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CANTON CONNECTION

Foundation funds

Max & Erma's in Canton hosts a fund-raiser to benefit the Canton Community Foundation all day Monday, March 1.

Diners can find the coupon for the fund-raiser on the foundation's Web site, www.cantonfoundation.org. Take the coupon and Max & Erma's donates a portion of proceeds to the foundation.

Max & Erma's is located at 2240 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 495-1200.

Pathway pals

The I-275 Pathway is receiving a major facelift in 2010. Plans call for a complete reconstruction of the path between Willow Metropark and Michigan Avenue, as well as significant improvements all the way north to Meadowbrook Road. Work on portions of the trail is expected to start in the spring.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is hosting an open house to explain the planned improvements to the Hines Drive-Michigan Avenue section 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the Freedom Room of the Canton Township Administrative Building on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill.

The I-275 Pathway is a 40-mile multi-use recreational trail that parallels the freeway in Oakland, Wayne and Monroe counties. It links to many nonmotorized paths in these communities, and could ultimately serve as a backbone to the entire southeast Michigan recreational trail system.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is recognizing a Plymouth-Canton school district high school senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagar 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 Sagar, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived every day 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.



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Canton artist Byron Reed's work, colorful and drawn from his life experiences, hangs on his wall.

Painting from memory Artist's work recalls childhood days

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sitting in a house adorned with his paintings and artwork, Canton artist Byron Reed's mind wanders back to the Detroit neighborhood where he grew up.

Though he's 75, Reed's imagination and art harken back to childhood days he spent drawing pictures of people he saw as he traveled the city with his mother, who worked as an insurance inspector.

"The city has a life of its own," he said. "It has a pulse and a rhythm — the barking dogs, the car going down the street with a flat tire, the people yelling at each other and laughing."

"People in the ghetto are the driving force of the city," Reed said. "They have learned to survive even though nothing is working for them. They might have three minimum-wage jobs to support the family, but they maintain a sense of humor in spite of it all."

His watercolor, acrylic and pastel paintings reflect an inner-city life he and his wife of 36 years, Maria, left behind years ago to give their two children, now successful adults, a better chance.

"I couldn't afford to move out here," Reed said, "but I couldn't afford to stay there and raise my children."

His paintings, steeped in bright colors, seem to have motion. The characters he



Byron Reed's basement studio is full of found objects he uses in his work.

has created are still, yet they are as lively as the imagination of the artist who created them.

HAPPY CHILDREN

One framed painting shows happy children enjoying a summer day playing in water gushing from a fire hydrant.

"That was our swimming pool," Reed said. "We would have so much fun in August when it was really hot outside."

Other artwork depicts youngsters passing the time with a makeshift swing, made from an old tire tied by rope to a tree limb; or a grandmother soaking her work-weary feet in soothing water as she reads to children; or a group of jovial women cooking up soul food

in the kitchen.

Some of Reed's paintings reveal humor, such as a butler who's "a little on the drunk side" as he drops hors d'oeuvres on the floor while serving party guests, or a snooty woman who has her head turned sharply away from a man who's vying for her attention as they sit on a park bench.

Still others capture Reed's passion for jazz, such as a colorful scene of a lively music club, or his desire to express human emotion, including a painting that shows a lovestruck couple embracing as they walk together.

"We don't have anything else in this world but each other," Reed said.

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'Team Canton' eyes economic battle plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Striking back against a walloping economic slump, Canton officials have assembled a team of community leaders to hatch a plan for helping the township — and its residents — weather what some have called The Great Recession.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy rolled out his vision for Team Canton as nearly 150 corporate officials, educators, elected leaders, church representatives, health-care professionals, community volunteers and others gathered Tuesday inside the Summit on the Park for a 90-minute networking and brainstorming session.

Amid declining tax dollars, state-shared revenue cuts, job losses, slashed services and home foreclosures, many Michigan communities have fared much worse than Canton, LaJoy said, but he implored Team Canton to find tangible ways to stave off "critical" problems that could worsen in coming years.

"We're in this thing together," he said, "and we will survive."

For Tuesday's invitational session, LaJoy enlisted the help of management consultant Charles Fleetham, president of Project Innovations Inc., a Farmington Hills-based company that helps steer recession-weary government leaders and business officials away from economic shell shock toward an action plan.

Though Fleetham addressed the entire crowd, Team Canton participants were seated eight to a table, and Fleetham asked the groups to identify and discuss the range of emotions they have experienced, such as how the economic recession has affected them, their businesses and the people they know.

Closer to the crux of Tuesday's gathering, Fleetham had each participant list what aid they can offer the community — and what help they might need themselves — as Team Canton moves ahead amid hopes of easing the hardships some residents have endured.

Far from a *Kumbaya* moment, some people cited clothing, food, donations of time and money to non-profit groups, free health screenings — even jobs their companies need to fill — as ways they can help the community. Team Canton organizers will compile the findings into a master list, or blueprint for progress.

"I'm really proud of what Canton is trying to do," Shane Fritz, pastor of Charisma Life Church, said during Tuesday's kick-off event.

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Supervisor Phil LaJoy rolls out Team Canton.

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RESA eyes millage to help struggling districts

BY BRAD KADRICH
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In an effort to help its struggling school districts, Wayne County RESA officials are considering asking voters county-wide to pass a 1.9-mill tax increase that would send millions of dollars back to individual districts.

RESA officials believe the 10-year millage, if approved, would generate some \$92 million in school enhancement money that would be redirected to individual districts based on the community's property values and student-count.

According to Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's assistant superintendent for finance and administration, RESA is considering the millage proposal to help districts who have no other option.

"We're the only ones who can do it," Ezikian said. "Proposal A took away local districts' ability to levy any millage. The only action left (by state law) is a county-wide enhancement bill."

No official decision can be made, Ezikian said, until boards of education in each individual district decide whether they would support it. A poll commissioned by RESA found county voters

WHO WOULD GET WHAT?

If Wayne County RESA decides to go for a 1.9-mill tax to enhance school operating funds, here's how each district would benefit based on pupil count:

District	Pupils	District share
Garden City	5,280	\$1.8 million
Livonia	16,934	\$5.8 million
Northville	7,272	\$2.5 million
Plymouth-Canton	19,000	\$6.5 million
Redford Union	3,517	\$1.2 million
South Redford	3,401	\$1.1 million
Van Buren	5,882	\$2 million
Wayne-Westland	13,065	\$4.48 million

essentially split on the issue, Ezikian said.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Craig Fiegel told his Board of Education Tuesday the district, facing what could be a \$9 million deficit in the 2010-11 school year, may not have much choice but to support the idea.

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Blanchard, Engler push for new bridge, cooperation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former governors Jim Blanchard and John Engler met on stages before for debates during the 1990 gubernatorial campaign, but they cast aside their old politicking and political differences Thursday at Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Both ex-governors agreed the political parties need to work together to turn Michigan's economy around and believe a second bridge to Canada needs to be built to encourage trade with Canada and help the state's manufacturing base.

"I'm absolutely certain our state is too great to be kept down much longer," Blanchard said. "Sooner or later, the great state of Michigan will rise again. The only question is when, and how and what can we do about it."

Blanchard also encouraged several office holders and potential future political candidates not to use excuses, characterize Michigan as a "victim" or blame foreigners, Wall Street or trade policies for the state's economic woes. "Tell them to go run for office somewhere else," he said.

Engler said Michigan, as a manufacturing state, cannot afford to live in the past. "You'd better be forward looking; you'd better be looking ahead," Engler said.

Engler believes that the United States needs to cut its corporate tax rate, the second highest among industrial nations. "Just as Michigan faces competition with



State Rep. and Speaker of the House Andy Dillon attended as well.

Indiana, so does the United States face competition from nations all over the world," he said. "Global industry affects global competition." Cutting the corporate tax from 33 percent to 22 percent will put the United States in the middle of the pack of industrialized nations and help create 2.1 million jobs by 2019, Engler said.

Engler said Michigan needs to work on a bridge plan and "get that done." Blanchard also emphasized the immediate

need for it.

Michigan needs to have the best schools, Engler said. "I've always said the state with the best schools wins," he said. "We're spending enough money; we're just not getting the results." Engler said there was "no excuse" for a third-grader's inability to read. Blanchard said: "Money isn't everything, but it sure helps." The state still needs to provide for students, he said.

Neither of the former governors would endorse any of the



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No, they're not belied up to the bar. Former Governors John Engler and James Blanchard were at Livonia's Laurel Manor and stopped to do a radio interview on a speaker phone.

declared candidates. Neither expressed a desire to return

to the political arena. "Been there, done that," Blanchard said. Engler joked that he was raising three girls in the ninth grade so he already had "a house full of drama." He quickly added on a serious note that he hoped Michigan voters would elect people who care about manufacturing.

Engler encouraged a "competition of ideas" during the state's current budget discussion. "You ought to think about how you can do a better job," he said.

Blanchard encouraged can-

didates to make sure that they "love this state, and not just yourselves," he said. "Make sure you want to serve."

Engler had advice during his opening comments for the new Fellows of the MPLP and recent graduates. "Taxes come up all the time," Engler said. "In your political career, people will face this (budget problem) to raise taxes. It will be seductive. But our global competitors, that's not what they are doing."

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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.

Book signing

Award-winning author and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton will autograph copies of her books at the Westland Borders Express in Westland, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

She'll be signing copies of "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," her book of Haiku and fine art photographs, some of which depict area one-room school houses and museum today. There's also a collection of photos of one room school houses from the 1800's.

Her latest release is, "The Cornstalks Are Whispering," a children's historical fictional short adventure, for which her inspiration was found in a pumpkin patch in Canton and from her former residence in Colonial Mass.

She will also have her third solo photographic fine art exhibit, "Expressions III" at the Flat Rock Library, beginning Tuesday, March 2.

Her ongoing classes through Wayne-Westland Community Ed includes an upcoming

Spanish class, Introduction To Freelance Writing, Penning Your Life Story, Creative Arts, The Easy Way To Scrapbook Your Memories. For more information, call the school at (734) 419-2426, or Martin at (734) 397-1626.

March madness

The real March Madness starts Friday, March 5, when Celtic rockers Bill Grogan's Goat hit the stage at the Village Theater in Canton.

It's the beginning of St. Paddy's month, and this home-grown, high-energy five-piece band takes traditional Celtic and folk tunes and reinvents them by adding their own rock and roll fuel to the mix. With musical backgrounds that range from symphonic band music to hardcore punk rock; solo Irish ballad singing to avant-garde jazz, the Goat's diversity makes for a musical mash-up that puts a new spin on Irish folk music.

The Goat hits the stage at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$10 at the door or on-line. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township. Phone (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Slavens coffee

State Representative Dian Slavens (D-Canton) invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours.

Slavens will host her March coffee hours 9-10 a.m. Monday, March 1, at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road, and 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the Canton Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Business women meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon).

Special guests will be the Petticoat Ladies performing "Maid in Michigan."

RSVP by Friday, March 5, to June Nicholas via e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net or by calling (313) 610-2561.

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

'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 provide 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.

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.

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Wine Glow & Spaghetti Dinner

March 9

Benefit for Transition Center scholarships. Tickets: \$35 per person (\$18 tax deductible). Wine Glow 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets and information at 734-462-4443 or www.schoolcraft.edu/transition.

Collage Concert

March 13

The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scboxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side

March 16

Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert

March 19

Violinist Boisvert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scboxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

"King Lear"

Weekends in March and April

Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances March 19-20 and 26-27 are \$24 per person. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center; performance 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the April 9-10 performance only are \$12 per person. Tickets and more information at www.scboxoffice.com.

Exhibit and author visit explore 1967 riots

March 8-26

"Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. "Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.

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EDUCATION

Game time: Discovery club gets players thinking

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Folks are going to have to pardon Daniel Zhang if he only answers to the name, "Sun Tzu."

It is, after all, the new nickname the 12-year-old Discovery Middle School student earned by making history in Games Club, the weekly get-together hosted by Discovery language arts teacher Jon Berger during the school year.

After Zhang became the first Game Clubber to reach total world domination in the strategy game "Risk," others named him after Sun Tzu, an ancient Chinese military general and strategist.

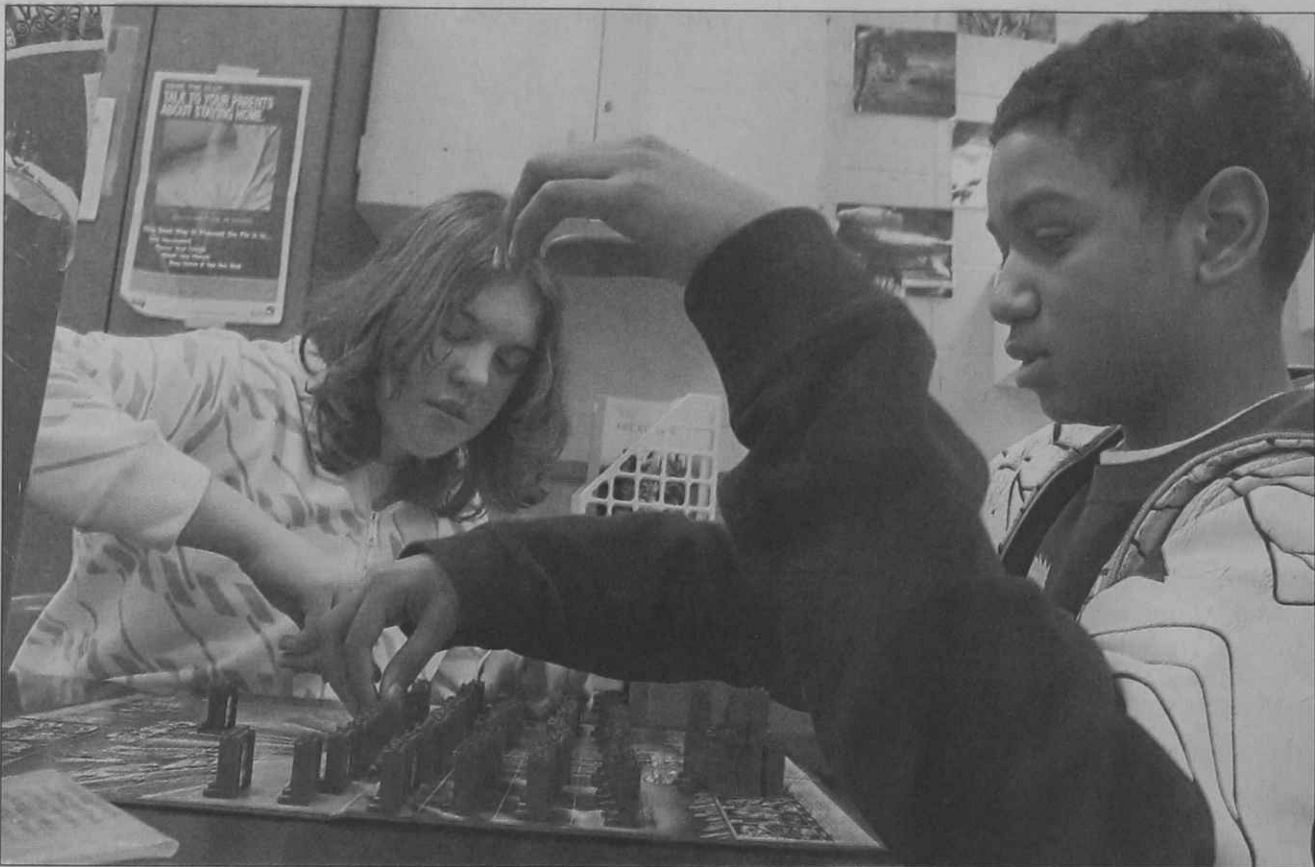
And Zhang, a Canton resident, unabashedly proclaims his status when talking about the club, which typically sees some two-dozen Discovery students huddled around a variety of tables playing vastly different games.

"The good thing about Game Club is it has a social element," Zhang said. "Let's put it in middle school terms - It lets the nerds socialize with each other."

Berger said the club started in 2000-2001, when he polled his homeroom class about things students would like to see in the new school, which had just opened. One female student, Berger said, drew laughter by suggesting a chess club.

Despite the laughter - or maybe because of it - Berger started the club. It immediately morphed into a club that plays "thinking" games, strategic games such as chess, "Risk," "Stratego" and "Dungeons and Dragons."

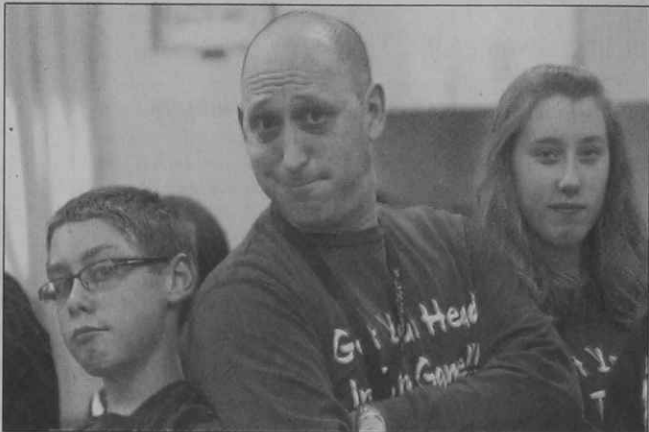
The club, which is open to all Discovery students, typically draws a balanced mix of students, though this year's group leans heavily on sixth- and seventh-graders. The club is draw-



Lauren Senkbeil and Joshua Byers play Stratego in the Discovery Middle School 'Game Club' Thursday.



It's a game of Risk for Dane Ackerman, Tanner Payter, Jacob Peltz and Zachary Bergquist.



Game Club founder, language arts teacher and mentor Jonathan Berger is flanked by students Shane Prevo and Baylee Ross.

ing about 26 kids now, though at one point a few years back it had dwindled to two.

Karen Alexander said she likes what the club has done for her son, Evan Hefner. Even, his mom said, is "shy and smart" and gets a chance to hang out with kids like him every week.

"It gives them a chance to socialize," Alexander said. "I think it's a great social thing."

In Game Club, the kids set the rules. For instance, they've added a "danger card" element to chess and rigged games like "Risk" and "Stratego" to fit them into the club's one-hour meeting time.

"It's unstructured, and the kids get to set the rules," Berger said. "They teach each other without an adult telling them what to do."

Seventh-grader Alec MacDonald, a 12-year-old from Canton, has come to Game Club the last two years. He likes the opportunity to hang out with friends after school.

"There's a big variety of games, and I can choose what I feel like playing," Alec said. "I like the games with questions that make me think."

Naren Nathan, a 13-year-old seventh-grader from Canton, came to Game Club for the first time Thursday, and proclaimed the program "awesome."

"You can improve your strategy and thinking skills," Naren said. "It helps with your studies, too, because it makes you think."

Baylee Ross likes the variety of games, too, but has another reason for attending.

"I come here to meet new people," said Bailey, a 14-year-old eighth-grader. "There's no one telling you what to do. It's a no-worry thing to do after school."

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Former Republican leader enters 21st District race

Former Wayne 11th Republican Chairman Shannon Price announced this week he'd entered the race for state representative for the 21st District.

The seat, which serves most of Canton Township, Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville, is currently held by Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton.

Price cited what he called a lack of leadership in Lansing as a reason for running.

"My father worked the line at the Ford Livonia transmission plant for over 44 years, and my mother retired from the United States Post Office," Price said. "Together, my parents - like many parents today - fought to ensure that I had the opportunity to be successful in life. However, with the lack of leadership in Lansing



Price

back to work is a number one priority. Ten years ago, he said, Michigan was in the top three states in the nation to locate a business; today Michigan is ranked in the in top three worst states to locate a business. Additionally, 10 years ago unemployment was below the national average; today Michigan's unemployment rate is leading the nation.

As part of his plan to create jobs, Price suggests starting by eliminating the Michigan

over the past eight years, opportunities like mine are becoming harder to come by."

Price stressed putting people

Business Tax and rolling back the personal income tax increase of 2007.

"The only way to solve the budget shortfall is to generate revenue," Price said. "The best way to do this is to stimulate growth, not stifle development."

According to Price another major concern of the government should be keeping citizens out of harm's way; however, he worries that, in an effort to balance the budget, Lansing is no longer making the safety of families a priority. Governor Jennifer Granholm, according to Price, has released inmates at a record rate, and as a result has doubled the rate of parole approvals for sex offenders, increased the parole rate for violent criminals by 50 percent, and cut funding for first responders.

Feds: No timetable for antitrust investigation

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid a widening antitrust probe of automotive suppliers including companies in Canton and Plymouth, authorities said Friday it's impossible to speculate on when the international investigation might end.

"I don't have a timetable," U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman Gina Talamona said Friday from Washington, D.C.

Talamona also declined to speculate on whether local company officials could be facing criminal charges after the investigation has been completed.

A global investigation into possible anti-competitive practices included raids Tuesday of Yazaki North America of Canton and Tokai Riko subsidiary TRAM, Inc., of Plymouth.

The probe has centered on several automotive suppliers in the United States, Europe and Japan.

Yazaki, which employs thousands of people worldwide, moved into its 419,511-square-foot North America headquarters in Canton, near Haggerty and Warren, in 1999.

Yazaki supplies automotive electrical technologies to most major auto manufacturers, although much attention has centered on its ties to Toyota, simply because the Japanese automaker has been mired in controversy due to gas pedal problems.

Yazaki's Web site also notes that the company is supplying the complete electrical distribution system for the 2011 Ford Fiesta.

Shefali Cromer, Yazaki's manager of public relations and communications in Canton, confirmed that FBI

agents searched the North America headquarters on Tuesday, as well as branches in Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

She said Yazaki cooperated fully with federal investigators who "did not disclose to us the nature of the investigation at this point."

Yazaki cites its corporate values on its Web site, including a statement that says the company will "act ethically, honestly and responsibly in all areas of our business and in all of our relationships" and will "meet legal and regulatory standards."

TRAM's human resources director, Joe Rine, also said company officials in Plymouth are "cooperating fully" with federal agents who collected some documents during Tuesday's raid there. Rine said he wasn't aware of any wrongdoing by TRAM, Inc.

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ARTIST

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Growing up, Reed's love for art was nurtured in art classes he attended at Cass Tech High School and the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts. Still, he largely set aside his painting for years, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany between the Korean and Vietnam wars, working as a graphics artist and finally taking a Chrysler automotive job from which he retired 10 years ago.

As a retiree, Reed returned to his artwork, and he said he has probably completed "somewhere between 200 and 300" paintings.

"I've sold a few," he said, adding that anyone interested in his work may call him at (734) 398-5054.

A COLLECTOR

Aside from painting, Reed also expresses himself by collecting things he has found in alleyways and on streets — a crushed Mountain Dew can, a wooden fish, a patch of blue



Byron Reed used a jagged, old piece of wood to create this city street scene, tucked in his basement.

jean material, even a sardine can — and molding the pieces together to create art.

One such piece, titled "Cat Fish," depicts an old fisherman who is selling his catch on the street. "When I was a kid, they used to do that," he said.

For another creation, he found a piece of old, jagged wood that had the appearance of a city

skyline — or at least it did after he painted a street scene of city folks in the forefront.

Long settled in suburbia, Reed, a grandfather of two, has occasionally taken his art into the Canton community. He had a showing in January during a ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Village Theater at Cherry

Hill.

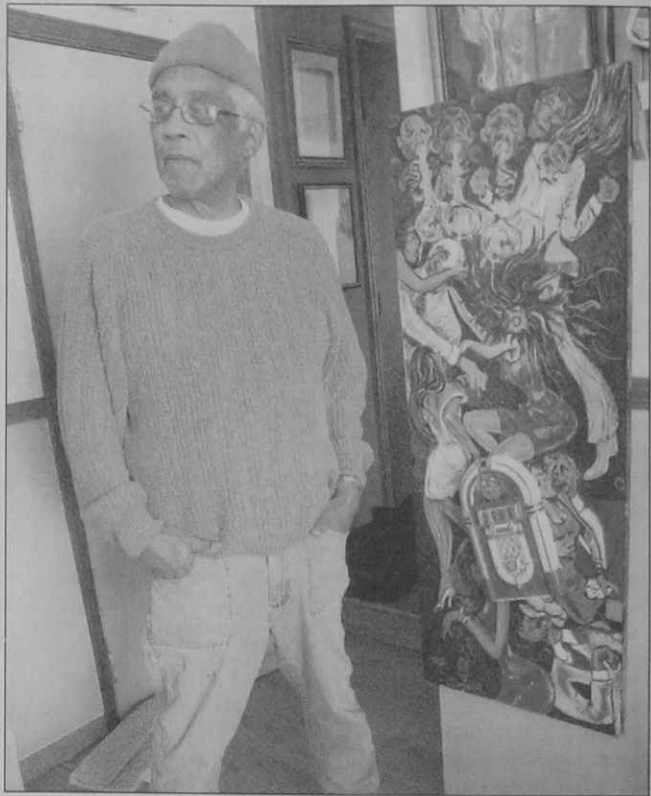
Before the event, he visited the Canton Public Library and had a workshop with local children, inspiring them to draw pictures that were displayed alongside his paintings during the King program, said Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager.

"It was a pretty popular program," she said, calling Reed "very talented."

Reed believes that if he reaches out to children, he can play a role in helping them to better understand the need to embrace people of all colors and cultures, especially if they are to prosper in an evolving world.

At times, Reed seems saddened, even worried, that not as many children today will experience simple pleasures like a used tire swing, a fire hydrant gushing water, or listening to a grandmother read while she soaks her tired feet.

But in his house, in his mind and in his art, scenes never forgotten become memories preserved.



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Byron Reed's work contains color and motion, and it is inspired by his childhood in Detroit.



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Fleetham said the area's economic troubles all too often lead to pointing blame at others, such as government, foreign automakers and unions, but he said the goal of Team Canton should be joining forces and finding common ground to help the community.

Though much of Tuesday's meeting emphasized community spirit, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel said he also was impressed by efforts to spur action by individuals who, on their own, can make a difference.

"I thought it was a unique approach," he said.

To that end, Team Canton organizers asked each participant to perform and document what was termed "random acts of Canton kindness" before the next session in March, when the effort is expected to be discussed. Actions could include pumping gas for someone on a cold day, organizing a neighborhood cleanup or visiting a senior adult who has no local family, among other good deeds.



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Team Canton participants meet and greet one another during Tuesday's kickoff session.

LaJoy said he hopes the kick-off meeting will inspire participants to give thought to how they can better serve their community during tough

times. Even as Team Canton's first session was still being planned, LaJoy had lamented the devastation many communities have faced due to pain-

ful economic realities. "We can't let this happen to Canton," he said.

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Federal funds help Canton shine new lights

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Using federal stimulus dollars, Canton will save money, use less energy and become more environmentally friendly after replacing old lighting around township facilities such as administration offices, Summit on the Park, Fellows Creek and Pheasant Run golf clubs, and Heritage and Victory parks.

Canton expects to save \$17,000 a year on its energy bills and \$266,900 in long-term maintenance costs by replacing older bulbs and poles with energy-saving LED, or light-emitting diode, lighting, Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said.

Her remarks came after the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to spend \$409,810 in federal stimulus dollars it received for the project. Elected leaders awarded a contract to Airport Lighting LLC of Luther, Mich., to do the work.

"There is no match from Canton," Conklin said, meaning the township will benefit from savings without shelling out any money.

Even so, Trustee Todd Caccamo said local officials have a duty to be "good stewards" of the money, which comes from the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, or EECBG, program. Caccamo has been skeptical of some "green" projects, but he and his board colleagues strongly supported measures to save money by installing LED lighting.

"That's an example of a green issue I can get behind," Caccamo said.

The project was one of three that brought a combined \$754,100 in EECBG dollars to Canton. Others include:

- An effort, already under way, to install energy-efficient lights on Heritage Park ball-fields — a move expected to result in savings of \$121,500 over the next 25 years.
- Spending \$28,000 to promote and boost Canton's single-stream, curbside recycling program, which began last April and has made recycling easier by allowing households to place all their recyclable materials in the same bins.

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RESA

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"In these times, we don't have a lot of options," Fiegel said. "To not explore the ones we do have would not be wise."

The poll, commissioned by RESA and conducted by Mitchell Research & Communications in East Lansing, shows some 43 percent of respondents who said they would either vote "yes" or were leaning that way. Some 44 percent would vote "no," and another 6 percent were leaning that way.

"The poll was pretty even in terms of how voters feel about a millage," Ezikian said. "It wasn't strongly in favor or against."

The millage would generate some \$6.5 million in enhancement funds in Plymouth-Canton, money that would go directly into the general fund. That fund, according to figures to come up some \$9 million short and would have to be supplemented from the district's \$11 million fund balance.

Even though Plymouth-Canton's cut would erase more than half the projected deficit, Fiegel thinks it would still be a

tough sell.

"If we work hard we might get it to a little over 50 percent (in favor)," Fiegel said. "The idea of it passing is a bit guessy at this point."

But board President Steven Sneedman agreed with Fiegel that the district has few options.

"When you're talking about filling a \$10 million hole, you have to look at what you can do," he said.

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A: I love the idea that you are thinking about saving for your grandchildren's retirement. As I've said many times, retire-



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being said, the strategy that you have proposed won't work.

In order to contribute money into a Roth IRA, you have to have earned income (from your labor), which is different than income from your investments. I am making the

ment is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and is something that everyone must address. As far as I am concerned, it is never too early to begin to save for one's retirement. That

strategy that
sed won't work.

assumption that your grandchildren do not work and have no earned income, so they are not eligible to contribute into a Roth IRA. Consequently, the strategy of investing into a Roth IRA for your grandchildren is not permitted. Of course, down the road if they do work, then they would be able to establish a Roth IRA.

As an alternative, you may wish to make your grandchildren the beneficiary of the account. If that money is in the form of a traditional IRA, you can convert that into a Roth IRA so the money will grow tax-free and not be subject to the minimum distribution rules at age 70½. Then, upon your death, your grandchildren would be able to inherit the money income tax-free.

The downside is that when they inherit the money, they would not necessarily be able to leave the money in the Roth IRA to grow tax-free. Hopefully, by the time they inherit the money, they will be

mature enough to invest the money wisely.

If you have children or grandchildren with earned income who may not be able to afford investing into a retirement account, that is something that you may wish to consider. After all, the earlier you save for retirement, the more secure retirement will be. Remember, it is time in the market, not timing the market, which ultimately leads to success.

Whether you are making a Roth IRA contribution for your children or grandchildren or yourself, there is still time to do so for the 2009 tax year. Unlike Roth conversions that must be completed by the end of the calendar year, Roth IRA contributions for 2009 can be made through April 15, 2010.

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DuFord, a Detroit radio media veteran is also a children's book author. The events are geared to pre-schoolers through lower elementary, and all youngsters are welcome.

Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, helped coordinate other readers to join DuFord. They include police officers and firefighters.

"We have a strong commitment to financial literacy among youth in our community," said McLaughlin.

"These story times help young children gain an appreciation and love for reading."

Story time dates and locations include:

• Plymouth District Library - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

• Canton Public Library - 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

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Competing in the 2010 Michigan Junior Miss Program next month are Megan Griffes, Irish Hills (front row); Shelby Gardiner, St. Clair Shores; Bethany Dickerson, White Lake; Jordan Berry, Wayne-Westland; Angel Gagin, Livonia; Shaylin Laure, Vicksburg; Lindsey Piestrak, Dearborn Heights. Anne Gerrity, Wayne County (back row); Emily Solan, Washtenaw; Jasmine Guajardo, Plymouth-Canton; Amanda Fron, Isabella County; Hsin (Cindy) Lee, Muskegon; Christine Schauder, Dearborn; Rebecca Frost, Brooklyn; Alexis Smith, Inkster; Sara Burge, Branch County; Conner Potter, Saline, and Kendra Mc Inerney, Alpena. Missing from the photograph is Ayanna Gray, Kalamazoo.

19 vie for state Junior Miss honor

Nineteen young women will vie for state honors in the Michigan's Junior Miss 2010 program on Saturday, March 13.

The 52nd annual scholarship program will be held at 6 p.m. at Saline High School. The 19 contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for \$10,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent the Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program at local events around the state and also at America's Junior Miss National Scholarship program in Mobile Alabama.

Contestants will perform on stage in an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. Contestants also will be

evaluated in based on scholastics and an interview.

The theme of this year's program is Fame. Guest performers will be Michigan's Junior Miss 2009 Joanna Bierlein, Jan's Dance Connection and the Saline Twirlettes.

Ticket are \$15 and all proceeds go toward scholarship awards. They can be purchased by contacting State Director Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744 or by e-mail at mjrmis@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased at Jan's Dance Connection at 26032 Ford, Dearborn Heights, Jan's Dance Connection, 120 N. Main St., Brooklyn, or Wayne Lawn and Garden Center, 2103 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

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Mom's book shares joy of special-needs son

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Broggi's heart is full of love for her 19-year-old son, Alex.

"He's so humble," the Plymouth Township woman said of Alex, who has epilepsy which led to mental impairment when he was younger. "He has the kindest, purest heart."

She and husband Nick, also parents to three other children, have found their lives enriched by Alex, prompting her to write *Bursting with Joy: Discovering Universal Truths Through Our Special Son* (Ferne Press/Nelson Publishing & Marketing).

"My goal is just to give hope and inspiration to others," said Broggi, a substitute teacher in Livonia Public Schools whose work includes special education classrooms. She hopes not just parents of special needs children but all who read her book will embrace gifts given.

"This can be a good thing if I look at it with the right eyes,"



Alex Broggi

Alex had his first seizure at 6 months, and became cognitively impaired.

"When he was younger, he had a lot of seizures," McAuliffe said. "Now he has maybe one a month." Alex, a Livonia Franklin High School graduate, attends the Western Wayne Skills Center of the Livonia school district, learning life skills aimed at giving greater independence.

"There's just a real simplicity to him. He just sees the good in everyone," she said of her nephew. Alex tells women and girls, including those with Down syndrome, that they're beautiful.

The sisters grew up in a family with eight kids, and are close-knit. Alex's youngest sis-

the author said.

"This is kind of their journey," said Plymouth Township resident MaryAnn McAuliffe, Broggi's sister.



The Broggi family (Nick and Joan, Kellie, Nicholas, Alex and Angela) at the 2009 Epilepsy Stroll at the Detroit Zoo.

ter is a high school sophomore and he has two older siblings, a brother at Michigan State University and a sister doing graduate work in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University.

Broggi's writing is based in part on Elisabeth Kübler-Ross' *On Death and Dying*, which details the steps associated with death.

Bursting with Joy is available through amazon.com and at Border's and Barnes & Noble. For more on the author, visit www.joanbroggi-

books.com. Joan Broggi's busy right now with the book launch, including at the family church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic, as well as NorthRidge Church, also in Plymouth Township.

She's doing speaking engagements, including one to her EMU daughter's program. Alex attended and was front and center with a big grin.

"It was so endearing," she said of Alex, who signed books that day. His mental age is around 8.

"I've been wanting to do it

for 19 years," Broggi said of her book. The family lived for a time in Princeton, N.J., when Alex was younger. When they returned to Michigan, she began subbing in the Livonia district, where a colleague encouraged her to share her experiences in writing.

It took her three months of putting pen to paper, followed by editing by the Northville-based Ferne Press. "It's a very positive take," she said of the book and her family's life. Broggi adds a sixth stage, joy, to Kübler-Ross' five stages.

Friends have read the book, and one with a special-needs child became tearful. "She said 'I'm at the joy stage with my son.'" That reaction makes the work worthwhile for Broggi.

She got an added impetus at Alex's high school graduation: "There was just so much love bestowed on him as a result of who he is," she said.

A portion of proceeds will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, Special Olympics and Arc of Western Wayne County, in keeping with the

family's beliefs in giving back. "When you start changing that focus, your life changes," Broggi said of having a special-needs child.

Girls in regular education classes at his school have enjoyed working with Alex. "They come out of it changed," she said. "He doesn't see physical beauty. He just sees the person."

She's read to Alex from book chapters, and he's been surprised there's a book about him. Some experiences were a little hard to relive, his mother said.

"It was very therapeutic for me, too." Her husband and the rest of her family have also been extremely supportive, and Alex has brought compassion and optimism into their lives.

Broggi, who earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Michigan in 1982, continues to substitute teach in the Livonia district. She has less time now for that with book marketing.

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JOHN KEMSKI

With every reason to smile Thursday night is Canton's varsity girls basketball team, following a win over Howell that sewed up the KLAA tournament title.

Chiefs wear KLAA crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski cited virtually every player on his team for making it possible to knock off Howell Thursday night and capture the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament title.

A very sound defensive effort by his Chiefs keyed a 45-35 victory in the championship matchup. The hosting KLAA Lakes champion Highlanders fell behind 14-7 after one quarter and it was 26-15 at halftime as Canton frustrated Howell top guns Megan Hatter and Nikki Gunning. The second half was evenly played, but the Chiefs had a comfortable margin.

"Overall it was a pretty solid game," said Samulski, whose 19-1 team will next play Wednesday at the Novi-hosted district against the winner of Monday's Salem- Novi matchup. "The key to winning this championship and beating Howell was you had to defend Megan Hatter and Nikki Gunning, who are both D1 players.

"It was a pretty solid job by our kids" to hold them to a combined 17 points (10 by Hatter).

Samulski said junior forwards Kari and Sara Schmitt along with senior forward Kayla Bridges kept Hatter at bay while Melanie Pickert, Alyssa Cottrell and Robyn Mack made the night a tough one for Gunning.

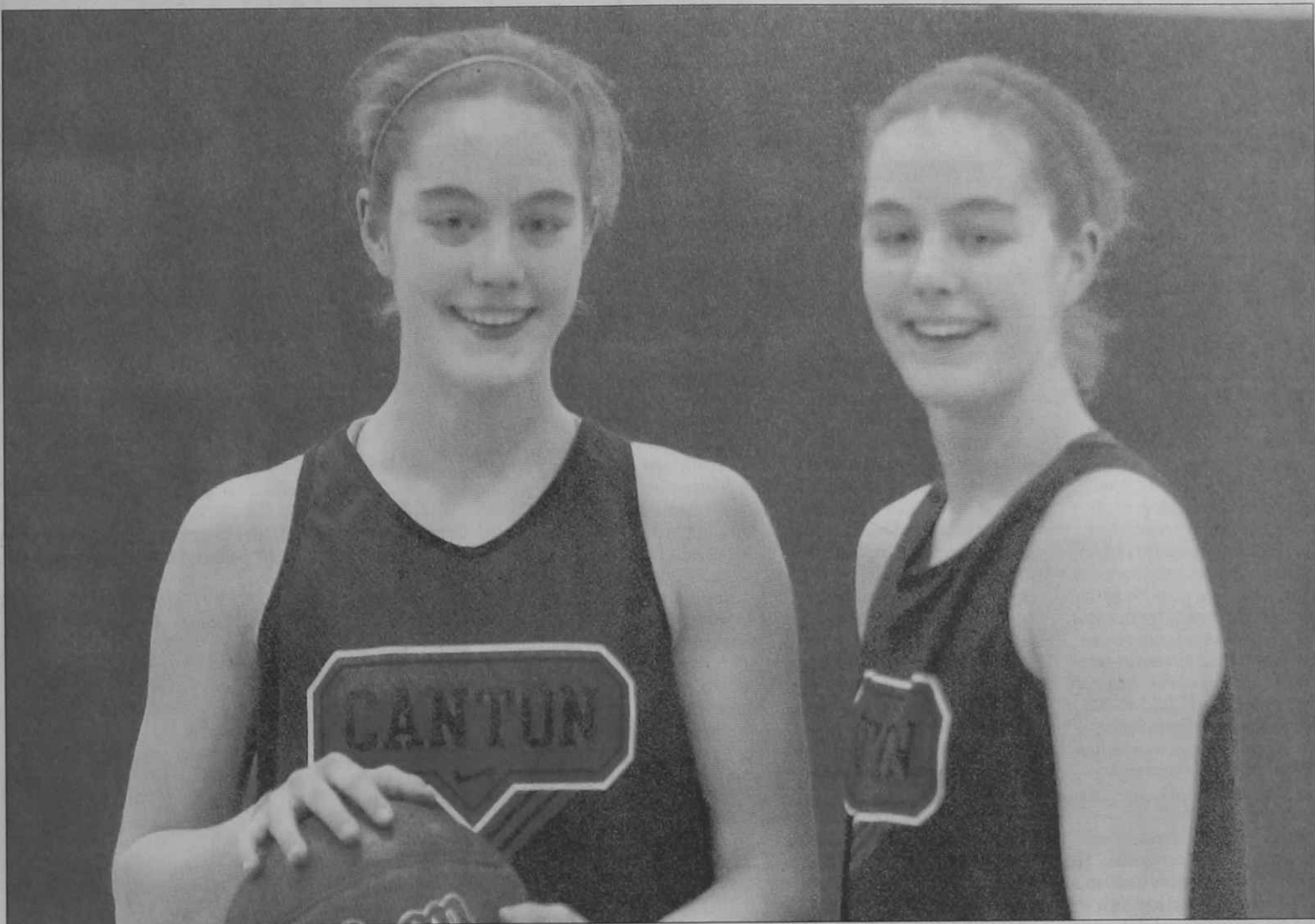
"It was a great defensive effort by everybody," Samulski added.

The offense was spread around with Kari Schmitt and Bridges each scoring 12 points and Sara Schmitt adding seven. Kari Schmitt and Bridges also were tough on the glass, collecting nine and seven rebounds, respectively.

The Chiefs also were more productive at the free-throw line, nailing 15 of 20 tries while Howell hit four of just five attempts.

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TWIN-TASTIC!



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Kari Schmitt (left) and Sara Schmitt have plenty of reason to smile these days. The twins are cogs in Canton's state-ranked girls basketball team. They also are crackerjack hockey players and outstanding students.

Canton's Schmitts provide double dose of all-around excellence

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Go ahead, try to bump, bother or block Canton twin sisters Kari and Sara Schmitt on the basketball floor.

The talented juniors don't flinch, continuing with the business of taking it to the rack or ripping down another rebound in traffic.

Of course, any rough stuff is no biggie: they also are hockey players who recently committed to play that sport — together, of course — at Ohio State University.

"It's just a good fit for both of us, both academically and for hockey," noted Kari Schmitt following Tuesday's KLAA conference girls basketball championship win against Novi. "So we're both real excited.

"Actually, we didn't care if we were together or not, but it just happened that we both liked the same school."

The way the Schmitts play basketball might have scouts from OSU's women's basketball program figuring out a way for the girls to again be two-sport stalwarts, as they have been throughout high school.

And don't forget that the Schmitts also excel for Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team during the fall.

"They're special, gifted athletes," said Chiefs' girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "Their work ethic and competitiveness, that's what makes them so good, their drive to get better."

"It's how hard they work and how

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SISTER FACTS

Who: Twin sisters Kari and Sara Schmitt, 17-year-old junior girls basketball forwards at Canton High School. Kari and Sara are all-conference and All-Observer selections from 2008-09 and have been instrumental in Canton's KLAA conference and association championships this year.

Both also are travel hockey players who recently made a verbal commitment to play that sport at Ohio State University. In addition, they were part of the Chiefs' girls swim team last fall.

Miscellaneous: Both carry a 3.9 grade-point average and are in the National Honor Society. They have are the youngest of five children born to Gail and Ralph Schmitt.

Favorites: Not surprisingly, the twins enjoy a lot of the same things. Those include the Law & Order SVU television series, country music and the Pittsburgh Penguins (because of the family roots). But Kari's favorite food is pizza while Sara prefers chili.



The Schmitts await their next shift during a recent hockey game. They are defensemen for the Taylor-based Belle Tire 19U team.

These 'Cats weren't about to quit

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Watching their team from the sidelines proved as painful for Kyle Wilkinson and Zach Koch as the injuries that knocked them out of action during the season.

But thanks to surgery, physical therapy and plenty of intestinal fortitude, both returned Feb. 19-20 as the Plymouth boys swimming



& diving team captured the KLAA South meet to earn a co-championship with Canton.

Wilkinson and Koch bounced back from serious leg and knee injuries, respectively.

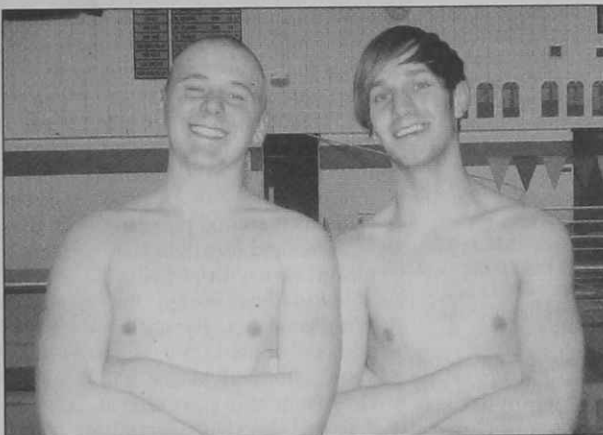
"It felt good," said junior Koch, who tallied a personal

best 1:01.87 in the 100 butterfly (seventh place). "I was happy I could do something to help out because I thought I was done for the season."

Koch had missed more than a month of the season following surgery to fix a torn meniscus in his left knee.

The comeback was even

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Zach Koch (left) and Kyle Wilkinson both returned from serious injuries to contribute to Plymouth's KLAA South Division meet championship.

Rocks can't turn up heat

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Brodie didn't want to talk about turning points after his Salem boys basketball team lost 49-44 Wednesday night to Livonia Churchill in a KLAA conference semifinal.

With the victory, Churchill advanced to Friday's KLAA conference title

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS
CLASS A
at NOVI
Monday, March 1: (A) Salem vs. (B) Novi, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3: (C) Northville vs. (D) Plymouth, 5 p.m.; Canton vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Pioneer-hosted regionals.)
CLASS D
at SALINE-WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Wednesday, March 3: Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy vs. Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner, 5 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Ypsilanti-Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wyandotte ML Carmel-hosted regionals.)
at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Wednesday, March 3: Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Westside Christian, 3 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, Tuesday, March 9 at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)
BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Monday, March 1: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5:45 p.m.; (C) Plymouth vs. (D) Salem, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7:15 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Novi Ice Arena vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central pre-regional winner.)
DIVISION 2
at FARMINGTON HILLS ICE ARENA
Tuesday, March 2: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 4: Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, March 5-6, at Wyandotte's Yack Arena vs. Trenton pre-regional winner.)
PREP BOWLING
Friday, March 5 (MHSAA Team Finals)
Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA.
Division 2 at Super Bowl (Canton), TBA.
Division 3 at Airport Lanes (Jackson), TBA.
Saturday, March 6 (MHSAA Individual Finals)
Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA.
Division 2 at Super Bowl (Canton), TBA.
Division 3 at Airport Lanes (Jackson), TBA.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 6
Regional at Plymouth, TBA.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, March 6 (MHSAA Finals at G.R. Delta Plex)
Division 1, 9 a.m.; Division 4, noon;
Division 2, 4:30 p.m.; Division 3, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, March 5 (NJCAA District H Tourney at Owens)
Schoolcraft vs. Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
District H semifinals at Owens, 2 & 4 p.m.
Sunday, March 7
District H finals at Owens, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Tuesday, March 2
Plymouth Whalers at Saginaw, 10:45 a.m.
Friday, March 5
Sault Ste. Marie vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
Saginaw vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

KLAA SEMI

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game against Wayne (which the Chargers won). But the Rocks coach couldn't help but wonder if things might have turned out differently had Churchill senior forward DJuan Cooks not buried a trey from way behind the three-point arc as the horn sounded to end the first half. Cooks' answered prayer came seconds after host Salem (9-9) fought back from an ice-cold start and finally pulled ahead 18-16 thanks to a basket in the paint by physical junior forward Ethan Walsh. The subsequent triple gave Churchill a 19-18 edge at the break. "It seemed like it was a struggle the whole game," Brodie said. "The first half was a struggle (9-29 in field-goal tries alone) and then we finally got the lead and they hit the shot at the buzzer to go up." Although Brodie stressed that too much is made about a team gaining or losing momentum because of such moments, he still had to wonder. "I don't know if would have kicked us in (gear)," he said. "... But you've still got to play four quarters and we didn't do that very well tonight." Buzzer-beaters wouldn't have mattered much to Churchill head coach Jim Solak if not for the pesky defense his team played throughout the game. "In the second half our guards got a little more pressure and we were communicating a lot better, especially our big guys inside," Solak said. "Not too many easy catches (for Salem), and we made it a struggle for them. That was the difference."

OFFENSE ARRIVES

That bought some time for his offense, which for stretches had to do without 6-6 senior forward Adam Bedell (8 points, all in the second half, and 15 rebounds). Bedell found himself in early foul trouble. "We got a lot more movement in the second half," Solak said. "Our guards made better decisions and having Adam and DJuan on the floor at the same time that helps too. It helped when we got Adam back on the floor." Sweet-shooting senior guard Anthony Frezzell paced Churchill's relative offensive explosion in the second half, when the Chargers tallied 30 points to Salem's 26. Frezzell scored 16 of his 20 points after the break, nailing three triples to make sure Salem didn't rally. Cooks chipped in with 12 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Raynord

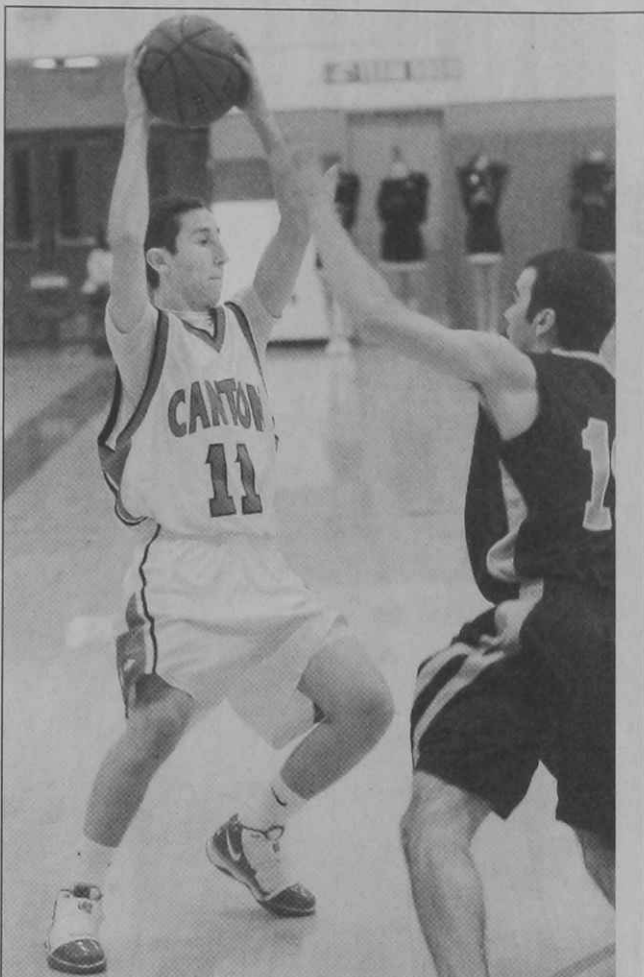
Allen scored eight and tallied six boards. For all of the Rocks' troubles, they hung around, trailing 41-37 with three minutes to go after 6-6 senior center Jake Peterson (16 points, eight rebounds) drove through the lane for a basket. Walsh also sparked the Rocks after coming in off the bench late in the first quarter. He scored 10 points and pulled down seven boards with his typical never-quit style. "He (Walsh) rebounded for us, he played tough defense, scrapped on the floor," Brodie said. "We got about as much out of him as we could, he did a nice job. Other than that, there weren't too many bright spots." Registering seven points was junior point guard Devonta Riley, with other contributions from freshman forward Chris Dierker (four assists) and sophomore guard Tyler Stewart (five boards). Both teams started the game as if they were allergic to the basket, missing plenty of uncontested, close-in tries. A jumper by Allen gave Churchill a 4-2 lead midway through the frame and the Chargers slowly heated up to take a 10-6 advantage after one. "They weren't scoring very well but we couldn't answer the bell at the other end either," Brodie lamented. The defeat cost the Rocks a chance to play Wayne for the conference championship, but Brodie said he remains proud of his team's season. "I'm happy with what we've done so far," he said. "We got a lot of mileage out of these players, they've worked their butts off, gotten better and improved. "But it just wasn't enough tonight and we had our opportunities." Solak, meanwhile, was thrilled to face imposing power forward Daniel Hill and the tough Zebras. "Wayne has proven all year they're the best team in the conference," Solak said. "So if we want to be the best, we've got to beat the best." **DETROIT CITY 87, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 60:** The host Eagles (10-5) gave up 29 points in the third quarter to Detroit City (10-3) and that pretty much sealed their fate despite 15 points from Travis DeKruyter and 12 from Ethan Walker. Adding nine was Daniel Ross. "This was a good game to play before districts for the players to see the intensity and effort it takes to compete with a very talented team," said PCA head coach Mike Doyle. "Detroit City is very athletic and played outstanding. It is no wonder they are ranked in the top 10 in Class C."

Canton wins PCEP matchup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

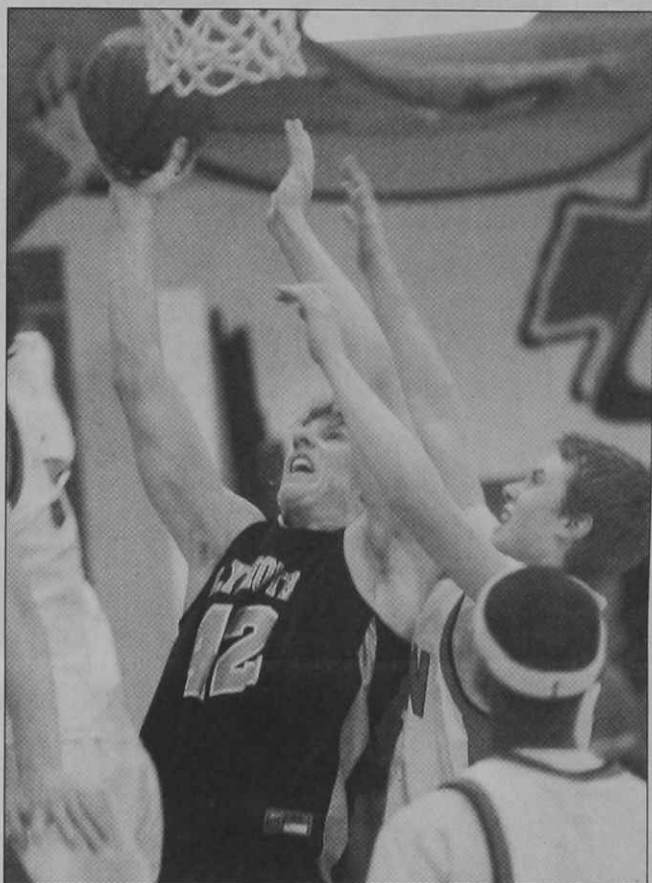
A few defensive adjustments at halftime Friday night went a long way toward Canton earning a 45-36 varsity boys basketball win over visiting Plymouth. The KLAA consolation game was up for grabs at the break, with the Chiefs hanging on to a 22-20 advantage. "In the first half Plymouth did a good job rebounding and they either got fouled or scored on their second or third shots," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "We cleaned that up in the second half and did a better job." Both teams struggled offensively in the third quarter, with the Chiefs outscoring the Wildcats 7-3 to go up 29-23 with one frame to go. In the fourth, the scoring picked up but Canton never really was in danger of losing the lead. It was a disappointing night for Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, who didn't think his team displayed enough urgency on the floor. "We had some chances in the first half to get even, but we really just did a poor job executing tonight," Soukup said. "Canton won a lot of the intangible battles, the small battles and that contributed a lot to our demise." Canton point guard Dietrich Lever had yet another fine performance, with 17 points along with five rebounds and five assists. Scoring nine points (all on three treys in the first half) was Alec Martin while Brandon Duffey registered seven points and three styles. Sharing scoring honors for Plymouth with eight each were Pat Salo and Steven Jahn. With the win, the Chiefs improved to 13-6 with the state districts on the horizon. Plymouth dropped to 10-9 overall with the defeat. **NOVI 61, SALEM 42:** In a Friday night KLAA consolation game, Salem could not stop Novi's offense during the first half and it put the Rocks into too deep a hole to escape. "Novi led wire-to-wire, they just dismantled us in the first half," said Salem head coach Bob Brodie. "They did a great job defending us and took us out of our game. (And) we couldn't stop them a lick." Salem (9-10) did play better after the break, to no avail. Jake Peterson led the Rocks with 15 points while Samir Ozeir tallied 22 for the Wildcats.

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Canton's Yusef Bazy (left) tries to spot an open teammate during Friday night's game. Trying to pester Bazy is Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski.

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Battling for a rebound are Plymouth's Brennen Beyer (No. 42) and Canton's Kevin Weisz during the KLAA boys basketball consolation game.

Whalers drop dandy to Windsor

One thing is certain — if the Plymouth Whalers meet the Windsor Spitfires in the upcoming Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the series will be a dandy. The Whalers and Spits showed why Thursday night before a sellout crowd of 6,478 at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre. Windsor (46-10-0-5, second overall in the OHL) built a 4-1 lead with three unanswered goals in the second period and withstood a late Plymouth rally to defeat the Whalers, 6-3. Plymouth's latest winning streak is stopped at four games. The Whalers — one of the hottest teams in the OHL since Christmas with a record of 16-7-0-1 — is now 36-23-0-2 and remains in second place in the OHL's West Division and fourth in the Western Conference playoff race with 74 points. Justin Shugg scored twice (34-35) to lead the Windsor attack. Ryan Ellis scored once (10) and contributed three assists as the game's first star. Taylor Hall (35), Adam Henrique (34) and Greg Nemisz (34) scored singles. Ryan Hayes (15), Garrett Meurs (15) and Tyler Seguin (46th goal and 99th point) replied for the Whalers. After Henrique and Hayes traded first period goals, Windsor went to work in the second period. Hall scored at 8:45 of the second period, taking a pass from Ellis and scoring from

the left wing with a hard shot that was tucked underneath the cross bar. The goal was Hall's first goal of the month and first since Jan. 29. Windsor took a 3-1 lead on a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal, finished when Shugg jammed a loose puck on the left wing side of the crease at 12:22. Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett stopped a penalty shot by Hall at 15:51 of the period to keep the score at 3-1. Hall was hauled down by Leo Jenner coming in on Hackett. On the penalty shot, Hall tried to stuff a backhand past Hackett, who closed the five-hole. Windsor built a 4-1 lead with another scramble around the Plymouth goal. Nemisz scored on a wrap-around from the left wing side of the goal with a shot that was tucked under the bar. But Plymouth mounted a third-period comeback to cut the deficit to 4-3. Good work by Jamie Devane and Joe Gaynor deep in the Windsor zone resulted in Meurs crashing the net and scoring from just outside the blue crease with a Windsor defender (Cam Fowler) trying to catch him at 8:20. Then Seguin scored his 46th with a hard snap shot from the high slot that Windsor goaltender Troy Passingham got his pad on, but the puck trickled over the line.

SWIM 'CATS

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sweeter for Wilkinson, because he's a senior diver who thought his prep swan song would be lost for good after breaking his femur in a Jan. 3 snowboarding accident. Still not close to 100 percent, Wilkinson placed sixth with a 230.70, which along with teammates Connor McManus and Ian Smith combined for 38 important team points. "I didn't really even warm up for the meet," Wilkinson said. "I just kind of rested my leg until I had to go." Up until doctors cleared him that week to compete, he couldn't have envisioned being able to perform 11 dives — even though he wasn't strong enough to really spring off the board. "I was afraid that I'd hurt it more, or that I would just not be able to do it completely," Wilkinson said. "When I got back on the board I was a lot weaker obviously, I couldn't press the board so I couldn't get as high. Some of my dives were short."

FIGHTING BACK

They were short, but sweet simply because he was back. That alone was quite a turnaround from the weeks when Wilkinson sat glumly in a wheelchair at poolside, figuring he'd never dive again for his high school. "At the beginning, when I found out I broke my leg, all I could think about was diving," Wilkinson said. "That was the absolute worst part about breaking my leg, it like killed me not being able to dive because I really enjoy it." Wilkinson added that he thought "it was like a miracle when I got back on the diving board. ... It just made me feel really good to participate again." Also thrilled they were able to rejoin their teammates was Plymouth head coach Doug Schade, stressing that Koch and Wilkinson "fought through injury and really came through for our team" in inspirational fashion.

Although encouragement from doctors, therapists, family and friends certainly gave them a push in the right direction, they still had to do it themselves. "I thought I'd be done for the season," recalled Koch, whose knee started deteriorating in eighth grade and locked up this year. "I did my physical therapy and the doctors said that swimming's actually good for it, it's non-impact. "So they move you back faster than I normally would have if I'd been doing another sport."

ENCOURAGING WORDS

The road back for Wilkinson started in the middle of the night after the accident. "They (doctors) put a metal bar in my bone to stabilize it," he said. "I was off of school for three weeks and I started going to physical therapy, maybe a week or two after I got injured." Wilkinson fought through periods where he figured it wasn't worth the time to try. Many spurred him through those times. "I was completely miserable when I wasn't on the board, and I just felt it was such a miracle to get back on the board," he said. "It seemed impossible at the time and I just overcame that. I'm thankful for all my friends and family that prayed for me, it helped me along." Meanwhile, as sweet as it was to chip in at the division meet, both hope regional and state meets give them a little more time to bask in the glow of their amazing recoveries.

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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.

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TWINS

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hard they compete. They never take a play off."

Samulski said it is pretty impressive what Kari and Sara manage to do with the three varsity sports, plus playing for the Belle Tire 19U travel girls hockey team and still carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

The coach added that there are no nicer kids around than the Schmitts.

"But when they step between the lines it's time to go and compete and get after it," Samulski said. "Most of the time in practice they're on separate teams. They get after each other in practice, too."

KEEPING TRACK

Perhaps as amazing is how the girls manage a busy winter, with basketball and hockey games or practices often on the same day miles apart.

"Our dad (Ralph) does a lot of planning for us, he makes a spreadsheet and gives it to both coaches," Kari explained. "We don't have any conflicts so it's worked out pretty well."

Samulski doesn't hinder the Schmitts when it comes to merging the sports schedules.

"He's very understanding, he knows when we have conflicts and he understands them," Kari said. "It's great for him to be our coach."

Watching the Schmitts during a Canton game is like having double vision because both are always in the mix. Kari is registering nearly 14 points and 9.3 rebounds per contest; Sara's game averages this season are eight points and four boards.

Classmates, meanwhile, also have some trouble deciphering who's who at times — playing it safe by calling out "Schmitty" when unsure if it's Kari or Sara in front of them.

But Kari and Sara definitely are two peas in a pod, right down to their favorite music (country), TV show (Law & Order SVU) and NHL hockey team (Pittsburgh, where their older siblings were born).

"We always seem to decide the same things," emphasized Sara with a smile. "But we never *had* to do the same things. Our parents always let us choose."

TWIN TALK

Sara added that being a twin spices up high school life.

"It definitely makes things more interesting," Sara said. "We get questions all the time, 'Do you wish you weren't a twin? I wish I was a twin.'"

"Yeah, we love being twins, you always have someone with you, you always have your best friend there."

According to Kari, they are more than twin sisters and friends. They also encourage



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Showing court sense and determination near the basket is Canton's Kari Schmitt (No. 25).

and motivate each other.

"We don't want the other one to do bad," Kari said. "We make ourselves better by competing with each other."

Being a twin also seems to result in telepathic tendencies on the court or ice.

"In sports especially we always seem to know what the other one is thinking," chimed in Sara. "We make some plays that some people don't know how we do it."

"We can pass the puck and we seem to know (the other) will be there."

The Schmitts still have unfinished basketball business to attend to, as well. Canton could make a serious run in the state playoffs, following triumph in the KLAA tournament.

"I think we have a chance to

go all the way and hopefully by working hard we'll reach our goals," Kari continued. "I know everyone on the team wants it, we're really competitive."

Sara served up an almost-identical answer.

"It would be awesome," she said, summing things up. "We know it's going to take a lot of hard work."

"We know that each time we come in for practice and games we need to get better and keep up our work habits."

They won't give any less because when it comes to the blueprint for successful student-athletes, Kari and Sara Schmitt know it by heart.

And if either needs a reminder, all she has to do is look at her twin sister.

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KLAA FINAL

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"Robyn Mack did a great job at the point, too," said the coach, noting that Mack registered six assists and three steals along with four points.

SALEM SOLID IN WIN

Canton won the association championship that cross-campus rival Salem won in 2008-09.

But Rocks head coach Fred Thomann was pretty pleased with how well his squad played in Wednesday's 49-39 victory over host Brighton in a KLAA consolation game.

"All in all it was a really good effort for us and our lowest turnover game (6)," Thomann said. "It was solid basketball for us."

The Rocks (13-7) broke open a close game with an 18-7 surge in the second, opening up a 29-17 halftime lead. In that frame, seniors Sara Stone and Brett deBear were outstanding with 10 and six points, respectively.

Stone finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds while deBear scored 15 and played an excellent floor game, the coach said.

Contributing on offense were Rachel Norman (10 points), Heidi Schmidt (four points), Tabitha Mann and Breanne Beaver (three each) and Katelynn Krause (two).

Thomann said the victory was a nice ending to the regular schedule simply because Brighton defeated Salem in the season opener.



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Sara Schmitt (No. 40) looks for a teammate down low during Thursday's 45-35 win over Howell in the KLAA tournament championship game.

The Rocks will now visit Novi at 7 p.m. Monday in a D1 district opener.

OT loss for Wildcats

In Wednesday's game for eighth place in the KLAA, Plymouth fell 40-38 in overtime despite strong games from senior Stacey Klonowski (10 points) and junior Alex

Roberts (13 points).

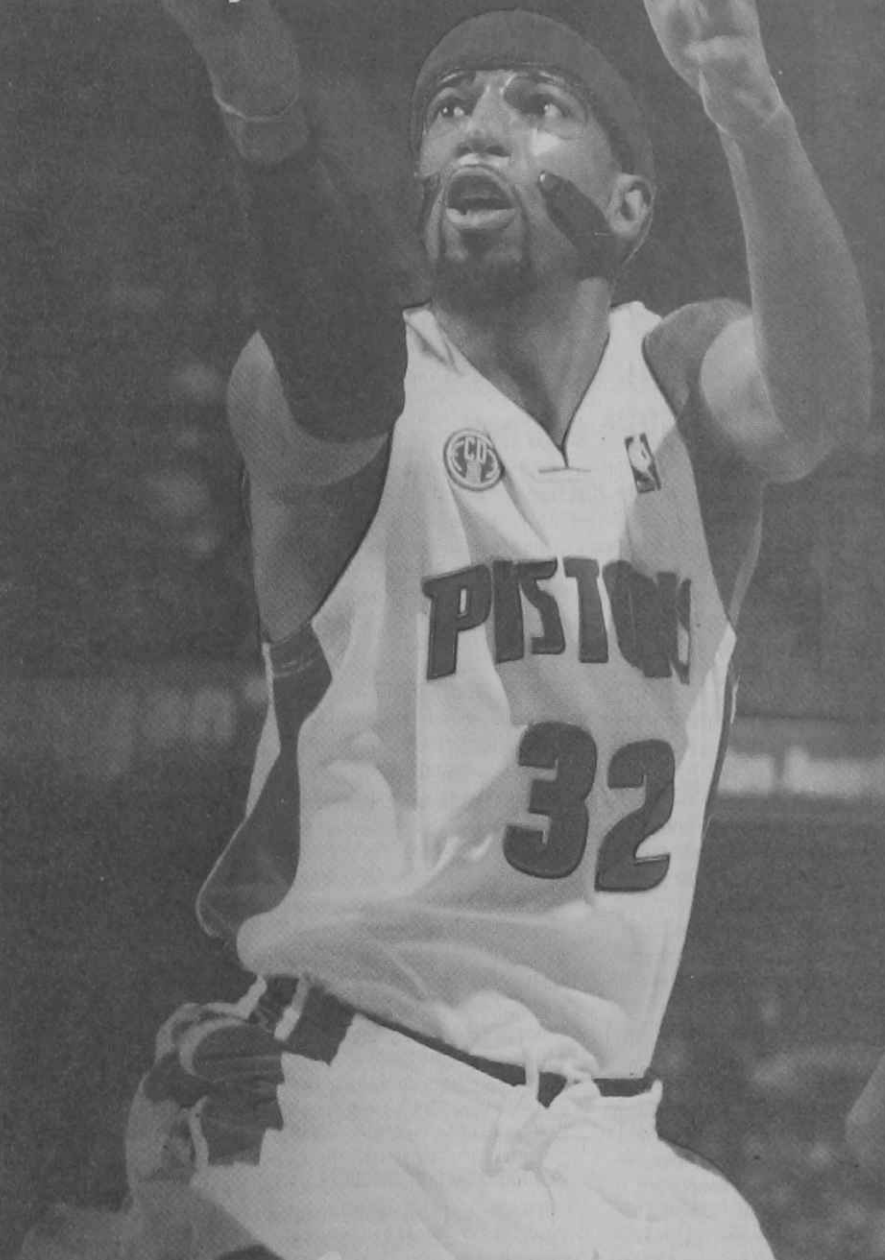
Contributing five points for the Wildcats (6-14) was sophomore Rachael Hille.

Jillian Parsons tallied 13 points to lead Lakeland in scoring.

Plymouth's next game is at the Novi-hosted districts, 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 against Northville.



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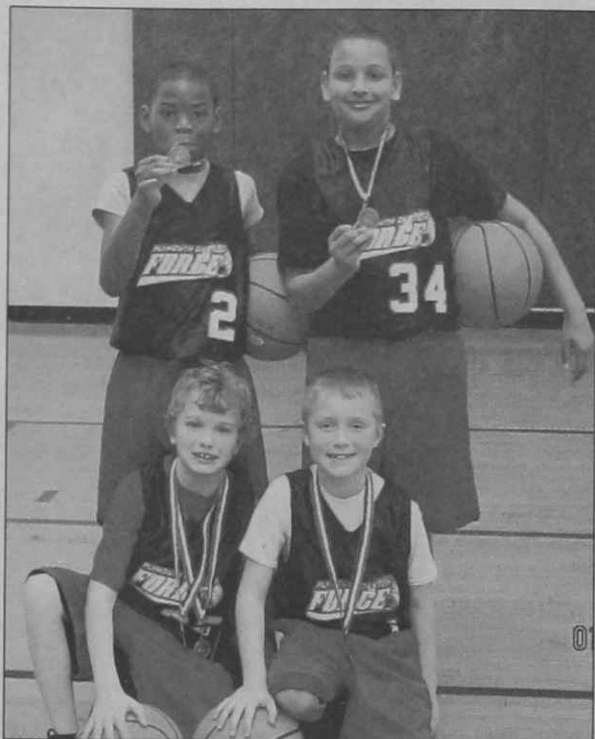
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LET'S GO TO WORK.



Force wins MRPA tourney

Four had the force, literally. The Plymouth-Canton Force fourth grade basketball team won the 2010 Michigan Recreation and Park Association 3-on-3 tournament held Feb. 20 at the Summit. The four-player squad compiled a 4-0 record in the process. Members of the Force are (top row, from left) Noah Brown, Jeremy Armstead and (bottom row, from left) Connor Engel and Andrew Kraft. Connor also took home the prize for the age-10 Hoop Shot Competition held before the MRPA tourney.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball players can choose between Saturday, March 20 or Saturday, March 27 for the Salem Baseball Skills Camp. Go to www.rocksbasketball.com for more information and a registration form or call Pat at 734-516-5530.

Olech honored

Madonna University's Tabatha Wydryk, a 6-foot-1 junior forward from Wyandotte, recently earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in women's basketball. Wydryk, a pre-med major who prepped at Riverview Gabriel Richard, also was named to the Academic All-WHAC and All-Defensive teams. Senior center Kim Olech (Plymouth) was also named to the Academic All-WHAC team, which goes to players who carry a cumula-

tive 3.25 grade-point average or better during their junior or senior year. MU freshman guard Shantelle Herring (Macomb Dakota) was voted by the conference coaches to the All-Newcomer team, while sophomore Katie Martin (Gabriel Richard) was named to the Champions of Character team, which recognizes those who best exhibit respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Rec lacrosse coach sought

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking applications for a recreational 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.

MU baseball boasts Plymouth-Canton flavor

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University baseball team has been cooped up indoors far too long. It's time to venture outdoors as the Crusaders are launching their 2010 season with a seven-game weekend set in San Diego, Calif. The forecast appears favorable for both the weather and for MU, coming off an outstanding 39-12 season, including a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season crown and its first-ever trip to the NAIA Nationals. MU coach Greg Haeger enters his 14th season with 36 players strong, including 16 pitchers and five catchers. The biggest question facing the Crusaders is the infield where three All-WHAC selections – second baseman Ryan Morrow, third baseman Aaron Hacias and first baseman Kevin Zerbo – all graduated. Last year's designated hitter, Zach Flavin, moves over to first base for his senior year after leading MU in hitting with a .444 average, including seven homers and 40 RBI. Junior shortstop Mike Gansser, who started 40 games a year ago, hopes to improve upon his .248 batting average.

Hoping to fill the infield void is fifth-year senior Drew Fry (.364), Livonia sophomore Billy Hardin (.283); junior college transfers Jeff Bultinick and Tim Duffy; and freshmen Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Spencer Sarel. "If we can pick up a ground ball and make a key play, we know we can pitch and catch," Haeger said. The pitching staff lost first-team All-WHAC pick Jeff Sonnenberg (10-2, 2.87 ERA) to graduation, but returns senior right-hander Kyle Bolton (7-3, 2.84 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Tom Hansen (8-2, 3.52 ERA). Also back for stints on the mound are holdovers Trent Pohl, Andy Omilian, Keegan Beaton, Jeff Mann and Westland John Glenn grads Robert Fraser and Chris



One of the key returnees for Madonna's baseball team is Canton alum Shawn Little (No. 17), who batted .376 last year.



Another top Crusader from Plymouth-Canton is starting catcher Tarik Khasawneh.

Kangas. Transfer John Ballarin, a senior left-hander who spent three seasons pitching at Eastern Michigan University, also provides depth on the mound as does Saginaw Valley State transfer Jeremy Gooding (Livonia).

"This pitching staff is one of the bigger ones we've had in awhile," Haeger said. "And as any coach would say, 'You're only as good as your pitching staff.'"

PCEP CONTINGENT

The catching situation also appears solid with the return of junior Tarik Khasawneh (Canton), who played in 39 games and hit .291. Sophomore Garrett Rebain (Plymouth), freshman Dan Stoney (Canton), sophomore Drew Adamiec and freshman Donny Holland will also vie for playing time. "Tarik carried so much for the load of us last year, he played 65 to 70 percent of the time and did a fantastic job," Haeger said. "This group is the strength of our team." Their are few worries in the outfield for Haeger. His only concern is keeping everybody happy. The leading returnee is first-team All-WHAC selection Shawn Little (Canton), a junior red shirt center fielder who batted .376 a year ago. Little will be joined Matt Kay, a junior red shirt who

batted .293 with 14 homers and a team-best 57 RBI. Senior Ted Toune (.337) also returns. Also vying for playing time is junior Dan Harder, a transfer from Heidelberg University (Ohio), along with three freshmen – Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) and Thomas Atkinson (Alpena). "Outfielders – we have a bevy of them," Haeger said. "They have speed, power, arms, wonderful tools. We'd like to play more than three. We have seven outstanding outfielders and the coaches have some difficult decisions." After their San Diego trip, the Crusaders embark on a 15-game tour, March 5-14, in Florida. MU won't play its first home game until March 30 (against Indiana Wesleyan). "We have only have seven home dates, but we've put together a wonderful schedule," Haeger said. "We have (six) great seniors who will lead this team."

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NEIGHBORS

Canton 'prize patrol' is heading to a street near you

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Wheels, Siren, The Law, Hallmark and The Chief will prowls the streets March 9 in Canton randomly "busting" individuals who break the law — of inertia.

"We feel sort of like the Publisher's Clearing House van when we hit the streets. We never know how people will react to us, an enthusiastic group with bags and balloons in their hands congratulating folks and rewarding them with prizes for simply walking their dog or playing a game of catch," said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services.

Provenzano, nicknamed The Chief, by her colleagues, created Canton's Random Acts of Fitness program and assembled its mobile team last spring. The group travels around the community one day a month looking for people engaged in physical activity — from organized sports to housework — and rewards them for their fitness efforts. The program has been on hiatus since November 2009, but will resume its monthly schedule next month on a "no school" day for Canton students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"This will be our 'Think Spring' edition and all of our goodies and swag will be Spring-related," Provenzano noted. "We hope to encourage Canton kids to put down their video game controllers and take in a little fresh air that day instead."

Provenzano said she was inspired to create the outreach



Walking the dog or pulling a wagon full of kids earn fitness kudos from Canton Leisure Services, as these residents discovered last year.

program after reading about a Subway Restaurant promotion that sent mountain bicyclists into New York City, N.Y. on a similar mission.

"I thought what a neat idea that would be with as many parks as Canton has."

PRIZE PATROL

The team members, Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier, Amanda "Siren" Buelow, Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, and Travis "The Law" Faulkner gave themselves nicknames related to their roles.

Cornelier usually jumps out of the van on his in-line skates and Buelow announces their arrival with a megaphone "siren," Provenzano said. Faulkner "lets residents know they've been busted" and Judycki profusely congratulates detainees.

"For the most part people are really excited about it and let us know we've made their day, which of course in



Canton Leisure Services staff members Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier (left), Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, Amanda "Siren" Buelow and Travis "The Law" Faulkner muster up excitement over the Random Acts of Fitness program.

turn, makes our day, too," Provenzano said. "We've had some really priceless reactions."

Skeptics, wary of strangers, have said "no thanks" to the prizes, which often include T-shirts, water bot-



Youngsters were at play with bikes and street hockey gear when the Canton Leisure Services "Random Acts of Fitness" crew surprised them last year.

those people are excited," Provenzano said.

FROM GARDENING TO BALL

Although she doesn't take names of prize-winners, Provenzano recalls a few favorite incidents. There was the time the Random Acts team discovered five houses in a row where homeowners were busy gardening.

"It was pretty cool," she recalled. "But the kid playing catch remains our favorite."

The youngster, stationed "way out" in the outfield reluctantly played catch with his father, but was excited about to get an award.

Canton Leisure Services received its own share of kudos earlier this month at the Michigan Recreation & Park Association's Annual Conference, held in Grand Rapids.

Its Random Acts of Fitness program won the Innovative Recreation Programming Award, one of four given to

recreation efforts statewide.

Provenzano said she wouldn't be surprised if similar programs are developed in other Michigan communities this year.

She pegged the cost of the program at two hours worth of staff wages once a month and gas for the van.

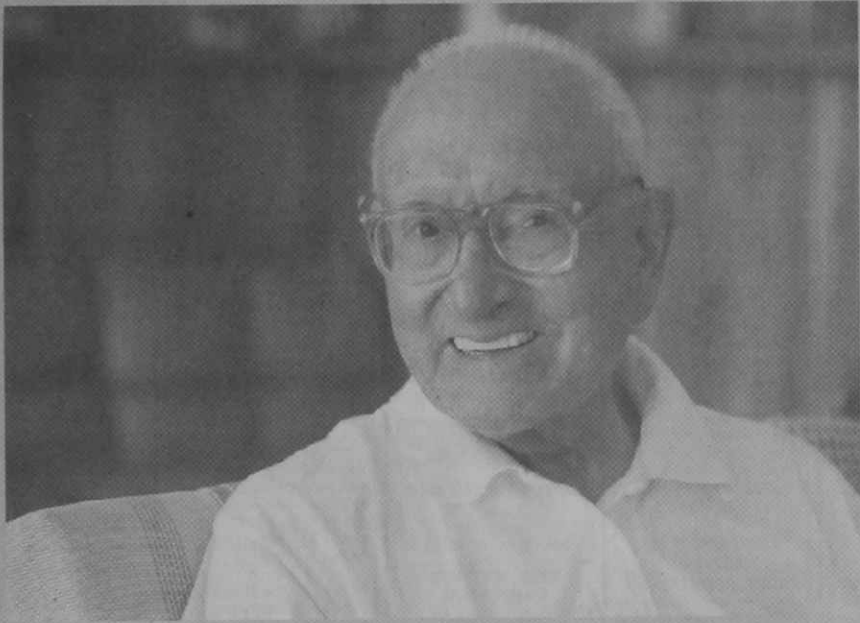
"We're lucky enough to end up with some surplus items throughout the year," she added, referring to the prizes given out.

"We'd love to align ourselves with a sponsor to keep this going. We'd love to have a team uniform to be more recognizable."

Provenzano wouldn't identify the neighborhoods or parks the team will visit on March 9, but said "If you're out moving and getting fresh air, we think you're fair game."

Visit YouTube.com to view a video of the team in action. Type in "Random Acts of Fitness" in the search box on the Web site.

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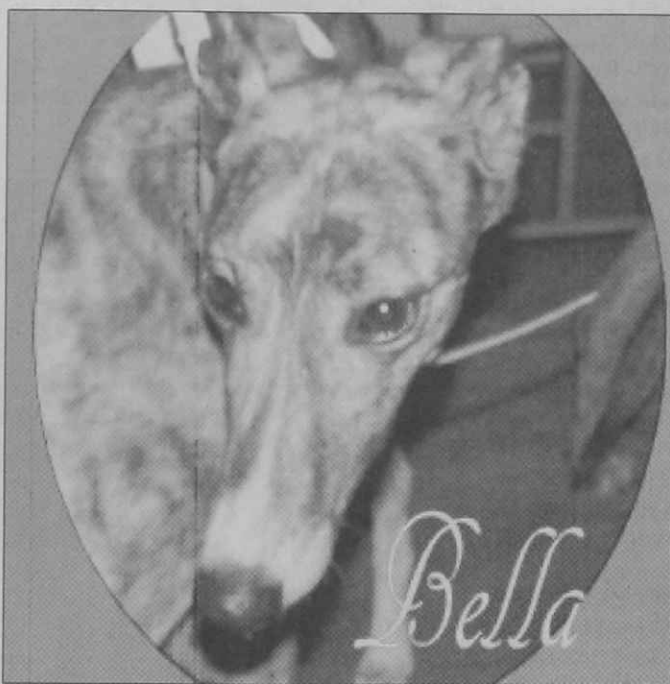
ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Bella is this week's featured greyhound from Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Here's what volunteers say about her:

Bella is two years old, with a lovely brindle coat. One look into her sweet eyes and you'll fall in love. She arrived in Michigan recently from a racetrack in Florida and currently is living with a foster family.

Call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 if you're interested in Bella. Visit the organization's Web site at www.greyheart.org.

Greyheart will have greyhounds on hand at its "meet and greet" sessions, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road and 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.



Bella is living with a foster family until she finds her "forever home."

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Poker fund-raiser

The Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club will hold Texas Hold 'em games, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 981-9904.

Proceeds will benefit the club.

The group also plans a fund-raiser Tuesday, March 9, at Rose's. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of the bill, for any customer who mentions Canton cheerleaders, to the Booster Club.

Bowling for Braille

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is looking for bowlers for its 23rd Annual Bowl-a-thon Sunday, March 21 at SuperBowl, 45100 Ford Road, in Canton.

Deadline to sign up is March 7.

Bowlers will enjoy three games of 9-pin no tap bowling, lunch and an auction, while raising funds through pledges for Seedlings. The organization, which provides high quality, low cost children's literature in braille, aims to raise \$30,000 this year. Every \$10 raised at the event will pay for one braille book.

The minimum amount of pledges per bowler is \$60.

To register, download a bowling brochure and pledge sheet from Seedlings' Web site at www.seedlings.org or call Seedlings at (734) 427-8552.

Pledges also are accepted on the Seedlings Web site or can be mailed to Seedlings Braille Books, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Guest artist

Heiner Hertling, host of the PBS television show, *Your Brush with Nature*, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Garden City Fine Art Association, 7 p.m. March 3 in the Garden City Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Hertling, a member of the Michigan Plein Air Painters and the Society of Animal Artists, is a multi media painter and sculptor. He has won numerous awards including first place in seven state duck and trout stamp competitions and Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year.

Trained in Hamburg, Germany, he immigrated to the United States in 1965. He exhibits in shows, museums, and private collections across the country. Visit his Web site at yourbrushwithnature.com for more information.

Reduce stress through breath, focus on present

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

On the rare occasion Kathy Henning begins to feel stress, she nips negative thoughts in the bud, quiets her mind and focuses on the moment.

"How important it is to stay present in the moment because the mind can get carried away, in particular worrying about the future. We can feel overwhelmed and powerless," said the Henning, a Livonia resident and meditation teacher. "Utilizing the tools to stay present helps us manage the challenges we're facing and by turning our attention within and meditating, we often come up with creative ideas we may not have thought of otherwise."

Henning, who teaches classes in Livonia, Dearborn and Royal Oak, guides listeners through meditation tools on her first CD, *Living in the Present Moment: Everyday Tools and Practices*, (\$15.95) available from Amazon.com and Henning's Web site, www.LivingInThePresentMoment.com.

"Meditation is beneficial on many levels. We're engaged in the world all day long, our senses and energy are pulled outward. If we don't replenish that we feel overwhelmed and exhausted on many levels. Meditation is an opportunity for the body, mind and senses to rejuvenate."

Focusing on breathing and quieting the "chatter" in the mind are among the tools she teaches both on the CD and in classes. Henning said meditating even five minutes daily — "while waiting in line at the post office or waiting for your computer to boot up" — can help reduce stress.

"Stress can have a huge impact on our physical well being...blood pressure, immune system," she noted.

Her new CD represents more than 30 years

training in meditation. It combines soothing music with Henning's voice as she guides listeners through tools they need to stay present and peaceful, as well as through an actual meditation.

Henning, who grew up in Berkley and attended school at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, began learning about

meditation after moving to California in the late 1970s.

"Life was great. I had a wonderful job at CBS (as an usher) and my own place, but I still felt that something was missing," said Henning, who is married. "I was in my early 20s. It was as though I had a sense come from deep within. I could see down the future of my life...if it was just about the material world, I knew it wouldn't fulfill me."

She began studying at meditation centers — often serving as a staff member — and for six years devoted herself to

the study of self-discovery and meditation.

"It is something I wove into my daily life," Henning said. "I still would feel that emptiness if I hadn't heard about the importance of knowing our inner self. When we sit for meditation and turn our attention within we come to know that self that lives inside us."

Henning's meditation classes meet from 7-8 p.m., generally twice monthly. Sessions are \$12 each and are aimed at all ages, both men and women.

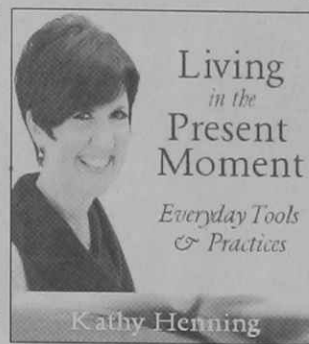
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• Center for Natural Healing, March 11 and 25, Center for Natural Healing, 1103 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

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The cover of Kathy Henning's meditation CD.



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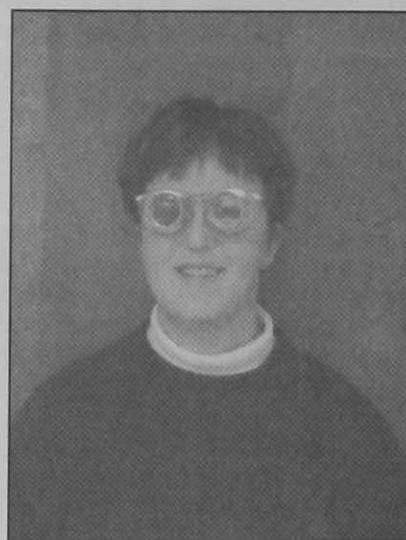
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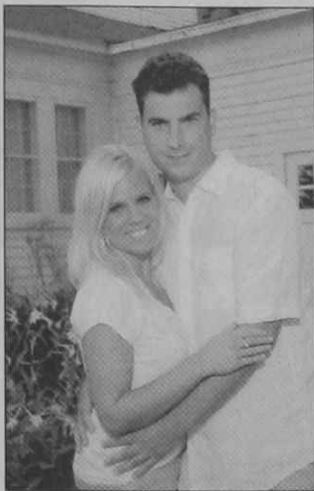
Cesarek-Meyerand

Jennifer Jean Cesarek of Macomb and Robert Joseph Meyerand of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Camille of Macomb and the late Bill J. Cesarek Sr., is a 1999 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township. She received a bachelor's degree in science from Oakland University in 2003 and is employed as a benefits administrator for Select Focus PEO in Macomb.

Her fiancé, son of Bonnie Meyerand of Canton and the late Robert (Bob) R. Meyerand is a 1997 is a graduate of Canton High School in Canton. He received an associate's degree in business from Schoolcraft College in 2008 and is employed in outside sales for Universal Pump Company in Wixom.

The couple met in 2006 at the Red Wings game against Colorado. On Feb. 15, 2009, with the same two teams



Cesarek-Meyerand

playing, Rob proposed to Jen on the Joe Louis JumboTron screen. After some screams and tears from Jen, of course she said yes.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

BAILEY SARAI BOWEN

Bailey Sarai Bowen was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Bailey joins proud parents Dannon and Keisha Bowen and twin sisters, Brooke and Kennedy, 6, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Paul and Sandra Bowen of Canton, Lee and Melba Wade of Canton, and Ben and Marie Hill of Detroit.

Great-grandparents are Nelson Wade of Detroit and Ruthie Nelson of Suwanee, Ga.



Gardner-Minoff

Erika Minoff and Tim Gardner were married Sept. 19, 2009, in California.

The bride, daughter of Robert and Emily Minoff of Livonia, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a counselor at North Mountain Middle School.

The groom, son of Terry and John Gardner of Janesville, Minn., is a golf pro at SCGA golf course in Temecula, Calif.

Scott and Lisa Mallory officiated at the wedding.

The bride's attendants were Rachel Minoff, Maid of Honor; Angela Papak, Matron of Honor; and bridesmaids Kelly Finney, Ashley Stutzmann, and Lindsay Robinson.

The groom's attendants were Chris Gardner, Mike Gardner, Jason Rowe and Jason Cowdin.

A reception was held at



Gardner-Minoff

Temecula Creek Inn, followed by a honeymoon trip to Mexico.

The couple resides in Murrieta, Calif.

Holbel-Comps

Julie Ann Holbel of Canton and Andrew Joseph Comps of Livonia announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Kathy Holbel of Hope, is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Michigan and is employed by Mars Advertising.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Laurie Comps of Livonia, is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He holds a bachelor of business management degree from Eastern Michigan



Holbel-Comps

University and is employed by ReCellular.

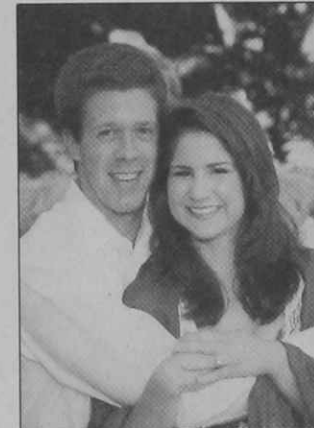
A September wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Maynard-Yetter

Virginia "Gingie" Anne Maynard and Eric James Yetter announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Elise Maynard of Maitland, Fla., graduated from The Geneva School in 2004 and from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and history and a minor in international politics. After graduation she spent 10 months in India doing a field office internship for the International Justice Mission. She is a first year law student at Vanderbilt University.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Cherie Yetter of Farmington Hills, graduated from North Farmington High School in 2004. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of science



Maynard-Yetter

degree in human and organizational development. He is a second year law student at Vanderbilt University.

An August wedding is planned in Orlando, Fla.

'Girls' Night Out' coming soon at zoo

Girls ages 5 and older and their female chaperones ages 18 and older are invited to the Detroit Zoo for a "Girls' Night Out" in celebration of Women's History Month. The overnight event will be held from 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

The overnight adventure at the Ford Education Center will include a late-night tour of the zoo, keeper talks, craft project, marshmallow roast, movie and breakfast at an animal habitat. Guests will also meet some of the dedicated women who work at the Zoo, including members of the animal care staff. The cost for "Girls' Night Out" is \$50 per person.

"This overnight event is a wonderful

opportunity for fun, facts, fellowship and a shared awareness of the role of women in history, especially relative to conservation and animal welfare," said Director of Education Irma J. Hamilton. The theme of Women's History Month 2010 is "Writing Women Back into History."

For more information or to register, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3800, or e-mail education@detroitzoo.org.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The

Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day); admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750, or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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EDWINA ISABELLE (PAPELIAN) MICHALSKI

Age 63 of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at her home. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and faithful friend. Edwina was married 26 years before her husband Dennis preceded her in death in 1996. Beloved wife of the late Dennis; loving daughter of Edward S. (the late Lucille) Papelian; loving mother of Lisa (Steven) Simpson and Matthew (Silvina) Michalski; loving sister of Joseph (Linda) Papelian and Renee Papelian; loving grandmother of Dennis James Simpson and Nicolas Rey Michalski; dear daughter in law of Lillian (the late Michael) Michalski; dear sister in law of Tom (Lynne) Michalski; dear aunt of Jenni Michalski. Edwina was retired from the Birmingham school system and loved her work in the classroom. Her family was the pride and joy of her life and her family was always at the top of her priorities. Edwina loved her family and never missed an opportunity to talk about her grandchildren. Edwina was surrounded by friends, which was a testament of her giving heart to all. Words cannot express how much Edwina will be missed by her family and friends. Service has already taken place. Memorial donations can be sent to ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, (248) 541-8325.

JOANNE A. SIMONE

February 20, 2010 Age 84 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Pamela McLean (the late David) and Heidi Simone (Paul Goldman). Dear grandmother of Matthew McLean. Private family services have been held. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

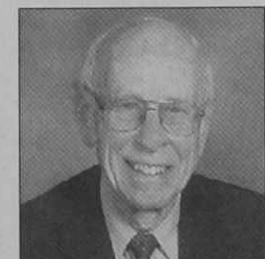


RAYMOND EUGENE SMITH

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 grandchildren 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!

JAYNE M. WILSON

Age 85, of Plymouth, former Livonia teacher, passed away February 20, 2010. Graduate of MSU and later earning her teaching certificate from Wayne State University. She taught second grade at Jackson Elementary and Kennedy schools in Livonia from 1960 to 1986. She was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, on the board of MARSP, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, Northwest Chapter and served as Historian and Secretary of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, TAU Chapter. Loving wife of the late George R. Wilson and Harold L. Summerlee. Beloved mother of Hal Summerlee, Rick Summerlee, Sue (Mike) Magel and Tom Wilson. Proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Bruce Allmayer. A memorial gathering will be held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday March 9, 2010 from 12:00-3:00pm. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children or to the Alzheimer's Association. Share memories at schrader-howell.com



ROGER H. BLACKWOOD

Age 88, of Troy MI, died February 20, 2010 at his home. He was born June 8, 1921 in Detroit to Fred Harrison Blackwood and Bessie Mae Blackwood. Roger graduated in 1943 with a Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. He served in the US Army from 1943 to 1946 as a Second Lieutenant. On August 20, 1948 Roger married Barbara Louise Cavan. She preceded Roger in death in February 2000. A successful Real Estate broker and Appraiser for over 60 years, Roger was known for his integrity in all business relationships and was highly sought after for his extensive knowledge of the Detroit metropolitan area. He served as President of the Detroit Board of Realtors in 1969. Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Roger is survived by his daughters Nancy Blackwood, Boulder, CO and Sally Blackwood, San Francisco, CA; Son, Roger Blackwood Jr., Wixom, MI; 3 grandchildren, Jessie Newell (Kennith), Springfield, OR, Toby Krempel, Seattle, WA and Sarah Krempel, Rohnert Park, CA.; 3 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alyssa, and Ryan Newell; and his dear friend Mary Ashcraft. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday March 13 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 Adams Road, Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48063. Please sign Roger's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

EVELYN M. CAREY

February 21, 2010 in San Antonio, TX, age 95. Retired lifetime employee of Ford Motor Company, Sheldon Road Plant. Beloved wife of the late James E. Crump. Dear mother of the late Shirley Ann McKinley. Grandmother of Terri and Bernard Wright Jr. Visitation Sunday 1pm-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following on Monday at 2pm. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com.



WINSTON T. CHURCHILL

Of Redford, died February 19, 2010, age 87. Retired FBI Special Agent, and beloved husband of Marilyn for 64 years. Dear father of Melody Lepley of Livonia, Perry of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Winston II (Gloria) of St. Petersburg, Florida. Winston joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Second Engineers Special Brigade. During WWII he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Phillipine Islands. Winston was the first Magistrate of the 17th District Court in Redford Township where he served for 25 years; active member of the Redford Lions Club. Services were held on Monday, February 22 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia, followed by burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Obituary and Guestbook at www.mannsfuneralhome.com

DORIS CONWELL

Retired bank manager and resident of Beverly Hills from 1963 to 2009, died February 22, 2010, in Lansing, MI, at the age of 88. Doris is survived by her four children: Michael Conwell of East Lansing, MI; Margaret Austin of Greenbelt, MD; Madelyn Kuhen of Cleveland, OH; and Marti Orton of Traverse City, MI. In addition, she is survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



JOSEPH J. GADBAW
Died February 21, 2010

Traverse City - Dr. Joseph John Gadbaw, 93, of Traverse City died at home on his beloved Boardman river on February 21, 2010 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving wife Ann and their children. They recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Dr. Joe was born in 1916 to the late Joseph and Wanda (Dombrowska) Sakowski in Utica, NY. He was adopted and raised by Marion Gadbaw. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College in 1939 and a Medical Degree from Syracuse University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1946-1948. He lived and practiced medicine in Farmington for 38 years and dedicated his career to the care to the elderly. He was Medical Director of the Long Term Care Facility at Wayne County General Hospital from 1968-1972 and he joined the staff at Henry Ford Hospital in 1976. In 1993, his lifetime of work was honored by the American College of Physicians in naming him a Laureate. He was a loving and care physician who went beyond the call of duty, often making house calls on those who could not get to his office. He retired at age 73 and moved to Traverse City with his wife in 1990. His most important accomplishment was the inspiration that he imparted to his children and their children to strive for excellence in their life pursuits. Dr. Joe's greatest passions included golfing, carving, and fly fishing. He became interested in hickory stick golf clubs and was the driving force behind "The Haig" and annual tournament at Elmbrook Golf Course where participants dress in period clothes and use hickory stick golf clubs. He enjoyed playing in this tournament with his wife, three sons and grandsons. Joseph is survived by his wife Ann and their eight children, Joann Gadbaw, Dr. Joseph (Vicki) Gadbaw Jr., R. Michael (Sally Chandler) Gadbaw, John Gadbaw, Mary (Steve) Davis, Anne (Erik) Paus, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse and Cate Gadbaw, 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Heritage Center, Munson Hospice, or St. Francis Catholic Church. Please visit Dr. Joe's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your thought and memories with the family. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

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BERTHA (BEA) MAATTALA

Peacefully passed away on February 3, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. She is preceded in death by her husband, Tarmo (Matt) Maattala. Mrs. Maattala was a secretary for Farmington Public Schools and later for her brother, Dr. John Geralt, at his medical practice. She and Matt enjoyed traveling across Europe, Scandinavia, and cruising the Caribbean. She was also active in the Swedish Club, Scandia Women's Chorus, and the Finnish Center of Farmington Hills. Her beautiful smile and gracious spirit will be missed by the many who knew her. She is survived by step-children Carole and Mike Maattala of Farmington, daughter Marge Bilker (Marc), grandchildren Michael and Molly Bilker of Denver, brother Dr. John Geralt (Andrea), and many nieces and nephews and their children. A memorial service is planned for April 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations may be made to the Finnish Cultural Center or The Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington, MI 48336.



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NEW FACES

Three doctors recently joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. They are:

• Dr. Mohammed Ogaily is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. He received a medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. He completed a residency at Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y. and hematology and medical oncology fellowships at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Ogaily is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.

His office, Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 365-5154.

• Dr. Michael Rosen, an internal medicine specialist, holds an MD degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. He completed a residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and completed an Internal Medicine/Hypertension fellowship at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn.

Rosen is board certified in internal medicine and a member of the American Society of Hypertension and American College of Physicians.

His office, Infinity Primary Care, is located at 20276 Middlebelt, Suite 7, Livonia; (248) 477-8000.

• Dr. Bruce St. Amour is the graduate medical education residency program director of emergency medicine for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He received a DO degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing and completed a residency at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

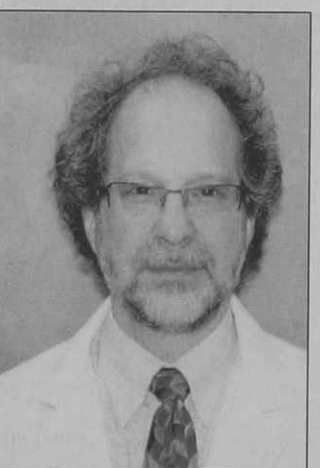
St. Amour is board certified in emergency medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College



Bruce St. Amour



Mohammed Ogaily



Michael Rosen

of Emergency Physicians, and American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

His office is in St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia; (734) 655-2727.

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

• Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, will include a prostate exam by a physician, blood test for prostate-specific antigen, cholesterol check, blood pressure screening, skin cancer check and information related to healthy living. These screenings are free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

• Gayle Young, Sleep Center coordinator at St. Mary Mercy's Sleep Disorders Center, will speak at a presentation on sleep problems, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the hospital auditorium. She will discuss sleep apnea and treatment, insomnia, good sleep hygiene as well as how sleep problems can affect your overall health. She'll have CPAP machines and supplies on hand. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, but the program is open to the public.

A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for more information.

• "Parenting with Love and Logic" for parents with elementary age children, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Classrooms 1 & 2. The program uses a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. The fee is \$10 per person, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information or to register. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Hydrocephalus Association

Dr. Steven Ham, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan is the guest speaker at a support group meeting, 6:20-8:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi. RSVP to Jennifer Bechard by Friday March 12 at (734) 890-2665 or e-mail to p-jenniferb@hydroassoc.org

Teens and drugs

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, offers a two-part program, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," 7:30-9 p.m., March 2 and 9. The first session will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems.

The second session will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. It will include a recovering teen speaker.

The programs are free and open to the public. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or visit <http://www.teensusingdrugs.org>.

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

"Heartsaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the

Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church,

28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.



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Forget all the talk about the recession and the economy -- well, at least try for a minute. Think about what you want in a career. On any given day you probably would like to have most or all of the following: Good pay, Opportunity for career growth, A stable industry, and High demand for your work

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In tough economic times, this kind of job sounds like a fantasy. But it's a reality for the health-care industry. Unlike many fields, health care can't be outsourced -- unless you want to go overseas to fix your sprained ankle. With a growing population that's living longer, the need for medical personnel continues to rise.

Another attractive aspect of working in health care is that education requirements for various positions range from a high school diploma with some training to advanced medical degrees combined with extensive training.

If you're considering a job in health care, here are 13 jobs that you might want to consider, along with their projected employment growth and mean annual wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics respond to emergency calls as instructed by dispatchers. They arrive on the scene to address medical emergencies, which can require on-site treatment or transportation to a hospital.

2006 employment: 201,000*;
Projected 2016 employment: 240,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$30,870

Police, fire and ambulance dispatchers answer 911 calls and decide what emergency personnel, such as paramedics or firefighters, need to respond to the situation.

2006 employment: 99,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 113,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$34,060

Chiropractors treat patients who suffer from pain or conditions associated with their muscles and bones, most often the spine.

2006 employment: 53,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 60,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$81,390

Dental hygienists perform examinations on patients' teeth and gums and assess overall dental health. They often prepare records and reports on patients for the dentist.

2006 employment: 167,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 217,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$64,910

Dental assistants prepare the patient before meeting with the dentist and also prepare materials for the dentist to use during the appointment. They are not licensed to perform any dental procedures.

2006 employment: 280,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 362,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$32,280

Dentists treat patients for conditions concerning their teeth and gums. They also perform routine checkups for patients in order to prevent any dental problems.

2006 employment: 136,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 149,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$147,010

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons perform surgery on a patient's jaw or mouth. For many people, the first time they see an oral surgeon is for problems with wisdom teeth.

2006 employment: 7,700;
Projected 2016 employment: 8,400; **Mean annual wage:** \$178,440

Orthodontists treat patients who need braces or retainers to straighten their teeth.

2006 employment: 9,200;
Projected 2016 employment: 10,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$185,340

Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants work in hospitals or health-care facilities, helping patients perform routine tasks such as walking, bathing or eating.

2006 employment: 1,447,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 1.71 million; **Mean annual wage:** \$23,920

Home health aides work with patients who are living at home and provide assistance with everyday tasks, such as eating and bathing. They also help patients follow doctor's instructions for routine exercise.

2006 employment: 787,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 1.17 million; **Mean annual wage:** \$20,850

Optometrists check the visual health of a patient. They prescribe glasses or contacts and treat eye diseases or other conditions.

2006 employment: 33,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 36,000; **Mean annual wage:** \$101,840

Pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers produce medications that have been created by scientists and medical experts. They ensure that medication passes all the necessary tests for human consumption as decided by government guidelines.

2006 employment: 292,000;
Projected 2016 employment: 361,204; **Mean annual wage:** n/a

Registered nurses help patients by treating their conditions or ailments and teaching them how to properly care for themselves. They work in a variety of medical care facilities, including hospitals and clinics.

2006 employment: 2.5 million;
Projected 2016 employment: 3.1 million; **Mean annual wage:** \$62,480

**Salary data and employment projections based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed on Jan. 19, 2009.*

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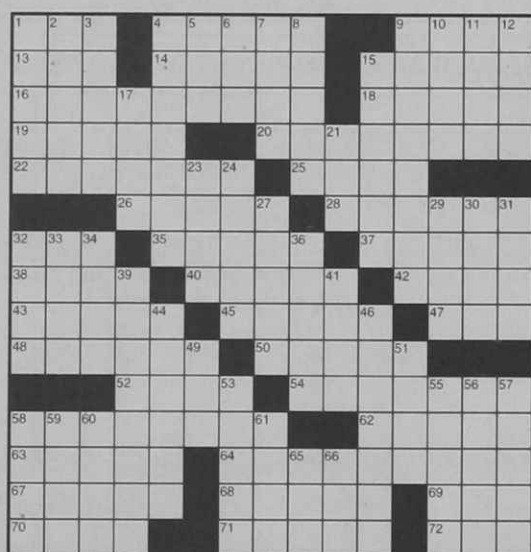
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Dodge Ram Laramie Is A Serious Work Truck

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CAReport



By Dave Menard
For Avanti NewsFeatures

Some people buy pickup trucks just for show; some people buy trucks because they occasionally have to move some small items or tow small trailers. Then there are those folks who really need a large working truck, the kind of truck that can haul big loads, maybe carry a work crew and go just about anywhere. If that's you, I just may have a truck for you.

The new Dodge Ram 3500 Laramie Mega Cab is nothing if it's not big (and they don't call it Mega Cab for nothing). This thing is huge; with a width of more than 79 inches I couldn't fit it in my driveway if I wanted to park another vehicle next to it. And at more than 78 inches in height, you'll need to use the running board to step up into it. Its size also makes it an adventure to park. I tend to look for large open lots and park where I'm not near other vehicles.

The flip side is that its size gives you impressive interior room and cargo space. With the Mega Cab configuration, you get the longest crew cab available, 143.2 cubic feet. That includes 72 cubic feet of interior cargo room, 7.7 cubic feet of cargo volume behind the rear seat and 16.8 square feet of flat floor load area. If your cargo is of the human variety, you'll be pleased to note there's tons

of leg room in the second row (44.2 inches) plus the rear seats recline. You can opt for leather-trimmed seats, and you can get both rows of seats heated.

Up front, there's plenty of room as well. You can stretch up and out, and the seats are quite comfortable and provide good support. The driver's seat is 10-way power-adjustable and has a memory function; the passenger's seat is six-way power-adjustable.

Air-conditioning is standard, as are a leather-wrapped steering wheel, cruise control, remote keyless entry, power windows and locks and a rear power sliding window. You can get an optional sunroof.

The standard audio system is a nine-speaker system that features an AM/FM/CD/DVD head unit that plays mp3s and includes a hard drive on which to store music. You can upgrade to a system that includes navigation and traffic information. Satellite radio is included in the first year at no extra cost, so there are plenty of entertainment options available. If you are carrying folks in the rear seat (whether its your work crew or your family), you can entertain them, as well, with the optional rear seat video system that includes select TV channels provide by Sirius satellite.



The Dodge 3500 Mega Cab is large and in charge of the job site.

But all the entertainment in the world doesn't help if you can't get the truck to do what you need it to do. The 3500 Laramie Mega Cab is powered by a 6.7-liter turbo diesel engine. A gas engine isn't available on the 3500; there is a 5.7-liter HEMI gasoline engine available on the 2500 series Ram. Rated at 350 horsepower and 650 lb.-ft. of torque, the diesel provides plenty of power. It's mated with a six-speed manual transmission or an optional six-speed automatic, which performs well. You can shift on-the-fly from two-wheel to four-wheel drive when necessary.

The Ram handles like you'd expect for a large truck. It feels like a large truck and can be a bit difficult to maneuver. The ride is fairly comfortable, with fully boxed frame and a coil suspension setup. The anti-lock four-wheel disc brakes are very good, and the 3500 diesel comes with an exhaust brake for extra stopping power while hauling large loads on downhill grades. The cooling system is heavy duty for extra towing power.

You'd expect a truck this size to be able to tow large loads, and you'd be right. Towing capability is 17,600 lbs. and the payload is a maximum 5150 lbs. The Cross Axle Weight Rating has been increased to 5500 lbs.,

allowing more front-weight carrying capacity, including greater snowplow weights.

This is clearly a truck that works, yet it looks pretty good, too. The lines are large and strong, with power chrome heated mirrors, fog lamps, and chrome surround grille. Tow hooks are standard, as are a trailer harness plug and class IV receiver.

Supplemental side curtain front and rear air bags are standard and you can get an optional rear backup camera.

The 3500 Laramie Crew Cab starts at a little under \$51,000. Add the leather trimmed buckets, the automatic transmission, sunroof, rear backup camera, upgraded audio system and the rear seat entertainment system and you're at about \$56,000. Serious money, but this is a serious truck.

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