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Retiring Canton Chamber of  
Commerce President Dianne  
Cojei gets a hug from Canton  
Township Supervisor Phil  
LaJoy.

## Fond farewells

While both have been collecting accolades around town since announcing their retirements earlier this year, Dianne Cojei and Ann Conklin got one more Tuesday night.

Both women, fixtures for a decade in Canton, were honored with resolutions commemorating their service to the township at the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting. Supervisor Phil LaJoy read resolutions into the record honoring both women.

Cojei is retiring after 10 years at the helm of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Conklin has headed the township's Leisure Services Department the last decade.

## Open choir

Singers are invited to join the Beck Ridge Chorale's non-auditioned choir, Cherry Hill Singers, which rehearses at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Singers will perform under the guidance of musical director Michael Gross. Meanwhile, Beck Ridge Chorale is also conducting auditions 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton, and again 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

You can sign up for an audition at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org).

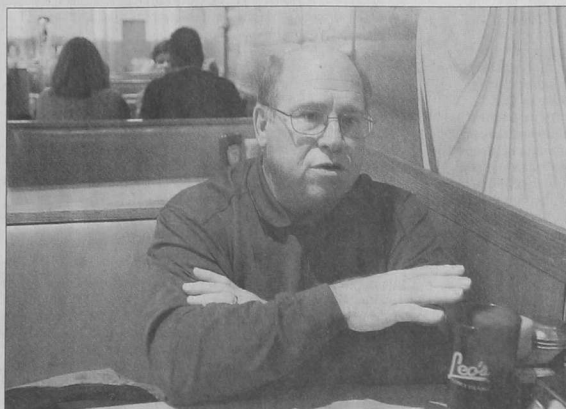
## Dress request

The Plymouth/Canton branch of American Association of University Women is requesting donations of gently used prom and party dresses.

AAUW officials note, "The prom is a very important event in high school and many girls are finding it difficult to afford that special dress in our current economic climate." AAUW will be having a special sale in April where suitable dresses can be purchased for minimal or no cost. Any profit will go to the group's scholarship fund.

AAUW volunteers will pick up contributions, or donors can bring it to any meeting. To arrange for pickup, contact S. Zaetta at (734) 455-6366 or [szaetta@woway.com](mailto:szaetta@woway.com); K. Bellows at (734) 421-8807 or [kgigitykate83@aol.com](mailto:kgigitykate83@aol.com); or E. Nelson at (734) 981-4938 or [enelsonncl@aatt.net](mailto:enelsonncl@aatt.net).

## Yack: Connected to Canton



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Yack, who retired as Canton Township supervisor two years ago, said filling his time in retirement is "not a challenge."

## Retirement leaves former supervisor with plenty to do

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
CORRESPONDENT

It's been two years this month since former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack retired from office, deciding not to seek reelection after 20 years as the township CEO.

And as Yack, 64, has discovered, trading in 12-hour days, night meetings and after-hour township events for life in retirement isn't so bad.

"I never lack for filling time, it's not a challenge," said Yack, relaxing while sitting in a booth at a Canton coney island. "Instead of being in the office at seven ... it just depends on when I roll out (of bed). It could be between 8-8:30. Then I go online and read the newspapers. I play a lot of golf, too."

"Stress-free is nice," he



Longtime Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and his wife, Barb, were surrounded by friends and supporters at Yack's retirement party two years ago at the Village Theater.

said. "If there's something on the list I don't get to on Monday, it will be there on Tuesday."

For Yack, retirement turned out to be pleasant surprise.

"I had no expectations because creating an image of what it will be sets you

up for disappointment," said Yack. "I spend a lot more time with my grandchildren, and see my kids a lot more than I did before. I'm home just about every night, if not I'm out with my wife."

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## School district bans symbol as 'look-a-like'

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After initially telling a Bentley Elementary fourth-grader he could continue wearing a religious symbol important to his Sikh faith while they sorted out the proper way to handle the issue, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have reversed themselves.

District officials announced Thursday they were banning the Kirpan, a Sikh religious symbol that resembles a dagger and is worn after being baptized into the Sikh faith, citing a ban in the district's Code of Conduct against weapons and weapon look-alikes.

In a letter crafted after consultation with the district's attorneys, administrators sent a letter to parents in the community announcing their decision.

"After a thorough review of both state and federal laws, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools remains committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students in the District and will continue to enforce both federal and state laws as well as Board policies with regard to the prohibition of weapons or look-a-like weapons in any of its buildings," read the letter, signed by Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs. "Nothing has changed as far as enforcement is concerned, and all students continue to be required to follow the code of conduct while in school. Until such time as a compromise is

reached, any and all religious emblems that resemble a weapon are strictly prohibited."

The situation came to light last week when the fourth-grader was found to have the Kirpan while playing with classmates during recess. The Kirpan was reported to school officials and, after examining the symbol, Bentley Principal Jerry Meier determined it was safe because it wasn't sharp. Meier said the boy could continue to wear it until the district determined how to handle it.

Discussion continued between the district and the boy's family, who agreed to allow the boy to take off the Kirpan, normally required to be worn in the Sikh religion. After consulting with Sikh officials at the temple in Canton, district officials reversed that position.

Students found possessing the look-alikes, or any other weapon or look-alike, face suspension and possible further penalty, district officials said.

Administrators also said they'd continue to look for a solution that would satisfy all parties.

"The District ... also values its diverse community and the right of all students to practice their religion and wear religious symbols," the letter read. "Accordingly, the District, in conjunction with its legal counsel, will continue to explore options that will best protect the rights of all students."

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## Goodfellows' project provides holiday help

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Ruth Wiles moved to Canton in 1947. Four years later, she found a group of people she thought she could be a part of, and she joined the Canton Goodfellows.

And she's been there ever since.

Nearly 60 years later, Wiles sat in the lower level at Canton Township Hall, helping the Goodfellows pack holiday packages to be given to families adopted in the Goodfellows 2010 Christmas project, the group's annual effort to make sure no child goes without a Christmas.

And she does it for a good reason.

"There are people who are not as well off as me," said Wiles, whose group, The Handcrafters, contributed 642 sets of knit hats, scarves and mittens to this year's effort. "I'm grateful I can be here and help someone else."

It's what the season is all about for the Goodfellows, who started adopting out families at the beginning of November. Many organizations and businesses — school groups, Showroom of Elegance, Holiday Market — started having food drives after Thanksgiving.

Other donations poured in. Someone

donated an IKEA bike. Other toys and games, dolls and clothes poured in. And the Goodfellows put them to good use, helping 178 families (including some 430 children), and an additional 30 senior citizens with Christmas goodies.

While that's about on par with what the Goodfellows have done in past years, president Nancy Spencer said she's "a little surprised" at all the donations.

"The economy is so bad, but we had enough food to fill more than 200 boxes," Spencer said. "People were incredibly generous, especially in this economy. I was thinking, 'Oh, Lord, what are we going to do?' And there it was, he took care of it. My husband said, 'Doesn't he always?'"

While thanking God for the community's generosity, Spencer said the drive would "never be possible" without the volunteers who help put it together. There were some 100 volunteers who put in time this year, she said, including about a dozen from Ford Motor Co. who came by in the project's final days.

Andrea Pruitt of Canton, a project manager at Ford Motor Co., said the company gives employees 16 hours a year to

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Goodfellow volunteer Melanie Jones filled yet another bag with gifts for kids.



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### Chef Jesse cooks

Chef Jesse Gales will offer a taste-testing opportunity at the Canton Township Weight Watchers center Thursday, Jan. 20.

The meeting is open and free to the public so anyone who is interested in learning more about Weight Watchers, without having to pay a meeting fee, is welcome.

Chef Jesse, the official chef of Weight Watchers Group, will also share tips on healthful eating and cooking techniques, as well as answer questions about the new PointsPlus Program.

The Canton Township Weight Watchers center is located inside the Willow Creek Plaza at 41814 Ford Road. Meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and at noon.

### Financial advice

The public is invited to start the new year right by joining a discussion on "Becoming

Financially Savvy in 2011" at the Canton Newcomers' Wednesday, Jan. 5, general meeting.

Expect an evening of socializing, interest group signups, delicious refreshments from Canton's new restaurant Hayden's Grill and Bar, a raffle where proceeds benefit The Heat and Warmth fund (THAW), and an informative discussion by Jennifer Garofalo, CPA, CVA of Post, Symth, Lutz and Ziel of Plymouth LLP on tax tips for 2011, Health Savings accounts, 529 plans for college savings and how to take advantage of new and existing tax credits.

The Newcomers meet at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford Road at 7:15 p.m. For more information on the club or to RSVP for this meeting, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or email [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com).

### Living nativity

Officials at Friendship Church in Canton invite visitors to "take a walk back in time and experience the wonder of the first Christmas night" with their Living Nativity display Dec. 19.

It features a costumed cast of 50+ with live animals, an outdoor, 10-minute guided walking tour and warm refreshments, all at no admission cost.

Friendship Church is located at 1240 N. Beck (at Saltz) in Canton. For more information, call (734) 710-9370 or visit [www.friendshipchurchinfo.com](http://www.friendshipchurchinfo.com)

### Cheer clinic

The Canton High School cheerleaders host a "Kids Cheer Clinic" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Canton High School cafeteria.

The clinic is open to potential cheerleaders from kindergarten to eighth-grade. Clinic goers should wear comfortable



### Crossroads grant

Nicole Watters-Harris, Crossroads of Michigan, accepts a grant check from Barbara Justice, Metro Health Foundation. This grant will provide funds to purchase prescription drugs and supplies to help many of the poor in metropolitan Detroit on a one-time basis. Pictured (from left) are Mary Honsel, Crossroads of Michigan, Lillie Tabor and Barbara Justice, Metro Health Foundation, and Nicole Watters-Harris and Julie Van Hove, Crossroads of Michigan. Crossroads of Michigan was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Metro Health Foundation. This grant will provide funds to purchase prescription drugs and supplies to help many of the poor of the Detroit metropolitan area on a one-time emergency basis. Crossroads is an ecumenical, non-profit service outreach agency offering counseling, advocacy, and emergency assistance to people in need.

shorts and gym shoes. The \$30 cost covers the clinic, drink/snack and a Canton Cheer T-shirt.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., and space is limited. For more information, call (734) 397-3766 or e-mail [cindy-druck@gmail.com](mailto:cindy-druck@gmail.com)

### New Hope seminar

Anyone who has recently suffered the loss of a loved one might want to check out a seminar being offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6 p.m., attorney Ron Thompson of Thompson-Platte will offer a legal perspective regarding the many issues someone might face when someone they love dies. These include minimizing tax consequences,

dealing with decedent's creditors, methods to best protect surviving family members and the issues involving updating wills and trust.

The free seminar will be offered at New Hope Center for Grief Support at 315 Griswold, Northville. Seating is limited; call (248) 348-0115 to register.

### Art days

There are new Drop-Off Art Days at D & M Art Studios in Canton Dec. 20-21 from noon until 5 p.m. and Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There are tons of projects on the hour. Call for reservations. The studio also hosts Christmas Kids Only Workshops Dec. 18 and Dec. 23. There are also two-hour workshops Dec. 28-30.

For more information, visit [www.dmartstudio.com](http://www.dmartstudio.com) or call (734) 453-3710.

### Band auditions

Has it been a while since you dusted-off that musical instrument of yours? Anyone getting that urge to perhaps start playing that clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or any other musical instrument has their chance.

The New Horizons Band of Canton is looking for new members. Musicians 18 years of age or older who would like to become a part of this unique music ensemble are invited to attend a "free" one-time rehearsal on Tuesday evenings.

For more information, call Evola Music at (743) 455-4677.

### GOODFELLOWS

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donate to community service and, as she looked at prospective projects, was glad to

find one so close to home. "You think Canton is this high-income place, and you find there are families right here at home that need help," Pruitt said. "That was interesting to hear. This is close to home, and it's nice to be here."

Pruitt and her Ford cohorts were welcomed among the 100 or so people who made the project possible, according to Spencer, who greatly appreciates the help. "Some of them come and go, others come in and stay

for a whole day at a time," Spencer said. "This would be impossible without them. Without our volunteers, there would be no Goodfellows."

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BY BRAD KADRICH  
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National Honor Society looks pretty good on a college application and, in the beginning, that's why a lot of students get into it.

But invariably, once they're in, they're hooked — on the service, on the helping, on the buzz.

"Many join because it looks good on the college application," said Beth Savalox, who serves as one of the faculty advisers to the 600-member NHS contingent at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "Then they realize how gratifying it is to give back and help. They truly help their community and make a huge impact."

No doubt. This week alone, Savalox said, NHS members made more than 150 blankets for Mott Children's Hospital, rang bells for the Plymouth Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, tutored younger students all around the district, and set up and worked the Salvation Army's Toy Towne.

In fact, the Salvation Army is a prime beneficiary of the NHS effort. According to Teresa Moriarty, the Army's volunteer coordinator, said 70 or more high school students have rung bells so far during the 2010 campaign.

"They're a very great benefit," said Moriarty.

In addition to the bell-ringing, students have helped with the Army's Back to School Blitz, pack food each week for the weekend food program, and students helped with 15 different food drives over the course of the year.

The amount of support for such programs was a pleasant surprise to Capt. Dan Hull, the Corps officer who arrived in Plymouth 18 months ago.

# It's about service

## Honor Society students keep giving back



Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull and director of family and community outreach Laurie Aren made a presentation to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday.

"We live in a great community," Hull told members of the district's Board of Education during a presentation at Tuesday's board meeting. "Sometimes, as we get so busy, we forget that. I was pleasantly surprised to see how the community comes together."

Savalox said nearly 600 students are in the P-CEP National Honor Society. To get there, juniors or seniors must have a grade-point average of 3.5 or better. They need to show leadership (serving as chair of a com-



The Relay for Life is one of the pet projects for National Honor Society students.



National Honor Society students help pack goodies for the Salvation Army's Christmas program.

mittee, an officer of an organization or organizing a special activity at school, church or in the community).

Their character must be attested to by a faculty member by way of a letter of recommendation and they should have taken part in some type of service activity.

Seniors have to do 24 hours of community service a year, juniors must do 18. Goal areas for this year, according to Savalox, are reducing poverty and hunger, promoting health and tutoring.

This year, NHS members have tutored at public libraries and all of the district's elementary and middle schools. They've hosted a Special Olympics dance and staffed a variety of district events, including fun fairs and Breakfast with Santa. According to Savalox, NHS students staff more than 100 events a month.

"Part of our mission is to create good citizens among our students," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "The need in our district has really grown incredibly over the years due to the economy. Our support for the Salvation Army, and programs like it, is really support for our own families."

Salvation Army officials appreciate the support.

Finally numbers "Canton and Plymouth are 1 and 2 in requests for services each month," said Laurie Aren, the PSA's director of family and community outreach. "Plymouth and Canton also lead the pack in giving back to the community. It is a stellar example of giving and receiving. It comes right from the community, right back to the community."

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If you feel like this, or have any of the symptoms listed above, you could be suffering from whiplash. Whiplash is an injury to the spine caused by a jerking motion, either backward, forward or from the side.

Whiplash can severely damage your ligaments, even if you feel just a little sore after the accident. If not healed properly, painful scar tissue will develop, causing misery in your neck joints for decades.

One medical study concluded 43% of patients "will suffer long-term symptoms following 'whiplash' injury, for which no conventional treatment has proven to be effective."

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Dr. Kramer is a Diplomate American Academy of Medical Legal Professionals. This is a national medical research organization that provides the latest research on the diagnosis and treatment of spinal related conditions.

Dr. Kramer is certified by the New York State Department of Education, Board of Chiropractic having attained post doctoral education in MRI spine interpretation, trauma and brain injury, and accident reconstruction.



# Red Kettle drive falling short, may be extended

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With only a week left in its Christmastime Red Kettle Campaign, the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps last week was just over halfway to its 2010 fund-raising goal.

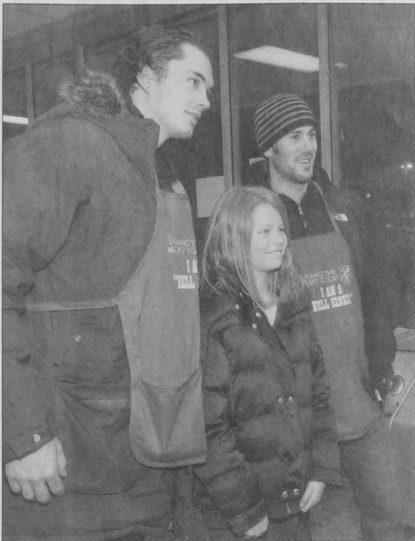
As of Wednesday, according to the Plymouth Corps' Capt. Dan Hull, not quite \$113,000 had been raised in the drive, which had a goal, when it began in November, of \$225,000.

The bell-ringers are set to wrap up their work on Christmas Eve, which is Friday.

"We may try to extend that season by a day or two if some of the stores allow us," said Hull, explaining that he may have bell-ringers out Monday, Dec. 27, and Tuesday, Dec. 28. "There's probably going to be a lot of people out shopping and out and about. We may be able to make up a few of those dollars."

The campaign is about \$18,500 behind last year's pace, Hull said. But the needs aren't expected to diminish.

The Red Kettle Campaign funds year-round Salvation Army programs, from summer day camp to the Corps' preschool to the emergency food pantry to financial assistance for those in need. "It runs the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eleven-year-old Natalie Kral of Plymouth stops to have her picture taken with Red Wings Jonathan Ericsson and Drew Miller. The Wings spent two hours at Kroger, located at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, ringing for the Salvation Army kettle drive.

whole gamut, it really does," Hull said. The Plymouth Corps serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Belleville. Hull said he understands the

difficult financial times and doesn't want to minimize the donations of those who have given.

"We know everybody is giving what they can this year, and we appreciate that," he said.

The Plymouth Corps relies on hundreds of bell-ringers to take donations during the Red Kettle Campaign. It has a database of about 1,200 bell-ringers; local service clubs, like the Rotary and Kiwanis, provide many volunteers.

"The volunteers we've got right now are trying to help us and doing well," he said. A cold snap earlier this week put a dent in donations, he said.

The Plymouth Corps is also taking donations at its headquarters, 9451 South Main, and on line at [www.misalpghymouth.org](http://www.misalpghymouth.org). Volunteers also can sign up to be bell-ringers through the Web site.

Hull said that if the Red Kettle Campaign comes up short, the Plymouth Corps will be asking donors to give more during the remainder of its overall holiday fund-raising effort, which runs through January. The goal of the overall effort, of which the Red Kettle Campaign is a part, is \$315,000.

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# Board OKs three phases of Cherry Hill Village

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With constructing progressing in Phase IV of the Cherry Hill Village development, the Canton Township Board of Trustees last week followed the recommendation of the planning commission and approved the site plan for the next three phases.

On a unanimous vote, the board OK'd Phases V, VI and VII of the development, with those phases in the southwest corner of the village, east of Ridge and north of Proctor.

Because the entire development is already operating on a master plan, municipal services director Tim Faas said the site plan process for these three phases went smoothly.

"There were very few issues to sort out," Faas said. "They worked out some details with the planning commission with respect to orientation of a few of the lots facing some park areas in the last three phases. It was really very straightforward, because you already have a master plan for the site."

Faas said the three phases approved at last Tuesday's meeting represent about 90 of the 681 total units planned for the main part of Cherry Hill Village.

Developer Danny Veri of

Canton-based Livonia Builders was obviously pleased to get the approval.

"That neighborhood is such a great neighborhood, and approving the last three phases is going to let us go in and complete it," Veri said.

Veri said building is continuing in Phase IV now — he's got five deals already in Phase IV, with two more pending — and that construction in the next phase would probably begin late in 2011 or in early 2012.

Houses in these last phases will be comparable to the houses Veri has already built, which are between 1,400 and 2,400 square feet. Veri said he couldn't really put a price tag on houses in the final phases because of potential movement in construction costs, etc., but township officials said they've been going for some \$120 per square foot.

That would price them, officials said, at between \$170,000 and \$240,000.

Canton Township community planner Jeff Goulet said approval of the final three phases of this part of the village is a good thing for the township.

"It's the only place in Canton where any real building of any degree is happening," Goulet said. "It's good to get this portion finished up, because it was the core area."

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# Getting off line

## Factory drives painter's success in art world

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some people are suited for life on the assembly line. Tony Roko isn't one of them.

But it was Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant, where he started working 20 years ago, that gave Roko his big break. And it's the assembly line — the hard, monotonous work, the personalities, the materials they use to put cars together — from which Roko continues to draw inspiration.

Pulled off the line after about a year and a half of installing interior panels on Escorts, Roko, of Plymouth, hasn't gone back.

He worked for years on a factory beautification program, painting murals and other works for the walls of Ford buildings. He then became a safety painter, setting down the traffic lanes, warnings, alerts and color-codings needed to help keep workers safe in a humming plant with lots of heavy moving parts.

Now, with a large-scale painting, *Plant Life*, to be featured prominently at Ford's new Michigan Assembly Plant (the retrofitted former Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne), Roko has again been assigned indefinitely to plant beautification.

It's a journey that Roko, who grew up in Canton Township and had no art training beyond Salem High School, still marvels at.

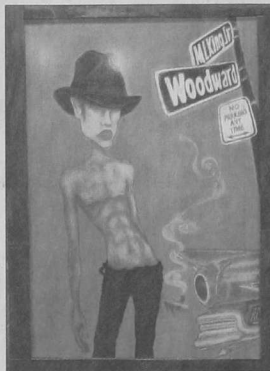
"I had absolutely no business painting murals for Ford. None," Roko, whose full name is Antoni Roko Ivezaj, said recently in the basement studio at the house he shares with wife Mimi.

He had been seen sketching during breaks from the line, he said, and management tapped him to paint murals. With the chance to paint for Ford — "the opportunity of a lifetime" — he approached the task meticulously.

"I took it very seriously when they asked me to come on. I was terrified," he said.

Days earlier, he had begged his father, Roko Ivezaj, to let him quit the line, but his father refused, saying that God had told him his son was to become an artist for Ford.

Roko's first subjects, chosen based on



"The Hustler 20-20" recently sold.

suggestions from Wayne Assembly workers, were pop icons: Muhammad Ali after knocking down Sonny Liston, John Wayne, Joe Louis, Clint Eastwood. In 1996, his painting of Henry Ford driving his original quadricycle was installed at a new Ford testing facility in Dearborn. He estimates he has works at five different Ford buildings.

"It was all realistic and all the pictures came from photographs," Roko said.

Now, *Plant Life*, a 10- by 10-foot work made from discarded wood pallets, scrap metal and enamel paints specific to the industry, is set to decorate a wall at Michigan Assembly, which will formally open on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Workers there will make the Focus, which had been made at the neighboring Wayne Assembly, which closed Dec. 5 and is being dismantled.

*Plant Life* depicts a female line worker Roko calls Lilly, with reddish locks flowing from beneath a scarf and a pair of work goggles. In a gloved hand, she holds four seeds, and a plant grows nearby; in the background are a road and an old-fashioned Ford factory.

The figure of Lilly is cut from discarded sheet metal, while wood pieced together from the old pallets forms the painted background.

*Plant Life* is done in a free-form, exaggerated style, a departure from Roko's other Ford works, which were more realistic looking.

"I'd always worked in this style, but I really didn't think it would be acceptable" at Ford, he said.

In an artist's statement, Roko said the piece pays homage to the U.S. autoworker, and that Lilly reflects the diversity of the work force.

He's planning another piece, in which he'll feature four workers from different walks of life (modeled after four real employees) defiantly holding their air-powered tools, or "guns," in a pose he hopes will suggest they are taking back and protecting their turf — manufacturing in the U.S.

"I don't know that people will understand it for all that," he said.

Outside the factory, Roko said, he's also inspired by Detroit, the whole gamut: beauty, decay, abandonment. "These abandoned buildings, you know, have become art in their own right," he said.

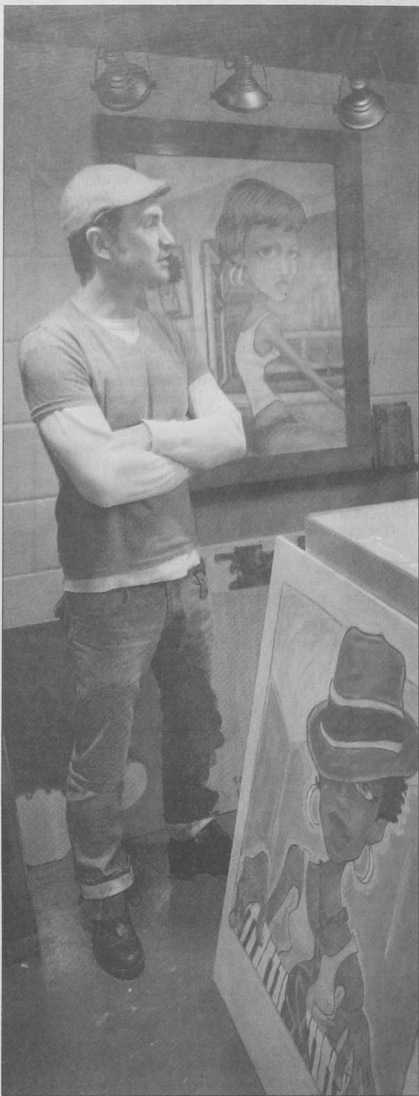
He paints city scenes and characters some would consider to be on the margins of society. "I just think the work is so much influenced by the region," he said.

Roko is also inspired by recycling as art the material he uses, the pallets, paints and scrap metal. His one-man show at the gallery 323 East in Royal Oak, which opens Saturday, Jan. 15, is entitled *Elegantly Wasted*, a reference to the reuse of materials that might otherwise be thrown out.

Roko has Ford's permission to take scrap for his art — he's now scouring the closed Wayne Assembly — and a worker once led him to a shed full of wooden transmission pallets of a kind that hadn't been used for decades.

"I know the pallets have served the industry longer than any one person who works for Ford Motor Co., and to give them a new purpose as art is just really a good feeling," he said.

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Tony Roko in his Plymouth studio.

  
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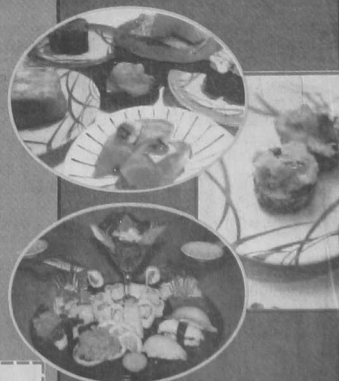
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# Not everything is closed Christmas – far from it

(Restaurants open – see related story)

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

It's not easy finding places that are open Christmas, but it can be done.

There's plenty of people looking for something to do Dec. 25. In this diverse region, some don't celebrate Christmas and those who do sometimes have their fill of relatives and want a place to go to unwind after the family party.

Blended families might have celebrations on different days to accommodate everyone's schedules and that leaves some people alone Christmas day. Or maybe there is someone missing from the traditional family celebration and family members just don't feel like celebrating the way they had in the past.

## SEE A MOVIE

Whatever the reason, movie theaters are packed with customers Christmas day, according to Ruth Daniels, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Imagine Theatres in Canton, Novi and Woodhaven.

And, she said, it's easy to find people who want to work Christmas for shifts starting at 11 a.m. through the evening.

In fact, Daniels said, "a lot of people volunteer to work" Dec. 25.

"I've been doing this over 25 years," Daniels said. "It's easier now than it was then. I think we have all become more accustomed to things happening on the holidays. People have time with their families and then they are ready to leave. That's why movies sell so well. We have different kinds of families now, with different gatherings on different days."

Business is actually up during the holidays, Daniels said.

"Traditionally, starting with Thanksgiving week, we see an uptick with people attending movies. Christmas day, after holiday family festivities, they



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often go see the movies that studios put out at that time," she said. "People are off work, they have time and want to do communal things with their family."

AMC 20 Theatres, in Livonia, Dearborn, Southfield and other metro Detroit locations, are also open Christmas, according to Justin Scott, director of communications at AMC Theatres.

If you're not up to going to the theater, maybe you will want to stay in and watch a flick. In that case, Blockbuster stores are open Dec. 25. In fact, they open 365 days a year.

Some area business owners, like Sadel Gannouni, part owner of LaMarsa Mediterranean Cuisine in Farmington Hills, are spreading the holiday spirit Christmas day. His restaurant at 35558 Grand River, is providing free meals for the needy. If that isn't enough, Gannouni said, the owners of the restaurant plan to provide food that will be delivered to at least 72 families Christmas day. The restaurant will be open for paying customers, as well.

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If knocking down a few bowling pins is on your agenda, Merriabowl Lanes in Livonia is open from 5 p.m. to midnight. It's one of few bowling establishments open in the area.

It's hard to say what business will be like, according to Jim Johnson, Merriabowl supervisor. Some years are busy and other years are not. The biggest crowds, traditionally, are 8-10 p.m.

"Maybe they don't have anything to do on Christmas night" after gifts are opened and family members want to spend time together outside the house, he said.

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pharmacies will be closed Dec. 25.

Rite-Aid pharmacy at 37399 Six Mile in Livonia will be open, according to Ashley Flower, Rite Aid manager of public relations. Some Rite Aids in Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth are open, however, the pharmacies are closed. The Rite Aids in Canton and Garden City will be closed Christmas.

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# Chrysler dealership's legal battle continues

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

James Brennan, an attorney for 38 years, says he has never seen anything like the legal case involving the reinstatement of Livonia Chrysler Jeep as a Chrysler dealership.

Brennan, who represents Colleen and Dave McDonald, owners of Livonia Chrysler Jeep, said the case is "extremely complex litigation."

He and the McDonalds, along with Chrysler attorneys, were in U.S. District Court Wednesday to hear that U.S. District Judge Sean Cox decided to consolidate three cases involving whether the McDonalds' dealership should be reinstated, whether state or federal law applies to franchise agreements and whether other out-of-state dealership disputes should be heard in Detroit.

The dealership, which was located at 30777 Plymouth Road, filed a lawsuit Aug. 19 in U.S. District Court against Chrysler and Crestwood Dodge. The dealership seeks an amount exceeding \$75,000 with an injunction and punitive damages.

The McDonalds' legal ordeal began last year when Chrysler notified Colleen McDonald that it was terminating her franchise

agreement as part of the company's bankruptcy reorganization. Congress passed legislation last year to allow for terminated dealerships to file for arbitration.

McDonald won in arbitration earlier this year to reopen the dealership, but she received a letter of intent from Chrysler that did not return her sales and service agreement to her. Instead, the letter of intent includes a requirement for her to submit plans and specifications to a dealer network manager and says that Michigan law will be used to interpret the letter. The letter did not specifically state that the dealership was reinstated.

Chrysler also gave the Livonia Chrysler Jeep sales and service agreement to Crestwood Dodge in Garden City after Livonia Chrysler's termination so Crestwood was also named in the complaint.

Livonia Chrysler claims that the letter of intent does not reinstate or renew the dealership as required by federal law and as required by the arbitration award.

At the time of the lawsuit, a Chrysler official responded that the company has complied fully with federal law. "We've sent this dealership a customary and usual letter of intent," said

Mike Palese, spokesman with Chrysler's legal communications division.

Brennan expected that Cox would set a date in February for a scheduling conference on motions for summary judgment, change in venue and dismissal.

Brennan said Chrysler used the federal bankruptcy law to its advantage during the bankruptcy hearings, and now it is claiming that state law should pre-empt the federal law. "We're saying state law doesn't apply in this case," Brennan said. "We think we have a strong argument when we get our day in court."

Brennan said it wasn't the fact that Chrysler and General Motors needed to scale back dealerships. That was part of the bankruptcy reorganization, he says.

"But it's the way that they did it that caused Congress to sit back and say 'Wait a minute,'" Brennan said. "The dealerships have a right to appear before an arbitrator before you get rid of them."

Brennan added that the McDonalds won in arbitration. "The McDonalds are one of the top performers in the Great Lakes district," Brennan said.

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## Contact IRS to check on refund status

**Q:** Dear Rick: I filed my federal tax return for 2009 in May and have not received my refund. I had extension to file so my return was not late. I assume the reason why I have not received my refund is because I filed for an extension. What is a reasonable amount of time to wait for my tax refund? I was thinking about contacting the IRS, however, I never think that's such a good idea. I don't want to be audited. Any suggestions?

**A:** It is hard to say what is a reasonable length of time to wait before receiving your refund. However, since you filed your return seven months ago, you should have received your refund by now. It is important that you get proactive and trace what happened to your refund. I do recommend that you contact the IRS.

I know taxpayers never want to contact the IRS for any reason but as far as I'm concerned, that doesn't make sense. The IRS is a much friendly and easier organization to deal with than in the past. You should have no problem contacting them with regards to your refund.

Many people are also under the misconception that bad things happen when they file an extension. It is not true. Filing for an extension does not affect your refund, nor does it affect your risk of being audited. Those things may have been true in the past, but not for the last 20-plus years.

What increases your risk of audit is filing an incorrect or sloppy return. Therefore, sometimes by filing for an extension and taking your time you actually reduce your audit risk.

If you're still waiting for a federal tax refund

from 2009, take the first step. The IRS provides an online tool at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), named, "where's my refund." That is the first place to check the status of your refund. There could be many explanations why you haven't received your refund, including the IRS has an incorrect mailing address or the check got lost in the mail. Either way, the IRS can re-issue your check.

For those people who are not technologically savvy or who just don't like to do things online, call the IRS at (800) 829-1954 to find the status of your tax return.

It's not unusual for people not to receive their tax return. In fact, the IRS says that in Michigan alone it has over \$3 million in refund checks it doesn't know where to send. That is why if you have not yet received your 2009 tax refund and you were entitled to one, it is important that you contact the IRS.

After all, there is no reason to give the government more of your hard-earned money than it is entitled to.

As a side note, many people may question why, since the IRS has the resources, it doesn't contact them regarding the refund. Very simply, it doesn't work that way. We may think the IRS has all the necessary resources available to them, and that could be true when it comes to tracking us down regarding money owed, but it is not true in the reverse.

As taxpayers, when the IRS owes us, it's our duty to be proactive and to track down our refund.

Good luck!

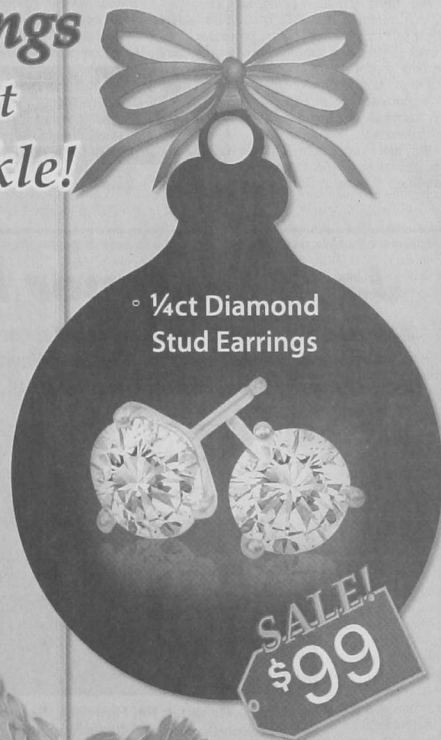
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## Don't fall victim to auto-related crime

Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.), a Livonia-based organization in its 25th year of combating auto theft-related crimes in Michigan, wants to ensure shoppers are making safety a part of their holiday to-do lists this year.

With thoughts tuned to family, friends and celebrations, preoccupied bargain hunters provide an unnecessary amount of opportunity for thieves during the busy shopping season.

"It's so easy for people to get distracted and overwhelmed by holiday plans," said Terri Miller, director of H.E.A.T. "Distractions cause people to let their guard down, providing thieves a prime opportunity. Fortunately, there are a number of simple steps that shoppers can take to make sure they, their vehicles and their possessions are protected."

To keep safe this holiday season, H.E.A.T. recommends the following tips:

- Stay alert and watchful. While walking to your car, take a moment to observe the surroundings. Talking or texting on cell phones,

digging for keys or juggling multiple packages can be a distraction, all of which make you an easy target.

- Park in well-lit, high-traffic areas. Try to avoid shopping alone after dark. If possible, avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area such as dumpsters, bushes, large vans or trucks. Avoid parking next to cars with dark tinted windows you cannot see through.

- Place valuables and purchases in the trunk or out of view. Before leaving your car, make sure anything of value is locked in the trunk or out of sight.

- Remember where your car is parked. Walk directly to your car and do not spend unnecessary time wandering around the parking lot. Walk confidently and with purpose.

- Move your car. If you return to your car in the middle of a shopping trip, move to another area of the parking lot, deterring a thief who may have been watching you unload and then leave your purchases.



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Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox said \$55,000 in county parks millage money will be used to make improvements in Plymouth Township Park.

## Cox announces Plymouth park project

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox (R-Livonia) said \$55,000 of Wayne County parks millage dollars are on their way to Plymouth Township, so that the township park can realize significant improvements that will make it a more viable option for residents and non-residents alike.

The county dollars, which can only be used for parks projects, have been earmarked based on need and to make the park more healthy and efficient.

Cox said a new drinking fountain will be installed near the ball diamonds that are located off Ann Arbor Trail, inside the township

park.

"Travel baseball teams from all over Wayne County use these diamonds for their games, and there isn't a single drinking fountain there now," Cox said in explaining the need for the project.

The cost for the drinking fountain area will be about \$40,000 of parks millage money.

Also inside the township park will go a new and improved food preparation area at one of the existing shelters. Cox said area service organizations requested the renovation, allowing them to hold larger and longer events there.

The new food prep area

will adhere to Wayne County Health standards, including a non-slip, anti-bacterial floor. Cost of the project will be \$15,000 of parks millage money.

"Both projects are desirable, because the area draws citizens and organizations from all over the County," Cox said. "This will allow the township park to better serve those who frequent it."

"These projects are another tangible expression of the partnership between Wayne County and the local communities, and the return of value from the county parks millage to those communities," said Alan C. Helmkamp, Assistant Wayne County Executive.

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# Pastor sheds light on how Jesus' teachings relate today

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most people know the story of the first Christmas — Jesus being born to Mary in a stable as shepherds watched their flocks at night.

But they don't have a real understanding of what Jesus taught and why it should matter to them.

That's why the Rev. Edward H. Einem, 82, of Livonia wrote his first-ever book, *Did Jesus REALLY say THAT? The Unpopular or Little Known Sayings of Jesus*.

"The Bible's a big book," Einem said, and daily demands and distractions prevent people from studying it in-depth.

Einem's 57-page paperback, based on questions Jesus asked of others as recorded in the Bible, is a short-cut to understanding who Jesus really was.

Einem said a lot of people — even church-going Christians — are surprised to learn that Jesus calls all people sinners, using the word "evil" to describe even his own disciples. (Luke 11:1-13)

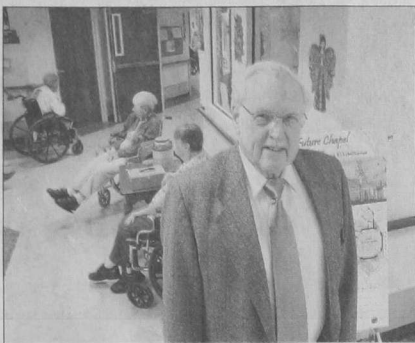
"We don't like to focus on that," he said, adding it's natural for people to think of themselves as good.

But people's sinfulness is the whole reason Jesus came to earth and died on the cross, Einem said. "He's the (sacrificial) lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

People think their goodness will get them into Heaven, Einem said. "They're not understanding the difference between a holy God and sinful humanity and that the two can't be together."

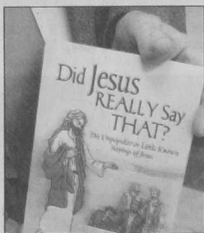
The Christmas story is really "the beautiful love story of God coming into this world for us to take on that servant role of saving us from our sins, of being a suffering servant," he said.

Even the hymns playing in the malls amid all the commercialism proclaim the true meaning of Christmas. "The message is there of that great love of a God who wants to be with us for eternity, who's reaching out to us," Einem



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The Rev. Edward Einem is author of "Did Jesus Really Say That?"



The Reverend Edward Einem's book.

said. The name Emmanuel, as in the hymn *Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel*, means "God with us."

Einem was founder and executive director of Detroit-based Project Compassion Ministries, which works to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents, before retiring in 2002. Through that ministry and as a former chaplain for Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Einem had bedside chats with many people, including nonbelievers and Christians of various denominations, who lacked a real understanding of Jesus' teachings.

But when he communicated

to them how much Jesus loves them, that their sins are forgiven because of what He did, and that they will live with God eternally, he said they felt such relief and peace.

"As people are facing their demise, I think the Good News is truly that," he said.

Unfortunately, for some nursing home residents, it was too late because they no longer had the mental capacity to understand. Einem's book is meant for people who want to experience that peace and joy now — before it's too late.

"I'm trying to reach people who may not know the love of Jesus and how much He is really reaching out to them, those we would call the unbeliever," he said. Secondly, he wants to help Christians come into a better understanding of Jesus' teachings.

The Rev. Eric Stenson, interim minister at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and a chaplain at Livonia Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation, where Einem is on the board, said Einem is a life-long student of scripture whose professional and personal experiences make him an ideal candidate to comment on the sayings of Jesus Christ.

"On today's spiritual landscape, the church community all too often focuses its attention on the popular teachings of Jesus at the expense of those lesser known," he said. "Thankfully, Rev. Einem has the spiritual prowess to challenge his readers (and the church) by bringing to light these often neglected teachings."

Einem, who lost his wife of 57 years, Marion, two years ago, is battling prostate cancer, which has metastasized. The couple raised three children, two sons who are pastors — one at Christ Church of Redford — and a daughter who is a Christian school teacher. They have five grandchildren.

God-willing, he hopes to write a sequel based on the little-known parables Jesus told.

Einem said he has seen "wonderful evidences" of God's presence and love throughout his ill-

ness. "In it all and through it all, I know God is with me," he said.

"I have a confidence that when I do die I will be with the Lord," he said. "I look forward to the new life he has prepared."

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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USES  
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Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Year 2011-2012 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide benefits to senior citizens.
2. To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
3. To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs

PROPOSED YEAR 2011-2012 PROJECTS:

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$67,000 in CDBG funds for the contract year 2011-12, and has identified the following potential projects and corresponding estimated:

1. ADA and/or Public Facility Improvements	\$47,570
2. Public Services- Senior Transportation	\$12,730
3. Administration/Planning	\$ 6,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$67,000</b>

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet one of the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2011-2012 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held at the Plymouth City Commission Meeting on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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## Hospital employees reconnect 26 years after closing

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sheila Green remembers Josephine Montgomery very well.

A clerk in triage at Wayne County General Hospital, Montgomery was the first person people met when they came through the doors of the emergency room.

"She was always calm, she never raised her voice," said Green. "She'd say, 'Sir, I will talk to you when you calm down. I'm not yelling at you.'"

"I'd tell them, 'If you whisper, you'll be heard,'" said Montgomery.

The two women were among those attending the 26th reunion of employees of Wayne County General Hospital, held at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center's Cafe Marquette Dec. 7.

At age 94, Montgomery was among the oldest former employees in attendance at the get-together. She had worked at Herman Keiffer Hospital in Detroit and for the Friend of the Court before joining the staff at Wayne County General.

"I didn't have any hard jobs, I enjoyed what I did," said Montgomery. "When the new ladies came in, I enjoyed them, too. I enjoyed them all. They had a wonderful party when I left."

"She didn't realize how many hearts she touched," said Green, a Belleville resident. "She was even-tempered, firm and very calm. She had charisma."

Green, who left the hospital for a job at the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, keeps tabs on Montgomery at the beauty shop - Virginia Farrell on Ford Road. They meet up there every few weeks.

"She was always comforting," said Green.

Montgomery shared the honor of oldest employee in attendance at the party with Mary Hunter of Detroit. Also age 94, Hunter was there with her daughter Carol Carr of Southfield.



Former hospital employee Josephine Montgomery is remembered for her calming influence in triage. She attended the annual reunion with her longtime companion Russell Forbush.

Hunter was an attendant in Eloise's N Building before moving to the hospital where she worked as a clerk in the emergency room on the mid-night shift. The Detroit resident would get a ride to work every day and remembers that "all the people I worked with were very nice."

According to her daughter, Hunter hasn't let age slow her down.

"She's been a chairman at Core City Neighborhood, she's been there 30 years," said Carr. "She's very active in her church and its Nurses Guild, community activities ... she's involved in so much."

Carr sat in a booth in the student-run restaurant, watching her mother stop at one table or another to greet old friends.

In the crowd was Dennis Abraham and Pat Ibbotson who organize the annual reunion. Also there was former Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard who "did everything but stand on my head" to keep the hospital open. The 511-bed medical hospital was built on Merriman




Former Wayne County General Hospital employees catch up on what's happened since the hospital closed in 1984.

north of Michigan Avenue in Westland in 1962 and was the only acute-care medical and surgical hospital between Detroit and Ypsilanti. The hospital was closed in 1984 and the building was torn down in 1999. For Hunter, meeting old


friends like Pauline Hampton brought back memories of her 17 years at the hospital.

"It was a place where people got good care," said Hunter. "People were given good care, even the indigent."

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St. Edith School's choir performed for the party. Choir members Victoria Smerdon, Eric Donabedian, Nick Arsenault and Ann Quinlan sing out.

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## 'They look forward to it all year'

### Annual Christmas party a hit with special-needs kids

Santa paid a special visit to some special kids in Livonia Tuesday.

Santa stopped by a Christmas party for 115 students with multiple disabilities at St. Edith's Parish, presenting each one with a gift he or she had specifically requested.

"The kids just go crazy. They hoot and holler and cheer and can't wait to go up and visit with Santa," said Matt Collins, president of the Livonia Lions Club, which co-sponsors the annual party with the Daniel C. Lord Council of the Knights of Columbus.

"They look forward to it all year."

The children are students from 22 Western Wayne County school districts who all attend Old Village School in Northville. Besides a visit with Santa, the children also enjoyed lunch, clowns and a performance by the St. Edith children's choir.

"It was probably the best one we've had yet," Collins said of the party, which has been held in various forms for about 50 years.

The Lions and the Knights put on the party with donations from local businesses because of the enjoyment the children get out of it, Collins said. "All the smiles — that's what makes it all worthwhile."

The Livonia Lions Club serves those in need in Livonia and Redford.

—By Karen Smith



Mikaila Guistorf likes the party.

## Motive for shooting still under investigation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 56-year-old North Carolina woman was expected to be arraigned Saturday in the shooting of a woman in the parking lot of a Livonia office building Thursday, Lt. Tom Goralski of the Livonia Police Department said.

The suspect was pulled over by Livonia officers within minutes of the shooting, which took place before 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the building at 20000 Victor Parkway.

The victim, Amy Chesbro, 35, of Ypsilanti remained in critical condition Friday morning in the intensive care unit at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills, Goralski said.

"As far as a motive and why it happened, it is still being investigated," he said. The victim and suspect have known each other for years,

and robbery has been ruled out as a motive.

Witnesses in the office building where the victim worked heard the gunshots and saw the shooter leave in a black vehicle northbound on Victor Parkway. They called police with a description of the car. Goralski said the suspect was stopped in a vehicle matching the description in Livonia, but he declined to specify where.

The victim, who is employed by a payroll company located inside the office building, was arriving for work when the shooting took place. She was still inside her vehicle.

The shooter walked up and opened fire. The victim was shot several times.

"It was a one-person act. No one else was involved," Goralski said.

Staff writer Karen Smith contributed to this report.



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# Wayne High's Holiday Night attracts a crowd

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial High School knows how to throw a party. Just ask the 1,000 parents and children who turned out for the school's recent Community Holiday Night.

"It was great evening, the feedback from the community is tremendous," said Jan Tomlinson, director of the TRIO Upward Bound program at the high school. "It was a wonderful holiday night."

Tomlinson and parent volunteer Sue Webb organized the event, which had 160 students and parents helped setup and run the event.

This the second year the high school has held a Community Holiday Night for families living in its attendance area which includes Wayne, Westland, Canton, Inkster and Romulus. Through donations from the staff and community, families were treated to dinner, caroling and a variety of activities.

Chef Tony Paquette and his students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center provided the meal, and the high school choir provided the caroling.

In between there was a cookie room, three rooms to make ornaments, a letter to Santa writing room, antique train station, Lego room and inflatable obstacle course. There was even a North Pole with reindeer and Santa Claus was on hand to hear the wishes of the girls and boys.

"All of it was supplied by the staff and the community," said Tomlinson. "Many businesses and organizations participated."

Among those helping out were the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, the Westland Rotary, Wayne Civitans, Schoolcraft College and a UAW Local, to name a few. Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy helped out, sponsoring the cookie room, where 3,000 cookies were decorated and eaten, Tomlinson said.

"It's a great event," said Tomlinson who praised the students who were there from setup at 1 p.m. to the teardown at 10:30 p.m. "It's important that we serve the community. We want them to know we're not just a school. We're an educational community, but we're also here to serve our school community."

Tomlinson added, without hesitation, there will be a third annual Community Holiday Night.



Five-year-old Griffin Stevens of Wayne had plenty to tell Santa when he met him at Wayne Memorial High School's second annual Community Holiday Night.



Upward Bound volunteer Dylan Thomas, a sophomore at Wayne High, helps with mask making at the Holiday Night.



It's serious business for three-year-old Sarah Murphy of Wayne who puts her letter to Santa in his very special mailbox.



Avery Reels-Wilson, a Wayne Memorial High School senior (from left), Paul Porter, a John Glenn High School Senior, Callie Parendo, a Wayne High senior, and Lizzy Shepler, a Wayne High senior, serve spaghetti to guests at the Community Holiday Night.



Savannah Smith, a Wayne High freshman takes a break from helping kids decorate cookies to make one of her own.

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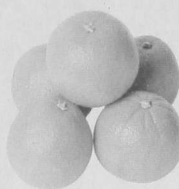


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# Rocks solid in win over 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Thursday night's campus clash between Salem and Plymouth isn't destined to wind up in any time capsule.

But who cares about the future. The present is just fine for the host Rocks — who did enough good things to offset third quarter struggles, earning a 45-42 boys basketball victory and improving to 2-0 for the season.

"They're a great team, you know they're not going to lie down," said Salem head coach Bob Brodie about the Wildcats. "It's a campus rivalry. They have good players on that team and you know they're going to come out tough."

Plymouth (1-3) played a sluggish first half, trailing 25-15. But the Wildcats hit the "on" switch in time for the second half, and briefly led by a point during the fourth. That turned out to be a too-little, too-late scenario.

"We came out a little flat (to open the third), but give them credit," Brodie said. "They took us out of some of our sets and they pushed the ball and they got right back into the game. Good effort by them, but we held on."

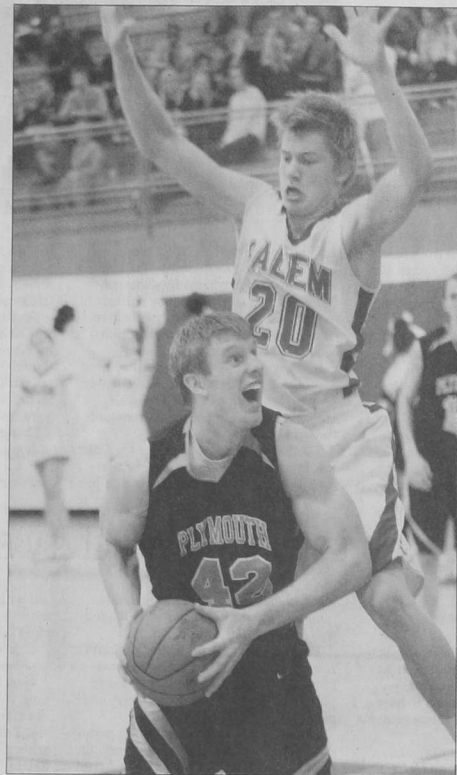
The Rocks held on because they got back to playing the strong, all-encompassing team defense that helped them start off so well.

"There was too much (defensive) pressure on us," Brodie said. "So we turned the tables and tried to put more pressure on them to try to disrupt their offense some. And that slowed them down from scoring."

## LISTEN UP

Salem built leads of 14-9 after one quarter and 25-15 after two, with sharp shooting from 6-5 senior forward Zinoviy Pelekh (12 points, four rebounds) and junior forward Tyler Stewart (13 points, four boards) accounting for all but 10 of those first half points.

Salem's defensive performance in the first half frustrated Plymouth players into numerous



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Looking to drive to the basket Thursday night is Plymouth senior forward Brennén Beyer (No. 42), although Salem senior forward Zinoviy Pelekh (No. 20) is trying to have something to say about that.

turnovers that ultimately led to points the other way.

But the Wildcats were on the receiving end of a stern message from their coach at halftime, and the visitors came out in the third playing like a completely different

team.

"We didn't compete the whole first half, so 'go out and compete' was the message," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, who probably wouldn't mind putting a sledgehammer to the game

video. "But, if I have to constantly remind them to do that then I don't know how successful we'll be this year."

"We should want to compete. That's what this is all about."

Senior forwards Pat Salo (11 points, four rebounds) and Brennén Beyer (13 points, 14 rebounds) hit back-to-back buckets (Salo's a three-ball) to trim the halftime deficit to 25-20 just 45 seconds into the third quarter.

And suddenly, the Wildcats were on a hot streak that finished with the teams squared at 32-32 with 2:27 left in the frame (following two free throws by senior forward Jake Morris).

But Plymouth junior guard Grant Bettner calmly drained a triple from the right corner and Pelekh hit a bank shot to give the Wildcats a 37-32 lead entering the final frame.

Then less than three minutes into the frantic fourth, Plymouth finally took the lead, 38-37, when Salo grabbed a long pass from junior guard Marcus Oden and took it to the hole.

## BACK IN FRONT

Answering with a glasser was Pelekh, regaining the edge for the Rocks. The Wildcats could not get a late rally going, partly because they couldn't make free throws or hang on to the ball.

Salem's defense also had plenty to do with how those final minutes played out.

"We changed up defenses late in the game and (that) disrupted their offense a little bit," said Brodie, adding that "there was not one individual that stood out for us (defensively), everybody had a little piece of the pie."

One of those standouts when it counted was Stewart.

"We really just had to lock down defensively, get after them and take our time on offense," Stewart said. "Just make sure we got good shots, (and) take it to the basket."

Please see **ROCKS, B2**



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Plymouth's Jada Woody (No. 20) gets a positional edge on Salem's Heidi Schmidt during Thursday night's game.

## Fast start lifts Plymouth girls

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A strong first quarter proved enough for host Plymouth to outlast campus rival Salem 48-38 in a Thursday night matchup of KLAA girls basketball teams.

"Any time you win over one of the Park teams it's special," said Wildcats' first-year head coach Bob DeBee. "The kids know each other and it's just a fun atmosphere."

The Wildcats came out firing on all cylinders, building a 15-6 edge after the opening stanza. Scoring seven of those points was senior guard Alex Roberts, who finished with 12 for the night.

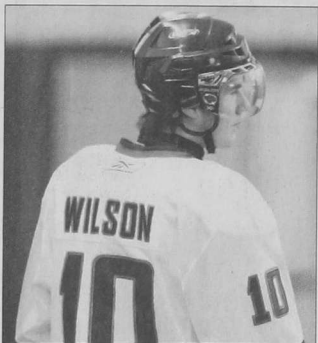
Plymouth (2-3) never trailed, although the Rocks did close the gap to three points (24-21) early in the second half.

"We scored the first basket of the second half to cut it to three and then the well went dry," said

Please see **FAST START, B2**

## Making the grade

Whalers' Wilson garnering top marks on and off the ice



WALT DMOCH

Tom Wilson of the Plymouth Whalers was named OHL Academic Player of the Month recently. He goes to Plymouth High School and is carrying a 3.8 grade-point average.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For now and hopefully for a number of years to come, Tom Wilson will continue to thrive as a hockey player.

But the Plymouth Whalers' forward knows there eventually will come a time to jump over the boards of life for his longest shift — whatever career he plans to take on once his playing days are over.

With that in mind, the 16-year-old Wilson is a model student at Plymouth High School in addition to being a hard-hitting winger for the Ontario Hockey League team.

Wilson earned the OHL Academic Player of the Month award for October and shows no signs of letting his grades slide as the holidays approach.

"It's always a good thing to fall back on if you have good marks and a good education," Wilson said. "My parents (Kevin and Nedille Wilson of Toronto,

Ontario) always really told me about that when I was growing up."

"They made sure when I went away that I'd keep my grades up and I'm just working hard at school to try and keep them up."

That's no surprise for someone who is described as a bulldog on the ice and in the classroom by Whalers' academic liaison John Seidelman, a former teacher and counselor in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"Tom's tenacity on the ice is the same kind of tenacity he shows academically," Seidelman said. "He doesn't seem to be content with mediocrity. He excels."

## NO CAKEWALK

Seidelman, who makes sure Whalers' younger players take care of business with the books, emphasized that Wilson isn't taking the easy road

Please see **WILSON, B3**

## PAUL BAUMGART



**Who:** Paul Baumgart, junior co-captain of Canton's varsity boys basketball team.

**Miscellany:** The 16-year-old Baumgart, whose parents are Donna and Dave, carries a 3.2 grade-point average. He also was a "Chairman of the Boards" award winner in 2009-10, all-conference honorable mention (2010) and participated in the University of Michigan Elite Camp in 2009 and 2010.

**Captain's job:** "The job of the captain is to be vocal on the court — like a coach on the court. A captain should also motivate players and help players who are less experienced with drills at practice. A captain should be a good role model



both on and off the court. I will work hard in practice every day to set a good example for others."

**Leadership style:** "The best style of leadership in any situation is to lead by example. Telling someone what to do means nothing; actions speak much louder than words."

**Why him?** "Actually, Coach (James) Reddy chose Dietrich (Lever) and me as captains. I think he chose us because of our basketball experience and strong work ethic."

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## ROCKS

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Other Salem contributors included sophomore forward Chris Dierker (seven points, six boards) and senior guard Josh Perrin (five points, five assists, four steals).

Meanwhile, Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski, who tallied nine points, concurred with his coach about what happened.

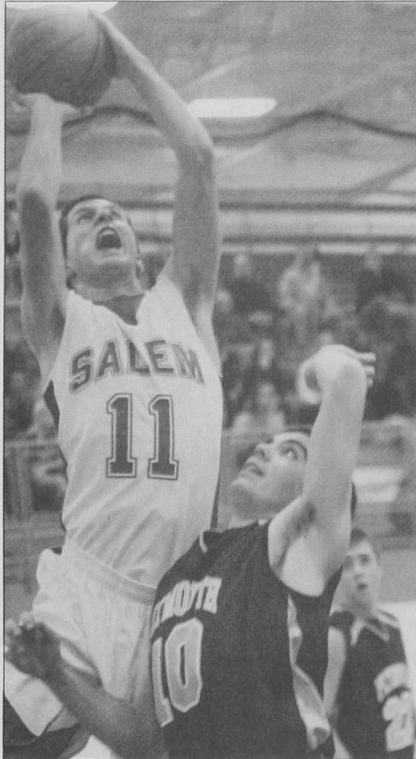
"We got to play 32 minutes and we're not doing that right

now," Nadratowski lamented. "If we don't get together we're going to be in big trouble."

Plymouth will face Ferndale at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland John Glenn-hosted Rocket Roundball Classic.

The Rocks are idle until Monday, Dec. 27, when they compete at the Woodhaven Classic.

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Salem senior guard Josh Perrin (No. 11) goes up against Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski during the Rocks' 45-42 victory on Thursday night.

## FAST START

FROM PAGE B1

veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann. "We didn't shoot the ball well."

Salem (1-4) connected on less than 25 percent of shots from the field (8-of-34) while Plymouth scored on 14 of 42 field goal tries.

Sparking the Wildcats with 17 points and 12 rebounds was junior forward Isis Haywood.

"She was very, very good," Thomann said.

Haywood was the recipient of some excellent "high-low passes" from junior Chyna Williams, which deBear said led to layups.

Another factor cited by deBear for the win was the way Kate Watson, Kylie Robb and Alyssa Dillon shadowed Salem's guards.

"They were just glued to their guards, playing strong defense," deBear said.

Meanwhile, top Salem performers were senior guard Heidi Schmidt (16 points), junior guards Bri Berberet (10 points), Katelyn Krause (seven points) and junior forward/guard Jenny First (six rebounds).

The game marked the third head-to-head coaching matchup between Thomann and deBear. The latter's daughter, Brett, graduated in June from Salem after a stellar girls basketball career. She currently is playing for Albion College.

"I told Bob he did a nice job coaching tonight," Thomann said.

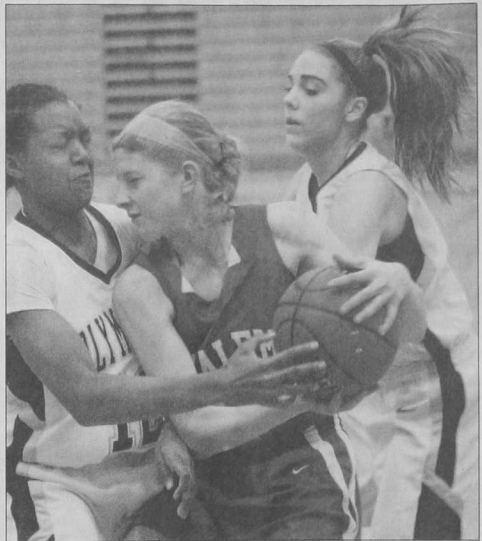
Plymouth will not return to action until Friday, Jan. 7 against Livonia Franklin.

"We're going to enjoy this winning taste for a couple weeks," deBear said.

### Canton now 3-0

Make it three straight wins to open the 2010-11 girls basketball season for Canton.

The Chiefs throttled visiting South Lyon



Salem's Katelyn Krause (No. 5) tries to ward off Plymouth defenders Alex Roberts (No. 12, left) and Kylie Robb during Thursday night's girls basketball game at Plymouth.

BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

on Thursday night by a 61-22 score.

As she has in every game so far, Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges was outstanding with 20 points along with six rebounds. But she had plenty of help in what head coach Brian Samulski called "a solid team effort."

Junior guard Robyn Mack tallied nine points along with six steals, while senior forward Sara Schmitt had a solid all-around game (eight points, six rebounds, six assists).

Another strong performer for the Chiefs was impressive freshman guard Paige Aresco. She also scored eight, and chipped

in with seven boards.

Senior forward Kari Schmitt (five assists) and senior guard Melanie Pickert (six steals) also helped the cause.

Scoring 11 points for South Lyon (2-1) was Kristin Short.

"We defended well and rebounded well," Samulski said. "Robyn, Melanie and Sara led our defense. Bridges continues to lead us in scoring and the Schmitts did a great job of getting the ball to the open player."

Canton returns to action 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Inkster.

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## Chiefs enter win column with victory at South Lyon

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the third try, Canton's boys basketball team notched a victory.

The Chiefs were determined for Thursday's game at South Lyon to have a different result than the first two contests of the young 2010-11 season.

Evidence of such was Canton's 21-7 advantage after one frame from which the Lions could not recover.

"The fast start really helped us tonight,"

said Chiefs' head coach Jimmy Reddy. "Our energy was great and we defended well for most of the night."

That big lead held up, although South Lyon did outscore the Chiefs by a combined 20-13 over the middle stanzas to pull to within 34-27 with one quarter to play.

Leading Canton (1-2) were senior point guard Dietrich Lever, who registered 22 points along with five rebounds and five assists.


Junior forward Paul Baumgart helped

out with 10 points and nine rebounds while 6-5 forward Terrell Sewell collected eight points and six boards.

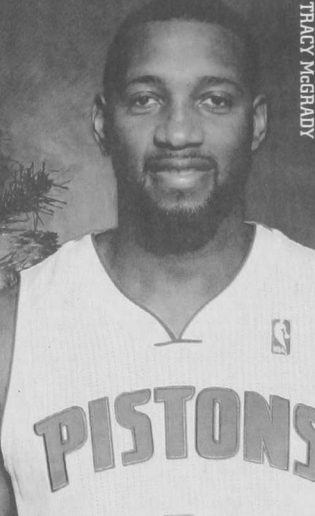
Scoring 13 points for South Lyon (1-1) was Joe Remstad.

Next for the Chiefs is a home game 7 p.m. Wednesday against Dexter and then the team goes on a two-week holiday hiatus. The first game of the 2011 part of the schedule takes place Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Salem.

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**WILSON**  
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on the way to a 3.8 grade point average.

"Tom is on the road to school by 6:30 (a.m.), on campus at 7, he takes classes for five academic hours, which gets him out by about 1:05 (p.m.)," Seidelman said. "He then journeys over to the arena (Compuware) and is on the ice from 2 to 3:30 and in the weight room from 3:30 to 4. He's doing that day after day after day."

And those five classes? We're not talking basket weaving. Wilson's work load includes Algebra 2, English Composition, U.S. History, American Media Studies and Chemistry.

"His parents wanted him to be challenged academically," Seidelman explained.

So far, Wilson isn't ducking away from that challenge — just as he doesn't back down from opposing hockey players. His coaches with the Whalers are taking note, too.

"Tom is a full-time student and achieving straight A's," said Whalers' assistant coach Joe Stefan. "He has made a seamless transition into his first season in the OHL."

Wilson is living with a Canton billet family while getting used to life as a junior hockey player some 250 miles from his mom and dad.

"It's great, everything's perfect out here," Wilson said. "I moved away five hours (from Toronto) and I was a little nervous. But so far, it's been great for me and hopefully it continues to be that way for the rest of the year."

With Seidelman's help, it doesn't hurt that the high school Whalers kind of stick together during the academic part of their day.

"We eat lunch together, we come to school together in a car pool, we're pretty much side-by-side walking to class together," Wilson said. "It's fun and there's a lot of bonding time there for the (Whalers) high schoolers."

Also attending school at The Park this season are defensemen Max Iafraite, Nick Malysa and forwards Garrett Meurs and Stefan Noesen.

Last year, none other than current Boston Bruin Tyler Seguin roamed the halls at Plymouth High School.

**TOP PRIORITY**  
Dedication to classwork is essential to Wilson compiling such an award-winning GPA.



PHOTOS BY WALT DMICH

Extra work doesn't phase Tom Wilson (No. 10), whether doing homework via laptop on a Whalers' bus trip or grinding it out on the ice against OHL opponents (above).

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Here's a closer look at the Whalers' Tom Wilson:

**Age:** 16.

**Uniform:** 10.

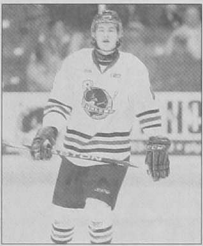
**Height/Weight:** 6-4, 195.

**Grade:** 11th, at Plymouth High School.

**GPA:** 3.8.

**Class load:** 5 – Algebra 2, U.S. History, Chemistry, English Composition, American Media Studies.

**'10-11 stats:** 26 games, 2 goals, 2 assists, 4 points. (Statistics are through Thursday's games.)



In his first season with the Whalers, 16-year-old Tom Wilson is adjusting to life 250 miles away from his parents.

leaves the Whalers with a high school diploma.

"The short of it is they will not tolerate kids that aren't doing well academically and (they) are very, very supportive in trying to get the kids to reach that goal."

And so, it's why Wilson goes on long road trips with a book-bag (including his laptop, of course) over one shoulder and an equipment bag over the other.

"Yeah, it's an extra thing to bring along," said Wilson, about his laptop computer. "You just slide it in the backpack and it comes in handy on the long bus rides."

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# Liaison praises district, Whalers

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

John Seidelman admits he isn't a hockey guy.

But he gives a big assist anyway to the administrators and educators at Plymouth High School and the Plymouth-Canton district for helping welcome Whalers' players such as Tom Wilson.

Seidelman, a longtime teacher and counselor in the district, retired about seven years ago only to quickly resurface as the educational liaison for the Plymouth Whalers — a go-between between the Ontario Hockey League team and everybody at The Park.

"I would give accolades to the cooperation that the Plymouth-Canton school district and Plymouth High School has extended to the Whalers," Seidelman said. "They have been absolutely tremendous in the relationship."

"That's part of my job, to maintain that good, positive relationship," he continued. "And so, if I have an opportunity to give them a thank you, that would be very important."

Every season since joining the Whalers, Seidelman has helped players make the transition to PCEP while not jeopardizing their standing with the hockey team.

That entails making sure the student-athletes take required courses, earn solid if not spectacular grades and get the OK to leave the high school an hour before the regular day ends so that they can reach Compuware Arena in time for practices.

With 10-to-13 travel dates the first semester alone, Seidelman helps them receive administrative leave days, too, to make

**'I would give accolades to the cooperation that the Plymouth-Canton school district and Plymouth High School has extended to the Whalers.'**  
JOHN SEIDELMAN, educational liaison

bus trips to places such as Kitchener and Erie.

What makes Seidelman enjoy what he does these days is watching players such as Wilson (recently named OHL Academic Player of the Month) grow and excel as people and students.

And here comes a second assist. Seidelman credited the Whalers for demanding such all-around excellence.



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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.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The camp features instruction by the MU baseball coaching staff and players.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166; or visit [TotalSportsComplex.com](http://TotalSportsComplex.com).

#### Madonna softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Al White and his staff will hold two sessions of winter camps, specializing in individual instruction, including:

Fundamental Camp No. 1 – 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at the MU Activities Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia;

Fundamental Camp No. 2 – noon-2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 6, 13, 22 and 27, at the MU Activities Center.

The cost is \$150 for each camp.

For more information, call White at (734) 432-5783; or assistant coach Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu).

#### Combine training

Combine training for high school football to prepare for the 2011 season will be Sundays, beginning Jan. 20, at the Auburn Hills Sports Dome.

Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine and use SPARQ, Michigan Preps and NUC testing protocols.

To register, visit [www.coachjacksonspeed.com](http://www.coachjacksonspeed.com); or call coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

#### Baseball coaches wanted

• University of Detroit Jesuit High School needs a varsity baseball coach for the 2011 season.

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• The 13-Under Great Lakes Cardinals (formerly the Canton Cardinals) are looking for an experienced travel baseball player for the 2011 season.

The team competes in seven tournaments as well as league play, totaling more than 50 games for the season.

Those interested in playing should contact head coach Dan Hejka, Sr. via e-mail at [cardsoach13@gmail.com](mailto:cardsoach13@gmail.com).

#### WSU softball camps

Wayne State University will stage a series of hitting, pitching and catching camps for girls softball players in grades 4-12 at the Matthaei Building, 5101 John C Lodge, Detroit (corner of Warren).

The hitting camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon (Session I) or 1-4 p.m. (Session 2) on Sunday, Jan. 9. Pre-registration cost is \$35 or \$40 at the door.

The pitching and catching camp will be from 9-11 a.m. (Session I); 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (Session II); or 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Session III) on Sunday, Jan. 16, 23, 30; and Feb. 6. The cost for the entire four Sundays is \$100.

For more information, call (313) 577-7513; or (586) 864-4233. You can also e-mail [ab6906@wayne.edu](mailto:ab6906@wayne.edu); or [kentpa@comcast.net](mailto:kentpa@comcast.net).

Application forms are available on [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com).

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Monday, Dec. 20  
(Macomb Dakota Cougar Classic)  
East Detroit vs. Royal Oak, 2 p.m.  
Redford Union vs. Macomb Dakota, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
(Franklin Holiday Tournament)  
South Lyon vs. Brighton, 5:30 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
Dakota Cougar Classic, 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.  
Franklin Holiday Tournament, 5:30 & 7 p.m.  
(Roundball Classic at John Glenn)  
Wal. Kettering vs. Ferndale Univ. High, 11 a.m.  
Ferndale vs. Plymouth, 12:30 p.m.  
Bellevue vs. Det. Univ. Prep, 2 p.m.  
Clarenceville vs. N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.  
Old Redford vs. Melvindale AB&T, 5 p.m.  
John Glenn vs. Willow Run, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Dexter at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 27  
Salem at Woodhaven Classic, TBA.

Tuesday, Dec. 28  
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GIRLS BASKETBALL  
Monday, Dec. 20  
Hazel Park at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood at L'Anse-au-Loup, 7 p.m.  
(Macomb Dakota Cougar Classic)  
Warren Fitzgerald vs. Luth. North, 3:30 p.m.  
Redford Union vs. Macomb Dakota, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21  
Dakota Cougar Classic, 2 & 5:30 p.m.  
Inkster at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Canton at Detroit Country Day, TBA.  
PREP HOCKEY  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Franklin vs. Lakeland at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 27  
Salem at Traverse City Central Holiday Tournament, TBA.  
Tuesday, Dec. 28  
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Wednesday, Dec. 29  
Salem at Traverse City Central Holiday Tournament, TBA.  
PREP WRESTLING  
Wednesday, Dec. 22  
Cibola at Calison Tourney, 9 a.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 29  
Salem Varsity "Elks" Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Canton Varsity Tournament, 9 a.m.  
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Monday, Dec. 20  
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 6 p.m.  
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE  
Tuesday, Dec. 28  
Erie vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 29  
Plymouth Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 30  
Kitchener vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

# Late goal gives Rocks 3-2 win

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The holidays are for giving, and both Salem's and Plymouth's varsity boys hockey teams doled out plenty of bone-crushing hits during Friday night's contest at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

And the game came down to the wire, as often is the case when the two campus rivals get together. It took a goal by Salem junior winger Austin Sartorius to provide the margin in a 3-2 victory.

On the winning goal, Sartorius took a feed from senior defenseman Michael Hockins, then got around Plymouth's 'D' and ripped a shot from the hash marks past Wildcats' senior goalie Mike Justus.

"It was a good individual effort by Austin Sartorius," said Rocks' head coach Ryan Ossennacher, whose team improved to 4-2-0 overall and 2-2-0 in the KLAA South Division. "When you're 6-4, and you've got the kind of reach where you can protect the puck, (that) allowed him to kind of pull it outside the defenseman and he made a nice shot."

The timing of the goal also was crucial, because it came just 51 seconds after Plymouth senior forward Chase Zebari tied the game on the power play.

Zebari's sharp-angle shot from the right side of Salem's cage banked in off the skate of goalie Brandon Price.

"Year-in and year-out these games are always going to be close just because that's what it is," Ossennacher said. "But the timing (of the goal) was great, because at that point they had just (tied it)."

"We held on at the end, they kept pushing and pushing and we held on. Credit to our guys and our goalie."

Price did hold the fort, denying a chance by Plymouth senior forward Zach Gambrell from the slot.

The Wildcats (2-2-3, 2-2-2) had some late power-play time, too, but could not capitalize.

"I thought it was a great game, both ways," said Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender. "We had our chances, but we just couldn't bury it."

Meanwhile, Justus was outstanding in net, keeping Salem from lengthening its lead.

## KEEPING IT CLOSE

With about six minutes to go, a one-timer by senior forward Ryan Quigley looked labeled, but Justus somehow got over to kick the shot out.

"That save was unreal," Fassbender said.

It was a crisp, hard-hitting game right from the puck drop.

Salem got on the board in the final minute of the first period, when junior forward Mark McGee chipped in a rebound.

The game stayed that way until Wildcats' sophomore forward Mitch Claggett scored with 4:31 to go in the second period.

A hard shot by Gambrell was turned aside by Price, but he couldn't corral the rebound and Claggett made no mistake.

Early in the third period, with Plymouth enjoying a five-minute power play (after a hit to the head of Wildcats' senior defenseman Justin Bauer), the Rocks tallied a short-handed goal at 6:05 to go up 2-1.

Senior forward Connor Berlin fielded a pass off the boards from senior D-man Maxx Coral and skated in alone on Justus to beat him cleanly.

Plymouth still had some power-play time left, however, and Zebari scored with 10:08 left to play to make it 2-2. Assisting was junior forward Matt Goertz.

But soon thereafter was the winner from Sartorius and this time the Wildcats had no answer.

Still, Fassbender said his team gave maximum effort, despite the loss, and he singled out the forward line of Jordan Lopetrone, Joe Burke and Ryan Theissen.

"The guys we're calling our fourth line, every time they got on the ice they had pressure," Fassbender said. "I got to get them more ice."

Plymouth is now idle until facing Waterford Mott on Jan. 7 at Lakeland Arena while the Rocks will play Dec. 27-29 at the Traverse City Central Holiday Tournament.

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## Holiday champs!

Let's hear it for the All Saints Catholic School's junior varsity Thunder boys basketball team, which won the recent St. Sebastian Thanksgiving Tournament with a 23-19 victory over St. Williams. The title game was very competitive from the start and ASCS (based in Canton) scored 12 points in the fourth to earn the win. Justin Savona scored 27 points in the final game. Theodore Day was named tourney MVP in a vote by opposing coaches and officials. Players were awarded individual trophies. Pictured are (back row from left) coaches Day, Savona and Tatro; (standing, from left) players Brendan Doyle, John Pacente, Patrick Hegarty, Daniel Moore, Joey Tatro, Theodore Day, Alec Norberg, Brendan Norberg, Charlie Feichtinger, Justin Savona and Jacob Dolan; (kneeling) Kenny McCormack.

# Salem boys tankers tops at EMU relays

The Salem boys swimming and diving team opened the 2010-11 season with a victory at last weekend's Eastern Michigan University Relays.

Salem tallied 134 points at the 36th annual event on Dec. 11, topping the eight-team field. Finishing second with 131 points was Dexter, followed by Toledo St. Johns (118), Novi (116), Monroe (110), West Bloomfield (77), University of Detroit-Jesuit (75) and Troy Athens (59).

"It's always nice to start off the season with a win," said Rocks' head coach Chuck Olson.

Sparking the victory were four Salem firsts that also were state cuts. Those included the following:

## BOYS SWIMMING

- 400-meter freestyle relay team (Matt Collingwood, Noah Santer, Max Mills, Adam Seroka), 3:18.48;

- 1500 freestyle relay opening leg, Seroka, 25.88 seconds (the complete relay of Seroka, Mills and Collingwood won with a time of 14:46.68; each swam at least seven times during the relay);

- 800 free relay opening leg, Collingwood, 25.06 (the complete relay of Collingwood, Eric Li, Jason Zhang and Scott Carpenter won with a time of 7:35.01; each swam four times during the relay);

- 400 free relay opening leg, Collingwood, 24.05 (the complete relay of Collingwood, Santer, Mills and Seroka won with a time of 3:18.48; each swam twice during the relay).

Salem also took the top spot in the diving relay, with the Rocks tallying a 198.10 to edge St. Johns (193.05).

Meanwhile, the Rocks did not participate in Friday's Wildcat Holiday Relays (involving both Plymouth and Canton) and return to action on Thursday, Jan. 6 at Novi.

Results from the Wildcat relays were not available as of press time. They will be posted on [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) and appear in Thursday's Observer.

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### Name: Dan O'Meara Sports Editor

**Beat:** Farmington/Farmington Hills youth/prep sports

**Experience:** Has covered sports in the Farmington community for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for more than 23 years and, for seven years, worked the same beat in Plymouth-Canton. Before joining the Observer, Dan worked for three daily newspapers - the Big Rapids Pioneer, The Daily News in Greenville and the Ypsilanti Press - from 1979 until early 1987.

**Education:** Graduate: East Detroit High School; B.A. Journalism (minored in history and English) Central Michigan University in 1978.

**Awards:** Honored for sports writing, sport column writing and best sports sections by the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America

**Personal:** Lives in Westland. Attends annual homecoming reunions with former 'Shamrocks' from EDHS and enjoys covering the gridiron sport.

**In his own words:**  
"I enjoy reporting and making the Observer the go-to source for sports information, especially when covering big games and events of heightened interest in the community."

It's always been my objective to make the Observer the paper of record for Farmington sports and the place where readers go for more than game coverage."

### Name: Brad Emons Sports Editor

**Beat:** Livonia, Westland youth/prep sports, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College.

**Experience:** Joined the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in December 1977 and has covered the Livonia, Westland, Redford, Canton, Plymouth and Garden City sports beat for nearly three decades.

**Education:** Livonia Franklin High School grad where he played high school basketball on the Patriots' first district championship team B.A. Journalism, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

**Awards:** Catholic League Hall of Fame (1996) Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor (2008) O&E Journalist of the Year (1996) College Tennis MVP, Franklin College 1977 Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Finish Line Award (2003) Honored for sports column writing by the Michigan Press Association

**Personal:** Lives in Plymouth and is an active distance runner with two local clubs (Northville and Downriver). He averages 30-35 miles per week.

**In his own words:**  
"Covering community sports is rewarding because it's remains the last bastion of amateur sports. The athletes and schools remain appreciative of the coverage."

### Name: Jim Toth Sports Editor

**Beat:** Garden City and Redford youth/prep beat

**Experience:** Has covered prep, youth and community sports at the O&E for 24 years in Troy, Rochester, Southfield, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Berkley. Before joining the O&E, Jim worked for the Dearborn Press & Guide from 1982-86.

**Personal:** Lives in Dearborn. An avid golfer, who enjoys covering football and basketball equally but knows the importance of reporting on all levels of athletic competition and the notoriety it brings to the community as a whole.

**Education:** Graduate of Dearborn Fordson High School, B.A. Journalism Michigan State University.

**Awards:** Many state and national writing awards throughout his career from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America. In 2010 he received MPA awards for sports writing and sports feature writing.

**In his own words:**  
"I enjoy covering the prep and youth sports scenes because of the excitement it generates, the life-long lessons learned, and the character it builds in facing life's ups and downs. In conversations with athletes, you find the passion within to reach the pinnacle and lay the foundation for success after athletics."

### Name: Tim Smith Sports Editor

**Beat:** Plymouth and Canton youth/prep and Plymouth Whalers of the OHL.

**Experience:** Joined the O&E in 1986, as a news reporter for the Southfield Eccentric. He also covered news beats in West Bloomfield/Lakes (1991-97) and Farmington (1997-2001).

Joined the sports staff in 2001, covering the Redford-Garden City communities, Madonna University and Schoolcraft College.

**Education:** Graduate of Livonia Clarenceville High School, B.A. Mass Communication Wayne State University.

**Personal:** Lives in Livonia with wife Donna and 16-year-old daughter Elizabeth. He is the author of "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!" (1999). Is a longtime recreational ice hockey goalie.

**Awards:** Finalist for Society of Professional Journalist's (Detroit Chapter) Journalist of the Year Award in 1996, O&E Journalist of the Year 1998. Writing, reporting awards from the Michigan Press Association and Suburban Newspapers of America.

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## HEALTH

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# Yes, I can: Doable, sustainable advice for getting healthier in '11

The fat-laden, high-sugar, spirit-soaked roller coaster ride of the holidays will be over before you know it and many individuals will head into 2011 resolving to take better care of their health in the New Year. Losing weight and improving fitness are two of the most common New Year's resolutions in America — year, after year, after year.

It is possible, however, to make 2011 the last year you'll have to resolve to eat better and exercise more. Start by looking for trusted resources that can help you focus on changing habits and developing a healthier, yet still enjoyable, lifestyle. And learn the truth behind some common obstacles to sustained weight loss.

Members of the Mayo Clinic staff, authors of The Mayo Clinic Diet, offer some advice for improving your healthy lifestyle in the New Year.

You may have heard of fad diets that have you counting carbohydrates, bulking up on pure protein or eating bushels of grapefruit. Weight loss comes down to burning more calories than you take in. Reduce extra calories from food and beverages, and increase calories burned through physical activity.

A sustainable weight loss plan should include food from all the major food groups, feature foods you can easily find at the grocery store, fit your lifestyle and budget, include proper amounts of nutrients and calories and encourage regular physical activity. The Mayo Clinic Diet starts off



with a two-week focus on breaking unhealthy habits and adding healthy habits.

Being active is an essential part of a weight-loss plan. Cleaning the house, making the bed, shopping, mowing the lawn and gardening are all forms of physical activity. Exercise is a structured and repetitive form of physical activity that you do on a regular basis. Aim for 30 to 60 minutes of moderately intense physical activity or exercise most days of the week.

Learn to make healthy food choices you can live with. The Mayo Clinic Diet relies on the Mayo Clinic Healthy Weight

Pyramid, which guides you toward a general direction of smart eating. The base of the pyramid focuses on generous amounts of healthy foods that contain fewer calories in a large volume of food, like fruits and vegetables. As you progress toward the peak of the pyramid, you eat lesser portions of categories like whole grains, lean protein, dairy, healthy fats and even sweets.

Resolve to manage stress in the New Year. While stress is a normal reaction to life's demands, the nonstop stress of modern life can be harmful to your health. Relaxation techniques such as meditating, visualization, exercise, hypnosis,

massage and listening to music can all help manage stress.

To help keep yourself on track with your healthy lifestyle in 2011, be sure to set goals. Make exercise fun by choosing sports and activities you enjoy. Incorporate physical activity into your daily routine. Seek support from friends and family, and reward yourself for meeting goals.

Every weight loss plan faces challenges. Learn what yours are and how you can cope with them. The Mayo Clinic Diet provides an action guide that lists a number of challenges and recommends ways to cope with them.

Many patients I see have tried several diets in an attempt to lose weight, yet the weight keeps coming back," says Dr. Donald Hensrud, a Mayo Clinic specialist in preventive and internal medicine, and medical editor-in-chief of the book. "The key to weight loss is to eat well and obtain regular physical activity. Our goal with this book is to give people real tools for doing that."

You'll find more information on living a healthier lifestyle in 2011 at [www.MayoClinic.com](http://www.MayoClinic.com).

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Alzheimer's Association

The Greater Michigan Chapter provides a welcoming and secure environment for families and individuals experiencing the early stages of Younger Onset Memory Loss. Participants can take part in ongoing discussions that focus on issues that affect those with memory loss under age 65. Meetings are 5:30-7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month, at Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover, Bloomfield Hills. To register call The Harry L. Nelson Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-4:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

### Fitness classes

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

### Food Addicts

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having trouble controlling the way they eat. Based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (866) 914-3663; [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org)

### Hearing Loss Association

The Western Wayne Chapter provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact [afterack@comcast.net](mailto:afterack@comcast.net) or (734) 664-3297.

### Incest Survivors

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

### Breast cancer support group

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

### Caregivers support group

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

### Metro Fibromyalgia

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

### Wayne metro caregiver support

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



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Families socialized as they waited to enter the Four Seasons dining room where tables were covered with festive green and red tablecloths. "It's a good idea," said Ronald Bellanger whose mother, Christine, is a resident. "It gives her something to look forward to and she gets to see her family."

This was the first time Carol and Clifford Gannaway of Canton joined Habard Gavin, a seven month resident. "It's great they do something for the residents so they aren't feeling lonely," said Carol Gannaway.

"It's nice to see everybody together and happy to see everyone," said Nancy Boland, Livonia.

Boland came with husband Charles to see his Uncle Jerry.

"It's clean. It's great," said Bea Colling of Westland who's happy with her mother's care. Rose Butcher, a Four Seasons resident for two years, celebrated her 100th birthday in September at Four Seasons. "The staff all brought food. We brought food. We had more food than a wedding," said Colling. "Their meals are so good even during the week. The name's Four Seasons, but it should be Four Stars."

### "... the name is 'Four Seasons', but it should be 'Four Stars' ..."

"It's great. It's fun," said Pat Lyden, Four Seasons' Administrator and an RN. "It's an opportunity for families and residents to be together for the holidays."

Charlyce Walsh began coming to the dinner a couple of years ago with her husband's mother, Isabel and sister, Kathy. The three traveled from Richmond and Port Huron for the occasion. "They really go all out and do a good job," said Isabel Walsh.

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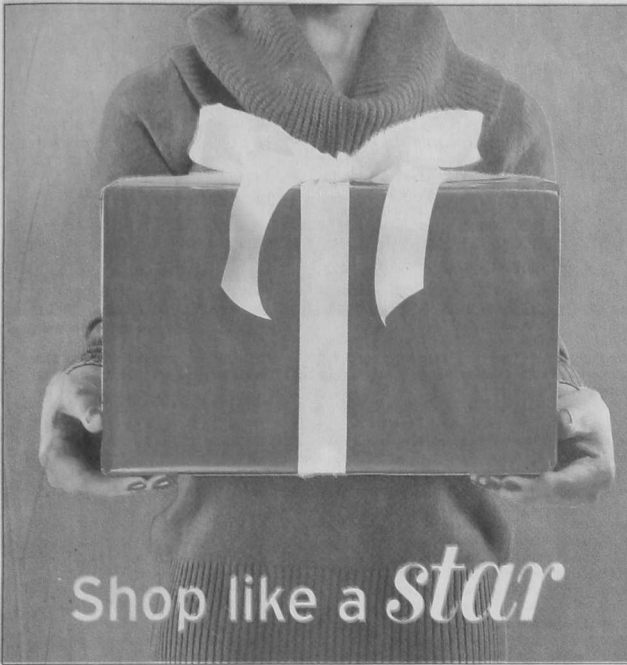


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## Last-minute shopping tips to delight your loved ones

If your holiday gifts aren't already under the tree or in the mail, you're not alone. One-fifth of the people polled in a recent Bing.com survey expect to last-minute shop this holiday season. Here are some great tips from Bing to help you avoid the stress last-minute shopping can bring:

**Simplify Online Shopping**  
— Read reviews. Look for product reviews, especially when shopping for electronics and home appliances. You don't want to spend good money for a product that

doesn't perform well or breaks down after just a few uses.

— Compare prices. Going online makes getting the best deal a snap. But don't forget to factor in additional costs such as shipping and taxes. They can add up and turn a great bargain into a bust.

— Go easy on the eyes. The Visual Search gallery at Bing lets you see beautiful pictures of what you're looking for — which helps you make confident decisions and shop faster.

— Get guidance. Not sure

what to get? Online gift guides are a great way to see a quick round-up of different categories so you can find just the right gift for each person on your list.

**Best Holiday Gift Bets from Brooke Burke**

Brooke Burke, co-host of *Dancing with the Stars* and mom of four, offers a helpful gift guide at bingholiday.com, sharing these ideas for your loved ones.

— For Mom: The holidays can be stressful, especially for busy mothers. Brooke suggests

pampering Mom with home spa products or gifts from the heart, like beautifully framed family photos or handmade artwork. Her favorite spa product is Bliss Body Butter, which comes in both scented and unscented varieties.

— For Dad: If Dad is a gadget lover, a new Windows Phone 7 like a Samsung Focus or HTC HD7 would thrill him this season. The latest smartphones make it easy to navigate the Web, enjoy entertainment, social network and use a wide variety of apps — all from one phone.

— For Kids: For kids ages two through eight, Brooke is a fan of recordable story books. These books take story time to a whole new level by letting you read and record the tale right into the book itself. Your children will hear you read their favorite stories at any time or place. And they make a great keepsake. For kids of all ages, Brooke suggests personalized charm bracelets for girls or ID bracelets for boys. She's also a fan of the Sing-a-ma-jigs, one of the holiday season's hottest toys that jitters, jabber and chatter as your child interacts with them. Get more great toy deals at [www.bing.com/shopping](http://www.bing.com/shopping).

**Last-Minute Treasures**  
Whether it's to save money or because they ran out of time, almost half of the women polled in the Bing Shopping survey admitted to having re-gifted at least once in the past couple of years. It helps to be prepared with a few extra gifts, so you're not surprised at the last minute, leaving you rummaging through your closets for a reciprocal gift. To avoid becoming a re-gifter this year, take a look at these last-minute gift ideas from Bing Shopping:

— Wine gift baskets. Beautiful and delicious, a wine gift basket will please the foodie on your list. Search by price, user ratings or expert



ratings to find the perfect match.

— Birthstone jewelry. From pendants and charms to earrings and necklaces, you can find beautiful and affordable jewelry that celebrates your loved one's birthday.

— Spa sets. Treat someone to a day at the spa without ever leaving home. Soothing or invigorating, fun or romantic, there are plenty of ways to help pamper a friend or someone in

the family.

People also re-gift because they received something they didn't actually like. This year, make sure your family knows just what you want — use the Bing Shopping List feature to select an item on Bing Shopping, add it to your list, and share it via Facebook. You'll never have to regift again.

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There's more to come. Randolph students add to the collection.

# Students donate to animals; lobbying seminar on tap

BY SHARON DARGAY  
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Barbara Johnson has asked her second grade classes at Randolph Elementary School to collect 100 items in 100 days for the past several years.

Sometimes, they'd collect pennies and create a project. Other times, it was macaroni, glued into a piece of art. This year, the popular math lesson focuses on items that benefit pets — anything from food and treats to kitty litter and leashes — that will be donated to Livonia-based Tail Waggers 1990, an organization that strives to keep pets with their families.

"We sort items, weigh them, graph them," Johnson explained the educational component of the charitable project. "I've always been able to talk one of my (second grade) team-mates into doing it with me. This year, one of the fourth grade teachers is an animal nut like I am. She went to the other fourth grade classes and now we've got six classes doing it. Hopefully we'll have 600 items by the 100th day of school."

That's sometime in February 2011, when all items will be donated to Laura Zain, Tail Waggers' founder. The classes sent some of the donations home with Zain earlier this week so that pets in need will have something to celebrate on Christmas.

They'll continue to collect donations when school resumes next month.

"I try to encourage the kids to do chores to earn the money. I'd really like the kids to do the work and then go to the dollar store to buy something. I think a lot of the parents buy the stuff, but there's always that possibility they earned the money when they bring in something," Johnson said treats have been a popular donation among her students.

"A little girl brought in a bag of dog food. A boy brought in a stuffed animal for dogs to chew on," she said, recounting a few of the items donated last week. I think we're close to 60 items in my class," she said. "One mom wrote to me last week and asked if it was okay to send a check. So, I opened the check yesterday and I almost fell over. It was for \$100."

Johnson said her classes collected objects for the "100 items" project for several years, and then donated goods for the Michigan Humane Society. Johnson decided to designate Tail Waggers 1990 as the class project this year.

Johnson bowls in the organization's annual bowling fund-raiser and worked with Zain when Tail Waggers helped out in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

"When Katrina hit she called and asked if there was anything we could do. I said give me a week and we'll see what I can put together. I sent out a note asking for a collection for the



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Second-grader Adele VanderWeg holds a bag of dog food, just one of 100 items being gathered in 100 days, by her classmates at Randolph Elementary. Next to Adele is Laura Zain of Tail Waggers 1990, who will distribute the pet goodies.

animals. Within a week we had collected a pick-up truck full."

Johnson invited Zain into her class last fall to talk about animal rescue. She brought her own dogs and a kitten that she was bottle-feeding into the second grade class, showed tools used in animal rescue and talked about animal care.

"I think a lot of kids hear about poor people or people losing their homes but now they also think, oh, wow, they also have to feed their pets."

Johnson, who owns a dog and three birds, hopes other teachers who offer the "100 items" project to their students, will consider benefiting an animal rescue or shelter.

"I also have a therapy dog that comes in and my kids read to her. The kids love that dog. She's a Boxer. She flops into the middle of the circle and they pet her as they read."

For more about Tail Waggers 1990 visit [www.tailwaggers1990.org](http://www.tailwaggers1990.org).



PET PROJECTS

## LEGISLATION SAVVY

Sharpen your lobbying skills and learn what it takes to pass legislation that protects animals at a free seminar presented by The Humane Society of the United States and southeastern Michigan's Puppy Mill Awareness MeetUp group, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, in the Caroline Kennedy Library, program rooms A and B, 24590 George, Dearborn Heights.

The Lobby 101 seminar will cover everything you need to be an effective citizen advocate for animals. The organizations will teach effective,

basic lobbying techniques. You'll learn how a bill becomes a law, what influences a legislator, and what animal-related bills and issues are being considered by the Michigan legislature — and what you can do to get them passed!

An RSVP is required. Visit [www.humane-society.org](http://www.humane-society.org). Click on "take action," then on Michigan and then events and grass roots events calendar.

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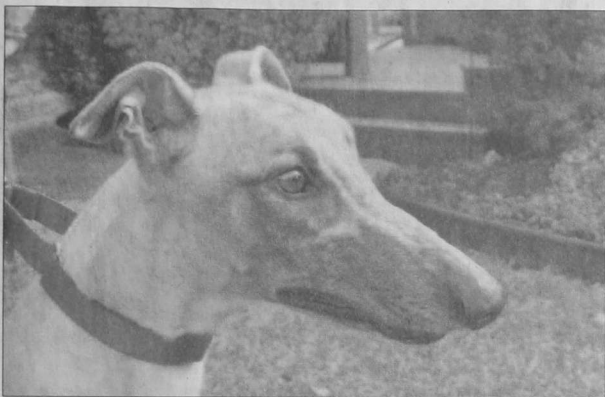
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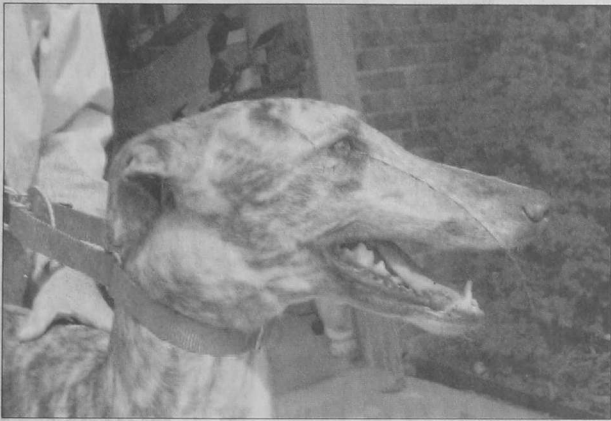
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To meet Striker or Sadie, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org)

#### TAKE A WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY AT CAMP

Families may spend an afternoon in the winter wonderland on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 at Camp Linden, the Girl Scout camp in Deerfield Township. Membership in Girl Scouting is not required.

Family members of all ages will enjoy sledding, broomball, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snow sculpting and snow painting, along with hot chocolate and s'mores around a raging fire in Hunter Lodge. Indoor and outdoor activities will be available from 1-5 p.m. Camp Linden is a premier all-seasons playground, with 400 acres of hills, valleys, woods and wetlands. It's located 30 minutes from Flint and 45 minutes from Ann Arbor. Downhill skiing at Mount Holly is nearby.

Winter Family Fun Day is part of a larger initiative by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan to introduce its camp properties to the general public. Families of four can join in the fun at a cost of \$20; and \$5

for each additional family member. As a special incentive, any girl or adult who joins Girl Scouts through Family Winter Fun Day will receive a \$5 discount on the \$20 registration fee to become a member of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

For more information and to pre-register, call or e-mail Pam Grubaugh, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan outdoor education specialist and director of Camp Linden, at (800) 49-SCOUT, Ext. 7261, or [pgrubaugh@gshom.org](mailto:pgrubaugh@gshom.org). Pre-registration is required by Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

Through Girl Scouting, girls discover their strengths, connect with others and take action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting offers girls the tools they need to be successful leaders and to develop strong values. To learn more, visit [www.gshom.org](http://www.gshom.org) or call (800) 49-SCOUT.

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#### AGING OR ARTHRITIS?

Say a person over age 65 arises in the morning feeling stiff, finding that slipping into a bathrobe brings on a pain in the shoulder, and that walking to the kitchen causes an ache in the knees. Is that person aging or experiencing the beginning of arthritis?

A blood test will not be helpful. As an individual ages the immune system falters in many small ways. Often the test used to confirm arthritis such as the rheumatoid factor, the A.N.A. test, the sedimentation rate and the CRP test will show levels that in younger people indicate inflammation and arthritis. However, in older people the same values are just evidence of an aging immune system.

X-rays of the hands, knees, back and shoulder may show wear and tear but often little relationship exists between the changes of time that x-rays show and the activity that the individual can undertake.

The best way to differentiate the presence of aging from the start of arthritis is to ask the person how long it takes before the stiffness and aching resolves. If after being up and moving for a half hour or less the person limbers up, then the problem is aging. If the discomfort lingers for over an hour or for the day, then the physician will look for arthritis, particularly osteoarthritis.

Joint aching that lasts more than a half-hour but less than a day usually reflects that the person is out of shape. In such instances, the first approach is to see the effect of exercise. The regimen should be at least a half-hour a day, 6-7 days a week. The exercise can be biking, walking, swimming or cycling but must be sustained. Usually after a month of such a schedule the aching resolves or uncovers an underlying arthritis.

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## Stores collect scarves

Lush cosmetics is helping to keep Detroit-area residents warm through its winter apparel collection for Open Door Rescue Mission.

The company is collecting gently-used scarves, hats, gloves and coats for the Mission from Dec. 13-Jan. 3, 2011.

Those who donate items to any of Lush's Detroit-area stores will receive a free bath bomb for each article given.

Lush stores are located at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi — in Macy's and as a free-standing store in the mall — and at Lakeside Mall inside Macy's.

Twelve Oaks is located at 27500 Novi Road, north of I-96 in Novi and Lakeside is at 14000 Lakeside Circle, south of M-59 in Sterling Heights.

#### LEARN ABOUT LIVING WELL AS A SENIOR

They aren't called "The Golden Years" for nothing, but finding out how to live your best life in those years is sometimes easier said than done. That's why the Botsford Commons Senior Community, Robert Ficano and the Wayne County Seniors and Redford Seniors have joined together for the "Living the Fullness of Life" forum, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011.

The free event will provide information on aging safely and other helpful resources for seniors. The forum, which includes refreshments, will be held at the Redford VFW, 27345 Schoolcraft.

"Living the Fullness of Life" includes informal presentations by Botsford Commons experts and their affiliates. Those include: "Aging and Fitness to Drive" by Dr. Richard Young of Wayne State University, "Healthy Aging" by geriatrician Dr. Annette Carron, "Brain Fitness" by Diane Zide, and "Getting Your Documents in Order; Community Resources" by Dawn Doyle.

Space is limited. RSVP by Jan. 10, 2011 at (248) 426-6908, or call for more information.



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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

**Detroit** – The Detroit Symphony Orchestra wraps up its “Home for the Holidays” concerts at 3 p.m., Dec. 19, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue. Tickets range from \$19-\$52. Call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com).

**Farmington Hills** – Farmington Hills Youth Choir present its annual holiday concert 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile. Selections will range from *Can’t Stop Believin* from the hit show *GLEE*, to traditional holiday music such as *Carol of the Bells*. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 4-17, and free for children 3 and under. For more information, call (248) 473-1859.

LIGHT DISPLAY

**Wayne County** – Four miles of displays and more than a million lights along Hines Drive make this the biggest holiday light show in southeastern Michigan. Lightfest runs 7-9 p.m. through Dec. 31 and is closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. Admission is \$5 per car. Entrance is off Merriman Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Ave., in Westland.

**Detroit Shriners** – The drive-through presentation includes more than 300 light displays along a one-mile route through Jan. 2, 2011 at Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile, at Dequindre, Hazel Park. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Admission is \$10 per car. Detroit Shriners will donate \$1 from each vehicle admission to local non-profits and community projects such as Covenant House Michigan, Mittens for Detroit, Hazel Park Promise Zone Authority, Gleaner’s Community Food Bank, DTE THAW (The Heat & Warmth Fund), Detroit Public Schools and Toys for Tots.

MOVIES

**Penn Theatre** – *The Muppet Christmas*, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 23 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 26. All seats are \$3. The theatre is located at 760 Penniman, in downtown Plymouth; (734) 453-0870



Farmington Hills Youth Choir members include Dana Jarvis-Foster (left, back), Madison Abel, Megan Webster and Mikey Barber.

Singers salute American music at Canton show on Jan. 15

Six vocalists will croon the classic standards of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Peggy Lee at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Canon resident Kevin Brazell is producing the show, “A Salute to the Great American Songbook” which includes Marcia Allen of Mt. Morris, Jymy Dill of Flint, Gary Errigo of Dearborn, Kim Hutchens of Dearborn, Jordan Mac of Wixom and Chris Scarlett of Novi.

“This show was over six years in the making and involved auditioning literally hundreds of vocalists to come up with our talented cast,” stated Brazell, who staged the show last year at Village Theater.

Tickets are \$20 with a \$5 discount for senior citizens, children 14 and under and groups of 15 or more. Buy tickets at the Village Theater Box Office, online at [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org) or by phone at (734) 394-5460.

Find help during divorce at college Transitions Center

The Divorce Support Group of the Transitions Center at Schoolcraft College will start its 2011 schedule with attorney Patricia A. Kasody-Coyle, who will answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis.

The group meets from 7-9 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in room 225 of the McDowell Center, on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. It’s aimed at those who are in the process of divorcing, contemplating divorce or having difficulty adjusting to life after divorce.

Sessions on the first Tuesday of the month are facilitated by a professional counselor, with an attorney present to speak privately with participants. The fourth Tuesday includes a guest speaker who addresses the legal, financial or emotional concerns that arise during divorce.

The sessions are free.

Here’s a schedule of sessions through April 2011:

Cynthia Koppin will facilitate the sessions and Kasody-Coyle will be on hand on Jan. 11, 2011, Feb. 8, 2011, March 8, 2011 and April 12, 2011.

Laura Reyes Kopack, an attorney with Creighton, McLean & Shea, will present an overview of the process of divorce, including information on property settlements, custody, child support, visitation, and spousal support on Jan. 25, 2011.

Jacqueline Roessler will discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for the future following divorce, on Feb. 22, 2011.

Barbara Lanasky and Sally Hamerink will talk about retaining self-esteem while facing divorce and other difficult transitions on March 22, 2011.

Kasody-Coyle and her partner, Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody, PLL, Attorneys at Law, will present an overview of the divorce process on April 26, 2011. The firm specializes in domestic/family law.

For more information call the Transition Center at (734) 462-4443.

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## DEC. 23-29

### Christmas Eve

**Time/Date:** Friday, Dec. 24  
**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. family services; 10 p.m. traditional candlelight service

**Contact:** (248) 626-3620

### Christmas Eve

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 24  
**Location:** Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Worship service

**Contact:** (734) 421-0749

### Christmas Eve/Day

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. Dec. 25

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Worship services

**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 986-3523

### Christmas Eve/Day

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. family worship with candlelight and 7:30 p.m. traditional candlelight with communion, Dec. 24; 10 a.m. bell ringing with worship and communion, Dec. 25; 10 a.m. worship, Dec. 26

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Holiday worship services

**Contact:** www.poplclms.org

### Christmas play, worship

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Dec. 21  
**Location:** Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford

**Details:** Worship service includes "Shopping Cart Christmas" play  
**Other services:** Noon, Dec. 21; 5:30 p.m. family worship with the Christmas story told by children and youth, and 8 p.m. carols, candlelight and communion, Dec. 24; and 10 a.m. Dec. 26

**Contact:** (313) 937-3170

## DEC. 30-JAN. 5, 2011

### New Year's worship

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Dec. 31  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Worship with communion  
**Contact:** www.poplclms.org

## 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-fifth grade  
**Contact:** (248) 442-0096

### Classes/study

**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 Oigong, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Learn Oigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine — rid the body of toxic pathogens and painful emotions

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

### Men's Bible study

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

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

**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 for information

### Nicole's Revival

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday  
**Location:** YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech

Daly, Redford

**Details:** KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

**Contact:** (313) 531-1234

### 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

### Ward Presbyterian

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

**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Clothing bank

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

**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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

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

### Fellowship dinner

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

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Details:** Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

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

### Food Bank

**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

**Location:** is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

### Moms

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology — The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext

**Contact:** Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

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

### Pet-friendly service

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m., Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

### Prayer

**Nardin Park United Methodist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

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

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

### St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

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

**Location:** Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

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

### Senior citizens

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food

**Contact:** (734) 464-0990

### Singles

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening,

8-9 p.m. program

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville  
**Details:** Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

### Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m., Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

### Song Circle

**Congregation Beth Ahm**  
**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

### Support

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

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

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

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations

are accepted

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care

**Contact:** (734) 367-4220; www.riversideparkchurch.org

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

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

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

**Contact:** (734) 421-8451

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

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

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good

**Contact:** Margaret at (734) 838-0322

**Unity of Livonia**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** (313) 387-9797, www.aa.org

**Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

**Contact:** Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com or www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

**Thrift store**  
**St. James Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

**Location:** 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

**Contact:** (313) 534-7730

**Way of Life Christian Church**  
**Time/Date:** 2:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May

**Location:** 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

**Details:** Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives

**Contact:** (734) 637-7618

**Tree sale**  
**Time/Date:** Through 2010

**Location:** Oakland Baptist Church, on Beck Road just south of 10 Mile in Novi

**Details:** The church is selling trees for \$200. Trees will be planted on the church property. Purchasers can dedicate what they buy in honor of someone they know, of a member of the church or former member. Dedication plaques are available for each tree

**Contact:** The Rev. Tim Whyte, after 5 p.m., at (248) 882-4041 or Roxie Sinclair at (248) 437-0832

**WORSHIP**  
**Adat Shalom Synagogue**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days

**Location:** 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** (248) 855-5100

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

**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 522-6830

**Congregation Bet Chavrim**  
**Time/Date:** Services are held 7 p.m., the third Friday of the month

**Location:** At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 3215 Ridge, Canton

**Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation

**Contact:** Roberta Malkowsky, president/treasurer at (248) 231-6280



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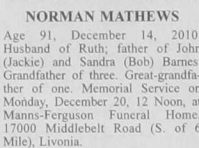
**LOIS H. GIBBONS**  
December 17, 2010, age 82. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack". Loving mother of Carol, Sharon, Gary, Mark, and the late Thomas. Dear grandmother of Adam, Sean, Nicholas, Ryan, Hailey and Cody. Dear sister of Harry "Jim" (Laura) Lund and the late Elsie Sherman. Visitation: Sunday, December 19th, 3-9pm. Funeral Monday, December 20th 10am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)



**JOHN R. JONES**  
Age 90, of Farmington, MI, passed away December 9, 2010. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



**DONALD R. LOWRY**  
Age 73, December 16, 2010. Formerly of Plymouth. Part of the Community Opportunity Center family (COC). Visitation Monday 4pm - 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Service 7pm. In lieu of flowers contributions suggested to COC. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home





## MAY 2011 WEDDING

Cassandra Loacano and Ryan Kandah announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Marilyn Loacano of Garden City and Michael Loacano of Dearborn, attended Wayne State University and is employed by Community Links in Novi.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. Domian and Carol Kandah of Northville, attended Walsh College and is employed by Northern Trust in Chicago, Ill.

A May 2011 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Loacano-Kandah

## AUGUST 2011 WEDDING

Kelli Stickney and Brandon Carlson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Peggy Schneider of Plymouth and Bill Stickney of Stockbridge, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Grand Valley State University. She teaches seventh and eighth-grade social studies at Walker Charter Academy in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Fran Carlson of Howard City and Mike Carlson of Newaygo, graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in agronomy. He is the owner of Carlson Arbogast Farms in Howard City.

Kelli and Brandon will wed in August 2011 in Grand Rapids.



Stickney-Carlson

## JULY 2011 WEDDING

Robbie Camann and Beth Yeakel announce their engagement.

Robbie, the son of Rick and Sue Camann of Plymouth, is a 2001 graduate of Salem High School. He earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder, and a master's degree in structural engineering from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He is employed as a structural engineer with Summit Engineering Group in Littleton, Colo.

Beth, daughter of Doug and Cece Yeakel of Leadville, Colo., is a 2003 graduate of Glenoak High School in Canton, Ohio. She earned a degree in biology from Denison University in Granville, Ohio and is studying to become a physician assistant at the University of Colorado Denver.

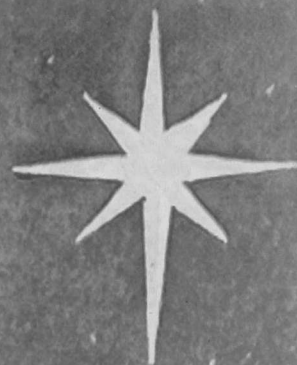
The couple plans to wed in July 2011 in Vail, Colo.



Yeakel-Camann

# Glory

## to the New Born King



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4:00, 6:00, 9:00 and Midnight

**Christmas Day Masses:**  
10:00 AM and Noon

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**GLORY To The Newborn King**  
**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Farm Hills 23225 Gill Rd. 248-474-0584

**Christmas Eve**  
6:00 pm - Family worship with special music  
9:00 pm - Candlelight worship  
with Hand Bells & Chancel Choir

**Christmas Day**  
10:00 am - Traditional Service  
Holy Communion at all services  
[www.stjohn-elca.com](http://www.stjohn-elca.com)

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
EPISCOPAL - ANGLICAN

**Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th**  
The Vigil Mass of the Nativity (Family) - 5:30 pm  
The Solemn High Mass of the Nativity - 9:30 pm

**Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th**  
The High Mass of Christmas Day - 11:00 am

**Christmas Sunday - Sunday, December 26th**  
Feast of the Holy Family - 9:30 am

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**Christmas Eve Children's Play, FREE**  
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Traditional service at 10:00 p.m.

December 26, 2010 - 1 service at 10:00 a.m.  
January 2, 2011 - 1 service at 10:00 a.m.

God loves you and there is nothing  
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[www.farmingtonfume.org](http://www.farmingtonfume.org)

**Christmas Eve, December 24**  
Candlelight, Carols & Celebrated Message

Family Service: 7 PM  
Children's Nativity Pageant

Traditional: 11 PM  
Chancel Choir

**Franklin Community Church**  
26425 Wellington Road, Franklin, MI  
(248) 626-6606 [www.franklinchurch.us](http://www.franklinchurch.us)

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**Christmas**

Through the eyes of  
a man, a woman and a child...

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24!**

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- PLYMOUTH**  
6:15P • 8:15P • 9:15P • 7:30P  
14000 North Farmington Rd.  
Farmington, MI 48334
- ANN ARBOR - SALINE**  
7:30P  
1770 E. Maple Road  
Saline, MI 48176
- BRIGHTON - HOWELL**  
7:30P  
1400 Wright Road  
Howell, MI 48843

**Christmas at the Kirk**

**December 19**  
4:00 PM Service of Lessons and Carols

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

11:00 AM Young Family Service  
Dr. Norman Pritchard

4:00 PM Family Service  
Rev. Tres Adams

6:00 PM Family Service  
Rev. Tres Adams

8:30 PM Holy Night Service  
Dr. Norman Pritchard

11:00 PM Holy Night Service  
Dr. Norman Pritchard

**Kirk in the Hills**  
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[kirkinthehills.org](http://kirkinthehills.org)

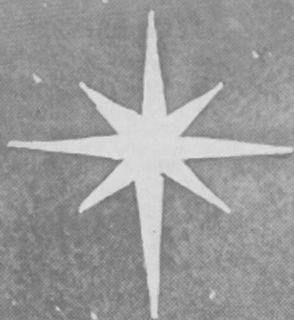
**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

~Christmas Eve Services~  
Friday, December 24, 2010

5:00 p.m. - Family Service  
Featuring Children's Choir and Youth Handbells

10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service  
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Rev. Kellie Whitlock, Assoc. Pastor  
**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, USA**  
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 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia  
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**Christmas Eve:**  
 7pm Family Service  
 11pm Candlelight Service

**Christmas Day:**  
 10am Worship  
 (734) 522-6830  
 www.christoursavior.org

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**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
 David W. Martin, Pastor  
 46250 Ann Arbor Road  
 Plymouth  
 (1 Mile W. of Sheldon)  
**(734) 453-5252**  
 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am  
 Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Worship  
 4:30 pm  
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 Come as you are.*  
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Traditional  
*Christmas Eve Worship*  
 Carols, Candlelight and  
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 4:30\* 7:30 and 11 pm  
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**North Congregational Church**  
 36520 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 248/848-1750

Sunday, December 19, 2010, 10:30 a.m.  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Emmanuel"  
 Worship, Children's Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 24, 2010  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
 7:30 P.M. - "At the Manger"

Ministers: Rev. William C. Lange, Rev. Mary E. Biedron

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI  
 Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor  
 Rev. Paul Perez, Deacon

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 5:00 p.m. Children/Family Service  
 7:00 p.m. Worship and Candlelight  
 11:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols,  
 Candlelight & Holy Communion  
 December 26 Family Worship Service for all ages at 11:00 am

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**ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Tridentine Latin Rite Mass 734-462-3200  
 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154  
 One quarter mile West of Newburgh Road

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve	Confessions	11:00-11:50 pm
Christmas Day	Midnight Mass	12:00 am
	Morning Mass	10:00 am
	Confessions	9:30 am

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**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
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**Christmas Services • Dec. 24**

4:00 pm Family service with Holy Eucharist and Pageant  
 10:30 pm Carols and Anthems  
 11:00 pm Traditional Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir & Organ

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**734-453-0190**  
 www.stjohnsplymouth.org

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*Christmas Services at Starr Presbyterian Church*

**"Blue Christmas" Service**  
 December 23 at 5 p.m.  
**Christmas Eve - December 24**  
 Family Service at 5 p.m.  
 Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.  
 Starr Presbyterian  
 1717 W. 13 Mile Road • Royal Oak  
**248/288-3230**  
 www.starrchurch.org

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**Covenant Community Church**  
 25800 Student - Redford, MI 48239 - 313-535-3100  
 (1 block north of Five Mile on Beech Daly)

**Christmas Service Schedule**  
 Friday, December 24, 2010  
 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
 Sunday, December 26, 2010 11 a.m.  
 Morning Worship

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**St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
 17810 Farmington Road - Livonia, Michigan  
 734-261-1360 - website:stpaulslivonia.org

**Christmas Worship at St. Paul's**

Christmas Eve Worship	6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship	10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve	6:30 p.m.

*Come and worship with us!* Pastor Eric Seibrenner

Pastor James Hoff

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-DETROIT**  
 21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield  
 (248) 569-2972 www.fbc-detroit.org

**ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
 December 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 11:00 a.m. Worship: Christmas Pageant  
 Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve  
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
 "Candlelight Service"

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**Resurrection Parish**  
 48755 Warren Rd., Canton, MI 48187  
**734-451-0444**

Friday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Masses - 4:30 PM (Church);  
 4:30 PM (All Saints Catholic School Gym); 10:00 PM (Church)  
 Saturday, December 25th: Christmas Day - 10:30 AM  
 Sunday, December 26th: Feast of the Holy Family - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
 Friday, December 31st: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - 4:30 PM  
 Saturday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - 10:30 AM  
 Sunday, January 2nd: Solemnity of the Epiphany - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH!**

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**Lola Park Lutheran Church**  
 14750 Kinloch, Redford 48239  
 (313) 532-8655  
 lolaparklutheran.com  
 Rev. Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor  
**Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.**  
**Christmas Day Service 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.**  
 Radio Broadcast 10:30 a.m. Sunday  
 WLQV 1500 AM

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**PILGRIM Congregational Church**

Sunday Worship: 11:00am

**Christmas Eve Services**  
 Gift of Music - instrumental prelude  
 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship - 7:30 p.m.

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 Thursday at 12:10 p.m.

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**Christmas Worship**  
 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

2:00 p.m.  
 Traditional sanctuary service  
 including lessons, carols,  
 Holy Communion, a homily  
 and candle lighting.

4:00 p.m.  
 A worship service for  
 children younger than five  
 years old and their families

7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.  
 & 11:00 p.m.  
 Traditional services in  
 the sanctuary, featuring  
 beautiful music and a  
 Christmas Eve sermon.  
 At 7:00 PM, nursery  
 care is available for  
 children younger than  
 kindergarten age.

A family worship time led by  
 children in first through fifth  
 grades. Nursery care  
 provided for children two  
 years and younger.

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 Birmingham, MI  
 (248) 646-1200  
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**Christ the King Lutheran Church - ELCA**  
 www.ChristTheKingLivonia.com  
 9300 Farmington Road - Livonia, MI 48150  
 (734) 421-0749  
 The Rev. James L. Fogle, Pastor

**Christmas Eve Candlelight  
 Worship with Communion**  
 7:00 & 11:00 pm

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**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia 734.464.0211 www.holytrinitylivonia.org

**Christmas Eve**  
 5:00 pm Family Worship with Holy Communion  
 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
 10:30 pm Festival Prelude of Christmas Music  
 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

**Christmas Day 10:00 am Holy Communion**

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## FOOD

Sunday, December 19, 2010

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# Avoid the hosting blues

The entertaining season is here, and whether you're supporting your favorite team, or hosting your friends and family, it's easy to get stressed out with all the planning and preparation. A great way to avoid the hosting blues is to add a little spice to your get-togethers. Don't fall into the habit of serving the same-old boring small-talk and appetizers - keep things fun and fresh by shaking things up.

There's nothing wrong with go-to standards, but remember too much of anything can get old quick. Try these tips to "shake over" your party:

- An easy way to keep the conversation moving and exciting is to play a game. From a favorite board game to trivia contests or cards, there is a fun game for every party and crowd. Have your friends and family team up and compete against each other. Small prizes or gifts are a great way to acknowledge the winners and spice up the competition and entertainment.

- When considering your party menu, start with a few staples, like chips and dip, veggies, and cheese and crackers, and then spice it up a bit with something different. You can even kick up your party menu a notch with something new like Shake 'n Bake Crispy Buffalo. Cooking shouldn't be a chore when you're hosting friends and family, and Shake 'n Bake offers an easy snacking solution to jump start your party.

- A great way to spice up your party is to always be on the lookout for new and exciting recipes. Try a new recipe each time you host. From appetizers to entrees, there are a lot of different ways to kick things up a notch. And when time is on your side, look for recipes with short prep and 5 ingredients or less.

Need more ways to shake things up? Visit [www.shake-n-bake.com](http://www.shake-n-bake.com) to download discounts and find easy-to-prepare recipes that friends and family will love.

## BUFFALO CHICKEN WING SNACKERS

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 35 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

### What you need

1-1/2 pounds chicken wings, separated at the joint, tips removed.

1 packet Shake 'n Bake Buffalo Seasoned Coating Mix

1/2 cup Kraft Ranch Dressing

### Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

SHAKE chicken with coating

## BUFFALO CHICKEN EXPRESS SALAD

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Makes: 6 servings, 2 cups each

### What you need

1 pound chicken tenders, cut crosswise in half

1 packet Shake 'n Bake Buffalo Seasoned Coating Mix

1 package (10 ounces) torn salad greens

2 stalks celery, diagonally sliced

2 carrots, peeled, diagonally sliced

1/2 cup Kraft Light Ranch Dressing

1/2 cup Athenos Crumbled Blue Cheese

### Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

COAT chicken with coating mix

mix as directed on package.

BAKE in foil-lined pan 25 minutes or until chicken is done. Serve with dressing.

**Nutrition Information Per Serving** (8 servings): 250 calories, 16g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 45mg cholesterol, 570mg sodium, 11g carbohydrate, 0g dietary fiber, 4g sugars, 14g protein, 6%DV vitamin A, 0%DV vitamin C, 0%DV calcium, 4%DV iron.

as directed on package; place on foil-covered baking sheet.

BAKE 15 min. or until done.

COVER platter with greens; top with vegetables, dressing, chicken and cheese.

**Nutrition Information Per Serving:** 230 calories, 8g total fat, 2.5g saturated fat, 55mg cholesterol, 840mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 6g sugars, 18g protein, 90%DV vitamin A, 15%DV vitamin C, 8%DV calcium, 6%DV iron.

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# Festive flavors for the holidays

Updating holiday menus doesn't have to mean out with the old and in with the new. Having a bit of fun by mixing up seasonal flavors can reinvigorate comfortable family classics while still evoking cozy memories of holidays past.

This is good news for the eight out of 10 people who described their 2009 holiday meals as "predictable," according to the National Pork Board's "Holiday Table Trends 2010" survey. To help break free from holiday predictability, celebrity chef Michael Symon has created pork pairings inspired by the survey results.

"Pork's versatility makes it my first choice for holiday dinners," said Symon. "I can pair pork with sweet holiday favorites like cranberry and cinnamon - and explore unexpected flavors like chocolate - when recreating holiday classics."

The survey also found that chocolate was a top-rated festive flavor that many people would never consider pairing with pork. But Symon insists that mole, a savory Mexican sauce that incorporates chocolate, is a perfect pork pairing. He created this "Cider-and-Beer-Braised Pork with Chocolate Mole" recipe to show how pork's savory flavor can be enhanced by almost any holiday ingredient.

Chef Symon has created more holiday recipes, such as "Coriander and Cumin Roasted Rack of Pork with Five Spice Pumpkin Puree." For these recipes, a free brochure filled with tips, and videos for how to celebrate the season with pork, visit [www.TheOtherWhiteMeat.com](http://www.TheOtherWhiteMeat.com) and [facebook.com/TheOtherWhiteMeat](http://facebook.com/TheOtherWhiteMeat).

## CIDER-AND-BEER-BRAISED PORK WITH CHOCOLATE MOLE

8 servings

Prep time: 55 minutes

Cooking time: 2 hours

Chilling time: up to 24 hours (optional)

12 1/4-pound boneless pork shoulder rack (Boston Butt rack), exterior fat removed, cut into 1-inch cubes

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons canola OR olive oil

1 small onion, finely chopped

1/2 cup silversided almonds

1 large jalapeño chili, seeds removed and minced

1 clove garlic, minced

2 teaspoons whole coriander seed

2 teaspoons cumin seed

2 teaspoons smoked paprika

2 teaspoons ancho chile powder

16 ounces lager beer (2 cups)

2 cups pure pressed, pasteurized apple cider OR juice (not from concentrate)

3 ounces grated or very finely chopped Mexican chocolate\*

3 limes, juiced and zested

6 cups hot cooked rice

Pat pork cubes dry with paper towels; season with salt. Heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium-high heat in 5- to 6-quart heavy Dutch oven. Add half the pork. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally. Using slotted spoon, transfer pork to bowl. Brown remaining pork in remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Add all pork back to Dutch oven.

Stir in onion, almonds, jalapeño and garlic. Cook, uncovered, over medium-low heat for 5 to 7 minutes or until onion is crisp-tender and translucent.

Stir in coriander seed, cumin seed, smoked paprika and ancho chile powder; cook for 1 minute. Add beer and apple cider and bring to a simmer. Cover and gently simmer over medium-low or low heat for 2 hours.

If desired, cool mixture. Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 day. Spoon and discard fat from top of chilled mixture. Heat mixture over medium-high heat.

Stir in lime juice and zest, and chocolate into hot mixture. Serve over rice.

\* If Mexican chocolate is unavailable, use 3 ounces bittersweet chocolate plus 1 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon and 3 drops almond extract.

To Plate:

Spoon rice into shallow bowls and top with pork in mole sauce.

- Family Features

# Gluten-free holiday entertaining with almonds

For those living with celiac disease or gluten sensitivities, holiday eating - or entertaining - can be a tricky task. Fortunately, leading a gluten-free lifestyle doesn't have to mean sacrificing taste, versatility or the seasonal treats you crave each year. Almonds are an ideal solution for holiday entertaining because they are available in so many forms and functions - and they're always gluten free.

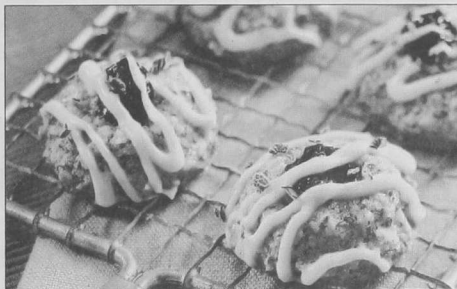
"Avoiding gluten during the holidays doesn't mean you have to feel deprived," says Shelley Case, registered dietitian and author of "The Gluten-Free Diet." "Almonds are naturally gluten free and delicious. With a little planning you can create dishes that everyone will enjoy."

Adding the allure of taste and texture from the various forms of almonds to your diet makes it easier and more satisfying to live without gluten. They're a perfect solution for the gluten-free diet because they provide important nutrients such as fiber (3.5 g), calcium (75 mg), iron (1.1 mg) and protein (6 g) that can be lacking in many other gluten-free foods. Plus, a one-ounce serving of almonds (about 23) has 13 grams of good unsaturated fats, just one gram of saturated fat, and is always cholesterol- and gluten-free. What's more, almonds offer 7.4 mg vitamin E, 0.3 mg of riboflavin and 1 mg of niacin.

Gluten-free flour alternatives are often complicated mixes of many different types of ingredient flours, but almond flour is the one simple component that is easy to use and gets great gluten-free baking results, says Case. It brings great consistency to breads, cakes and cookies and acts as an ideal thickening agent for almost any sauce. Chopped almonds make for an interesting culinary twist when used to coat chicken or fish, and whole natural almonds are the perfect snack to provide lasting energy when busy in the kitchen or on-the-go. And, for a nearly guilt-free gluten-free indulgence, dark-chocolate-covered almonds are always a holiday hit.

Whip up a batch of these Gluten Free Amaretti Sage Cookies and impress your guests with a holiday cookie that will please any palate.

For more gluten-free recipes and information, visit [www.AlmondBoard.com](http://www.AlmondBoard.com).



## GLUTEN-FREE AMARETTI COOKIES

Yield: 30 cookies

### Cookies:

2 cups California almonds, whole natural

1/2 cup sugar

5 egg whites

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

30 cherries, dried, whole

### Icing:

1 cup powdered sugar

6 tablespoons heavy cream

1/8 cup sage, minced, for garnish

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Using a blender or food processor,

grind almonds and sugar together

until mixture looks like coarse grits.

Set aside.

With an electric mixer, whip egg

whites and vanilla stiff peaks form.

Gently fold the almond and sugar

mixture into the egg whites until fully incorporated.

Transfer mixture to a pastry bag with large, round tip. On a parchment-lined greased baking sheet, apply cookies in 1-inch rounds roughly 3/4-inch apart. Press a whole dried cherry into the center of each cookie.

Place cookies in middle rack of oven and bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until golden brown. Remove from oven and place on a cooling rack.

For icing, whisk together powdered sugar and cream until smooth. When cooled, drizzle icing over each cookie followed by a sprinkling of the sage.

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## How To Answer: 'What Have You Been Doing Since You Were Laid Off?'

**Kaitlin Madden,**  
**CareerBuilder.com Writer**

When you first lost your job, you spent your time wallowing in your sorrows -- eating ice cream in your pajamas and watching Judge Judy all afternoon. Then your determination kicked in, and you decided to find a new job. You perused job boards, polished up your résumé, searched for old co-workers on LinkedIn -- and occasionally watched Judge Judy all afternoon.

While this may be the truth about what you've been doing since your last job ended, telling this to a recruiter probably won't be all that impressive. Though looking for a job is an admirable and necessary task for those out of work, telling a recruiter about your job search won't set you apart from the pack.

So how do you answer the "What have you been doing" question in an interesting, unique and truthful manner?

### Focus on activities you've been involved with

For example, if you have three kids, tell the recruiter how you've been able to serve as team parent for your child's soccer team since you have more free time. Or, if you've spent your extra time going to

the gym, talk about how you've been focusing on improving your health. These things show that you're making the best out of a less-than-ideal situation.

Activities like volunteering and part-time work can also yield transferable job skills. If you've been helping out a local charity with its online marketing efforts or putting in 20 hours a week as a part-time receptionist, relate the experience to the job you're applying for.

"There are tons of transferable skills that are gained from volunteer work and unpaid projects," says Susan Fletcher, psychologist and author of "Working in the Smart Zone." "Community involvement, events you've participated in or even been in charge of, volunteer boards you've served on and organizations you've been a member of provide a network and skill set similar to a paying job."

### Highlight self-improvement

Have you been reading up on your industry in an effort to stay current? Did you recently start a blog about your field or try your hand at consulting?

"Our chief technology officer

likes to ask people what they learned last month," says Daniel Ruby, research director at Chitka, an advertising company. "[Whether it be] a new coding language or a new database

structure -- keeping up on the latest emerging skill sets is a very good sign that this is someone we want to hire."

Showing an interviewer that you've been developing your skill set while unemployed demonstrates that you are motivated and interested in furthering your career and have a passion for your industry. "We've interviewed several people who were laid off and had been unemployed for a while," Ruby says. "Personally, I like to hear

about entrepreneurial ventures they've tried, whether it's building an ad-powered website, starting an online store, etc. Like many tech firms, we love seeing the entrepreneurial spirit in someone. If they started a company and failed, that's great, because they started a company and were actively working to control their own destiny."

### Lay the groundwork

You can't give an interesting answer to the question "What have you been doing since you were laid off?" if you haven't been doing anything interesting. Although it may be hard to concentrate on anything but finding a job, it shouldn't be your sole focus. Taking on volunteer activities, signing up for a class that will improve your skills, doing contract work or joining a job-search support group will not only help you keep your sanity while you're unemployed, but will also make you more attractive to potential employers.

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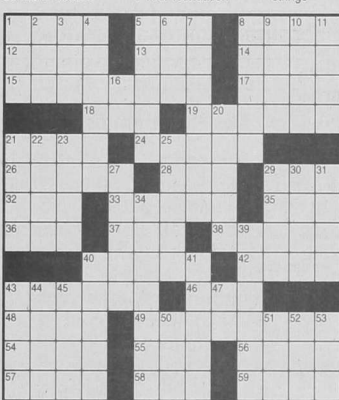
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- 56 Pavilion
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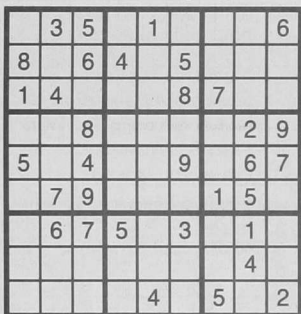
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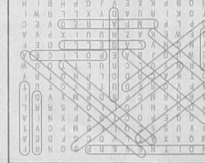
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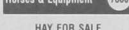
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The crew cab body style is popular among full-size pickup drivers because it features a useable cargo bed and a rear seat that's as roomy as those found on most SUVs.

A big drawback of these types of vehicles is that the bed is usually too short and they don't offer the enclosed security of an SUV's cargo area. The people at Chevrolet overcame these hurdles nine years ago in 2001 when introducing the Avalanche, which was last redesigned in 2007.

The Avalanche's flexibility allows it to function as an SUV, truck or both, thanks to the exclusive Midgate. The Midgate opens to extend the cargo-carrying capability from the cargo bed's 5-foot-3-inch-long length to 8 feet 2 inches. The rear seat must be folded to achieve maximum storage capability; with the rear seat up and the Midgate closed, Avalanche has room for up to six passengers.

When the Midgate is open and the rear seat is folded flat, the Avalanche can carry 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood with the tailgate closed.

Storage compartments alongside the cargo box provide lockable storage space. The storage compartments also have drains, so they can be filled with ice and used as coolers. A three-piece rigid cargo cover with interlocking panels also is available.

New for 2010 are a standard USB port that's there to play music in the cabin

through an mp3 player, a six-speed automatic transmission and a single speed transfer case for 4WD. The 1LT package comes with dual dual zone climate control, remote start, adjustable pedals and a heavy-duty locking rear differential.

The LS package features a composite cargo bed, a removable three-piece cargo cover, fully powered accessories, a front 40/20/40-split bench seat with center storage, cloth trim, a power driver seat with manual lumbar control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, a single-CD player with auxiliary jack, satellite radio and basic OnStar capability.

The LT is similar to the LS but has standard front bucket seats, rear audio controls and enhanced OnStar with turn-by-turn navigation.

Moving up to the LT2 package gives you dual-zone automatic climate control, leather upholstery, power-adjustable pedals, a six-CD changer, rear park assist and remote vehicle starting.

The LTZ package features the LT2's features, plus heated outside mirrors, upgraded power front seats, driver-seat memory and a Bose audio system with subwoofer.

The LTZ package has 20-inch wheels, chrome exterior accents, the Autoride adaptive suspension, heated windshield wiper fluid and rain-sensing wipers.

Depending on the trim level, other stand-alone or packaged options include a



The Chevrolet Avalanche continues to offer a level of capability not found in most vehicles. It can carry 4-foot by 8-foot sheets of plywood with the tailgate closed.

navigation system, the Z71 off-road suspension group, power running boards, an integrated rearview camera, rear-seat DVD entertainment and a The Avalanche is available with either rear-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive. All 2WD models come standard with a 5.3-liter V8 putting out 320 horsepower. Four-wheel-drive Avalanches are E85-capable and rated at 310 horsepower; this version of the 5.3-liter is optional on 2WD models. A larger 6.0-liter V8 delivering 366 horsepower is available.

A properly equipped 2WD Avalanche can tow up to 8,200 pounds.

The Avalanche fuel economy ratings are 15 miles per gallon in the city and 21 mpg on the highway on 2WD versions with the 5.3-liter engine. The 6.0-liter engine brings the numbers down to 12 city / 17 highway.

Standard safety equipment includes anti-lock disc brakes, stability control, GM's OnStar emergency communications system and a full-length side-curtain airbag system with a rollover sensor.

In government crash tests, the Avalanche earned a top five-star rating for protection of front occupants in head-on collisions.

The Avalanche's interior has flush-mounted accessories and controls, such as the climate control/radio center stack, creating a seamless, single unit appearance. There is almost no exposed metal hardware or latches, as all models feature enclosing

"close-outs" around the seat bottoms and door sill trim plates.

To ensure a quiet ride, noise-reducing components and materials are used throughout the Avalanche's body structure, including the headliner material, door seals and front-of-dash area. The engines also feature a quiet-tuned alternator and an acoustically tuned engine cover that reduces engine noise heard inside the vehicle.

The Autoride suspension system complements the engine quietness. This real-time damping system is intended to provide a refined ride with reduced body motion. The system responds accordingly to road and driving conditions, based on body and wheel motion sensors.

Similar crew cab designs are utilized in the General Motors Co. family on the Cadillac Escalade and Hummer H2. But the Avalanche is thousands of dollars cheaper and has a more practical use.

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**Chevrolet Avalanche**  
Vehicle class: Pickup truck.  
Power: V8 engine.  
Mileage: 15 city / 21 highway.  
Where built: Silao, Mexico.  
Price: \$35,725.

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