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

Open enroll

Achieve Academy and Canton Charter Academy currently are holding open enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. Open enrollment will run through 5 p.m., Feb. 26.

Both schools are tuition-free public charter schools operated by National Heritage Academies, a Michigan-based charter school management company that currently operates 61 schools in six states. Seating availability is limited at both schools. Therefore, if the number of students enrolled is greater than the number of seats available, a lottery drawing will be held at a later date to determine which children will attend these schools.

For more information or to enroll your child at Achieve Academy or Canton Charter Academy, call (866) NHA-ENROLL.

Diversity meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion will have a strategic planning team meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Plymouth Township offices.

The group has invited teachers, administrators, elected officials and anyone who wants to advance inclusion in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

The group will have new action plans for all working groups. Anyone who was in

a previous working group is asked to attend the meeting to help achieve the goals and actions of the strategic plan.

Working groups include representation in public life, history and community life, education, public safety/law enforcement.

For more information, send an e-mail to plycandi@gmail.com or call (800) 871-9012, Ext. 10311 and then hit the pound key.

Relay fund-raiser

Team "Blocking Out Melanoma," getting ready for the Relay for Life in Canton, hosts a fund-raiser, "Zap Cancer," at the Zap Zone Canton 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 4.

The event costs \$20 for pre-sale tickets through March 1, \$25 at the door the day of the event. Participants will enjoy three hours of unlimited Laser Tag, Bumper Cars, and Glo Golf. Food and drinks will be sold by the team. Zap Zone will donate a portion of the ticket sales and all of the food and drink sales toward the Relay for Life Canton team.

The team was created in memory of former Plymouth High School freshman girls volleyball coach Kim Renzi, who lost a seven-month battle with cancer in April 2009.

Contact Dora Cardenas, team captain, at (734) 927-4642 to purchase tickets or for additional information.

Changing choices

Changing Choices Foundation will hold its first annual "Bowling For Changing Choices" Event from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at Westland Bowl in Westland.



Follow me

Spotlight on Youth presents the heartwarming 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin,' March 18-21, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' is about doing what is right, keeping your promises and the consequences of what happens when you do not. This classic is the root of the expression - "you must pay the piper." The 90-minute show has two casts with alternating actors to give more children the opportunity to participate. The show plays 7 p.m. March 18-19, 2 and 7 p.m. March 20, and 2 p.m. March 21. Tickets (\$15) are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/village theater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

Ticket donation is \$25 and will be available at noon at Westland Bowl on the day of the event or they can be purchased in advance at the office of WMUZ at 12300 Radio Place, Detroit, MI 48228. The station phone number is (313) 272-3434. Tickets can also be purchased by calling Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752.

The event, which benefits the Changing Choices Foundation radio show and its "Speaking to Youth" program, will include prizes, raffle prizes, a silent auction and live DJ music by Jimmy Barrios. Among the items are a \$100 Savings Bond and a "Silver" Detroit Lions Autographed Football including players Charles Johnson and Matthew Stafford.

Bowlers will get three games, shoes, pizza and a free ticket for continued chance raffle drawings throughout the event. Plus, meet Scott Harris, Certified Life Coach, Founder of the Changing Choices Foundation and Member of WMUZ's Team of Experts & Host of Changing Choices Radio Show.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available to local businesses and organizations. For information regarding sponsorships please contact Barbara Jean at (734) 239-2752.

Rockettes clinic

The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual pom/dance clinic at Salem High School Saturday, March 6.

Youngsters in grades K-5 go from 9 a.m. to noon; grades

6-8 go from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact Kim Benintende at (734) 340-9360 for more information, or check the team's Web site at www.pompon.salemrocks.com

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf

For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or call (734) 377-0914.

'Action' item

Area residents get a chance to lend a helping hand and volunteer for this year's Christmas in Action event Saturday, April 24. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to help pro-

vide repairs to needy seniors' homes in the Canton community from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skilled services needed include, but are not limited to electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work, and painting.

The day will start with registration from 7:30-9 a.m., and a continental breakfast at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Volunteers will then be shuttled to assigned homes and are encouraged to bring brooms, rakes, and shovels marked with their name, in addition to work gloves. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on Christmas in Action and the clean-up event scheduled for April 24, call (734) 394-5191 or visit cantonfun.org.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their seventh annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 13. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit, with photos as soon as possible.

For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 105 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. The most recent PCMB Art & Craft Ensemble had over 2,000 visitors.

"The Arts & Craft Ensemble has grown to be a high quality, well-attended event where only hand-made items are sold," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our recent Holiday event had record-breaking attendance of over 2000 people, so we know the community is accepting of this show."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 13. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Wellness extravaganza

Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic welcomes the community to a no-charge Wellness Extravaganza 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. The clinic is located at 6231 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 109, in Canton.

Many natural and holistic health professionals will be on hand for information and demonstrations in regards to reaching one's "optimal wellness." Light refreshments and gift drawings will all be part of the evening.

Registration is required due to space limitations. Call (734) 455-6767 for more information.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf

Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914, clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

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Just a few years after his 1940 Ford panel street rod earned a first-place award at Detroit's Autorama, Richard Pokerwinski is taking the deep red, 70-year-old vehicle back to this weekend's event at Cobo Center.

Owner motors street rod to Autorama

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Pokerwinski, a member of the charitable America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton and the Spark Plugs of South Lyon, isn't entering his Ford in competition, however.

Rather, the 65-year-old Ford Motor Co. retiree has been asked by custom-car guru Chuck Miller of New Boston to show off his panel street rod in a special, 70th anniversary display of Ford vehicles built in 1940.

It's an invitation Pokerwinski, a Sumpter Township resident, couldn't pass up during Autorama, which runs Friday through Sunday.

"I just like old cars," he said.

That's an understatement. Just ask his wife, Sharon Pokerwinski, secretary of

America's Most Wanted Car Club of Canton.

"He still has the first car he ever owned — a '55 Chevy Bel Air hardtop," she said.

Richard Pokerwinski got the blue-and-white Chevy as a gift from his mother during his senior year of high school, and he has kept it ever since.

He also has a 1928 Ford Model A he's restoring and a Ford Model A Shay — a reproduction of the same car, but built in 1981 — that is finished.

"That one's really my wife's car," he said. "She drives it back and forth to work sometimes."

Pokerwinski is one of those classic car buffs who just has a natural love for vintage vehicles.

His 1940 Ford panel street rod took first place at Autorama a few years ago during a competition among similar cars built between 1935 and 1948.

"It was very exciting," he said.

Pokerwinski also is proud of his involvement with the two car clubs.

America's Most Wanted

Car Club of Canton has become known for its charitable fund-raising efforts during events such as the township's summer Liberty Fest. The club has helped groups such as disabled veterans and Military Moms, and last year it sent care packages to troops in Iraq.

Pokerwinski also has lauded the Spark Plugs of South Lyon, one of seven Michigan Hot Rod Association members involved in Autorama — one of the area's most beloved hot rod and classic car events.

Autorama runs noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Cobo Center. Admission at the door is \$18 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. Tickets may be bought in advance at O'Reilly Auto Parts, which is sponsoring the event, for \$15 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12.

For more information about Autorama and its events, log on to www.autorama.com and click on the Feb. 26-28 Detroit tab.

Board honors residents' heroic efforts

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local residents who risked their own safety to help police officers fight crime and firefighters battle flames earned a moment in the spotlight Tuesday as the Canton Township Board of Trustees honored their heroic efforts.

Township Trustee Syed Taj lauded the residents for helping Canton to secure its high ranking — both in Michigan and the United States — as one of the safest places to live among communities of comparable size.

Moreover, Trustee Todd Caccamo said quick action by residents helps protect the township because public safety officers "can't be everywhere."

Residents Tim Cory and Don Rago earned honors after they noticed a neighbor's car burning, grabbed fire extinguishers from their homes,

doused the flames and kept the blaze from spreading to a house — all as firefighters rushed to the scene.

Cory and Rago accepted a framed, formal resolution handed to them Tuesday by Trustee Pat Williams, who commended the pair for responding "very rapidly" to a situation that could have easily gotten much worse.

Although resident Jamie Green couldn't attend Tuesday's meeting, she received similar recognition after she saw two men breaking into a vehicle at the Wal-Mart store on Ford Road, quickly called police and remained on the phone with them until they arrived and captured the suspects.

Police also learned that the suspects already had stolen one vehicle. Due to Green's efforts, the pair was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, breaking and

entering a motor vehicle, trying to steal the vehicle at Wal-Mart and misdemeanor drug possession.

In a third incident, resident Jackie Jones and her 18-year-old son, Derek, phoned police after they noticed a car being driven erratically through the West Point mobile home park, near Michigan Avenue and Haggerty. The car hit several other vehicles and one home.

As officers arrived, mother and son told them the direction where they believed the suspect had fled, resulting in police finding the man in a muddy drainage ditch and taking him into custody.

Jackie Jones and her son received a copy of a resolution read aloud during the township board meeting by Taj, who, along with other local officials, said Canton depends on its citizens to help fight crime.

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Commission and other foreign competition authorities."

She declined to elaborate.

While officials confirmed the execution of search warrants, federal authorities have said the warrants are sealed in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said township authorities weren't

contacted to help execute the search warrant at Yazaki, which makes automotive electronics and is one of Canton's largest employers.

Yazaki, on its Web site, points out its strong ties to Canton, stating that "we embrace the opportunity to contribute to our local community."

The statement said Yazaki has supported the community with annual grants to the Canton Community Foundation and is active in the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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Tea Party hosts health care meeting

The Plymouth "Rattle With Us" TEA Party is holding a health care information meeting Saturday, Feb. 27.

The meeting takes place 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth.

Dr. David H. Janda will present a seminar on preventative medicine, addressing what parts of the proposed health care

bills that are already in place and his viewpoint on why this new bill could create more problems than answers.

Janda practices Orthopedic Surgery in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Care System. He is the director of The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine based in Ann Arbor. Janda was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Congressional dinner on

July 17th, 2009. He is also the author of the book, "The Awakening of a Surgeon."

He has appeared on Oprah, the Glenn Beck show and his work has been featured on the Today Show, Good Morning America and Fox Network News.

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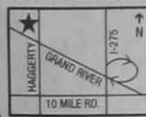
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CRIME WATCH

Police nab suspect on variety of charges

1 A man was arrested for strong-armed robbery, domestic assault and malicious destruction of property following an incident that police said happened shortly after 9 p.m. last Friday on Ardsley Court, southwest of Lilley and Warren.

A female victim told police she and the man, who had been dating off and on for about a year, had argued earlier in the day about money that put into a joint bank account.

She told police the man told her to leave, but she said her car keys were missing from her purse. The man told the woman he didn't have her keys, and he locked her out of the residence when she walked outside.

The woman called 9-1-1 and a locksmith to get new keys made, then she told police she sent a text message to the man inside the house while she was still outside.

She told police he came out of the house, they argued and he pushed her up against the car, grabbing her purse, throwing her to the ground and returning to the house, locking the door again. The man also was accused of denting a door of the woman's car.

The man denied having the purse. However, he was arrested after police investigated the incident. Officers also learned the man was on parole for a home invasion in Royal Oak.

Bullet blitz

2 Police were investigating an incident after a woman reported she had bullet holes in the upstairs office of her home on Grandover Court, southeast of Saltz and Lilley.

The woman told police the incident apparently happened between 3 p.m. last Friday and 3:25 p.m. Saturday.

A police report indicated a single round had been fired near an upstairs window, piercing the wall and lodging in the ceiling.

Neither the parents of the house

nor their children reported hearing any gunshots.

Westland warrant

3 Canton police arrested a man who was wanted for earlier fleeing from Westland police, being involved in a felonious assault involving a motor vehicle and driving while drinking, according to police reports.

The man was a passenger in a green Cadillac that Canton police stopped near Ford and Lilley around 9:15 p.m. last Friday. A female driver wasn't using her headlights, police said.

When police stopped the car, the woman initially told them the male passenger was her uncle and that he had mental disabilities — a claim police found untrue after further investigation.

The female driver ultimately conceded the passenger was her boyfriend, who was wanted for the incident in Westland.

Trespass arrest

4 Police arrested a woman accused of trespassing at Lifetime Fitness, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, on Saturday.

An employee phoned police to say the woman's membership had been terminated, but she went inside anyway and refused to leave.

A police report indicated the woman had gone to a room where a yoga class was being taught. She was handcuffed and arrested after she refused to leave.

The woman told police she was being harassed and indicated she had a lawsuit pending against the club.

Larceny, pot bust

5 A woman was arrested for larceny and having remnants of marijuana following an incident that police say happened around 3 a.m. Feb. 18 on Crossbow Circle, southeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

The troubles started when a man



told police he was visiting a woman who stole money from his pants pocket while he was visiting her and after they tried to have sex, although he indicated he was too drunk.

The man told police he went to the bathroom, returned and found the money had been stolen from his pants, which he said he found in a different spot than he left them.

The man phoned police who, according to a police report, ended up arresting the woman on accusations of larceny and having pieces of marijuana cigarettes in her residence.

Home invasion

6 A woman reported that the door frame of her residence had been cracked during a home invasion incident that occurred between 5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 8 p.m. Feb. 18 on Nectar,

southeast of Joy and I-275.

Nothing appeared out of place in the woman's apartment, but she said some of her belongings had been stolen from a storage unit in the basement. She said missing items were believed to have included framed pictures and an older desktop computer.

Stereo stolen

7 A man told police that stereo equipment was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at the Emagine Theatre on Ford Road east of I-275 between 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Saturday.

A back door of the vehicle was found partially open when police arrived on the scene.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Canton replaces aging vehicles

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton officials will replace four aging police vehicles that authorities say could prove ineffective in crime-fighting efforts after racking up nearly 100,000 miles.

Local officials say township police cars typically are driven to the 100,000-mile mark as a cost-saving measure, compared to many law-enforcement agencies that, on average, replace their vehicles closer to 70,000 miles.

Following a decision Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, three new Ford Crown Victoria patrol cars will be bought for \$62,661, and one Chevy Tahoe will be purchased for \$25,654 and used by the police department's Rapid Response Unit.

The decision means that 8 percent of the police department's 49-vehicle fleet will be replaced, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

However, local officials have delayed replacing three other aging cars — for now — as the township continues to use fiscal restraint amid declining revenues.

"Transportation and equipment costs rank second, just below salaries and benefits, as the largest expenditure that a law enforcement agency faces," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

The four vehicles slated for replacement this year followed an analysis that cited high mileage and deteriorating conditions. Even so, Faas said the township is expected to generate a little revenue by selling the cars, usually to taxi cab companies for as much as \$2,500 to \$3,500 each.

Money for the new vehicles comes from the police department's capital outlay account, not the township's general fund. Police will remove certain equipment from the old cars and put it in the new ones.

The latest purchases reflect a township practice of gradually replacing vehicles by purchasing a few each year, rather than buying numerous cars at one time and getting socked with a larger price tag.

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claim Arctic Edge probably has a right to make after fostering a gold and two silver-medal winning ice dancing teams in the last two Winter Olympics.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

It couldn't have been foreseen when the arena opened in 2001. The Canton Hockey Association — still the arena's primary tenant — dominated the ice. The facility's Learn To Skate program, started by Gary Clark and now coached by Theresa McKendry, had 20 students its first year, and there was no figure skating program.

But McKendry, a figure skating coach who couldn't find enough ice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center, approached O'Neill about starting a figure skating program at Arctic Edge. McKendry knew Igor Sphibond, an accomplished coach who was also looking for a home. Others followed, and a program was born.

"I was looking for more ice time, so I approached (O'Neill) and asked if he wanted a figure skating program," said McKendry, whose latest claim to fame is coaching Sphibond's daughter, Katia, to a national championship at the intermediate level. "Igor was looking for a place to go ... more and more started jumping on board, and here we are."

With its origins in hockey, Arctic Edge's figure skating reputation has exploded. The Learn To Skate program has grown from some 20 skaters its first year to more than 200 now. The Arctic Figure Skating Club grew to some 125 members and even now, in a tough economy, has some 75 skaters.

Diane Keils of Farmington Hills, president of the Arctic Figure Skating Club, said skaters come from all over the globe to skate at Arctic Edge because it's a program built to foster competition more so than recreational skaters. The students who skate there do so religiously — most of them one-two hours a day six days a week.

PRICE TO PAY

And most of the skaters — and, just as importantly, their parents — are willing to pay the price, figuratively and literally. According to Keils, in addition to the dedication it takes to practice 12 hours a week, there's a tremendous financial investment, as well:

- Ice time: \$10 an hour, one-two hours a day, six days a week
- Coaches: Average coach is \$1 a minute; sessions run from 25-90 minutes, six times a week
- Skates: \$1,200 for what Keils called "a good pair"
- Outfits: Can run \$500-\$1,000, and most skaters need two, she said.

And the skaters and their parents are willing to pay those prices because most of them have the same dream realized this week by Moir/Virtue and White/Davis, who won medals their first time skating at the Olympic level.

"These kids want to go to the Olympics ... it's their dream," said Keils, whose own daughters, 12-year-old Olivia and 10-year-old Michaela, skate at Arctic Edge. "These kids know

the coaches here can take them where they want to go."

STRIKING A BALANCE

Those dreams were reinforced Monday when the younger skaters watched their rink-mates capture Olympic medals. Even though the skating lasted until about 11:30 p.m., the Keils sisters managed to stay awake for enough of it to realize the depth of the accomplishment.

"I think they really looked good," said 12-year-old Michaela, who admitted she was nodding off during part of it because of the lateness of the hour. "It takes so much hard work and practice. I was happy with what they did."

Her mother, the new president of the club, knew more than that.

"We're a small club and we're new," Keils said. "We're trying to build a reputation, and having Olympic ice-dancing teams is a big part of that. These kids want to be Olympians,

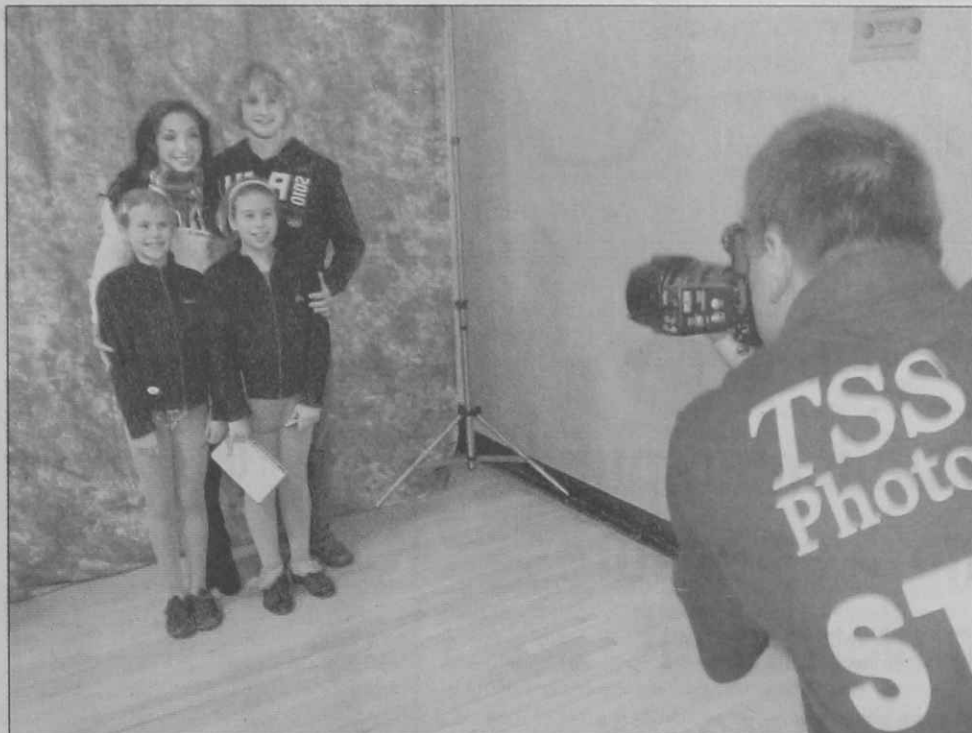


Maia Shibutani (left) signs an autograph for Canton resident Lisa Jasnowski at the Olympic sendoff at the Summit earlier this month.

and saying they skate where Olympians skate ... well, not many kids can say that."

O'Neill, the arena's general manager, said the 22-team Canton Hockey Association is still the big dog in the arena, and figure skating fills ice time that would normally be dead time. The two combined strike a nice balance.

"Hockey still pays the bills," O'Neill said. "But this has become a real (figure skating) destination, a training mecca. It's a good balance."



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Reagan and Sarah Liberatore pose for a photo with Olympic ice dancers Meryl Davis and Charlie White. The Liberatore sisters belong to the Canton Skating Club at Arctic Edge. They are photographed by Jacek Zdziarski.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Publishing public notices ensures government transparency

There is a move afoot in the Michigan House of Representatives that, if successful, will eliminate the requirement of municipalities to publish legal notices in newspapers. Instead, the sponsors of a six-bill package say it would be sufficient for municipalities to post the notices in the clerk's office and on one of the following: the municipality's Web site, on a public, education or government (PEG) channel broadcasted in the municipality, or on a newspaper's Web site.

The legislation comes after heavy lobbying by the Michigan Municipal League, which represents 538 cities, villages and urban townships. The MML feels paying to place legal notices in newspapers is a burden its members just can't afford, particularly at a time when most cities, townships and villages are having to cut back because of the economy. In essence, they feel it is an unwarranted expense, and there are obviously some in the Legislature that agree.

We couldn't disagree more. This is a bad idea, on many different levels.

It might seem self serving for us to be arguing against this idea. There is no doubt that it would eliminate a source of revenue for not only us but nearly every newspaper in the state. However, there are numerous reasons that municipalities should continue publishing important government notices in newspapers.

First and foremost, this legislation would curtail the public's right to know about important government actions in their community, such as zoning and ordinance changes, public hearings, etc.

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The MML and many local officials argue that posting the information on their Web sites is sufficient public notice, but what about for the elderly or those with lower incomes who have little or no access to the Internet? Do they count less?

Continuing to publish these notices in newspapers, which are an independent source of information and accessible to everyone, ensures public oversight of the important matters that impact communities. The fact is newspapers have long been and remain the main source of local news. They help hold government officials accountable. Just ask Kwame Kilpatrick. If it were not for the *Detroit Free Press*, it is likely he would still be in office today.

It is not that we are opposed to governments posting notices online. In fact we encourage them to do so — in conjunction with posting the notices in newspapers. There is nothing in the current law preventing them from doing both.

We think the MML and the authors of this legislation are selling their constituents short. The public understands why this is important. In fact, the cities of Trenton and Wayne put this very issue on the ballot back in November, and their residents overwhelmingly rejected it by a wide margin.

Yes, municipalities could save money by not having to publish the notices. But how much? According to the Michigan Press Association, a check of various municipalities across the state last fall showed that these notices comprised on average 0.0005 percent of a general fund budget.

We think that is a small price to pay to keep residents informed about important issues that affect our homes, neighborhoods, schools and jobs. And at the same time help ensure there remains a strong, independent voice holding government officials accountable.

There is no doubt that government, from the state right on down to the local municipalities, need to enact reforms. That shouldn't begin with reducing transparency and public oversight.

COMMUNITY VOICE

It's winter. It's Michigan. What do you do to beat cabin fever?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We go to the gym. I take the kids to Lifetime Fitness and they use the pool, the slide and the rock-climbing wall."

Ganusha Gocaj
Canton



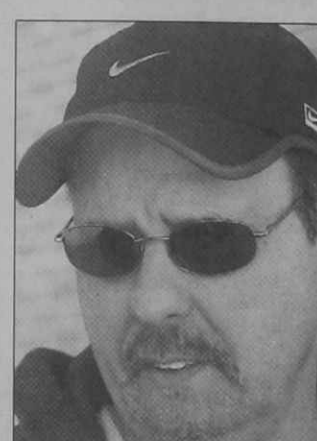
"Play outside."

Felisha Broskey
Canton



"I go outside and protect my sister and sometimes throw snowballs at her."

Gage Broskey
Canton



"I go skiing, things like that. If the day is tolerable (outdoors) I'll go for a walk, or to the gym."

Gary Soroka
Canton

LETTERS

Tribute to fallen son

After hearing and reading about Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett's death, I feel as if I, too, lost a family member.

You see, I am a Vietnam vet who spent 32 months in a war for my country. Back then there wasn't much support for someone like me that wanted to give back to their country.

Things are different now, the support for our boys fighting for world freedom is being backed by most American citizens, but even losing one soul is too much.

I hope everyone reading this letter and lives in the Canton area gives a few minutes of thought to how much this family lost. Let's hope his life, as well as all the other sons and daughters we've lost, does not go in vain.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

McCotter's 'facts'

In a recent address to the Conservative Political Action Committee, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, representative of the 11th congressional district of Michigan, urged people to "disabuse themselves of the notion that the Republican Party was the party of no" and that it was the Democrats that more accurately fit that description.

In light of all of the politically based GOP obstructionism in response to dire circumstances, one should examine the "facts" that McCotter has chosen again to distort and misrepresent.

In his speech, McCotter accused congressional Democrats of saying "no" to fiscal integrity and discipline. Really? Is Bush, McCotter and friends passing a massive expansion to Medicare that would provide a prescription drug plan without a supporting revenue stream an example of fiscal discipline? If McCotter thinks so, he may be unable to recognize discipline and integrity if he tripped over them.

This ill-conceived legislation has proven very costly to taxpayers and recipients in that it prevents Medicare, the largest of all purchasing groups, from negotiating the discount prices that big customers routinely get creating a lucrative payday for Pharma.

Medicare Part D also created the dreaded doughnut hole that forced most seniors to purchase private insurance to fill the coverage gap generating millions of new policy customers for health insurance giants like United Health Care.

What about the tax rollbacks early in the Bush administration benefiting the wealthiest 2 percent of citizens that passed without corresponding program cuts amid a period of rising deficits? We were fighting a war at the time and tax rates on the wealthy were already on the low end, historically speaking.

This set of "budget busting" tax cuts was passed by a simple majority in Senate through budget reconciliation, a technique that Republicans condemn now that Democrats may be considering it. With these gifts to the well-heeled, it might appear to some that McCotter and the Republicans were taking care of a relative few friends and supporters rather than exhibiting fiscal discipline, integrity and a desire to pursue the people's interests.

Was the Bush administration's use of "accounting tricks," as described by pundit Rachel Maddow, to finance two wars off of the books an example of integrity and discipline? If not, where was McCotter then?

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According to the apparent revisionist, McCotter, the Democrats have also said "no" historically to smaller debt and deficits. Let's take a closer look at that claim. According to www.presidentialdebt.com, Ronald Reagan increased our debt 189 percent, George W. Bush added 89 percent, George H.W. Bush in one term upped the debt 55 percent, Carter in one term added 36 percent and Bill Clinton added 42 percent.

Seems that the party of "no" to fiscal restraint and integrity since Reagan has been the Republican Party.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Kidney disease on increase

This March, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFMI) will celebrate National Kidney Month by encouraging Michigan residents to get tested and understand the risk factors for chronic kidney disease (CKD).

I am a Livonia resident who is living with kidney failure. I was diagnosed with kidney disease at the age of 17. By the time I was 22 I reached kidney failure and spent the next two years on dialysis. I now have a kidney transplant from my husband and because of that transplant we have a 2-year-old son.

CKD does not discriminate. It is an under-diagnosed, under-treated, yet treatable disease. Due to the increasing prevalence of obesity, hypertension and diabetes, CKD has emerged as a major health threat to our community. More than 900,000 Michigan adults are estimated to be living with the disease.

Most people with kidney disease are not diagnosed until late in the course of the illness when there are few opportunities for prevention. In Michigan, more than 12,000 patients undergo dialysis treatment for kidney failure.

This can change with early screenings. Those with diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney disease should talk to their doctor as soon as possible about getting their kidney function checked.

We can no longer ignore the facts. As the numbers increase, it is more important than ever to continue identifying risk factors for kidney disease in our area and to increase awareness. Early intervention can help save health and lives.

For more information, please contact the NKFMI at (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org.

Sheila N. Jackson
Senior program coordinator
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Support Right to Repair

New data reveals that consumers save an estimated \$26 billion a year, or \$360 per family, for vehicle service and repair at neighborhood independent repair shops compared to more costly new car dealerships. This demonstrates why Congress needs to swiftly pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057).

This legislation will prevent car manufacturers from denying access to repair information, computer codes, tools and software needed by car owners and their neighborhood repair shops to repair late model vehicles.

Historically, car owners have had the ability to repair their vehicles themselves or take them to the service facility of their choice. The car companies now seek to force consumers to return to the dealership for service and repair and are lobbying heavily against the Right to Repair Act. It is appalling that some manufacturers can take federal bailout money and then turn around and oppose a bill that would protect every American motorist from a vehicle repair monopoly.

The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2057) currently has the support of 53 members of Congress. Every consumer who owns or operates a vehicle in the United States stands to suffer economically if this bill is not passed. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

Kathleen Schmatz
president and CEO
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association

Stimulus is working

The TV pundits are already telling us that the Democrats will lose seats this coming November. This is a phenomenon that usually happens to the party in power during the midterm elections. And since we cannot expect President Obama to have gotten us out of the swamp he inherited from the last administration by November, it could be quite a loss.

The Republican strategy of trying to block anything that might improve the state of the country might pay off if people react by simply voting for change without considering why there isn't as much progress as they hoped.

President Obama's stimulus program has been successful, having saved at least two million jobs, besides working on necessary projects. If anything was wrong with it, it was that it was not big enough. Nevertheless, the Republicans still voted "NO" as a block to stop it, and if they had succeeded, there would have been no stimulus plan at all. Now we see many Republican politicians back in their districts cutting ribbons at events and smiling and trying to get credit from their constituents for this benefit, the one they fought against.

No, change for change's sake is bad policy. Anyone who voted Democratic in 2008 and now stays home or votes Republican is obviously not paying attention to what is going on or is getting his or her "news" from Fox News.

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A group belonging to Michigan Military Moms waits for the arrival of the procession.



The family of Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett and funeral director David Griffin watch as the plane arrives at Willow Run Airport.



Local members of Vietnam Veterans of America stand at attention as the honor guard meets the airplane carrying the body of Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett.

MARINE

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vets, because it's a way of honoring him the way we were never honored."

Citing the veterans' adopted motto, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," a rally against the way Vietnam veterans feel they were treated when they came home, Lamoreux said the turnout for Turbett was especially satisfying considering the weather.

"I thought it was tremendous," Lamoreux said. "It shows (Canton) supports our veterans. You don't have to support the war, but you do have to support the soldiers."

The crowd wasn't all veterans, though. Friends and family also turned out. Jordan Stambaugh, who met Turbett during her freshman year and said she was in Turbett's wedding party, remembered Turbett as "a great guy."

"I wanted to show my respect," said Stambaugh, a Canton resident. "He was an amazing guy and a great, great friend."

The show of support — the scores of people lining the street, most of them waving an American flag — was over-

'I wanted to show my respect. He was an amazing guy and a great, great friend.'

JORDAN STAMBAUGH, Canton resident

whelming to Turbett's family, many of whom have served their country, including his sister, Jamie, who is in Navy boot camp now.

Sheila Turbett, Jacob's mother and a resident of Redford Township, said the support was greatly appreciated and, under different circumstances, would have included Jacob himself.

"We couldn't stop crying," Sheila Turbett said of the trip from Willow Run to Canton. "Jake would have liked knowing there was that much support for the military. He'd have been out there with them if it had been someone else."

Turbett is survived by his wife, Crystal — on his Myspace page, he called her "the best thing that ever happened to me" — whom he married in July 2008; his mother, Sheila; his father, Richard; sister Jaime Turbett; stepbrother, Joseph Marsh; grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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Team effort sparks Canton girls to conference title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton calling cards all season have been team depth and defense, and both were crucial again Tuesday as the Chiefs defeated Novi for the KLAA Kensington Conference girls basketball championship.

Coach Brian Samulski's Chiefs (18-1) overcame Novi's tough senior power forward Kelsey Massarant — despite both of the Schmitt twins missing significant action due to foul trouble — and came away with a 46-33 win.

Visiting Novi (17-2) only scored six second-half points, all in the third quarter, as the Chiefs cranked up defensive pressure and made the most of their offensive chances.

"They (the Schmitts) were out, but I knew we'd just continue to keep playing," Samulski said. "That's what makes this group so good is the fact they can keep plugging away. When those two were out with foul trouble I knew the five that were on the floor would step up."

A case in point came during the second quarter.

Canton junior Sara Schmitt (five points, five rebounds) sat out the entire frame after being whistled for two quick fouls.

Midway through the second, she was joined on the sidelines by sister Kari Schmitt (nine points, four boards, four steals).

But that's when Samulski turned to forward Kayla Bridges and guard Robyn Mack among others to stem the tide.

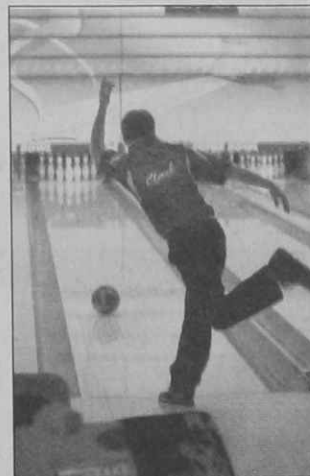
Their task was to help keep Massarant from dominating the glass and stop hot-shooting junior guard

Alyssa Armiak.

Massarant scored 15 of her 17 points in the first half, and led Novi with eight boards while Armiak (10 points) drained three jumpers in the second stanza.

"When she (Massarant) started making those turnaround jumpers, we knew we had to change something," Bridges said. "So we started running two out at her, doubling down off some other players so she wouldn't get so easy shots."

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Salem's Ryan Clark is a contender at the D-1 individual regionals.

Wildcats capture KLAA South Division

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

About a month ago, Plymouth lost to Canton in a KLAA South boys swimming and diving dual meet and the Wildcats had a heart-to-heart with coach Doug Schade.

That pep talk — not to mention point-scoring contributions from many Wildcats — sparked Plymouth to a strong stretch drive that culminated with Saturday's KLAA South division meet championship.

"After the Canton loss we talked about finishing strong and I guess that's what the boys decided to do," said Schade, thrilled with how the Wildcats (7-3 in dual meets) jelled when it mattered most.

Plymouth hosted the meet, which took place at Canton High School.

The Wildcats, setting more than 60 personal records at the meet, led the way with 613 points. Taking second with 573 was Canton. Because of the meet, both Plymouth and Canton are co-champions of the division.

Rounding out the meet standings were Westland John Glenn (325), Livonia Churchill (292), Livonia Franklin (281) and Wayne Memorial (171).

"It's tough to give any one swimmer or diver credit," Schade said. "It was an effort where just about every athlete we have stepped up."

Highlights included junior Alex Jouney capturing the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.85 seconds. Senior Tim Castle registered his best time of the year in the 100 breaststroke with a winning time of 1:04.39.

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Plymouth senior Tim Castle (shown from earlier this season) won the 100 breaststroke at the KLAA South Division Meet, helping the Wildcats finish in first place.

Bowlers primed

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowling teams will be reckoned with at this weekend's Division 1 team and individual regionals at Westland Bowl.

Co-KLAA Central boys champion Salem (11-1) features Ryan Clark, who finished the regular season with the highest average in the district with 215 pins.

Clark will compete Saturday, one day after the team regionals.

"They take the top three teams from each division," Rocks head coach Kathie Hahn said. "So things will be tight."

According to Canton head coach Jim Keppen, whose boys team finished third in the Central (9-6), the team is bowling its best at the right time of the year.

"Our outlook for regionals this weekend at Westland Bowl is very good," Keppen wrote in an e-mail, "as our team members are bowling quite well, and they know how their individual roles contribute to our team."

Seniors Trevor Cummins, Billy Keppen, juniors Andrew Klein and Casey Bindas will participate in Saturday's individual regionals.

Please see **BOWLERS, B2**

Chiefs soar, take KLAA championship

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a dark horse, Canton's girls gymnastics team finally galloped to the front of the KLAA pack after looking up at Northville all season.

The Chiefs — second to the Mustangs in the KLAA Kensington Division — one-upped Northville by handily winning Saturday's KLAA conference meet.

"I've got the bigger and better trophy, let's put it that way," said Chiefs veteran head coach John Cunningham.

Canton had 146.05 points to outdistance their 10 KLAA opponents at the Walled Lake Central-hosted meet.

Northville and Brighton, respective leaders of the conference's two divisions, tied for second with 140.45 points.

Plymouth also set a school record with 131.325 points, good for seventh place. Salem took ninth with 127.45 points.

"In gymnastics a point is a big differential," said Cunningham, about the Chiefs' comfortable margin of victory. "Six points is like Custer and the Indians."

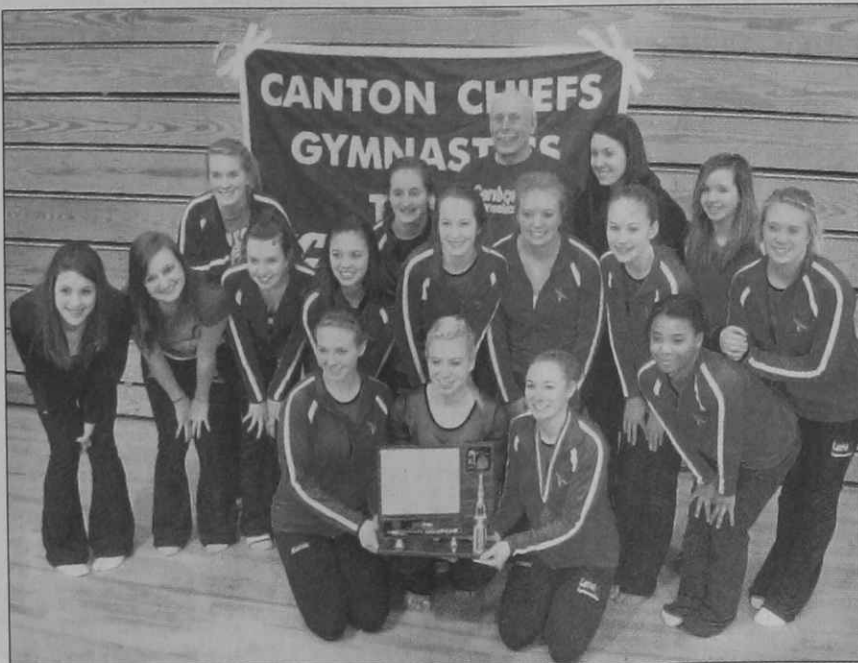
Leading the charge were freshman Alex Fideler and senior Robyn Piwowar, who finished 1-2 respectively in Division 1 all-around scoring with 37.425 and 37.200 points.

AMAZING EFFORT

Sophomore Ayana Lewis took first in D2 all-around scoring with 35.750 points and Canton gymnasts reached or surpassed the 9.0 mark 13 times (four times by Fideler, three times each by Piwowar and Lewis).

Fideler tallied three personal bests, including 9.65 in balance beam, 9.425 on uneven parallel bars and 9.3 in floor exercise behind Piwowar's 9.55.

"Alex finally did her Yurchinko vault and landed it," Cunningham said. "She



The Canton Chiefs, coached by John Cunningham (back row), celebrate Saturday after winning the KLAA girls gymnastics championship.

had a nice bar routine, did a double-back and got a 9.425."

Cunningham said the victory was surprising because of how Northville had held the upper hand throughout the year, up until a Feb. 16 tri-meet where the Chiefs defeated Northville and Livonia Red.

"Northville has been above us, above us," he said. "We barely got past them at the Canton Invitational. But we just had an amazing meet, that's the best way I can describe it."

"We had 13 nines, the kids won 18 medals, we took five first places out of a possible 10 first places."

The coach credited the conference vic-

tory to a high level of performance across the board plus a mid-winter break from school which helped relax the girls.

"Some of my kids came out and had their absolute best meet," Cunningham said. "We were on spring break, so I was missing (junior) Kali Pierce. She's one of my girls who sometimes scores nines on at least two events, so I was a little bit worried."

"But we had a sort of relaxed week. ... (and) I've been preaching to the kids about peaking at the right time."

In D2 all-around scoring, Canton senior Mallory Hudak took fifth with 34.775

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B3**

Salem's Jimmy Bowling finds 'mark' with sport

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Bowling might have the coolest and most "spot-on" name in the history of sports.

That is, for a bowler.

Yes, it's true. The (almost) 5-foot-8, 110-pound Salem freshman is intent on using his last name as an inspirational catalyst to success as a high school bowler.

So far, so good. Jimmy is averaging about 160 pins per game on Salem's junior varsity. But he's had some promising moments to suggest the best is yet to come — including games of 184, 194 and 197.

The last name also is raising eyebrows and smiles along the way.

"When I first tried out for the Salem team, my teammates thought I was joking about my last name," Jimmy said. "Coach Kathie (Hahn) had to verify that my name was truly Bowling."

"I also got girls coming up to me asking about my name which wasn't a bad thing either."

Over at Woodland Lanes in Livonia, he bowled his middle school years with Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Woodland Rangers' morning developmental team.

James William Bowling's interest in the sport began at age 5 when his dad, James Wyatt Bowling, signed him up for bumper bowling.

After two years of that, little Jimmy donned a football helmet and pads. According to Judy Bowling (Jimmy's mom), he played football from third to fifth grade.

"At 4-foot-6 and 64 pounds we were looking for something



"When I first tried out for the Salem team, my teammates thought I was joking about my last name. Coach Kathie (Hahn) had to verify that my name was truly Bowling."

JIMMY BOWLING, Salem freshman

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SWIMMING

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GETTING CLOSER

Schade said none of the Wildcats qualified for the Division 1 state meet, although Plymouth has "a lot of kids who are close to cuts."

The coach attributed the victory to the face the Wildcats feature a deep roster of hard-working and talented youngsters.

"We won the division meet because we had over 20 of our swimmers score in the meet in either swimming or diving," Schade said.

Getting the meet off to a promising start was Friday's diving competition.

Although John Glenn's Cody Roe won with 333.60 points (followed by Canton's Ryan Kilgore, 274.50), the Wildcats had divers in the third and sixth places for a total of 29 meet points.

Freshman Connor McManus took third with 266.80 points but senior Kyle Wilkinson — almost miraculously back after breaking his femur in early January — came in sixth (230.70) after being cleared to dive just three days earlier.

Wilkinson wasn't the only injured team member coming back to help spark the squad. Junior Zach Koch who had an ICL sprain operated on in late January, returned and had his best time in the 100 butterfly (1:01.87, seventh).

The two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals combined to win all three relays, with the Wildcats winning the 200-yard freestyle relay. The team of sophomore Adam Liakos, junior Ethan Christensen, Jouney and



Plymouth's varsity swimming & diving team celebrates after winning the KLAA South division meet last weekend.

senior Chris Wilson finished in 1:34.13.

The Chiefs won both the 200 medley and 400 free relays. The tandem of sophomores Jay Jin, senior Ryan Boes, sophomore Victor Zhang and junior Evan Champine took the top spot in the former, with a time of 1:45.62.

In the 400 relay, Jin, freshman Kyle Kemp, junior Jacob Dillon and Zhang won in 3:26.02, ahead of Plymouth (3:27.67).

Canton earned three individual firsts, two by Zhang (200 free, 1:50.06; 100 backstroke, 54.46). Also first was Kemp in the 500 free, with a time of 5:00.68.

Canton head coach Dave Le could not be reached for comment.

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION MEET
Feb. 19-20 hosted by Plymouth at Salem
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 613 points; 2. Canton, 573; 3. Westland John Glenn, 325; 4. Livonia Churchill, 292; 5. Livonia Franklin, 281; 6. Wayne Memorial, 171.

1-meter diving: 1. Cody Roe (Westland John Glenn) 333.60; 2. Ryan Kilgore (Canton) 274.50; 3. Connor McManus (Plymouth) 266.80; 4. Alan Robinson (Livonia Churchill), 259.25; 5. Wayne Roberts (C), 231.10; 6. Kyle Wilkinson (P), 230.70; 7. Christopher Sharp (LC), 226.25

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Victor Zhang, Evan Champine), 1:45.62; 2. Livonia Franklin (Brandon Larkins, Justin Larkins, Scott Ansteth, Tyler Lee), 1:45.78; 3. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Tim Castle, Ethan Christensen, Ethan Weiner), 1:46.40; 4. Livonia Churchill (Brad Johns, David Vincentini, Jacob Rimatzki, Mark Freyberg), 1:50.18; 5. Canton (Christopher Krebs, Eric Tian, Brandon Tolinski, Mike Carlson), 1:50.96

200-yard freestyle: 1. V. Zhang (C), 1:50.06; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:52.64; 3. Peter Burns (P), 1:57.92; 4. Weiner (P), 1:58.14; 5. James Scott (LF), 1:59.16; 6. Jake Ferguson (JG), 1:59.29; 7. Carlson (C), 2:01.25

200-yard IM: 1. B. Larkins (LF), 2:05.99; 2. Jin (C), 2:07.56; 3. Alex Jouney (P), 2:07.67; 4. Chris Wilson (P), 2:08.05; 5. Adrian Simon (C), 2:15.45; 6. Christensen (P), 2:15.74; 7. Scott Wang (P), 2:16.77

50-yard freestyle: 1. Paul Gutu (JG), 22.78; 2. Patrick Jenner (C), 23.56; 3. Joey Wakeford (JG), 23.78; 4. Lee (LF), 23.85; 5. Champine (C), 23.89; 6. Adam Karson (WM), 24.06; 7. Adam Liakos (P), 24.52

100-yard butterfly: 1. Ansteth (LF), 55.82; 2. Christenson (P), 56.54; 3. Wilson (P), 57.38; 4. Gutu (JG), 58.84; 5. Rimatzki (LC), 59.92; 6. Adam Wing (P), 1:00.96; 7. Zach Koch (P), 1:01.87

100-yard freestyle: 1. Jouney (P), 51.85; 2. Jenner (C), 52.10; 3. Tolinski (C), 52.24; 4. Wakeford (JG), 52.42; 5. Lee (LF), 53.15; 6. Karson (WM), 53.24; 7. Castle (P), 53.46

500-yard freestyle: 1. Kemp (C), 5:00.68; 2. Jin (C), 5:13.85; 3. Burns (P), 5:15.59; 4. Scott (LF), 5:16.87; 5. Ferguson (JG), 5:19.50; 6. J. Larkins (LF), 5:22.95; 7. Koch (P), 5:23.34

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Liakos, Christensen, Jouney, Wilson), 1:34.13; 2. Canton (Tolinski, Carlson, Champine, Jenner), 1:34.70; 3. John Glenn (Wakeford, Dave Wilton, Dave Vader, Gutu), 1:36.68; 4. Plymouth (Castle, Earls, Wing, Burns), 1:37.71; 5. Canton (Jacob Dillon, Tian, Ryan DeFrain, Simon), 1:39.59

100-yard backstroke: 1. V. Zhang (C), 54.46; 2. B. Larkins (LF), 57.37; 3. Earls (P), 1:00.50; 4. Zachary Williamson (WM), 1:01.60; 5. Ansteth (LF), 1:01.75; 6. Simon (C), 1:02.05; 7. Wing (P), 1:02.63

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Castle (P), 1:04.39; 2. Vincentini (C), 1:07.67; 3. J. Larkins (LF), 1:09.19; 4. Brett Jia (P), 1:10.32; 5. Boes (C), 1:11.07; 6. Tian (C), 1:11.73; 7. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:11.77

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jin, Kemp, Dillon, V. Zhang), 3:26.02; 2. Plymouth (Liakos, Weiner, Jouney, Wilson), 3:27.67; 3. Canton (Tolinski, Simon, Krebs, Jenner), 3:31.35; 4. John Glenn (Gutu, Wilton, Ferguson, Wakeford), 3:34.42; 5. Livonia Franklin (J. Larkins, B. Larkins, Scott, Lee), 3:35.60

JIMMY

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a little less dangerous," Judy Bowling said.

Jimmy heeded his parents' advice and returned to the bowling alley as a sixth-grader at OLCG, with games at Woodland Lanes.

NATURAL MATCH

"I've (also) played baseball since I was 5 and have enjoyed the game, but bowling appears to be more up my alley," said Jimmy, joking that his mom made him say that.

It was at Woodland Lanes that the older James Bowling found out about the Woodland Rangers and personal instruction for young bowlers such as his son.

And, it was there that the game really began hooking the kid whose name suggests he was destined to take it up anyway.

Woodland Rangers' instructors impressed an initially reluctant Jimmy with their knowledge of and love for the sport.

"Everyone was rooting for me saying I had the name and I needed to develop my game," Jimmy said. "A man at Plaza Lanes said the only name better than mine was Strike."

A few more of those next season will bump him up to Salem's varsity, where an average of 180 is required.

According to Jimmy, who next week turns 15, the experi-

ence this year has been a real plus.

"I've enjoyed meeting students at 'The Park' with similar interests and also enjoy the excitement that is created when we're in sync making the marks (spares or strikes)," Jimmy said. "We cheer each other on and give support whenever needed. We also have some good laughs."

EXTRA INCENTIVE

Beyond the fun factor is getting better as a bowler. That's where Hahn and other Salem coaches have really helped his technique and given him reason for optimism about his game.

"(They) changed my approach and gave me tips and encouragement during this season," Jimmy said.

He also concedes that his last name is something that pushes him just a little bit more to be motivated and excel.

"I'm proud to have gotten the opportunity to play," he said. "I'm proud of my name and hope to live up to the sport. Who knows where it could lead."

Judy Bowling also is proud of the way her son is latching on to the sport as well as high school life.

"There is now pressure to make the grade with that last name and he is truly giving his all at Salem," Judy said. "With bowling and with academics."

It looks as though Jimmy is lining up his goals and can't wait to knock them down.

BOWLERS

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"If all goes well," he added, "we are hoping to be spending next weekend (March 5-6) in Battle Creek."

No matter what, the Chiefs have made strides already. Keppen noted second-place finishes at the Mercy and Wayne County tournaments. Billy Keppen's 697 series was the best for an individual at the Clarenceville Open Doubles Tournament (Canton made the quarterfinals) and juniors Andrew Klein and Ross Terrasi averaged 201 for

the year, just missing all-conference honors.

The coach would like his team to get off to better starts during Baker games. This season, the Chiefs had to play catchup too many times during dual meets.

Although the Canton girls team finished 5-10-1, Keppen said the Chiefs fared well with a second-place finish at the inaugural Plymouth-Canton-Salem tournament along with recent improvement.

Senior Lauren O'Bradovich, juniors Ashley Cade and Cheryl Cosby and freshman Charlotte Zimmer (all averaging 155-165) are slated for Saturday's individual regionals.

Plymouth icers win KLAA crossover

The Plymouth varsity boys hockey team Monday won 6-4 in a KLAA crossover game against Pinckney.

Scoring for the Wildcats were Pat Smiatacz (2 goals), Zach Gambrell, Tyler Sanders, Ryan Brown and Ryan Bauer. Chipping in with three assists was Ryan Renault while goalie Mike Justus made 18 stops for the victory.

Rec lacrosse coach sought

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking applications for a rec-

reational lacrosse coach for girls in grades 5-8. Female lacrosse playing or coaching experience is preferred but not required. Please contact recreation director Steve Anderson, (734) 455-6620 x 302 or via e-mail, sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompon Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 20, at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14.

Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site.

You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic. All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Plymouth Variety Show in April. Pre-registration participants should arrive between 8:45 -9:00 a.m. Same day registration is also available at 8:30 a.m., but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CANTON POLICE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:00 am. The auction will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, the starting is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN
2001	Ford	Taurus	1FAPP53221G247583
1999	Ford	Contour	1FAPP6638XK110244
1996	Chevy	Van	1GBFG15M2T1026478
1991	Eagle	Summit	JE3CU24A3MU040744
1997	Pontiac	Grand Am	1G2NW12M6VC763774
1999	Dodge	98000 SW	2B4GP24GXXR184650
1998	Mercury	Mystique	1MEFM6610WK665804
1985	Mercury	Cougar	1MEBP92F3FH642750
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Prescription Drug Carve Out/Repricing. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Brenda Armour, Underwriting Consultant at (248) 502-1108. Technical questions should also be directed to Brenda Armour. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2010. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, 03/15/2010 at 9:30 am, TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187.

Owens, Stephon/ Owens Concrete/ S.L.O. Concrete	B40	10x15	4 Tires, 4 rims, vinyl tarp, back pack leaf blower, cooler, concrete saw, misc industrial grade tools, misc household goods
Ron Kilby	F200	10x20	Vacuum, pool cues, waterbed disassembled), grill, disassembled pool table, 12+ boxes, ficus tree, misc household goods
Ron Kilby	F201	10x20	Speaker, various style furniture, 10+ boxes, misc household goods
LeAnn Decker	I338	10x15	Golf clubs, hockey sticks, 2 sofas, 8+ totes, 14+ boxes, misc household goods & decorations
Rene Kurtycz	J346	10x10	Pool skimmer, fishing nets, sewing machine, Halloween decorations, crutches, sewing machine, 4+ totes, 15+ boxes, misc household goods

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2010 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2010 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 15, 2010.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 15, 2010 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS CANTON 27, PLYMOUTH 3

Feb. 16 at Novi Bowl

Canton scorers: Kurt Kowalski, 233-229-462; Andrew Klein, 224-206-430; Billy Keppen, 235-186-421; Ross Terrasi, 224-190-414; David Blythe, 205; Alex Champagne, 193. Team totals: 1121-1,004-2,125 (17 points). Baker games: 219-166-377 (10 points).
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Webb, 212-196-408; Justin Thompson, 244-160-404; Rob Korstjens, 199-193-392; Brandon Congdon, 183-156-339; Andrew Fraser, 132-185-317. Team totals: 970-890-1,860 (3 points). Baker games: 156-159-305 (0 points).

SALEM 23, NOVI 7

Feb. 16 at Novi Bowl

Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 217-234-451; David Nikkila, 207-227-434; Kyle Newcomb, 192-202-394; Shaun Schmidt, 225-159-384; (Split), 141-166-307. Team totals: 982-988-1,970 (17 points). Baker games: 269-159-428 (6 points).

Novi scorers: Steve Cullen, 211-190-401; Brandon Ross, 181-212-393; Brandon Gillespie, 189-202-391; Ben Vanzoest, 202-182-384; Andrew Thorwall, 161; Nick Kucezajda, 150. Team totals: 938-936-1,894 (3 points). Baker games: 175-189-364 (4 points).

CANTON 22, NOVI 8

Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)

Canton scorers: Billy Keppen, 194-221-415; Ross Terrasi, 204-194-398; Andrew Klein, 227-157-384;

Casey Bindas, 210-160-370; Trevor Cummins, 137-174-311. Team totals: 972-906-1,878; Baker games: 188-168-356.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 21, CANTON 9

Feb. 16 at Novi Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Mackenzie Carlson, 156-180-336; Alyson Gibbs, 152-144-296; Tiffani Patterson, 174-116-290; Amanda Martin, 146-126-272; Kristyn Sturtz, 154. Team totals: 782-664-1,446 (17 points). Baker games: 145-136-281 (4 points).

Canton scorers: Charlotte Zimmer, 180-138-318; Allison Fries, 151-104-255; Cheryl Cosby, 134-106-240; Jackie Polaski, 158; Kelsey Joseph, 95. Team totals: 734-564-1,298 (3 points). Baker games: 169-117-286 (6 points).

SALEM 21, NOVI 9

Feb. 16 at Novi Bowl

Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 165-160-325; Kristin Peltz, 124-172-296; Kristin Larkins, 137-155-292; Bridget Maul, 147-145-292; Meaghan Eldridge, 124-144-268. Team totals: 697-768-1,465 (17 points). Baker games: 112-138-250 (4 points).

Novi scorers: Callie Wright, 178-151-329; Brittney Affholter, 144-167-311; Shelby Lambert, 127-131-258; Arisa Matsutomi, 105; Kirthie Mahesh, 100; Kaley Mullins, 87; Tina Johnson, 81. Team totals: 630-641-1,271 (3 points). Baker games: 143-113-256 (6 points).

NOTICE

As of April 6, 2010 the Wayne Housing Commission will no longer recognize preferences for the waiting list. Applicants will be placed on the waiting list as of the date and time the completed application is received in the Wayne Housing Commission office.

A public meeting will be held on March 10, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the regular board meeting in the housing commission conference room.

Wayne Housing Commission
4001 S Wayne Rd
Wayne, MI 48184
734 721-8602
Bridget Piasecki, PHM
Executive Director

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7c of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7c, please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kevin Laury, a Single Man to Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2003 and recorded November 12, 2003 in Liber 39526 Page 602 Wayne County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$82,843.74) including interest 7.3% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Wayne County at 1:00PM on March 25, 2010 Said premises are situated in City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot # 73, including the adjoining one half of the vacated public alley at the rear thereof, Bungalowhill Subdivision as recorded in Liber 35, Page 61, of Plats, Wayne County Records. Commonly known as 18600 Appleton St, Detroit MI 48219 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 2/25/2010 Household Finance Corporation III Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-21149 ASAP# 3458623 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010, 03/11/2010, 03/18/2010

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PCA boys clinch Red

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team clinched the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division Tuesday, with a 71-53 "Senior Night" victory over Newport Lutheran South.

The Eagles (11-4 overall, 10-1 in the MIAC Red) broke open a close game with a 28-7 run in the fourth quarter.

Head coach Mike Doyle said his team came out flat, possible due to only having one other game over the past three weeks and did not crank up the energy until the fourth (which began with Lutheran South up 46-43).

"Until the fourth quarter I had to read the names on the front of the jerseys because I felt like we were in a twilight zone," Doyle said. "That certainly was not PCA basketball until then."

Doyle credited Lutheran South (7-8, 5-8) with playing smart, patient basketball.

For the Eagles, Eric Jipping scored 21 points while Ethan Walker (11 points) and Don Mullet (10 points, 8 assists) also played well.

CANTON 50, STEVENSON 47: After Friday's disappointing loss to Salem, Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy urged his team to get back to basics, especially in the rebounding

department.

That strategy worked Tuesday in a KLAA consolation boys basketball victory over Livonia Stevenson. The Chiefs outrebounded Stevenson 26-21, led by Kevin Weisz (7), Dietrich Lever (6) and Paul Baumgart (6).

Canton also had four players in double figures — Brandon Duffey (12), Lever (11), Weisz (11) and Baumgart (10) — but needed a Baumgart block on Stevenson's final shot followed by two Lever free throws to ice the win.

"We spread it (offense) around a lot," said Reddy, adding that Duffey's play was a real boost. "Brandon Duffey did a great job for us tonight."

Canton improved to 12-6 overall while Livonia Stevenson dropped to 13-5.

PLYMOUTH 49, SOUTH LYON 33: In another KLAA consolation contest Tuesday, the Wildcats (10-8) took it to the Lions.

"We played well," said head coach Mike Soukup. "... We were the more aggressive team from the start."

Mike Nadratowski scored 17 points for Plymouth, while Dion Johnson (8 points, 10 rebounds), Brennen Beyer (8 points, 7 boards), Pat Salo (7 points) and Jake Morris (7 points, 12 boards) all had solid games.

Plymouth will play Canton Friday in the final leg of the KLAA tourney.

Pickert's steal resulted in a layup by Mack early in the fourth, and there would be no more scoring during the five minutes that followed a bucket by Sexauer.

After the game, the Chiefs celebrated their first KLAA conference title since 2006-07, with the disappointed Wildcats watching.

"I think we didn't play together in the third quarter," Kelp said. "We tried to do too much individual stuff, like dribbling inside the paint three times with our back to the basket is not going to get it done."

"We didn't play as well together offensively in the third quarter as we did in the second quarter."

SOUTH LYON 29, SALEM 26: An outstanding first quarter for visiting Salem Tuesday could not be maintained as the Rocks dropped a KLAA consolation girls basketball game.

Salem (12-7, 9-4) broke out to a 12-2 lead after one quarter, but South Lyon started chipping away with a 10-3 edge in the second to make it 15-12 at halftime. The rally continued after intermission and the Lions finally surpassed Salem with less than three minutes to go.

Sara Stone led the Rocks with 11 points and 12 rebounds while Rachel Norman contributed seven points.

JOHN GLENN 49, PLYMOUTH 32: The Wildcats were defeated handily in Tuesday's KLAA consolation game, despite a 10-point game from sophomore Katelyn Watson.

Also having good offensive nights for Plymouth (6-13) were sophomore Isis Haywood (eight points) and senior Stacey Klonowski (seven points).

Michelle Vanover tallied 22 points for Westland John Glenn (6-13).



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers netminder Scott Wedgewood dives to keep the puck out of his net during Saturday's home win over Sarnia. On Sunday, the Whalers clinched an OHL playoff spot with an 11-3 drubbing of the Sting in Sarnia.

Rookie Whalers goalie comes up big

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scott Wedgewood got in the way of 38 rubber pucks and one shaving cream pie Saturday night, and it was all good for the rookie Plymouth Whalers goalie.

Wedgewood handled all but two of the 40 shots Sarnia sent his way Saturday at Compware Arena, backstopping the Whalers to a 5-2 Ontario Hockey League victory.

The offensive hero for Plymouth was defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell), who scored twice over a 5:38 span in the second period to break a 2-2 deadlock.

In the locker room afterward, fellow netminder Matt Hackett came up from behind the 17-year-old Wedgewood with a shaving cream pie and a big grin — and hit him with the 39th object of the night.

"I think it was shaving cream," said the kid they call Wedgie, after toweling off. "It tastes kind of bad."

But getting that kind of treatment, especially from Hackett (who is a highly touted NHL prospect), meant that Plymouth's backup goalie had made a big-time contribution to a huge win.

"We're trying to have a run here at the end and move up to third place," Wedgewood said. "So when I play in games, coming in as the backup goalie and getting wins is really important. It helps the team out."

Plymouth (35-22-0-2) earned points 71 and 72 with the win, but didn't gain ground on Kitchener. The Rangers moved to 79 points with a 6-5 shootout win over Owen Sound.

Wedgewood showed calm under fire all night, as the Sting repeatedly crashed the Plymouth crease. Sarnia (16-39-3-1) also tested him with some top-drawer chances only to be thwarted by a quick glove or flexing leg.

TOOL BOX

During Sarnia's 5-on-3 power play during the second

period, Wedgewood held his ground and thwarted the perfectly set-up Brett Ritchie on the doorstep.

When the game was 4-2 early in the third, the goalie did the splits to snare one close-in try by Joe Rogalski and seconds later he flung out a pad to deny him again. Several times he managed to track and stop the puck while being bumped.

"I thought he was outstanding, he played very, very good," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He's a good goalie and we really didn't help him out back there. He had to make some big saves."

The only goals Sarnia managed were on the power play during the second period.

At 5:15 of the frame, Tyler Peters whipped a wristed past a wall of bodies parked in front of Wedgewood, who never saw the puck.

Sarnia — who outshot Plymouth 11-5 in the stanza — made it 2-2 with 10:58 to go when center Brandon Francisco snapped one home from the right circle.

Penguins nip Mercy in overtime, 3-2

GIRLS HOCKEY

Pond, the Penguins dropped a tight contest thanks to Hannah Periera's second goal of the game (with 8:48 to go in the third stanza). Scoring for PCS was Siebert, on an assist from Rojo.

CRANBROOK 7, PCS PENGUINS 0: The host Cranes got off to a quick 4-0 lead and never looked back in a game played Feb. 9.

Registering a hat trick and assisting on another was Sydney Sakwa, while Caley Chelios chipped in with a pair.

PCS PENGUINS 4, COUNTRY

DAY 0: Goalie Cortny McAdoo pitched a shutout for the Penguins, who scored in every period en route to the 4-0 victory at Southfield Civic Arena.

Marissa Sullivan (from Rebecca Majszak) and Sarah Coleman opened up the scoring with goals in the first period, and Jordyn Moore got the puck past the Yellowjackets Allie Ulnick with just 1:05 left in the middle frame for a 3-0 edge.

Moore wrapped up the scoring when she took a pass from Rojo and found the back of the Country Day goal with about six minutes remaining in the game.

BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE B1

"That kind of stopped her a little bit."

Novi head coach Bill Kelp praised the games turned in by Massarant and Armiak, although they could not carry the load for the entire way.

"Kelsey's strong, she played very well and kept us in the game," Kelp said. "She got us back in the second quarter, her and Alyssa Armiak with a couple outside shots."

HOLDING THE FORT

Samulski lauded Mack's defensive intensity (she chipped in with four rebounds) and Bridges' ability to keep Massarant from allowing Novi to catch the Chiefs in the second.

Canton led 19-11 after the first, but had that lead trimmed to two points late in the second before the Chiefs held on to a 31-27 halftime edge.

"Bridges had a great game," Samulski said. "If you look at it, we struggled to rebound the ball a little bit in the second quarter."

"And she had some great rebounds offensively and defensively. I think all nine kids did their part."

The second half began with Canton whittling 75 seconds off the clock before Melanie Pickert (eight points) tallied a layup.

Bridges followed with a pair of free throws and a jumper from the left flank to up the Canton lead to 39-31.

Perhaps the final straw came as the horn sounded at the end of the frame.

Bridges pulled down a defensive rebound and launched a long pass down the floor to CarolAnn Sexauer (four points), who canned a banker as time ran out for a 42-33 lead.

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Hospice focuses care on patients' needs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Considering their patient base extends from Monroe County through Wayne County and into southern Oakland County, officials at Arbor Hospice felt a little land-locked in their old offices on Center Street in downtown Northville.

With their front door now just yards away from the Ann Arbor Road interchange with I-275 in Plymouth Township, hospice caregivers are finding the road to some 500 patients a little easier.

"Our office services a very large area," said Julie Richards, Arbor's vice president of community and provider relations. "The freeway access was very important to us."

Arbor Hospice now coordinates patient care out of its new space on Ann Arbor Road (40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 102), where they moved in October. Caregivers provide "end of life" care to patients, services that cover a wide range of areas and vary patient-to-patient.

Routine hospice care includes emotional support to families, caregivers and significant others; instructs and supports the patient and family on patient care, disease progression and treatment; manages symptoms like anxiety and restlessness and provides assistance with personal care needs for patients, while offering a respite for caregivers.

Richards said hospice workers and volunteers can perform duties ranging from singing or reading with patients to something as simple as listening.

"The beauty of hospice care is it's your choice," Richards said. "It really is about what they want to do. There's so little in life that's about you ... it's your kids or your job. This is one thing you have complete control over."

END-OF-LIFE CARE

Business name: Arbor Hospice
Business Address: 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 102, Plymouth, MI 48170

Business Specialty: End-of-life care that focuses on the needs and goals of all family members. Serves Monroe, Wayne and southern Oakland counties.

Number of employees: 23 employees, 500 volunteers agency-wide

More info: (734) 794-5350 or www.arborhospice.org

Arbor Hospice uses 23 employees, and a bank of some 500 volunteers agency-wide (their corporate office is in Ann Arbor). A typical interdisciplinary team consists of a nurse, a hospice aid, a social worker, a spiritual adviser and a volunteer.

While patients vary in age from 17 and younger to 75 and older, the bulk (94 percent) of Arbor Hospice patients, according to the agency's fiscal 2009 report, are 50 or older. Of those, some 64 percent are at least 75 years old.

While patient diagnoses include HIV and other infectious diseases, kidney disease and dementia, the largest bloc of patients suffer from frailty or decline of age (29 percent) and cancer (42 percent).

To be eligible for hospice, a patient must have certification from two physicians that, if their disease follows a normal progression they have an estimated lifespan of six months.

According to hospice statistics, though, only 37 percent of the people who die in this country have the benefit of hospice service.

"People don't have the knowledge of what hospice can give them and their families," said Marie Pierce, community outreach representative for Arbor Hospice. "It's not only



Julie Richards (right) and Marie Pierce of Arbor Hospice talk about the agency's move from Northville to Plymouth.

pain and symptom management, but it's also comfort. It's not just when they're sick; it's afterward, helping with the grief.

"Often, you see (patients) blossom once they're in hospice," Pierce added. "Their pain and their symptoms are being managed."

Most hospice care is done in-residence, though a small portion is done in hospitals and Arbor Hospice does have a 26-bed in-patient facility in Ann Arbor. Hospice care is a Medicare benefit, and Arbor

Hospice gets some 90 percent of its funding from Medicare, according to Richards. None of that matters, she said, when considering patients' welfare.

"We provide care based on a patient's need, not what we get reimbursed for," she said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dress for success

Local women are encouraged to donate one new or nearly-new interview suit and career separates to their local dressbarn store as part of its annual Dress for Success S.O.S. - Send One Suit - Weekend Feb. 25-28. The campaign is designed to give disadvantaged women clothing that gives them the confidence to take the first step towards economic independence.

Dressbarn stores across the country, including the Canton store, will collect clothing from customers and donate them to Dress for Success who serves women seeking career development support.

To date, over 230,000 suits and separates have been donated by dressbarn consumers and associates. The donations are distributed to more than 60 Dress for Success affiliates throughout the country and have provided for, on average, more than 20 percent of their annual suiting needs.

The Canton dressbarn store is located at 47220 Michigan Ave. Call (734) 495-0639 for more information.

The Dress Barn, Inc. (NASDAQ - DBRN), is a leading national specialty apparel retailer offering quality casual and career fashion apparel in sizes 4 to 24, as well as shoes and accessories. As of February 2010, the company operated over 835 dressbarn stores in 47 states and over 720 maurices stores in 44 states. For more information, please visit www.dressbarn.com.

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Entrants are invited to tell why their favorite aunt means so much to them, in 100 words or less. The favorite aunt winner will also receive flowers on Aunt's Day, March 8. Entries may be submitted at AuntMillies.com, and are due by midnight, March 4.

The contest is open contestants 13 years of age or older, except employees of Aunt Millie's Bakeries, its subsidiaries, affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies, independent judging firms and their family members and/or those living in the same household.

Also in honor of Aunt's Day, Aunt Millie's will donate to Shriners Hospitals for Children one cent for every loaf of Aunt Millie's Bread sold through March 13, or a minimum of \$25,000. See AuntMillies.com for information.

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CHAMBER CHAT

March luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its March luncheon on Wednesday, March 3, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by Phil LaJoy's "State of the Township" presentation in the main theater.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 (advance registration), \$25 (at the door) \$30 (non-members) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

"The Chamber is happy to host the 'State of the Township' luncheon with guest speaker Phil LaJoy, our Township Supervisor," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Mr. LaJoy will discuss Canton's goals for 2010 as well as what's happening in the Township."

March's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Durcon, Inc. and National City. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Relay for Life kickoff

The Relay for Life-Canton kickoff party takes place Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m.; the program begins at 7 p.m. Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, those who face cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Admission is free, but RSVP is required to Kelsey.Ruder@cancer.org or by calling (248) 663-3441. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will deliver his State of the Township message at the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday.

Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant is the site of a Texas Hold 'Em tournament to benefit the chamber 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 25-27 in a smoke-free environment at the restaurant, located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

There will be a full service bar, late night menu and midnight pizza buffet in the lounge. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will benefit from the charity event.

Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have Silent, Live, and Raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Take Me out to the Ball Game" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans."

Last year's event drew a

crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

The auction will also feature special guest, former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers from 1977 through the 1984 World Series.

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

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Tickets are \$60 per person and include a family style dinner with open bar and live entertainment by baritone Quinto Mito and tenor Carlos Seise, who will sing classic and operatic arias.

The musical will be performed Oct. 29-30 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in

Dearborn.

For reservations call (313) 582-0997 or e-mail to fotomi@twmi.rr.com. Make checks payable to Friends of the Opera of Michigan and mail to P.O. Box 530115, Livonia, MI 48153-0115.

Reservations deadline is March 13.

Anyone interested in auditioning for the musical should send a resume to the organization by mail or e-mail. The group seeks sopranos, mezzo-sopranos, baritones, and tenors, as well as dancers, a choreographer, stage director and actors.

Local filmmakers nominated in first Detroit Independent Film Festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Viewers will feel at home watching scenes in Sam Kadi's short film, *Raised Alone*, when it screens at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6 at the inaugural Detroit Independent Film Festival in Detroit.

The film, which is nominated for seven Michigan Film Awards, was partially shot at the historic Redford Theatre, The Inn at St. John in Plymouth, at a home in Bloomfield Hills, in and around Milford and Brighton and features a scene with Garden City Police Department members.

"The film is a 100 percent Michigan product," said Kadi, a former Farmington Hills resident who now lives in Walled Lake, where he also owns a production studio. "Michigan post production, Michigan locations...We have what it takes in Michigan. We know how to make films. The only thing I brought from out of state was the money. Why go somewhere else?"

Kadi, a former mechanical engineer, wrote plays, acted and directed in his native Syria before coming to the United States on the invitation of a theater troupe who planned to produce one of his scripts. He also started doing stand-up comedy and working with music videos, which led to studies at the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan.

ARTISTIC SHORT FILMS

Although he plans to "move on" to a full-length motion picture, he views the short film as an important "calling card" for filmmakers.

"The feature length is more popular and has more potential, but the short film is harder to make. It's harder to engage people in 15 to 20 minutes. A feature film takes more time and more money and people, but as far as having the art behind it, it's the short film."

Raised Alone, the first short film approved under the Michigan Film Incentives, takes viewers on an emotional journey in 29 minutes, Kadi noted. It tells the story of accomplished violinist Adam Bandle, who lived his childhood in a mansion, with a housekeeper for company. As a boy, he feels lonely and neglected by his obsessed workaholic father. As an adult and an accomplished violinist, he performs his world renown solo, providing a glimpse into his youth.

"My main goal was to make a film about a story that could happen. We make films to say something and make an impact," he said, adding that many feature length films entertain for the moment, but are easily forgotten. "It's not very often you go home and are still talking to your wife or girlfriend about it. Or you learn something from it. That's what we're missing now. We need to get back to our roots — to films that affect society and lives."

GRANDMA'S INFLUENCE

That's what Marija Makeska of Canton hopes to accomplish with her films — to inform as well as entertain. Two of



Actors Alex Safi and John Duffey Leo on the set of "Raised Alone."

Detroit Independent Film Festival Schedule

The festival will be held at the Burton Theatre, 3420 Cass Ave., Detroit; (313) 473-9238, and at the Deroy Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. For more information or tickets visit www.burtontheatre.com or www.detroitindiefest.com.

Tuesday, March 2

7:30 p.m.
"Babysitter Wanted" - Special screening with guest appearance by Michael Manasseri (Writer/Director) of Big Screen Michigan/Big Screen Entertainment Group, who will introduce the film and host a Q&A immediately following.
10 p.m.
"Litterbug" - An earth-friendly, Generation X, coming-of-(middle)age, romantic comedy you can dance to.

Wednesday, March 3

5:30 p.m.
"The Steve Wonder Show" - Detroit Premiere
8 p.m.
A special screening of "Poultrygeist: Night of the Living Chicken Dead" with guest appearance by Lloyd Kaufman followed by a Q&A.
10:15 p.m.
The World premiere of "You Can't Rent Here Anymore"

Thursday, March 4

3:30 p.m.
2 for 1 Feature including The US Premiere of "Eddies: The Documentary" and "Street Boss."
7 p.m.
The Michigan Premiere of The "Woman from Sarajevo."
10 p.m.
A Program of Short films

Friday, March 5

4:30 p.m.
"Alphonso Bow" - Feature

6 p.m.
"Fairview Street"
8 p.m.
"Is It Just Me?" Michigan premiere
10 p.m.
US Premiere of George A. Romero's "Survival of the Dead" - the sixth film from "The Dead Zombies" series
Midnight
"Northville Cemetery Massacre" special screening

Saturday March 6 - 2010 Michigan Film Awards

10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
All day screening of nominated Michigan Shorts at the Burton Theatre and Deroy Auditorium.
7:30 p.m.
2010 Michigan Film Awards begin with a screening of the five "Best Short" Nominations at Deroy Auditorium.

3 p.m.
Detroit Film Think Tank Forum - A Panel of Michigan Film Office representatives along with other experienced filmmakers lead a discussion on how we can move the Michigan Independent Film industry forward.

Sunday March 7

12:15 p.m.
Detroit Premiere of Official Rejection, a documentary about two filmmakers journey in the film festival circuit and how they struggled getting their small independent film recognition. Includes interviews by Kevin Smith, Bryan Singer, Andy Dick, and Chris Gore. A panel and discussion will be held immediately after the screening.
6 p.m.
"The Twenty" - Detroit Premiere
10 p.m.
Closing Night - Viewing of three shorts, including the Detroit Premiere of "The 8th Samurai," a behind-the-scenes retelling of Akira Kurosawa's Samurai masterpiece The Seventh Samurai.

It's a semi-autobiography of my grandmother, mixed in with dramatic elements."

Soul Mates tells the story of two young girls, Elena and Anna, whose friendship stands the test of time in the midst of war, hate, cultural and religious differences. It is set during World War II in the Macedonia's capital Skopje, when Yugoslavia falls under the Fascist regime, and Eastern Macedonia is occupied by the Bulgarian Nazis.

Makeska, who used native-speaking actors, said the film comments "on the nature of human beings, on how human beings are selfish and so brutal." It also illuminates the history of the Jewish people in Macedonia.

STORYTELLER

Makeska, 23, said she's been writing since she was a youngster and was active in art and poetry festivals before she came to the U.S. about six years ago. She keeps a "big box" of her works at home.

"I'm a storyteller, but it didn't happen over night. We have a tradition of storytelling. It's a very cultural thing," she added.

"I'm planning to work in the film industry here. I plan to do anything that opens my doors. I love international film. I'd love to do research overseas and produce international films as well."

Other local filmmakers and actors nominated for awards include:

• Bryan D. Hopkins, who works in Farmington Hills, is a writer, director, editor, and cinematographer. His film, *Qing Lou Nu*, has been nominated in seven categories and will hold its official premiere at the Detroit Independent Film Festival.

• Grace Anne Rowan was raised in Redford, and is nominated for three acting awards: Best supporting actress in *First Day*, best actress in *Nikki and Eli* and best actress in *Playback*.

• Vikkie Gasko of Livonia, is nominated for a best supporting actress award for *Raised Alone* and *Retreat*.

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College students plan mission trip to Ghana

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

A handful of college students from Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian church in Plymouth hope to raise about \$5,000 each over the next few months to finance a mission trip to Africa this summer.

They're selling T-shirts on a trip Web site, planning monthly fund-raisers with local restaurants and will accept donations Saturday, Feb. 27 at a silent auction and information event.

"We'll give an overview of the trip. We'll have desserts and appetizers, lots of T-shirts and (auction) items," said trip co-leader Joshua McKamie, a nutrition major at Wayne State University. "We're asking for any donations at the door."

The event starts at 7 p.m., at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 South Lotz Road, Canton.

Participants also will get a chance to meet the college students, including McKamie's co-leader, Rebecca Birman, a psychology major from Grand Valley College, who inspired the trip after spending several months volunteering at a orphanage in Ghana last year.

McKamie said Birman returned from her mission trip passionate about the volunteer work and determined to return to Ghana. She suggested her church friends join her this year.

"I think we were all surprised when she did it because I don't think anyone thought she'd go to Africa by herself for four months. It was cool to see her make such a big commitment," McKamie said.

"We all grew up together and did short term trips in high school. We did stuff in America, like San Francisco and we worked in Detroit. Our bigger trips were to Puerto Rico, and Mexico and the Bahamas."

VARIED TASKS

In Ghana, the group will tutor children, cook meals, clean, and wash clothes at Kwanz-Mia Orphanage in Kpando, Ghana. They'll help finish building a new kitchen and a chicken coup.

Some of the volunteers will



Rebecca Birman poses with youngsters during her stay in Kpando, Ghana, last year. Birman inspired other members of Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Plymouth to return to Ghana with her later this year.



School is in session at the orphanage in Kpando, Ghana.

work on a "Talking Bible" project in partnership with Cross Connection Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to producing audio Bibles in every language. They aim to record the New Testament in the Ewe language and will distribute solar-powered devices that play the recorded scripture to families.

Other projects include installing water purification systems and assisting local artisans develop sustainable businesses.

BIG IMPACT

"Probably what I'm most looking forward to is installing the water purification systems," McKamie said. "That seems to be an easy way to make a big impact on the kids' lives. I can't imagine getting sick frequently from parasites in the water. It's something we take for granted here — clean water."

The college students will travel in two separate groups. One will leave in May and return in November. The other will leave in June and return at the end of August.

Other trip members are Robert Lindman, a marketing major from Eastern Michigan University, Steve Elliott, an English major from Dartmouth College, Samantha Terranella, a biology major from Wayne State, Natalie Sliva, a social work major from Michigan State University, David Pugh, a marketing major from Central Michigan University, and Daniel Monroe, a business management major from Taylor University. McKamie said the college students all are from the Plymouth-Canton area.

For more about the group, visit www.ghanatrinitytrip.com

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SHIRLEY PATRICIA (SHERLOCK) GUILMETTE

Died February 17, 2010, at age 89. Born on August 8, 1920 in Cork, Ireland to Harry T. (pattern maker at the Cork Ford plant) and Mary E. Scott. Patricia made seven transatlantic liner crossings between Ireland and the states before Harry Scott transferred to Dearborn's Ford plant when Patricia was ten. The family which included Pat's sister, Evelyn, resided in Wixom. Pat graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1938. Moving to Detroit to study bookkeeping, she met and married George H. Sherlock, a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and they settled in Farmington, MI and had five children, Phillip Sherlock of Neganee, MI who has a daughter, Krystine (Paul) Sherlock Vermeer, Rockford, IL, Thomas (Catherine) Sherlock of Commerce Twp. MI who have three children, Rebecca (James) Wathen, Commerce Twp., Amanda (Tim) Cholak, Northville, and Scott (Kathryn) Sherlock, Garden City, Susan Olson (Dale) Lalka, Lawton, MI who has three children, David (Stephanie) Olson, Caledonia, Leslie (James) Holder, Lawton, and Danielle (Nathan) Jones, Kalamazoo, Richard (Nancy) Sherlock, Farmington, MI, and Kenneth (Aileen Neely) Sherlock, Gregory, MI, all surviving. Also surviving, are fifteen great-grandchildren. Patricia has been described by family as the "best grandma ever". George Sherlock and second husband, Val Guilmette, the Farmington Village Carpenter, preceded her in death. Pat not only worked until retirement as a bookkeeper, she also enjoyed waiting on tables at Farmington's Danish Inn and being a hostess at the Elk's Club. With family present, Pat died peacefully at Milford's West Hickory Haven, a place where she received, to borrow a phrase from the director there, "the best of both worlds". Not only was she able to enjoy excursions out with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but was fortunate enough to have the needed around-the-clock care provided by an amazing staff. Patricia's quick wit, sense of humor, and lovable contrariness will be sorely missed by both family and her more-than-caring nursing home staff. Donations in memory of Pat (Sherlock) Guilmette may be made out to The American Cancer Society and mailed to Becki Wathen -Rely For Life, 4640 Duck Lake Rd., Commerce Twp. MI, 48382-1332.

RAYMOND EUGENE SMITH

Died January 25, 2010. He was a former resident of Plymouth, Michigan, died in Fort Myers, Florida, leaving his wife Rosita Smith and daughters Mary Eberhardt and Julie Useman, sister Francis Cooley and Bobby Smith and five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. He was a sheriff for Sumpter Township which he loved. He was the kindest man you could ever meet, he loved his family and all animals. He will be greatly missed!

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Lenten fare ranges from fish filet to pierogi

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Bob Modes of Livonia always wanted to own a restaurant.

And if he keeps adding new items to the menu at St. Edith Church's Friday fish fry, he might just create one — if only for a few days during Lent every year.

"We wanted to get as many people to come to the fish fry as possible. I always try to tweak it every year," Modes said. "I tried fried clams, that's new this year. We were doing salmon patties and someone said, how about filet? So we added that."

"People say, why don't you do this all year long? But fish isn't that popular."

And that's why the Livonia church has such an extensive Lenten fish fry menu. Modes, who owns Dairy Whip in Redford, wants to make sure there's something for every palate.

"When I took over five years ago, we had fried fish, baked fish, mac and cheese and pierogi," he noted. "They were using pre-battered fish. They were like sponges."

Now Modes and his all-male crew of other church members and volunteers, batter the fish by hand.

"It makes a great difference in taste."

The adult dinner menu includes fried fish, baked fish, shrimp, fried clams, a sampler platter, salmon filet, crab cakes, and pierogi. All dinners include a beverage, French fries or baked potato, an all-you-can-eat salad bar — run by the St. Edith School Parent Association — and roll. The kid's menu offers a fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, or cheese pizza dinner. All include fries or salad and a drink.

The adult sampler plate costs \$10 and all other adult meals are \$8.50. Kid's meals are \$6 for fish and \$5 for macaroni and cheese or pizza.

Volunteers served 785 dinners last Friday, the first of seven Lenten dinners.

Modes said profits go to the St. Edith School Parent Association, and sports programs for youth.

The dinners are served 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March. On Good Friday, April 2, service starts at 3 p.m. The church is located at 15089 Newburgh, just south of Five Mile in Livonia. (734) 464-1222

MAC AND CHEESE

At St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City, the macaroni and cheese dinner isn't just for children.



Yeah Larry, I hear they offer seafood, pasta, even pierogi

"We started a year before last with salad and macaroni and cheese. It seemed to take off," said Howard Behr, a church usher for 14 years and treasurer of the Ushers Club, sponsor of the Lenten dinners. "You can have fish, shrimp and macaroni and cheese. It's for all ages."

"Fish may be ordered baked or fried. What's really changed is the fish is now outstanding. It tastes like fish. There's not a thick batter on it."

St. Dunstan, like St. Edith, used to buy pre-battered fish, but last year switched to hand-battering.

"We upgraded the fish at the end of last year," Behr said, adding that the church serves cod. "Where we purchased it and how we prepare it changed."

A one-piece fish dinner costs \$5.25; two pieces are \$6.75 and three pieces are \$7.75. Shrimp and combo dinners also are available for \$8 each.

All dinners include a roll, coffee, tea, milk and a choice of French fries, baked potato or macaroni and cheese and a choice of salad or coleslaw.

A la carte items include a pizza slice, mac and cheese, French fries, baked potato and salad.

Homemade desserts and pop are available for an additional cost.

Behr said the Ushers Club donates the money to the church's food pantry.

St. Dunstan's Lenten dinners are served 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 2. The church is located at 1526 Belton, Garden City; (734) 425-6720.

Here's a sampling of other local church fish fries:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel Booster Club serves baked or fried fish, shrimp and combo meals, 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Friday through March 26, at the church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, at Beck, in Plymouth; (734) 453-0326. Dine in or carry out.

Adult meals are \$7 and senior meals are \$6. They include coleslaw, baked potato and roll. The children's menu, for ages 8-12, is \$4 and includes fried fish, shrimp, macaroni and cheese or chicken strips served with chips, applesauce, and beverages. Children, age 7 and under eat for free.

Joanie Spryszak, a Booster Club member, said the free meal for children 7 and under is designed to help families coping with the poor economy.

"Someone came up with that and we said let's see what happens. We realize it's a little tougher for a lot of families this year. Hopefully it will keep families coming in," she said.

- St. Aidan's Men's Club sponsors the Lenten meals, which run 5-7 p.m., every Friday through March 26.

The menu includes baked cod and

baked salmon, pasta, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, coleslaw, roll, dessert, coffee, tea and milk. There's also mac and cheese for children. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, free for children age 2 and under.

The church is located at 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 425-5950.

- St. Raphael, 31530 Beechwood, off Merriman, two blocks north of Ford Road, Garden City, serves hand-battered Icelandic haddock, shrimp and combo dinners from 4:30-7 p.m., or until sold out, through March 26. Dinner service is from 3-7 p.m., on April 2.

Dinners cost \$8.50, the fish sandwich plate is \$7, a one-slice pizza meal is \$3 and a two-slice meal is \$4. Pop and bottled water are \$1 and Arizona iced tea is \$1.50.

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- St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia, offers all-you-can-eat fish fries 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday through March 26. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, age 3-11 and free for children under 3. (734) 261-1455

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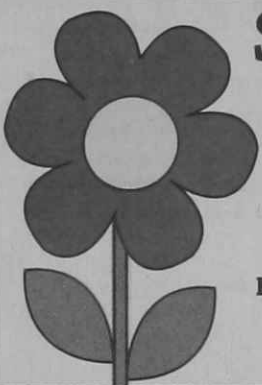
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1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

Mix tuna, water chestnuts and green onions in a bowl. Put one wonton wrapper in the palm of your hand. With a wet finger, moisten boarder of the wrapper. Place 1 tablespoon of tuna mixture in middle of each wonton wrapper; fold it over and seal edges together tightly. Place on a cookie sheet and continue making the rest of the dumplings.

Heat oil in non-stick skillet. Place dumplings in skillet (a large skillet should hold 12) and fry until golden on the bottom, about 2-3 minutes. Add 1/2 cup water and cover, cooking for 7-10 minutes until all water is evaporated. Meanwhile, mix soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, canola oil and red pepper flakes in a bowl. Take dumplings out of skillet and serve with dipping sauce.

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Disabled people can enjoy comforts of home

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Builder Bob Johnson of Livonia's got some 34 years of experience in the field. About 25 years ago, his Johnson Building Co. did a home for a disabled person. An occupational therapist saw it and liked what she saw.

"She passed my name around to other occupational therapists," he said.

"They need to be able to roll under countertops and stoves," he said of wheelchair users, adding that's true of sinks as well.

"The least little bump is a real hardship for them. It can be very hard on the person in the chair," he said. The transition from ceramic to hardwood flooring, for example, can be eased with a tapered edge.

"Those of us who aren't in a wheelchair we don't think anything about it," he said of the bumps.

Bathrooms are often not large enough for a wheelchair user, Johnson said, noting some can transfer to a shower stall or toilet. "They still need room to get the chair in," and a roll-in shower's called for.

Stephanie Kearney, a home care nurse with Oakwood Healthcare, was glad to help a disabled patient who lives in Lathrup Village.

"She was like a prisoner in her home," Kearney said of the woman who's in a wheelchair. The woman lacked money to make her home livable with her handicap.

Kearney put her in touch with Downriver businesses that paid and had work done to retrofit the woman's home. The effort was spearheaded by Brandy Ochab, who owns the Pete's Place pizzeria with her husband.

"Now she's able to shower," Kearney said of the patient. "She's



able to cook." New flooring accommodates her wheelchair, and she has use of a roll-in shower and hospital-type bed to prevent bedsores.

As a home care nurse, Grosse Ile resident Kearney has inside knowledge of how to make a home livable for a wheelchair-bound resident. "She hadn't been able to wash dishes or vegetables," she said of the woman's former kitchen sink, now lower, as are countertops.

"It's nice if they can have hardwood or tile floors," the nurse said. Some types of carpet will accommodate wheelchair use better than others.

Pullout shelves are best in a kitchen with a lazy Susan for corners. There can't be an unreachable freezer on the top of a refrigerator.

Kearney's heard of new dishwashers for disabled people that open similar to a drawer and are three-quarters in size. Regular dishwasher doors are hard to navigate around,

she said.

Stoves need to be modified, as wheelchair users can't safely reach back burners on a regular stove.

"Most of the supplies are very expensive," she said in noting cost as an obstacle to retrofitting a home. Her patient's home had ample doorway space, so that wasn't a problem, but there were other issues.

Kearney recommends a wheelchair user employ a sturdy chair in the shower rather than a less stable bench. Such shower users need grab bars and a hand-held shower.

"The whole bathroom floor has to be the same level," she said, and designed so water drains properly.

In the bedroom, disabled users find shelves easier than drawers for storing clothing. A roll-in closet can be a big help, and hanging clothes need to be within reach, she said.

Kearney, who's been in home care about four and a half years, a nurse for about 14, also recommends a cen-

tral electronics area where all home light controls can be within reach.

Older people who aren't in wheelchairs also have products available to help them stay in their homes. Telephones are available with larger dial numbers, along with Life Line services that can summon emergency help.

"They're living longer," Kearney said of seniors. She recommends removing throw rugs which are a tripping hazard; having grab bars in the shower and a raised toilet seat; and better lighting for older people.

Seniors often don't need extensive home renovation, she said, but may need to move to a downstairs bedroom if climbing stairs becomes an issue.

Builder Johnson said research of the American Association of Retired Persons and National Association of Home Builders shows a growing need for such housing. His Web site is www.johnsonbuildingco.com and the phone is (734) 522-0224.

He finds the work rewarding: "It is for me and that's the reason I've stuck with it for so long," said Johnson, who also does regular remodeling. He added the Americans with Disabilities Act standards apply more to businesses and other public buildings, and ADA-compliant isn't generally sufficient for a disabled person's home.

Disabled people are often sensitive to heating and cooling, Johnson said. "Lighting's very important," he said, adding many need rails on both sides of a stairway.

A grab bar for the step or two from garage to house is a big help, he added.

"A lot of people can't afford the things." He sees many community groups such as the Knights of Columbus doing ramps and other projects "which is very good."

Naples foreclosures lower for area

Q: I am interested in buying on the West Coast of Florida around the Naples/Fort Myers area, and I am wondering what the situation is with the extent of foreclosures?

A: The number of foreclosures in the Fort Myers area has decreased percentage wise, although there are still a significant number of foreclosures which have not come to fruition yet given the dire economic straits in Florida. In Naples, the number of foreclosures



Robert M. Meisner

is significantly less, particularly in the high-end units over \$1.5 million where most of the people pay cash for their units. In any event, it is imperative that you find a good Realtor and a good real estate condominium lawyer before you enter into any purchase agreement, and, be sure that you examine the comparables in the area in which you are thinking about buying a condominium.

Q: I am a member of a board and our management company has been sued along with us. Thus the board insists upon using the same attorney to represent our management company who is representing us and, of course, our management company recommended this attorney in the first instance. What do you think?

A: I think you need to check into the relationship between your management company and the attorney. If your attorney is representing the management company in your matter, how can he or she effectively represent the association if there are any adverse circumstances between the two, namely your association and the management company. Moreover, in future cases and/or issues concerning the review of the management agreement, how can the attorney, in effect, serve two masters? I would suggest that you get an outside opinion from another attorney as to the propriety of the circumstances and whether or not you should engage separate counsel to represent the association.

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

Company knows how to make home work for disabled

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Wright and Filippis, founded in Detroit in 1944, is a company full of people who know about modifying homes for the disabled and older people. The home medical equipment business does a lot of barrier-free modifications including elevators, stair lifts and ramps.

"It's definitely growing," said Tony Filippis, department head for the

lift elevator and ramp department, speaking of the need. Many people want to move their parents into their homes.

"People are doing more to make their homes accessible," Filippis said. The family business does a lot of modifications for wheelchair users who can live independently; some are Wright and Filippis staffers.

"They're able to function completely independently," he said of

residents of modified homes.

Bathroom modifications include patient transfer lifts overhead, a "crane on trolley" system. The resident can move sideways onto the toilet, into the tub or even from the bathroom into bed, completing the transfer with one device.

Outdoor modifications include ramps and vertical wheelchair lifts for porches.

"We widen doorways so they can get their wheelchairs through the

doorways," he said. Grab bars are often needed in bathrooms, and Wright and Filippis can do roll-in showers as well as transfer seating devices for the bathroom.

For the kitchen, there are a lot of cabinets that pull down on a track-type system, he said. "They don't have to just rely on the lower cabinets."

Wright and Filippis is available at (800) 482-0222, online at www.firsttoserve.com.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 9-13, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2407 Old Salem Rd	\$103,000
Beverly Hills	17856 Beechwood Ave	\$130,000
	18507 Devonshire St	\$200,000
	30500 Lahser Dr	\$330,000
Birmingham	1506 Fairway Dr	\$150,000
	586 N Glenhurst Dr	\$650,000
	1700 W Lincoln St	\$365,000
Bloomfield Township	2842 Colonial Trl	\$231,000
	3431 Devon Brook Dr	\$80,000
	480 Fox Hills Dr N # A-6	\$25,000
	7111 Lindemere Ct	\$420,000
	6020 N Cross St	\$385,000
	5879 Ravens Dr	\$285,000
Clarkston	535 S Cranbrook Cross Rd	\$125,000
Commerce Township	6350 Almond Ln	\$185,000
	6362 Almond Ln	\$195,000
	9720 Andersonville Rd	\$150,000
	4950 E Princeton Ave	\$180,000
	6570 Greene Haven Dr	\$180,000
	8638 S Shore Pointe	\$460,000
	6074 Village Ct	\$220,000
	5809 Woodstone Ct	\$330,000
Davisburg	3533 Clark Cir	\$205,000
	3554 Loch Bend Dr	\$377,000
Farmington Hills	13121 Andersonville Rd	\$70,000
	11495 Ember	\$210,000
Lake Orion	22680 Albion Ave	\$110,000
	35250 Dewberry St	\$120,000
	36026 Forestville St	\$150,000
	32245 Heathstone Rd	\$150,000
	29368 Laurel Rd	\$105,000
	36356 Old Homestead Ct	\$220,000
Livonia	354 Franklin Wright Blvd	\$240,000
	530 Grandpave Ave	\$126,000
	3896 Meadow Lane	\$210,000
Lathrup Village	985 Seabury Dr	\$120,000
Northville	18487 San Jose Blvd	\$98,000
	28421 Sunset Blvd W	\$130,000
Novi	1248 Charleston Ct	\$85,000
	22207 Innsbrook Dr	\$223,000
Oakland Township	27634 Cromwell Rd	\$240,000
	43181 Emerson Way	\$228,000
	44662 Ford Way Dr	\$250,000
	41905 Ridge Rd E	\$135,000
	41521 Woodland Crk	\$150,000
Oxford	5041 Aintree Ct	\$116,000
	5366 Brookmonte Cir	\$106,000
Rochester	1175 Somerville Dr	\$155,000
Rochester Hills	1876 Flagstone Cir	\$88,000
	9060 Marion Cres	\$225,000
	430 Oak St	\$339,000
	1935 Watson Cir	\$339,000
Troy	187 Chalmers Dr	\$230,000
	363 Cross Creek Blvd	\$279,000
	1638 Fielding Dr	\$165,000
	657 Glasgow Ct	\$145,000
South Lyon	3050 Harvey St	\$70,000
	1297 Hickory Hill Dr	\$234,000
	1875 Jenny Ln	\$137,000
	1553 Meadow Side Dr	\$75,000
	1230 Seville Rd	\$158,000
	284 Shagbark Dr	\$198,000
	1840 Sudbury Ct	\$355,000
	3460 Summit Ridge Dr	\$285,000
Southfield	24619 Martindale Rd	\$172,000
	21554 Nathan Ct	\$230,000
Troy	21460 Constitution St	\$110,000
	29531 Fall River Rd	\$57,000
	15801 Providence Dr	\$150,000
Walled Lake	2974 Bretby Dr	\$165,000
	5165 Buckingham	\$88,000
	152 Charleston Dr	\$265,000
	1055 Chopin St	\$71,000
	1102 Chopin St	\$23,000
	2057 McIntosh Dr	\$265,000
	1031 Norwich Dr	\$145,000
Waterford	1501 Walnut Run Ct	\$212,000
	743 Amberly Dr Unit C	\$44,000
	1314 Bay Hi	\$110,000
	1038 Bielby St	\$110,000
	7725 Bridge Rd	\$93,000
	4041 Cambrock Ln	\$105,000
	6916 Desmond Rd	\$92,000
	3999 Fenmore Ave	\$186,000
	1042 Holbrook Ave	\$56,000
	3916 Iris Dr	\$140,000
	1134 Lakeview St	\$45,000
	665 Lochaven Rd	\$55,000
	829 S Winding Dr	\$90,000
	6467 Wilson Dr	\$85,000
West Bloomfield	6914 Alden Dr	\$273,000
	6340 Brookview Ln	\$160,000
	6610 Commerce Rd	\$550,000
	4575 Forest Edge Ln	\$500,000
	6890 N Springridge Rd	\$149,000
	6290 Northfield Rd	\$258,000
	2554 Peterboro Ct	\$120,000
	5581 Powder Horn Dr	\$185,000
	4215 Savoie Trl	\$166,000
White Lake	321 N Williams Lake Rd	\$55,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 2-6, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	2300 Amber Dr	\$170,000
	44027 Bannockburn Dr	\$165,000
	576 Buckingham Rd	\$120,000
	7007 Copper Creek Cir	\$115,000
	43127 Devon Ln	\$116,000
	7047 E Spring Dr	\$202,000
	5886 Fairborn Dr	\$318,000
	2336 Hogan Way	\$189,000
	1203 Knightsbridge Rd	\$120,000
	1444 Lasalle Rd	\$429,000
	235 Liberty St	\$133,000
	44645 Lowell Ave	\$159,000
	41100 Maplewood Dr	\$115,000
	2011 Morrison Blvd	\$169,000
	44886 N Spring Dr	\$162,000
	7253 Oakmont Dr	\$300,000
	7122 Pittsford St	\$180,000
	1399 Rand Rd	\$145,000
	43538 W Arbor Way Dr	\$58,000
	48741 Wildrose Dr	\$350,000
Garden City	6432 Arcola St	\$65,000
	30906 Dawson St	\$130,000
	28526 Elmwood St	\$67,000
	30641 Hennepin St	\$80,000
	510 Lathers St	\$86,000
Livonia	30462 Marquette St	\$82,000
	6851 Whitby St	\$83,000
	18810 Amber Ct	\$190,000
	9915 Arden St	\$116,000
	27709 Bobrich St	\$98,000
	19089 Boulder Dr	\$353,000
	30864 Dalhousie St	\$100,000
	31160 Dalhousie St	\$126,000
	36708 Dardanelle St	\$236,000
	11720 Farmington Rd	\$100,000
	9338 Idaho St	\$120,000
	36026 Jamison St	\$128,000
	29746 Lamar Ln	\$92,000
	35339 Minton St	\$126,000
	32633 Oakley St	\$130,000
	27621 Pickford St	\$110,000
	29195 Plymouth Rd	\$475,000
	37921 Ross St	\$172,000
	11925 Stark Rd	\$100,000
	18057 University Park Dr	\$73,000
	15096 Westbrook Ct	\$189,000
Northville	16420 Cypress Ct	\$280,000
	18970 Heather Ridge Dr	\$520,000
	16012 Morningside	\$121,000
	16070 Morningside	\$123,000
	2221 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$221,000
	19520 Scenic Harbour Dr	\$208,000
	15665 Spyglass Dr	\$475,000
	15837 Spyglass Dr	\$440,000
	39432 Village Run Dr	\$220,000
	41969 Waterfall Rd	\$315,000
Plymouth	47721 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$225,000
	11998 Appletree Dr	\$280,000
	1658 Cassidy Place Dr	\$126,000
	10001 Creekwood Cir	\$268,000
Redford	1149 Dewey St	\$158,000
	43220 Joy Rd	\$120,000
	1260 Junction St	\$148,000
	700 Karmada St	\$465,000
	9829 N Canton Center Rd	\$250,000
	40699 Newport Dr	\$53,000
	12575 Harvey St	\$105,000
	9865 Tennyson St	\$200,000
	9281 Brady Ct	\$78,000
	9199 Dixie	\$80,000
	26198 Fordson Hwy	\$50,000
	9984 Kinloch	\$75,000
	19398 Kinloch	\$65,000
	16561 Macarthur	\$80,000
	9060 Marion Cres	\$110,000
	12841 Nathalie	\$85,000
	15700 Ryland	\$101,000
	26745 Santa Maria	\$58,000
	25904 Student	\$55,000
Westland	39280 Armstrong Ln	\$102,000
	33652 Beechwood St	\$34,000
	37152 Condon Ct	\$95,000
	33774 Cowan Rd	\$144,000
	10669 Newport Dr	\$135,000
	8035 Fremont St	\$56,000
	29846 Lonnie Dr	\$68,000
	5960 N Karle St	\$87,000
	2050 N Marie St	\$140,000
	6120 N Newburgh Rd	\$90,000
	34060 Pawnee St	\$81,000
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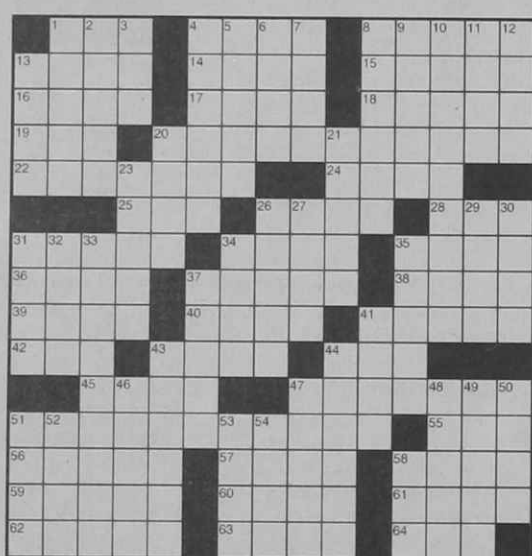
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