189; Mike Grandowicz, 156; TJ Lave, 151, Team totals: 876-848-1,724 (3 points).

Baker games: 162-181-343 (0 points). Dual match record: Canton, 4-3 overall, 3-2 KLAA Central: Wayne, 3-3-1 overall, 2-2-1 KLAA

PLYMOUTH 21, NOVI 9

Jan. 12 at Super Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Justin Thompson, 235-199
434, Brandon Congdon, 197-159-356; Zack Behr,
169-171-340; Rob Korstjens, 146-151-297; Kyle Webb,
151-146-297; Andrew Fraser, 172; Matt Bracey, 151. Team totals: 898-852-1,750 (11 points). Baker games: 148-183-331 (10 points

Novi scorers: Ben Van Zoest, 158-225-383; Nick Kuczajda, 181-201-382; Brandon Gillespie, 171-164-335; Sean McNia, 168; Andrew Valade, 138; Steve Cullen, 105. Team totals: 767-896-1,663 (9 points).

Baker games: 141-161-302 (0 points).

Dual match record: Plymouth, 3-3-1 overal 2-1 KLAA Central; Novi, 0-6-1 overall, 0-4-1 KLAA

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 21, SALEM 9 Jan. 12 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers. Alysson Kassab, 179-186 365, Natalie Brown, 159-183-342; Alyssa Bradke, 177-131-308; Khiry Sparks, 162-135-297; Juliann

Baker games: 155-131-286 (4 points). Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 160-176-336; Kristin Larkins, 165-149-314; Emily Simmons, 146-149-295; Rachel Amodio, 133-134-267; Kristin Peltz, 130-132-262. **Team totals:** 734-740-1,474 (3 points). **Baker games:** 134-169-303 (6 points).

Dual match record: John Glenn, 5-0 KLAA

Central; Salem, 1-4 KLAA Central. WAYNE MEMORIAL 21, , ANTON 9

Jan. 12 at Super Bowl Wayne scorers: Stephanie O'Harris, 170-208-378; Chelsey Priess, 188-176-364; Chelsea Morneau, 168-156-324; Tiffany Markham, 148-141-289; Brianna Everett, 145-131-276. Team totals: 819-812-1,631 (17

Baker games: 153-123-276 (4 points) Canton scorers: Charlotte Zimmer, 180-165-345, Cheryl Cosby, 168-135-303; Lauren O'Bradovich, 177-123-300: Jackie Polaski, 155: Allison Fries, 135: Ashley 129. Team totals: 789-726-1,515 (3 points).

Baker games: 138-141-279 (6 points).

Dual match record: Canton, 2-5 over
PLYMOUTH 22, NOVI 8 Jan. 12 at Super Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Allyson Gibbs, 183-148-331; Mackenzie Carlson, 162-150-312; Kristyn Sturtz, 145-147-292; Mandy Martin, 142-134-276; Tiffani Patterson, 144, Alyssa Conrad, 119; Serena Oliver, 119. Team totals: 751-725-1,476 (16 points). Baker games: 133-131-264 (6 points

Novi scorers. Callie Wright, 155-170-325; Brittney Affloller, 177-137-314; Shelby Limpert Arisa Matsutani, 74. Team totals: 684-670-1,353

Baker games: 134-89-223 (4 points). Dual match record: Plymouth, 2-5 overall. LIVONIA LADYWOOD INVITATIONAL Jan. 9 at Super Bowl

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: I. Westland John Glenn, 2,994 (3 games) and 911 (4-game Bakers); 3,905 (total); 2. Flat Rock, 2,977-784-3,761; 3. Hartland, 2,818-753-3,571; 4. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 2,780-764-3,544; 5. South Lyon, 2,859-646-3,505; 6. Marshall, 2,706-790-3,496; 7. Salem 2,700-782-3,481; 8. Farmington-Harrison (A), 2,778 702-3,480; 9. Waterford Kettering, 2,743-727-3,470 10, Canton, 2,708-729-3,437; IZ. Livonia Clarencevill 2,741-641-3,382; 16. Plymouth, 2,634-690-3,324, 18. Wayne Memorial, 2,652-626-3,278; 21. North Farmington, 2,536-609-3,136; 23. Farmington-Harrison (8), 2,413-659-3,072 (26 schools)

Individual winner: John Leroux (Flat Rock), 232-

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Warren Regina, 2,532-680-3,212; 2. Waterford Kettering, 2,486-678-3,164; 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 2,388-647-3,035; Glenn, 2,410-601-3,011; 6. Wayne Memorial, 2,323-685-3,008; 7. Marshall, 2,303-696-2,983; 8. South Lyon East, 2,332-598-2,930; 9. St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 2,253-635-2,888; 10. Flat Rock, 2,312 554-2.866: 11. Ladywood (Blue). 2 309-526-2.835: 12 534-2,368, N. Carlywood (Sider, 2,397-329-2,833, 12. Farmington Hills Mercy, 2,252-576-2,828;15, Salem, 2,188-562-2,750;16, Farmington-Harrison, 2,203; 507-2,710;19, Plymouth, 1,988-548-2,546, 20. Livonia Clarenceville, 1,972-562-2,534; 21. North Farmington. 1,956-468-2,424; 24. Ladywood (White), 1,716-367

Individual winner: Courtney Shadik (Regina).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Plymouth rec offerings

Registration is continuing throughout January for two spring programs being offered by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department. The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer Street. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information or go to www.ci.plymouth. mi.us.

Programs include the following:

Spring Youth Soccer: Register at the recreation office during business hours (Mondays through Fridays from 12 noonto-4:30 p.m.) the entire month of January. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

Spring Lacrosse: Registration for youngsters in grades 3-8 continues all month at the rec office from 12 noon-to-4:30 p.m. weekdays. Roster space is limited and the program will be filled on a first-come, firstserved basis.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys 7th- and 8th-grade lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or e-mail him at

sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us. Salem tennis meeting

Salem Girls Tennis will hold its roundup meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the Salem Library.

All new and former players and their parents should plan to attend. Please bring physicals and medical insurance information.

Players must bring a check (made out to Salem Girls Tennis) to order their uniform. It will be the only chance to order a uniform this year.

The 2010 season begins on Monday, March 15.

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Old-time rivals take it outside

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Excitement abounds among high school hockey players slated to compete Sunday at Detroit's Clark Park

But there's a bigger picture to the Outdoor Classic between Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Cranbrook Kingswood.

When the puck is dropped at 2 p.m. for the varsity tilt, it will be a half year or so after Cranes head coach Andy Weidenbach hatched the idea to launch a showpiece for two of metro Detroit's longtime prep hockey rivals.

"Our intent was to make it a great event for all involved and we patterned it after the successful NHL Winter Classic events," Weidenbach explained. "We did a little research and found out that this year would be the 75th year of competition between CC and Cranbrook in hockey.'

Catholic Central wasted no time signing on for the first outdoor classic for either team.

"It just adds a new dimension to our rivalry which usually features great high school hockey, great competition and good sportsmanship," said CC head coach Todd Johnson.

After the schools agreed to the event, a suitable outdoor rink with compressors needed to be found.

According to CC hockey general manager Mike Giordano, one of the choices, Clark Park proved a perfect fit. One reason was its being in the shadows of the Ambassador Bridge.

Another reason was for the Shamrocks and Cranes to help Detroit kids; some gate and concession receipts will be funneled toward the Clark Park Coalition's Winter Ice Skating and Hockey Program, a diversity program designed to "nurture youth in a positive and safe environment.

Perhaps that is already starting to happen.

"A couple of us went down there a week before practice



Catholic Central hockey coach Todd Johnson tries to stay warm while watching his team during an outdoor practice Jan. 2 at Detroit's Clark Park. The Shamrocks will play Cranbrook Kingswood there on Sunday.

and just kind of checked out the rink and we were supposed to do some community service," said CC senior goalie Zack Cisek of Canton. "A couple of the kids from around there came out with us and we were just running around the rink with them. It was a lot of

Also part of the design might be for the Outdoor Classic to turn 21st Century youngsters on to a game first played at Clark Park in the early 1900s.

OFF THE CHARTS

Meanwhile, that hockey heritage aside, it's a safe bet the Shamrocks and Cranes will immediately become Clark Park's historical highlight.

Both programs have combined for 23 MHSAA championships (14 by the Cranes and nine by CC) and develop players good enough to play for major colleges or turn

And there's plenty of buzz

about the game, too. A sellout is guaranteed and the stands (to hold 1,400 people) won't even be built

until this week. Plus Clark Park visitors will get major value for five bucks - namely four games, culminating with varsity tilt between the Shamrocks and Cranes.

Besides the temporary seating, teams decided to have players wear throwback jer-

Uniforms for the Clark Park extravaganza might be old school. But Detroit's Outdoor

Classic promises to spectacularly thrust one of the region's most-storied hockey rivalries squarely into the just-launched

Clark Park is located at 1130 Clark Street in Detroit, between Vernor Highway and the Fisher Freeway (I-75). For more information, go to www. clarkparkdetroit.com.

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"I'm just blessed to have the opportunity," Obuchowski said. "It will be just a great experience for me.

Three other Shamrocks who live in the Plymouth-Canton communities are Clark Parkbound: junior defenseman Jake Downing, junior forward Sean Gaffney and sophomore defender Steven Haydon.

Obuchowski is enthusiastic about being a prep hockey pioneer. The CC-Cranbrook game could become an annual event that really helps put high school hockey in the spotlight for many seasons.

"If we could do an annual outdoor game it would be really cool for (prep) hockey in the state of Michigan." Obuchowski continued.

Actually, that sounds like a pretty hot idea.

Plymouth wins big

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wave after wave of Plymouth Wildcats will probably haunt Livonia Franklin's goalkeepers in their sleep after Saturday's game at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth snagged an 8-0 KLAA South varsity hockey victory and sent 49 shots in the direction of Franklin's Travis Fernier (who played the first period, but later left with the flu) and Matt Slinder to send the young Patriots to their 10th straight loss to open the season.

When freshman forward Nick Schultz scored with 1:08 left in the third, officials called the game due to the eight-goal mercy rule. Schultz was the seventh different Plymouth player to light the lamp, indicating the kind of depth and talent coach Paul Fassbender has at his disposal.

"We had a lot of guys that don't get ice got a lot of ice for us," said Fassbender, whose No. 7 Division 1 team improved to 10-2-1 and 3-2-1 in the South. "It's one of those games."

Fassbender switched things up for the contest, having forwards play on the blueline and vice versa while starting senior backup goaltender Zach Vojcek.

'We were trying to have some fun and relax," he noted. "As long as they did their jobs we'd be fine.'

The coach also said Vojcek had a solid game, despite only having to turn aside 17 Franklin shots for the shutout.

"He's come in and played a couple games for us and he's played well when he's in," Fassbender said. "We give him a lot of credit, a couple shots were right after the draw (and were) good saves for him.'

For the Patriots (0-10), the lopsided loss was just the latest they've had to endure - having previously been mercied by Pinckney and No. 4 Salem.

But Franklin head coach Scott Wirgau chalked it up to having a very inexperienced team going up against one of the area's

"We're a young, struggling team playing teams in our conference that are mature and are very, very good teams," Wirgau said. "I'm proud of what we're doing."

GETTING IT STARTED

Plymouth needed just 7:26 to open the scoring. Senior forward Pat Smiatacz tapped in a crosscrease pass from junior defenseman Justin Bauer (1 goal, 1 assist).

Goals by Bauer and Ryan Renault (1 goal, 2 assists) opened up a 3-0 lead at the end of the first and the rout was on. Renault's tally was a tough one to swallow for Franklin, coming with four seconds left in the frame.

Wirgau pulled his starter and put in Slinder (29 saves), but he was rudely greeted at the seven-second mark of the second.

Junior defenseman Tyler Lazorka registered his first varsity goal, taking a feed from Renault and drilling it home short-side.

"Lazorka got the first goal of his career, that's a good thing," Fassbender said. "He had two points tonight. a lot of guys had good games.'

The coach mentioned Schultz, sophomore Sean Smiatacz (2 assists) and Taylor Currier - who scored two carbon-copy goals, one in each of the final two frames. Both times, Currier's

initial shot was blocked by the Franklin defense but bounced back to him. He made no mistake on his second opportunities. Also lighting the lamp

for the Wildcats was senior forward Colin Wright. Drawing two assists was senior forward Ryan Bauer.

Next up for Plymouth is a tough road game 6 p.m. Saturday at the Monroe Sportsplex against Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central.

Roeper all-stater stymies PCA squad

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Academy girls basketball players and coaches from seeing Ashli Pearson in their

All the two-time Division 4 all-stater did Monday night was score 24 points and grab 14 rebounds to pace Bloomfield Hills Roeper to a never-in-doubt 42-25 conference win over the host Eagles.

Pearson, a senior forward, actually scored the Rough Riders' first 10 points and tallied 17 in the first half, when Roeper built a 23-11 lead.

She sizzled while PCA (2-6, 1-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) fizzled.

"We were pretty flat," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis. "We had a real highenergy game Friday night against (Rochester Hills) Lutheran Northwest and we battled to the end (before losing by six points). The kids were just spent.

Gerulis didn't merely point Pearson's way for the lopsided loss, although she didn't hurt with her relentless string of layups and jumpers.

OFF THE MARK

Errant shooting (PCA made just 5 of 28 field-goal tries in the second half) spoiled any chance the Eagles had for a comeback

The third quarter drought (2-of-10) really hurt because the Rough Riders (4-4, 2-2) didn't fare much better, scoring six points to take a 29-16 lead into the fourth.

Meanwhile, Gerulis said her team did not relax because Roeper head coach Ernie Righetti only has six players on his roster.

"Not at all, they play Roeper every year and know they're a good team," she emphasized. "We just had an off night, we couldn't get the ball in the hole and we had a couple

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Forgive Plymouth Christian defensive mistakes early that cost us.

Scoring eight points to lead PCA was freshman guard Karen Windle while junior Bethany Hale and sophomore Kristin Malcolm managed six and four points, respectively.

Chipping in with eight for Roeper was senior Lauren Reilly. Kiara Canales added

According to Righetti, the showing turned in by Pearson - despite being hobbled by a foot injury -demonstrated the kind of team leader she is.

Pearson has a soft bone in a foot that easily could splinter and send her to the sidelines. But she insists on playing and excelling to cap her prep

"We expect her to lead us, but (being) injured, she's got to be careful," Righetti said. "You saw the type of player she could be every night.

"She's a senior, she wants to play, she just wants to finish her senior year. We're being very careful with her."

Meanwhile, the veteran coach praised his team for continuing to compete despite the disappointment of only having six players.

"The last two years we were. 45-3 and rated No. 1 in the state," Righetti said. "This year my seniors (Pearson, Reilly, Britany Hamilton) deserve better than this.

"But we have some girls that didn't want to play, so that's the way it is. It doesn't mean we're going to lay down for anybody.

The Eagles found that out from the get-go Monday, falling behind 8-0 on four Pearson field goals over the first three minutes.

All PCA could muster the rest of the opening stanza (which ended 13-6) were two triples by Hale.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Be a Lion

Not the Detroit Lions, thankfully. The Canton Lions Junior Football and Cheerleading programs are in the midst of a recruiting drive as we speak. There will be a mail-in registration on Thursday, Jan. 21, for newcomers. Go to www.eteamz.com/ cantonlions for more informa-

Programs both for football and cheerleading include varsity (ages 11-14), junior varsity (ages 10-12), freshmen (ages 9-10) and junior freshmen (ages

GCYBSA open registration

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association has information for either "online" or manual registration at www.GCYBSA.com. Programs are available for players ages 4-18.

Registration will remain open through March 15. Questions can be directed to cott@canton-mi.org.

Join PCLL spring leagues

The Plymouth-Canton Little League also is holding walk-in spring registration

for five leagues available to residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton Township. Canton Coney Island (8553

N. Lilley Road) will be the site for the first date, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The follow-up is slated for

1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Plaza Lanes, located at 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The leagues include the following: T-Ball (ages 5-7), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Minor League (ages 7-10), Major League (ages 10-12) and Junior League (ages 13-14). Early registration is encouraged as the teams fill up fast.

For more information, go to www.ply-canll.com.

Plymouth soccer signups

Plymouth Soccer Club is holding spring registration through Jan. 29 at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Those who are interested are invited to download forms or e-mail a password to do online registration at www.ci.-plymouth.mi.us.

FROM PAGE B1

Ossenmacher.

Also scoring for Salem (5-4-2 overall) was Wes Carr, on a helper from Kurt Driscoll. Other Salem assists were

collected by Ryan Quigley and Michael Hochkins. Playing well in net for the victory was senior goalie

Steven Manser MIDLAND 3, CANTON 2: Visiting Canton fell behind 3-1 Saturday and couldn't quite complete a comeback in a non-conference boys hockey

The Chiefs trailed 2-1 after one period and then gave up a marker in the second before closing the gap in the third period on a power play goal by Bryden (assisted by AJ

Rosales) "We had another 10 minutes to come back and try to tie it up," Majszak said. "We had lots of momentum and lots of opportunities. It just didn't go in.

Scoring in the first for the Chiefs was Smith while goalie Craig made 32 saves

SALEM 2, W.L. NORTHERN 2:

The host Rocks peppered Walled Lake Northern's goalkeeper with 42 shots Saturday night at Plymouth Cultural Center, but could not net the tiebreaker against the No. 6 team in Division 2.

Scoring for Salem in the first period were Carr (from Driscoll) and Mark McGee (from Macari and Hochkins) to go up 2-0. But the Knights rallied with two goals in the second against Rocks goalkeeper Manser.

PORT HURON 4, PCS PENGUINS 1: The host Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins took a 4-1 pounding from Port Huron during a Jan. 5 varsity girls hockey contest at Canton Arctic Edge.

A three-goal outburst in the first period by the Lady Icehawks put the Penguins in a deep hole. Scoring in the opening stanza for Port Huron against PCS freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo were Sarah Hall, Hayley Cox and Chelsea Minnie.

The Penguins fell behind 4-0 at 1:32 of the second, when Minnie set up Cassie Reeves.

Home fans finally had something to cheer about at the 3:27 mark when PCS got on the scoreboard.



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JAN. 14-20

St. John Lutheran Church Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17 Location: Gill Road between Grand River Avenue and Freedom Road, in

Farmington Details: Pianist Wesley Fishwick, cellist David Levine and The Adventure Club Cello Quartet play music by Scandinavian composers; The program includes works by Grieg, Sibelius, Gade and Carlberg. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission, including Swedish meatballs, Danish pastries, and glogg.

Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Theodore Catholic Church Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday,

Jan. 17 Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road,

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Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

St. Thomas a' Becket Parish Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton **Details**: Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246 Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday,

Location: 9401 General Drive, Suite 100, Plymouth Township. Details: "Wholeness for Matters of

the Heart" Women's Fellowship. Pastor Helen Canty, author of "Eclipse of the Heart," is the guest speaker. The premise for this book and the reason for this session is to expose the danger of living a life of heart pain and never dealing with it. By no longer ignoring the pain and dealing with the reality it brings in their lives, people can move forward to live fuller and

more content Contact: (248) 552-9415

JAN. 21-27

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Havdalah service, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, silent auction, kosher wine and cheese tasting and gold party where guests sell unwanted gold jewelry; \$10 at the door Location: 6800 Drake between Maple and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield Contact: (248) 408-7275

St. John Neumann Parish Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22 Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton Details: Rick Cucchi, Director of Liturgical Music, will give an organ concert on the parish's Wigton Pipe Organ. The concert will feature works by Leon Boellmann, Marcel Dupre, John Bull, Alec Rowley and Richard Purvis. Several of Cucchi's organ students also will perform. One student will accompany the silent film, "One Week with Buster Keaton." Contact: (734) 455-5910

JAN. 28-FEB. 3

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31

Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Location: 26701 Joy Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve Larry Hoxey stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills,

Contact: (248) 474-6170 Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

including faith.

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29 Location: 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty,

Details: John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social



John Tesh

Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet park-

ing, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.

Contact: Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, to 8131 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene. 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through

age 5 Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun

Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@ att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.: Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@ energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church Details: Adult and English as a Second

Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or

Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor

Contact: (313) 274-3820. Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington

Details: Bible study Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234 United Methodist Church of Wayne Time/Date: noon and 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 3 Townsquare, Wayne Details: Celebrate Recovery Bible Study is a Christ-centered and Biblebased 12 Step Recovery Program Contact: (734) 721-4801

Ward Presbyterian Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile. Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www. CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the

Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

Kenwood Church of Christ Time/Date: 10 a.m. Wednesday Kids Matinees and 4 p.m., Saturday family

Location: 20200 Merriman, Livonia Details: Guitar Praise game precedes the film on Saturday. Children in second grade or younger can play prior to the film; those in third grade and up can play after the movie. Pizza will also be served following the movie. All events are free

Contact: (248) 476-8222

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second luesday and 1-9 p.m., fourth luesday Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through

kindergartners Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020 **Dunning Park Bible Chapel**

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms

can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third

Tuesday Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach

Contact: (734) 427-3660 Nardin Park United Methodist

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows Contact: 734) 261-1455

First Presbyterian Church

p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville Details: Single Place Ministry meets;

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m.

for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9

cost is \$5 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.

singleplace.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Church Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Single Point Ministries, for

ages 30 and older, offers fellowship

and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts,

conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920 Support **Detroit World Outreach**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and

August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: (248) 433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support

are accepted Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734)

group meets; no dues, but donations

462-1768 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third

Friday Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-

Thomas a' Becket Church Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton **Details**: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight

and keep it off Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322 Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia **Details**: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m., praise and worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts) Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

Contact: For child care call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store St. James Presbyterian Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Contact: (313) 534-7730

Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley

Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives Contact: (734) 637-7618

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ANASTASIJA BUSS

Age 93 of Farmington Hills died January 10, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Karlis, deceased in 1987. Dear mother of Maiga (George) Friess and grandmother of Robert (Brenda), Richard (Amy) and Leslie (Randall) Allman. Dear great grandmother of Arianna and Thomas Allman, John, Ryan and Caroline Friess and Braedon and Casey Friess. Anastasija is also survived by sister Zelma Valters, brother Dr. Gunars (Austra) Valters and a niece Dr. Andra Valters, all living in Latvia. Born in Latvia July 30, 1916, Anastasija with her husband and daughter escaped to Germany when the Russian Communists took over Latvia in 1944. In 1951 they came to the USA, first to Milford, Nebraska and one year later to Detroit, Michigan. Several years later, Anastasija became a US citizen. Family will receive friends at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 4-8pm on Thursday, January 14. Funeral service at 11am Friday, January 15, at St. Paul Latvian Lutheran Church, 30623 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Visitation begins at Church at 10am. Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Latvian Lutheran Church. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



CLARA HERMANN Died January 10, 2010, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rochester. She was 86 years old. Clara was born August 11, 1923, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Irene (nee Conant) and David McNair. Clara married Robert Hermann, February 14, 1948. She was a secretary for Swift and Company in Chicago for many years. Clara was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham since 1964, where she was involved in several committees, including missions, social committees and work camp projects. She was a volunteer for Readings for the Blind and enjoyed hiking, camping and needlework but especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Clara is survived by her children, Carol Hermann, James Hermann, Lynn (Lowell) Rodd and Bonnie (Al) Fisk and grandchildren, Micheal Chastine, Joseph Hermann and Ryan and Randy Rodd. Clara is preceded in death by her husband, Robert and siblings, Ruth Schmidtke, Elaine Gunderson, Dave McNair, Jr., Roy Watson and Earl Watson. Services were held yesterday at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. Memorials appreciated to Readings for the Blind, a division of Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, Michigan 48308-5000 or Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com





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MARJORIE JEAN

(NUNN) KLUCK 85 of Redford, died on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Born May 13, 1924 in Detroit, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (O'Dwyer) Nunn. She graduated from St. Cecilia High School in Detroit with the Class of 1942. She then grad-uated from Siena Heights College in Adrian with the two-year Secretarial Class of 1944. She and her husband, Donald Kluck, were married June 7, 1947. They have lived on Hazelton since July, 1951. Before becoming a wife and mother, she worked at Pennsylvania Centeral Airlines (later known as Capital Airlines) at Detroit City Airport and then on Washington Blvd. in downtown Detroit. Marjorie was a USO hostess during World War where she met her husband Marjorie was a member of the St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society and the each week at the Redford Inter-Faith Relief, the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Friends of the Rouge. She was also the President of the Sienna Heights Alumnae Association. Marjorie was a Cub Scout Den Leader for her sons as well as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader for her daughters. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: David (Tessie) of Whitmore Lake, Daniel (Vicky) of TN and two daughters Suzanne (George) Cromwell of Farmington Hills and Nancy (Joseph) DeMaria of Dearborn; 15 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Marjorie was pre-deceased by her youngest son, Joseph (Debbie) of Howell. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00am Saturday, January 16, in St. Hilary Roman Catholic Church, Redford. Burial will be at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Howell. The family will receive friends from 5-9pm Thursday and 1-9pm Friday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Road, in Redford. No flowers, donations to American Cancer Society or your favorite chari-ty. Her family and friends will miss this most remarkable woman dearly.

HAROLD J. MCDONALD Age 83, January 10, 2010. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of Daniel, Michael, Mary McCarron, James, Virginia, Stephen and Joseph. Loving grandfather of Kristin, Jamie and Dusty. In state Thursday 9:30am until a 10am Mass at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford, Rd.). Memorials, suggested to Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or ARC of Western Wayne County. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.





JOSEPH PETERS

Age 83 of Westland, January 2010. Beloved husband of Irene for 56 years. Loving father of Joan (Richard) Strain, John (Lydia) and Lisà (Bruce) Glancy. Dearest grandfather of Ricky (Kristin) Strain, Danny, John Michael, essica, Ryan, Andrew, Nathan and Isabelle. Brother of Jean (Bruce) McLean and Joan (Jim) Haller. Mr. Peters was a WWII Naval Veteran. Family entrusted care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Share a



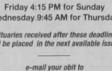
JESSIE J. SHINN Passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009. She was born January 26, 1931 to John L. Marsh & Peachie P. Hensley in Farmersville, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Shinn, two sisters & two brothers. She is survived by her seven children: Robert Shinn, Floyd Shinn, Edward Shinn, Anna Samuels, James Shinn, Teresa Obst & Wanda Shinn. She is also survived by a brother Richard Marsh & two sisters, Patricia Martin & Vanessa Koehler. She leaves a legacy of 21 grandchildren & 22 great-grandchildren. She was an amazing woman & will be missed by those who knew her & loved her. Jessie will be cremated & funeral services will be held in early spring at Great Lakes National Cemetery



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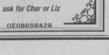
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Church honors Livonia couple for commitment to service

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

In his 36 years as a church elder, Hayward Burton chaired a missions committee, performed 13 weddings and a dozen funerals, and taught numerous Bible classes.

Meanwhile his wife, Sandra, created a neighborhood Bible study program. taught Sunday school for 40 years and started a weekly chicken soup ministry for hospice patients.

Together they visited missions overseas, welcomed missionaries into their home and cared for foster children in addition to their own five youngsters.

"It takes a love of God and his people, not just church people, but people in our community," said the Rev. Larry Stephens, pastor of Livonia Church of Christ, describing the couple's commitment to service and the church. "I've known them for 34 years myself, but they have been very special people to a lot of people. They had been involved 36 years and we felt that kind of longevity needed to be honored.

PAYING TRIBUTE

The congregation will celebrate the couple at a dinner and program at 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, at the church, 15431 Merriman. The presentation will include a video with messages from members of the church and singing.

"I'm flattered. That's the result in a nutshell," said Hayward, who announced his retirement as an elder two months ago.

Sandra said she felt a bitembarrassed by the attention.

"We're only doing what we should do as servants of the Lord," she said.

Hayward and Sandra grew up in the Church of Christ and joined the Livonia con-

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gregation in 1955. They've been married 57 years.

Their interest in supporting overseas missions grew after Hayward graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1951.

"I graduated into the U.S. Army - that was during the Korean War - and spent a year in training and was commissioned. Instead of being sent to Korea, I was sent to Germany," Hayward said. "Our church, the Church of Christ, was active in mission work in Germany at the time. I was stationed (with Sandra) in Frankfort, the center of missionary activity. I believe that's where my interest

"We didn't intend to be missionaries, but we intended to support it. We were just really impressed with that phase of service to the Lord," Sandra

INCLUDING WIVES

Hayward, who served as a deacon for 10 years before becoming an elder, volunteered to chair the Livonia church's mission committee, a position he held for 26 years. When Hayward visited church missions in Kenya, he made sure that Sandra accompanied him. He wanted to make sure the missionaries' wives overseas weren't "ignored."

"I felt that the missionary wife ought to be ministered to as well. She had as much responsibility for the success of the mission as the missionary had," Hayward explained.

Pastor Stephens and his wife, Diane, served the church in Kenya for 23 years before joining the Livonia



Hayward and Sandra Burton will be honored by the Livonia Church of Christ on Sunday, Jan. 17.

congregation. Diane said the Burtons' visits were a "huge encouragement."

"Sometimes an elder or minister would come to visit, but we thought it was special that Sandra came, too. I could talk with her. It was very sweet," Diane recalled. "Our children look at them (the Burtons) as their third set of grandparents.

When the Stephens occasionally returned home on furlough from Kenya, they'd often stay with the Burtons.

"They were always so gracious, the essence of hospitality," Pastor Stephens noted.

Hayward, who also served on the board of Rochester College and Oak Hills Home for unwed mothers, said his service to the church never seemed like a sacrifice.

"I felt as a member of the

church I needed to do what I could do. And the thing I was best suited to do was to be an elder, teacher and in charge of mission activities.

A manufacturer's representative, Hayward, 80, continues to work at the business he founded in 1959, the H.V. Burton Company. Sandra takes homemade chicken soup to Angela Hospice residents every Monday.

She started the ministry 10 years ago, after her mother received in-home hospice

She went through eight weeks of hospice volunteer training and also worked directly with patients.

"It's been such a blessing for me," she said.

For more information about the tribute dinner call (734)

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and

9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and

youth and adult Bible classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just

north of I-96, Livonia Contact: (734) 522-6830

Due Season Christian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15

p.m., Tuesday Bible study Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services Contact: (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, learning hour is at 9 a.m. for all ages. Starting Sept. 13, Sunday service time changes to 10 a.m.

Location: 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia

Contact: Visit www.livonfaith.org Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music; 10 a.m., youth Sunday school and nursery care; 8:30 a.m. adult Sunday school; 6 p.m., informal gathering with scriptures and discussion every Sunday

Location: Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road

Contact: (734) 421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with communion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City Contact: (734) 427-3660

Grace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service, and 10:30 a.m., contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at Location: 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: (734) 637-8160

His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m., at Madonna

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University Campus, 36600 Schoolcraft,

Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; (248) 442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Sunday, 9 a.m., Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday worship in the chapel

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia Contact: (734) 427-1414

New Beginnings United Methodist Church Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan,

Redford Contact: (313) 255-6330

New Life Community Church Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 or www.new-

lifecommunitychurch4u.com Plymouth Baptist Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.,

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty

Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services Contact: (734) 453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows

each service Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland Contact: (734) 722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., every second and fourth Sunday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music in a casual atmo-

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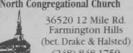
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Green-friendly show: Club makes art using old, junky cameras

OSE STAFF WRITER

Ralph Krawczyk Jr'.s camera doesn't save images to a memory card or upload directly into a computer, but he likes the Polish tov polystyrene camera just fine, thank you. Combined with Krawczyk's creative eye and 120 medium format film, the AMI WZFO brand camera produces exhibit-quality works.

Krawczyk, a Redford resident, isn't surprised.

"Shooting with a re-use camera isn't necessarily more challenging than shooting with a digital camera ... it requires a little more thought and consideration in terms of composition and exposure conditions," he said. "The results of what you shoot are not immediate but they are generally more rewarding.

His work, as well as images from 10 fellow members of the Crappy Camera Club of Ann Arbor are on display through Jan. 30 at the Re-Art Gallery, in the Recycle/Reuse Center, 2420 South Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-6288.

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'Cheap Shots ll, Recycled + Reloaded" features 22 images by local photographers - both hobbyists and professional from Washtenaw and Western Wayne counties - that show what can be done with hand-me-down equipment, thrift shop finds, and plastic toy cameras.

Krawczyk, a graphic designer for an engineering software company, uses photography as a creative outlet to help relax and share his view of the world with

"I became involved with the Crappy Camera Club through a few friends and via Flickr back in August 2006. I wanted to learn more about film and shoot with film cameras," he said. "I really appreciated the images that I saw on Flickr which were produced with film cameras versus what you got when you shoot with a digital camera ... film images have more mood and soul."



"Niobe," by Mark O'Brien, one of the founders of the Crappy Camera Club.

Mark O'Brien, one of the club's founders, says members aren't "anti-digital." They just have a passion for film.

The three-year-old club has produced several shows using toy and other simple film cameras.

"We like using older ones and junky ones. With this show the rationale is that all of the cameras used were obtained in thrift shops or are second hand. It's our way of

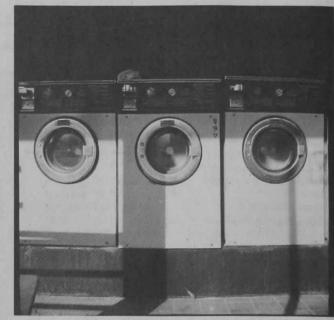
recycling the technology. And the frames are recycled. It's basically an attempt to be more green," O'Brien explained.

Cameras run the gamut from pinhole to box-style, disposable to 35 mm. Some were considered professional cameras 30 or 40 years ago.

"You can't adjust much on them," O'Brien described the simple box style versions. "The image you get is based upon interesting things the lens does and the fact that some people just have a good eye. You can get some awesome images.

Cheap Shots ll, Recycled + Reloaded includes a wide variety of subject matter, in both color and black and white.

"The nice thing about it is it's all done with film," O'Brien said. "There's no digital involved. The other thing about using old cameras is that they all have character. You can have 10 cameras that do the same thing and they all look different. That's part of the charm. They're pieces of art on their own."



"Three" by Ralph Krawczyk Jr. of Redford

The club's Flickr Web site, www.flickr.com/groups/krappy has about 100 members. Meetings at 7 p.m. the first

Tuesday of the month draw about 25 members. Check club's Web site at www.crappycameraclub. org for details.

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gocomedy.net JD's House of Comedy Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www. ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays Location: 350 Madison Ave.,

Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free w Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays,

The Stand-Up Dads perform "clean" comedy at Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Dewaine Griffin, through Jan. 16; Bill Dwyer, Jan. 20-23; Tom Cotter, Jan. 27-30

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Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www. comedycastle.com

Village Theater at Cherry Hill Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton

Details: Three members of the Stand-Up Dads will perform. The group features Dan St. Paul, who has appeared on VH1 & Comedy Central; Tim Bedore, a frequent guest on NRP's "Marketplace" and A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour;" Milt Able, who has more than 15 years standup comedy experience; and Kelly McDonald, who has appeared numerous times on NBC's "The Tonight Show." Billed as a "clean comedy show," the Stand-Up Dads may deliver some adult-themed humor and subject matter. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$22 for seniors and youth Contact: (734) 394-5460; can-

tonvillagetheater.org

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by Janna Bissett" Contact: (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery Location: 995 West Ann Arbor

Trail, downtown Plymouth Details: January artist of the month is Ronnie Wood. His painting and drawing subjects range from musicians to family members

Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734) 453-5400

Northville Art House Time/Dates: "Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives" through

Jan. 30. Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville Details: Thirteen artists show

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Try these simple swaps, recipes

Taken from the book, The Biggest Loser Simple Steeps, these five swaps are easy changes that will help you start living a

· Swap white pasta for spaghetti squash: A cup of cooked spaghetti squash has 40 calories and 2 grams of fiber. · Swap sandwich spread for avocado: A few thin slices of avocado add rich flavor and creamy texture along with good fats

• Swap traditional fat-free yogurt for fat-free Greek-style yogurt. It has the same number of calories as regular yogurt, but has twice the protein and half the carbs.

· Swap pizza crust for portobello mushrooms. With a hearty texture and rich flavor, the average portobello (3 ounces) has only 27 calonies.

· Swap traditional dressings for flavorful oils Premade dressings have transfats. Get more flavor and nutrition with a splash of sesame oil, extra virgin olive oil or walnut oil.

AVOCADO AND APPLE CHICKEN SALAD

2 aups cooked skinless chicken or turkey aut in Finch pieces (about 12 ounces)

Toup diced sweet red apple

Ecupthinly sliced celery

licup lightly to asted pecans, coarsely chopped It cuproughly chopped flat leaf (Italian) parsley

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1. tablespoons chopped mint (about 10 leaves)

1) tablespoons chopped jalapeño pepper

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2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1teaspoon ofive oil

1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted, peeled and diced

4 cups mixed baby salad greens

In large bowl, combine chicken, apple, celery, pecans, parsley, onion, mint, jalapeño,

salt, lemon juice and olive oil; toss gently. Add a vocado; toss gently until all ingredients are combined, leaving some diced avocado visible while mashing some. Serve over mixed greens garnished with more avocado, parsley and grapes, if desired. Yield 8 servings

Courtesy of www.theamazingavocado.com

SLICED AVOCADO AND ORANGES WITH TAHIN YOGURT SALICE

1medium (8 ounces) avocado, peeled and sticed

2 medium (7 ounces) seedless navel oranges, peeled and segmented

Atablespoons Tabini Yonurt Sauce

Itablespoon chopped parsley or fresh claintro for garnish

Theaspoon lightly toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

Arrange avocado slices alternately with orange segments on four salad plates. Drizzle 1 tablespoon Tahini Yogurt Sauce over each salad. Garnish with parsley or cilantro and sesame seeds and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Courtesy of "Positively Ageless" by Cheryl Forberg, R.D. (Rodale, 2008)

TAHIN YOGURT SAUCE

% oup fat-free plain yogurt (preferably Greek-style)

A cup tahini (sesame paste)

1 cup Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh clantro

1teaspoon lemon juice

a teaspoon ground cumin Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender.

Process or blend until smooth. Sauce should be the consistency of thick cream. Makes

Courtesy of "Positively Ageless" by Cheryl Forberg, R.D. (Rodale, 2008)

SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH AVOCADO PESTO

1 medium spacifietti squash (1) to 2 pounds) washed, halved lengthwise and seeded

), ripe avocado (4 ounces), pitted and diced

14 cup fresh basil leaves or Italian parsley

2tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1tablespoon chooped chives The aspoon minced carfic





1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

auphot water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with olive oil cooking spray. Pierce outside of each half of squash a few times with a fork. Place squash cut side down on baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes, or until very tender when tested with a fork. Cool slightly

Meanwhile, place avocado, basil or parsley, chives, Parmesan, garlic, salt, black pepper and hot water in blender and process until smooth, turning blender off and on occasionally and adding a tablespoon or two of additional hot water if needed. There will be between % and % cup of pesto. When squash has cooled, use fork to rake the spaghettilike threads of squash into a serving bowl. Discard skin. Drizzle pesto over squash and garnish with fresh basil or parsley if desired. Makes 6 servings.

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Steps to follow for a healthier you

Whether you're looking to shed a few pounds, lose a significant amount of weight, or just maintain a healthy weight, you have to make some changes in your eating habits and lifestyle. But those changes don't have to be overwhelm-

Cheryl Forberg, R.D., is the nutritionist for the TV show The Biggest Loser, and co-author of The Biggest Loser Simple Swaps. Forberg says that "A lot of people are afraid that creating a healthier lifestyle will be too hard or too expensive, or that it will require too much time and effort."

But swapping one unhealthy food or habit for a better one is where it can all begin.

"You don't have to change everything at once it begins with small, manageable steps,

Forberg says. You might swap a daily glass of fruit juice for a piece of whole fruit, she adds, or swap sandwich spreads for avocados.

"Avocados have many nutrients," Forberg says. One fifth of an avocado — about three slices — is a typical serving and has only 50 calories and contributes nearly 20 vitamins, minerals and beneficial plant compounds to your diet. With their good fats that support health, avocados serve as a great substitute for foods high in satu-

These mouthwatering recipes are a great way to make one simple swap - and get one step closer - to a healthier you.

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Home builders offer maintenance advice

The National Association of Home Builders, of which the **Building Industry Association** of Southeastern Michigan is a part, offers this advice on maintaining a new home.

A new house isn't a home until it's warmed by your personal items - family photos on the wall, your favorite towels in the bathroom and a joyful cacophony of pots and pans, plates and flatware for serving the foods you love. It's easy to forget that a home is also a house made up of thousands of parts, many of which require a maintenance regimen and regular inspection to ensure they are at peak performance, just like your car. Devoting regular attention to maintenance means:

•Preventing damage such as scratches, chips, cuts, burns, stains, gouges and scrapes to the cosmetic surfaces of your

•Regular cleaning using manufacturer-recommended products and techniques

 Adjusting and lubricating the house's many parts

•Replacing consumable parts, like light bulbs, filters and batteries in smoke detec-

·Understanding and adhering to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance routine for appliances and other mechanical components.

Your new home likely has mechanical systems that are different from those of your last home. Take advantage of builders' homeowner orientation programs to make sure that you are familiar with the systems in your home and understand how to maximize their efficiency for your family's comfort. Know where the main safety shut-offs are for water, electricity and gas.

Building materials expand and contract over time because of changes in temperature and humidity, necessitating ongoing maintenance. Caulk, for example, dries, shrinks and cracks, diminishing its effectiveness until it no longer provides a seal against moisture and air infiltration. Maintaining caulking will be a routine task throughout the life of your home.

Likewise, you can expect some minor cracking in concrete flatwork, such as driveways and patios. Concrete cracks can result from



shrinkage during curing, temperature changes or even soil movement. While cracking cannot be prevented entirely, you can minimize cracking by following these steps:

•Maintain good drainage away from concrete slabs •Fill low spots or settled

areas near concrete slabs ·Seal cracks with concrete caulking

•Remove ice and snow as soon as possible •Protect concrete from de-

icing agents •Keep heavy vehicles (such

as a moving van or dump truck) off concrete slabs

Beautiful yards are the result of years of caring and work, and require consistent attention to flourish. But whether gardening is a passion or a chore for you, consider planting native plants rather than exotics for best results. Cover soil as soon as possible to prevent erosion, and always maintain proper slope away from your home to ensure good drainage.

Finally, familiarize yourself with the warranties vou receive with your new home, and be sure to activate manufacturer warranties by completing and mailing any registration cards. Besides activating your warranty, this step allows the manufacturer to contact you in the event of a product recall. Retain all warranty documents, and make sure recommended mainte-

Here are some additional tips from the organization:

1. How often do forced-air furnace filters need to be changed?

At least every three months during the heating season. 2. What part of the faucet

usually needs to be replaced when you have a water leak? The washer.

water through your garbage disposal?

4. How often should the

5. What tools can you use to

snake.

unclog a toilet?

nance is up to date.

3. Should you run hot or cold

Cold water.

Blo

moving parts of garage doors be oiled? Every three months.

unclog your drains?

A plunger and a plumber's

6. What tool can be used to

Coil spring-steel auger.

7. What faucet part needs to be cleaned every three to four months?

Aerator - the screen inside the end of the faucet. 8. What can you use for trac-

tion on icy sidewalks, steps and driveways?

Cat litter or sand — never use salt because it damages the pavement.

9. Where should the fire in your fireplace be built?

On the andirons or grate, never on the fireplace floor. 10. What will prevent soot and add color to the fire in your fireplace?

Throw in a handful of salt. 11. Where should your firewood be stored?

Outside, away from your house and not directly on the ground.

12. What helps keep unpainted concrete floors easy to keep clean?

Concrete sealer. 13. What should you use to

clean unpainted concrete floors? A solution of 4 to 6 tablespoons of washing soda in a gallon of hot water. Mix scouring powder to the solution for

tough jobs. 14. When can you clean hardwood floors with water? When the floors have a poly-

urethane finish. 15. Do hardwood floors need to be waxed?

Hardwood floors that do not have a polyurethane finish probably will need to be waxed periodically. Use liquid or

paste "spirit" wax. 16. What is the best polish for vinyl floors?

Water emulsion wax. 17. When is basement condensation at its maximum?

In new homes because gallons of water went into the concrete of basement walls.

18. Why should noisy water pipes be fixed promptly?

The condition that causes noisy pipes may be accompanied by vibration that can cause fittings to loosen and leak

19. Why should frozen pipes be thawed slowly?

Frozen pipes should be thawed slowly to prevent the formation of steam, which could cause the pipe to burst. 20. How often should your

roof be inspected? A qualified roofer should

inspect your roof every three years.

BIA honors top industry pros

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Ave. in

Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees.

Registration fees are \$40 for **BIA** or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

Award honorees will be recognized at the event. They include President Darshan S. Grewal, and the distinguished award winners:

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Court rules that premises are 'in reasonable repair'

Q: I am a landlord and have just heard about a recent case regarding spiders in a leased unit which should be of interest to landlords. Do you have any information on it?

A: The Michigan Court of Appeals recently released an unpublished decision which while not binding on any other court, may have important ramifications for landlords. The case expanded upon a recent Michigan Supreme Court decision regarding parking lot slip and falls. The case is Redman vs.

Leete, decided July 30, 2009. It involved a tenant who claimed that a spider bit her and she Robert Meisner became



ill. She later moved from the house. She sued the landlord for negligence alleging that the landlord failed to keep the premises for the use intended and in reasonable repair. The court held that spiders, like snow and ice, were a seasonable condition and that their presence in the house did not make the premises "unfit for living." The court explained that since the tenant lived in the house for 11 months and was able to sleep, eat and live on the premises, the tenant was unable to establish that the premises were unfit. Nor did the court feel that the existence of the spider was a defect in the premises, i.e., that there was something in the property he could repair to eliminate the spiders since the spiders did not cause damage to the premises; the premises were "in reasonable repair." Nor did the court feel that the spiders caused decay, damage or a serious defect to the premises which were provisions in the lease for which the landlord could

Each case must be decided on its own facts but this is a step in the direction of helping landlords deal with these

have been held responsible.

Q: I am transferring to the Des Moines area and want to know what the real estate economy is like, and, what is going on in the downtown area, since I will be working there in terms of residential construction.

A: The downturn in the

economy has not hit Des Moines as much as many other cities because it is the home of many insurance companies, banks and credit card companies. Also, there is a great deal of construction in the downtown area, including conversions of old buildings to condominiums and apartments, as well as the development of new condominium projects. There is also additional road construction which is making it easier to traverse the area. I would suggest that you contact a local realtor and shop around the downtown Des Moines area, although West Des Moines and its environs are also burgeoning with new construction and development.

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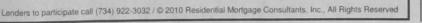
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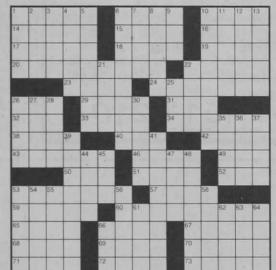


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