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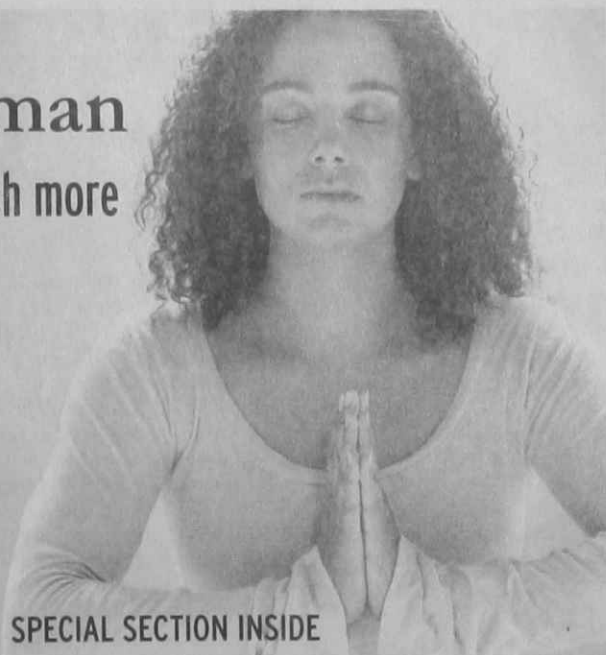
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No Rozema

Canton Chamber of Commerce members and others attending the chamber's annual auction expecting to see former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema are bound for disappointment.

Rozema, a key member of the 1984 World Series champions, had been scheduled to attend the April 17 event at Burton Manor in Livonia.

However, chamber officials announced that, due to a contract misunderstanding, Rozema will not be in attendance.

The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The auction, at \$75 per person, takes place 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 17. Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Price increase

Effective Thursday, April 1, the single-copy price of the *Canton Observer* will be \$1.

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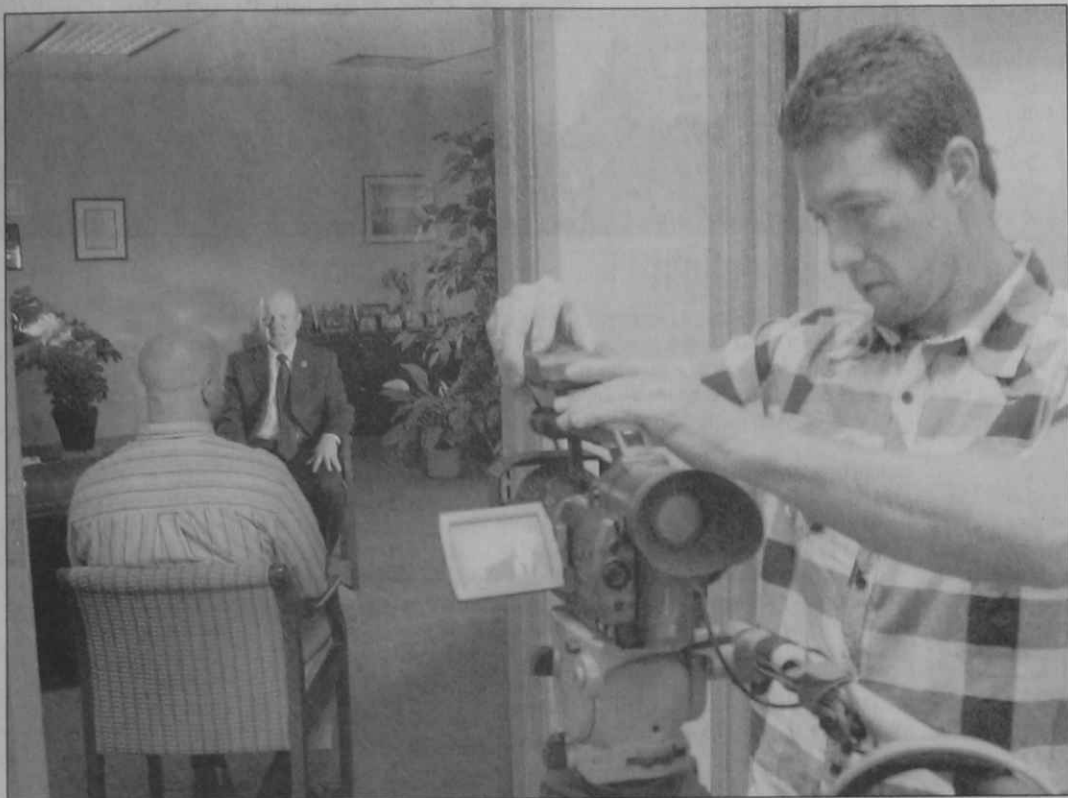
Giving Circle

An educational evening focusing on mentoring for women takes place Wednesday, April 14, at Traditions Club House in Canton.

The program will be presented by the Transition Center from Schoolcraft College. Hosted by Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, the event is open to all women in the community.

The evening's activities will kick off with a reception at 6:30 p.m. which will give guests the opportunity to enjoy some refreshments and talk to members of the Giving Circle. The program and a question-and-answer session follows at 7:15.

The charge to attend is \$10 and reservations are recommended as space is limited. The Traditions Club House is located at 1315 Waterside Drive, Canton. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewc@gmail.com. Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle is a fund of the Canton Community Foundation.



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Garrett Caffacus, field producer and photography director, readies his equipment to film a segment for a national program, 'Inside Business Report.' Looking on in the background is township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. He is facing Dave Harris, Canton's cable television coordinator, who assisted Caffacus.

National notice

Canton draws attention from TV business show

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton will be catapulted into the national spotlight as an economic jewel of Michigan after a day of filming Monday for *Inside Business Report*, a show hosted by actor and Republican politician Fred Thompson.

Thompson, a movie actor and former GOP presidential hopeful who has starred in television shows such as *Law & Order*, didn't come to town, but he hosts the *IBR* segment, *Hidden Gems of Economic Development*, that will market Canton to a national audience.

IBR sent Garrett Caffacus, field producer and photography director, who had a whirlwind day with Canton's cable TV coordinator Dave Harris. They filmed a studio segment in Detroit with WJR-AM (760) morning-drive host Paul W. Smith before returning to Canton to feature township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, local Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz and Danotek Motion Technologies President/CEO Daniel Gizaw. Danotek is an expanding wind turbine generator manufacturer that's investing \$5 million in its Haggerty Road facility.



Garrett Caffacus preps Supervisor Phil LaJoy for an interview with Dave Harris, Canton's cable television coordinator.

IBR's segment also is expected to include footage, filmed locally before Caffacus' visit, that focused on Michigan's only IKEA store along with Canton's highly touted parks, township facilities and Ford Road commercial corridor, Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

IBR contacted Canton for its *Hidden Gems of Economic Development* segment after conducting its own independent research. Local officials expect the several-minute segment to air

in four to six weeks, so stay tuned for an announcement. Officials earlier said the show will likely be seen at least once nationally on CNBC and 10 times regionally on other news networks in as many as 15 markets.

"We feel that the Canton community has tremendous attributes and qualities," LaJoy said, shortly before his third-floor office in Canton's administration build-

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Family coping as crash victim remains in coma

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton Township woman remains in a coma two months after a traffic crash in Plymouth Township prosecutors say was caused by a Westland podiatrist who was driving drunk.

Dawn Hengesbaugh turned 41 last month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she has been since the Jan. 29 crash on Ann Arbor Road near I-275. Prosecutors say Jason Choos, 45, had a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit when he drove a Lincoln MKX into the rear of the Chevrolet Trailblazer being driven by Hengesbaugh, who was traveling with husband Larry and their two children.

Choos, who also lives in Canton, faces two counts of causing a serious injury while driving drunk, one count of marijuana possession and one count of illegally possessing a pistol.

He waived a preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, and was formally arraigned on those charges Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court before Judge Daniel Ryan. A circuit court hearing was scheduled for Thursday, May 13.

Meanwhile, the victim's family is struggling to cope with Hengesbaugh's hospitalization, and her husband, who had recently returned to work after a layoff, is now turning more attention to his children in their mother's absence.

"No matter what happens with Dawn, it's just going to be the three of us for a long time," Larry Hengesbaugh said in a written statement. "We don't know what capacity we're going to get her back in, if she comes back at all."

He said he had been more of a traditional breadwinner while his wife took care of 12-year-old Zack and 5-year-old Jacquelyn, as well as for a 99-year-old grandmother. Now, Larry Hengesbaugh said, he's getting the children ready for the day, taking them to school and preparing their meals. Injuries suffered in the crash, he said, have limited his ability to work.

Larry Hengesbaugh said he's also having serious conversations with Zack and Jacquelyn about their mother's condition.

"The conversations I've had to have with them lately ... no father should have to have with a 5-year-old child," Hengesbaugh said. "What I've had to talk to my kids about is the worst things you could ever imagine."

A fund has been set up through National City Bank to aid the Hengesbaugh family. The fund is in Dawn Hengesbaugh's name and the address is 43124 Ironsides Court, Canton, MI 48187.

Choos is free on bond required to submit to alcohol testing several times a day. Police said they found marijuana in the Lincoln he was driving, along with a semi-automatic pistol for which he did not have the proper permit.

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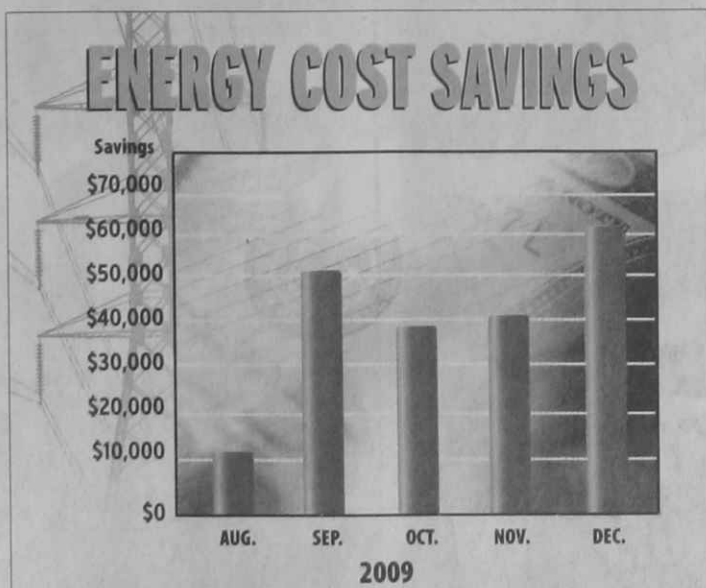
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Savings light up district's energy report

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The energy management partnership Plymouth-Canton school officials entered into with Energy Education, Inc., is already paying higher dividends than expected, according to school district officials.

Jim Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said the plan — aimed at helping the district save money by cutting down on energy usage and costs — has already saved the district nearly \$300,000 this school year.

In the first five months of the program, the district

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Roll Over fund-raiser

A "Roll Over Cancer Fund Raiser," sponsored by "Inspired from Heaven" for the Canton Relay for Life, takes place 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill in Westland.

Skates will be available to rent or skaters can bring their own. The event will feature a 50/50 raffle (prize: Birthday party for 8 at Skateland) and door prizes; luminaries will be available for \$10.

Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Canton Relay for Life. For more information, contact Mary at inspiredfromheaven@yahoo.com

Slavens coffee

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

Slavens will host her April coffee hours 9-10 a.m. Monday, April 12, at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton, and 11 a.m. to noon Monday, April 19, at Mike's Red Apple Restaurant, 60 Main, in Belleville.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business or organization is interested in hosting an event with Slavens, call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her Web site at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

Brandon speaks

David Brandon, the University of Michigan's athletic director and former CEO of Domino's Pizza, will be the guest speaker during a Canton Economic Club luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Cost is \$20. To register, call (734) 394-5185 by Friday, April 2.

Hospice support

Compassionate Care Hospice is offering a seven-week grief support series, "Understanding Your Grief," beginning Thursday, April 15.

The group is for any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one and will provide support and education on the grieving process. The group will be conducted at the Compassionate Care Hospice office located at 5820 N. Lilley Rd., Ste. 1, Canton, from 7-8:30 p.m. There is no charge.

For information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, at (734) 983-9050.

Business women meet

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Guest speaker Kathy Henning will talk about being less stressed by showing how important it is to stay present in the moment because the mind can get carried away, in particular worrying about the future.

For more information and to RSVP contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or by calling (313) 610-2561.

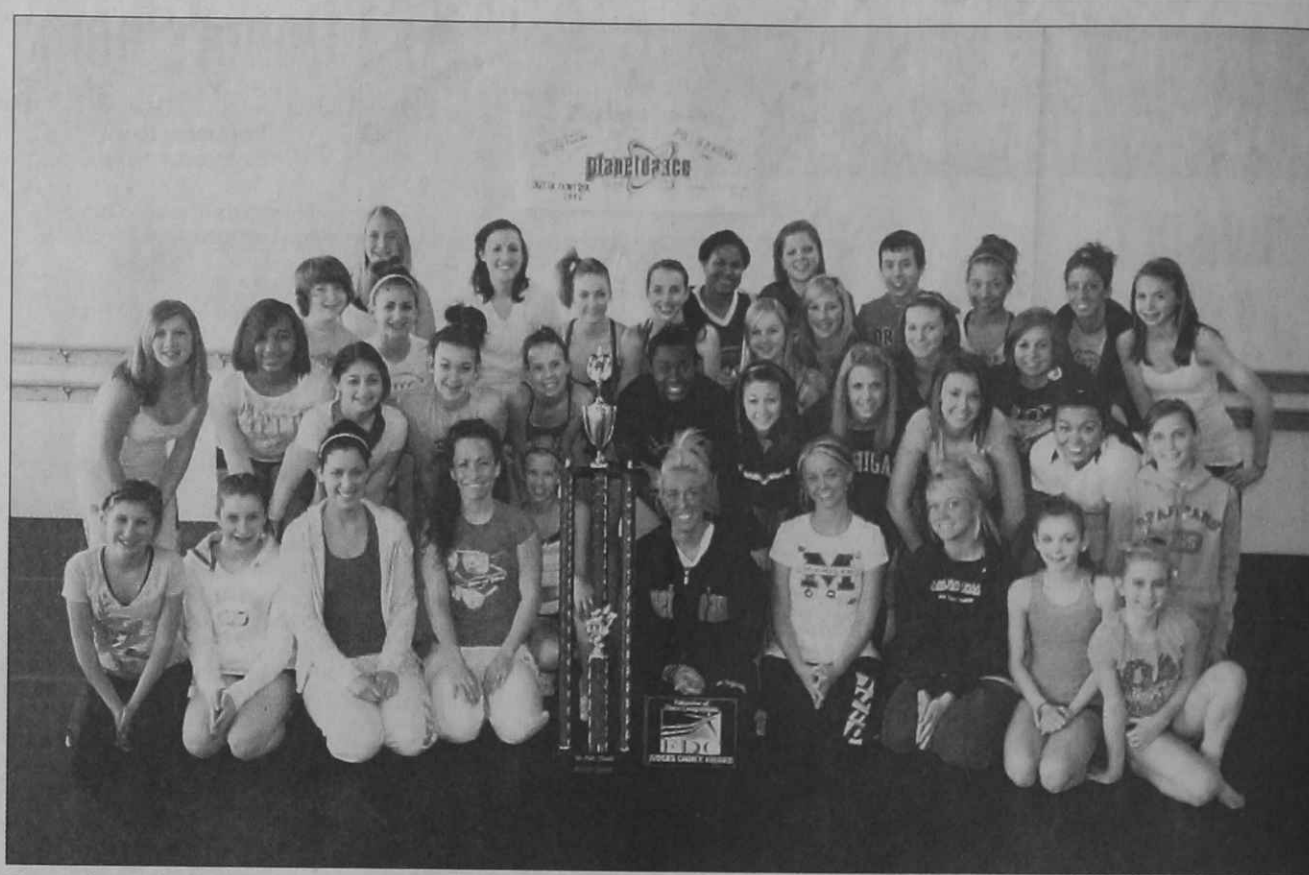
Waste pickup

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 5 and will continue until Dec. 2. All yard waste should be placed with your recyclables separate from your trash on your regular trash collection day.

Acceptable yard waste items include; grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include; food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste



Dancing delight

Dancers from planetdance recently competed at the KAR Dance Competition in Walled Lake, where they took top honors with their competition team. The team consists of 60 dancers from the local area. The team won several overall honors, title awards, Top Elite Studio and was awarded the FDC award where the judges pick one routine from the weekend to compete in New Orleans. The weekend had over 500 routines. "The kids have worked so hard this year and it was evident to everyone the love of dance that each student has," planetdance owner Jen Toby said. "Words could never express how proud I am for all of the kids." planetdance is located at 44314 Cherry Hill in Canton. For more on the studio, visit www.planetdancestudio.com

bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE". Stickers for reusable container are available at Canton Treasurer's Office. Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items, if either are placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, CWR will leave the yard waste behind.

All containers must be marked "YARD WASTE" and containers weighing over 50 pounds or that are over 32 gallons will not be accepted. All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the Veolia Regional Yard Waste Compost Site located on Six Mile Road in Salem Township. At the facility the yard waste is screened, then placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost.

For questions or more information on yard waste collection please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at 734/397-5801.

Captain meetings

Canton Relay for Life hosts team captain meetings 7 p.m. April 13 at the Canton Public Library, and 7 p.m. April 27 at the Summit.

Teams currently registered for the local Relay For Life event or anyone interested in learning more about participating in the event should attend. Team Captain meetings will be held periodically as the community ramps up for the annual Relay For Life of Canton on May 15-16 at Heritage Park.

Community members can join the movement for a world with less cancer and more birthdays by starting a new team or joining an existing team by following the links at www.relayforlife.org/canton-mi. Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi as well.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School, located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton, hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 15.

The school offers preschool and elementary, including a "Young Fives" program and all-day kindergarten. Register before April 16 and apply full registration fee toward first month's tuition.

Contact the school office at (734) 459-9720 for more information.

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and concessions will be available.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, Xbox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students, including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

Summer camp enrollment

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is offering a Summer Camp program for children between the ages of 3 and 6 years. The nine-week summer day camp, located on the school's campus at 45245 Joy Road In Canton, begins June 21 and ends Aug. 20.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide

variety of theme-related projects that include lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

"Our program is especially designed to meet the development needs of young children," said Linda Myers, summer camp director. "Our professional and experienced staff of early childhood educators offers young campers a wonderful balance of learning and play."

Full and half-day programs are available during the summer session with morning-only groups running from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m. and afternoon groups from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Full time care for day campers is also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. as needed.

While parents are encouraged to enroll children for the full summer camp, Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org. Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

For additional information about Plymouth-Canton Montessori School and the summer camp program, call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org. Early enrollment is recommended to ensure availability.

Good Friday breakfast

All men and boys are invited to an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Friday, April 2, at 8 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton.

This community outreach event includes a powerful message by pastor Dave Woodby and son Zack. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under and can be obtained by calling the church office at (734) 459-3333.

Rose party

The Canton Lions Club hosts a "Millionaire's Party" April 15-17 at Rose's Restaurant.

All proceeds will benefit the Canton Lions Club and fund programs for sight- and hearing-impaired folks in Canton Township. The party runs 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night.

Rose's Restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road

in Canton.

Damaris scholars

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fish Fry Friday

In the mood for seafood? Then don't miss the final Fish Fry Friday April 2 at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The all-you-can-eat buffets are served Fridays (except March 5) 5-8 p.m.

Fish Fry buffet items include battered Atlantic cod; herb encrusted Tilapia; seafood cakes; Pasta Alfredo; fresh vegetables; salad bar with tossed and Caesar salad; French fries; coleslaw; soft drinks, coffee and tea.

Adults can dine for \$11.95 per person and children under 12 years of age are just \$4.95 each. Desserts and a full-service bar are available at an additional cost. These dinners are prepared by Summit Gourmet by Continental for dine-in or take-out. Reservations are not necessary except for parties of eight or more.

For more information about these Friday Fish Fries at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.Cantonfun.org.

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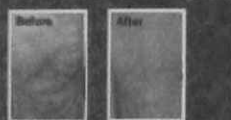
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton teen gets probation in theft plea

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton teen charged in a string of thefts from local vehicles has been placed on probation for two years in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Michael Ryan England, 19, was sentenced in March after he pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage and larceny from a motor vehicle, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Canton police arrested England amid allegations he broke into several vehicles in December. His arrest in January came after stolen items such as a snowboard and boots were taken to the Play It Again Sports store on Ford Road.

Township police had asked local businesses to be on the alert for stolen property following a rash of vehicle break-ins.

England's plea averted a trial that had been ordered after he voluntarily waived his preliminary exam Jan. 22 in 35th District Court. He had been free on a \$10,000 personal bond as he awaited the outcome of his case.

As part of his probation, England has been ordered not to violate any more laws and not to leave the state without permission. He also had been told he is subject to drug testing and to receive outpatient substance abuse treatment.

England's arrest — and other thefts from vehicles — had prompted Canton police to warn motorists not to leave personal belongings where would-be criminals might see them and be tempted to break in.

"They're not going to steal what they can't see," police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Pair arrested after home invasion report

1 Canton police arrested two men following reports of a home invasion that occurred about 2:30 a.m. Saturday on Iron Gate, north-east of Sheldon and Warren.

Police responded after a witness reported seeing two men enter a garage and remove items they are accused of taking to a nearby residence. Windows of a vehicle parked in the driveway also had been smashed out.

Officers and a police dog came to the scene and ultimately found two people in a nearby house where stolen items had been taken. Police also found a garage door opener from the house where the home invasion had occurred.

Police arrested a pair of men and were awaiting word of charges from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Taking a TV

2 Police arrested a 49-year-old man amid reports he tried to steal a television from the Walmart store on Ford Road east of I-275 around 10:50 p.m. Monday.

A store employee saw the man place the TV in a cart and leave the store without paying for it. The employee followed the suspect outside, confronted him and escorted him back into the store until police arrived.

Police searched the man and found a semiautomatic handgun, though it had not been used during the incident.

A police report indicated the man was accompanied by two children,

whose mother was called to come and get them. The woman told police the suspect is a friend she used to date and that she occasionally helps him out.

Auto ablaze

3 A motorist contacted Canton authorities after seeing a Dodge Intrepid burning around 6 a.m. March 23 on the east side of I-275 near Warren.

Police and firefighters arrived on the scene to find the back seat in flames and the entire car filled with smoke, but no driver was there.

The witness who reported the fire had initially seen a white van parked in

front of the Intrepid, but it pulled away.

Canton firefighters put out the blaze, and a police report indicated that authorities found gas cans, bottles of antifreeze, clothes, shoes, boxes of baseball cards and other personal property that had caught fire.

A police report indicated it appeared the owner either was moving or living out of the vehicle.

Police were in the process of trying to contact the owner.

Taurus taken

4 A woman told police her 1999 Ford Taurus was stolen from the front of her residence on Hanford, northwest of Ford

and Haggerty, sometime overnight March 24. The woman noticed the car was missing after she got up in the morning to go to the gym.

She told police her GPS unit was taken. She said she had locked the car but didn't hear an alarm going off during the night.

GPS swiped

8 Another GPS unit was stolen from a vehicle while it was parked on Meadowbrook, southeast of Warren and Lilley, between midnight and 10 a.m. Friday. The car's window had been smashed out.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

CRIME WATCH



and Haggerty, sometime overnight March 24. The woman noticed the car was missing after she got up in the morning to go to the gym.

Apartment burgled

5 A woman reported that her apartment on Honeycomb, south-east of Joy Road and I-275, was ransacked sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. last Thursday. Items missing included money, clothing and a purse and other personal belongings.

Intruder alert

6 A man told police his residence on Douglas, southwest of Cherry Hill and Lotz, was entered by an intruder sometime Saturday before 9:40 p.m. The man reported missing items including a television, laptop computer, shoes, jackets and other personal belongings.

Window smashed

7 A woman told police the front passenger window of

her 2002 Honda Accord was smashed out sometime between 9 p.m. last Thursday and 8:50 a.m. Friday while it was parked on Addison, southeast of Ford and Lilley.

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ing was transformed Monday morning into a makeshift television studio. "We have a unique combination of things that makes us attractive for businesses."

And that's the potentially economy-boosting message local officials hope to get across in the *IBR* segment.

Moments before taking his seat under the glare of a television camera and lights, LaJoy touted Canton as a safe, diverse community that can and, indeed, already has capitalized on its accessibility to airports, railroads, interstates and top-tier educational institutions such as the University of Michigan. Moreover, he underscored the township's business-friendly climate and quality of life for its nearly 90,000 residents.

"We know all this," LaJoy said, and by appearing on national television, "we want others to know it."

As the camera rolled, he traced Canton's history as a farming community and one-time sweet corn capital of Michigan that grew and prospered after New England settlers, committed to strong schools, migrated here.

As Canton evolved, LaJoy said, it became home to the 95,000-square-foot Summit on the Park's fitness, aquatics and banquet facilities, the popular 400-seat Village Theater at Cherry Hill and a top-tier sports complex, including the Arctic Edge Ice Arena that draws both amateurs and Olympic gold medalists.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said Canton's extensive parks system and recreation offerings, including the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail recently equipped with a series of pedestrian bridges, also make Canton a desirable community.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said she is hopeful Canton will benefit after the *IBR* program singles it out among Michigan communities for its quality-of-life and economic strengths. Moreover, local officials are expected to have licensing rights to use the segment as a marketing tool.

"What we hope this program will do when it airs nationally is make businesses think of Canton, because they may be learning about it for the first time," she said. "We want them to come to our wonderful community."

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ENERGY
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saved some \$216,000, according to figures provided by Energy Education. Another \$75,000 was saved in January, though that figure was not included in the initial report. The best months were September (\$50,000) and December (\$60,000). Every building in the district saved at least a little bit on energy costs in the first five months, led by Allen (a 31-percent reduction) and Bird (a 26-percent reduction) elementaries.

"We want to recognize the staff and plant engineers at those schools," said Dale Leiting of Energy Education. "A can-do attitude is what made the difference there."

Energy Education supplies districts with intensive training for school personnel. The company has worked with more than 900 educational organizations across the nation, impacting the educational environment of more than 12 million children and helping clients save more than \$1.5 billion in 22 years.

Plymouth-Canton entered into the contract with Energy Education in spring 2009, and it went into effect in August 2009. The primary goal, obviously, is to eliminate energy waste and make the district's energy systems run more efficiently.

"The basis is to optimize mechanicals during unoccupied times," Larson-Shidler said. "We haven't always been consistent (with energy conservation). Now we have guidelines."

The district spends the bulk of its energy costs (61 percent) in electrical energy, while 30 percent is in gas and the other 9 percent in water/sewer. Savings were realized, at least in part, because rates for electrical (a drop of 10 percent) and natural gas (a 4-percent drop) have changed. Rates for water/sewer went up 15 percent.

Energy Education estimated the district would spend more than \$1.7 million in energy costs from August-December, but actual costs came in at some \$1.5 million.

The district's three high schools were at the lower end of the savings spectrum, but Leiting said that was easily explainable.

"High schools are more difficult

because there are a lot more after-school activities," he said.

The district is at a 13-percent savings this year and hopes to get into the mid-20s next year, Larson-Shidler said. Benchmark districts like Farmington, Utica and Walled Lake are all over 30 percent, he said.

"That's where we want to be," Larson-Shidler said.

Just as important as the money, district officials say, is the reduction in energy use the district has seen. According to figures provided by Energy Education, Plymouth-Canton used some 12.6 percent less energy than expected.

"Everyone likes to focus on the money, but we are conserving energy," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We're being responsible environmentally."

It was the first report board members had heard since the program started last fall.

"We've been chomping at the bit to see some results since we started this," board President Steven Sneideman said. "It's great to finally see some."

Dinner-auction April 24 to benefit wounded soldiers

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will hold its Fourth Annual Dinner and Auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go directly to helping wounded Michigan soldiers and the families of Michigan's fallen.

This year's keynote speaker is Judge Anthony Napolitano, FOX News Channel senior judicial analyst and author of four books, including his latest, *Dred Scott's Revenge*. The master of ceremonies for the evening is Detroit television and radio personality Chuck Gaidica.

Past speakers have included retired Col. Oliver North; Robert Lutz, former vice chairman of global product development for General Motors, and Marcus Luttrell, former Navy SEAL and author of the book *Lone Survivor*.

Last year's event raised more than \$200,000 — money that went directly to helping returning soldiers deal with medical issues, financial hardship caused by their deployments, as well as setting up scholarships for the children of our fallen heroes.

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Ladies turn out for Diva Day shopping

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cyndi Spurlock of Canton was among early shoppers at Saturday's Diva Day for women in Plymouth.

"I love the concept," Spurlock said of the day sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "It's a great idea. We're always taking care of everybody else."

This is the second year for the day aimed at women shoppers, and Spurlock was among Canton Newcomers members who attended. She likes Bella Mia, which sells clothes, along with clothing store Maggie & Me, and Panera's and Starbucks for food.

"You can't shop and not eat," she said with a smile.

She's noticed a lot of chocolate shops in Plymouth, and wonders if there are too many. "How many do we have? There's quite a few."

Friend Cindy Koldys of Canton, who grew up in Plymouth, likes Gabriela's and the newer Home Sweet Home, which she calls "well displayed, very unique." She used to ride her bicycle into Plymouth as a girl.

She'd like more reasonable



Women line up outside the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth to get their free Diva Day boas. There were 500 free boas available, and they were gone by 1 p.m. Women got beads the rest of the afternoon.

prices for gifts in Plymouth, and likes the new Genuine Toy Co. toy store on Forest.

"I'm down here a couple times a month," said friend Julie New of Canton. She likes Gabriela's, the Hallmark store on Forest and the Plymouth Yoga Room.

"I pretty much shop the Plymouth-Canton retail outlets," New said. She likes Plymouth for unique gifts. "Maybe a shoe place," she said of what she'd like added.

Koldys said the Cherry Hill

Village area further south in Canton needs more businesses. "It is closer and it's unique," she said. "It would be nice to see it productive."

Marilyn Messina of Canton said of Plymouth, "I think it's a real cute little town, but it's pricey for me." As a senior, she likes discounts at Canton's Kohl's and J.C. Penney.

"I live at Penney's and Kohl's and they're right near each other," Messina said. She loves the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, which was

reopened by her daughter's boss, a Canton dentist, after being closed.

"I love their food and I was glad it reopened," Messina said of the Cozy Cafe.

Shopper Carol Palk was walking on Ann Arbor Trail with granddaughter Julia Sokolowski, 22 months. They were among the first 500 women shoppers who received turquoise boas to wear for Diva Day.

"We're just coming down looking at the stores and getting some Easter candy," Palk said. "Oh, I love it," she added of Plymouth, citing variety and friendly merchants.

Palk likes Sideways for gifts, Muriel's, which sells dolls, doll clothing and houses and more, as well as Forest Avenue Meats.

Palk has lived in the Plymouth-Canton community about 30 years. "So we've seen some changes. Just different," she said. "I try to do a lot of our shopping here in town. I think it's a wonderful place to live."

Lori Nork of Livonia brought her daughter and two friends to Diva Day. "It's great," Nork said of Plymouth. "It's got a lot of different stores. A lot of great places to

eat."

She likes the Brass & Iron Bed Shop on Ann Arbor Trail, with her daughter adding Bella Mia as a destination.

Nork also shops at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, Twelve Oaks in Novi and Westland Shopping Center. She needs a good weather day to visit Plymouth, such as Saturday. "You just have more unique shops in a downtown," she said.

Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations on Forest, was busy but took a few minutes to talk business. She's been at that site 11 years and was in Canton 10 years before that.

"Wonderful customers, being very flexible with the way the economy has been," Delap said of her business success.

Basket Kreations now does more gifts "for any and every occasion," especially at Christmas. There are fewer corporate orders, but still baskets done for get well, sympathy and new babies.

"So we're still that alternative to flowers," she said. The Canton resident loves her Plymouth business address, where she spends many hours.

"It has a really home feel to

it." Residents shop locally, as do customers from Canton, Westland, Garden City and Ann Arbor.

"They really look at Plymouth as a great place" to bring families and girlfriends, Delap said.

"Every day is amazing, the people you meet from all over," Delap said, comparing Plymouth to Mayberry of TV fame. "It's like you know everybody."

She wants to keep a balance of merchants. "People like to be able to bring their kids in." The nearby Burger Spot on Forest is set to reopen soon, and she gets a lot of questions about that eatery.

Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth chamber, agreed balance is needed in a retail mix. Bars and restaurants do draw patrons to downtown Plymouth.

"So in that sense it's a positive," said Graff. The ability to maintain safety is key.

He cited a shoe store, particularly for women, as a need for downtown Plymouth. A downtown is different from a mall, Graff said, and a merchant there needs a Web presence to supplement store traffic.

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Science fiction author to speak

Science fiction author Eric S. Rabkin will discuss popular themes and ideas presented in Ray Bradbury's book *Fahrenheit 451* 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Rabkin will present his discussion, "Bradbury, Utopia and Fahrenheit 451," at the keynote session of Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's Big Read.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library

Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest and is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

Wayne Metro is sponsoring free special events and programming through April 30 that coincide with the book *Fahrenheit 451*. Events include book discussions, movie screenings, poster contests and writing workshops. All events are free and open to the public. "We have a lot of great events planned," said Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker. "The Big Read is one of those programs that really inspire the community to get involved and pick up a book."

Rabkin is a noted Arthur F. Thurnau Professor and professor of English language and literature at the University of Michigan. He is widely recognized for his publications and contributions to the genre of science fiction. Additionally, Rabkin knows Bradbury personally and will share details regarding Bradbury's writing influences.

Following the discussion at 1 p.m., The University of Michigan's ROC Theatre Troupe will perform "Dorm Dayz." This sketch promotes communication and trusting relationships across cultural and ethnic diversity lines.

For a complete list of free Big Read events, visit www.waynemetro.org/bigread.html or call (734) 246-2280, ext. 123.

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Youngsters party in Easter style

The chance to find Easter eggs wasn't the only attraction as Canton put on its annual celebration of Easter for the youngster Saturday in Canton.

The pancake breakfast helped kick the day off at the Summit, and then kids 11 and under got to find as many little eggs as they could in the Easter Eggstravaganza at the Heritage Park playscape and splashpad.

All in all, a pretty good day for some 2,000 folks who took part.

"It was a great event," said Jon LaFever of Canton's

Leisure Services Department. "It was well attended, and our residents really seemed to enjoy themselves."

The pancake party offered up a buffet that featured pastries, a pancake bar, sausage, juice, milk and coffee, provided by Summit Gourmet by Continental.

In addition to the Eggstravaganza, LaFever said, many enjoyed the petting farm, pony rides and the Wildlife Safari shows.

"It was a perfect way to welcome in spring," he said.



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Hugs from the Easter Bunny accompanied breakfast at Saturday's pancake breakfast at Canton's Summit on the Park.



The eggs were plentiful at Saturday's Easter event in Heritage Park.



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Brunch with the Bunny

Annual event brings families some Easter fun

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Easter Bunny hit Plymouth a week early, much to the delight of some 65 families attending the third annual Bunny Brunch Saturday at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Volunteers - some 55 of them donating 275 hours in the run-up to the event - handed out 131 Easter baskets to children attending the brunch.

"It was fabulous," said Capt. Dan Hull, the Salvation Army's corps officer. "We had a good, family event for a number of participants in our programs. It allowed the parents to have a day with their kids and to get familiar with some of our programming. It was an opportunity for community volunteers to help us to do that."

Volunteers helped the children with a variety of craft projects, including cookie decorating, tattoos, face painting, and bunny egg craft, "He lives!" crosses, sun catchers and jelly bean posters.

The Salvation Army borrowed a couple of chefs from their Adult Rehabilitation Center in Romulus, and the cooks prepared French toast sticks, hash-brown patties and sausages.

Each table was decorated with Easter baskets placed down the middle of the table so

every child was able to select the basket of their choice. Plus, at each craft station children were given additional goodies for their basket.

In addition to all the crafts, the Salvation Army set up a "bounce kettle," an inflated play area where youngsters could hop around. Inside the gym was a youth interactive game, donated by Gary Walley of Fitness Things who, with his wife, provided supervision. The event also featured several bunnies from Midwest Rabbit Rescue.

And, of course, there was the Easter Bunny himself, running around with Ms. Peep, posing for photos taken by local photographer Brian Waskiewicz.

Families came from all over the Plymouth Salvation Army service area, which includes Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

Hull said the event, as is true with many Salvation Army programs, wouldn't have been possible without the volunteers.

"With our small staff, we couldn't do it without the volunteers," he said. "It takes an army of volunteers for us to do what we do in the community. Without them, we couldn't do as much as we do or as well as we do it."

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Connor Moore of Canton gets his face painted during the annual Bunny Brunch at the Plymouth Salvation Army.



National Honor Society volunteers took time out to pose with the Easter Bunny.



The Easter Bunny and Ms. Peep made their annual appearance at the third annual Bunny Brunch Saturday at the Plymouth Salvation Army.



Volunteers helped some 65 families who attended Saturday's Bunny Brunch.

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Debt reduction, retirement savings good tax refund uses

Over the next couple weeks many more people will be filing tax returns and receiving refunds. In addition, because more and more people are e-filing, they are receiving refunds within a couple of weeks. The issue for many people is what to do with the refund.

In the past, many who received a refund treated it as an unexpected windfall and proceeded to use the money to reward themselves. Whether it was buying a big screen television or a night out on the town, some looked at tax refunds as a year-end bonus.

Unfortunately, in today's economic climate where many people are receiving refunds, we cannot afford to be so cavalier with our tax refunds. Therefore, if you are lucky enough to receive a tax refund, there are things to look at before you spend your tax refund. The realities of the world are such that you need to prioritize how you spend this money.

The first thing to consider with the refund is to pay off any high interest charge card debt that is not tax deductible. In today's economic times, reducing debt gives you greater flexibility in handling



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Rick Bloom

your financial affairs.

I've always said paying off debt allows you to sleep easier at night and, as far as I'm concerned, that is the No. 1 thing to do with a tax refund.

When someone tells me they are thinking about investing the money, my answer is that there is no investment I know of that produces a guaranteed 18.5 percent return. That is the return you get when you pay off your high interest rate charge cards. In fact, for many people it can even be a greater rate of return because it's not unusual for some charge card companies to be charging over 20 percent.

The second most important thing to do with your tax refund is invest it for retirement. Money from a tax refund is a great way to fund an IRA. My recommendation for most people would be a Roth IRA. However, whether it is a traditional or a Roth IRA, investing for your retirement is a great way to use your tax refund.

The third area that I recommend people consider is saving for their child's or grandchild's college education by establishing a fund such as the Michigan Education Savings Plan. What is happening in the economy today should convince everyone of the importance of a college education. Consider that the unemployment rate for those with a college education is minimal in comparison to those who did not attend college, you can see the importance of saving for college.

I would love to say that you should reward yourself with a tax refund by taking a trip, buying that big screen television or whatever. Unfortunately, I can't. We are in tough economic times that don't appear to be ending anytime soon. Therefore, we must act like adults when it comes to our money. If you're getting a tax refund, make sure that you spend it wisely.

Good luck!

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Youth troupe brings 'Percival' to life

Wilbur, the pig in Charlotte's Web, and Babe (from the movie of the same name) might have to make room for a new pig on the block.

Spotlight on Youth presents "Percival the Performing Pig," a heart-warming story about an exceptional pig with an operatic singing voice, April 15-18 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

When heard singing by an Opera Company, Percival is sold and must leave his farm and his animal friends. Audience members will find out how Percival manages to find his way back home and to those he loves.

"I chose 'Percival' to direct as it allows for creativity, growth

and diversity and allows many youths the opportunity to be involved in a wonderful story about love and faith with lots of laughs throughout," director and choreographer Barba Bloom said. "A fun fact about 'Percival': It features the youth actors as scenery, props and set pieces. This show appeals to all ages allowing the audience to join in the fun!"

The show hits the stage 7 p.m. April 15-17, with 2 p.m. matinee performances April 17-18.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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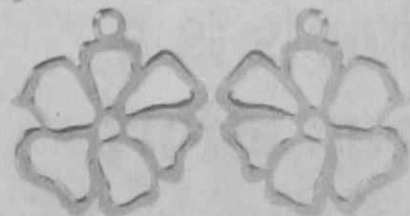
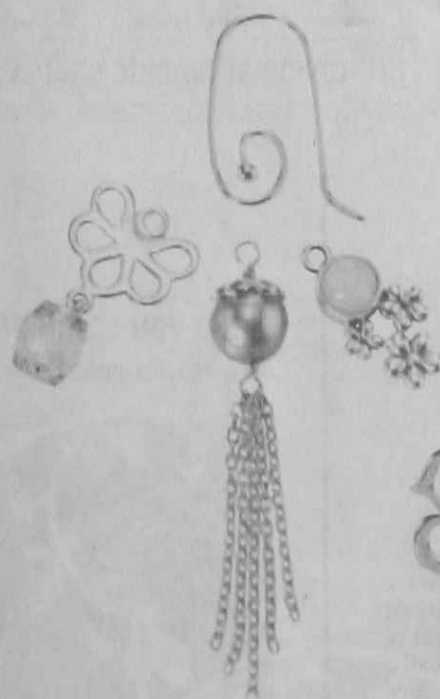
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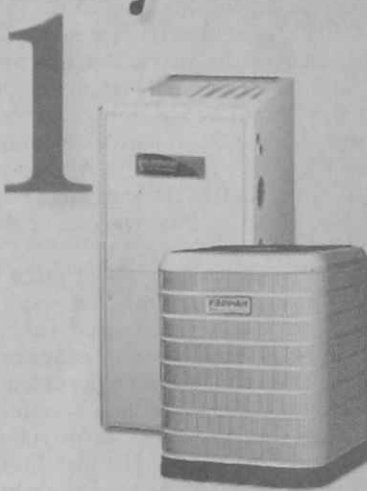
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Saving W-W schools is a group effort

Preserving public education in Michigan is a daunting task at best these days. More and more school districts are closing schools, privatizing support services and seeking concessions from employees and layoffs in an effort to cut costs and balance their budgets.

The results of a survey conducted by Michigan School Business Officials paint a gloomy picture for public K-12 education in Michigan. Of school districts responding, 47 face deficits this year and the number could double in 2010-11. Cutting costs is now a way of life for districts hoping to avoid deficits.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools wants to cut \$19 million out of its budget in hopes of weathering the state's financial crisis without becoming one of those districts that slips into deficit. The district is closing six elementary schools, which will save some \$5 million, and is looking to save an additional \$4.5 million in concessions from employees.

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and central office administrators as well as Superintendent Greg Baracy and his deputy superintendents, Charlotte Sherman and Gary Martin.

The pay freezes and co-pays for health care represent about \$315,000 in savings, a drop in the bucket in comparison to what is needed. Negotiations are in the preliminary stages with the district's employee groups in hopes that they will also agree to pay and step freezes.

Giving back isn't an easy thing for unions to do. Each gain that's been made has been fought for over the years. But now is not the time for a no way-no how stand. In December when the school board approved the school closings, Nancy Strachan, president of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, put the district on notice that her members should not have to shoulder the burden of the state's fiscal problems.

It's a noble stance but out of place in these current economic times. It doesn't matter where your employees stand in comparison to other Wayne County school districts — according to Strachan's statements in December, "Wayne-Westland teachers are in the bottom quarter in pay in Wayne County." Highest paid, lowest paid, it just doesn't matter. What does is maintaining the educational program and jobs.

The unions need only look around to see what is happening in other districts to realize that working with administrators to save money is the better road to follow. Three hundred bus drivers lost their jobs in Detroit due to privatization, and bus drivers and bus aides in Garden City have offered concessions as the district looks into a partial privatization of bus services. Even the Livonia Public Schools has looked at increasing class sizes, reducing bus transportation and raising lunch prices to help offset a projected \$14.7 million deficit in 2010-11.

We urge the district's employee unions to look long and hard at what they can do to help the district weather this fiscal crisis. It's time to set aside those county-wide stats and focus on the ones that are most important — the 12,000-plus students in Wayne-Westland who deserve a good education.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Have you completed your U.S. Census form and mailed it back?

We asked this question March 25 at the Canton Public Library.



"Yes, about two weeks ago."

Suzanne Eidson
Canton



"Yes, I think it was two days ago."

Devashree Dutta
Canton



"Yes, earlier this week."

Mary Muncy
Canton



"Yes, I did it March 18th."

Frank Nieto
Canton

LETTERS

The 'Fitz' effect

Dear Dr. Fitzpatrick,
I read the article in Sunday's *Observer* newspaper ("A true 'Rock'" Sunday, March 28) about your retirement, and I could not let you leave the Park without telling you how much you meant to my high school experience.

I was a Canton student, but a part of my heart will always be a Rock. I spent most of my life during my high school years in that building through my work with WSDP, and spending my freshman and sophomore years in the Spectra program.

Even before that, though, I have a distinct memory of my freshman year. I was sitting in the Salem lunchroom on the first full day of my freshman year and you walked up and said something to the effect of "How are you, Mr. Smith?" I was shocked that you knew who I was, on my first day at the Park, when I wasn't even a Salem student, let alone one under your disciplinary charge — and even if I was, I doubt I would have ever been trouble in the disciplinary department.

I always viewed you and Mr. Ostoin as two of the most approachable administrators at the Park. Salem was capable of moving on with little hitch when Mr. Ostoin retired a few years ago because you were more than capable of assuming his office — though I'm sure it was an unenviable task, you were more than prepared to handle it.

I have taken the life lessons I learned at the Park into my post-high school career now in Athens, Ga., and have even referred to the Park model in speaking to people around here about unique high school situations nationwide. I am proud to be a graduate of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, whether that's as a Rock, Chief, or Wildcat.

To you, your family, and the entire Park and PCCS families, I say, "Well done, Dr. Fitz." Enjoy your retirement and know that, even years after graduation, your impact lives in on in your former students' hearts.

Brian Smith
Canton Class of 2004

Grateful to McCotter

I read Natalie Mosher's article in support of Obamacare and her bashing of Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, as she plans to challenge him for his 11th District seat. She speaks of the cheap theatrics of the GOP. What about the cheap theatrics of Nancy Pelosi gloating with the Dingell gavel to bring the congressional vote for health reform to a close?

What about the lies, closed door meetings, horse trading and lack of transpar-

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ency the Democrats displayed throughout this ugly process, while jamming a bill through against the will of the majority of the American people? What an ugly power grab this was by the Democrats as John Dingell told Ken Rogulski on his WJR interview to put measures in place to "control the people."

Yes, this bill will "control the people." It will control what care we will be eligible to receive, which procedures we will be able to see, and which insurance companies we will be able to enroll in.

If the Obama health plan is so wonderful, why did Congress exempt themselves and their staff from participating? Or is that your motivation for running, Natalie?

Every poll I read showed an overwhelming opposition to the Democrats' health care reform bill, which will add another two trillion dollars debt the U.S. will owe China on the back of our children and grandchildren.

We do not need another liberal to perpetuate the reign of Nancy Pelosi and the free spending agenda the Obama administration is burdening the American people while we are in a deep recession.

I am grateful to Sen. McCotter for his opposition to this catastrophe inflicted upon the American people, and his conservative beliefs and policies.

Michele Brodish-Mog
Canton

Stop the punishment

Punishment for a job well done.

That is what the Michigan State Senate Republicans believe. How can you call Bill SB1227 an incentive for our public school employees?

Our teachers — those who have dedicated their lives to teaching and working with our young people — are now having this

"incentive" forced upon them. An incentive that says if you do not retire in this time, we will penalize you by taking away your dental and optical coverage. Also, we want you to pay extra for your future retirement. That is not an incentive but a punishment. That is what our Republican Legislature believes.

Instead of figuring out ways to fund public education — which is not an entitlement program — the Republicans choose to ignore their responsibility and run their party line. They choose to give up their courage and their integrity and run on a platform of no taxes. They choose to be a bottleneck in a system that is supposed to support our teachers and students.

They want to cut again another \$118 per student, thinking that there is still fat in the budgets of school districts. What kind of logic is that when for the last decade, school districts have been readjusting and taking cuts? However, now is the time not to cut but to fortify our educational process.

It's time that Republicans step up and raise the money to pay off the debt that they have incurred in the last two decades in Michigan government. These spineless legislators have the gall to toy and punish people. Well, I believe it's time we citizens do something about these non-statesmen who do not care for the educational system and let our voices be known today and if necessary at the polls next November.

Enough is enough! It's time we citizens step up and pay for the debt that we have and pay for it now. I'm willing to pay an extra \$118 in taxes to help support the education of our young people. It's time that we realize that we, like our family, have to pay for our debt, and get back an on even keel.

Let's raise our state income taxes for two or three years, and get rid of the debt and the interest we pay on their debt. Let's stand up to these irresponsible Republicans, and do what we know in our hearts needs to be done, fiscally and morally, to be a great state again.

Oh, by the way, I have never been a teacher or administrator of the educational system. I am a parent and grandparent along with being just an average citizen who is tired of what is happening in Lansing. It's time we show that "WE CARE" for all of Michigan, not a party who criticizes and does nothing to show answers to our real problem. Enough excuses. They are creating propaganda that creates fear and distrust. Enough is enough. Let's stop their punishment!

Rev. W. Kargus
United Church of Christ

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, "Census could show dramatic change for Canton Township."

MillerSan wrote:

"Who is being displaced? I must've missed the articles on Canton's white flight problem. Or the white people losing their home to build another temple."

"Diversity isn't a transitional word, the transitional form of diversity is diversifying. That's what's happening to Canton. In

terms of percentages, Canton is diversifying along racial and cultural lines.

"Whites aren't leaving Canton. In raw numbers, the number of white people has increased in Canton since 2000. How you read that to mean a "decline of whites" isn't clear. Are you extrapolating too far from the dwindling number of people showing up to your klan parties?"

KickoutthejamsMF wrote: "Everyone gets so excited at the displacement of whites. It's sickening. Just remember this. "Diversity" is a transitional word.

It's the period of time that a city or area (or in this case a township) goes from white to non-white. That's what is happening with Canton right now. So before you celebrate the decline of whites too much, history shows that when they leave an area, without exception the area declines."

• In response to the story, "Schools move ahead with diversity plan."

LeahLLMSW2011 wrote: "No issue with ethnic and cultural diversity? I'm seeing

ethnocentrism! Let me say that I'm a white, middle-class female social work student with some insight here. What's wrong with being tolerant of those who are different from us? It's important to remember that America is a country of immigrants, and we all have a mixed heritage! What a boring place this would be if we were all the same. I understand the communication barrier- it can be uncomfortable asking questions for clarification. And while US history is important, there is a whole world full of other interesting things to learn about."

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Local bands hit stage with 'My Dear Disco'

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"Dancethink Music," which started as a concept for My Dear Disco is quickly becoming a full-fledged movement surrounding them, according to Bill Keith, station manager at 88.1. Hailed as "... one of the must see acts in Detroit and Ann Arbor," (The Detroit Fashion Pages), their high-energy blast of funky, soul-healing electro-rock is stirring up a buzz that leaves critics saying, "My Dear Disco is the next act from Michigan to have a big commercial breakthrough" (The Detroit Free Press).

Just a year out of college, the band has already put over 35,000 miles on their veggie vehicle, including a tour of Alaska, three showcases at SXSW (Austin, TX) and prime slotting at national summer festivals including Wakarusa, 10,000 Lakes Festival, Moe.down, Bella Madre, Kentuckiana Pride, and The Alaska State Fair.

Lately, even the folks in television have caught on, offering the band a featured performance on Fox Network's Fearless Music Television, and placement of their track "My Dear Disco" in a Melrose Place promotional commercial.

Their savvy in the studio is as strong as it is on-stage. Although largely self-produced, Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum producer Mark Saunders took their debut album, the Dancethink LP, under his wing for the finishing touches, giving it the same magic touch he was responsible for on The Cure's Wish, Shiny Toy Guns' We Are Pilots, Tricky's Maxinquaye, David Byrne's Feelings.

The group has also finished a number of high-profile remixes of artists such as Kanye West, Fraz Ferdinand, Boy Crisis, That 1 Guy, and Hearts of Palm UK. Of their remix work arjanwrites.com said, "Personally, I think this My Dear Disco remix blows all the other ones out of the water. It's that good. It's blazing hot." (Regarding My Dear Disco's remix of Kanye West's, Love Lockdown.)

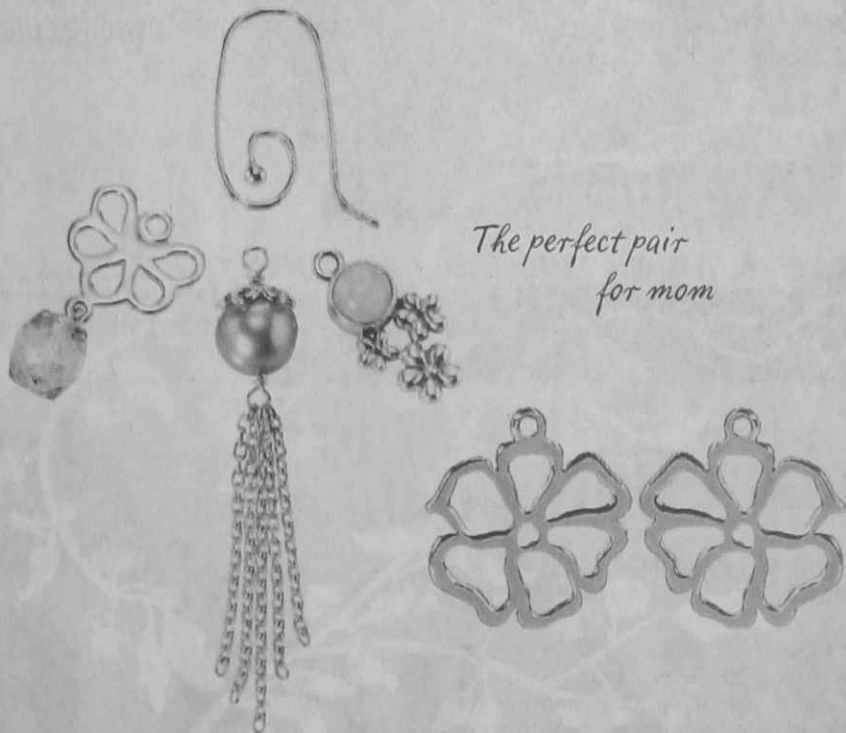
Canton's own Good Luck Varsity will also perform. Brothers Evan and Jordan Baker began Good Luck Varsity as a duo shortly after the break-up of their former band The Rising Tide. The two had made significant strides as members of The Rising Tide, sharing the stage with bands like Hello/Goodbye and Gym Class Heroes. Other members include Wasim Bazzi, Jen Wagner and Cody Badgley.

Opening the show is the Plymouth's Serein. The band got on the bill by winning the Salem High School Battle of the Bands.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 at the door and can be bought at the station's office at Salem High School. Tickets can also be purchased online at 881TheEscape.com. The show is at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. All the profits from the show will benefit WSDP, the student radio station at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools.

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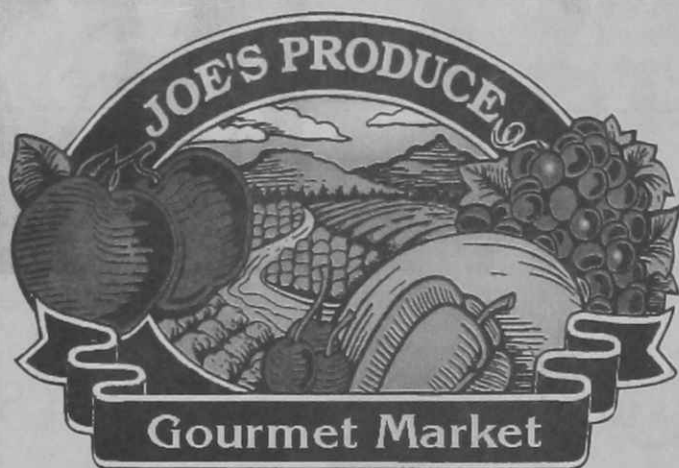
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HOMETOWN LIFE



She steps into spotlight

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

THE HAHN FILE

Who: Kelly Hahn, 17, Plymouth High School senior.
What: She is one of 14 students from Class A schools to receive the Scholar-Athlete Award from the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The award features a \$1,000 college scholarship.
Athletics: Hahn is in her fourth season on the Plymouth varsity girls track and field team and she also is a letter winner for the Wildcats in cross country.
Academics/College plans: The

owner of a 4.16 grade-point average, Hahn is president of the National Honor Society and also is on the PHS Student Congress, where she is treasurer. Her plans are to attend the University of Michigan and pursue a degree in sports management.
Family: Her parents are Mary Jo and Jon Hahn and she is one of three children. Kelly's older sister is Laura, 19, who attends U-M, while 14-year-old Julie is a Plymouth High School student.

and role model.
"Kelly is following in the footsteps of a lot of good students," Styes said. "It's a tradition that we're getting at Plymouth, since this is three, maybe four MHSAA Scholar-Athletes in

Please see **HAHN, B4**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Add Plymouth senior Kelly Hahn to the growing list of Wildcats to win the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award.

SIDELINES

Chiefs blank Novi

In the season opener for Canton's girls soccer team, the Chiefs registered a 1-0 victory over Novi on Monday.

Scoring midway through the first half was Allyson Krause, deflecting Lindsey Winters' free kick from the corner of the box.

Goalkeeper Sam McPartlin made that goal stand up the rest of the way, making five stops for the shutout.

Canton was set to visit Saline Wednesday night in a game that took place after this issue of the *Observer* went to press.

Canton football camps

It's not too soon to begin planning for Canton Chiefs summer football camps.

• First up is the Skills Camp slated for players entering grades 7-9 in 2010-11. That camp will take place 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, through Thursday, June 17. The fee to sign up for the camp is \$45, with that money due by May 24. Contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

• The following week will be the Wing T 3/4 Camp, for players entering grades 10-12 next year. The camp begins with a session from 2-5 p.m. Monday, June 21. Then there will be sessions 5-8 p.m. from Tuesday, June 22, through Thursday, June 24.

Camp fee is \$30, also due by May 24. Please contact head football coach Tim Baechler, (734) 455-7691 or via e-mail at tim.baechler@pecsmail.net.

• The third and final offering is the Fundamental Camp, for kids entering grades 3-6. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 28, through Thursday, July 1. The fee is \$75 with money due by June 4. Please contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@wow-way.com.

All prospective campers and their families might want to check out www.canton-chiefsfootball.com for further information.

Eiermann 2nd at Masters

Richard Eiermann of Garden City earned a runner-up finish Sunday in the second annual Michigan State Senior Masters contested at Royal Scot Bowl in Lansing. Eiermann settled for second place when he fell short to Ron Jonas of South Bend, Ind., in the two-game total pins final match. Jonas totaled 501 to pick up the \$2,500 first prize, while Eiermann finished with 440 and collected a \$1,500 check.

Eiermann, who averaged 237.5, qualified fourth with 1,456. He defeated Mike Braun (Fowler), 484-483, Stephen Leonard (Woodhaven), 454-438, and Rick Capaldi (Canton), 450-438, before falling to Leonard Ciaciolo (Warren), 447-422. Competing in the loser's bracket, Eiermann rebounded by scoring victories over Ray Johnson (Battle Creek), 524-350, Kenneth Kossick (Commerce Township), 527-437, and Ciaciolo, 468-337.

Please see **SIDELINES, B2**

2010 GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW - PT. 2

Wildcats boast top returnees

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many of the top players from last season's Plymouth girls soccer team are back.

And those players, not to mention head coach Jeff Neschich, are eager to build on a strong 2009 season which saw the Wildcats finish 12-4-1 overall and 6-3-1 in the tough KLAA South.

Instrumental in any continuation of that success is senior defender and co-captain Meeghan Hughes.



Hughes

"She is a four-year starter and was selected as an all-conference player last spring," said Neschich about Hughes, who is joined in the back by fourth-year senior Katie Krajewski.

Hughes and Krajewski will have support on defense from third-year junior Katie Moss along with junior Katelyn

Quinlan and sophomore Alyssa Burris.

Senior co-captain Jessica Heck could be the straw that stirs the drink in the Plymouth midfield, playing center-mid and navigating the transition game for the Wildcats.

Also playing center-mid will be junior Vittoria Miller.

Key returnees in the attacking outside-mid positions are senior Carley McQuiston and junior Jen Babcock, with competition from sophomores Melissa Aho, Abby Livingston and Jessica Scott.

Meanwhile, Neschich said there are "a couple of very talented freshmen that are going to be impact players this spring" at midfield in Stephanie Dillon and Zoe Foster.

If those midfielders can move the ball up top, Plymouth has proven scoring talent at the forward position.

Neschich said junior all-KLAA selection McKenzie Hengish (15 goals in '09) and sophomore Megan Peplinski (11 goals last year) are "dynamic returners" to key Plymouth's forwards.

All-state honorable mention goalkeeper Marissa Williams will take care of the other end of the pitch, in her third season as Neschich's starter.

Sophomore Katelyn Watson is "very capable" as the team's backup goalkeeper, but she can also chip in at midfield.

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Salem freshman Gina Goble (No. 21) displays some of her potential during Monday's girls soccer opener at Livonia Ladywood. Trying to pressure Goble are Ladywood's Maddy Pelon (No. 21) and Morgan Chops.

Salem kickers set to work, win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Monday afternoon, Salem's varsity girls soccer team did all the things head coach Joe Nora wants them to do during the 2010 season.

The Rocks stretched the field, pushing the ball into Livonia Ladywood territory time and time again to spark a 5-0 road victory.

Salem also battled for 50-50s and kept the Blazers offense in check.

It was an example of what Nora's team might be able to achieve in the KLAA Central, with the core of last year's 9-5-3 squad back in the fold.

"Last season we were a young team," said Nora, who compiled a record of 92-59-27 over his first 10 seasons at the Salem helm. "This year we have some experience and the girls have a tremendous work ethic."

That hard work is only one ingredient the Rocks will need to compete against division powerhouses Northville, Novi and Stevenson — matches Nora uses to gauge how well his team might fare in the state tournament.

Against Ladywood, the Rocks were on task.

"We wanted to maintain possession and we did," Nora said. "The girls played smart, they worked hard. If you're going to work hard all over the field then you're going to win the 50-50s. It really changed the game around."

"That was our goal, it was simple, get out there and work as hard as you can. And they did."

Salem went up 1-0 in the first half on a goal by sophomore midfielder Katelynn Krause, one of a number of key returnees from 2009.

Late in the half, sophomore for-

ward Emily Lundh ripped a shot from the right side of the box that Ladywood goalkeeper Maddie Reed snared.

But the Rocks padded their lead to 2-0 when senior forward Brett deBear took a through ball by Lundh and raced up the middle and drove a 15-yarder past Reed.

Salem turned the game into a one-sided affair with goals by junior midfielder Kristina Klusek (also on a long play up the middle of the pitch), senior midfielders Lindsey Newton and Taylor Burgoon in the final 10 minutes.

Earning the shutout, although rarely tested, was junior newcomer Jamie Hunley (who will split goal-tending duties with returning senior Tabitha Mann.)

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HOSPITALS IN SOUTHFIELD AND NOVI

All-Area boys cagers go strong to the rim

FIRST TEAM
Kyle Vinales, Sr. G, N. Farmington: Vinales became the school's all-time leading scorer the past season, ending a four-year varsity career with 1,661 points. The 6-foot-1 senior guard, who played in a school-record 91 varsity games, scored 617 points and averaged 25.7 points this year — both of which are records, too. He also averaged five rebounds, five assists and three steals for the Raiders (16-8), who were in contention for the OAA Red Division crown until late in the season and won a Class A district title. Vinales had a career average of 18.3 points per game.

"The thing that stands out most about Kyle is his growth not only as a person but a player," coach Tom Negoshian said. "He was a point guard when we needed him to be a point guard, and he scored when we needed him to be a scorer. Kyle has the great ability to handle the ball and get to the rim. He not only put up high numbers; he handled the ball in pressure situations and didn't get knocked off the ball very easily.

"More importantly, he made us very competitive (the OAA) Red Division, which is one of the better leagues in the state. When you add it all up, it was a pretty good high school career for him."

Bobby Naubert, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson: The two-time All-Observer pick enjoyed a highly productive senior season averaging 21.6 points and 4.5 assists per game for the 16-7 Spartans, who captured the KLAA's Central Division outright.

The 5-9 Naubert has signed to play next season at Madonna University.

"Bobby represents everything that Stevenson basketball is striving to become," coach Mike Allie said of the All-KLAA pick. "His work ethic is what has made him an outstanding point-guard over the past four years. He has proven that he can pass, shoot, attack the basket, and defend this season. Scoring over 1,000 points for his career and leading us to a division championship has made Bobby's senior season that much more special. His impact at Stevenson will not soon be forgotten and it was a complete joy to coach him each and every day."

Dietrich Lever, Jr. PG, Canton: The 5-10 junior was at times unstoppable for the KLAA South Division co-champions, leading the Chiefs to a 16-7 record with uncanny shooting and playmaking.

He really sparked during the postseason, scoring 85 points over three district appearances including 28 in the final against Novi.

"Dietrich is the best guard in our area, because of his ability to score and create shots for his teammates," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "He also starts our defense for us by putting great pressure on the ball."

Lever earned another All-KLAA Kensington Conference selection with an all-around game. He averaged 19.5 points, 6.5 assists and 3.5 steals.

Daniel Hill, Sr. F, Wayne: The 6-3 senior, who led Wayne to a co-title

2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM

Kyle Vinales, Sr. G, N. Farmington
Bobby Naubert, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson
Dietrich Lever, Jr. PG, Canton
Daniel Hill, Sr. C, Wayne
Adam Bedell, Sr. C, Liv. Churchill
Robert Hogans, Sr. G, N. Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Andy McCaffery, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin
Jake Peterson, Sr. C, Salem
David Evans, Sr. F, Farm. Hills Harrison
Kevin Weisz, Sr. F, Canton
D'Juan Cooks, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Demetrius Burton, Sr. G, Garden City

THIRD TEAM

CJ Mwila, Jr. G, Liv. Stevenson
Brennen Beyer, Jr. F, Plymouth
Jamiel Strickland, Jr. G, Wayne
Tony Frezzell, Sr. G, Liv. Churchill
Mike Gadsby, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin
Jallin Kelly, Sr. F, Farm. Hills Harrison

FOURTH TEAM

Derrick Horton, Jr. G, Wayne
Mike Nadratowski, Jr. G, Plymouth
Michael Berrien, Sr. G, Red. Thurston
Jason Wilson, Jr. G, Farmington
Don Mullett, Sr. G, Ply. Christian
Austin Baglow, Sr. G, Luth. Westland
Urbane Bingham, Jr. C, N. Farmington

COACH OF YEAR

James Solak, Liv. Churchill

Churchill: Raynord Allen, Kevin Pietrasinski; Franklin: Jack Chinaware, Nate Coleman; Stevenson: Kyle Bambach, Jordan El-Sabeh; John Glenn: Marquise Graves, Nick Daniels; Wayne: Reggie Reeves, Nick Mills, Brian Gray, James Jackson; Clarenceville: Levonte Brooks; Damien Quarles, Ben Watts; Lutheran High Westland: Gage Flanery, Ethan Haller, Mark Rosin; Huron Valley Lutheran: Bryan Gruenewald, Tyler Wagaman; Canton: Brandon Duffey, Paul Baumgart; Plymouth: Dion Johnson, Pat Salo; Salem: Tyler Stewart, Ethan Walsh; Plymouth Christian: Eric Jipping, Ethan Walker; Garden City: Moises Cruz, Nate Kalinowski, Matthew Mitchell; Thurston: Troy Bell; North Farmington: Tommy Doyle, Dillon Close; Farmington: Tom Gojcaj, Darrin Jackson, Charles Anthony; Harrison: Ray Hall, Evan Patton, Carlos Eubanks.

in the KLAA's South Division, played the post position as effectively as anybody in the area as he averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game.

Hill, who carries a 3.5 grade-point average, was a two-year captain for the Zebras who helped his team earn 52 wins over a three-year span.

He also earned All-Observer and All-KLAA Kensington Conference honors for the second straight year.

"Daniel always played bigger than his size," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "He played his best in the big games. We're going to miss his leadership next year."

Adam Bedell, Sr. C, Liv. Churchill: The 6-6, 190-pound senior center averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds for the KLAA Tournament champs.

He racked up 15 double-doubles (points-rebounds) this season.

"Adam developed into a complete player this year," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He had the ability to put us on his back and carry us quite a few times this year. Teams threw every game plan at him and he found a way to beat it. If you doubled him he would dedicate himself to offensive rebounding and score that way and make a few free throws. If you made him go right he developed a couple of different moves

where he could score at will. If you made him shoot it, he'll step out and make the biggest jump shots in school history like at Wayne (Memorial) and (Waterford) Mott. That's just the type of attitude he had every game for two years."

The two-time All-KLAA pick, headed to the University of Detroit Mercy on a soccer scholarship, carries a 3.8 grade-point average and scored a 26 on the ACT.

"He simply found a way to get it done, in the classroom, the community, the soccer field, or the court," Solak said. "He is an excellent role model to the younger kids and he will be remembered as one the greatest student-athletes to ever come out of Livonia."

Robert Hogans, Sr. G, N. Farmington: Hogans was a two-year varsity starter who has signed to play at Spring Arbor University. He complemented the play of Vinales, taking some pressure off him and giving the Raiders a solid tandem at guard. Hogans developed an outside shot, shooting 41 percent from three-point range and 61 percent inside the arc. He averaged 15.5 points, as well as three steals, three assists and two rebounds.

"What stands out most when I talk about Robert Hogans is him coming in as a very small kid who loved basketball," coach Tom Negoshian said. "Along with growing physically, he worked hard and made himself into a future college player. That says a tremendous amount about him as a worker and his dedication to the game. He put in an awful lot of time and effort, so he could go to Spring Arbor and continue his career. He's a low-maintenance, hard-working kid who wants to learn and play the game the right way."

SECOND TEAM
Andy McCaffery, Sr. G, Liv. Franklin: The 6-3 senior guard averaged 17 points, three assists and four rebounds per game for the Patriots, who captured their first Class A district title in 34 years.

McCaffery shot 49 percent from the field (134-of-276) and 68 percent from the foul line (86-of-127) en route to All-KLAA, Team MVP and Franklin All-Tournament honors.

"Andy is quick, and with his height, is very difficult to guard," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said of the All-KLAA Scholar Athlete. "He is an excellent ball handler who is very smooth as an attacker to the rim. Andy possesses the best pull-up jumper I've seen at the high school level. His pull-up is a lay up for many other players. He does it at full speed in transition or in the half-court offense. He creates space and is able to rise above his defenders and finish. Andy is a tremendous player with outstanding skills and ability to score."

Jake Peterson, Sr. C, Salem: The 6-5, 210-pounder was Salem's team captain and MVP, playing well enough to garner interest from college scouts.

Peterson led the Rocks in scoring (15 points) and rebounding (8 boards) and also collected 1.3

blocks per contest to lead Salem and earn selection to the All-KLAA team.

Salem head coach Bob Brodie praised Peterson, the only senior on his team, for how well he played while providing leadership for younger players.

"Jake, we've ridden his shoulders all season long," Brodie said. "He's a tough player for us offensively and he's very unassuming. He doesn't say much, he just goes ahead and does his job."

David Evans, Sr. F, Farm. Hills Harrison: Evans was a three-year starter for the Hawks, who were 16-8 and tied for second place in the OAA Blue Division. The 6-foot-4 senior produced 12 points per game with a season best of 23 for a team with balanced scoring. He also averaged 5.4 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 2.6 steals.

"David is an outstanding athlete and a very versatile player offensively and defensively," coach Pete Mantyla said. "His ability to handle the ball against pressure, rebound on both ends and score in a variety of ways will be missed."

"David continued to improve as the year went on as evidenced by the eight charges he took in our last five games. Most importantly, he learned to value the team over individual achievements, which is a big reason we won 16 games. He had an excellent high school career and is exploring college basketball possibilities."

Kevin Weisz, Sr. F, Canton: Whether going strong to the hole or shooting the three, the 6-6 Weisz was a force for the KLAA South co-champion Chiefs.

Weisz averaged 14 points and six rebounds per contest, and connected on 58 treys — an exceptional 38 percent.

"Kevin has unique ability to score inside and out and he did a great job of stretching the defense for us this year," said coach Reddy about the All-KLAA honoree.

D'Juan Cooks, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill: The 6-5 senior battled ankle injuries throughout the season, but managed to average 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks per game en route to All-KLAA honors.

The long-armed Cooks averaged 12 points, five rebounds and 2.5 blocks during Churchill's four-game KLAA Tournament run.

"D'Juan is a very intelligent basketball player who was able to do a little bit of everything," Solak said. "When healthy, he rarely came out of the game. He did many things that wouldn't show up in the scorebook."

Demetrius Burton, Sr. G, Garden City: A three-year starter in the backcourt for the Cougars, the 5-foot-5 Burton played much taller than that on both ends of the court — slithering past defenders and finding his way to the bucket offensively, while mixing it up and contesting shots defensively. Burton averaged 14 points and dished out five assists per game as the Cougars posted a 12-9 overall record.

"He's a tough kid, especially for his size," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said of his captain. "He played every minute of every game and did a great job. He did a



Kyle Vinales
North Farmington



Bobby Naubert
Stevenson



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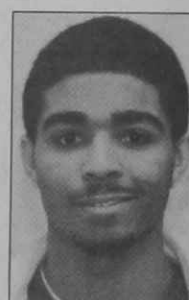
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Garden City

better job of taking the ball to the basket and was much better on the defensive end as well."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Jim Solak, Liv. Churchill: The eighth-year coach guided Churchill to its first league championship since 1976 as the fourth-seeded Chargers upset three divisional winners to earn the Kensington Lakes Activities Association playoff crown.

"When tournament time came around, these kids were so focused and determined, I wasn't surprised with what we were able to accomplish," said Solak, who teaches in the Taylor Public Schools. "These kids faced so much adversity and unique circumstances throughout the year, yet they maintained a positive attitude and I couldn't be prouder of them. They genuinely liked being around each other, they



Jim Solak
Churchill coach

worked extremely hard and they had a lot of fun in the process and that's all you can for as a coach."

Churchill finished 12-9 overall. "I want to thank our principal Joe Anderson and athletic director Marc

Hage for being very supportive throughout the years, especially during some tough seasons," said Solak a graduate of Madonna University and former standout at Dearborn Divine Child. "I can't say enough about our coaching staff. Chad Gibbs, Casey Conway, Greg Hovermale and Joel Hall were major reasons for our success this year."

SIDELINES

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Captain's Corner

The *Observer* looks to continue running the Captain's Corner series, which gives senior student-athletes a chance to give their views about leadership.

Please e-mail sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com) with any candidates for the weekly spotlight. (Limit nominees to one per team.)

Spring coaches call

The spring season for high school sports is here and, as always, the *Observer* wants to spotlight the efforts and

accomplishments of athletes from the Canton and Plymouth communities.

Please call sports editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 with detailed recaps of games, matches or meets. Those also can be e-mailed to him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Deadlines are 11 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday paper and 10 p.m. Friday for the Sunday paper.

Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your fifth-, sixth-, seventh- or eighth-grader for the Michigan Dragons summer basketball program. Go to michigan-dragons.com and register. The registration period ends April 16.

Thinclads compete at EMU Relays

Plymouth junior Kyle Brindza set a new school record in the shot put with a throw of 50-feet, 8.75-inches to highlight a good showing by the Wildcats boys track and field team at the March 27 Eastern Michigan University Relays.

Brindza actually shattered his own school record (47-10).

Other Plymouth performances of note, said head coach Jon Mikosz, included Brandon Pilgian's seventh-place finish of 8.78 seconds in the 60 Meter Hurdles with Joe Bockstanz and Grant Senkbeil each clearing 11-feet, 6-inches in the pole vault.

"It was a good start to the season," Mikosz said. "Our 4-by-800, shot put and hurdles are looking very good. If we can fine tune all the other areas we should have a very good and balanced team."

Those performances helped Plymouth finish 11th out of 40 teams with 20 points. Canton

also had a strong day, with 26 points (7th place).

For the Chiefs, Ben Spreitzer took second overall in the high jump (6-02) while Nick Alaniva placed third in the long jump and seventh in the pole vault with respective marks of 20-09.50 and 12-00.00.

On the girls side, Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes was satisfied with the team's first competition of the season.

"We had a lot of young runners step up and perform well," Styes said. "Many of them stepped up to the competition and ran faster times in this meet than they had during time trials last week."

He noted sophomore Reagan Engstrom's mark of 9-0 in the pole vault, good for fourth place while freshman Madi Lewis finished fifth in the 60 Meter Hurdles with a time of 9.68 seconds.

Another plus, Styes said, was the ninth-place 4-by-

800 relay team of sophomore Rachael Hille, freshman Kyra Neumann, sophomore Nicole Traitses and senior Paula Green.

BOYS RESULTS

STANDINGS:
1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 82 points; 7. Canton, 26; 11. Plymouth, 20.

Boys 60 Meter Dash (Prelims): 43. Alex Ruffin, Plymouth (7.65 seconds); 55. Cal Copial, Canton (7.80); 59. August Garrett, Canton (7.97).
Boys 1600 Meter Run: 10. Matt Neumann, Plymouth (4:40.65); 29. Bradon Conley, Canton (5:01.82); 39. Chris Wilson, Plymouth (5:12.79).
Boys 3200 Meter Run: 17. Derek Gielarowski, Plymouth (10:41.93).
Boys 60 Meter Hurdles (Prelims): 4. Brandon Pilgian, Plymouth (8.55); 23. Winston Roberts, Canton (9.43); 36. Doug Daykes, Plymouth (10.17).
Boys 60 Meter Hurdles (Semis): 6. Brandon Pilgian, Plymouth (8.66).
Boys 60 Meter Hurdles (Finals): 7. Brandon Pilgian, Plymouth (8.78).
Boys 800 Meter Relay: 8. Plymouth, 1:36.63; 20. Canton, 1:40.34.
Boys 1600 Meter Relay: 11. Canton, 3:40.65.
Boys 3200 Meter Relay: 3. Plymouth, 8:18.00; 6. Canton, 8:35.85.
Boys 1600 Sprint Medley: 14. Canton, 3:59.28.
Boys Distance Medley: 6. Canton, 11:20.62.
Boys 4-by-55 Shuttle Hurdle: 11. Plymouth, 33:59; 16. Canton, 35:09.
Boys High Jump Minimum 5'-8": 2. Ben Spreitzer, Canton (6-02.00); 11. (tie) Kyle Brindza, Plymouth (5-08.00); Pawan Dhalwal, Plymouth (5-08.00).
Boys Pole Vault Minimum 10'-6": 7. Nick Alaniva,

Canton (12-00.00); 10. (tie) Joe Bockstanz, Plymouth (11-06.00); Grant Senkbeil, Plymouth (11-06.00).

Boys Long Jump Minimum 17'-6": 3. Nick Alaniva, Canton (20-09.50); 12. Alex Ruffin, Plymouth (19-05.50); 20. Donite Fox, Plymouth (18-10.75); 24. Zac Merille, Canton (18-05.50).

Boys Shot Put Minimum 38'-0": 2. Kyle Brindza, Plymouth (50-08.75); 25. Alex Marsh, Canton (40-07.25); 30. Marty Brudzinski, Canton (38-07.50).

GIRLS RESULTS

STANDINGS:
1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 86 points; 16. Plymouth, 11.5.

Girls 60 Meter Dash (Prelims): 40. Ireana Cook, Plymouth (9.33 seconds); 43. Tara Sadek, Plymouth (10.50).
Girls 1600 Meter Run: 16. Nicole Traitses, Plymouth (6:02.88); 25. Kelsey Reiner, Plymouth (6:43.93).
Girls 3200 Meter Run: 11. Paula Green, Plymouth (13:18.38); 18. Sophie Roberts (15:21.72).
Girls 60 Meter Hurdles (Prelims): 6. Madi Lewis, Plymouth (9.98); 35. Jenna Hamed, Plymouth (11.95).
Girls 60 Meter Hurdles (Semis): 6. Madi Lewis, Plymouth (9.96).
Girls 60 Meter Hurdles (Finals): 5. Madi Lewis, Plymouth (9.68).
Girls 800 Meter Relay: 14. Plymouth, 2:00.79.
Girls 1600 Meter Relay: 10. Plymouth, 4:28.12.
Girls 3200 Meter Relay: 9. Plymouth, 10:35.76.
Girls 1600 Sprint Medley: 18. Plymouth, 5:13.07.
Girls Distance Medley: 12. Plymouth, 14:58.45.
Girls 4-by-55 Shuttle Hurdle: 14. Plymouth, 44.43.
Girls High Jump Minimum 4'-4": 16. Taylor Rickhoff, Plymouth (4-06).
Girls Pole Vault Minimum 7'-0": 4. Reagan Engstrom, Plymouth (9-00).

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan *Public Act of 1963*, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan *Public Acts of 1968* ("Section 16" of the *Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act*), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2010-11 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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The Detroit Moose, which includes several players from Canton and Plymouth, recently won a USA Hockey Taylor Tier 3 Senior A regional championship with a 3-1 win over White Rhino/Belle Tire.

Moose brings 'A' game to community service

'No one's going to remember a beer league. But they're going to remember a team that did something pretty good for the community.'

DEREK FOWLER, Detroit Moose captain

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Derek Fowler is a beer league hockey player. But he and his teammates on the Detroit Moose are on a different kind of high these days.

Not only did the Moose recently win a USA Hockey Taylor Tier 3 Senior A regional championship, they qualified for the USA National Tournament in Indianapolis.

But that's not all. The team — as always — made sure to mix plenty of community service along with sticks and pucks. They brought a ton of food to Indianapolis to distribute to the homeless.

Moose players made Christmas brighter, "adopting" nine families from two autistic schools.

And all one needs to do is check out the team's Web site, www.detroitmoose.org to see how many other initiatives it is involved in to help the less fortunate.

"We have everyone from an anesthesiologist to an accountant to doctors," said Fowler, the team's captain and one of a handful of players from the Plymouth-Canton communities "We have every walk of life there is. I call it common people for a common goal."

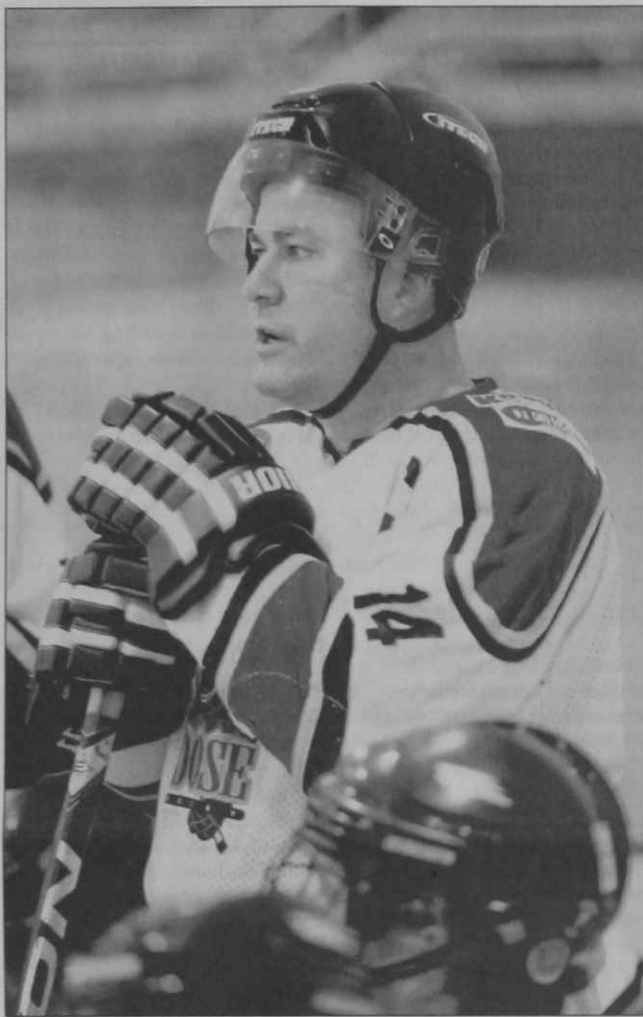
Fowler said the 3-1 win over White Rhino/Belle Tire in mid-March was special because it advanced the Moose (13-11) to the national tourney.

Goal scorers in the regional title triumph were Charlie Jones, Brad Lesko and Joe MacDonald with Tony SantAngelo the winning netminder.

MORE THAN HOCKEY

But he is adamant about making sure people know what the Moose is all about.

"I think it's a team that can do a lot on the ice, such as winning a championship, and it also is about giving back," Fowler explained.



Canton's Derek Fowler takes a breather during a recent Detroit Moose recreational hockey game. But Fowler and his teammates rarely rest when it comes to helping the less fortunate.

"They're both pretty important, to give back to the community as well as how hard we play. We give a lot back to the communities."

Earlier this season, the Moose took part in Detroit's 5th Annual Soup Kitchen and Coat Drive at Church of Good Hope.

They brought military families down to Joe Louis Arena in December for a practice and lunch with the Red Wings.

with the e Detroit in a 5th Annual Soup Kitchen and Coat Drive. The annual event took place at Church of Good Hope Luther

Members of the Moose include Mark Auger, Bob Boelter, Steve Cloutier, Brendan Farren, Derek Fowler, Curtis Glowzinski, Brian Gross, Brian Harlow, Charles

Jones, Ryan King, Dave Lakatos, Jeff Lazuka, Alec Lesko, Brad Lesko, Alec Lesko Sr., Donald (DJ) Loney, Joe MacDonald, Ryan Renner and Tony SantAngelo.

Fowler said the team couldn't do what it does without the help of sponsors such as Double H Manufacturing, Kocur Enterprises, Harlow Tire of Westland and the Canton dental office of Drs. Pinkney, Greenbaum and McFarland.

"From Game 1 since the (formation) of this team, we've wanted to make a difference in people's lives and show that, through hockey, a sport we love, that we can give back," Fowler said. "No one's going to remember a beer league. But they're going to remember a team that did something pretty good for the community."

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ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Burgoon and Klusek are two returning co-captains, providing leadership along with senior defender Lauren Booth and junior defender Lindsey Roy.

But Salem has a host of other players back from last season, including deBear, Krause, Lundh, Newton, Mann, senior midfielders Abbi Giaier and Kaylynn Brzys, junior midfielders Victoria Kaye, Madeleine Vala and Mackenzie Rogers.

Hunley is one of nine first-year players that Nora expects to quickly contribute.

Freshman forward Gina Goble brings speed and an offensive knack, which means she'll fit right in with forwards deBear, Lundh and sophomore newcomer Claire Huddas.

New midfielders ready for duty include juniors Lily Burnstein and Lauren Jones while senior Christine Pittel, juniors Lauren Aschermann, Jenna Coon and sophomore Megan McCormack are Salem's rookie defenders.

"It's great to play in the Central," Nora said. "The games are so competitive and the teams are always very strong."

That also applies to Salem, if Monday's opener is any indication.

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Salem's Claire Huddas (No. 8) is another promising newcomer for the Rocks. Here, Huddas outraces Livonia Ladywood's Mary Vance to the ball on Monday.

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Seguin-Hall among many story lines

The Plymouth-Windsor Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semi-finals series – starting Thursday in Windsor – is a series filled with story lines, some obvious and some not so obvious.

HALL VS. SEGUIN: It's been well-documented all season that Plymouth's Tyler Seguin and Windsor's Taylor Hall are rated 1-2 for this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft in Los Angeles.

Fans may not see it directly, but the Plymouth-Windsor series is attracting national coverage. Seguin and Hall ended up tied for the OHL's scoring lead with 106 points and are tied with ten points each through their first playoff series.

HACKETT VS. HIS OLD TEAM: Credit Plymouth President General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci with a far-sighted trade on Nov. 13, 2007 that still influences Plymouth and Windsor today.

That's the day Vellucci announced the acquisition of 17-year-old goaltender Matt Hackett.

It took Hackett into the following season, but he established himself as one of the best goal-

tenders in the OHL. He recently broke Rob Zepp's mark for career games played by a goaltender (140). Drafted by the Minnesota Wild in the third round in last year's National Hockey League's Entry Draft, he recently signed an entry-level contract with Minnesota.

Moreover, Hackett literally grew up in Plymouth as a goaltender and person and is one of the most popular players on the team. He has a history of playing well against his former team.

GRINDERS WITH SKILL GALORE: Both teams features players who are skilled and versatile enough to play the game any way you want. As much as Seguin is watched, the Whalers received a major lift in their first round playoff series elimination of Sault Ste. Marie from Phil McRae (11 points in five games) and overage Ryan Hayes (10 points).

Add AJ Jenks (eight points) to the same group. Joe Gaynor, James Livingston and Tyler Brown all play with tenacity and help key the Whalers penalty killing group.

UNDERRATED BLUE-LINERS: It took Plymouth defenseman Leo Jenner and Windsor blue liner

WHALERS-SPITS SKED

The Plymouth Whalers will face Western Conference champion Windsor in Round 2 of the OHL playoffs.

Following is the series schedule (All games begin at 7 p.m.):

Game 1: Thursday, April 1, Plymouth at Windsor;

Game 2: Saturday, April 3, Windsor at Plymouth;

Game 3: Monday, April 5, Plymouth at Windsor;

Game 4: Wednesday, April 7, Windsor at Plymouth;

Game 5: Thursday, April 8, Plymouth at Windsor (*);

Game 6: Saturday, April 10, Windsor at Plymouth (*);

Game 7: Monday, April 12, Plymouth at Windsor (*).

Harry Young a while to get going in their respective careers, but both have turned into effective stay-at-home defensemen who log plenty of important minutes at crunch time. In addition, the Whalers' Beau

YOUNG AND UPCOMING BLUE LINERS: They are nearly a year apart in age, but watch Plymouth's Austin Levi of Farmington Hills and Windsor's Craig Duininek. Both are graduates of the Compuware Youth system.

Levi – who grew up in Colorado and has played hockey for just five or six years – is one of the most improved players in the OHL and is up for the NHL Entry Draft.

Lady Warriors look to go out strong

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The initial phase of girls lacrosse in The Park is ending this spring, with the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors beginning their third and final season as a united varsity team.

In 2011, hopes are that each high school will be able to field varsity and junior varsity teams, said first-year head coach Steve Nyquist (who takes over from the girls lacrosse program's first coach, Dave Medley).

"This year we have 80-plus girls," said Nyquist, noting that there are enough players for one varsity and two JV teams. "We will not be cutting any of the players this year."

Nyquist and assistant Dave Bower have decided "that it would be best to keep as many girls as possible to build the interest in the sport and prepare the girls for next season,

GIRLS LACROSSE

as well as being competitive this year."

The Lady Warriors showed their coaches that 2010 could indeed be a very good season, winning 15-3 on March 25 at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"We were missing some key players due to injury and illness but the team picked things up," said Nyquist, noting that his defense allowed only 15 shots on goal. Making 12 stops for the victory was PCS goaltender Lexi O'Connor.

At the other end of the field, the Lady Warriors pelted the Gabriel Richard goalie with 36 shots.

Scoring five goals and assisting on another was top offensive performer Katie Hill, with plenty of help from Stephanie Bower, Lauren Allard (each 3 goals) and Samantha Arsenault (2 goals, 1 assist). Also contributing

goals were Shannon Lubin and Amanda Heisler.

On defense, Nyquist newcomer Lindsay Schmidt was outstanding with Katie Meagher, Taylor Martin, Lauren Manner and Stephanie Poe all solid.

"We have a great core of returning players and many of the incoming JV players show a lot of promise," Nyquist added. "The Plymouth recreational lacrosse program is developing players and it shows when the players came out for the evaluation week."

"We have many new players pushing the returning veteran players for spots on the varsity roster."

The Lady Warriors were looking to continue playing well this week at Farmington Harrison and Grand Blanc, with the home opener April 14 against rival Brighton at the Plymouth JV field.

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Offense hot for Rocks, Chiefs in openers

It could be a high-scoring season for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse teams, if opening matches last week were any indication.

On Wednesday, March 24, Salem doubled up Dexter 12-6 with three players (Garrett Berg, Steve Haburne, Connor Berlin) each tallying three goals, with Dylan Hatcher adding a pair.

Friday, Canton eked out a 12-10 win over Walled Lake Northern, hanging on as the Knights desperately tried to

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rally from what at one point was a 8-3 deficit.

Strong play in the face-off department and good possession helped the Chiefs lead the entire contest.

Matt Rodgers was the big gun for Canton, registering seven goals and adding an assist as he showed a won't-be-denied scoring touch.

But Tim Popp contributed three goals along with two

assists and co-captain Jake Underwood helped out with a goal and three helpers. Trevor Moore scored Canton's other goal. In the assist department, Jordan Smith had two while Jon Rocheleau picked up one.

Making 13 stops for the win was co-captain goalkeeper Sean Walsh, who made some key saves in the fourth quarter to preserve the triumph.

Senior D-men Ryan Dunleavy (another co-captain) and Alec Gilo also helped Walsh hold down the fort.

HAHN

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the eight years we've been in existence. And it's only five graduating classes.

"It's a testament to the teachers, to our athletes and coaches we've had to keep academics the focus here."

Hahn was nominated by high school counselors as a prime candidate to win the MHSAA honor and merely filled out the application after it arrived in her mailbox. Farm Bureau Insurance sponsors the annual contest, with winners receiving \$1,000 college scholarships.

REASONS FOR PRIDE

"I just remember getting a letter saying I had the right grade-point (4.16) to be nominated," Hahn said. "I just filled out the application."

Then she needed to write the customary 500-word essay about sportsmanship.

"I just wrote a personal story of mine ... how even though you might not be the best, you can still be a good sport," Hahn said. "I think that's kind of what athletics is all about. If you try your hardest, and are a good sport, at the end of the day you should be proud of yourself."

Hahn's perseverance despite adversity earlier during her prep career also is something to be proud of.

During her freshman season, Hahn earned all-state honors in the 3,200-meter run. But then she found herself dealing with a physical ailment as a sophomore that curtailed her season and took a while to get over.

Hahn said she had a condition where her body grew so fast that the joints in her legs could not keep up, resulting in agonizing pain.

But her strong mental approach and work ethic enabled her to eventually come back stronger than ever.

"I don't know if there's anything Kelly does that she doesn't invest herself in to and work hard at," Styes said. "Injuries, tough teachers, she finds a way to push through that wall and keep going."

"She's been a rock for us. It's bittersweet her being a senior. ... She's been a true Wildcat all four years."

According to Hahn, she "just learned through the hardships of it all, (to) just keep going for your goals and doing your best."

Whether it's one of her sports, National Honor Society, or any other endeavor, Hahn does put everything she has



Plymouth senior Kelly Hahn stays focused on her goals, whether in distance running or academics.

into that task.

"I keep a planner, I keep track of dates," she said about her full plate. "But when I'm in my sport or activity, I focus on that one thing and I try not to think about anything else."

That's been a winning approach for Hahn. It's also sage advice for any success-driven teen, perhaps even the next MHSAA Scholar-Athlete from Plymouth High School.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Thunderbirds fastpitch

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 on 10U through 18U teams. For more information, please contact Ray Barnes (Pres.) at 734-417-1421, or Humaira Afzal (V. Pres.) at thunderbirdsfastpitch@comcast.net.

Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to michigandragons.com and register. The registra-

tion period ends on April 16.

Flag football

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades three-eight) now through April 16 at the recreation office from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information, call (734) 455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Salem Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball players still have

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

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

Teams of four (any combination of men and women) may participate in a pressure-free environment. The cost is \$9.95 per person per week. Call (734) 459-6070 for more information.



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RepairClinic.com staffers Lisa Mueller, Carrie Claiborne, Samer Atris, Jacob Napier, Yolanda Taylor, Brooke Westlake and Joey Gagnon attended the recent benefit dinner for Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels

RepairClinic.com, online appliance parts retailer based in Canton, recently sponsored a corporate table to benefit Ypsilanti's Meals on Wheels at the annual "Spring Fling" benefit dinner at the Ann Arbor Marriott.

For the past 13 years, the nonprofit organization has held the dinner to raise money for their program which delivers meals to needy seniors and disabled individuals in the community. A group of eight RepairClinic employees, representing the internal company Outreach program, attended the dinner in support of the community program.

Lisa Mueller, RepairClinic Outreach Committee Chairperson, comments, "We love supporting programs where we know families will benefit in a tangible way," said Lisa Mueller, RepairClinic Outreach Committee chair. "We feel the Meals on Wheels program is one of those organizations."

Local celebrities, including faculty members from Eastern Michigan University along with community and government officials, posed as servers. Patrons happily contributed generous tips in return for the excellent service provided at the hands of these local VIP's. The event was well-attended by many in the local area, including the RepairClinic employees.

Retooling America

On April 5-6, Sensible Business of Canton hosts a "Retooling America Initiative

at its Training Facility in Westland.

The purpose of Retooling America Initiative is to help displaced workers find success in gaining employment in a challenging market. The goal is to prepare candidates to meet potential employers as well as to gain access to counseling and services hosted by Sensible Business Consulting Group, LLC. This workshop is FREE to assist displaced workers in job placement.

The initiative goes 9 a.m. to noon both days, and features:

- **Innovative Resume Writing:** In this course, clients learn what a resume is, what the acceptable formats are, the importance of action words, how to narrow career objectives by efficient job source tools, how to prepare a "scannable" resume, the importance of removing "digital dirt" and how to write an effective cover letter. Students also learn the importance of first impressions, how to create job tracking tools, and how to research salary requirement information.

- **Value of Self-Promotion:** In this course, clients learn how to create a 30-second value statement, how to portray a healthy self image, how to be assertive, and how to enhance self esteem.

- **Interview Techniques:** In this course, students discover the true purpose of an interview, learn to differentiate between Behavior Based and Traditional interview questions, how to prepare, and "do's and don'ts" that could mean the difference between getting hired and being passed over.

- **Networking:** In this course, students learn the benefits of networking, how to prepare for networking, the perfect time to network and proper etiquette. Students are also introduced to the impact of personal online networking. Whether in cyber space, on the golf course, at the bar or at the mall, our clients will understand how to meet, greet, and grow their perspective business through interpersonal interaction.

Sensible Business Consulting Group's training site is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. Visit www.sensiblebusiness.org or contact (734) 620-9461 for more information.

Small-biz partners

Through a new partnership with the 14-campus Davenport University, members of the Small Business Association of Michigan and their employees (along with dependents) have the opportunity to further their education at a reduced rate. The SBAM/Davenport program offers 25 percent off tuition and waiving of the \$25 application fee.

For more information, go to www.sbam.org/davenport. Davenport offers associates, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, technology and health programs - areas essential to Michigan's new economy. The university also offers a number of certificates to add to current credentials or prepare for certification exams. Campuses are conveniently located across Michigan and courses can be completed on campus or online.

to their staff." Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce, said about the annual luncheon.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon is sponsored by Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16.

After hours

High Velocity Sports Group hosts the Canton Chamber of Commerce's April Networking Coffee with Showroom of Excellence being presenting sponsor.

The coffee takes place Thursday, April 15, from 7:30-9 a.m. Come and join the Chamber for this great networking event and meet many local business people. High Velocity Sports Group is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. The coffee is free to chamber members and only \$10 for non-members.

Reservations are required, please contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3

parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

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.

Appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 21, at 11:45 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members and includes lunch, beverage, dessert and door prizes. This luncheon is open to the public.

"Every year our Staff Appreciation Luncheon serves as a wonderful opportunity for our members to say thank you

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

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

Nannies & Tutors: In 2009, I was evaluating and considering franchises that would complement my human resources background. I was presented with the concept of College Nannies & Tutors, with the mission of Building Stronger Families by providing Role Model nannies and tutors leading to happy children and successful students by Kendra Kerr, Entrepreneur Source.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Nannies & Tutors: My territory includes the Canton area and I am happy to provide nanny and tutoring



Sharon Ragland-Keys is owner-operator of College Nannies & Tutors.

role models for families in the community.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

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evening.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Nannies & Tutors: We opened in a down economy and believe our business is needed in our community. **Observer:** Any advice for other business owners?

Nannies & Tutors: Continue to follow your dreams of business ownership; our economy will rebound in the near future. **Observer:** What's in store for the future of your business?

Nannies & Tutors: Continue to provide a customized approach to meet family individual needs.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Creating comedy



Author Bob Harris poses with members of Grand Funk Railroad in the late 1960s.

Author seeks music stories, photos

Bob Harris, music promoter, author and publisher of *The Teen News* in the 1960s and *Extra* in the 1970s, is looking for Detroit bands and musicians to complete his second book, *Motor City Music Legends*.

Harris co-authored *Motor City Rock and Roll: The 1960s and 1970s* (Arcadia Publishing) with Detroit attorney J. Douglas Peters in 2008. Now he wants to complete a more personal, detailed look at Detroit's many music legends.

"In this book, we seek to tell Detroit music fans things about their favorite singers, musicians and groups that no one has published before," Harris stated.

Motor City Music Legends will include more than 200 pages of Detroit-area bands and musicians.

Harris is asking fans and musicians for their help in locating past performers and pictures. His "wish list" includes the likes of Jackie "Mr. Excitement" Wilson, The Southbound Freeway, MC5, Alice Cooper, The Sunday Funnies, The Flaming Embers, The Gaylords, Rare Earth, The Wanted managed by Herb Steiner, Jamie Coe, Jack Rainwater, The Dramatics (formerly The Dynamics) and the Royal Jokers.

Anyone with information and/or photographs concerning these and other legendary Detroit musicians and bands can call Harris at (313) 399-8285 or e-mail John Minnis, who is working with Harris, at jminnis@gmail.com.

The authors plan to publish *Motor City Music Legends* by late summer.



Lesley Braden-Phillips (center) performs with other improvisers at Go Comedy in Ferndale.

Let personal experience create your punchline

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

It's April Fool's Day, a perfect time to express your sense of humor.

But if pulling pranks isn't your idea of funny, you'll find plenty of venues in Southeastern Michigan — from open mic nights to storytelling slams to improvisational theatre jams — to create comedy. And no matter what genre you choose, you'll be well on your way to eliciting laughter if you keep this simple dictate in mind: Be honest.

"The best kind of comedy is truth. It's empowering and relatable," says Kate Grace of Livonia. "It's not how funny you are. It's about how truthful you are. Are you willing

to be honest about being human?"

Grace draws from personal experience whether telling stories — as she did at The Moth in New York City — or performing improv at Go Comedy in Ferndale.

An alumnus of Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts Program, she studied photography in Chicago, Ill., and earned a master's degree in journalism at Columbia University before realizing her writing leaned more toward *The Onion* than the *New York Times*.

"The professors would read in front of the class and they'd crack up. Then they'd hand it back and say 'You can't do that again. This is journalism, not Comedy Central.'"

She trusted her instincts and went "leaping off the edge" and into the People's Improv Theatre in New York, where she honed the craft that teaches performers how to create scenes without pre-planning. Participants learn to say "yes and," to agree with fellow players and add information to the scene.

"It ended up fueling my writing fiction," says Grace, who has since returned home to Livonia to live near family. She was pleasantly surprised to find The Moth had started story slams in Detroit, that open mic nights for stand-up performers abound and that a new improv theatre and training center, Go Comedy, in Ferndale had taken shape.

According to Bill Bushart, a stand-up comedian who also teaches classes at Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia, local comedy "is booming." He says more amateur comics are testing their material than he's seen in the last 10 years.

"People are looking for career options," he says. "Most of the people in stand-up comedy are either fired into comedy or quit into comedy."

FATHER-DAUGHTER

Vera Khzouz of Westland, came to comedy by way of family and ethnic group. She looks for comedic roles when auditioning and landed a lead in *Scarf in the City*, an ethnic twist on *Sex and the City*, that premiered at the Arab American Museum in Dearborn. Khzouz also performed an improvised character in a film shown during the Arab American Comedy Show last summer.

But her current goal is to recreate the sketches that her late father wrote and performed on his radio show, *Voice of Jordan*, for 13 years. She helped him write some of the comedic commercials he broadcast and performed in a few skits.

"There's nothing better than making people laugh. It brings me joy. It's so addictive."



Vera Khzouz

tive," says Khzouz, who says humor that comes "naturally" and from being yourself is funnier than forced jokes.

SMART COMEDY

"The funniest things to write about are very truthful statements. I look for common thoughts and actions we do and try to find out why it's acceptable," agrees Lesley Braden-Phillips, a stand-up comedian, cast member at Go Comedy, and member of Motor City Improv troupe. "Why is it that we only think about feeding homeless people twice a year? Thanksgiving and Christmas...that's when they're hungry? That's where my brain goes, to whatever we all have accepted without questioning. I like to question some of those things and then hopefully form a five minute bit from it. I'm a big fan of smart comedy. Anyone can write bawdy comedy."

Braden-Phillips has begun carving a niche for herself in the art of the comedic roast, a form of stand-up comedy. She has been involved in roasts at Go Comedy and Joey's Comedy Club — some were charity fund-raisers — and has served as roast mistress at one event. The key is to strike a balance between "friendship and blasting" the person being roasted. "Not many women do it," she said, adding "And there is an art to it."

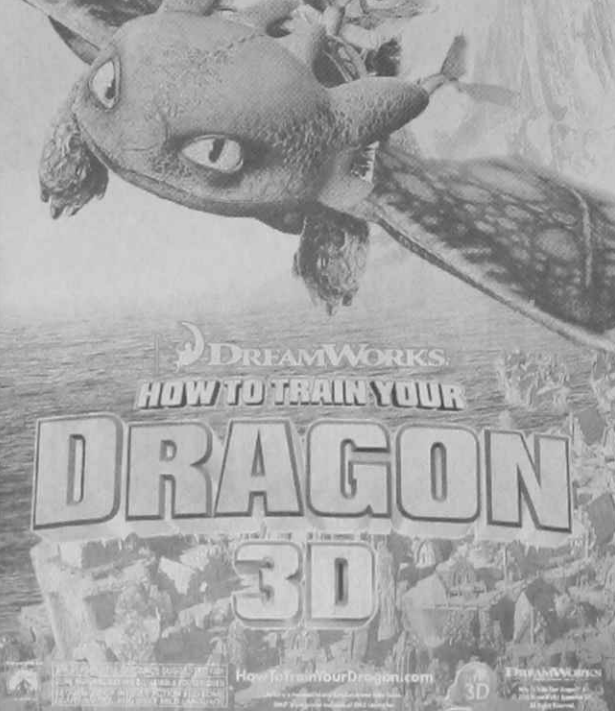
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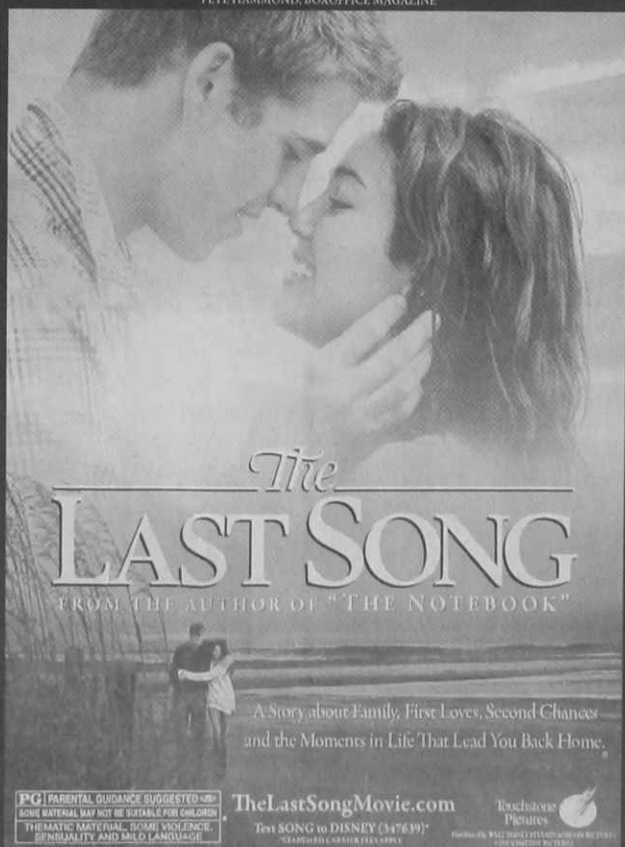
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ART

Lotus Arts Gallery

Time/Date: Through April

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Colored Pencil Society of Detroit exhibit; 6-8 p.m., April 10, meet the artists; light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served

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

Northville Art House

Time/Date: April 2-24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mesko; with reception and artist talk, 6-9 p.m., April 2

Coming up: Doll making class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times

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

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.



Fiber artist Charlie Patricolo will teach a two-day bunny-making class, April 24-25 at Northville Art House.

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; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Dan Greuter, through April 3; Rodney Laney, April 7-10, Mark Sweeney, April 14-17; Andres Fernandez, April 21-24

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: San Francisco comedian Mark Pitta, April 1-3; Texan Steve McGrew, April 8-10

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: California Guitar Trio, April 1; Steppin' In It & Rachael Davis, April 2; The RFD Boys, April 3; Steve Poltz, April 5; Leon Redbone, April 6; The Low Anthem, April 7; Patty Larkin, April 8; Mason Jennings, April 9; Mr. B's Piano Celebration with Bob Seeley, April 11; Chic Gamine, April 13; King Sunny Ade & His African Beats, April 14; Brian Vander Ark, April 15; The Hot Club of Cowtown, April 16; Hoots and Hellmouth, April 17; The Belleville Outfit, April 18; E.C. Scott, April 20; Martin Sexton, April 21; BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, April 23; Nervous But Excited & Joshua Davis, April 24; The Infamous Stringdusters, April 25; Chris Pureka, April 26; Matt Jones, April 27; Eliza Gilkyson, April 28; Jonatha Brooke, April 29; Down the Line, April 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Henry Ford Estate

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., April 14

Location: On the campus of University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn

Details: Violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Michele Cooker perform at Fair Lane Music Guild's final concert of the season. Enjoy dessert while listening to Bolcom's "Third Sonata" as well as works



Michele Cooker and Gabriel Bolkosky perform April 14 at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

by Beethoven and Franck. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$14 for senior citizens and \$9 for students

Contact: (313) 593-5330, or www.umd.umich.edu/fair_lane_music_guild

JWH Center for the Arts

Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May

Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: The Beggars record release, April 2; Bump, April 3; The Mega 80's, April 9, 17 and 24; Mackinac Island's Last Waltz, April 10; Deadstring Brothers CD release, April 16; The 30th Anniversary Tour, An Evening with The Church, April 18; The Hard Lessons, April 23; Greensky Bluegrass, April 30

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Oakland Community College

Time/Date: 8 p.m., April 9

Location: Smith Theatre at the Orchard Ridge campus, located just south of I-696 on Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Ginka Gerova-Ortega presents "Flute Spectrums," a program of jazz, world music, narration, and classics, with Jint Zhan, Zhichen Zhao dancers, pianists Raffaella Medoro and Scott Gwinell, Miles Brown on bass, Sean Dobbins on percussion, Mark Stone on vibes and steel drums and The Oakland Jazz Quartet; admission is \$14

Contact: (248) 522-3666

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m., April 10

Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: Richard Goode on piano; repertoire includes Bach, Haydn and Schumann. Tickets range from \$43-75; students pay \$25

Contact: (248) 855-6070

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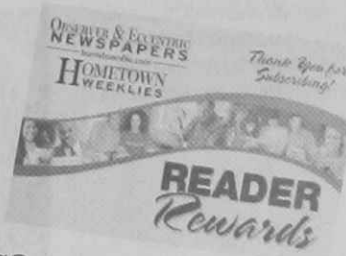


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7,500 cyd of pavement excavation, 800 lft of miscellaneous sanitary sewer removal and replacement, 1,900 lft of storm sewer, 3,200 lft of water main, curb and gutter removal and replacement, 5,000 tons of bituminous pavement, 45,000sf of concrete sidewalk and driveways, restoration and related Work.

Contract Documents are on file with Ms. Linda J. Langmesser, Clerk.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: City of Plymouth, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 36060 Industrial Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Reed Construction Data, Electronic Plan Room, (www.reedpr.com); Construction News Service, 1793 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, Michigan 49519; and Wade Trim Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Plans and spec are also available for viewing on line at: www.wadetrim.com/resources/bidlist.htm

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Wade Trim Associates Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, upon making a payment of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars if picked up or One Hundred Seventy-Five (\$175.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Wade Trim, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

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All inquiries shall be directed to Shawn Keough (734) 947-9700.

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Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Kitty Donohoe, April 9; Great Lakes Songwriting Contest Show, April 10; Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert with Josh White, Jr., Jan Krist, Dave Boutette, April 16; Empty Chair Night with Joel Palmer, Annie and Rod Capps, Allison Downey and John Latini, April 23; Tracy Kash Thomas with Luke Sayers, April 24; Keri Noble, April 28; Bill Isles, April 30
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave.,

Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.
Coming up: Bunnyville, featuring treats, games, crafts, live entertainment and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 3. Bunnyville visitors who bring a canned or other

non-perishable food item to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank will receive a reduced admission price of \$5, parking not included.
Contact: (248) 541-5717

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. all shows; Saturday, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday, April 5-9; and Sunday, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Details: "Peter Cottontail," tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

FILM

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday-Friday, April 8-9
Location: 1221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills
Details: 2010 Banff Mountain Film Festival featuring the world's best footage on mountain subjects;

tickets are \$12 and available at Moosejaw, 34288 Woodward Ave., Birmingham
Contact: (248) 645-3209

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: "The Young Philadelphians," 7 p.m., April 1; "The Tooth Fairy," 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: \$3 admission
Coming up: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," 7 p.m., April 8; "Avatar," 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 9-11 and 4 p.m., April 10-11
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre

Time/Date: 8 p.m. April 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., April 3
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Spartacus," with Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier and Tony Curtis; admission \$4
Coming up: Three Stooges Festival, April 16 and 17, admission \$5; "Singin' in The Rain," 8 p.m., April 30-May 1 and 2 p.m., May 1; admission \$4
Contact: www.redfordtheatre.com

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Time/Date: "Artology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Science Center

Time/Date: "Black Holes" in the planetarium; "Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato" through April 11
Location: 5020 John R, Detroit
Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village

Time/Date: "Good Design: stories from Herman Miller" through April 25
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Details: The touring exhibition explores the problem-solving



Richard Goode performs April 10 in the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's Opus 9 Series.

design process employed at the world-renowned West Michigan-based furniture company Herman Miller Inc. Developed in collaboration with the Muskegon Museum of Art, the exhibition draws upon The Henry Ford's Herman Miller Design Collection, a comprehensive archive of the company's innovative processes and products, most of which have never been on public view.

Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Historic Greenmead

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m., April 10
Location: 20501 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Victorian Tea at Hill House includes tea sandwiches, scones and desserts; \$25 advance tickets only
Contact: (248) 477-7375

Plymouth Historical Museum

Time/Dates: "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Coming up: "Show and Tell" takes on a new dimension at the Plymouth Historical Museum when collectors display their collections and possibly sell an item or two. "Show and Tell... and Sell" Showcases will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and May 15. The museum is still looking for collectors for these events. Details and an application can be

found on the Museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

THEATRE

Barefoot Productions

Time/Dates: May 7-9, 14-16 and 21-22
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Steel Magnolias," tickets are 12 general admission, \$10 for students with ID and senior citizens, 62 and older
Contact: (734) 582-9688; www.justgobarefoot.com

Comic Opera Guild

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "Sally," a 1920 hit, tells the story of an orphan dishwasher who gets a chance to dance in the Ziegfield ballet. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens and youth, except on April 8 when all seats are \$15
Contact: Visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org and click on box office or call (734) 394-5460.

Henry Ford Community College

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 16-25
Location: MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn
Details: "Tommy," the musical; admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students with ID and \$8 per seat for groups of 10 or more
Contact: (313) 845-9817 or e-mail gadzuiblinski@hfcc.edu

Spotlight Players

Time/Date: 8 p.m., April 23-24, April 30-May 1 and 2 p.m. April 24-25, May 1-2
Location: Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: "Oklahoma!" Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens, age 60 and over and students, age 18 and under
Contact: (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org

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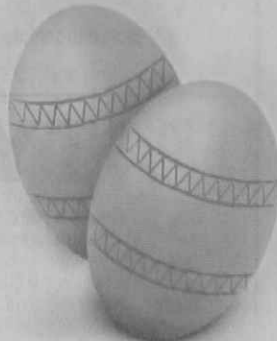
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APRIL 1-7

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 3

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Easter fair and egg hunt for children up to age 8. Parents accompany their children through different activity centers such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making, and a video.

Coming up: Easter Sunday services will be held at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m.

Contact: (734) 522-6830

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 5:30- 8 p.m., Thursday, April 1

Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Passover buffet including assorted soups and salads, grilled chicken and chicken tenders, meat-loaf and fish, mashed potatoes and French fries, fresh vegetables, home-made desserts, fresh seasonal fruit with coffee, tea, juice and soft drinks. Adults \$29, children ages 5-11, \$18, children ages 0-4, no charge. Pre-paid reservations only by Thursday, March 25 with cash or check preferred to: Elite Kosher Catering, 6800 Drake Road (between Maple and 14 Mile Roads) in West Bloomfield

Coming up: RSVP by Monday, March 29 for the "The Magic of Passover," a free Passover program for families with preschoolers, 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, April 5. The program includes a magic show by Steve Ziemann, as well as storytime, songs, crafts and Passover snacks.

Contact: (248) 592-0200 or (248) 592-0830 for Passover buffet; (248) 788-0600 for "Magic of Passover" program

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m., April 1; prayer, noon and service, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, April 2; Easter vigil service, 7:30 p.m., April 3; Easter celebration service, 10 a.m., with breakfast served 9-10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 4
Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 421-7249

Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., April 1, noon-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. April 2 and 8:30 a.m.-noon, April 4

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

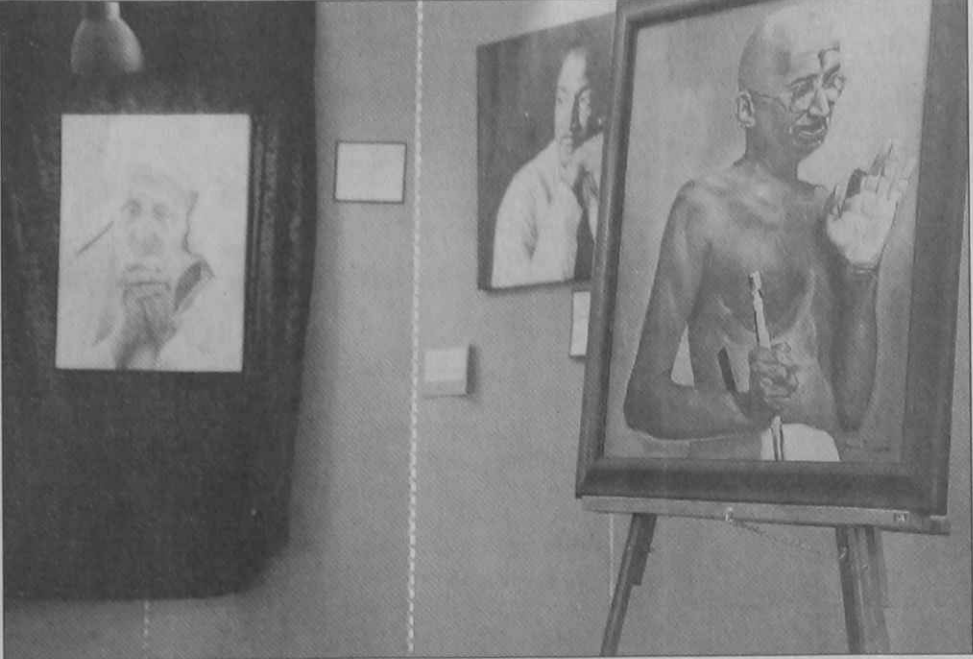
Details: Art by Jeanne McCormick of Novi is on display, along with work by members of the congregation
Contact: (248) 553-7170

Kingdom Builders Christian Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., April 6, 13, 20 and 27

Location: 23310 Joy, Redford

Details: Workshop for couples who are married, engaged or in a serious relationship. Learn to communicate better, respect each other and lessen stress on the relationship. Great for couples at every stage and any age. Dinner and child care provided; pre-



Art work by Jeanne McCormick of Novi is on display at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

registration needed for child care. \$40 per couple for all four weeks. Couples must attend all four sessions.
Contact: Marriage Resource Center at (313) 278-4400 or visit www.mimarriage.org

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., April 1, Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion; 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 2, Good Friday services; 9:30 a.m., April 4, Easter service

Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Easter Sunday will begin with a free breakfast at 8 a.m. All visitors to the service will receive a free copy of a new DVD entitled *The Road to Emmaus*
Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday, April 4

Location: 8828 Wormier, Redford

Details: Easter choir cantata, "Arise, my Love"
Contact: (313) 537-7480

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1; noon and 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 2; and 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 3

Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Holy week services
Contact: (248) 553-3380

St. John Church

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 3

Location: 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: Community Easter Egg Hunt; all welcome
Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Mass of the Lord's supper, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 1; Liturgy, noon, prayers followed by Stations of the Cross, 9 p.m., Friday, April 2; services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Location: 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Contact: (734) 721-5023

Warren Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m., sunrise service, breakfast, 8:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 4

Location: 33445 Warren Road, Westland

Details: Easter Sunday worship and events includes live resurrection journey for kids, 4-12, and nursery available for kids under 4

Contact: (734) 458-7301

APRIL 8-14

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 11

Location: 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Dr. Amy Brode will talk about the overactive bladder and incontinence, at a program sponsored by the congregation's Sisterhood; free admission and open to the public
Coming up: The Sisterhood starts a weekly Mah Jongg group, 12:30-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 13. Cost is \$1 per person; participants should bring current Mah Jongg card. Also a free weekly DVD series continues at 1 p.m. Wednesday; topics for April 14 are "Rome Arrives in Jerusalem" and "Parting with the Temple," drop-ins welcome and no reservations needed

Contact: (248) 851-6880 or www.cbahm.org for Brode's program; Gail Ellenbogen at (248) 626-4123 or e-mail gellenbo@yahoo.com for Mah Jongg; Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 for DVD series

The Corners

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, April 9

Location: 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Rabbi Howard Addison, an assistant professor in the Intellectual Heritage Department at Temple University, leads a workshop about the interface between Kabbalah and the Enneagram. He'll explain how to use it for personal growth and working with clients in the helping professions. Cost is \$100

Contact: RSVP to Michael Abramsky at (248) 644-7398

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., 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., 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

APRIL 15-21

Birmingham Temple

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 17

Location: 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Vivace Music Series features pianist Ralph Votapek performing works by Copland, Schubert, Ravel and Albeniz. Afterglow and refreshments follow the concert; tickets are \$20 for members and seniors, \$23



Ralph Votapek will perform Saturday, April 17, at the Birmingham Temple.

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Contact: Joyce Cheresch at (248) 788-0338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 17

Location: 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Shabbat Club for kids provides a morning of parasha play, games, interactive learning and Shabbat fun

Contact: RSVP to Amy Newman at relschool@cbahm.org or (248) 851-8820

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, April 17

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

Details: "Spring Fling" dance

designed for adults with developmental disabilities, special needs, and their caretakers includes music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages will be served

Contact: RSVP no later than April 9 to Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

Leon's

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., April 17

Location: 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City

Details: Bethany Suburban West monthly breakfast meeting; all separated, divorced and singles may attend

Contact: Kathy at (734) 513-9479

St. Aidan

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 15

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: David J. Conrad, M.A. Theology is the presenter at a program called "The Church: Its Essential Qualities and Purpose"

Contact: RSVP by noon the day of the event to (734) 425-5950

APRIL 22-28

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 23 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 24

Location: 28000 New Market, just north of 12 Mile, east of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: The Woman's League of the church sponsors a rummage and bake sale. In addition to clothing and homemade baked goods, the sale will feature small appliances, furniture, books, bedding, linens, toys, jewelry and much more. \$3 and \$5 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: Lucille Ehlers at (248) 553-2889

April 29-May 5

Antioch Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Rummage sale 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, April 30 and 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 1

Location: 33360 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The church also is collecting items for the sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 26-28

Contact: Judy Glass at (248) 476-9074

St. Aidan

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Thursday, April 29

Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: The Rev. Norm Dickson and Dr. Mary Healy will be the guest speakers at the Endow groups at the church. The session, a reflection on Women of Peace and Love, is aimed at women and girls, age 16 and over. A light dinner will be included. A free will offering will be accepted
Contact: RSVP to the parish office by April 25 at (734) 425-5950

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia

Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children

Contact: (734) 261-1455

Career workshops

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: First and third Mondays

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Workshops are designed to help people in employment transition build a network and use their resources to find that next good job. Workshop leaders are available to work one-on-one with anyone looking for work.

Contact: (734) 422-6038

Classes/study

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

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HELEN ATTALAI
Age 88, of Plymouth. Passed away March 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

ORLANDO ROBERT "Bob" PANSA
Was born in Bristol, Rhode Island on 30 April 1922 to Tommaso (Thomas) and Anna Mangieri Pansa. He died on January 23, 2010 in Twinsburg, Ohio. Bob graduated in 1944 from the Rhode Island State College (later URI) majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He then earned a Masters Degree in Automotive Engineering from Michigan's Chrysler Institute. Upon his return to New England, he was an instructor of mechanical engineering at RISC. He married his college sweetheart, Elaine E. Murphy in June of 1947. In 1949, Bob joined Oldsmobile Division of General Motors, where he was to make his career. The family moved from Boston to East Lansing, Michigan in 1959. Bob was the "go to" guy whenever there was an area needed special attention. Later he was promoted to positions in Memphis, TN and California. After a short tenure as regional manager of Oldsmobile in Illinois, he was invited back to Michigan to join General Motors Corporation in 1976. He served as Director of the Customer Relations and Service Staff until his retirement in 1987. His wife, Elaine, preceded him in death on 30 November 2008. Bob is survived by daughter Martha Pansa and Tom Colosimo, and her daughter Ariana Pansa Maki; daughter Deborah Pansa Gallagher and Dan Gallagher, and their children Amy and Laura Gallagher; son Jeffrey Robert Pansa and Dana Pansa and their children Elizabeth Stephen and Rachel Pansa; and daughter Patti Ann Pansa. He is also survived by his sister, Sylvia Pansa Terra and brother Andrew Pansa, both of whom live in Rhode Island. A memorial service will be held August 21, 2010 at the Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

BENJAMIN HOYT PARKS
Age 80, born Chattanooga TN, lived 40 yrs. in Westland, passed on March 27, 2010. Survived by loving wife of 64 yrs. Delores. Children: Ruth, Jack, and Deborah. Grandchildren: Jack, Kasey, John, Lynn, Chris, David, Mindy, and Jamie, seven great-grandchildren and one sister Jackie. Private family and friends memorial Sat., April 3rd.

CATHERINE (KATIE) ROMA (SCHAEFFER) MINARD
67, died Monday, March 29, 2010 surrounded by family in her Livonia, Michigan home. Born in 1942 to J. Robert and Ruth Schaeffer in Detroit, Katie graduated from Detroit Cooley High School in 1961. After raising a family and working as a parapro with Livonia Public Schools, Katie completed her BS of Mathematics from the University of Michigan. Dearborn in 1994. Katie is survived by her husband, Herbert J. Minard; daughter, Cindy (Mike) Channey; sons, H. James (Stacey) Minard, Rick (Geri) Minard and Mick (Michelle) Minard. She is also survived by her brother, James Schaeffer; sister, Betsy Lewis; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration and luncheon will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Memorial donations can be made to Childrens Leukemia Foundation, www.leukemiamichigan.org

VICTORIA MARIE MOODY
Age 88, of Garden City, formerly of Belleville, died March 25, 2010. A gathering was held Mar. 28. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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Those denied can appeal on their own, but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with full less experience.

In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly of applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

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CALENDAR

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

Livonia Unity

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

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Men's Bible study

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

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.

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New Life Community Church

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

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

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

Contact: (313) 274-3820



Worshippers walk the labyrinth at Farmington First United Methodist Church.

Take a walk with God at Farmington church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sherry Young likens a walk on the labyrinth at Farmington First United Methodist Church to "making a blind date with God."

"You don't know what to expect. You have to be open and be prepared for what God has in store for you," said Young, the church's director of youth and adult ministries. "I've walked it many times. It is another spiritual vehicle to heighten your personal relationship with God."

The church will offer the ancient meditation tool to the public today, Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, April 3. A portable labyrinth will be laid out in the church's Markem room for visitors and church members alike from 1-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, and 9-11 a.m. Saturday. Traditional Easter service with Communion will be held at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 4. The church is located at 33112 Grand River Ave., east of Farmington Road.

The church opens its labyrinth to the community in July during the annual Farmington Founders Festival.

FOLLOWING THE PATH

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The labyrinth is a symbol consisting of a meandering path that loops and circles inward to the image's center.

Walkers follow the path from its entrance to the center of the symbol, then simply reverse direction and take the same way back to the entrance.

Outdoor labyrinths are made of brick, stone or grass and may be landscaped with hedges or encircled by trees and flowers. Portable labyrinths for indoor use are painted on cloth or canvas.

They're different from mazes, which have walled pathways that dead end and confront the walker with choices.

FOCUS ON GOD

Farmington First United Methodist Church acquired its labyrinth about 10 years ago.

"We don't have room to keep it up all the time," said Young, adding that the large canvass symbol measures 20 feet by 20 feet. "We have individuals wear footies on it to keep it clean."

Soft music sometimes plays while walkers follow the path, although some users, like Young, prefer complete silence.

She said the labyrinth helps "keep the world outside" while the walker focuses on God.

Young said she heard a reassuring voice

as she has walked its path after struggling through a difficult period in her life.

"In January 2006 I lost my dad. In September 2006 I was walked out the door of a company where I had worked for 27 years," Young recalled. "Two years before that I felt God calling me to go to the seminary."

But Young had ignored the call, unsure how she'd juggle husband, children, a father struggling with Alzheimer's and a return to college.

GOD'S VOICE

After 2006 when she walked the path, she felt a "total sense of peace." She said it seemed as though God was telling her "I have your life in my hands...just follow me."

She is three months away from earning her bachelor of arts degree and will enter the seminary in September.

"You can step on the labyrinth and you can walk and wait for something to happen. Or you can go with a purpose. Before stepping on it, say 'Lord, I need your direction.' You can come with expectations or now, but you won't leave the same as you came in."

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FOOD

Easy Easter brunch to make at home

Hosting an Easter brunch is a great way to bring friends and family together. And it doesn't have to be hard or expensive. Here are some simple things you can do to ensure a memorable celebration without the hassle.

Take Inventory. Pull out the dishes, platters, silverware and glassware to make sure you have what you need. If needed, spruce up any silver and table linens a few days before, so you can concentrate on other things the day-of the event.

Set a Pretty Table. For creative place cards, try Easter eggs. Put a narrow strip of tape around the middle of each egg before you dye it. When it's dry, peel off the tape and write each name in the white space with a thin line permanent marker.

Keep it Centered. For an inexpensive centerpiece, leverage simplicity:

- Fill a glass bowl or vase with colorful Easter eggs — real or plastic.
- Put a potted plant inside an Easter basket.
- Set white or ivory votive candles on top of a flat mirror.

Plan the Menu. The main thing you must always remember is to keep it simple. Don't be afraid to use store bought items and recipes that can be made ahead of time. These simple time savers leave you more time to relax to enjoy your guests.

• Buy instead of baking. Muffins, fruit pastries and seasonal Easter breads can all be found in the bakery section of your grocery store.

• Provide a lighter side dish such as a simple fruit salad. Squeeze lemon or orange juice on the fruit to help it keep from turning brown.



Crustless quiche

• Create a simple, yet special main dish such as a crustless quiche. With this easy recipe from Hillshire Farm, you simply combine flavorful beef smoked sausage with cheese and eggs for a mouth-watering dish. You can prepare the mixture ahead of time, cover the baking dish with foil and keep it in the fridge until just before the party. Remove the foil, bake as instructed and watch your guests enjoy. You can find other tempting smoked sausage and polska kielbasa Easter recipes at gomeat.com.

CRUSTLESS QUICHE

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 45 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

1 package Hillshire Farm Beef Smoked Sausage
8 eggs, lightly beaten
1½ cups heavy whipping cream
1½ teaspoons dry mustard
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1½ cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
½ cup chopped green bell pepper

Preheat oven to 350 °F. Cut sausage into ½-inch cubes; set aside. Place eggs, cream, dry mustard, salt and black pepper in a large bowl; whisk until smooth. Stir in sausage, 1 cup of cheese and green pepper. Pour egg mixture into a greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until eggs are set. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

— Courtesy of Family Features

CITY BITES

Good Deeds program

Plymouth — Hiller's Markets will donate all profits from sales of its prepared Wild Vegetable Lasagna to the Detroit Zoo during April.

The fresh lasagna dish — which includes layers of al dente pasta filled with freshly sautéed vegetables, five different cheeses and creamy Alfredo sauce — is an original Hiller's recipe. The dish costs \$4.98 per pound and can be found in the prepared foods section at all seven Hiller's Markets throughout Metro Detroit.

"We're grateful to Hiller's for providing a way for the community to enjoy healthy and delicious food while helping the Zoo," said Detroit Zoo Executive Director Ron Kagan.

The fund-raising campaign is part of Hiller's Markets "Good Deeds in the Making" program, created to inspire consumers to purchase high-quality ready-to-eat meals while contributing to local worthy causes.

"The Detroit Zoo is a hometown cultural gem and one which Hiller's is proud to support as April's recipient," said Jim Hiller, president and CEO of Hiller's Markets.

In addition to its Plymouth location at 15455 Haggerty, Hiller's Markets are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, Commerce Township, Northville, Union Lake and West Bloomfield.

Tweet & Taste

Everywhere — The blog, Michigan by the Bottle, has devised a way for you to attend wine tastings with-

out leaving your home.

On April 13, Twitter users will be able to interact with Adam Satchwell, winemaker and general manager at Shady Lanes Cellars on the Leelanau Peninsula, as they simultaneously sample a trio of Shady Lanes wines.

Several wine bloggers, including Michigan by the Bottle's Shannon Casey, and Claudia Tyagi, will help facilitate the discussion.

MichiganByTheBottle.com launched Tweet & Taste to make wine more accessible to the average consumer and specifically to wine drinkers in the 20- to 30-something age range who rely heavily on social networking, as well as promote Michigan-made products.

Here's how it works:

Participants buy the featured Shady Lane wines — 2008 Dry Riesling, 2008 Blue Franc and 2007 Pinot Noir — at their local wine shops or online at www.shadylanecellars.com.

They log onto Twitter at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 via Twitter.com or a Twitter client, such as TweetDeck or HootSuite. Next, they'll search using #ttmi, the Tweet & Taste Michigan hashtag. As the facilitators and winemaker taste through the wines, users can share impressions and ask questions, adding the #ttmi hashtag to every "tweet" to ensure everyone participating sees it.

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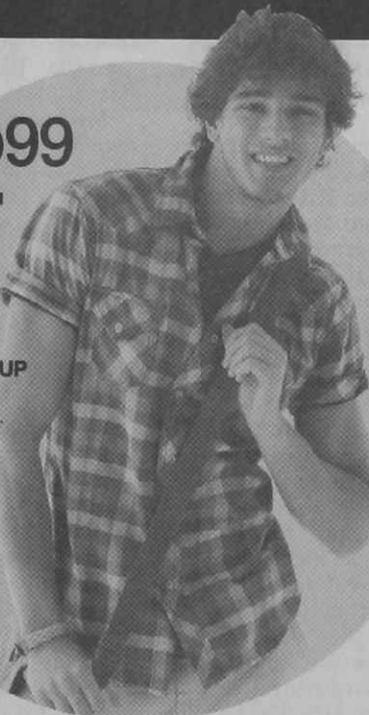
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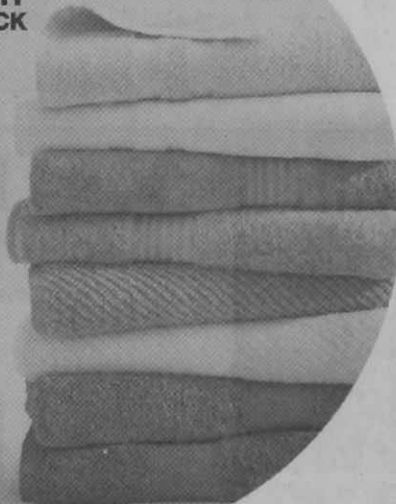
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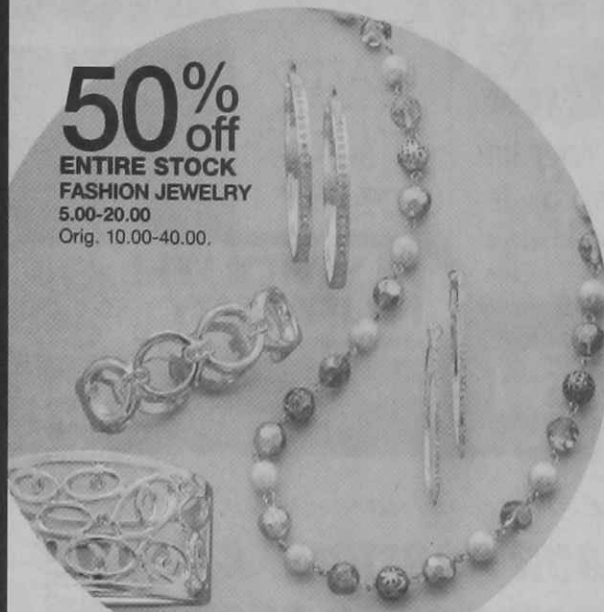
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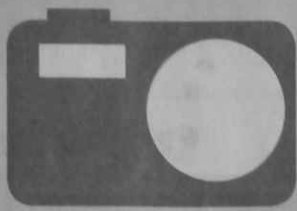


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Women Build Week partners Habitat, Lowe's lend a hand

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne is launching the National Women Build Week sponsored by Lowe's.

Alice Dent, executive director of the Plymouth-based affiliate, said it's the first time in the last eight-nine years for such a project. "The Women Build is a great program. We thought it would be a great opportunity to pull all the women leaders, the community" together, Dent said.

The resident who will live in the southeastern Westland home is a single mom with five children. "She and her mom applied together," Dent said, noting mother and daughter are working on "sweat equity" required for Habitat home recipients.

Habitat is a Christian ministry which builds and rehabs homes for lower-income people. The Women Build effort is underwritten by Lowe's.

"We have a great relationship with the Westland Lowe's store," Dent said of the store at Newburgh and Warren roads. For the national effort, in the week leading up to Mother's Day, volunteers throughout the U.S. will be "raising walls or doing something significant." The local special projects will commence Wednesday, May 5, and conclude on May 9.

The dates available are as follows: Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), starting May 11 through July 15, 2010 (excluding May 25, July 1 and July 6). Special arrangements can be made for groups requesting weekends. Beverages and snacks will be provided by Habitat for Humanity, but volunteers will need to provide lunch.

Westland has been great to work with, she said, noting Mayor William Wild's wife and Westland council

members have volunteered.

"Everything we ask of them, they always exceed my expectations. I'm very excited. I can't wait to get out on the site," Dent said of the new home site.

Volunteering can be more than swinging a hammer, as some can help with lunch preparation. "There's something for every person to do," said Dent, noting men are welcome but organizers want a significant portion of the volunteers to be women.

'VERY GOOD RESPONSE'

"We've already received a very good response," Gov. Jennifer Granholm will participate, as will U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Teams up to 15 volunteers are welcome.

"Even on our Facebook page, people are asking questions. The word is out and people are responding," Dent said.

Volunteering at the Westland site is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To participate, e-mail your name, contact number and date you prefer to Habitatwvwomenbuild@yahoo.com.

If you're signing up a team, include each person's name, e-mail address and telephone. Specify the name of the team leader. Confirmation will arrive within 72 hours.

"We hope to finish this house in July," Dent said.

National Women Build Week challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. The event is an initiative of Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program, underwritten by Lowe's, which brings women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to build simple, decent affordable houses.

Joanne Inglis, Housing and Community Development director



Ute Brantsch of Detroit, Pat Palmer of Grand Blanc and Mimi Zwolak of Rochester Hills were among those on a Habitat work trip to the damaged Gulf Coast. Women volunteers will be out in full force again soon with a project sponsored by the Plymouth-based Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County and Lowe's. A Westland home will be built for a single mom, her five children and mother.

for Westland, said the Westland City Council approved the partnership agreement in 2009 for the home. The Western Wayne affiliate got a grant for Women Build Week.

"So we were very excited that they picked to do it in Westland. Mayor Wild is already committed on May 6 at 10 a.m." Organizers will the get word out, Inglis said, "so we can get lots of women out to support the effort."

"They're just about done with the second rehab," Inglis said March 12 of Westland homes being fixed up. The Habitat effort in Westland includes rehab of two homes and new construction of five.

"All the properties have been identified," said Inglis, who will participate in the Women Build.

"There's a tremendous need for affordable housing, especially now," Inglis said. She noted Habitat can write mortgages, helpful now when it's tough to get a mortgage approval.

"The beauty of Habitat is they write their own mortgages." Habitat also provides counseling and support to their families, Inglis said.

"We're going to do everything we can to assist her. We just want to get the word out," Inglis said. There are a

lot of opportunities to volunteer, even if you're not available that day, Inglis said.

Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County is at 638 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more, call (734) 459-7744 or visit www.habitat-www.org.

The Mother's Day timeframe was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children — one in six — live in poverty housing in the U.S. alone. To date, women volunteers have built nearly 1,700 Habitat houses nationwide.

ABOUT THE SPONSOR

Lowe's is committing more than \$1 million to National Women Build Week, providing \$5,000 Lowe's store gift cards and event support materials to 200 Habitat affiliates. This is a major initiative of Lowe's five-year, \$20 million pledge to Habitat, a commitment including underwriting of the Women Build program, as well as providing construction know-how at in-store clinics and build sites, and funding for a variety of Habitat projects across the U.S.

Fla. area has high end growth

Q: I understand that there is a new downtown type development in North Naples which has a number of high end restaurants and condominiums. Could you give me some idea about the price range?

A: There is a development called the Mercato which contains a number of high end restaurants, including a deli restaurant called Stage 62 which is owned and operated by the West Bloomfield Stage Deli. The units range from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000,

and they offer bus service to the beach area. Mercato is a little town type development with various shops, markets and recreational facilities.

Q: I live in a condominium where the president hires his friends to do the work at the complex and does not take bids from others. The management company has told me that no one cares and the president lives right next to me so I get stuck listening to his loud vulgar voice while taking care of his business. Do you have any suggestions?

A: Write a letter to the Board of Directors telling them about your concern regarding the way in which the president is apparently unilaterally running the association without their input. As to the business that he is taking care of, obviously sound conditioning would be an improvement, and, you may also ask him to be more respectful of your privacy as well as your ability to enjoy your condominium without his ranting. You may ultimately need a lawyer to write a letter to the association board regarding these issues.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	3632 Baldwin Rd	\$45,000
	714 Provincetown Rd	\$103,000
Beverly Hills	17195 Birwood Ave	\$165,000
	16010 Buckingham Ave	\$120,000
	32231 Sheridan Dr	\$133,000
Bingham Farms	23820 Overlook Cir	\$168,000
Birmingham	555 Fairfax St	\$425,000
	1010 Smith Ave	\$420,000
	1710 Stanley Blvd	\$165,000
	329 W Brown St	\$530,000
	772 Willits St	\$569,000
Bloomfield Hills	1980 W Valley Rd	\$800,000
Bloomfield Township	340 Concord Pl	\$29,000
	732 Covington Rd	\$513,000
	6360 Dakota Cir	\$231,000
	2447 Devonshire Rd	\$220,000
	858 Dowling Rd	\$300,000
	920 E Square Lake Rd	\$195,000
	626 Fox Hills Dr	\$32,000
	657 Half Moon Rd	\$340,000
	888 Helston Rd	\$122,000
	1465 Quarton Ridge Cir	\$1,600,000
	762 Rock Spring Rd	\$300,000
	2414 Sanders Pl	\$83,000
	5110 Tootmoor Rd	\$530,000
	265 Westwood Dr	\$416,000
Clarkston	9252 Cherrywood Rd	\$95,000
	6509 Deer Ridge Dr	\$190,000
	9880 Dixie Hwy	\$120,000
	4685 Ottawa Ct	\$299,000
	7713 Parkcrest Cir	\$318,000
	8419 S Shore Dr	\$215,000
	10537 Whitby Ct	\$240,000
Commerce Township	3269 Chenoa St	\$99,000
	3761 Cheryl Dr	\$95,000
	2025 Lakeshore Dr	\$265,000
	2670 Pinto Dr	\$103,000
	3860 Stoneridge Ct	\$243,000
	5471 Wentworth Dr	\$225,000
Davisburg	11951 Scott Rd	\$169,000
Farmington		

	36904 Heatherton Dr	\$157,000
	36700 Lansbury Ln	\$190,000
Farmington Hills	25696 Branchester Rd	\$155,000
	27471 Bridle Hills Dr	\$150,000
	30037 Fernhill Dr	\$170,000
	29306 Fieldstone	\$206,000
	21364 Mulberry Ct	\$85,000
	27430 W 10 Mile Rd	\$47,000
	29830 W 12 Mile Rd	\$39,000
	32115 W 12 Mile Rd	\$49,000
	28658 W King William Dr	\$225,000
Lake Orion	226 Cedar Bend Dr	\$190,000
	3968 May Center Rd	\$257,000
	Lathrup Village	
	17415 Avilla Blvd	\$75,000
Milford	3011 Central Blvd	\$76,000
	2475 Runaway Trl	\$230,000
Novi	42054 Aspen Dr	\$262,000
	31109 Chatsford St	\$302,000
	22492 Heatherbrae Way	\$142,000
	21758 Meridian Ln	\$229,000
	28735 Stonewall Ct	\$200,000
	41732 Sycamore Dr	\$171,000
	24703 Venice Dr	\$165,000
Oakland Township	5126 Belmonte Dr	\$243,000
	688 E Buell Rd	\$256,000
	5698 Murfield Dr	\$65,000
	5128 Stonehenge Dr	\$425,000
Rochester Hills	735 Kentucky Dr	\$156,000
	1810 Mackwood Rd	\$100,000
	2403 Pleasant View Dr	\$265,000
	315 Powderhorn Ct	\$248,000
	1769 W Avon Rd	\$115,000
	3577 Wedgewood Dr	\$283,000
South Lyon	1041 Chestnut Ln	\$180,000
	1183 Corral Ln	\$177,000
	61385 Roaring Brook Dr	\$146,000
	61259 Tayberry Cir	\$176,000
	446 Whipple St	\$117,000
	23819 Winged Foot Way	\$325,000
	360 Woodland Dr	\$145,000
Southfield	27735 Abington St	\$95,000
	29484 Candlewood Ln	\$86,000
	22755 Coventry Woods Ln	\$120,000
	29434 Fall River Rd	\$69,000
	28586 Glasgow St	\$48,000
	15749 Hilton St	\$90,000
	30755 Longcrest St	\$50,000
	19501 Magnolia Pkwy	\$61,000
	18550 Mount Vernon St	\$37,000
	20281 Rodeo Ct	\$49,000
	20230 S Greenway St	\$114,000

	29549 Stellamar Dr	\$106,000
	29050 Wildbrook Dr	\$57,000
Sylvan Lake	1707 Inverness St	\$100,000
Troy	1269 Autumn Dr	\$170,000
	1924 Axtell Dr	\$50,000
	6746 Forest Park Dr	\$200,000
	4507 Hedgewood Dr	\$265,000
	3579 Kings Point Dr	\$155,000
	2454 Kingsbury Dr	\$298,000
	2348 Paris Dr	\$147,000
	600 Troy Valley Dr	\$125,000
Walled Lake	1424 Dover HI S	\$61,000
	2078 Hidden Meadows Dr	\$37,000
	1983 Mathew St	\$190,000
	1856 N Pontiac Trl	\$42,000
	2132 Red Maple Ln	\$190,000
	1567 Treyborne Cir	\$107,000
Waterford	3141 Coventry Dr	\$185,000
	3615 Dorothy Ln	\$327,000
	3842 Florman	\$117,000
	1027 Genelia St	\$115,000
	3334 Healy St	\$70,000
	323 Lake Meadow Dr	\$157,000
	1112 Lakeview St	\$40,000
	1810 Manse Rd	\$68,000
	5391 Mikewood Dr	\$105,000
	5893 Olympic Pkwy	\$140,000
	7700 Parkwood Ct	\$116,000
	5176 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$92,000
	708 Reynolds Dr	\$133,000
	5919 Shetland Way	\$96,000
	7612 Visger Ave	\$61,000
	3440 Watkins Lake Rd	\$27,000
West Bloomfield	7700 Barnsbury Dr	\$699,000
	2385 Chata Dr	\$95,000
	7315 Coldspring Ln	\$165,000
	3707 Elder Rd S	\$190,000
	4264 Fieldbrook Rd	\$143,000
	2335 Harness	\$155,000
	3959 Harris Ln	\$275,000
	4353 Macqueen Dr	\$180,000
	6730 Maple Creek Blvd	\$426,000
	7065 Nottingham	\$128,000
	6316 Pepper Hill St	\$66,000
	7158 Springridge Rd	\$134,000
	5970 Willow Rd	\$194,000
White Lake	8895 Satellite Ct	\$190,000
	927 Sloane Ct	\$230,000
Wolverine Lake	798 Albertson St	\$188,000
	2150 Benstein Rd	\$95,000

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Investors

Learn about "flipping," sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland, on Thursday, April 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com).

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	7684 Corbin Dr	\$164,000
	41978 Coventry Way	\$110,000
	4311 Fernwood St	\$139,000
	43805 Hanford Rd	\$155,000
	6429 Harrow Ct	\$304,000
	6868 Kennesaw Rd	\$300,000
	1628 Liberty St N	\$300,000
	8223 Orhan St	\$131,000
	44215 Postmill Ct	\$155,000
	47628 Royal Pointe Dr	\$265,000
	43003 Saxony Rd	\$148,000
	6768 Tiffany Cir	\$260,000
	2233 Vanderbilt Rd	\$177,000
	47692 Vistas Circle Dr S	\$175,000
	1940 Woodmont Ct	\$165,000
Garden City	6523 Arcola St	\$91,000
	31764 Cambridge St	\$112,000
	6572 Helen St	\$95,000
	29445 Marquette St	\$59,000
	33120 Pierce St	\$51,000
	33723 Rosslyn Ave	\$86,000
	31547 Rush St	\$78,000
Livonia	14129 Alexander St	\$145,000
	11790 Alois St	\$135,000
	33448 Cindy St	\$94,000
	14618 Country Club Dr	\$163,000
	14533 Ellen Dr	\$124,000
	35588 Elmira St	\$100,000

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	14431 Gary Ln	\$150,000
	14674 Golfview St	\$169,000
	33053 Grennada St	\$148,000
	33636 Hathaway St	\$106,000
	9795 Houghton St	\$141,000
	36521 Joanne St	\$140,000
	15817 Loveland St	\$165,000
	30750 Mason Ct	\$165,000
	38598 Meeting House Ln	\$193,000
	28256 N Clements Cir	\$100,000
	38753 Northfield Ave	\$142,000
	19370 Norwich Rd	\$190,000
	29447 Oakley St	\$120,000
	30320 Oakview St	\$180,000
	8972 Parent St	\$107,000
	33063 Perth St	\$155,000
	37576 Scone Ct	\$25,000
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	36720 Sherwood St	\$160,000
	15968 Sunbury St	\$100,000
	8947 Virginia St	\$104,000
	29690 Westfield St	\$112,000
Northville	43911 Six Mile Rd	\$390,000
	44763 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$289,000
	16949 Lochmoor Cir E	\$215,000
	16039 Morningside	\$125,000
	42296 Old Bedford Rd	\$149,000
	551 Orchard Dr	\$128,000
	16155 Pine Valley Dr	\$149,000
	589 Randolph St	\$160,000
	20436 Woodbend Dr	\$305,000
Plymouth	15160 Bradner Ave	\$73,000
	1217 Carol Ave	\$155,000
	675 Leicester St	\$178,000
	1348 Maple St	\$565,000
	440 N Harvey St	\$245,000
	40448 Newport Dr	\$67,000
	12528 Pinecrest Dr	\$156,000
	9630 Pino Ct	\$265,000
	42576 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$550,000
	51385 Plymouth Ridge Dr	\$377,000
	42570 Revere Ave	\$135,000
	9285 Saddlebrook Crk	\$330,000
	15120 Thornridge Dr	\$185,000
	15250 Thornridge Dr	\$170,000
	45200 Turtlehead Dr	\$258,000
	49010 W Hillcrest Ct	\$277,000
	12588 Wendover Ct	\$228,000
	12327 Willoway Ct	\$435,000
Redford	26530 Five Mile Rd	\$47,000
	13949 Brady	\$34,000
	19323 Dalby	\$59,000
	15559 Denby	\$63,000
	17397 Fox	\$67,000
	9240 Garfield	\$89,000
	19244 Garfield	\$70,000
	11400 Grayfield	\$60,000
	26271 Hope	\$115,000
	25230 Joy Rd	\$63,000
	18458 Lennane	\$58,000
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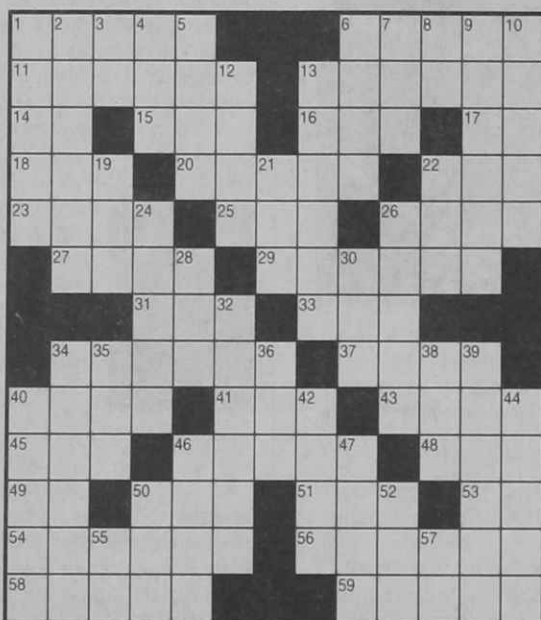
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

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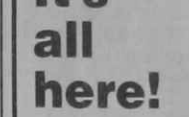
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