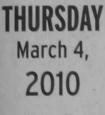
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CANTON CONNECTION Senate hours

Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, conducts office hours Friday, March 5, from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For directions and more infor-

mation about the library, visit their Web site at www.cantonpl.org.

Residents are welcome to share questions or concerns with Trussell. For more information, call (734) 558-0367.

CFCU scholars

Community Financial, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

Applications can only be made online by going to http://scholarships.egrant.org, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships.

Students who qualify need only complete just one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.

Band hopefuls The award-winning Plymouth-

Canton Marching Band, a 22time Bands of America finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, is hosting a series of informational meetings for students and parents interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Alexander Wright, a 1994 graduate of Canton High School, is producing a science show, 'Think Squad,' for Detroit Public Television.

Wright as rain Canton grad carving out niche in public TV

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One of the most important lessons Alexander Wright has learned working as a free-lancer in the TV business is this: "You're only as good as your last job."

But Wright, a 1994 graduate of Canton High School, is pretty happy with the job he has now, working as an independent contractor producing a show called Think Squad for PBS.



Social studies course stirs controversy

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Teachers and administrators knew the first African-American history course description they were developing for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' social studies curriculum was going to contain controversial material.

What they didn't necessarily expect was the controversy that came before the course was even approved.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week approved the course description for African-American History & Culture, the district's first such course on African-American history. But the approval didn't come easily; discussion was pulled from the school board agenda several times while the parameters of an "advisory" committee were worked out.

In the end, after weeks of haggling, the board voted to approve both the committee and the course.

"This is a very difficult topic," board President Steven Sneideman said. "Everybody here has it in their heart to do the right thing. We're a diverse community and we want to do what's right to address that diversity.

The course, developed by Salem High School social studies teacher Carrie Chobanian, is designed to examine African-American history from the 1890s to the present. Students will "revisit key themes, such as empowerment, community, identity, the role of the church, citizenship, entrepreneurship, oppression and cultural expression, according to the course description.

As part of the course, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit "is willing to partner" with PCCS to "engage in a service-learning collaboration between students in the class and the museum," according to the course escription.

open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier, and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing eighthgraders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the open house meetings (Tuesday, March 16; Thursday, April 22; Wednesday, May 19) at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

Questions? Contact Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands, at (734) 582-5665 or Sheldon.Frazier@pccsmail.net.

It's the latest stop in a career that started in film school at the University of Michigan and has included a variety of projects including a historical perspective on U-M football that led to a job with Fox Sports Detroit.

"Obviously, it feels good to see your name in the credits," said Wright, who graduated U-M with a degree in film and video and a second major in Italian language.

Wright, the son of Nancy and Plymouth City Commissioner Mike Wright, got his start locally. As a youngster, he ushered at the Penn Theatre. At the University of Michigan, he studied under Plymouth screenwriter Jim Burnstein, the coordinator of the screenwriting program at U-M's Department of Screen Arts & Cultures. In fact, Wright was on

'Think Squad' actors Kelley Donnelly and Alexis Ackridge run through a scene.

duty at the Penn when the theater showed Renaissance Man, the feature film starring Danny DeVito for which Burnstein penned the screenplay.

Burnstein, according to Wright, 'passed me around to be a gopher" for a variety of TV producers, allowing Wright to learn the ropes. Burnstein chuckles at that characterization, since one of the "gopher jobs" he helped Wright get was with Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sue Marx.

"(Wright) is a super smart guy, very creative and he's got this easy-going manner that allows

him to really do anything behind the camera," Burnstein recalled. "He can produce, he can shoot, he can work with actors. He's got a very low-key persona that just makes you feel comfortable. You could see that even when he was doing college films.'

Wright ended up at Detroit Public TV, where he produced largely documentaries, including the U-M football documentary, Michigan Football Memories, the project Wright said "got me in the door" at Fox Sports Detroit. There, he worked on shows such

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But the time frame of the course, whose study would begin around the time of Jim Crow laws mandating racial segregation, and the potential teachers of the course, drew the concern of Adrienne Davis, the board's only African-American representative.

"I was a little disturbed to hear a white teacher discuss an African-American course that was written completely from a white perspective," Davis said. "In 2010, that's disturbing. It's not 'like' or 'not like' the class. There is a perspective to the African-American experience that the Caucasian perspective can't bring.

Not everyone feels that way. Social studies teacher Darrin Silvester, who recalled adversity he faced when introducing material about the gay-lesbian lifestyle several years ago, had high praise both for the course and its writer.

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LaJoy uses speech to toot Canton's horn

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In a sobering yet upbeat State of the Township address Wednesday afternoon, Supervisor Phil LaJoy touted Canton as a community that continues to thrive despite mounting revenue losses that are projected to reach \$5.2 million during a twoyear period ending in 2011.

"Times are tough and nobody is fooling anybody or taking anything for granted," LaJoy told a large crowd inside the 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "We are faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles from the feds, the state and the overall economy. We are completely surrounded by uncertainty."

Yet, he said Canton continues to lure new companies, draw national attention and provide a toptier quality of life amid declining revenues, high unemployment and home foreclosures - all while maintaining an 8.65-mill tax rate he called "one of the lowest in the area."

Following efforts to operate even more efficiently and not fill many vacant positions, Canton still offers "an outstanding quality of life for our resi-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spring must be on the way, because Kim Scartelli helped promote the Chamber's "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" event with some Cracker Jacks.

dents with no reduction in services," LaJoy said during a State of the Township address hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Canton is trying to offset lost revenues through

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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 homegrown, 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.

Business women meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938

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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

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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.

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Damaris scholars

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

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

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

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

the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio. For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734)

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The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original

Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

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

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



Snow giant

After a trip to Texas, where the weather was dry with temperatures in the 60s, for a swing-dancing workshop, and the subsequent long drive home, Emilie Pickert of Canton and her friend, Royal Oak's David Idzior, saw all the snow Michigan had gotten and did what millions of kids do. "We were surprised to see snow again, not to mention being really happy to get out of the car," Pickert said. "David test the perfect-packing snow, and within a half-hour a fivesnowball-stacked snowman stood in my front yard." The pair laughed about the circumstance, then watched as passers-by slowed to stare at the creation.

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LOCAL NEWS

Sandwich earns All Saints Small businesses get student slice of the finals

BY BRAD KADRICH ORSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like the old Frank Sinatra song says, Stephanie Hosko's "little town blues" will be melting away when she heads to the Big Apple as a finalist in Jif's "Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest.

Stephanie, the 10-year-old daughter of John and Lauren Hosko of Plymouth, learned last week she'd been chosen among the top five finalists in on-line voting in the contest, which concluded Feb. 12. At stake is a \$25,000 grand prize, with \$2,500 scholarships up for grabs for the four runners-up. It'll be the first trip to New York for Stephanie, a fifthgrader at Canton's All Saints Catholic School.

"I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe this,'" Stephanie recalled of getting the news. "It was so unreal.'

Stephanie's sandwich - a "chickenchita" she developed with her grandmother, Diane Roslinski - features grilled chicken, sauteed red peppers, crushed pineapple, pineapple juice, lettuce and soy sauce, along with the requisite peanut butter, on a flour tortilla. Now Stephanie gets to take

the creation to New York, where she and the other four finalists will each individually demonstrate their sandwich creations during a live judging event March 19 before a panel of judges that includes parenting author Miriam Weinstein, Good Housekeeping Senior Food Editor Genevie Ko, Jif Mom's Voice their Choice Winner, Lisa Roberts; registered dietitian and nutritionist Marissa Lippert and MomCentral.com founder and CEO Stacy DeBroff.

The whole story - which started when Roslinkski, a dental hygienist, found out about the contest from a patient - just keeps getting more and more surreal. After reading about Stephanie's creation, Bill

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Stephanie Hosko, with mom Lauren, takes her 'chickenchita' to New York for the finals of Jif's Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich contest. Stephanie's creation finished in the top five in on-line voting.

Sorenson, who owns Nassau Bar and Grill in Plymouth Township, made the sandwich a featured menu item. Now comes the trip to New York.

"It's really strange how it started off as a whim, and it just got bigger and bigger," said Stephanie's dad, John. "We got the e-mail telling us where they're going to stay,

and it's right there in Times Square. How cool is that? I'm really excited for her."

Stephanie still has her eyes - and her hopes - on the grand prize.

"I want that really bad," Stephanie said. "You make a sandwich and you have a chance to go to New York. It's unbelievable.

a chance to SCORE

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton has unveiled a new tool to help small businesses and entrepreneurs prosper - and even thrive - despite a lingering economic downturn.

Small business representatives and budding entrepreneurs seeking to start new companies have an opportunity to receive free business counseling through the Ann Arbor chapter of a nonprofit organization that has helped 7.5 million businesses across the nation.

Canton Chamber of Commerce leaders have announced the start-up this month of free, confidential, small business counseling services through the Ann Arbor chapter of SCORE, whose professional counselors offer advice in areas such as accounting, finance, marketing, management and business structures.

It's the first time the Canton chamber has partnered with SCORE. **Chamber President Dianne** Cojei said appointments are available Fridays at chamber offices, 45525 Hanford Road, by calling (734) 453-4040.

"We are just really pleased that SCORE is going to do this here," Cojei said. "We're very excited. It's a win-win for the businesses.

SCORE's Ann Arbor chapter started providing counseling services to entrepreneurs in

Washtenaw, Livingston and Lenawee counties in 2000, and it now has more than 30 counselors

Nationally, SCORE started its free services in 1964 and has some 11,500 volunteer counselors who are experienced business owners and managers that donate their time and expertise as mentors.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton's economic development manager, said the program can be an effective tool both for small businesses and upcoming entrepreneurs.

"These are professionals in their field, so this is a great resource for our local businesses to be able to utilize at no charge," she said. "It can help businesses thrive in this (difficult) economy, but also with this economy there are opportunities.

"If someone has an idea for a new business or diversification of an existing business, this provides some resources to help them make good decisions," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

For more information about SCORE, log on to www.annarborscore.org.

According to SCORE's Web site, a free seminar covering the legal, financial and accounting aspects of starting a business also will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the IKEA store in Canton. Registration is available through the Web site.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

One charged, one waiting in drug-related arrest

Canton police arrested one man on drug-related charges and released a second suspect pending possible charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, after officers responded to reports of a home invasion about 2:40 p.m. Feb. 24 on Proctor, west of Morton Taylor and north of Palmer.

Police found two male suspects at the house, including one man who said he used to live there with his mother, who had died. The man conceded he no longer had permission to be in the house, which a police report indicated had been foreclosed.

The second male suspect conceded he was in possession of a metal crack cocaine pipe, multiple syringes and other drug-related paraphernalia.

A police report indicated the two men had stayed overnight in the house, using heroin and ripping out copper wiring and other metal from the home.

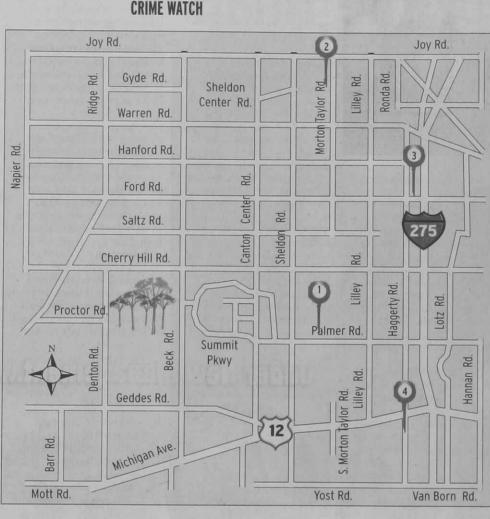
Police arrested one man for having drug paraphernalia, and the other was released as Wayne County prosecutors reviewed the case for possible charges.

Drug bust

2 Township police arrested a 21-year-old man who was wanted for larceny from a building in Pittsfield Township, and they also found drug-related paraphernalia and what the suspect indicated was a small bag of heroin.

The incident happened about 10:35 p.m. Feb. 25 outside a closed business on Morton Taylor south of Joy Road.

An officer noticed a black Ford Thunderbird parked in the lot after business hours, and a man in the car initially told police he had pulled over



to use a phone.

Police learned the man had a warrant for his arrest out of Pittsfield Township, and further investigation led them to finding several syringes, a metal spoon and a small bag that officers were told contained heroin.

The suspect told police he had been planning to enter into a drug-rehabilitation program.

Suspicious situation

3 Police on patrol arrested a man after first noticing a suspicious situation outside the Motel 6 on Ford Road west of I-275 around 10 p.m. Monday.

Police noticed the 46-yearold man was slouched in the seat of a Dodge Dakota that was parked outside the motel, and he initially told officers he had come outside to use his cell phone because it wouldn't work in the room. He said the truck belonged to a cousin who

had walked to a gas station. Police did a background check and learned that the man was wanted for failing to appear in court and for prior drug offenses in Romulus and Westland,

according to police reports. Police also found that the man had a small amount of marijuana in a sandwich bag, and the remnants of several marijuana cigarettes in a

Marlboro box.

Warrant arrest

4 Canton police arrested a 19-year-old Belleville man who was wanted on a warrant out of Garden City for being a disorderly person.

The arrest happened about 5:50 p.m. Feb. 23 when police noticed a Toyota had stopped on Haggerty Road, south of Michigan Avenue, with its emergency lights flashing, and it was blocking a curb lane.

The car then continued at a low rate of speed, and police stopped the driver to make sure nothing was amiss. Police took the driver into custody after learning that he was wanted for the warrant out of Garden City.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports Secretary of State.

Assault conviction lands man in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A 36-year-old man who tried to flee the country after he severely beat a woman in Canton has been sentenced to one to four years in prison, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Rustam Umidilloevich Ahmedov, a Uzbekistan native captured in Houston as he tried to board a plane to leave the United States, was sentenced in February after he pleaded no contest in Wayne County Circuit Court to a reduced charge of felonious assault.

Ahmedov could potentially have faced penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison if he had gone to trial and been convicted of an original, more serious charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Ahmedov, who police say had been living in the Dearborn area, was accused of beating a 38-year-old woman around 3 a.m. Oct. 10 after he brought her to a workplace near Ronda and Joy roads on Canton's north side, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.



and Schreiner said the injured woman was found wandering near the area where she was beaten. Schreiner said

The pair had been dating,

the woman appeared confused. She was pretty severely beaten," he said.

Authorities said Ahmedov initially fled to Florida and then to Houston, where he was captured at the airport by U.S. immigration officials before he could flee the country. An extradition team returned him to Michigan, where he was arraigned on criminal charges on Nov. 9.

Ahmedov appeared in 35th District Court on Nov. 20 and voluntarily waived his preliminary examination - a move that averted testimony during the hearing and resulted in his case being sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for disposition.

Ahmedov had been ordered jailed with a \$100,000 cash bond set by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou during the Nov. 9 arraignment.

Canton man charged in vehicle B&Es

Canton Township police arrested a 20-year-old Canton resident they suspect of breaking into several cars in the Canton Administration and Police parking lot.

Christopher Neil March was arraigned Friday in Plymouth's 35th District Court on one count of larceny from a motor vehicle, a five-year felony; one count of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, a two-year high misdemeanor; three counts of breaking and entering a vehicle, a 93-day misdemeanor; one count of operating while intoxicated, a 93-day misdemeanor; and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle advisory which, if convicted on the felony, would result in his license being suspended by the



According to police, a township employee spotted March entering and exiting several Canton Townshipowned and employee-

owned vehicles around 3 a.m. Thursday. The employee immediately notified an onduty officer of what was taking place. March was questioned by officers, who recovered two pieces of property stolen from the parked vehicles.

Judge James Plakas ordered a \$50,000 bond for March, and set his preliminary exam date for March 12 at 35th District Court.

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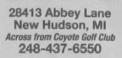
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Benefit for Transition Center scholarships. Tickets: \$35 per person (\$18 tax deductible).

Collage Concert March 13

March 9

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 Boivert 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.



economic development by luring new companies and helping existing businesses to "thrive and expand," he said. The effort has included a marketing campaign dubbed "Canton: We've Got It.

"This promotion allows us to market Canton's assets, such as an educated workforce, diversity, strategic location, safe community, businessfriendly (climate), excellent schools and diverse housing." LaJoy said.

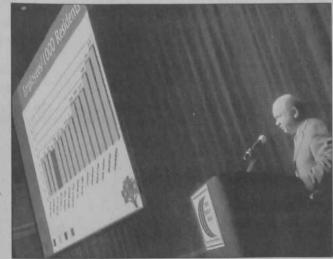
The township also has launched a new economic development Web site, www. thinkcanton.org, and formed partnerships with county and state agencies, the township's library, the Michigan Small **Business** Development and Technology Center at Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Works! program, he said.

Moreover, Canton has been chosen this year for a segment on a national television show, Inside Business Review, which local officials say will bring untold attention to the township. Filming is expected to begin in late March.

Despite an economic recession, Canton has drawn expanding companies such as **Danotek Motion Technologies** and the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology, and LaJoy said announcements are expected soon about other companies.

Moreover, LaJoy said local officials will weigh the potential economic benefits of becoming involved in a socalled aerotropolis - a move by regional officials to spur business growth along a swath of land between Willow Run and Detroit Metro airports.

Just recently, LaJoy said he unveiled his plan for Team Canton by enlisting corporate officials, educators, elected leaders, church representatives, community volunteers and others to help draft a plan



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy delivers the State of the Township address, talking here about the staffing levels of the township.

for how Canton can weather a rough economy. LaJoy also urged local residents to respond to this year's U.S. Census so Canton can snag its fair share of federal dollars.

He reflected on successes the community has had in the past year, including a 40-percent spike in recycling efforts; road projects such as the resurfacing of Lilley from Cherry Hill to Palmer; passage of a vacant property ordinance to battle foreclosure blight; and continued efforts to inspire a sense of community through Liberty Fest, Canton Farmers Market and other events.

Shahnaz Broucek, who owns a mortgage company with her husband, called LaJoy's speech "point on and transparent." She was encouraged that the township is planning a multiyear budget, and she was pleased to hear LaJoy emphasize quality-of-life issues despite tough economic times. "We have a plan to get through it," she said.

LaJoy cited disappointments such as Canton's loss of a \$20.3 million federal stimulus grant to reshape the trafficclogged I-275/Ford Road interchange. Even so, he vowed to push federal, state and county officials for a solution. LaJoy also pointed to

across-the-board achievements among township departments, such as police department upgrades and a Canton Leisure Services survey that is helping to chart recreation improvements. He also said the Downtown Development Authority has continued to draw shoppers to the key Ford Road commercial corridor.

Canton also has been in the national spotlight after two. ice-dancing teams captured gold and silver Olympic medals after training at the township's Arctic Edge Ice Arena. Township employee John

Spencer, information technology manager, said LaJoy didn't mince words about the money crisis facing all Michigan communities, "but it looks like Phil has a plan to deal with it."

In closing remarks, LaJoy reminded the crowd that Canton's logo is a tree - a logo that's seen throughout the township.

"That tree has changed and adapted through the years - just like Canton has," he said. "And like a tree, we have grown. We have deep roots those roots of community that will surely keep us grounded and standing tall.

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"This is a profoundly creative course ... Carrie Chobanian is one of the best teachers I've ever known," Silvester told board members at the Feb. 23 meeting, when course approval was last pulled from the agenda. "Will it cause risks? Yes. But it's about risk and trust. You have to trust your teachers."

Davis expressed a concern about a non-African American teaching the course - "If you have not experienced discrimination, how can you teach it?' she asked - but it's a concern not shared by the administration.

"The course is rigorous, and it gives students an option they've expressed an interest in," said Cindy Swift, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction. "I am confident we have teachers in our social studies department who can teach this course. Still, the board felt com-

pelled to establish the advisory committee for the course. The committee will be made up of

seven-12 members, a third of which would be appointed by the board and a third of which would be from the African-American community. Among the committee's responsibilities would be recommending content modifications, identifying possible class resources and recommend "appropriate adjustments" for future semesters.

According to Swift, it will be the only course - outside sex education courses, which she said are required by law to have such committees oversee them - to have an "advisory' committee.

The words "advisory" and "recommend content modifications" replace the terms "oversight" and "make content modifications," respectively, a compromise at least some board members felt was more in spirit with normal board policy.

"It fits with our board job, which is eyes in, fingers out,' said board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger. "I think this will be a terrific course. We need to make sure we encourage our staff and not dictate to them."

Schoolcraft hosts symposium on Michigan's future

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will host an economic symposium on Michigan's future 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Panelists include Lou Glazer of Michigan Future Inc.; Dr. Soji Adelaja of the Land Policy Institute

Mike Hansen of the Michigan Community College Association; Mark Gaffney of the Michigan AFL-CIO; and **Rupesh Srivastava of Youngsoft** Inc

The moderator will be Detroit Free Press Associate Editor Ron Dzwonkowski. Natalie Mosher of the

11th Congressional District Democratic Organization is the lead organizer.

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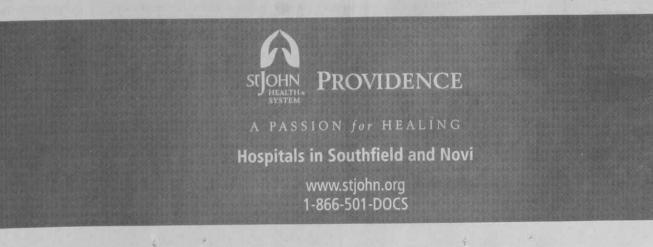
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OUR VIEWS



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The crowds of people lining the procession route for fallen Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett didn't let a driving snowstorm stop them.

Respect for fallen Marine was beautiful sight to see

Many people take the quality of the community in which they live for granted, caught up in their own lives, their own struggles, to notice much about the people around them.

But every once in awhile, people step up and show what they're made of in such a way it makes you stand up and take notice.

Just such an occasion occurred last week, when the body of fallen Canton Marine Jacob Turbett made a stop at home en route along the

Accompanied by a cousin (also a Marine), Turbett made his final trip home from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, arriving to a driving snowstorm and a grieving family, for his funeral service at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Also there to greet him was a cadre of military veterans, including the of America.

journey from war hero in Afghanistan to its final resting place in Arlington

Turbett was killed Feb. 13 in Afghanistan, felled by a single gunshot while serving his country in the way he had envisioned since he was a kid, in a way many members of his own family had served, in a way his sister, Jamie, is still serving in the U.S. Navy.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Did you make any New Year's resolutions, and, if so, have you kept them? We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Nope, I haven't kept it. I'm still smoking." **Daniel Zella** Westland



"I want to start writing, and I have started more journaling to get the writing started."

> Sylvia Coats Canton

LETTERS

"I haven't made any and I

Ken Hubbs

Superior Township

haven't kept any."

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was not aware of.

However, one-third of a page of text did not seem to include: 1) explanation of the acronym; RESA stands for Regional Educational Service Agency - for schools in Wayne County, Michigan, and 2) that its mission is to: provide services such as group purchasing, computer service, and staff development. Its service sector covers 34 local school districts having approximately 20,000 teachers and 400,000 students.

"To be a better mother. So far I think I have (kept it)." **Rebekah Henze** Canton

There is also a lot of detail about the effects on individual districts, but nothing on "how" the RESA charter permits such a tax (which I believe I would support).

Roger Glynn Livonia

Deadly debt

France, some will remember, gifted the American people with the Statue of Liberty. Americans were grateful for this wonderful gift. China and Japan could even more favorably gift the American people at this moment in cutting the money supply from an addicted, indulgent, maybe even crazy U.S. Congress.

Like feeding poisonous sugar to a diabetic or booze to a drunk, our Congress has approved a suicidal, self-inflicted, devouring debt that will prove more devastating to current and future of Americans than any weapon of mass destruction. Is it possible America will soon be unrepairable, crippled without an angry word or any aggressive act, taken down this road with the accelerator against the floorboard?

National Cemetery

No remorse for Toyota Being a GM retiree from the Ypsilanti transmission plant, I feel no remorse for

the dilemma Toyota has put itself in. For years they have been given concessions from our government to make them more competitive with the cars that were produced on our own soil, now they build their cars here and do use Americans to do that and that's a good thing but, doesn't anyone wonder where most of the money they get from American car buyers from their monthly car payment goes?

In Japanese banks. The profit then goes to buy buildings in American city's and hurts our economy not to mention what it does to our morale.

I know a lot of people that read this letter will disagree with me but I'd lose no sleep if that company would go under tomorrow.

> **Robert Denstedt** Canton

RESA tax

Reference RESA article ("RESA eyes millage to help struggling districts, Observer, Feb. 28), this was a very interesting article; the RESA is an agency that I

al service at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Also there to greet him was a cadre of military veterans, including the local Vietnam Veterans of America.

That would have been impressive enough -amilitary color guard to escort the fallen hero - but wasn't enough for local veterans, Canton Township officials and, quite frankly, hundreds of residents - from Canton and surrounding communities - who lined the streets, waving American flags and saluting this 21-year-old who had given his life in the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

The response was amazing for several reasons. Veterans and township officials started getting the word out late in the previous week for a Monday morning procession ... and yet hundreds of people lined the streets, crowding onto Ford Road to pay final respects.

And Mother Nature was no helping, kicking up a snowstorm that would ultimately drop sixeight inches of snow on the area ... and yet hundreds of people lined the streets to pay their final respects. It was an amazing turnout considering the weather, it left one wondering how many would have lined the streets in decent weather.

It's not a leap to guess that most of those who waved their flags and saluted Turbett didn't even know him. As one Westland resident put it, "The young man gave his life for his country. This was the least I could do for him."

The effort of the local veterans to make sure Turbett was brought home with the respect he deserved, respect Vietnam-era vets believe was never accorded them, showed a dedication to community and a love of country that is beautiful to see.

And the show of love and respect for a fallen Marine was heart-warming to behold.



ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

In response to the story, "Community gives fallen Marine a hero's welcome home":

Jo6pak wrote:

"Thank you for your service, Great Warrior.'

In response to the story "Team Canton' eyes economic battle plan":

1789USA wrote:

"I agree any worthwhile attempt to work together and utilize community assets to try to blunt the negative effectives of this poor economy should be praised. However, DD, unless I am mistaken, the millage for roads and intersection improvements came via a reduction in the police and fire millages and the board voted to increase those funds while reducing the general fund millage. In other words, they returned dollars back to the police and fire funds. If I am incorrect I would hope someone would correct me.

dandevey wrote:

"How can we help the residents? For starters, let's try to avoid spending money unnecessarily. I was appalled at the decision of the board this last meeting. In the name of being green, the board decided to replace the Summit urinals with low flow "green" urinals. The water savings couldn't possibly pay for the replacement costs, and these urinals didn't need to be replaced. Only Mr. Caccamo and Mrs. McLaughlin voted no (Mr. Anthony was not present). I'm not against green initiatives, but why not wait until replacement is needed? And you can't convince me that money is available, when over \$1 million previously dedicated to road

improvements was reallocated to the general fund to cover decreasing tax funds. The Township Board of Canton should set an example of fiscal prudence.

"I do agree with the main point of the article which is that we do need to reach out and help each other during this difficult times (and all times, for that matter).'

In response to the story, "RESA eyes millage to help struggling districts":

1789USA wrote:

"RESA is responsible for special needs (special education) county-wide. There has been a huge short fall in revenue to the RESA over the years. As a result they charge the districts for the shortfall. If RESA is successful in getting this millage through then school districts like P-C would be charged less, thus freeing money in the general fund for other expenses. What's wrong with this picture is that Michigan exceeds federal law as it relates to special needs education. I believe the federal law covers young people aged 3-18, while I believe Michigan's law is 0-26. If I am incorrect someone please correct me. My point is that it was great to excess the fed law when we had the money ... we don't any longer, so it is time to follow the fed law and reduce costs. If I recall it costs P-C almost \$12 million dollars for special needs programs.

suburb1 wrote:

"What does one have to do to get away from being taxed to death in Wayne County? My wife and I have had our pay cut over 40 percent in the last three years, and our 20-year-old son is now contributing to our family's bottom line - which is the way it has to be.

"Across the street from me here in Canton lives one of the 'assistant' superintendents for the district. He still drives a brand new Lincoln, his wife still brags about her trips to the 'spa.' Their teenage daughter tools around Canton in a twoyear-old Chrysler.

"What a joke!

Now RESA is going to save the day, and try to pass a county-wide millage tax? Forget it. I cannot believe we could be at the mercy of the voters of Detroit if a millage comes up. Cut teachers' salaries and benefits, cut administrators. I cannot believe this is even debatable. For those of us who live in the real world, and are hurting, we cut long ago."

Because1 wrote:

"I'm confused. Is this millage to be directed towards enhancements or shore up the bottom line? Will there be any language that specifically states that moneys will not go to the general fund? Sounds like an effort to enhance employee pay and benefits to me, or at least, extend those fabulous benefits they currently enjoy.

"Will this millage serve just my district, or can funds go to other districts? Sorry, but this sounds like a Wayne County ploy to extract more money from my wallet without any genuine improvement for anyone. Adjusted for inflation, school budgets have increased about 300 percent since the 1950s. These school districts are a money pit being run by incompetents. Don't keep asking for more money. This won't fix the problem.

"Sad to say, this is just the beginning of tough time for MI school children and the solution isn't more money."

In response to the story, "Blanchard, Engler push for new bridge, cooperation":

MrScott wrote:

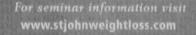
"How much is it going to cost us taxpayers to build this bridge that is privately owned?"

Jim Nowka Northville

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The 'Think Squad' includes Cameron Day, Alexis Ackridge, Christina Light, Christopher Brennan and Gary Zahn.

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as Tigers Weekly and CCHA Access, which detailed stories involving the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

Think Squad, co-produced by Oliver Thornton (another Burnstein prodigy), whom Wright says writes all the scripts and does all the edits — "He's taught us everything we know about the business, mostly the stuff you don't learn at school," Wright said with a smile — came across someone's desk at Detroit Public TV two years ago "waiting for the right champion."

Wright and Thornton watched PBS shows growing up. One they remembered was *The Bloodhound Gang*, a segment from the PBS show 3-2-1 *Contact* about three young people who solved crimes, largely with the help of their knowledge of science. When *Think Squad* came along, Wright remembered that show.

"Detroit Public TV wanted to find a program that gets kids interested in science," Wright said. "We've been able to script a show that engages young people."

Think Squad is a diverse group of young people "com-

mitted to solving the science-based riddles plaguing their peers." The group works together to solve mysteries using scientific methods. Wright, who grew up in Plymouth and now lives in Detroit, also wanted to use local talent for the show, grabbing Detroit-area actors to use in front of and behind the camera, rather than holding any sort of "cattle call."

"It's important for us to show kids you don't have to go to Los Angeles to find a job in science," Wright said. "They're doing really cool things right here."

Kelley Donnelly of Canton benefited from Wright's desire to cast local talent. The 14year-old actress, who has worked with local groups the Spotlight Players and Forever After Productions, among others, saw an announcement on TV for the show, and went down to try out.

Donnelly, a Plymouth High School freshman who landed a speaking role in Rob Reiner's *Flipped*, which premieres in September, earned one of the roles.

"Working with everyone was a ton of fun, and working in front of the camera was a fun experience," said Kelley, the daughter of Patrick and Marybeth Donnelly. "(Wright) was really nice. My character had to wear glasses, so I had to wear his, so there we were and neither of us could see. It was funny."

Wright found funding for *Think Squad* from the American Honda Association and AT&T. The first season is on sort of hiatus right now because of the station's pledge drive. It returns March 26 and airs Fridays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (completed episodes are available online at thinksquad.org). Soon, producers will turn their attention to finding funding for a second season.

"We're looking for partners who want to tell a story like this, a homegrown story where we're employing local talent on both sides of the camera," Wright said. "We don't want all this hard work to go to waste."

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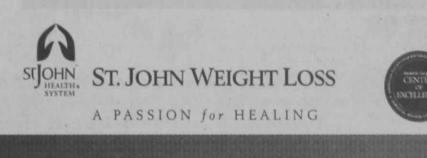


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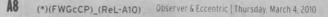
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NHL prospect Tyler Seguin's star on rise at Compuware, PCEP

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's not every day that a future professional star athlete walks the halls, attends classes and chows down in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

But Plymouth Whalers standout forward Tyler Seguin is doing all that while scoring at a rapid clip and building up his resume for the National Hockey League Entry Draft in June, when Seguin is expected to be one of the top few selections.

"I'm now taking U.S. history, American literature and public speaking, which are all requirements to graduate," said Seguin, one of nine Whalers attending Plymouth. "I'm just a regular school guy there.

It's no regular existence, however. On those days when the Whalers are not on a road trip, Seguin (who, like all high school Whalers; lives with a local billet family) sleeps in. Then it's a rush of activities, first driving to "the Park" with classmates/teammates Scott Wedgewood and Colin MacDonald and taking care of school duties

"After that it's straight to the rink for a 1:45 p.m. practice and then after that leave the rink by about 4 or 5, Seguin said, "depending on how long we're in the gym. Then we head on home

Being a budding celebrity doesn't seem to wow other students, even though PHS secretary Jan Pickard said the best way to find Seguin is to look for a group of girls.

"I think everyone's just a normal kid. We all have our dreams, mine come with a little bit of newspaper press and stuff like that," Seguin said about how other students interact with him. "Maybe some guys see me in the newspaper here and there, but I mean, in the end I'm just a regular kid and lots of people respect that.

The wow factor is there for Seguin's incredible hockey talent.

Seguin, an 18-year-old who soon will graduate with the rest of the PHS senior class, obviously has "NHL superstar" written all over him. With an uncanny ability to skate, shoot and make linemates better with his superior hockey sense, many have compared Seguin to former Detroit Red Wing and NHL Hall of Famer Steve



Tyler Seguin (center) spends his lunch time at a Plymouth High School cafeteria table with fellow Plymouth Whalers RJ Mahalak and Nick Malvsa.

'Maybe some guys see me in the newspaper here and there, but I mean, in the end I'm just a regular kid and lots of people respect that.'

TYLER SEGUIN, Whalers forward

Those lofty comparisons are ontarget for anybody (including many NHL scouts) who has seen Seguin on the Compuware Arena ice. As of Wednesday, he had 46 goals and 99 points to lead the OHL in scoring.



than one strength. I'm trying to complete my all-around game to show scouts I can play wing or center," Seguin said. "Normally being a centerman, I have to be good in all three zones and that's what I'm trying to

Even more impressive to those around Plymouth-Canton Educational Park or Compuware is how well Seguin deals with everything and everyone - including international hockey media requests.

"He handles the media really well. He's very mature for his age and he's a great player, but he's a good kid," Whalers president, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci said. You know, that's the key. You can be a great player and not a very good person

"But he's got that thing about him that he carries himself really well and he's just a really solid citizen."

The Ontario Hockey League team's director of communications, Pete Krupsky, can't escape noticing the crush of media attention that comes Seguin's way. He also notices Seguin's

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Year ends for Rocks BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One play and one call that didn't go Salem's way Monday night ended the season for the Rocks girls basketball team.

Host Novi defeated Salem 46-39 in a Class A district opener, advancing the Wildcats (18-3) into Wednesday's matchup with 19-1 Canton. That game took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

"I thought we had chances to finish on top in this game but we just didn't close it out the way we could have or should have," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann, whose team finished the season 13-7.

After the Rocks had a tough first half, falling behind 25-15 at the break, senior forwardguards Sara Stone and Brett deBear helped spark a thirdquarter comeback (13-4) that brought Salem to within a point, 29-28, entering the fourth.

Salem then took the lead midway through the fourth when the crucial play of the night took place.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER In her final Salem game, senior Sara Stone scored 17 points but it wasn't

Canton grapplers invade Palace

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton is sending six wrestlers to the Division 1 individual finals this week and head coach Cory Mancuso expects a nice haul of medals by the time it's all said and done

"We were hoping for seven," Mancuso said. "But six is good and it ties the school record for the most we've sent."

Leading the contingent are senior state champion contenders Brent Winekoff (152) and Donnie Watkins (140).

Also competing at the Palace of Auburn Hills beginning Thursday will be junior Anthony Abro (189), junior Ben Poirier (215), senior Keith Zech (171) and senior Waleed



Saturday. "Everybody's healthy and in good shape," Mancuso said. 'I think they're focused and ready to go.

Winekoff, who is undefeated (57-0), is the favorite to be the state champion in his weight class. He will face Lowell junior Dan Fleet (37-7).

"He (Winekoff) needs to go out and do what he's been doing all season," Mancuso

INDIVIDUAL FINALS

said. "Just kind of stay the course, stay aggressive, wrestle to win and he'll be fine.

Canton's other state champion hopefuls include Watkins (51-3 at 140) and Abro (58-2 at 189).

Watkins goes up against Kalamazoo Central senior Andrew Ermatinger.

"Donnie has just as good a chance as anybody else in his bracket," the coach said. "If he's wrestling on, he can win his bracket pretty easily, too.

kids, it's the state tournament and everybody's tough.

"(But) he's got some tough Please see WRESTLING, B2

Fighting for the puck along the boards Monday are Plymouth junior forward Tyler Sanders (No. 4) and Salem senior defenseman Ryan Blakey.

Plymouth survives wild finish

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Monday's Division 1 pre-regional hockey game between arch-rivals Plymouth and Salem came down to a frantic, last-ditch blast by Rocks senior defenseman Steve Haburne.

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The one-timer sailed over a wall of bodies standing between Haburne and Wildcats junior goalie Michael Justus, then hit the glass as the final buzzer sounded.

sisted goal in the second period by senior forward Pat Smiatacz - clinched 3 victory at Eddie Edgar Arena and advanced the Wildcats into Wednesday's

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That - and an unas-Plymouth's nailbiting 4-

Chiefs step up at conference meet

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last week's fourth place performance by Canton's boys swimming & diving team at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet took the sting out of losing to Plymouth the previous weekend in the division meet.

The Chiefs, who had shared the KLAA South title with Plymouth following the Wildcats' division meet victory, redeemed themselves with 464 points at the Novi-hosted tourney.

Canton edged fifth-place Salem (455) and sixth place Novi (452) with Plymouth seventh (321). Northville won the meet with 981 points.

"The boys were definitely fired up for conference meet, knowing that this was their

BOYS SWIMMING

last chance at the season to beat Salem and Plymouth," said Chiefs head coach Dave Le. "They got excited and swam very well.

"Plymouth and Salem swam very well at conference meet and the boys look forward to seeing them at state meet (March 12-13 in Holland).

Canton will be represented by all three relay teams, along with Jay Jin (200 IM, lifetime best 2:04.84; 100 back, 56.49) and Victor Zhang who finished first and set meet marks in the 100 back (53.86) and 100 fly (52.90).

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out to be too much of a bitter

points, four boards) did their

best to keep Salem's season

alive. Chipping in with seven

points was junior guard Heidi

Schmidt while senior forward

five points and four rebounds.

Rachel Norman contributed

For Novi, senior Caroline

Johnson scored 22 points

including 15 in the first half.

Senior Jessica Cingel scored six.

Stone (17 points, nine

rebounds) and deBear (10

pill for the Rocks to overcome.

Salem senior Brett deBear, shown in this 2009 file photo, scored 10 points in Monday's district loss.

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"Brett deBear took the ball to the rim and made a great shot," Thomann said. "They called her for charging. So, instead of getting two and a free throw they came down and hit a triple."

Novi junior Maddy Sinkovich, who took the deBear charged, scored the trey that gave the Wildcats a 34-32 advantage.

That six-point swing turned

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Meanwhile, Kyle Kemp qualified in the 500 free (4:58.98) while other Canton highlights included Pat Jenner placing eighth in the 50 free and 11 swimmers shaved a second or more off their previous personal bests.

Wildcats head coach Doug Schade was pleased with his team's performance.

"We swam great, setting three school records in all the relays and qualifying all three for states," said Schade, adding that Ethan Christensen also qualified in the 100 butterfly.

Plymouth's Connor McManus and Kyle Wilkinson, along with Canton's Ryan Kilgore, will compete Friday in the Division 1 diving regionals.

Salem head coach Chuck Olson could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

But the Rocks' Adam Seroka continued to have an excellent season, with a conference record time of 4:46.20 in the 500 free (qualifying for states). Seroka also qualified in the 200 IM (second

Abro's "got an outside chance if he wrestles well to make the finals."

He will square off against Bay City Western senior Adam Rugenstein (43-6).

Mancuso said the other Canton wrestlers should be competitive.

The rest of our guys, we're expecting them to place and find a way on to the podium," Mancuso said. "They've got to win two before they lose two to become all-state.'

MHSAA AREA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FIRST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 4 at Palace of Auburn Hills DIVISION 1 285 pounds: Dustin Gajowiak, Sr., Westland John Gienn (64-7) vs. Tyler Bedgood, Sr., Waterford Kettering (18-4). 12: Steve Tuyo, Jr., Livonia Franklin (52-11) vs. Andrew Napieraj, Fr., Birmingham Brother Rice (48-6). Jake Meadows, Jr., Livonia Churchill (5-4) vs. Xaelan Richards, K., Rochester (40-1). 19: Josh Austin, Sr., John Glenn (49-9) vs. Kyle Hil, Soph, Oxford (32-15). 12: Ben Matthiesen, Sr., Molt (51-1) vs. Waleed Faraj, Sr., Canton (38-19). 130: Anthony Pavlich, Sr., John Glenn (55-2) vs. Gay. 140: Travis Mann, Fr., John Glenn (24-4).

nip Howell

Salem hung on at the buzzer Tuesday night for a 45-44 KLAA boys basketball victory over Howell to end the regular season.

The Rocks (10-10 entering next week's districts) went up with nine seconds to go when Tyler Stewart hit two clutch free throws.

But Pinckney (9-11) had the game's last chance, and the field-goal try missed the mark at the horn to enable Salem to squeak out the victory

"The kids maintained their poise at the end," said Rocks head coach Bob Brodie. "We were up and then down and we just kept scrapping back.

Junior center Jake Peterson was a key contributor for Salem, with 12 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and four blocks. "He had a very good

game for us tonight," Brodie said. "Very solid allaround."

The win moved Salem up to seventh overall out of the 24-team conference while the Pirates placed eighth.

CANTON 61, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 46: Kevin Weisz, Brandon Duffey and Dietrich Lever were standouts Tuesday night as the visiting Chiefs improved to a final mark of 14-6.

Weisz buried six-ofeight from beyond the three-point arc and scored 17 first-half points. Meanwhile, Duffey saved his 15 points for the second half to help Canton build lead.

Lever finished with 14 points, seven assists and six steals, playing a solid game throughout, said head coach Jimmy Reddy. Senior Paul Baumgart

added six points and eight

In another KLAA game to conclude the regular schedule, Plymouth (11-9) made free throws down the stretch to hold off the

Mike Nadratowski tributors including Aaron Brennen Beyer (12 points) and Pat Salo (8 points).

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 981 points: 2. Livonia Stevenson, 707; 3. South Lyon Unified, 608; 4. Canton, 464; 5. Salem, 455; 6. Novi, 452; 7. Plymouth, 321; 8. Westland John Glenn, 200; 9. Livonia Franklin, 198; 10. Livonia Churchill, 151; 11. Wayne Memorial, 131.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

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Salem boys Canton icers escape with win

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It took a goal with less than half a second left in the second period for Canton's boys hockey team to survive to play another game in the Division 2 pre-regional.

The Chiefs, who had been heavily favored to defeat Livonia Franklin (just two victories all season), managed to win 2-1 at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Canton will next face No. 7-ranked Farmington United at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"The mental game played a huge aspect tonight," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak. "Everywhere I went for the past week, everybody was saying that we'd be playing Thursday." Netting both goals for

Canton (13-10-2) was junior forward Garrett Bryden, giving the Chiefs their first playoff win in the three seasons Majszak has been on the coaching staff (this is his first year as head coach).

"They (Patriots) played hard and with urgency, they had nothing to lose," Majszak said. "We talked about that before the game and got caught flatfooted in the first period."

Adding to Canton's apparent attitude that the win was won before the puck drop was a first-shift shot from center ice by senior defenseman Alec Gilo that handcuffed the Pats' netminder Anthony Crechiolo.

Then just three minutes into



Battling for the puck following a faceoff Tuesday against Livonia Franklin are Canton's Phil Baciak (No. 7) and Taylor Baker (No. 22).

the game, Bryden scored after receiving a pass from junior forward Jordan Smith to make it 1-0.

But Kevin Webb evened things up at 4:30, beating sophomore netminder Spencer Craig (13 saves) on the power play. Webb beat Craig short side from the left circle.

Canton then threw everything it could at the Franklin goalie, who stopped 39 of 41 shots for the game.

It took a desperation play to break the deadlock. Senior winger Riley Hoernschmeyer ripped a hard shot along the red line from the corner and Bryden redirected it in from the doorstep.

"It was just one of those fluke goals," Majszak said. "You throw it on the net and

hope something happens." The third period was scoreless, with Craig holding the fort.

Canton will need to defeat Farmington on Thursday for the chance to play in the regional final Saturday night at Wyandotte Yack Arena.

"It's the playoffs, everybody's on an even playing field," Majszak added.

PCS PENGUINS 8, BLOOMFIELD 0: Freshman Cortny McAdoo's shutout Tuesday night over the Bloomfield Hills Knighthawks at the St. Clair Shores-hosted Division 2 playoffs of the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League enabled the PCS Penguins girls hockey team to move on to Thursday's game against Detroit Country Day.

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State meet encore for Salem boys

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Make it two-for-two for Salem's boys bowling team.

The second-year Rocks qualified for the Division 1 state finals for the second consecutive year.

"I'm just amazed that we qualified two years in a row, let alone the only two years we've been in the program," beamed Salem head coach Kathie Hahn. "I think this is a real boost for the program and hopefully (it) can continue."

Salem totalled 4,040 points at the Region 6 regional Feb. 26-27 at Westland Lanes — just five points behind first-place Westland John Glenn (4,045).

The Rocks also will be represented by three individuals Friday and Saturday at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek.

Ryan Clark finished fourth with 1,290 points to make the cut. He will be joined by Salem's Shaun Schmidt (fifth place, 1,288) and Kyle Newcomb (10th place, 1,166).

"My two seniors (Schmidt and Newcomb) have played a key role this year and are going to be missed both by the team and me personally,"

PREP BOWLING

Canton Educational Park bowler not from Salem to qualify.

Blythe finished seventh at regionals with a total of 1,207 pins.

Chiefs head coach Jim Keppen said there were other players "floating at the cut line that faded in the last game."

Both Canton teams were "middle of the pack," he added.

Plymouth head coach Tammy Thompson said there were no qualifiers from her teams. Freshman Antonio Spinale fell just 17 pins shy of making it.

But she said it was an encouraging season nonetheless.

"We have a young team though," Thompson said. "My varsity boys team has one senior, two freshmen and the rest are sophomores.

"I think we will do great the next few years." Thompson said Kyle Webb had the high average for the boys (200) while Mackenzie

Carlson's 160 average topped the girls. Meanwhile, Super Bowl in Canton will be hosting the Division 2 boys and girls finals.

upon its 32-22 halftime

boards.

Reddy said his team's trademark defense and rebounding led to plenty of offense, plenty to polish off

the Vikings (15-5). PLYMOUTH 58, HOWELL 50:

Highlanders (4-14). scored 20 points for the Wildcats, with other con-Thompson (15 points),

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1:57.08).

Salem's Max Mills (500 free, 4:57.69) and Matt Collingwood (200 free, 1:47.18; 100 free, 49.34) are Holland-bound along with the Rocks' 200- and 400-free relay teams.

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(42-10).
140: Travis Mann, Fr., John Glenn (24-4).
vs. John Julien, Jr., Hartland (45-14); Donnie Watkins, Sr., Canton (15-3) vs. Andrew Ermatinger, Sr., Kalamazoo Central (39-8).
145: Mike Johnson, Sr., John Glenn (35-24).
vs. George Abro, Sr., Troy Athens (45-6).
152: Brent Winekoff, Sr., Canton (57-0) vs. Dan Fleet, Jr., Lowell (37-7). Matt Roos, Jr., Franklin (47-12) vs. Deshawn Nelson, Sr., East Kentwood (45-4).
160: Keith Zech, Sr., Canton (46-9) vs. William Royster, Jr., Kalamazoo Central (33-5).

William Köyster, Jr., Kalamazoo Central (33-5).
171: Curtis Castleberry, Sr., Livonia Churchill (44-6) vs. Alex Doetsch, Sr., Grosse Pointe North (40-13).
189: Anthony Abro, Jr., Canton (58-2) vs. -Adam Rugenstein, Sr., Bay City Western, 43-6.
215: Jesse Vance, Sr., Waterford Kettering (43-8) vs. Ben Poirier, Jr., Canton (47-15).

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Bid Package #25A: Interior Signage at Salem High School.

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 (248) 427-8400. They can also be viewed at; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI. Bid Division description includes

Bid Division 122: Interior Signage

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, March 17, 2010, where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates.

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

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Canton's David Blythe is the lone Plymouth-

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1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (N ville), 420.60 points (11-dive meet record): 2. Will Price (N ville), 418.85; 3. Dan Gironza (SL), 361.60; 4. Cody Roe (WJG), 320.70; 5. Brendan O'Sea (SL), 319.25; 6. Cameron Sawyer (SL), 290.05; 7. Connor McManus (Ply.), 262.90; 8. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 259.55. 100 butterfly: 1. Victor Zhang (Canton), 52.90 (meet record); 2. Schoenek (N ville), 53.29; 3. K. Schotf (LS), 53.34; 4. Greenlee (N ville), 53.72; 5. Stone (SL), 54.15; 6. Aquinto (N ville), 54.64; 7. Ethan Christensen (Ply.), 56.05; 8. Dabkowski (LS), 56.15. 100 freestyle: 1. Marecki (LS), 49.04; 2. Lunn (N ville), 49.20; 3. Collingwood (Salem), 49.34; 4. Bischoff (SL), 49.61;

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 2, Chris LaFayette (N'ville), 4:53:11; 3, Danny Schoff (LS), 4:55:71; 4, Travis Vincent (Novi), 4:56; 40; 5, Max Mills (Salem), 4:57:69; 6, Tim Shea (N'ville), 4:58:50; 7, Kyle Kemp (Canton), 4:58:98; 8, Blickle (N'ville), 5:02:04.

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58.46. 100 breaststroke: 1. Oxner (SL), 58.97; 2. Chung (Novi), 59.46; 3. Stone (SL), 1:01.06; 4. Jong Min Kim (Novi), 1:02.96; 5. Jake McNamara (LS), 1:03.35; 6. John Dunnuck (SL), 1:03.62; 7. Zhang (N'ville), 1:04.45; 8. Anthony Adamowicz (N'ville), 1:04.80. 1:04.8

1:04.80. **400 freestyle relay**: 1. Stevenson (Mohamed Ghoteimi, Dabkowski, K. Schoff, Marecki), 1:14.33 (meet record); 2. Northville, 3:14.51; 3. Salem, 3:19.31; 4. Canton, 3:19.69; 5. Novi, 3:22.15; 6. South Lyon, 3:22.46; 7. Plymouth, 3:25.65; 8. Franklin, 3:34.26.

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With focus and fire, Plymouth Whalers forward Tyler Seguin chases down the puck in Saginaw's end during a recent game.

Whalers mix hockey, homework

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

On the ice, Tyler Seguin and his Plymouth Whalers teammates are some of the best in junior hockey - with the National Hockey League in many of their futures.

But it is off the ice, at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, that high school-age Whalers really make their mark as young men, according to John Seidelman, the retired Plymouth High School counselor who is the point man for the unique collaboration.

Seidelman said it is nothing for players to return home after midnight following travel back from a road game and then be in the classroom by 7 a.m.

They don't float through their classes, as the Whalers place a high priority on their players earning their opportunity to graduate with the rest of the seniors (and since the program began in 2003, the graduation rate of Whalers is 100 percent).

"The Whaler organization prides itself on players doing the very best they can," Seidelman noted. "The players have had a flawless discipline record and continue to have a very positive impact

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Plymouth High School cafeteria worker Donna Thomas brings Whalers newspaper clippings from the Observer to Tyler Seguin, RJ Mahalak and Nick Malysa. "These guys are awesome." said Thomas who worries that the boys might not see the newspaper's coverage of the team.

"The players gain new friendships throughout the year and when time permits participate in other activities," he continued. "The greatest challenge I have witnessed in my years of working with players is the delicate balance of time management.

(They) start their day at the Park as early as 6:30 in the morning, are on the ice each day practicing by 2:00 p.m. and often have at least three games per week."

Seidelman added that the way Seguin is able to work hard on his classwork and also be a good person mat-

ter to NHL scouts, too. "Several months ago I got a call from an NHL scout asking me questions about leadership, school work ethic, and academic skills as they related to Tyler," Seidelman said. "I was pleased I could share positive feedback regarding Tyler to him.

"It was made clear to me that the same skills and attributes I have been talking about are looked at when NHL teams take a serious look at drafting players." There's no doubt those scouts have no worries when it comes to updating big league general managers about what Seguin brings to at 11:33 of the second period. the table besides his obvious hockey acumen.

FROM PAGE B1 game against Livonia

PREP HOCKEY

Stevenson. Letting out a big sigh of relief was Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender, who lamented how his team gave up two goals in the second period after the Wildcats (19-5-1) built a 3-1 lead in the first.

"We had a lot of little breakdowns," Fassbender said. "For some reason, whenever we play Salem we make it a game.

"We had them on their heels, then we make some bad decisions, not protecting the puck and the next thing you know it's in our net."

CLOSING IT OUT

The Wildcats clamped down in the final period, blocking shots, clearing the zone and winning crucial faceoffs to hold off Salem (12-10-3).

'We played smarter, we blocked shots which we haven't done all year," Fassbender said. "We were able to find ways to clear the zone. And we won faceoffs.

"I don't think we've won faceoffs for six months and we finally started winning them at the end and that really helped."

According to Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, his team bounced back after a mistake-prone opening stanza.

"They capitalized on a couple of our errors early in the game," he said. "But then we picked it up. I think in the second half we carried the play.

"If the game had gone another five minutes I think you'd probably be having a different interview.

Ossenmacher credited Plymouth for collapsing deep to protect Justus and make it virtually impossible to net the tying goal as the seconds ticked down.

"I think at the end all five guys were within three feet of the net, and that's what you need to do," Ossenmacher said. "It just makes it harder to score

Haburne's bid to tie the game and force overtime came seconds after a heated scrum involving both teams.

Salem players rushed Justus (30 saves), bowled him over into the net and shook him up on the process. But the puck didn't cross the line.

"Justus played well," Ossenmacher added. "We had a lot of rebound opportunities and he stood his ground. We just couldn't find a way to finish them.'

Concurring was Fassbender, noting that Justus "played



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Plymouth junior defenseman Justin Bauer (No. 24) reaches for the puck while trying to elude Salem senior forward Kurt Driscoll (No. 4). Closing in on Bauer is Salem junior blueliner Max Coral (No. 23). The play took place during Monday's D1 hockey pre-regional at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

self for a penalty he took earlier in the frame that contributed to a power play marker by senior forward Mario Macari (which tied the game at 3-3).

On his goal, Smiatacz dug the puck out along the right half-wall, skated into the slot and buried a shot past Salem senior goalie Steven Manser (34 saves)

"I felt like I had to step it up for my team because I let them down before," said Smiatacz, after stepping off the ice. "So, I just had to go out there and do my job.

"I felt amazing after that. It was one of the greatest goals I've ever scored in my life."

Just a minute or so before Smiatacz scored, the Rocks came within an eyelash of taking the 4-3 lead when a Salem player tried to jam the puck past Justus' left skate at the post. Ossenmacher thought it was a goal.

Ossenmacher also questioned Plymouth freshman forward Nicholas Schultz' goal on a sharp-angle shot at 9:13 of the second. Setting up the goal were junior forward Tyler Sanders and sophomore D-man Nathan Stemberger.

The Salem coach said it appeared to him that the shot rang off the crossbar, but officials ruled it hit the back bar and ricocheted out.

"I typically don't question things that happen, the refs do a good job for the most part," Ossenmacher said. "But I need to see that third goal because from my perspective I don't know how that went in.'

Both teams got off to a good start, scoring a goal early. Plymouth senior forward Taylor Currier flipped a backhander past Manser at 2:55 for the game's first tally. Less than two minutes later, Salem answered when senior forward Josh Jarvela scored. The Wildcats then scored on the power play at 7:15. Senior blueliner Evan Swieczkowski threaded a pass from the left circle to

senior forward Ryan Renault on the opposite side. Renault then found Sanders alone near the left post for a tapin.

It was 3-1 when Schultz found the mark.

Salem's comeback began when junior forward Nick Hayes scored a power play goal at 7:23 of the second period.

Hayes took a centering feed from senior forward Kurt Driscoll and backhanded the puck in from right in front of Justus. Starting the play was junior forward Ryan Quigley.

Macari banged in a rebound for Salem's equalizer (with assists to Driscoll and senior forward Josh Jarvela). That triggered a mob scene, as happy teammates piled on top of Macari.

COSTLY LAPSE

Unfortunately for Salem, the tie-breaker by Smiatacz loomed just 1:27 later.

"I think we got too emotionally high at that point (Macari's goal), thinking we had won the game," Ossenmacher said. "And when you do that you're bound for a quick lapse and that's exactly what happened on that fourth goal."

Ossenmacher, however, said it was a good season and one for returnees to remember next winter.

"We finished 12-10-3 and eight of our losses were against teams ranked in the top-10," he stressed. "... every team we lost to you have a chance to see them at Compuware (state finals)."

The loss also meant the end for a group of threeyear players who came to the Rocks the season

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on the entire high school community.

"Seidelman began working with Whalers players in '03, assisting them with registration, setting up class schedules and guiding them through any academic rough patches

Despite having abbreviated school days (players generally have early afternoon practices) or even missing complete days due to having road games during the week, the Whalers get the job done on many levels.

THE RIGHT STUFF

Meanwhile, Seidelman has nothing but praise for student Seguin, calling him "a delight" to work with over the past two years.

"When he graduates he should be very proud of his accomplishment," said Seidelman. "The demands on Tyler's time is very demanding, but he has always found a way to get the job done.

"I have been very proud of his work and accomplishment. He is a fine young man.

John Seidelman doesn't want it, but he deserves some kind of assist in all that.

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great, they threw everything they could at him. There were a lot of shots, a lot of deflections.

REDEMPTION

One player who did finish was Smiatacz, who scored the unassisted game-winner Smiatacz redeemed himOssenmacher arrived. "They're my first group because they came in as sophomores when I took over," he said. "And they com-

mitted themselves. I couldn't ask for anything more.' Except for a longer third period on Monday.

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businesslike demeanor in dealing with everything.

"For a young man still going to high school, he does an outstanding job," Krupsky said. "Whenever we go on the road, he's the first Whaler player that people request for interviews. ... You wouldn't know he's 17 or 18 years old the way he handles everything with maturity, with class.

"It's a real credit to him and his parents and his upbringing."

According to Seguin, in his second year with the Whalers and at PCEP, he agrees with Krupsky's assessment that this year is a good

learning experience to prepare for eventual NHL life.

That life, the ultimate dream of every Canadian hockey player, will become true for Tyler at the NHL Entry Draft in June at Los Angeles' Staples Center.

"It's more of a privilege and something pretty cool," Seguin said, talking about the media spotlight this season. "I know this is my job here, and it only comes around once.

"So all the media I get, I'm just going to have as much fun with it as I can.'

Judging from Seguin's wide grin either with the Whalers or at Plymouth High School, it looks like he's as on target in that endeavor as he is around enemy goalies.

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Educated: Spirit powers past Plymouth

Ivan Telegin's power play goal at 3:58 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie and the Saginaw Spirit went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 6-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Tuesday morning before 4,513 during Education Day at the Dow Event Center.

Education Day in Saginaw featured nearly 3,000 school

age children at the Dow Event Center and they saw the Spirit clinch a spot in the upcoming OHL playoffs.

Plymouth - who clinched a playoff spot Feb. 21 in an 11-3 victory in Sarnia – remains in fourth place in the Western Conference with a record of 36-25-0-2. Garrett Meurs (16), AJ Jenks (23) and RJ Mahalak (2) scored for Plymouth.

Blood drive Friday

Plymouth is back in action on Friday at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena against Sault Ste. Marie.

Meanwhile, the Whalers are hosting a blood drive from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Compuware before the game.

Anyone attempting to give blood will receive a voucher for the game that evening.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Hemali Desai practices threading, Lorri Metcalf is a manicurist and Shari Callison is the owner and stylist at Puttin' On the Glitz on Michigan Avenue, in Canton.

Canton salon stays a cut above

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Glitz: We offer many different services, from 2tones/3-tones foils hair color to haircuts, nails, pedicures, eyebrow waxing, paraffin dips and perms.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Glitz: I think most stylists dream about owning their own salons. I just happened to hear about this salon being for sale. I looked into it and decided that I could do this, I already had a clientele, and it was close enough that most would follow me, so J gave it a shot. And 14 years later, I'm still here. Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Glitz: I think Canton chose me, and I'm glad because I love this area. It's a great community and it just keeps prospering. For our appreciation we do the police

PUTTIN' ON THE GLITZ

 Business Name and Address: Puttin' on the Glitz, 43633 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188 · Your Name and Title: Shari Callison, president/owner

- · Your Hometown: Willis, Mich.
- Business Opened: March 1996
- Number of Employees: 4

 Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

 Your Business Specialty: Haircuts and colors, nails, pedicures, perms, eyebrow wax • Business Phone: (734) 397-9895

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Glitz: It's changed a lot as far as our clientele. We started as being just a little salon in a strip mall, nothing much else around, then it finally started to grow around us, east and west of us. Soon it will grow all around us, on either side of the clipper flew off right when she was cutting the top of his hair. He had a very, very short strip of hair right down the middle of his head. Well, she totally freaked out, and we couldn't help but laugh. We all felt so bad, but he was a very good sport about it. He just got his whole head shaved. He still comes in to see one of our other stylists but you'd better believe she's very careful when she does his hair.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Glitz: It has affected it a lot. Unfortunately, a lot of our clients have lost their jobs, or their spouses have, so like a lot of us we have had to eliminate a lot of things financially to make ends meet. We do what we can to try and keep them coming in, but unfortunately not all of them can keep coming. So I'd say we lost some but we just have to keep trying to get new clients. I think it's slowly getting better.

Observer: Any advice for other

HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO

Canton's ninth annual Home Improvement Expo Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park. This year's Expo is going "green" with energy saving ideas and eco-friendly displays.

Other highlights at this year's Expo include; free parking and refreshments; live broadcasts form special guest stars Murray Gula, Host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on 1130 WDFN and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" from 1600 WAAM; how-to workshops on a variety topics from landscaping to installing brick pavers as well as a live demonstration on Michigan's Solar Energy by Mechanical Energy Systems; a hands-on children's' project center; multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters; and a live broadcast of 104.3 WOMC's 'Sunday Brunch' with Chris Edmonds and Stacey DuFord on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to the above mentioned highlights, Rapid Roofing will give-away a free roof to one lucky Expo attendee In order to win the free roof, fill out a raffle ticket at Rapid Roofing's exhibitor booth before 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 7. The first place winner will receive a complete roof package while the second place winner will receive free roof shingles.

All Expo attendees will also receive a free, reusable canvas bag. If you attended last year's event and still have your bag, make sure you reuse it for this year's event. The first 100 people to reuse last year's bag

BUSINESS BRIEFS



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will receive a free day pass to Canton's Summit on the Park.

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download workshop schedule visit www.cantonmi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

RETAIL UPSWING

Michigan retailers began 2010 with an upswing in sales and confidence, according to the latest Michigan Retail Index survey, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The survey found that more than 40 percent of retailers increased sales in January, the highest level since November 2007. In addition, 49 percent project better sales for the rest of the winter and early spring, the best since March 2008.

However, the number of retailers posting year-over-year sales decreases in January, 47 percent, outnumbered those ringing up increases, 42 percent, for the 27th consecutive month.

"Michigan's retail industry has posted better sales numbers three months in a row and shown solid improvement since its low point last winter and spring," said MRA President and CEO James P. Hallan. "We expect this trend to continue as the economy begins to slowly create more jobs and chip away at double-digit unemployment, currently the biggest problem affecting consumer spending."

The Michigan Retail Index survey for January found that 42 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 47 percent recorded declines and 11 percent saw no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 49.9, up from 47.8 in December. A year ago, the index had dropped to 29.0 in January.



and fire department of Canton haircuts for only \$5, just as our way to let them know we appreciate them. Observer: What makes your

business unique? Glitz: Because I do booth

rental each stylist feels like they have their own little business within a business. They make their own hours and appointments. So I feel they work harder to make their business a success. And in turn, my business is a success.

us and there's room across the street for growth. I'll have to expand.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Glitz: We used to have a stylist who no longer works here who was doing a clipper cut on a young man who wanted his haircut for a family portrait he was having done. All of a sudden, the guard on

business owners?

Glitz: Always have a positive attitude and don't be afraid to try different ways to make your business a success. But most important don't give up! Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Glitz: To just stay in business and keep on trying to make our clients look and feel good about themselves. And, as long as we're dong that, then I say we're doing our jobs well.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its First Friday Club meeting 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford in Canton.

This is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Limited to 10 members/ 1 member per business category. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group.

To make your reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com

Annual auction

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

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

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

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

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more

information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

Guide advertising

The Visitor Guide publication is being redesigned to serve the visiting public, Canton residents, and shoppers from neighboring communities, and it will come out twice a year.

The Spring/Summer guide will be in homes May 2010. If you are interested in being part of the Shop Canton Guide please contact Sherrie Pryor at (734) 740.0606 or e-mail spryor@newmoonvisions.net

Customers will hold on to this portable full color 6-by-9 pocket magazine. It will include a full color fold out map of all color blocks, restaurant guide and coupons. It will be delivered to 30,000 Canton Homes as well as 30,000 homes in neighboring communities. We will increase the total print run to 80,000. It will also be available in hotels, visitor rest areas, Canton Township and Canton Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for advertising is March 15.

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While visiting the Canton Home Improvement Expo. bring this ad with you to receive a 10% discount for any order placed through April 5th, 2010 (Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers or discounts)



ART

Livonia Senior Activities Center

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 6

Location: 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Michigan Woodworkers Guild presents a showcase of custom woodworking, including custom built furniture, cabinetry, art. Parking and admission are free

Contact: www.michiganwoodworkersguild.org

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: 3rd annual Michigan Local Artist Exhibit runs through March; includes the works of 18 local artists Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages, 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 12 Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House Time/Date: March 5-21 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Under the Influence" exhibit showcasing the influential artistic relationship between teach-

ers and students at the Center for

Creative Studies in Detroit. The exhibit illustrates that art is not done in a vacuum. Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.

northvillearts.org

BOOK SIGNING Royal Oak Farmer's Market

Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6

Location: 11 Mile at Troy, east of Main in downtown Royal Oak Details: Victoria Zande, Livonia resident, writer and musician, will sign copies of her self-published writing/ poetry preview collection titled 31 May 2002-08 October 2003 "The Reason's Why.

Contact: www.victoriazande.com

COMEDY

Go Comedy! Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesdays thru Sundays Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

Ford Community & Performing Art

Center

Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13

Location: 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn Details: Michigan Lesbian and Gay Comedyfest with Jessica Kirson, Gloria Bigelow, Jamie Pierce and Roxanna Ward; tickets \$30 in advance and \$30 at the door

Contact: www.comedyfest.org, (313) 537-7000

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic;

shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Ruben Paul, March 3-6; Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myg Kaplan, March 24-27

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Mar 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenviews, 202 W. Main "Gardenviews' new location this Feb: 117 E. Main	M



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Tickets (\$3/ticket) are available for purchase exclusively at ticket-sponsor locations. The Movie Northville Marquis series is open to all guests five years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis series. 感白湯 ville.com or call 248-349-0345 ntown Development Authority 215 West Main Street Northville, MI 48167 Tel: 248-349-0345 www.downlownnorthville.com

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Get home projects in gear with help from Canton expo

BY SHARON DARGAY

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Find answers to your home improvement questions and get inspired about "going green" at the ninth annual Canton Home Improvement Expo this weekend.

More than 120 vendors will be on hand for the two day event that is expected to draw about 7,000 visitors.

John Weyer, building official, said the event is second in attendance only to the community's annual summer Liberty Fest.

"We started out from a one-day workshop exhibition ... residents could come in and talk to the inspector and staff," said Weyer. "It was a way the public could get home improvement answers in a one- or two-hour quick shot. We had probably 1,000 to 2,000 people come through that one-day show.

"And then a year later I brought in Joe Gagnon, the 'appliance doctor' and he provided some entertainment. I thought why not put them both together, make it educational and entertaining?" Weyer has included vendors, live broadcasts, and children's activities ever since.

The expo runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 11-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill, between Beck and S. Canton Center Road; (734) 394-5460. Admission, parking and refreshments are free.

Gagnon, an Observer & Eccentric columnist, will broadcast his show, heard on 1600 WAAM, live from the expo. Murray Gula, host of Your Home with Murray Gula, heard on 1130 WDFN, also will broadcast live.

New this year, Chris Edmonds and Stacey DuFord will broadcast 104.3 WOMC's *Sunday Brunch* live, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Prizes, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, will be raffled throughout the weekend.

Rapid Roofing will give away a free roof to one lucky expo visitor. The second place winner will receive free roof shingles.

All Expo attendees also will receive a free, reusable canvas bag. Those who bring their bag from last year's expo will receive a free day pass to Summit on the Park.

"This year I tried to showcase it as 'going green' with green tips," Weyer described this year's show. "Outside of the building there will be solar panels on display and wind generators.

"Part of the reason we're doing this is to remind people to shop around and do their homework and ask good questions of the exhibitors." City staff members will be on hand to answer questions about construction requirements such as permits.

For the third year, a children's activity center, cosponsored by Home Depot, will give youngsters an opportunity to make a wood project.

Here's the schedule of demonstrations and workshops: • Saturday, March 6

10 a.m. — What to do in an emergency, by Aaron's Solar

Roofing Systems 11 a.m. — Design Trends for 2010, by Interiors by

Decorating Den Noon — Tiling Floors &

Walls - Easy Installation, by Home Depot

1 p.m.— Affordable Ways to Revamp your Deck, by

N.A. Mans Lumber & Mill Work 2 p.m. — Lawn and Garden

Know-How, from Home Depot

3 p.m. – Live Demonstrations of Michigan's



Larry Milewski and his children, Aidan (left) and Jenna work on a project during a previous Canton Home Improvement Expo.



Murray Gula will broadcast his home improvement show from the Canton expo this weekend.

Solar Energy by Mechanical Energy Systems

4 p.m. — Electrical Safety in Your Home: Questions and Answers, by Van Buren Electric

• Sunday, March 7 Noon — Turf & Ornamental Fertilization: Question & Answers, with Turf Pro, Inc. 1 p.m. — Ask a Pro Workshop: Brick Pavers, Patios & Walkways by Lighting Upgrades by Hom

Visitors make their way through aisles of vendor displays at a previous

Canton Home Improvement Expo. More than 120 vendors will be on hand for

Michigan Pete Landscaping 2 p.m. — Retaining Wall Seminar with Rock Shoppe 3 p.m. — Energy Efficient

the event this weekend.

Lighting Upgrades by Home Depot

4 p.m. — Crown Moldings: Enhance your Home, by Home Depot

Learn about the heavens at annual expo

Amateur astronomers and beginning star gazers alike will find activities, learning seminars and observing equipment to suit their needs at the Ford Amateur Astronomy Club's seventh annual Astronomy Expo and Swap.

The event runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 6, in the gymnasium at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$5. Pizza, hot dogs, wraps, cookies and drinks will be available for purchase.

The activities schedule includes:

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Dues are \$30 for new member families and individuals. Renewals are \$25. Membership benefits include a subscription to the Star Stuff newsletter, discounts on subscriptions to Astronomy and/or Sky & Telescope magazine, afterhour use of the observing sites at Island Lake and







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- 10 a.m. Astronomy 101
- 10:30 a.m. High Resolution Lunar and Planetary Imaging •11 a.m. Climbing the Learning Curve - Astrophotography
- with a DSLR
- 11:30 a.m. Our Star, The Sun
- 1 p.m. Backyard Observing
- 1 p.m. New Frontiers in Astronomy: Discoveries -Surprises
- 2 p.m. No Charge Astronomy
- 2 p.m. Exploring Hubble Sequences in the Spring Sky
- 3 p.m. To be arranged
- Planetarium lectures also are scheduled for 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.

The Ford Amateur Astronomy Club, with more than 160 members, is dedicated to encouraging the study of Astronomy and related subjects. Members' interests range from simple naked-eye sky gazing to observing Messier and deep-sky objects, variable star observing, the use of computers, and astro imaging.

The club was founded in 1992 as a part of the Ford Employees Recreational Association within Ford Motor Company. Today the group is open to all astronomy enthusiLake Erie Metro Parks and discounts at selected area astronomical equipment retailers.

The organization also welcomes the public to its general meetings at 5:30 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month, at Henry Ford Community College (HFCC) Administrative Services and Conference Center, 5010 Evergreen, Dearborn.

Its astronomers offer weekly star shows at 7:15 p.m., most Tuesday nights, at the Henry Ford Community College Planetarium

Visit the group's Web site at www.boonhill.net/faac/. The phone at Holy Cross Lutheran Church is (734) 427-1414.



BELIEFS & VALUES

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@ hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafavette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication Feel free to send a related photo in jpg. form. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com

MARCH 4-10 Antioch Preschool

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March

Location: Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills Details: Open house Contact: Sharon Detter at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net **Congregation Beth Ahm** Time/Date: March 5-6 Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Bet Midrash will be led by two guest scholars-in-residence, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer and Rabbi Ethan Tucker, from Mechon Hadar in New York City, N.Y. and is made possible by the congregation's Menasche and Sara Haar Fund. Advance reservations are required for Friday night dinner and Shabbat lunch. The cost is \$36 for adults and \$15 for kids age 4-10 (includes meals). High-school and college students and professional Jewish educators may attend for \$18. A special family rate is available for parents and children attending the Bet Midrash together (\$100 or basic registration, whichever is less). Complimentary child care for babies and toddlers as well as Shabbat Club (supervised activities for children in grades K through 5) available throughout the morning and afternoon on March 6 at no charge. Reservations are required for afternoon child care and Shabbat Club. Meal reservations due by March 2 Contact: Nancy Kaplan (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net Faith Community Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sundays, beginning March 7

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia Details: GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. GriefShare is a non-denominational group and features biblical teachings on grief and recovery topics.

RELIGION CALENDAR

There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook/journal. Contact: (313) 682-7491 **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian** Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494 St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 6 Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford Details: Bethany Suburban West

singles group monthly dance Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479 or Tom Z. (313) 582-5963

MARCH 11-17 Felician Sister House Chapel

Time/Date: 9 p.m., Sunday, March 14 Location: On the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia Details: Bethany Suburban West singles group annual Lenten Mass Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479 Little Lambs Christian Preschool Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 13

Location: 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, Canton Details: Open house with opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program, which includes hands-on Bible curriculum. "Handwriting Without Tears," and other social and academic programs for children, age 3-5. Contact: (734) 434-7792 or visit www.pbcplymouth.org/littlelambs

St. Aidan Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., light dinner

(must RSVP by March 8) and 6 p.m. program

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Janene Ternes, commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion LLC., will present "A Lenten Evening of Reflection - Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit: Continually Renewing Our Faith."

She'll share her inspirational story and lead participants in a variety of prayer experiences using music, movement, scripture of the season, and guided meditation. Basic movements, which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation, will be taught. Contact: To register or for more information call (734) 425-5950 St. Joseph Parish Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March

Location: 830 S. Lafayette, South

Lyon Details: A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served

Contact: Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, March 15 Location: 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia

Details: The career team at this career resource workshop works one-on-one with job-hunters to help build a network of contacts, evaluate skills and potential markets, and provide honest feedback and encouragement. There is no charge for this workshop

Contact: (734) 422-6038 St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March

Location: 3003 Hannan, Wayne Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance Contact: (248) 988-6715; www. detroitlutheransingers.com St. Thomas a Becket

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., March 14-17 Location: 555 S. Lilley, at Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Dynamic Parish Lenten Mission with Passionist priest, the Rev. Melvin Shorter; "A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem" Contact: (734) 981-1333



RINA M. DOBSON Resident of Canton Twp. Born: August 8, 1936. Passed: February 26, 2010. Share a Memorial Tribute online at griffinfuneralhome.com

HENRY F. HALL

May 17, 1919 - February 26, 2010. Born in Blaine, KY. Resided in Novi, MI. Share a Memorial Tribute at griffinfuneralhome.com

DAVID HENRY

vived by his two sons Tony (Deborah) Henry, of Fowlerville, Michigan, & Larry (Susan) Henry of Novi

Larry (Susan) Henry of Novi Michigan, five granddaughters Katie, Christy, Caroline, Kirsten & Lauren Henry and one sister Judy Henry of

Cloudcroft, New Mexico. He was pre-ceded in death by his mother Mary

(Greenlee) Henry, his father Ernest L. Henry, three sons Terry, Tim & Davey Henry. David retired after 22 yrs in the

U.S. Air force as a Sr. Master Sergeant.

Plymouth Michigan and started Olde Village Upholstery when he retired a second time in 1984, before moving to

He leaves behind many

After retirement he moved back

friends. He will be sorely missed.

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Of Sparta Tennessee former-ly of Plymouth Michigan passed away at his home, February 19, 2010. He is sur-

"SMYCZYNSKI" SMYTHE Age 96, February 27, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Stella Mary of 7/14/2000). Dearest father of Claudia (7/14/2000). Dearest father of Claudia (David) Lusch, Christine (Charles) Rymal, Paul (Maryann Wilkinson) Smythe & Peter (Eileen Quinn) Smythe. Dear brother of Leocadia Wallison. Loving grandfather of 10 & great-grandfather of three. Services were held Wednesday 12 noon until time of formed merge 100mm of 57 time of funeral mass 1:00pm. at St. Valentine Catholic Church, 25881 Dow St. At Beech Daly, Redford Township. Visitation was held at The Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Rd, Redford Township. Tuesday 3 until 8pm

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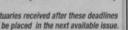
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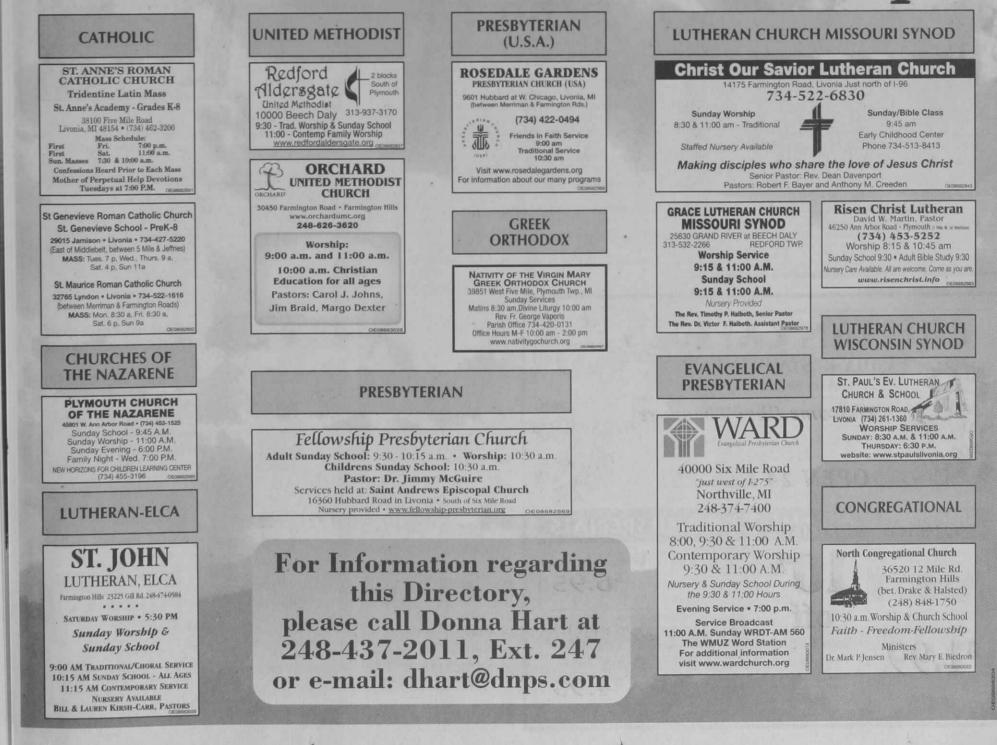


CARTER EVERETT (PETE) PORTER

Born in Chicago, IL, September 11, 1922 Carter Everett (Pete) Porter graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1943 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, with Distinction. He served in the U.S. Army in France from 1944 to 1946 with the 81st Field Artillery Battalion in Luxembourg and France. After the war, he returned to Chicago, joined the Army Reserve as a Captain, and married his life's love, Catherine Agnes (Kay) Collins, an Army nurse whom he met in Aix-en-Provence, France. They moved to Cranford, New Jersey where he accepted a posiion as a chemical engineer at standard Oil of New Jersey (1946tion as at 1982). Over the years their family grew to five children, Catherine, Sharon, James, Thomas and Virginia. Pete spent his entire career with Standard Oil (now ExxonMobil), with responsibilities for chemical research/development (8 patents) and petro-chemical plant construction. When not engaged with his job at Standard Oil, Pete dedicated his home life as: an Elder, Trustee and Treasurer in the Presbyterian Church survived Arlington National Cemetery,

in Cranford, NJ; a 49 year career with the Cranford Auxiliary Police retiring as Captain; an Army Reserve officer with 30 years of service, retiring with the rank of Colonel; a leader in the Boy Scouts of America (receiving the Silver Beaver distinguished service award). He also was elected President of the Cranford Board of Education nd worked on the Cranford River Maintenance Committee. Pete also delivered hot meals to seniors in the Meals on Wheels Program. After the passing of his wife, he moved to Michigan to be near his daughter, Catherine, and remained an active resident at Independence Village in Plymouth until his passing. Pete is the Wednesday 9:45 AM for Thursday son of Howard Curtis Porter and Dorothy Jane Everett. Throughout his life he was a kind and nurturing father and loving husband. His wife and loving husband. Catherine passed away in 2001. He is urvived by three daughters, Catherine Philbert of Northville, MI, Sharon Morfit of Oakton, VA, and Virginia Graboski of Omaha, NE, two sons, James of Escondido, CA and Thomas of Fairfax, VA, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan, is in charge of arrangements. On-line guestbook, www.schrader-howell.com (current obituaries). Pete will be buried in with full military honors on April 28th, alongside his wife Catherine. Funeral services will precede the interment at Arlington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cardiovascular Center at the University of Michigan, http://www.med.umich.edu/cvc/about/ gift.html (gifts in memory of), or (888) 518-7888.

Your Invitation to Worship



AAUW cast lunch a hit with thespians

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

Cast members of the recent Plymouth-Canton AAUW *The Wizard of Oz* are a hard-working bunch.

The American Association of University Women branch put on the play earlier this month at Garden City High School. There's scant time each year between the morning and afternoon shows Saturday, so a cast lunch is needed.

Sue Sayers of Plymouth has coordinated that tasty lunch for more than 10 years, with the women eating outside the O'Leary Auditorium at the high school. There's no kitchen or kitchenette to work with.

"I've stuck with it because it works well," Sayers, a secretary at Madonna University's College of Science and Mathematics, said of her plans.

Other AAUW members contribute salads or desserts, although with fewer members the lunch can be a challenge. Some women who winter in Florida contribute financially. "They want to help, so they'll send some money," Sayers said. "We really don't heat anything up," she said

"We really don't heat anything up," she said of the food, served earlier this month as AAUW marked its 50th anniversary of presenting live drama to area children. "It's got to be quick, easy and nonmessy."

Sayers provides much food herself, along with about 10 other women who donate food or money used for paper products. Sandwiches are a staple, made with ham, turkey and cheese. She added roasted red pepper, which was especially good with the ham.

"It's kind of like whatever the mood strikes me," she said. "That was a nice taste difference."

Sayers uses focaccia, croissants and dark pumpernickel for sandwich breads: "I try not to be too routine."

The women appreciate the lunch. "It's all waiting for them," she said of cast members, who eat in costume and makeup. "I think it's a real important part of it.

"You never know what's going to be a hit and what isn't," said Sayers, who's made adjustments over the years. Her group is small enough to avoid duplication, which can be an issue for larger potlucks.

Consider how long food can sit out, she recommends, and if you'll have refrigeration available. "And just try to have a variety."

IRI-COLORED From Cindy Naumoff of AAUW

1 pound orzo pasta

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus ¼ cup
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- $\%\,{\rm cup}\,{\rm dried}\,{\rm cherries},\,{\rm cut}\,{\rm in}\,{\rm half}$
- 12 fresh basil leaves, torn
- % cup toasted pine nuts

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, plus zest of 1 lemon 1 teaspoon salt or to taste

1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until tender. Drain. Return pasta to pot and toss with 3 tablespoons of olive oil. Cool.

Once orzo is cool, add the basil, pine nuts, cherries and feta cheese. Mix.

In small jar, mix dressing ingredients. Pour over

pasta. Štir to combine. Serve. NOTE: If salad is mixed ahead of serving, you

might need extra dressing as the pasta tends to absorb the dressing.

PRETZEL JELL-O SALAD

This is an old recipe – but always a favorite 2½ cups crushed pretzels

- 1 (8 ounce) container Cool Whip
- 3 tablespoons sugar

1 (6 ounce) package strawberry Jell-0

- ¼ cup butter/margarine
- 2 cups boiling water

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese

1 (16 ounce) package frozen strawberries 1 cup sugar

Combine crushed pretzels with sugar and melted butter. Press in 9- by 13-inch pan. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely. Blend cream cheese, sugar and Cool Whip together. Spread on top of crust. Combine water with Jell-O until dissolved. Add frozen strawberries and stir until almost set. Pour mixture over cream cheese and put in refrigerator until set.

Can be used as a salad or dessert. Enjoy!

CRUNCHY SPINACH SALAD

- This recipe is from AAUW's Gerry Dugan 1 10 ounce package of Aunt Mid's Gourmet Classic Spinach 1 package shredded cabbage or pre-packed slaw mix ½ cup slivered almonds ½ cup white raisins
- Dressing ¼ cup sugar



½ teaspoon celery seed
¼ cup of white vinegar
½ tablespoons minced onion
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
½ cup canola oil
½ teaspoon salt
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Pull spinach leaves from stems, tear into bite size pieces. Rinse in colander, drain well. Meanwhile prepare dressing by combining all ingredients with a whisk.

In a large bowl mix spinach, cabbage, almonds, and raisins. Toss dressing with the salad just before serving.

GREEN BEAN PECAN SALAD

This recipe is from AAUW's Dorothy Grant, who also provided the Spaghetti Salad recipe 1+ pounds fresh green beans 1 cup pecans toasted & chopped 1 cup red onion, chopped 1 cup crumbled feta cheese Dressing: % cup olive oil 1 tablespoon minced dill % teaspoon salt

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup white wine vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Trim and cut green beans. Boil until crisp and tender, about 4 or 5 minutes. Drain and plunge in cold water. Drain again and pat dry. Combine dressing in blender or small jar. Toss all together and enjoy.

SPAGHETTI SALAD

2 pounds thin spaghetti, cooked, rinsed and drained

1 large red onion, diced or chopped into small pieces 2 large green peppers, diced or chopped

2 large tomatoes, diced or chopped

- Bottle (2.75) McCormick Salad Supreme dry seasoning Bottle (16 ounce) of Seven Seas Viva Italian dressing
- Add onion, pepper and tomato to spaghetti and
- mix well. Pour dry seasoning over ingredients. Toss with Seven Seas Viva Italian dressing. Note: Use the dressing and seasoning to your taste. This makes a very large spaghetti salad. It's

enough to feed the entire cast and crew with some left over.

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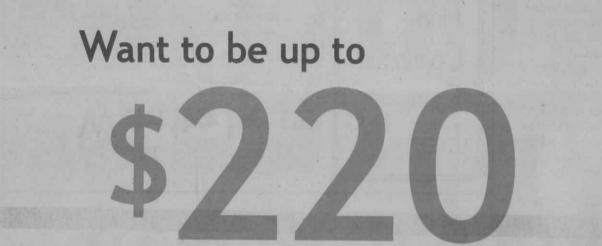
The dining room of the Titanic.

Titanic dinner

Farmington Hills – The Pine Tree Grill in Farmington Hills will recreate the opulence of the luxury liner, Titanic, with a special evening of sumptuous dining and elegant service.

The RMS Titanic Dinner, a first-class, seven-course meal, will linens, china, crystal, and silver service. A special room will be available with cigars and brandy, following the meal.

The evening will commemorate the famous RMS Titanic, which struck an iceberg shortly before midnight on April 14, 1912, and sank two hours and 40 minutes later. At the time, the Titanic was the largest steamship in the world, surpassing all others for huxury and opulence. First-class passengers feasted in style in a dining room that was 114 feet long and spanned the full width of the ship. Proper formal attire is requested and reservations are required for the RMS Titanic Dinner. The cost is \$65 per person, which does not include alcohol, tax or tip, and must be prepaid to guarantee a reservation. Call (248) 476-5193.



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begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 17 in the "Dining Salon" of the Pine Tree Grill, located in the clubhouse at the Farmington Hills Golf Club, 37777 11 Mile Court.

The evening will be a "Night to Remember," with an elegant atmosphere recreating the grand style enjoyed by first-class passengers. The dinner will feature authentic recipes taken from the Titanic's menus, nautical entertainment, a captain's table, starched white





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THURSDAY March 4, 2010

REAL ESTATE

Realtors share tips on finding just-right pro for sale, purchase of just-right home

BY JULIE BROWN **OSE STAFF WRITER**

Nancy Austin of Canton's been a Realtor since 1984. She urges buyers and sellers of homes to ask friends and colleagues for the name of a good Realton

"I think 95 percent of what I do comes from referrals," Austin said. Her Keller Williams Realty office in Ann Arbor has her serving Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

"You want somebody who's full time," she said of a Realtor for buying or selling. Be leery if you hear comments about it being a hobby.

Honesty and integrity are important, Austin said. "I think it's a trust issue. You have to read personalities. If there's a hint of not being honest you don't want to work with them."

The field differentiates between "real estate agent" and "Realtor," with the latter a member of the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Realtors and a local association. Realtors follow a written Code of Ethics, she said.

Austin recommends looking for evidence of additional training, such as the Graduate of Realtor Institute (GRI) and Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation. There are others, and those show a Realtor has pursued additional train-

ing. "I think the person should have a passion for their business, not just a paycheck," Austin said. She prides herself on being a good listener, and notes that listening is key to establishing rapport and working well with clients

Typically, buyers and sellers don't contact the Better Business Bureau on Realtors, Austin said. In addition to referrals from friends and colleagues, local associations like the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors can help.



You also want someone who enjoys the work, she added. "I think it's fun. I like the work.

Austin holds a bachelor's degree in teaching with a biology major from Mercy College, now part of the University of Detroit Mercy. Realtors don't need to have a bachelor's degree to be effective, however, "as long as they know and love the business."

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR, one of the local associations, agreed with Austin.

"The most important think out there is education," Smith said of knowledge needed to benefit buvers and sellers. "We provide some great education," he added of the Farmington-based WWOCAR.

These days, Realtors need a financ-

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ing background, as it relates to short sales and government programs. You have to have a network in place to follow through on it," Smith said of a sale. The appraisal system has changed in recent years, and dealing with title companies and mortgage companies takes skill and contacts.

You can ask at an agency if they deal primarily with buyers or sellers, Smith said. "The game has changed a little bit," he said of real estate in recent years. "Today, the market has changed dramatically."

Realtors who succeed have adapted their business models, he said.

Realtor Gary J. Reggish is broker/ owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, a Livonia resident and president of WWOCAR. He noted so many

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homes now are short sales, and you need to find an agent educated in the process

'You don't want to list with somebody where you are their guinea pig," he said. "You don't want them to be learning on you." There's training with designation courses for such sales.

"Experience is key," said Reggish, who's been in the field since 1999 and in real estate investing before that. Newer agents may have time to give on a listing, he said, but you should find out what support system is in place as well.

"What does that office have in place as that go-to trainer?" he said. The professional needs to be well-trained with experience.

Reggish, who earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in biology and physiological psychology from the University of Michigan, agreed a college degree is not required. "Education, training and practical experience is absolutely required," he said

That's especially true now in changing market conditions, he said. You want a professional, much like a lawyer or doctor, who goes above what additional training is required by law. You need someone with a passion

for the industry, Reggish said.

He agreed referrals are critical for business. You need to look into qualifications, and not just take someone's word a person is qualified. "Professionals sit down and have a consultation with those buyers," Reggish said.

He cited the differences among private sales, short sales and sales of bank-owned properties. The bankowned properties often now sell for full price or even above, drawing multiple offers.

"A buyer could lose a property that is the best choice," Reggish said in urging hiring a pro well-versed in market conditions.

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Document plays a vital role

Q: Can you tell me what is referred to as a Memorandum of Lease and why it needs to be utilized?

A: The purpose of a Memorandum of Lease is to place the world, or, more precisely, subsequent parties to transactions involved in the property on notice of their existence. Some might argue that a Memorandum of Lease is unnecessary because third parties can see, and, therefore, should be aware of a tenant's possession and the possible



rights that might attach under its lease. Possession of the premises is not necessarily consistent with the record title with the register of deeds and

Robert Meisner

merely provides a perspective purchaser, lender or tenant with inquiry notice which imposes on the purchaser a duty to investigate. Inquiry notice, however, is not the same as constructive notice to a subsequent taker. Simple inquiry of a record owner is insufficient to apprise third parties of the extent of a tenant's rights under a lease. It is only through recording

of a Memorandum of Lease that a third party can actually be charged with having constructive notice of the most critical provisions in the lease. It is best to consult with your lawyer in regard to what action you should take.

Q: We have a member who repeatedly engages in what we consider to be outrageous communications and conduct with the association, its managers and the Board of Directors. His conduct includes vulgar and harassing letters, disruption of association meetings and physical assault of a board member. What can we do about it?

A: You definitely need to take legal action, including attempting to get a Personal Protection Order and an Injunction. In one case in Maryland, on similar facts, the association sued the member and asked the court to permanently bar the member from using spoken or written words towards any member of the association that harassed or intended to incite a breach of the peace or that verbally harassed or attacked these individuals. The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that the trial court did have the authority to enter such an order because it did not violate the member's constitutional right to free speech because the order was narrowly tailored to prohibit the member's use of "fighting words" that would tend to incite a breach of the peace or invoke a physical or violent response. In that case, the member regularly used personally abusive language against the association and its board members that was likely to provoke a violent reaction.

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 16-20, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

Auburn Hills 549,000 2237 Allerton Rd

3631 Green Meadow Ln 887 Hinford Ave 1856 Hunters Ln 262 Kirksway Ln

3984 May Center Rd 120 Newman Road 537 Renfrew Ave Lathrup Village 17525 Coral Gables Ave 27375 Goldengate Dr W \$145,000 26349 Meadowbrook Wa Northville

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3112 Baypoint Dr 6607 Chatham Cir 2875 Culbertson Ave 2825 Culbertson Ave 2826 Fantail Dr 747 Fieldstone Dr 2702 Forest View Ct 1837 Gilsam Ave 1024 Hayfield Rd 2233 London Bridge D 795 Majestic 161 Parsons Ln 122 Sandalwood Dr

285 Sandy Ridge D

Beverly Hills		486
2536 Metamora Ln	\$248,000	840
2757 White Oaks Trl	\$463,000	826
Birmingham		105
20 Aspen Rd	\$637,000	180
501 Dorchester Rd	\$400.000	
28 E Melton Rd	\$124,000	560
26 Holland St	\$305,000	
45 Madison St	\$295,000	210
44 Pierce St	\$330,000	316
08 S Bates St	\$325,000	337
61 Vinewood Ave	\$308.000	323
Bloomfield Town	ship	
31 Brockmoor Ln	\$300,000	378
984 Columbia Cl	\$685,000	293
465 Conmoore Ct	\$250,000	360
800 Farminodale Dr	\$515,000	233
703 Heatherfield	\$271,000	295
836 Hickory Bark Ln	\$200,000	299
036 Home Lo	\$310,000	201
825 Lahser Rd	\$105,000	213
23 Newburne Pointe	\$250,000	295
580 Red Maple Ln	\$500,000	301
38 S Cranbrook Rd	\$150,000	281
50 Shady Hollow Cir	\$350,000	297
217 Timberview Trl	\$250,000	375
009 Top View Rd	\$222,000	28
329 W Square Lake Rd	\$515,000	221
44 Yarmouth Rd	\$765,000	
Clarkston		30
757 Berwick Dr	\$172,000	
H2 Circle Pt	\$175,000	22
6670 Cranberry Lake Rd	- \$355,000	43

	8401 Hummingbird	\$230,0
	8261 Meridan St	\$45.0
	105 Robin Rd	\$111,0
		\$120.0
	180 Ruppert St Davisburg	\$120,0
		6330.0
	5607 Birch Dr	\$220.0
	Farmington	
	21040 Larkspur St	\$118.0
	31609 Shaw St	\$136.0
	33775 State St	\$139.0
	32318 Valley View Cir	\$178,0
	 Farmington Hills 	
	37896 Amber Dr	\$130.0
	29364 Breezewood	\$106,0
	36093 Congress Ct	\$250,0
	23329 Elmgrove St	\$180.0
	29520 Geraldine Rd	\$96,0
	29555 Mullane Dr	\$256.0
	20813 Ontaga St	\$97.0
	21332 Parklane St	\$190.0
	29539 Pine Ridge Cir *	\$100,0
	30195 S Stockton Dr	\$63.0
	28178 Schroeder St	\$385.0
	29247 Summer wood Rd	\$246.0
	37710 Wendy Lee St	\$125.0
	28836 Willow Creek St	\$185.
	22172 Wingate Ct	\$195.0
	Franklin	5195,
		\$257.
1000	30725 Roberts Dr	3431
	Lake Orion	6122
	220 Bellevue Ave	\$132
-	431 Dell Ct	\$84,

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9136 Crosby Lake Rd 6080 Eastlawn Ave 6481 Enclave Dr

7118 Ingomar Ln 5856 Mary Sue St

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5383 Parview Dr

6608 Ridgeview Dr 6410 Snow Apple Dr

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41776 Broquet Dr	\$60
20810 W Glen Haven Cir	\$85.
37850 W Greenwood Dr	\$200.
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45315 Courtview Trl	\$280.
21950 Greentree Ln	\$211
23818 Nilan Dr	\$157
1127 South Lake Dr	\$50.
30718 Tanplewood Dr	\$90
49672 Timber Trl	\$255
230 Wainwright St	\$108
Oakland Township	
4837 Carrington Dr	\$135
126 Knorrwood Dr	\$419
3525 Oakmonte Blvd	\$102
120 S Rochester Rd	\$135
2561 Summerlin Ct	\$320
Oxford	220.0
1810 Prestwick Ct	\$260
540 Sandhurst St	\$196
281 State St	\$210
Rochester	2010
333 Ferndale Ave	\$515
755 Loggers Cir	\$310
	\$225
962 River Mist Dr	\$220
1040 River Mist Dr	\$162
123 S Alice Ave	\$530
267 Wyngate Dr	5530
Rochester Hills	640
3568 Alida Ave	\$60
1201 Barneswood Ln	\$178
1243 Barneswood Ln	\$190

725 Warwick Dr	5348
146 Wayward Dr	\$198
South Lyon	
5955 Cobblers Ln	\$222
10 Covington St	\$123
1164 Greenwood Dr	\$45
61 Orchard Ridge Road	\$100
08 S Hagadorn St	\$60
4233 Tara Dr	\$183
Southfield	
8588 Aberdeen St	\$3
B115 Cornell Rd	S110
9626 Farmbrook Villa Ct	\$52
8755 Monterey Dr	\$99
9032 Nadol Dr	\$50
8262 Red Leaf Ln	\$31
9750 Silver Spring St	\$100
9830 W 12 Mile Rd	\$34
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700 Chatham Dr	\$263
519 Crabapple	\$313
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4107 Chesapeake Cir	\$93
097 Hiddon Mondows Dr	67

5819 Berkley Dr	\$25.
1832 Colonial Village Way	\$38.
7944 Divot Dr	\$99.
7984 Divot Dr	\$65.
2555 Driftwood Dr	\$115,
3350 Frembes Rd	\$48,
5064 Harbor Oak Dr	\$46.
534 Hillcliff Dr	\$60,
3312 Homestead Dr	\$74.
5485 Lake Vista Dr	\$32
195 Lochaven Rd	\$69.
3734 Maiden St	\$175
4931 Maple Ct	\$85.
4697 Medina Ave	\$105.
3519 Overton St	\$112
353 Pineland Trl	\$164
4836 Rossiter Ave	\$56
3094 Saint Jude Dr	\$133
4468 Sedum Gin	\$126
2955 Shawnee Ln	\$125
3930 Shelby Ct	\$52
2620 Silverdown Ct	\$345
6095 Southward Ave	\$72
4645 Westlawn Pkwy	S145
West Bloomfield	
7310 Devonshire	\$74
4632 Laurel Club Cir	\$95
6405 Noble Rd	\$225
6559 Pembridge HI	\$475
1686 Poppleton Dr	\$274
5480 S Piccadilly	\$180
4091 Shore Crest Dr	\$250
5555 Silver Pond	\$380
White Lake	
645 Burgess Dr	\$270
1910 Margie Dr	\$210
705 Sunnybeach Dr	\$187
8844 Woodshire Dr	\$150

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These are the area residential realestate closings recorded the week of Nov. 9-13, 2009, at the Wayne Cour Register of Deeds office. Listed be are cities, addresses, and sales prices

Canton	
2680 Brookhaveo Rd	
8387 Chatham Dr	3
42746 Colling Dr	
281 Edington Cir	
45851 Gainsborough Dr	
44129 Gordon St	
6796 Kings Mill Dr	
6239 Marshall Rd	
168 Nassau Ct	
6990 Pittsford St	
343 Princeton St	
3863 Ravensfield Dr	
42790 Shadowlawn Dr	
46974 Southgate Dr	
46881 Southwick Dr	
43534 Stuart Ct	
1653 Trinity Rd	
42299 White Hart Blvd	
1233 Wildwood Ln	
2480 Woodmont Dr E	
Garden City	
28541 Bock St -	
31420 Bock St	
28814 Elmwood St	

ty	Livonia
low	15233 Arden St
IUW	36543 Bobrich St
	9979 Cavell St
	11670 Cavell St
	29560 Clarita St
	14606 Country Club Dr
	16241 Ellen Dr
000	19017 Farmington Rd
000	29836 Grandon St
000	34021 Hampshire St
000	28649 Jacquelyn Dr
000	31824 Joy Rd
000	36536 Joy Rd
000	37956 N Laurel Park Dr
000	17428 Parklane St
000	
000	19948 Pollyanna Dr 30266 Puritan St
000	8935 Russell St
000	
,000	15654 Sussex St
.000	18047 University Park Dr
.000	31800 W Chicago St
000	Northville
000	18792 Bayberry Way
000	16063 Homestead Cir
.000	39563 Muirfield Ln
000	47728 Pine Creek Ct
	16622 Sherwood Ln
000	508 W Cady St
000	42586 Waterford Rd
000	Plymouth
120.00.00	9148 Northwood Ct

6959 Fairfield St

31505 Hennepin St 29584 Rush St

00.	46002 Rockledge Dr
00	42080 Schoolcraft Rd
00	Redford
	25301 Five Mile Rd
	24820 Ashley Ct
00	27345 Cathedral
00	13511 Dixie
00	24633 Elmira
00	19917 Kinloch
00	17371 Lennane
00	15408 Lexington
00	14226 Sarasota
00	9932 Tecumseh
00	12870 Tecumseh
00	Westland
00	37113 Amhurst Dr
00	30766 Ann Arbor Tri
00	37450 Barkridge Cir
00	37502 Barkridge Cir
00	37587 Barkridge Cir
00	8555 Blackburn Dr
00	1553 Dowling Ct
00	39208 Forest Creek Dr
00	8478 Haller St
00	32101 Harvard St
00	32659 Judy Dr
	31590 Mackenzie Dr
000	30053 Malvern St
000	28925 Manchester St.
000	828 S Henry Ruff Rd
000	953 S John Hix St
000	2560 Stockmeyer Blvd
000	6371 W Morgan Cir
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Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will hold a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning.

Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer knowledge, a strong work ethic, an optimistic "can do" attitude and a strong desire to achieve results through helping others. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

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Advertising Feature





By Dale Buss

You're not dead yet. That's why you're still attracted as heck to the growling new Chevrolet Camaro even though it makes you feel like you're sitting inside a tunnel and your butt hurts when you drive it. Or you really hate to give up your Z4.

But you're an aging boomer now, and there are more reasons than ever for you to be practical in your automotive choices. That's not just because good mileage and decent cargo capacity make sense for someone who's raised a family and has got a lot of stuff. Unwelcome things have come with "maturity" as well, such as a greater need for comfort and convenience in your vehicle – and less tolerance when you don't have that.

According to AutoTrader.com, here are six 2010 models that offer features for practical boomers that you might want to consider:

2010 Audi A8: This car is big and powerful enough to lull you to sleep once you get comfortable behind its responsive wheel. That's why A8's best feature is its radar-assisted Adaptive Cruise Control.

The option automatically keeps you at the speed that you choose but always at a safe distance – which you also program – from the vehicle in front of you. It's a great check on chronic tailgaters. It allows you flagrant inattention to your speed so that you can TXT more accurately. And if you do nod off and are about to snuff yourself out, the Audi system first will slow down – then wake you up with an alarm. The rest is up to you.

2010 Toyota Avalon: A really mature boomer would tolerate the fact that this full-size sedan is even more boring than most Toyotas. Avalon's awesome trunk is the thing to focus on.

Some competing models do offer more room (such as Ford Taurus's 21.2 cubic feet of trunk space). But Avalon's 14.4cubic-foot-trunk is elegantly accessed through a low-cut, wide lip so you can shove four sets of golf clubs back there – or all the lifetime supplies of foods from Costco that you want.

A raised compartment on the side will hold a gallon of milk. And Avalon's trunk lid actually rises when you pop it remotely, which many don't do.

2010 Chevrolet Equinox: Every grandparent learns that grandkids are a mixed blessing. It's not all buying them Sno-Cones and taking them to the zoo. Part of the experience is having to repeat many of the same annoying tasks that you did with your kids.

That's why this crossover's greatest feature is its power child-safety locks for the rear doors that you control from the dash. No more getting your fingers greasy by having to set child-safety locks manually. And when you're out on the town with another couple, it's just as easy to disengage the devices.



Got grandkids in the rear seat of the Chevrolet Equinox? Control the childproof locks from the front.

2010 Lexus RX 350: You already know that this crossover drives and rides as smooth as butter – so we won't tell you that. What you might not know is that among the nifty features that makes this vehicle one of the best all-around luxury movers in the market is something just for your aching knees: the driver's Easy Exit system.

When you turn the car off, the driver's seat automatically slides back two inches, and the steering wheel tilts upward and slides forward, to make your egress smoother. And when you reenter and push the "on" button, the wheel and seat slide back to their memory-set positions.

2010 Ford Taurus: You remember the jelly-bean-shaped original Taurus, right – which became America's best-selling vehicle? Well, Ford finally has come up with a worthy successor to the inspired original with this version of Taurus. It's got lots of nifty features for a reasonably priced sedan, including a cross-traffic The trunk of the Toyota Avalon is spacious and shaped just right for maximum practicality and access.



alert system that helps you avoid being sent to kingdom come when you're backing out of your driveway or a parking lot. Sensors in each rear quarter panel detect would-be projectiles and warn you with a light on the corresponding side-view mirror – and then an audible alarm.

2010 Honda Accord Crosstour: We're not sure why Honda chose to include "Accord" in the name of this vehicle because it is not the Accord of your youth. This new model specializes in providing you with significant utility and well-used space without the height and vehicle size that you'd normally have to lug around to get it.

For example, the tailgate opens large and offers a low lift-over height, since you can't throw around tree stumps as easily as you once did. There's also under-floor storage back there and even reversible floor panels so the dirt from your tree stump won't soil the carpet.



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