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### CONNECTION Fond farewell

Former Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, who retired late last year after 36 years of service, was honored Tuesday night by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

The board adopted a resolution honoring Rorabacher, who helped transform the fire department from one that



Rorabacher

offered basic service to one that provides, the community with Advanced Life Support. Rorabacher was recognized for leading what officials called an exceptional fire department.

Rorabacher also served in leadership roles with organizations such as the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs. He is the past president of that group.

Rorabacher, in a brief public address Tuesday, said it was difficult to leave his job, but he voiced confidence that new Fire Chief Tim Dunn and Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek "will do an excellent job" in delivering the level of service residents have come to expect.

In other developments, the board also honored Richard LeBlanc, who has retired after 22 years of service as a Canton reserve police officer. LeBlanc told local officials they can be confident that Canton has "the finest Public Safety Department you could want, period."

### First furlough

Residents looking to do business at Canton Township Hall won't be able to do it Friday.

That's because Friday is the first of 13 furlough days township officials put in place as a cost-cutting measure when putting together the township's 2011 budget.

Police and fire services and Summit on the Park programs will remain in place.

### Green and glam

Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique hosts a "Renew You" event to benefit First Step, the women's shelter for domestic violence.

The event is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the boutique, located at 42847 Ford Road (two doors down from Outback Steakhouse) in Canton. In-store specials will be available during extended store hours, 7:30-9 p.m. Among the benefits to visitors: mini-massages, aromatherapy, tips on relaxation, refreshments and access to motivational speakers and stylists.

Dr. Elizabeth Sisk from Integrative Health Chiropractic Center within Plymouth Wellness Center will lead the session on Motivation and Wellness, distressing and relaxing.

Reservations are recommended, and there's a \$5 donation. For more information, visit the boutique's web site at [www.greenandglam-boutique.com](http://www.greenandglam-boutique.com) or call (734) 404-6117.

## Shooting has Canton reviewing security

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton officials will review security measures at the township's police station and other administration offices after a gunman walked into Detroit's 6th Precinct and opened fire Sunday afternoon, injuring four officers before he was fatally shot by police.

"The Detroit thing has really opened up a lot of eyes," said Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek, who is heading up the review. "It did cause us to look at our operation."



Nemecek

State and national crime studies have often ranked Canton among the safest of communities of comparable size, but the Detroit incident, the Jan. 17 fatal shooting of a Livonia police officer and a rash of other gun-related incidents across the nation have left local officials keenly aware of the potential for violence anywhere.

"We think we're safe, but who would

have thought somebody would walk into the middle of a police station and start opening up?" Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Even though Canton prides itself as a safe community, he said, "we're not bulletproof."

Canton has long been a customer-friendly community where people can walk into the first floor of the police station and speak to front-desk officers or records bureau employees — none of whom are protected by any bullet-proof glass or other barrier as they work.

Similarly, employees elsewhere in the township complex, such as township clerk workers and the treasurer's office, work in large, unprotected areas just inside the main front doors to township hall.

"We're looking at the way we do business," Nemecek said. "We're going to develop a list of options from doing nothing to the most extreme."

Authorities plan to gather cost estimates on security measures ranging up to installing bulletproof glass,

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Heidi Rautiola and her 16-month-old daughter, Cierra, shop at Holiday Market in Canton. Holiday Market owner John Pardington supports Gov. Snyder's plan to end item pricing.

## Local grocers support Snyder's item-pricing plan

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Grocers in Canton and Plymouth support an end to a Michigan law that forces retailers to put price stickers on almost every item they sell, saying the change proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder would trim costs and usher in savings for consumers.



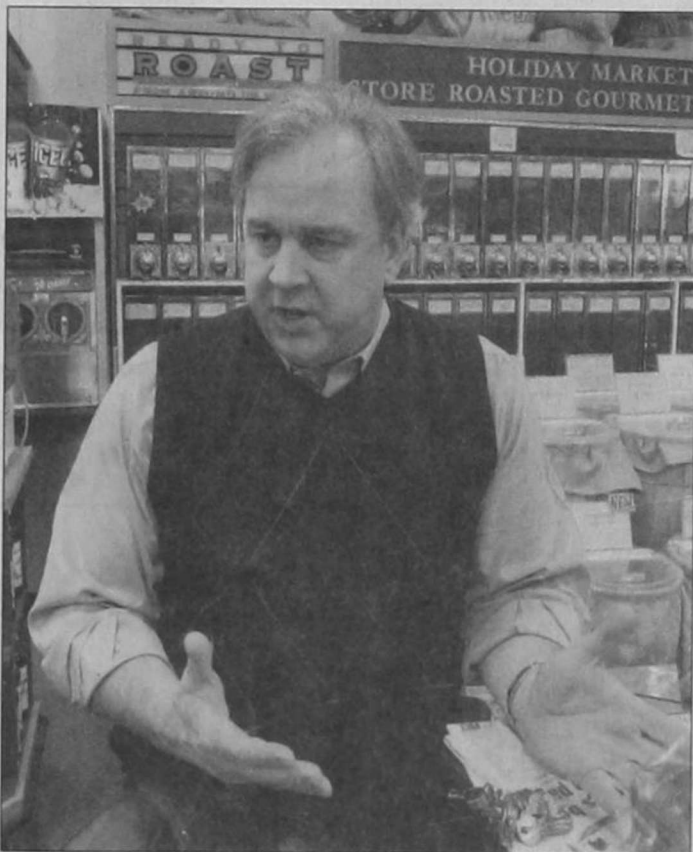
Olive oil packed by Holiday Market.

Lilley south of Cherry Hill in Canton.

But shoppers appear divided over the proposal, and some said the state's strict item-pricing law helps ensure they aren't paying inflated prices at the cash register.

Though some skeptics fear the change would lead to employee layoffs, Pardington said he could divert workers from tedious pricing to more productive work such as keeping shelves better stocked, cleaning the store more often and improving

"I'm delighted to see we've got politicians who are starting to get practical," said John Pardington, who owns Holiday Market on



John Pardington talks about the effects of a possible repeal of the item-pricing laws.

product displays.

"My goal is not to cut staff. My employees are like my family," he said, adding later, "There's not a chance in a million years I would look at this as a way to cut labor."

Pardington said revenue is the sole driving force that

prompts him to adjust his workforce — employees work more hours when profits are up, but their schedules can be trimmed amid a downturn. Still, he conceded some large chains might view an end to

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## Foundation reaches scholarship milestone

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After a two-decade stint helping students afford college, the Canton Community Foundation will reach a major milestone this year when it awards its latest round of education grants.

"It will be over \$500,000 we've given when we award this group of scholarships," foundation President Joan Noricks said Monday.

Early on, most scholarships came from foundation money, but over the years local companies and families have decided to become donors and join the effort, which has become even more critical for college-bound students whose families have faced economic difficulties. Companies ranging from Jack Demmer Ford to Yazaki North America contribute to the scholarship program alongside local families who, in many cases, donate in memory of deceased loved ones.

As the foundation embarks on its third decade, it has announced that high school and college students may now apply for financial help through the annual education grant program.

The foundation plans to offer 22 scholarships totaling more than \$20,000 for the 2011-12 academic years — money that comes from the foundation and a variety of donors.

Students who want to seek help can find applications

online at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) or by sending an e-mail to [info@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:info@cantonfoundation.org). The forms and all accompanying paperwork are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 18, at foundation offices, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, just northwest of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Canton's west side.

More information also is available by calling (734) 495-1200.

Here's a snapshot of what's available:

- The \$1,000 Canton Community Foundation Scholarship, open to all students for any school with any major.

- Two scholarships — \$1,000 each — from the Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University Scholarship. It's for students who plan to attend — or who are attending — EMU.

- One \$500 Canton Community Foundation Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship, open to all students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who plan to attend — or already are attending — a Christian college or university. They can be enrolled in any major, but they have to document at least 50 hours of community service.

- Two scholarships — \$500 each — from the Canton Community Foundation/

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## Hope 4 Healing Hearts hosts special program

The correctional ministries director for the Eastern Michigan Division and social services case-worker for the Salvation Army will be the guest speaker at a program hosted by Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc.

Envoy Johnson will speak about "Missing Loved Ones and Surviving Holidays" Monday, Feb. 14. The presentation will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 366660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

The program is open to the public and is designed for anyone who has lost a loved one to the prison system.

Johnson earned his associate's degree in theology from the Assemblies of God Bible College in England. He currently is a member of the American Correctional Association, American Protestant Chaplains Association and Chaplains Advisory Council for the State of Michigan. He also is the director of Camp Discovery, a camp for chil-

dren ages 8-12 who have at least one parent who is incarcerated.

Johnson has been with the Correctional Ministries of the Salvation Army and for 10 years with 10 state prisons, two federal prisons and two transitional houses in Cheboygan. He recently developed and is now teaching Life Skills, a program designed to prepare inmates who are within six-12 months of release so they can transition back into society.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts provides a safe environment for group support through education, financial information, emotional guidance and spiritual assistance and allow families who are victim to shame, embarrassment and pain because of a loved one in prison, an opportunity to heal.

The group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at Kirk of Our Savior Church. For more information, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at [bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com](mailto:bonnie@hope-4healinghearts.com).

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

### Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at her upcoming coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

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

### Valentine gala

Looking for a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with that special loved one? The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the place to be for "All You Need Is Love: A Valentine's Gala To Benefit The Village Theater at Cherry Hill" on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The celebration kicks off with a reception at 6:30 p.m. featuring hors d'oeuvres and fine art activities such as

body art, face painting and art demonstrations on three easels. Special spiked as well as non-alcoholic versions of love potion punch are included with the ticket. A cash bar will also be available for those 21 and older. The fun continues with bidding on unforgettable items in the silent auction followed by a one-of-a-kind show at 8 p.m. featuring a variety of acts from over 10 local arts group who LOVE what they do.

Featured entertainment includes five-minute performances from Canton Concert Band; The Comic Opera Guild; D&M Art Studio; Forever After Productions; Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra; Spotlight Players; Village Theater Ushers; and Village Voices.

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under and can be purchased online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

### Open house

Plymouth Christian Preschool and Plymouth Christian Academy will host an open house for prospective families 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents can meet the teachers, explore the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Check the website at [www.plymouthchristian.org](http://www.plymouthchristian.org) for more information on academ-

## AROUND CANTON



### Helping the Elks

As part of their ongoing dedication to public service efforts, Plymouth-Canton High School Girl Scouts from Troop #501 helped wrap 850 Christmas packages, destined for military veterans in the Detroit area and across southeast Michigan. The Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts helped members of Elks Lodge #1780 to bring some holiday cheer to these homeless and hospitalized veterans. Serving as Scout leader for Troop #501 are Sue Emens, Tina Porcari and Jean Fitzpatrick. Scouts pictured include Megan (kneeling left), Shannon, Stacey, Jamie and Stephanie (kneeling right).

ic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

### Fish fry

Monaghan Knights of Columbus host a Fish Fry every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at 19801 Farmington Road (between 7 and 8 Mile roads) in Livonia.

Cost is \$8.95 per person. For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

### Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011ApplicationScholarRotary.pdf>

### Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011Damarisaward.pdf>

### Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation

of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions carefully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.

### Blues performance

Legendary blues singer Ann Rabson is scheduled to perform her infectious blend of jazz and blues at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Saturday, Jan. 29. Smokin' Sledgdog Records presents his multi-talented artist, who will take the stage at 8 p.m. performing vocals, guitar and piano.

Playing and singing the blues professionally since 1962, Rabson was nominated in 2009 for a Blues Music Award, formerly the W.C. Handy Award, as Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year. She has also been nominated eight times for Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year. Her first solo album, Music Makin' Mama, was nominated as Album of the Year in both the Traditional Blues and Acoustic Blues categories, and her composition Elevator Man was nominated as Song of the Year.

Tickets to this dynamic show are \$20 per person, reserved seating, and can be purchased online at [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

### Genealogy workshop

On Saturday, March 5, the Plymouth Historical Museum will hold the first in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their 19th-century American ancestors.

The workshops all contain topics relating to Civil War era research, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The first workshop features Curt Witcher, a popular genealogical lecturer on the local, state, and national level. He is the Genealogy Center Manager of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Ind.

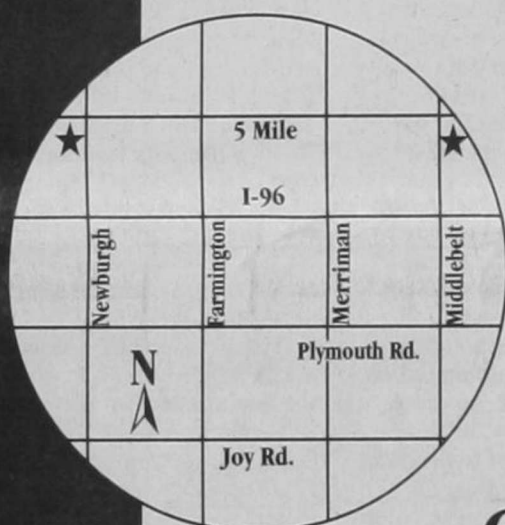
The workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 3:30 p.m. The \$50 fee includes the four lectures, lunch, and the option of touring the Museum's special exhibit, "Rediscovering the Civil War," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at [www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html).

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.



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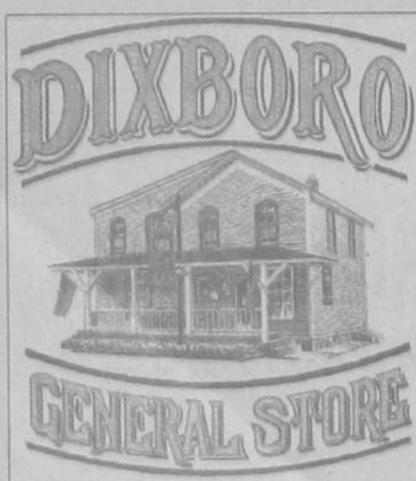
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# Foundation kicks off annuity initiative

The Canton Community Foundation has kicked off a charitable gift annuity program to allow philanthropic individuals and families to leave a legacy to their favorite charitable cause.

"No other community foundation in the country is offering this kind of giving vehicle without requiring that the residual proceeds return to the foundation," said Joan Noricks, foundation president.

A charitable gift annuity allows a donor to leave a legacy, while receiving lifetime income and a significant charitable tax deduction, Noricks said.

The foundation offers the charitable gift annuity (CGA) program to individuals, nonprofit organizations and professional financial advisors, estate planners and attorneys whose clients may benefit.

The foundation unveiled the program at its inaugural quarterly Lunch & Learn edu-

cational and networking program earlier this month.

The CGA program allows nonprofits to create a long-term planned giving program that can help ensure the organization's future financial health. A charitable gift annuity allows the organization's donors to support their favorite charity beyond their lifetimes.

Canton resident Bee Friedlander, managing director of the Ann Arbor-based charitable Animals and Society Institute, is one of the first to take advantage of the foundation's program.

"The Canton Community Foundation's charitable gift program couldn't have come at a better time for the Animals and Society Institute," Friedlander said. "This year we are ramping up our planned giving efforts, and thanks to the community foundation, we are now able to offer our donors charitable

gift annuities as an option. For a small nonprofit, this is a big deal."

A charitable gift annuity is a contract in which a charity agrees to pay a fixed sum of money for a period of time — whether for one or two people, such as a married couple — in return for a transfer of cash or other property to the charity.

"This is one of the easiest ways for donors and nonprofits to have a win-win," Noricks said. "As we have talked to different nonprofits, they want to be involved with a planned giving program, but don't have the technical financial expertise. Our foundation board determined it is important that we make our local nonprofits sustainable."

For more information about the Canton Community Foundation, visit its Web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org), call (734) 495-1200 or send an e-mail to [info@cantonfoundation.org](mailto:info@cantonfoundation.org).



DICK SWISHER

Members of the nonprofit Christmas in Action accepted a \$2,000 donation from employees of the Novi-based Best Buy. Addressing township officials is Best Buy employee Katie Sparks.

## Nonprofit gets \$2K Best Buy boost

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every April in Canton, Christmas comes early for elderly and disabled residents who need home repairs but who can't do it themselves or afford to hire workers.

This year will be no different as volunteers from the Canton-based Christmas in Action program fan out across the township, using donations of materials and money from people and corporations to bring smiles to select homeowners in need.

It happens the last Saturday in April, and this year's effort received a boost Tuesday night as employees of the Novi-based Best Buy handed over a \$2,000 check to the nonprofit Christmas in Action program's president, Jim Cisek, during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Cisek welcomed the dona-

tion, saying Christmas in Action relies on volunteers and some \$40,000 in donated materials and money every year to fix crumbling driveways, repair sagging fences, remove dying trees and make other repairs for elderly and disabled residents.

"The more donations we get, the more work we can do," he said.

Christmas in Action made repairs to 61 homes during its first six outings — a number set to grow in April as volunteers pick up rakes, shovels and other tools and go to work.

Last year, some 250 volunteers made repairs to 11 homes, and Katie Sparks, a home theater sales associate with Best Buy in Novi, said employees from that store were among those who helped out.

"It's a great program," she said.

Sparks and other Best Buy employees attended Tuesday's meeting to ceremoniously hand over the \$2,000 check to Christmas in Action. Sparks lauded a program she said allows volunteers to "put others first."

Christmas in Action draws volunteers from students to retirees, and officials have said the need has grown in recent years as an economic downturn has made it even more difficult for elderly and disabled homeowners to get the help they need.

Cisek said anyone who is willing to make tax-deductible donations to the program may make checks payable to Christmas in Action of Wayne County and send them to one of the board members, Paula Kosby, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, MI, 48188.

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## SCHOLARSHIP

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Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarship, available to students who are attending or plan to attend Schoolcraft.

- One \$500 Canton Community Foundation/University of Michigan-Dearborn Scholarship. Students who attend or plan to attend the university may apply if they have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- One \$1,000 scholarship from Jack Demmer Ford, open to all students with any major at any school.

- One \$500 Denski Family Scholarship. Graduating senior cheerleaders from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools may apply for help to any college or any university as long as they plan to attend full time. However, they must document 40 hours of community service and have a letter of recommendation from their coach.

- One \$500 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choir Boosters Darlene

Symons Memorial Scholarship. It's available to P-CEP graduating seniors who plan to pursue a music or music-related major.

Applicants must have a minimum of two years in a P-CEP choir program.

- One \$750 Dustin Piepsney Memorial Scholarship Fund, open to graduating senior wrestlers who plan to attend any college of university and who have a letter of recommendation from their coach.

- One \$300 Marvin Schultz Memorial Scholarship. Students who attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor may apply.

- Three scholarships from the Dr. Syed Taj Family — \$500 each for a graduating senior from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Applicants may attend any school with any major. Taj is a member of the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

- One \$500 Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Scholarship, open to female students majoring in business at any college of university.

Meanwhile, the following

scholarships are available to Canton residents only:

- Two \$500 Canton Business & Professional Women Scholarships, available only to women who are returning to work and need additional training or who already have begun a course of study at any university or college, completing at least three credit hours. Part-time students may apply.

- One \$500 Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship, available to applicants who are nontraditional students attending college in Michigan.

- One \$500 Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship, open to all Youth Leadership Canton graduates.

- Two \$2,000 Yazaki North America Inc. scholarships. Applicants must be high school seniors who are accepted to a Michigan college or university in a technical- or science-based curriculum. One male and one female will be selected. This scholarship is renewable for four years by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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## CRIME WATCH

## Snowplow swiped

**1**A manager for Canterbury Mews Cooperative on Canterbury Circle, northeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty, contacted police after a snowplow was stolen from the front of a truck sometime prior to 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

The manager also told police the controls to the snowplow had been stolen from inside the truck after someone broke out a window.

The snowplow had been parked outside the cooperative's maintenance garage. An investigation has led police to believe that two white male suspects unhooked the plow from the truck, placed it in another truck and drove off with it.

The investigation was continuing.

## Pizza prank

**2**An employee of Cottage Inn Pizza on Michigan Avenue west of Morton Taylor told police a caller placed an order for 12 pizzas totaling \$155.77, but a worker who made the delivery was told the call was bogus.

The incident happened about 1:10 p.m. Monday.

The incident remained under investigation. A police investigation led authorities to a former worker who had been fired a week earlier. He was told he needed to pay the tab or charges would be filed.

## Gas guzzler

**3**A clerk at the Mobil gas station on Warren at Sheldon notified police after a driver fled after pumping \$20.41 in gasoline at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The clerk told police he ran from the store to try to confront the driver but couldn't



catch him as he drove off. He said the motorist was driving a white box truck with orange and blue lettering on the side.

## Deer hurt

**4**A Canton police officer had to shoot and kill a deer after it was hit and injured by a car around 8:45 p.m. Saturday on Sheldon at Dionne, south of Palmer.

An officer on patrol saw the injured deer trying to stand up in the roadway after it had been hit. The deer had broken legs and was bleeding. The officer notified dispatch of the incident, shot the deer, removed it from the road and contacted Wayne County to dispose of it.

## Tires taken

**5**A man told police the tires and rims were stolen from his 2010 Dodge van while it was parked in the 6000 block

of Sheldon, north of Ford, for a two-week period ending at 8:40 a.m. Saturday.

The man told police he had been out of town and returned to discover the theft. The van had been set on pieces of wood when the tires and rims were stolen.

## Assault and battery

**6**Canton police ticketed a woman for assault and battery following an incident that happened about 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ross Medical Education Center, off Ford Road east of Canton Center.

A school employee told police she called two female students to her office after they had a disagreement, but as they tried to resolve their issues a fight erupted.

The female employee tried to get between the two women and was stuck in the face and hit with a set of keys that had been thrown, a police report

said.

The employee received assistance from other employees until police arrived to resolve the situation. One woman allegedly admitted she grabbed another woman by the neck and face, then pushed her. However, she said her actions were in response to punches to her.

## Tire slashed

**7**A man who lives in the 46600 block of Oak Manor Court West, southeast of Warren and Beck, contacted police after someone slashed a tire of his 2003 Toyota Corolla.

The incident happened between 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. last Thursday, but the man said a similar incident had happened in mid-December.

The man told police he believes someone is intentionally slashing his tires, though he said he has good relations with his neighbors.

## Copper copped

**8**Canton police went to a vacant home in the 650 block of Worthington, southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz, following reports that copper had been stolen from a basement of the Fanny Mae-owned property.

The theft occurred sometime prior to the morning of Jan. 19, according to a police report.

Canton police have said reports of copper theft, particularly from vacant or foreclosed homes, have been on the increase in recent months, and authorities have urged neighbors to watch for any suspicious activity and to report it.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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## Detroit man charged in credit card fraud

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Odum

chases of items such as gift cards, clothing and electronics from Dec. 30 through Jan. 7, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

A Detroit man accused of identity theft has been charged amid accusations by Canton police he used a fraudulent credit card to make thousands of dollars in illegal purchases at the Canton Meijer store.

Kyle Teron Odum, 26, faces a hearing Friday in 35th District Court to determine if he should stand trial for five counts of identity theft and two counts of using a fraudulent financial transaction device, or credit card.

Odum was arraigned over the weekend and jailed with a \$25,000 cash bond, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said, as a preliminary examination looms Friday to determine if Odum should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison. Identity theft also carries fines of \$25,000, while using a fraudulent credit card can bring fines of \$5,000.

Canton police arrested Odum after he emerged as a suspect for fraudulent pur-

chases of items such as gift cards, clothing and electronics from Dec. 30 through Jan. 7, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

"His name appears on the credit card," Schreiner said, but authorities have alleged the magnetic strip contained someone else's personal information.

Identity theft charges against Odum stem from alleged fraudulent purchases made in just over a one-week period at the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center roads.

Schreiner credited Detective Brian Schultz — who has investigated numerous cases involving fraud and computer crimes — with uncovering information that led to Odum's arrest.

"It's great police work by a detective who did the best he could to solve a case," Schreiner said.

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## SECURITY

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though Nemecek said no decision has been made about what, if any, steps will be taken.

Officials also will consider whether changes should be implemented requiring people to sign in or receive a visitor's pass before they are allowed to enter places such as the police station.

"We're going to look at all that," Nemecek said. "It's something we're going to look at seriously."

Certain security mea-

sures could mean employees "would lose a little bit of that connection" with the public, he said, but recent shootings and heightened concerns about security have prompted the internal review.

"No decisions have been made," Nemecek said. "It's very early in the process."

Officials couldn't say when any potential security measures might be implemented.

"We're going to do a needs assessment to see what we need to do," LaJoy said. "We want to make sure we have a safe complex."

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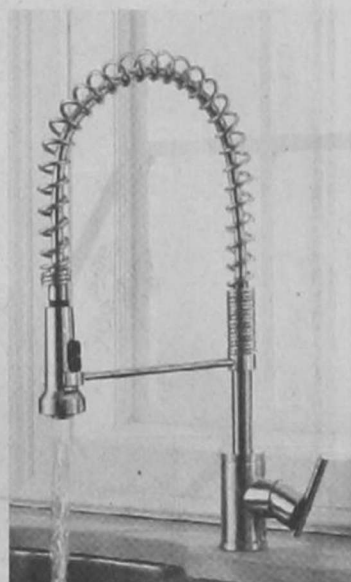
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# Planners cite 'huge, huge success' of ice festival

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a projected budget shortfall, city officials and organizers of the Plymouth Ice Festival are carving another notch in their list of successes.

The 29th annual ice festival, with sculptures and activities spread over a wider area, interactive events around downtown Plymouth and newer features like the "fire and ice" sculpture and the Dueling Chainsaws competition, drew thousands of people to the city over the weekend.

"Huge, huge success," said Sam Walton, whose Signature Professional Group produced the nonprofit show. "Everybody had just an amazing time. We had a great crowd. The weather obviously cooperated this year."

Walton estimated this year's festival brought about 125,000 people to Plymouth.

"There were a lot of people in town," said Steve Alexandrowski, vice president of the ice festival board. "The sculptures looked great and the other events were a big draw."

Those interactive extras included live music, Saturday and Sunday, on both Forest and Penniman; a petting farm and pony rides for children; a scavenger hunt; a snow hill on Ann Arbor Trail; and winter sports demonstrations by personnel from Sun & Snow, the sporting goods store. The Dueling Chainsaws, in its second year, was also popular; the crowd's favorite carver was Martin Folk.

"It's remarkable what these carvers can do in 10 minutes with a block of ice," Walton said.

Alexandrowski said the interactive events are important if the ice festival is to stay fresh.

"I think the ice has to be the primary part of the festival, but the other attractions are



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Kellogg Park was full of ice, carvers, and visitors to the 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival last weekend.



Four-year-old Yohnathan Rappoport watches ice carvers in Kellogg Park. Yohnathan's family is in the United States for two years. His dad, Tal Rappoport, said they're from Haifa, Israel, where the winter's cold temperatures are about 60 degrees.

also very important to making this a family friendly event," he said.

Walton said the "fire and ice sculpture," with a torch that was lighted as the festival formally got under way, also turned out to be quite popular, casting its light among the other sculptures in Kellogg Park. The 12-foot sculpture had a torch, with about a 10-foot flame, that burned for over an hour, he said. The piece was by Aaron Costic, a professional carver from Broadview Heights, Ohio.

"It's going to become an annual thing," Walton said. "I think we've hit on something special here."

Finances were off a bit, said

Walton, who had set a fund-raising goal of \$85,000. He hadn't finished collections Wednesday, but Walton estimated the total will be about 10 percent off.

"Obviously it's a little disappointing, especially when sponsors cancel at the last minute," he said.

Signature's fee is 25 percent of what's collected, and Walton's company is the last to be paid, meaning the fee is lower if fund-raising is off.

Alexandrowski said the economic climate for such events remains tough, with the disappearance of some of the big corporate sponsors that used to routinely hand out \$20,000 checks. "It remains a very difficult environment to get large donations," he said.

Walton, who produced his first ice festival last year under a one-year contract, recently renewed that contract for another four years, through the 2014 festival.

City Manager Paul Sincok said there were no major problems on the city's end, and that downtown streets were closed to vehicular traffic during the festival's peak, because of the crowds, both Saturday and Sunday.

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## PRICING

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item pricing as a way to cut workers.

Retailers say placing one price tag along a shelf rather than putting stickers on every item still would let consumers know what they're paying, but Holiday Market shopper Vicky Schembri of Canton opposes the change because she likes to match individually priced items with her store receipt after she brings her groceries home.

"I like to see the price on the items," she said.

Garrit Winters, manager of Busch's Fresh Food Market on Sheldon in Plymouth, said an end to item pricing could help consumers save money because retailers would spend less on supplies such as price stickers and marking guns.

"I actually think it's an excellent idea," Winters said. "It would mean a reduction in cost that could be passed on in savings to customers."

Winters, like Pardington, said he doesn't perceive the proposed law change as a way to trim his workforce.

"We have no intention of laying anyone off because of the item-pricing act," he said. "We always want to take care of our customers, no matter what."

In 2006, Walmart paid the state of Michigan \$780,000 to settle a claim that the giant chain had failed — repeatedly — to follow the item-pricing law in its stores. Snyder, in his State of the State address last week, called the nation's strictest item-pricing law "bad for business and bad for consumers."

Retailers say they aren't trying to pick the pockets of consumers by supporting an end to item pricing. Winters said it's simply an antiquated system that is wasteful and needs abolishing. "It would get a monkey off our back," he said. "I could put my employees in other areas of the store such as the deli or the dairy or up front toward the service departments."

Winters said he believes Snyder "is heading in the right direction" by proposing the change.

Over at Holiday Market, regular customer Joe Garrett,



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Vicky Schembri is a regular shopper at Holiday Market.

84, said he supports an end to item pricing.

"I think it's a good idea. It saves money," Garrett said. "We can look on the shelf to see the price."

Nearby, shopper Heidi Rautiola paused with 16-month-old daughter Cierra when asked for her thoughts on an end to price stickers on all items.

"I think it does make sense for businesses, but for the customers we rely on them," Rautiola said. "Every business has things they have to budget for. I think we should keep it."

Snyder, meanwhile, will be

working with a Republican-controlled Legislature that some say could be receptive to repealing a law that dates back to the 1970s, though some groups fear changing the law could have a chilling effect on workers.

Past attempts to strike down item pricing have failed, raising questions about whether Snyder's proposal will succeed or fail.

Regardless of the outcome, Pardington lauded Snyder for his proposal — so much so, he said, "I would invite Gov. Snyder to Holiday Market for a cup of coffee."

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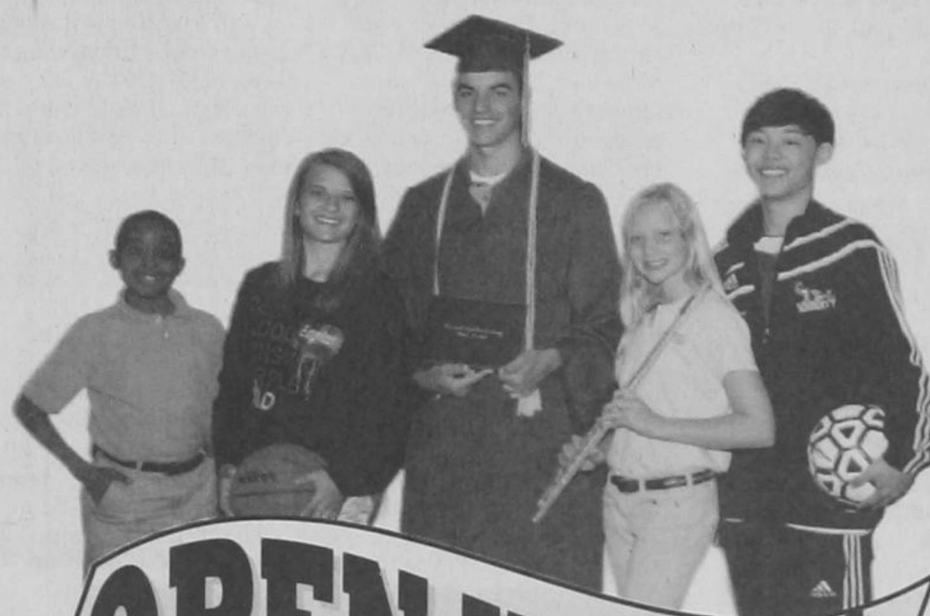
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## CHAMBER CHAT



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The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the semi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Summit on the Park.

### Strategies of success

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors its Strategies of Success series, "Greening Your Business," 7:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Summit on the Park.

Speakers include Lori Sullivan, an Eco-Coach who helps clients become "one shade greener," and Bill Clemens, manager of DTE's Commercial and Industrial Energy Optimization Department.

Cost is \$15 for chamber members and Canton businesses, and \$25 for non-members and non-Canton businesses.

### First Friday

The Canton Chamber's First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the chamber office. It's an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. The event is limited to 10 separate businesses plus the sponsors. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail [admin@cantonchamber.com](mailto:admin@cantonchamber.com).

### Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the bi-annual Consumer Expo Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encour-

age the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features more than 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc. and Molly Maid.

### February luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its February Networking Luncheon Feb. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) or \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

February's luncheon will feature guest speaker Mike Mosallam, Director of Film Initiatives for Wayne County. Mosallam has worked in almost every aspect of the entertainment industry. He has worked in venues

from the Kennedy Center to Symphony Hall, on major studio and Independent projects in a range of roles, and was on the Comedy Central show, "The Watch List." He was an associate casting director for the 2009 Sundance Film Festival hit, *Amreeka*, and recently won rave reviews for his role as Daniel in the new show *The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A romantic comedy*.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Mosallam speak at our chamber luncheon," said chamber President Tracey Rettig.

February's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Bovitz, C.P.A., PC and TDS Metrocom. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

### Home improvement

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its first-ever Home Improvement Show on Saturday, March 26, at Churchill High School, Livonia.

The daylong event will give homeowners ideas and easy access to experts as they research projects for their home.

The chamber is now taking reservations for display space in the show from landscapers, electricians, carpenters, financing consultants, plumbers and other home improvement experts. Prices range from \$100-\$250.

For more details, contact the chamber at (734) 427-2122 or [toppa@livonia.org](mailto:toppa@livonia.org).

## Credit union wins literacy award

Community Financial Credit Union received the Alphonse Desjardins Award in honor of their leadership role in supporting youth financial literacy through their student-run credit union program.

Administered by Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), the award honors Desjardins a credit union pioneer of youth savings programs.

Angie Hall, a representative from the MCUL, made the presentation to Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, and Bill Lawton, Community

Financial CEO.

"We are very fortunate to have credit unions like Community Financial working in partnership with local schools to provide a hands-on way to help teach young people important money management skills," Hall said.

The award presentation was held at the Canton Charter Academy, one of Community Financial's newest school partners. Community Financial's Board Chairman Al Berrie said, "The experience that these students receive through our student-run credit union teaches them the value of fiscal responsibility and helps prepare them for the future."

McLaughlin said, "We are thrilled to be providing our program to both the elementary and middle school students at CCA, and it was wonderful that they could help us celebrate this special recognition."

Community Financial operates a total of 35 student-run credit unions, provides classroom presentations to over 12,000 students annually, and offers no cost seminars on a variety of topics geared to assisting people with the challenges in managing credit and debt.

For more information, visit the credit union website at [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.



(Back center left to right), MCUL representative Angie Hall presents the Alphonse Desjardins Award to Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator; Bill Lawton, Community Financial's CEO and Community Financial's Board Chairman Al Berrie. Taking part in the presentation held at the Canton Charter Academy is the (back far right) Jim Markey, Dean of CCA's Middle School and student volunteers from the student-run credit union program sponsored by Community Financial.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Blue Cross board

Blue Care Network of Michigan members elected six of their peers to represent the HMO's four regions on the company's board of directors.

The six, who constitute one-third of the board, will serve three-year terms, starting Jan. 1, 2011. Five of the six are incumbents who served previously on the board. The Southeast Region has three representatives. The other three regions have one representative each.

James R. Dietz, Janet Harden, R.N., Ph.D., and Diana Watson will continue to represent the Southeast Region on the board.

A consultant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Detroit, James Dietz, a Canton resident, was its chief division counsel before retiring in 2008. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

A registered nurse for more than 30 years and a Livonia resident, Janet Harden is on the nursing faculty at Wayne State University and is part of the critical care unit of Botsford Hospital. She has been a member of the BCN

board since 2004.

"We're grateful to our board representatives for their dedicated efforts. They've helped us make Blue Care Network a better health plan for its members. We'll continue to draw on the expertise and experience of these individuals as we fashion policy for the future," said Kevin Klobucar, BCN president and chief executive officer.

### Film deadline

PSA deadlines for the Meijer Great Choices Film Festival is fast approaching for many Michigan high school students. The first early-bird deadline is Jan. 14, with a \$5 registration fee. The final deadline is Feb. 11; however, the registration fee is increased to \$10. Students and their teachers can download registration materials and guidelines at [www.meijergreatchoices.com](http://www.meijergreatchoices.com).

This past fall Chemical Bank joined Meijer, Inc., The Meijer Foundation, M.E. Davenport Foundation, The Van Singel Fine Arts Center and Celebration Cinema, as a sponsor of the third annual Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival, offered exclusively for Michigan high school students.

For complete details, guidelines for the Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival, registration information, or to view the 2010 winning PSA's, go to [www.meijergreatchoices.com](http://www.meijergreatchoices.com).

The PSA video competition is designed for Michigan high school student film makers and audio/video students to showcase their creative talent in a/v communications. Participants must submit a 30-second Public Service Announcement promoting positive choices in the areas of Character Education, Healthy Lifestyles, and/or Celebrating Diversity. There are two different audiences that the A/V students target in their PSA's: Kindergarten through 6th or 7th through 12th grades.

More than \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a VIP ceremony and reception tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids. The winning PSA's in each category will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to approximately 4,250 schools across the state as tools for their Character Education, Health Education and Diversity programs.

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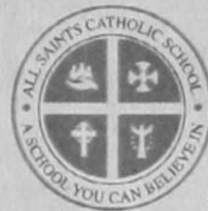
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2011 PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL

# Love on ice

## Festival perfect spot for wedding proposal

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ty Sasena of Plymouth had been searching for a memorable way to propose to his girlfriend, Amber Nogiec of Riverview. They've been together more than four years, and Sasena wanted to make the moment special. Luckily for Sasena, the 2011 Plymouth Ice Festival provided just the backdrop. That thought occurred to Sasena Wednesday night, just a few days before the festival was to open. The problem, as he saw it, was the timing. "I'd been ring shopping for the past

few weeks and trying to think of the best way," Sasena said. "I had the idea to do it (Saturday) but I thought it might be too late to have anyone make (the sculpture)." He needn't have worried. The following day, Sasena visited local ice-sculpting world champion Tajana Raukar's Ice Dreams and ordered the sculpture. The sculpture was delivered to the Sasena Ann Arbor Trail home, just six doors down from downtown Plymouth, on Saturday, hidden where Nogiec couldn't see it. While Sasena took Nogiec down the street to visit the festival, his family set scene, moving the sculpture to the front yard. On their way home, Sasena texted

his mother that they were on their way. As the couple approached the house, his mother, Lori Sasena, flipped the switch on a spotlight, bathing the sculpture in light. Sasena dropped to a knee and popped the question. "My parents set it all up, and switched the light on when we got there," Sasena said. "She just screamed, she was shocked." "He proposed on one knee, and she just screamed," Lori Sasena said. "It was so sweet!"

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Ty Sasena of Plymouth used the Plymouth Ice Festival as the romantic backdrop for his wedding proposal to longtime girlfriend Amber Nogiec of Riverview.



Cindy Folden and William Johnson traveled from their Melvindale home to see Plymouth Ice Festival sculptures in Kellogg Park.



Oakland Community College ice carver Adam Curry, who lives in Clarkston, battles the ice and the elements during the Plymouth Ice Festival.



Local carving legend Ted Wakar of Canton works on a Forest Avenue sculpture.



Steve Pavlochak and 7-year-old Gracie Donahee are a couple of chilly penguins, posing for a photo taken by Gracie's mom, Karin Donahee.



Chris Canas, Doug Wolgat, Harry Rodman and Phil Ryski (not pictured) are the Bluescasters, and their smokin' blues warmed up a chilly Penniman Avenue.



A Tyrannosaurus keeps an eye on the ice festival crowd.



Chris Kurtz carves an angel fish sculpture. He's a member of Oakland Community College Ice Carving Team.



Oakland Community College sculptor Aaron Whitten works on his dinosaur sculpture. He's from South Lyon.



# Roll models

## Club gets kids glued to 'old school' hobby

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Bob Blevins was a kid, there weren't computers, Xbox 360s, Playstations, the Wii, iPods or even cell phones to text his friends.

Entertaining television was a rarity.

"Cartoons were only on Saturday mornings," said Blevins, of Westland.

Building model cars, airplanes and more, was the thing to do, he said.

And, now he's making sure kids today have the same chance to experience the hobby that's become somewhat rare among kids nowadays.

Blevins leads a Kids Model Building Club every Saturday at Nankin Hobby in Farmington. He started the club three years ago and has introduced this classic hobby to 180 kids since its first season.

"I grew up model building," said Blevins, who is a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society, Livonia Chapter.

He, along with his son Travis, 14, and other volunteers from the IPMS-Livonia, run the free club every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in a large room at Nankin Hobby, on Nine Mile, just east of Farmington Road.

Blevins has a passion for model building and for exposing as many kids as possible to the lost art of sitting and building something cool, from scratch.

"It's just something that we never let go," he said. "A lot of kids don't even know this hobby exists. We love the hobby so much and we don't want to let it die out."

It's free to join the Kids Model Building Club, which runs from September through the end of March. The first model car, a snap together kit, is free. Nankin Hobby offers a

### KIDS MODEL BUILDING CLUB

**What:** Kids Model Building Club  
**When:** Every Saturday 10 a.m. to noon, September through end of March  
**Where:** Nankin Hobby, 33350 Nine Mile, Farmington  
**Who:** Boys and girls ages 8-16; parents welcome  
**Details:** Free club; first snap together building kit free; discounts on kits at store  
**Contact:** Bob Blevins, (734) 728-1134 or e-mail [blevins5@prodigy.net](mailto:blevins5@prodigy.net)

discount to club members on kits and supplies.

The young modelers have built everything from battle ships and World War II airplanes to Indy cars, tanks and even a T-Rex dinosaur. Supplies are donated by Nankin Hobby and by fellow modelers, like Steve Grigg of Garden City, who stopped by last Saturday to donate a dozen kits.

"I'm just thinning out my collection a bit," he said. "I figured I'd let the kids have some fun with them."

Grigg is happy to help promote modeling among the younger generation.

"The hobby has gotten away from kids over the years," he said.

### BUILDING INTEREST

Donations and the generosity of Nankin Hobby makes the club possible, said Blevins. The shop was devastated by fire and reopened last August, with a bigger and better work area for the club to use.

Chris Wrigley, the store's general manager, said the club builds an interest in model building and it's good for business.

"It's good for both parties," he said. "Parents, kids, everybody



It took Lear White, 8, of Redford, a long time to finish his Indy car, but he accomplished it on Saturday.

comes in — everybody's welcome."

Blevins and the IPMS-Livonia also hosts a make-and-take event every year at the Westland Library. That's where Dorothy Grace of Westland and her three girls, April, 6, Jackie, 8, and Emma, 11, discovered they liked the hobby.

"You get to be creative," said Jackie Grace, who is building a Model T pickup at the Kids Model Building Club.

### QUALITY ACTIVITY

Scott White of Redford who is also in the IPMS Livonia chapter, brings his daughter Eden, 12, and his son, Lear, 8, to the club on Saturdays.

He enjoys the quality time with his kids.

"It's a nice solid chunk of time that I get to be with them," he said.

White became interested in modeling when he was in high school and is glad to pass the interest to his kids.

"I think it gives them a sense of accomplishment; it helps with hand-eye coordination and problem solving," he said.



Scott White and his children, Eden, 12, and Lear, 8, of Redford, attend the club every Saturday at Nankin Hobby in Farmington. Eden is building a Robert E. Lee Mississippi Steamboat.



Tommy Strech, 14, of Livonia, is building this Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero Fighter airplane. He just needs to add some detail work, lights, antenna and paint the propeller.

"They stop and ask questions and sometimes we figure it out together. There's a lot of patience involved. It's just a different set of skills."

His son, Lear, started building an Indy car last year, but lost some parts and moved on to a different model. He actually finished that car on Saturday, and was happy to show it everyone.

"I'm really proud of him," said Scott White.

His daughter, Eden, is working on something inspired by a trip to Greenfield Village.

She's building a reissued Robert E. Lee Revell brand Mississippi Steamboat, a kit that was first sold in 1957.

"I started working on a car, but this was more interesting to me," she said. "I saw (the boat) at Greenfield Village and thought it was really cool."

Tommy Strech, 14, of Livonia, is almost finished building a Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero Fighter, an airplane that

was part of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Tommy likes the history of World War II, so it gives him the chance to learn more about it," said Tom Strech, his dad, who also grew up building models.

Tommy said it's nice to do something different.

"I like taking the time and breaking away from all of the electronics," he said. "And, I like seeing what others are building. To me, there's no good model and there's no bad model. You can't really mess up on a model."

Matt Helms of Livonia said he's been waiting for his boys to get into model building, a hobby he also grew up on. His sons David, 12, and Nick, 14, were big on Legos.

Graduating to model cars is right up their alley. They're building hot rods like Mustangs and a Dodge Charger.

"I like cars, so it's definitely cool," said David Helms.

Their dad couldn't be more pleased.

"It seems like a great thing to do on a Saturday," he said. "It builds character and patience."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Not too soon School board seats will be up for grabs

We're happy the idea of recalling members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has fallen by the wayside, and we hope it stays there.

Recall elections rarely work. In this case, only two of the four names being discussed — Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Secretary Adrienne Davis — are eligible to begin with. Since they're up for election in November anyway, President John Jackson and Vice President Dianne Gonzalez aren't eligible for recall anyway.

And, with an election coming up in November, those who want change on the board are going to be able to get it the old-fashioned way: By electing their desired candidates.

There will be four seats up for grabs. Gonzalez, Steven Sneideman, Nancy Eggenberger are ending four-year terms (which were extended when the district moved from May to November elections). Jackson, who last week was elected the board's president, is finishing a two-year term in a seat to which he was elected when former Trustee Mark Slavens was appointed a Wayne County judge and resigned.

Gonzalez and Jackson have been frequent targets of critics the last several months over their handling of the situation surrounding Craig Fiegel, the district's superintendent. The same citizens group that originally talked about trying to recall them is now trying to marshal support for new, as yet unnamed, candidates, and to encourage people to run.

It's unknown how many of the four are considering seeking re-election, although Jackson is thought to be a shoo-in to run. The other three, when asked, remained noncommittal.

Understanding the election isn't until Nov. 8, it's still never too early to consider running for the board. It's difficult, largely thankless work — perhaps the toughest gig in public service — and we hope a large pool of candidates thinks it's worth the effort.

It's a ton of work, and the seven members currently sitting on the board should be thanked, regardless of how you think they've done or whether they'll run again. Board officer positions, committee assignments and reams of paper come with the job. Regardless of mistakes they've made or opinions they've rendered, those seven people have given of their time and effort, of their heart and souls, shepherding the school district that, for all of them, has taught their own children.

One concern making the rounds is that the machinations of the current school board — and the enmity they've engendered — make the prospect of running a bleak one for many people. It's the same concern people have about attracting a new superintendent — the idea that few would want to work in what has become a divisive environment. That part is, unfortunately, true.

But what is also true is the things that make Plymouth-Canton a destination district hold true despite the antics of the school board. The state's third-largest district still has some 1,100 outstanding, dedicated teachers, an administration determined to help foster a positive educational environment and students who achieve at academic levels few other districts reach.

And it's going to need a school board to lead it. Will that include you? You've got until 4 p.m. Aug. 16 to decide.

## Deadlines in Wayne-Westland school race approach

Two deadlines are coming up that should be of interest to residents in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The first is 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31. That's when people interested in being appointed to the school board must submit letters of interest, resumes and/or any other information the deem important in regard to being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Pitsenbarger earlier this month. Of course, there's a related date — Monday, Feb. 7. That's when the board will interview candidates and then vote to fill the vacancy.

The second date comes a week later — 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. That's when residents need to either turn in nominating petitions or pay \$100 to be a candidate in the Tuesday, May 3, school election. Two four-year terms will be filled. One is held by incumbent Skip Monit, the other is uncontested.

On the list of elected officials, school board trustee is at the bottom. The hours are long, the responsibility huge and the pay minimal — if anything. But the rewards are great.

The satisfaction comes on graduation day with knowing you have helped prepare another class of students for the future.

We encourage residents to consider running. Documents related to the appointed position must be turned at the superintendent's office at the district's Administration Building, 36745 Marquette, Westland. The appointment is to complete the remaining 143 days of Pitsenbarger's term, which expires June 30.

Filing for the annual election can be done through the Westland City Clerk office in Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, or the Wayne City Clerk office in the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Road. The terms filled in the annual election expire June 30, 2015.

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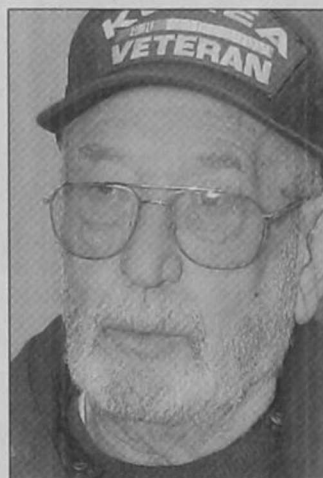
### How do you stay active during the winter?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



**"We come to the library and do some shopping, and my granddaughter (2-year-old Payton Cook) likes to sled down a hill near the house."**

**Laura Kearney**  
Canton



**"I used to walk with the dog but we (recently) had to put the dog down. I haven't decided what I'll do now."**

**Clem Skiba**  
Canton



**"Working out."**

**Jaime Byrd**  
Ann Arbor



**"I go to the gym - Fitness 19 off Ford Road on Canton Center."**

**Ray Villas**  
Canton

## LETTERS

### School board direction

The election of officers for the PCCS Board of Education occurred Jan. 11, and is available for viewing at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/node/62>.

These elections illustrate that collaboration and healing are pretty words, but there is no intention to put these concepts into practice. Rule No. 1 is that if you disagree, you are out. That goes for our superintendent and anyone else on the board who doesn't get into step. Decisions are made in advance of meetings, and discussions are for show only.

It is time to look into what we can do to re-direct this run-away train. If you are interested in joining forces with like-minded people and learning what responses are developing to affect this situation, please e-mail voices.pccs@gmail.com. This e-mail represents a group looking to bring people together to brainstorm and organize an effective path to reestablishing collaboration and responsibility in our school district. Please join us in our cause.

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Kay Kane  
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John Goecke**

Concerned residents

### Sad and scary

After the recent autumn elections, the usual question surfaces — "Why do we have such low voter turnout?"

I think most people have stopped voting because they do not believe that our elected officials truly represent their constituents. Our legislators do the bidding of their parties or get their orders from lobbyists (along with hefty "campaign contributions"). They do not care whatsoever about the wishes or opinions of the people who actually voted them into office. Our government has a "policy to the highest bidder" mindset.

This is common in Washington and, to a lesser extent, in Lansing but you would not expect actions like this in our own little town of Canton. But look at the recent actions of a faction of our school board. These four members have an agenda and they are going to force that on the district no matter what.

They don't care what the other members of the board think, they don't care what the people of the district think, they don't even care what would be best for the school system — they have made a power grab and we are going to be stuck with their agenda.

They must know everybody is against them, the board meetings are a parade of citizens complaining about their actions

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(especially their treatment of our former superintendent) and this newspaper's editorial section is full of angry letters (they have even gone so far as inventing support — their so-called "silent majority"). They just don't care, they have stopped listening.

When my kids were in elementary school, the principal was a great man who, whenever a program or project was proposed, immediately asked "Is it good for kids?" In his opinion, if it wasn't good for kids there was no reason to waste time talking about it.

It's too bad that this faction of the board doesn't have the same philosophy. It's sad that our whole school district is going to be shaped by the opinions of only four people — and no one else, not even the other members of the board.

Sad and scary.

**Wade L. Davis**  
Canton

### Can't support porn

Your support of the Canton Library's decision to not use filters on their computers is so very sad,

We don't set poison out in front of them on the chance they might like to try some. We don't allow them to walk down the center of the freeway. If we are wise, we don't allow them a steady diet of fat-laden fast foods. We don't allow them to smoke in most buildings.

All these restrictions send a message. Beware — this is dangerous. All these types of actions may restrict their "freedom" but we choose to enact them for the good of the individuals and the good of our community.

Libraries are a service to the community to promote education and relaxation. Their mission does not include exposing members of the community to things that are harmful. Pornography is harmful, very harmful. It is first of all addictive. There is evidence that the scenes viewed on porn sites stay in the brain and are frequently recalled. It affects a person's whole life. It ruins individuals and families.

I have personally observed the downward path of an individual who started with pornography ultimately lose employment and family due to his sexual choices. Freedom to view these sites can do NO good and will only harm the community. Is this really what you want?

**Jeanne Micheline**  
Canton

### No donation

Frankly, I was shocked to learn that the Canton library had an over-18 room in which pornography was the norm.

I am a huge fan of the library and planned to make a small donation, but in lieu of finding this out, that will not happen now.

It doesn't matter to me if they are complying with the letter of the law. What has happened to morality? I object to my tax dollars paying for smut.

**Nancy Austin**  
Canton

### Important legislation

I am writing in support of The Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4763-69). I am a resident of Plymouth Township and on the faculty of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. The health of our children in the Metro Detroit area is of great concern given our economic situation here in southeastern Michigan. In this climate of downsizing government spending I am calling on our elected representatives to advocate for making better information available on toy products. A recent report released by a coalition of health and environmental groups in Michigan, examines direct and indirect health care costs for childhood diseases that are linked in part or whole to environmental toxins. The report estimates that the environmentally attributable costs of lead poisoning, asthma, pediatric cancer, and neurodevelopmental disorders in the state of Michigan is \$5.85 billion annually with a range of \$3.65 to 6.68 billion. "The Price of Pollution: Cost Estimates of Environment-Related Childhood Disease in Michigan" is the first-ever study of the cost of environmental disease for Michigan.

This report adds to the growing evidence that the health of Michigan's children is being compromised by toxics, including toxic toys. The Children's Safe Products Act (HB 4763-69) would require that information about the presence of the most hazardous chemicals in children's products, on the shelves of Michigan's toy stores be provided to parents. With 22 toy stores joining the coalition of parents, grandparents and the leading health, medical, and environmental organizations, there is no reason to delay moving this important legislation forward in the Michigan State legislature.

**Patricia Benson**  
Plymouth



## Do homework on municipal bonds

While researching markets and investments, I found that the municipal bond market was dominating the discussion.

The last few months have not been good months for municipal bonds and that has led to some issues. Standard & Poor's warned that more downgrades in the ratings of municipal bonds are expected this year.



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The dialogue regarding municipal bonds has affected investors. In November and December alone, investors withdrew more than \$20 billion from the municipal bond market.

I believe the fiscal problems that many states and municipalities are going through have led to speculation as to whether we will see more defaults in the municipal bond market.

This thought was echoed in a recent interview on *60 Minutes* where a well-known investment strategist stated she expects 50 to 100 defaults this year.

Whenever an investment sector takes a hit and receives media and social network attention, you can almost guarantee that another element will creep into an investor's decision-making process, fear.

There is no doubt that the municipal bond market is having difficulties. However, don't forget that the municipal bond market has had its problems in the past as well. Go back to 2008 the midst of a financial crisis, municipal bonds fell about 10 percent over a short period of time.

There have been other periods where municipals were volatile and rebounded over a short period of time. In addition, investors should be reminded that municipal bond defaults are rare. Over the last 40 some years there have been

over 18,000 municipal bond offerings with only a handful more than 50 defaults.

There has also been lots of conversation about cities and states declaring bankruptcy and what that would do to municipal bond holders. Although, municipalities are allowed to declare bankruptcy, they have been very rare. It is important to recognize that under current bankruptcy law, states do not have the power to declare bankruptcy. Of course, laws could change in this partisan environment but I believe a major change allowing states to declare bankruptcy is unlikely.

It is important for investors to recognize that not all municipal bonds are the same. Not only are the issuers different, but the quality of the bonds differ.

Generally, municipal bonds can be broken down into two categories, general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. General obligation bonds, commonly issued by states, require states to use their taxing authority to prevent a default. In other words, a state would have to raise its taxes in order to prevent a default. These types of municipal bonds, although subject to market volatility, have very little risk, if any, of a default.

On the other hand, revenue municipal bonds are issued to pay for a specific project. The best example of this type of bond would be the bonds issued to build the Mackinac Bridge. Bond holders were repaid by the revenues generated from the bridge. If the bridge had not been successful, bond holders potentially could have suffered some losses. Just because there is a default, does not mean an investor will lose all of his/her money. In fact, in past defaults of municipal bonds, investors have found that losses have been minimal.

There is no doubt that cities and states are having difficulties. Just about every state has substantial budget deficits and there is there are some painful days ahead. However, that doesn't mean that pain

will translate into massive defaults in the municipal bond market.

I believe some of the recent volatility has been fueled by fear. And as I have said many times, investors need to do their best not to let fear dictate their investment decision.

For certain investors, municipal bonds do play an important part of a portfolio. Generally, I recommend municipal bond investors buy into a mutual fund in order to have diversification and greater flexibility in maintaining the investment, such as adding new money or taking an occasional withdrawal. That being said, there are a few standards I recommend regarding municipal bonds.

First, pay attention to the quality of the portfolio. In today's economic times, the bulk of one's municipal bond portfolio should be in high quality and general obligation bonds. Unfortunately, some municipal bond investors make the mistake of only paying attention to the return on the bond fund, not the underlying risk.

Cost and fees are extremely important. It is even more important in bond funds where you are getting very low rates of return. An extra percent or two in unnecessary fees can reduce returns by as much as 50 percent.

Low-cost municipal bond funds are where you want to be. Also pay very close attention to commissions. After all, if you're losing 6 percent in up-front commissions, realistically, that can be two years of returns. Therefore, avoid commissions when you purchase a bond fund.

If you own a municipal bond fund, now is a great time to review it. If it is a fund with high fees and/or low quality investments, now is the time to make a change.

Good luck!

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## Friends of Rouge seek help with toad and frog survey

It may be hard to think about frogs under all this snow and cold, but it won't be long before local amphibians wake up and begin their annual chorus. If you would like to help observe this interesting phenomenon, contact Friends of the Rouge.

Volunteer training for the annual volunteer Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey begins in February. Interested volunteers attend a two-hour workshop where they learn the basics of recognizing frog or toad type by their call. Volunteers are assigned nearby wetlands they then survey on their own on damp warm evenings and submit results to Friends of the Rouge.

Last year's results are available at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

The survey has been conducted since 1998 and provides information on the health of Rouge wetlands. The presence of several species of frog and toad is a good indication of healthy wetlands which are critical in restoring the water quality of the Rouge River because they absorb rain water, filter pollutants, reduce flooding as well as provide habitat for many species.

As many as 600 people participate in the survey each year, including families (children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult), seniors, students and scouts. Survey areas are limited to wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed which encompasses 466 square



The American bullfrog is among eight species of toads and frogs identified as part of the annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

miles in the Detroit area.

Participants must be willing to survey after dark several evenings a month March through July.

Of Michigan's 13 native species of frogs and toads, eight species have been confirmed in the Rouge River watershed - the wood frog, western chorus frog, northern spring peeper, American toad, northern leopard frog, gray treefrog, green frog and bullfrog.

Interested volunteers need to register for one of four workshops at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org). For more information, call Sally at (313) 792-9621 or [monitoring@therouge.org](mailto:monitoring@therouge.org).

The first workshop will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday Feb. 12, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. The other workshops are:

- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in the Walnut room of Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 5, in the Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills.

- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 12, at the Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, Bloomfield Township.

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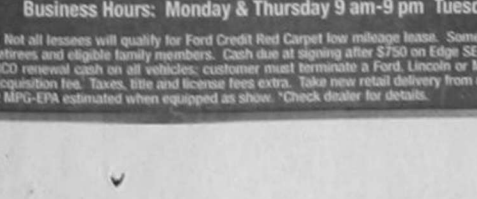
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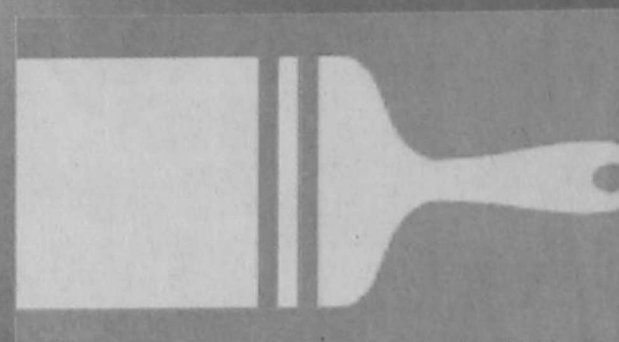
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# Foiled again

## Canton tumbles against Farmington Unified

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whenever Canton and Farmington Unified get together, one can be sure the longtime gymnastics rivals will battle to vault over each other.

At the recent Farmington Invitational, the Chiefs were nipped 145.675-145.175 by Farmington.

There was more of the same Monday in a dual meet at Plymouth High School. Although the margin was a bit more — Farmington earned a 147.125-144.175 triumph — girls from both squads earned raves for their various moves and routines.

"Today, we didn't have our best meet," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "I was very pleased with a 144, but obviously Farmington had the better team today."

"They hit when they had to and kept the scores they needed. They had three really good all-arounders and that's what beat us."

Canton, despite falling to 6-1 on the season, did boast the top all-arounder in senior Robyn Piwowar, who finished with 37.825 points.

Piwowar demonstrated the high level of performance throughout the meet, particularly on vault (she took first with 9.6) and the balance beam. She concluded her beam routine with a spot-

on backflip and dismount, giving her 9.475 (second to Farmington's Bresso, 9.6).

Then Piwowar flashed a confident smile, knowing she nailed it.

"There was a little more pressure (against Farmington), but I think we all just went out there and have fun," Piwowar said. "I think having fun's the key to it all. Everyone's relaxed when they're having fun."

Farmington grabbed spots 2-4 in all-around with Alyssa Bresso (37.60), Kristen McKelvey (37.35) and Kyoko Yamamoto (35.85).

### GOOD START

"It's one meet,"

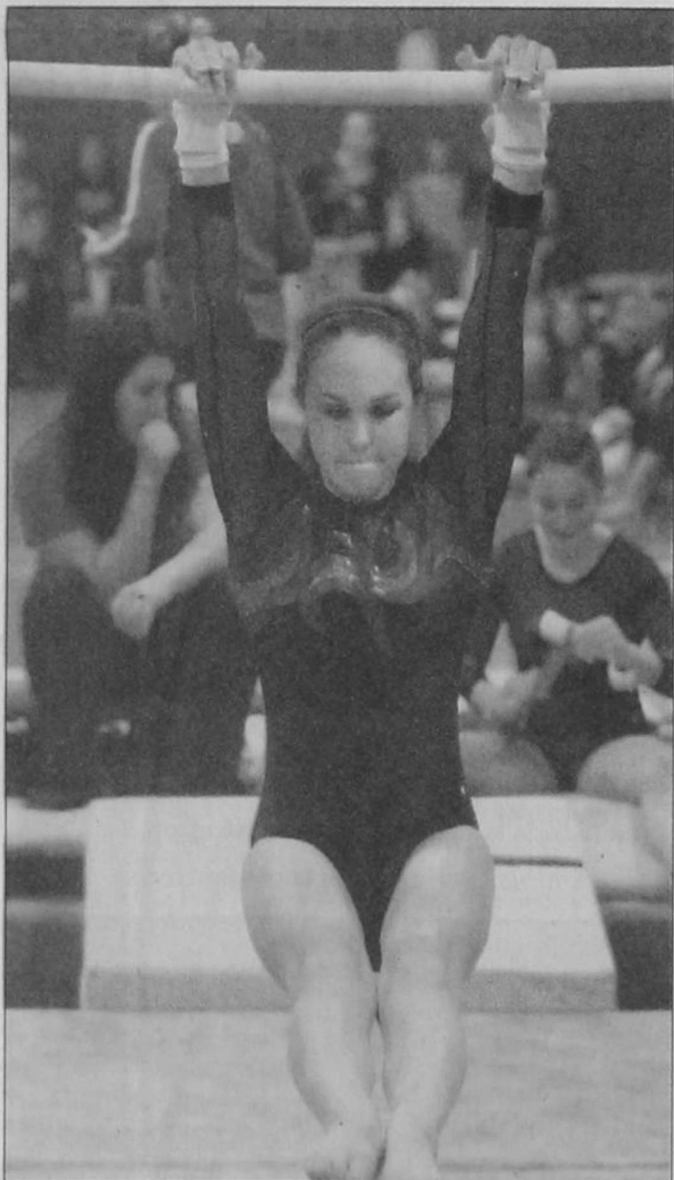
Farmington head coach Jeff Dwyer said. "But what I liked is, at the invite we had them by four-tenths. I look at it as two even teams."

"There are only so many meets you get like this. You got your three invites, and your Cantons and your Athens and we never see Grand Ledge. But I'm just happy how they responded."

Dwyer said his gymnasts came out strong, perhaps aware that it was their coach's birthday and thus making sure they would help it be a happy one. Indeed it was, as Farmington (6-0) tallied a season high in points.

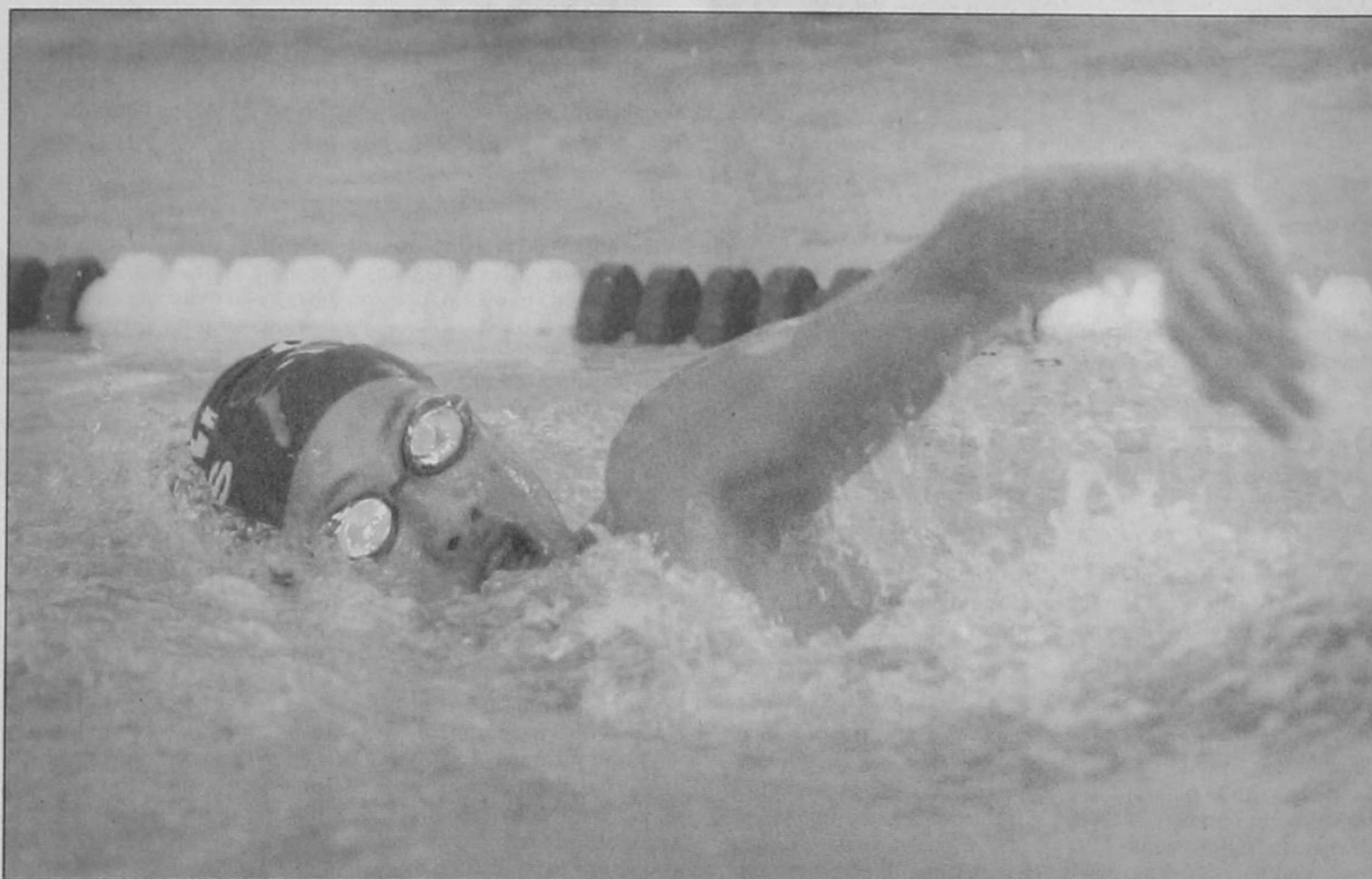
"Our first event was bars, and it carried us," Dwyer

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Working hard on the uneven parallel bars Monday is Canton's Alex Fidieler.



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Going all out during the 500 freestyle during Tuesday's dual meet is Salem's Jason Zhang. He won the event with a time of 5:14.44.

# Salem cruises to impressive win

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's excellent team balance and chemistry have earned rave reviews this season from veteran Rocks head coach Chuck Olson.

Those characteristics were evident once again Tuesday night, as the host Rocks churned out a 128-58 victory over Plymouth in a KLAA crossover varsity boys swimming and diving meet.

"We deal with a lot of mid-season stuff, soreness and little changes to the lineup now and again," Olson said. "But that's always good for down the road."

"I'm real pleased with their performance and effort tonight." While Plymouth fell to 4-1 overall with the defeat (Salem now is 3-1), Wildcats head coach Doug Schade saw plenty of positives to take from the meet.

"We swam well. Salem's a very good team," Schade said. "We have a meet this Thursday against (Westland) John Glenn, so we were swimming kids in a lot of events to get them ready for that."

Salem, without senior tri-captain Adam Seroke, swept all of the individual events and relays.

### SETTING THE TONE

But the team's other tri-captains (Max Mills, Matt Collingwood) stepped up, combining for three event wins. Mills

took first place in the 50 freestyle (23.79 seconds) and 100 butterfly (58.01), while Collingwood won the 200 IM, clocking in at 2:08.04.

"Those three guys, they're all seniors and it's a real good balance between personalities," Olson said about his tri-captains. "We have all the bases covered. I feel fortunate to have those three to lean on."

Other Salem double winners included Eric Li (200 free, 1:53.57; 100 free, 51.61) and Jason Zhang (500 free, 5:14.44; 100 backstroke, 58.56).

Nick Griwicki (1-meter diving, 222.45 points) and Turner Solterman (100 breaststroke, 1:05.78) also were individual winners.

As for Salem's three winning relay teams, nine swimmers contributed.

Taking the 200 medley relay in 1:46.25 was the quartet of Jeremy Wellman, Solterman, Mills and Collingwood.

In the 200 free relay, Collingwood, Kyle Stokfisz, Steven Clagg and Li combined efforts to win in 1:38.14.

Closing out the meet with a victory in the 400 free relay were Li, William Long, Zhang and Mills. They swam it in 3:34.01.

Plymouth came close in several events, ultimately finishing second.

Please see **SWIMMING, B3**



Just emerging from the water after a turn while doing the 100 backstroke Tuesday night is Plymouth's Ethan Christensen.

# Hot duo lifts Rocks to win over Cougars

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Non-league meetings are just fine with Salem boys basketball head coach Bob Brodie as long as "it's a game" and Tuesday's match-up against Garden City definitely qualified.

The host Rocks overcame an early deficit and, sparked by the outstanding play of forwards Chris Dierker and Tyler Stewart, defeated the Cougars 61-50.

"It was a hard-fought game," Brodie said. "Garden City always brings their 'A' game. They play hard, with intensity and tenacity."

According to Garden City head coach Greg Williamson, there was no denying the high level of hustle from his players. But the bigger, faster Rocks eventually gained the edge

they needed to come out victorious.

"We played hard, (but) we didn't shoot very well," Williamson said. "We got killed on the boards. ... We need to put our bodies on people and drive them out of there."

"It's not quite that simple for them. It's difficult when you're 5-8 or 5-10 and you're going against 6-5, 6-7."

Garden City connected on just 18-of-56 field-goal attempts (32 percent), while the Rocks made 23-of-54 attempts for 42 percent.

Dierker was the main thorn in Garden City's collective side, with 23 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and four blocks. But he had plenty of help.

Please see **BASKETBALL, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trying to defend against Salem's Ethan Walsh during Tuesday night's game is Garden City's Matt Stark.

# Observerland tourney continues – without Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

### WRESTLING

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Last year's Observerland runner-up Canton, currently ranked No. 8 in Division 1, along with third-place finisher Livonia Franklin and fourth-place finisher Westland John Glenn, will not be in the tournament for the first time.

Canton is coming off a runner-up finish in last weekend's Wayne County tourney hosted by Romulus.

Canton coach Cory Mancuso cited redundancy in scheduling

for not attending the longtime tourney.

"We do not want to see the same teams over and over again," he said. "Also you need rest. Wrestling is a mentally and physically tough sport. Rest does the body good."

Meanwhile, Franklin is coming off a third-place finish at Wayne County and coach Dave Chiola also raised similar issues.

"The KLAA and Districts have virtually the same nucleus of teams," Chiola said. "Many of us travel very far to avoid seeing the same competition. The Wayne County tournament gave us a

chance to go somewhere and see different competition. I don't think there was good enough communication between A.D.'s and coaches, but this was not a sudden decision. I made my decision last March, and as far as I know many of the other coaches did the same."

Chiola, however, said he has always been a big supporter of the tournament, but would like to see it moved up on the schedule for sometime in December.

"This has always been a great tournament with a storied past, and I would certainly consider

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

### MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

**What:** 20th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 29 (first-round action starts at 9 a.m., with the finals starting at approximately 5 p.m.)

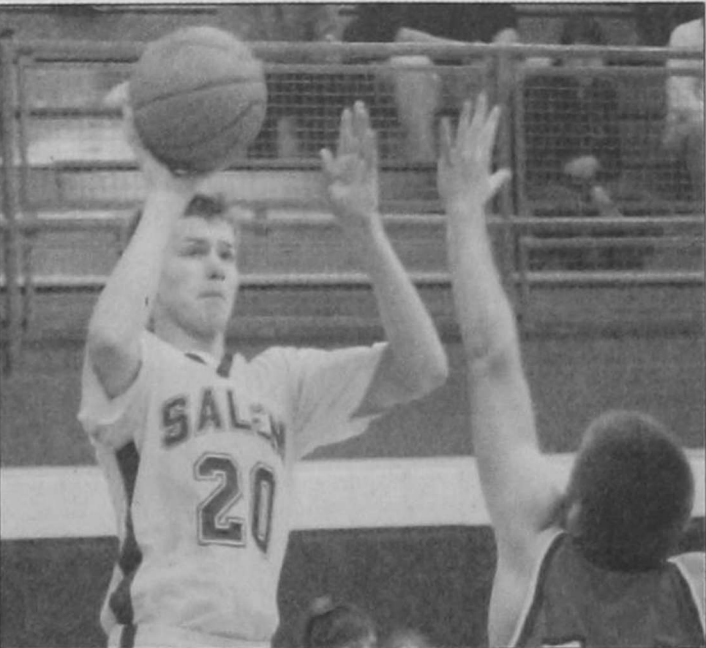
**Where:** Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

**Admission (all day):** \$6 (family discounts available).

**Participating schools:** Livonia Churchill, Belleville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran High Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Novi, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Plymouth, Redford Union, Salem, Wayne Memorial.

**Past winners:** Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10); Livonia Franklin (2005, '06, '07); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill and Westland John Glenn (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).





Launching a shot toward Garden City's basket is Salem's Zinovy Pelekh. At right is Tyler Steele of the Cougars.

## BASKETBALL

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Chipping in with 17 points and seven boards was Stewart, while senior forward Zinovy Pelekh tallied eight points and 12 rebounds. Grant Bettner scored eight.

The top scorer for the Cougars was Brandon Kennedy, with 15 points. Adding eight points was Marlon Rodriguez, while Tyler Steele and Kirk Barikmo contributed five each.

It was Dierker who jump-started Salem in the first quarter.

### TAKING CONTROL

After Kennedy drained a jumper to give Garden City a 10-8 edge, Dierker scored seven straight points and threw in a couple of blocks for good measure to quickly give Salem a 15-10 advantage.

Salem never trailed again, taking leads of 17-14 after one quarter and 33-26 at halftime.

With Dierker and Stewart taking a break during the second half, Garden City (6-5) chipped away and trailed just 48-44 in the first minute of the final quarter.

But shortly thereafter, both players returned and they combined for 11 straight Salem points to once again build a comfortable cushion.

"The other players do some little things that help, but those two guys stepped up a little bit," Brodie said. "Dierker's been struggling a little bit the last couple games. He got back in the groove tonight and did a nice job for us."

Despite the loss, Williamson said it is always a highlight of the Cougars' schedule to play Salem. The teams have played an annual game at one venue or the other for several years.

"I've known coach Brodie for a long time," Williamson said. "We were playing in the summers and we talked it over. ... It's a good challenge for us."

"They're big, athletic and well-coached. It's a chance for us to play in a non-league game where maybe it doesn't have the same kind of pressure."

Meanwhile, Brodie said the annual matchup began when he needed to fill a schedule vacancy "eight or nine years ago" and Garden City seemed a natural fit.

"I'm pretty good friends with their coach," Brodie said. "Greg Williamson's a good coach, he's been around a while. It's close, it's a rivalry we can start. So we invited him one year and it just continued."

The Rocks (9-2) resume their KLAA schedule with a game 7 p.m. Friday against visiting South Lyon East.

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# 'Cats earn win with strong 32

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth's complete effort Tuesday night against Novi is any indication, coach Mike Soukup's team could be one to keep an eye out for throughout the regular season and playoffs.

The host Wildcats improved to 8-3 overall with a 68-52 victory over Novi in a KLAA boys basketball crossover.

"We put together a really good 32 minutes tonight," Soukup said. "We were good about keeping Novi out of the paint, we did a nice job in the rebounding battle since we were very much undersized."

Leading the way with 33 points and eight rebounds was senior guard Mike Nadratowski.

"Mike had a tremendous game with 33 points and I'm really pleased to see our boys compete this hard tonight," Soukup continued.

Also strong on the glass was senior forward Brennen Beyer, who grabbed seven boards and also scored 14 points. Junior forward Marcus Oden helped the cause with 10 points and five rebounds while senior forward Pat Salo added another five boards along with three points.

Soukup said the same kind of compete level will be required to have success in battles for supremacy in the KLAA (division, conference and overall), not to mention

the subsequent state tournament.

Next up for the Wildcats is Friday's 7 p.m. home game against Livonia Franklin.

**LIGGETT 65, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 38:** On Friday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference varsity boys basketball contest, the host Eagles hung in there until a spate of turnovers in the second half led to a barrage of transition points.

PCA trailed 31-25 at halftime, but then hit the wall. Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett outscored the Eagles 17-4 in the third and sealed PCA's fate.

"Tale of the tape, basically, is they're very quick, very fast," said PCA head coach Keith Anleitner. "We played well in the first half and then when they put the press on in the second half their quickness took over."

The Knights (9-2, 6-0) picked off PCA passes and turned many of those into buckets.

Anleitner still praised his young team for playing relatively well against a team that plays in a higher rung of the MIAC.

Mick Noel led PCA (2-7, 2-5) with 14 points, including 8-8 at the free-throw line. Contributing 12 points and 12 rebounds was Eric Jipping.



Canton senior all-arounder Robyn Piwowar performs during a near-flawless sequence on the balance beam Monday night against Farmington Unified. She finished second in the event (9.475), but was the top all-arounder with 37.825 points.

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## GYMNASTICS

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said. "That was some of the best bars we've had. I think our whole team had some of their highest scores."

McKelvey and Yamamoto took places 1-2 in bars with respective scores of 9.4 and 9.35, with Canton's Piwowar and Ayana Lewis tying for third with 9.15.

Farmington also won in floor exercise, as Amanda Lumley's 9.65 bested Piwowar (9.6), Bresso (9.45) and Fideler (9.4).

Meanwhile, Cunningham said the Chiefs will now be gearing up to see Farmington again at next weekend's

Canton Invitational (Saturday, Feb. 5).

"We've been battling for 20 years or so, no doubt about that," Cunningham said with a grin. "It's a friendly rivalry, two ex-gymnasts coaching gymnastics."

"So we look forward to the meets. We'll see them again Feb. 5 at the Canton Invite."

Concurring was Dwyer, noting that the Canton-Farmington rivalry always is good and competitive.

"John and I've got great rivalries," Dwyer said. "Just tonight they weren't on as they can be. But we're going to see them two more times. You're only as good as your last meet."

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## Plymouth girls fall

Host Novi held off the hard-working Plymouth Wildcats 38-30 in Tuesday night's KLAA girls basketball game.

Plymouth trailed 14-10 after one quarter and 23-16 at halftime before gaining an 8-7 edge in the third to provide a glimmer of hope.

Novi's size and experience made a difference down the stretch, said Plymouth head coach Bob deBear.

"They killed us on the baseline," noted deBear. "... But I'm super proud of my kids. They played hard and never gave up. Everybody contributed."

Kate Watson led Plymouth (5-6) with eight points, while Kylie Robb added six. Tallying five each were Alex Roberts and Isis Haywood while Chyna Williams scored four.

Carrie McMahon registered 11 to lead Novi (10-1).

## Madonna women's team rolls past Indiana Tech

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During a timeout midway through the second half Saturday and the host Madonna University women's comfortably ahead, the musical interlude played Rocky III's theme song "Eye of the Tiger."

By then the host Crusaders had already delivered knockout punch on its way to recording an easy 74-47 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over Indiana Tech.

Revenge definitely was on the mind of the Crusaders, who lost an earlier meeting this season (Dec. 1) at Tech, 78-63.

Livonia Stevenson grad Kaylee McGrath, a 6-foot-1 sophomore center, tied a career-high high with 24 points to go along with seven rebounds as MU improved to 8-9 overall and 4-5 in the WHAC.

"It was just a great team effort" McGrath said. "We were all working so well together. We were passing the ball nicely. We came off of a tough loss at Aquinas (54-47 on Wednesday) and we knew it was time to get it in gear."

"We lost to Indiana Tech the first time and we knew it was time to get back at them and showed that we deserved to win."

McGrath, who went both inside and outside, was one of the major reasons why the Crusaders enjoyed a 38-24 halftime advantage as she tallied 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting.

"McGrath is a pretty special player," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We've never expected this amount of growth in a year-and-a-half here, but she's unbelievable right now. She does some

wonderful things. She listens well. She's starting to do some things in practice to help her game get better because people are now keying on her and she hasn't slowed down a bit, so it's really cool to see her come out with a performance like that."

Tabatha Wydryck, a senior forward, added her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Erin Bentley also came off the bench to score 11 points, while starter Heather Pratt contributed 10.

The Crusaders shot 41.8 percent from the floor, but ironically did better from the three-point line going 11-of-21 (52.4 percent).

"That's scary isn't it?" Graves said of his team's three-point prowess. "They shoot well like that in practice all the time. We've been waiting for an explosion like that from the three-point line. I've got some really good shooters on the perimeter. Most teams are starting to stand in the paint guard us, so it's always nice to have that type of performance."

Indiana Tech (10-13, 4-5) shot only 29.6 from the floor to go along 24 turnovers.

The Warriors' leading scorer Yasmine Coleman finished with a team-high 17 points.

Meanwhile, McGrath showed why she had the "Eye of the Tiger" as she hit two-for-two from the three-point line and added four assists. She is averaging 16 points and seven boards per game to lead MU.

"I've always been a three-point shooter," the Stevenson grad said. "I was a guard until high school and then I kind of grew into a post player."

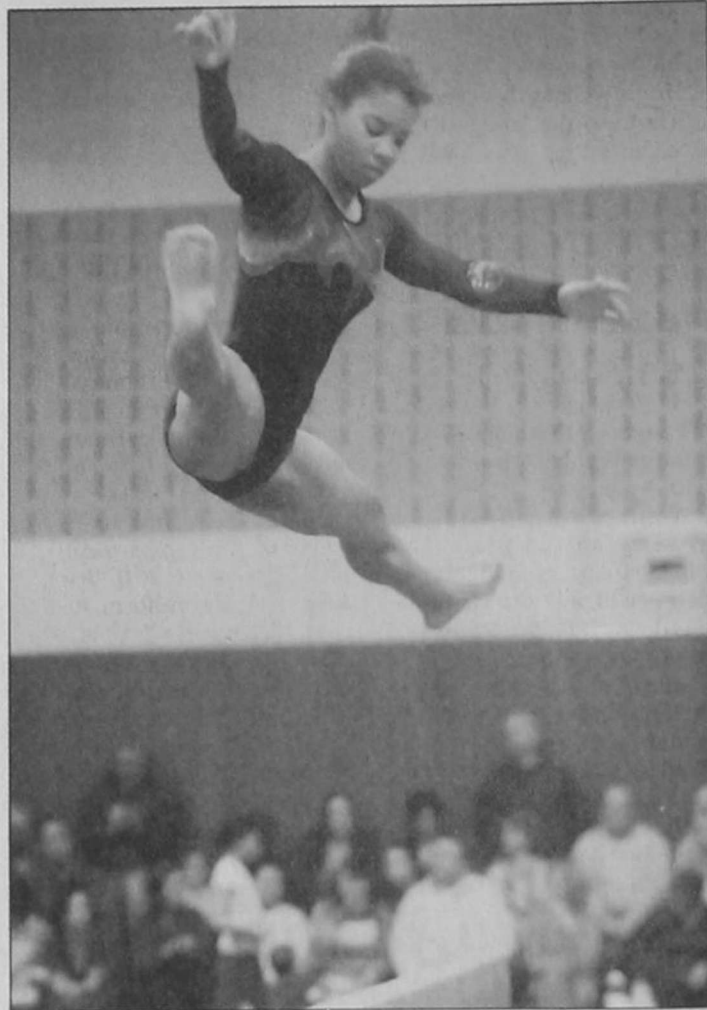
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CANTON 144.175**  
**Jan. 24 at Plymouth High School**  
**VAULT:** 1. Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.6; 2. Alyssa Bresso (F), 9.5; 3. Kristen McKelvey (F), 9.375; 4. Erica Lewis (C), 9.225; 5. Amanda Lumley (F), 9.2; 6. Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 9.0; 7. Ayana Lewis (C), 8.825; 8. Hanna Berlin (F), 8.7; 9. Marina Milad (C), 9.525; 10. Alex Fideler (C), 8.5; 11. Meredith Jonik (F), 8.4; 12. Melissa Green (C), 8.2; 12. Green (C), 7.3. **Total:** Farmington, 37.075; Canton, 36.175.  
**BAR:** 1. McKelvey (F), 9.4; 2. Yamamoto (F), 9.35; 3. (tie) A. Lewis (C) and Piwowar (C), 9.15; 5. Fideler (C), 8.925; 6. Jonik (F), 8.875; 7. Bresso (F), 8.85; 8. Lumley (F), 8.8; 9. Marissa Lapinsky (F), 8.55; 10. (tie) Cathy Huang (C) and Erica Lucas (C), 8.2; 12. Green (C), 7.3. **Total:** Farmington, 36.475; Canton, 35.425.  
**BEAM:** 1. Bresso (F), 9.6; 2. Piwowar (C), 9.475; 3. McKelvey (F), 9.35; 4. Fideler (C), 8.775; 5. Brooke Granowicz (C), 8.725; 6. Berlin (F), 8.675; 7. Lumley (F), 8.4; 8. Yamamoto (F), 8.3; 9. A. Lewis (C), 8.15; 10. Milad (C), 8.125; 11. Green (C), 8.05; 12. Jonik (F), 7.85. **Total:** Farmington, 36.025; Canton, 35.125.  
**FLOOR:** 1. Lumley (F), 9.65; 2. Piwowar

(C), 9.6; 3. Bresso (F), 9.45; 4. Fideler (C), 9.4; 5. (tie) Green (C) and McKelvey (F), 9.25; 7. (tie) A. Lewis (C) and Yamamoto (F), 9.2; 9. Kali Pierce (C), 8.9; 10. (tie) Berlin (F) and Jonik (F), 8.6; 12. Lucas (C), 8.35. **Total:** Farmington, 37.55; Canton, 37.45.  
**ALL-AROUND:** Piwowar (C), 37.825; 2. Bresso (F), 37.60; 3. McKelvey (F), 37.35; 4. Yamamoto (F), 35.85; 5. Fideler (C), 35.6; 6. Ayana Lewis (C), 35.325.

**CANTON-B RESULTS  
(Canton only)**  
**VAULT:** 1. Audrey Halim, 7.9; 2. Jessica Siegler, 7.8; 3. (tie) Carolann Galizia, Valerie VanGilder, 7.65; 5. Maddie Albers, 7.5; 6. Kelsie Rodgers, 7.10. **TOTAL:** 31.0.  
**BAR:** 1. Marina Milad, 7.0; 2. Sieler, 5.25; 3. Halim, 4.95; 4. Alicia Bonnano, 4.5. **TOTAL:** 21.70.  
**BEAM:** 1. Galizia, 7.15; 2. Siegler, 7.0; 3. Marina Bellioren, 6.6; 4. Jenna Foster, 6.3; 5. Albers, 6.25; 6. Katie Adams, 5.7. **TOTAL:** 27.05.  
**FLOOR:** 1. Shelby Roberts, 8.5; 2. Siegler, 7.45; 3. Galizia, 6.9. **TOTAL:** 22.85.  
**ALL-AROUND:** 1. Siegler, 27.50; 2. Galizia, 21.70; 3. Albers, 13.75; 4. Halim, 12.85.  
**CANTON-B TOTALS:** 102.60



The picture of grace and determination is Canton's Ayana Lewis, shown high above the balance beam during Monday's dual meet.

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#### SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Alternative Energy Solutions Projects for Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Bid Package #4 consisting of:

##### Canton High School ERU & Chiller Replacement

will be received until **10:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, February 15, 2011** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

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BD 142	HVAC
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BD 149	Fencing
BD 183	Scaffolding

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Associates, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily; Builders Exchange, Lansing and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

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

The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

The Canton High School ERU project is to be bid and the work performed at the Davis Bacon Wage Rates. The Chiller Replacement project is to be bid and the work performed at the Michigan Prevailing Wage Rates.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Adrienne Davis, Secretary





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Salem's Turner Solterman slices through the water while doing the 100 breaststroke Tuesday against Plymouth.

SWIMMING

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Runners-up for the Wildcats included the following: Alex Jouney (200 free, 1:56.79; 500 free, 5:20.85), Ethan Christensen (200 IM, 2:16.58), Zach Koch (50 free, 25.30) and the 200 freestyle unit of Kyle Strobel, Todd Maslyk, Cameron Earls and Jouney (1:41.29).

Meanwhile, two Plymouth swimmers tied for second place in the 100 fly. Those were Koch and Adam Liakos, who both finished in 1:00.68 and earned 3.5 points each for the Wildcats.

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One of Plymouth's top swimmers Tuesday, Alex Jouney, competes in the 500 freestyle event.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**SALEM 128, PLYMOUTH 58**  
**Jan. 25 at Salem**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Max Mills, Matt Collingwood), 1:46.25; 2. Salem (Jason Zhang, Calvin Kahler, Daniel Lynch, William Long), 1:55.41; 3. Plymouth (Adam Liakos, Ethan Christensen, Kyle Strobel, Nick Weber), 2:00.95.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Eric Li (S), 1:53.57; 2. Alex Jouney (P), 1:56.79; 3. Aaron Micek (S), 2:00.18.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Collingwood (S), 2:08.44; 2. Christensen (P), 2:16.58; 3.

Solterman (S), 2:19.98.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Mills (S), 23.79; 2. Zach Koch (P), 25.30; 3. Steven Clagg (S), 25.60.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Nick Griwicki (S), 222.45 points; 2. Joey Rudelic (S), 189.05; 3. Connor McManus (P), 184.55.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Mills (S), 58.01; 2. (tie) Koch (P), Liakos (P), 1:00.68; 4. Wellman (S), 1:00.87.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Li (S), 51.61; 2. Long (S), 56.87; 3. Strobel (P), 58.08.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Zhang (S), 5:14.44; 2. Jouney (P), 5:20.85; 3. Micek (S), 5:24.89.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Collingwood, Kyle Stokfisz, Clagg, Li),

1:38.14; 2. Plymouth (Strobel, Todd Maslyk, Cameron Earls, Jouney), 1:41.29.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Zhang (S), 58.56; 2. Collingwood (S), 58.76; 3. Christensen (P), 1:02.95.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Solterman (S), 1:05.78; 2. Kahler (S), 1:12.18; 3. Liakos (P), 1:13.77.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Li, Long, Zhang, Mills), 3:34.01; 2. Salem (Micek, Stokfisz, Wellman, Patrick Huls), 3:44.30; 3. Plymouth (Jouney, Earls, Koch, Gunnar Savalo), 3:52.90.  
**Dual meet records:** Salem (3-1 overall); Plymouth (4-1 overall).

Plymouth nets 3-3 tie with Salem

Plymouth rolled four lines effectively Tuesday night against Salem and it enabled the Wildcats to earn a 3-3 tie with KLAA South rival Salem at Compuware Arena. According to Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Paul Fassbender, all four lines played hard and put offensive pressure on Salem. And the defense held tough, as did senior goalie Mike Justus. "We are working really hard and everyone is starting to buy into what we are doing," Fassbender said. "We are a team that can learn and continue to get better as the season goes on." Scoring a pair of goals to key the solid overall effort was junior forward Sean Smiatacz — both assisted by junior line-mates Matt Goertz and Cody Staub. "He outworked the bigger kids in the corner and went to the net strong," Fassbender said.

PREP HOCKEY

The third Plymouth goal was scored by senior forward Tyler Sanders, with helpers going to senior forward Zach Gambrell and sophomore forward Mitch Claggett. Salem scoring details were not available by press time. With the tie, Plymouth improved to 4-3-4 overall and 3-2-4 in the KLAA South while Salem's record went to 11-3-1, 6-2-1. **NOVI 4, CANTON 3:** On Monday night at Novi Ice Arena, the host Wildcats nipped the Chiefs in a KLAA boys hockey crossover matchup. Seniors AJ Rosales (unassisted), Phil Baciak (from Rosales) and Garrett Bryden (from Jordan Smith, Zach Cox) scored for Canton.

Although he gave up four goals, Canton netminder Spencer Craig made a number of spectacular saves. He finished with 27 stops. **SALEM 8, SCS UNIFIED 6:** A four-goal third period enabled Salem to rally Friday night at Plymouth Cultural Center. Leading the Rocks to the non-conference boys hockey win were five players with multiple points. Ryan Quigley bagged another three-goal hat trick (his second in a week) and added an assist. Garrett Berg (2 goals, 1 assist), Mark McGee (1 goal, 3 assists), Mike Hochkins (1 goal, 2 assists) and Austin Sartorius (3 assists) also helped ignite the Salem offense. Splitting goaltending duties were starter Andy Magee and Brandon Price. Salem (11-3-1 overall) trailed 3-1 after the first period and 5-4 after two, but the Rocks' potent power play (5-of-8) helped bring the team back. SCS Unified scored four power goals in 11 attempts, and dropped to 7-7 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bowl with the Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League will participate in "Bowl with the Whalers," from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. It should be a fun night as players will try to knock those pins down along with members of the community. Information is available during Whalers games at Compuware Arena, at the Whalers Booster Club table or by calling (734) 453-8400. The cost is \$15 for members of the Booster Club and Kids Club and chaperones and \$25 for non-members.

Salem tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 sea-

son, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 in the school library. Those interested should bring current physical and medical insurance information. Also, uniforms will be ordered that evening and it will be the only opportunity to order them for 2011. Bring a check for the uniform, made out to Salem Girls Tennis. Additional optional clothing will be available for purchase. For more info, visit www.salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for ages 4-18 girls and boys.

Information and registration can be found at www.gcybsa.com. Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues. GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community schools to provide developmental skill building baseball and softball leagues.

Stevenson baseball clinic

Learn the basics of throwing, pitching, hitting, infield-outfield play at a youth baseball clinic (grades 2-6) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Livonia Stevenson High School fieldhouse. The cost is \$30 for the first 60 enrolled. For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623.

WRESTLING

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going to it early in the year," he said. "With the emergence of the Wayne County tournament and the formation of the KLAA, the need for the Observerland tournament isn't as necessary as it was when it was formed. "I was at Garden City when a group of coaches came up with the idea for an Observerland tournament to cut down on All-Area discussions. We actually hosted the first five years. Now that we have KLAA and Wayne County, the need just isn't there anymore." Glenn, which has earned two straight trips to the Division 1 state team finals, also pulled out because of scheduling issues, according to coach Bill Polk. Despite receiving a contract, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage and tournament director Marty Altounian, the Chargers' varsity coach, were not notified until last week that Glenn was not coming. "Some changes had to be made and unfortunately we had to go in another direction," Polk said. "I have always enjoyed the tournament and

Churchill has always done an outstanding job. "With the Wayne County, KLAA, and Observer right between the two, we see a lot of the same teams three weeks in a row. At Wayne County we see many of the district teams, so it's important to have that take place before the postseason. And the KLAA tournament (Feb. 5) is a league meet so we can change that. So with changes etc. ... I had to make the decision that John Glenn had to do what's best for our schedule." Despite the no shows, the event will still feature some outstanding individual grapplers with CC being the dominant team. The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, are coming off a couple of close dual meet defeats including a 30-28 setback last Saturday at Cincinnati Moeller and a 29-25 loss Wednesday at home against St. Johns, ranked No. 1 in Division 2. CC will be an overwhelming favorite to repeat because it currently has 10 wrestlers ranked among the top 10 in their respective weight classes statewide by MichiganGrappler.com. Two-time state champion

Alec Mooradian, a junior, is the No. 1-rated grappler at 135 pounds. Among the other top ten ranked CC wrestlers include Evan Toth (103), Malik Amine (112), Ken Bade (125), Logan Marcicki (135), Nick Mason (145), Drew Garcia (152), Andrew Erickson (160), Kevin Beazley (171) and Miles Trealout (189). Beazley, a transfer from Farmington Hills Harrison, was the upper weights MVP after finishing runner-up at 160 to Canton's Brent Winekoff. Other Observerland wrestlers ranked in their respective weight classes statewide in Division 1 include Jacob Meadows, Churchill (119), Alex Breckenridge, Plymouth (125); and Brendan Papin, Belleville (135). In Division 2, Andre Sanders (119) and James Roberts (140), both from Harrison, are listed in the top 10. Redford Union's Josh Hall, the Wayne County champ, will also make the 135-pound division one of the most competitive among the 14 weight classes.

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Competition fierce at county invite

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Despite fighting the injury bug, the Livonia Franklin wrestling team earned a third-place finish in Saturday's Wayne County Championships hosted by Romulus. Southgate Anderson came away with the team title in the 33-team field with 192 points. Rounding out the top five was state-ranked Canton (166), Franklin (151), Highland Park (117) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (115.5). "I thought we wrestled pretty well," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We were beaten badly on Wednesday by Canton and we looked much better today. It's always a credit to the guys when they rebound after adversity. This has been the hardest hit team by injuries in my 11 years here. There were years we had great depth and never got an injury."

Franklin boasted two individual champions led by Steve Tuyo (130 pounds) and Matt Roos (171). Runner-up finishers for the Patriots included Gabe Martinez (119) and Jordan Atienza (125). Other placers included Danny Martinez (112), third; Avery Opperman (152), fourth; and Josh Hatfield (145), sixth. "This year we have very little depth and we're losing quality kids," Chiola said. "Jordan McGuire (140) and Omar Haymour (285) have been out for almost a month. Allen Steele (160) was up 11-3 on Saturday when he separated his shoulder. We're not even wrestling a 215 pounder and we had four of them. They're all hurt." Despite being bruised and battered, the Patriots gave a good account of themselves. "I think it's great that we went into a tough tournament short-handed and wrestled well

enough to take third against a lot of quality schools," Chiola said. "This was a great tournament. I hope more teams sign up next year. We'll definitely be back. Right now we just want to get as many people healthy as we can so we can prepare for the postseason." Other area teams participating included Westland John Glenn, eighth (87.5 points); Wayne Memorial, 11th (62); Lutheran High Westland, 26th (21); and Livonia Clarenceville, 30th (15). Glenn got an individual title from 103-pounder Kyle Gillies, while Kameron Jones place third at 171. Wayne had a pair of third-place finishers in Kevin Newborn (152) and Dimitrus Renfro (215). Lutheran Westland's Zachary Francis added a third at 103.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**2011 WAYNE COUNTY WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Jan. 22 at Romulus**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Southgate Anderson, 192 points; 2. Canton, 166; 3. Livonia Franklin, 151; 4. Highland Park, 117; 5. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 115.5; 6. Brownstown Woodhaven, 113.5; 7. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 88; 8. Westland John Glenn, 87.5; 9. Romulus, 85; 10. Dearborn Divine Child, 76; 11. Wayne Memorial, 62; 12. Redford Union, 56; 13. Lincoln Park, 53; 14. Melvindale, 52; 15. Plymouth, 50; 16. Northville, 48; 17. Dearborn Fordson, 41; 18. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 37; 19. Flat Rock, 43; 20. Gibraltar Carlson, 30; 21. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 28; 22. Grosse Ile, 27; 23. Allen Park, 26; 24. Grosse Pointe South, 24; 25. Grosse Pointe North, 22; 26. Lutheran High Westland, 21; 27. Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 19; 28. Hamtramck, 17; 29. Garden City, 16; 30. Livonia Clarenceville, 15; 31. Romulus Summit Academy, 14; 32. Dearborn, 12; 33. Riverview - Gabriel Richard, 6.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**103 pounds:** Kyle Gillies (Glenn) decisioned Ben Griffin (Canton), 5-2; **3rd place:** Zachary Francis (Luth. Westland) dec. Ramsey Yousef (Mel.), 7-4; **5th:** Brandon Washington (Carlson) dec. Jacob Polenciewicz (AP), 2-1; **7th:** Mike Farkas (AP) dec. Dylan McLeod (LP), 11-6.  
**112:** Joey Golani (DHC) dec. Jourdain Spurin (S'gate), 5-3; **3rd:** Dan Martinez (Franklin) won by major dec. over Trey Berry (Ply.), 11-3; **5th:** Richard DeMarois (Canton) dec. Cade Barwig (Wyan.), 1-0; **7th:** Dominique Moore (HP) won by major dec. over Joey Pacurai (Rom.), 17-4.  
**119:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) dec. Gabe Martinez (Franklin), 6-4; **3rd:** Raven Schmitt (S'gate) dec. Ian Stirlon (N'ville), 8-6; **5th:** Jake Jones (LP) dec. Tito Sanchez (N.B. Huron), 4-2; **7th:** Montez Grant (Rom.) dec. Dylan Onder (Mel.), 7-4.  
**125:** Evan Guffey (Wyan.) dec. Jordan Atienza (Franklin), 9-2; **3rd:** Anthony Barbour (LP) dec. Alex Molloy (S'gate), 3-2; **5th:** Said Yousef (Ply.) dec. Sam Miller (Divine Child), 3-0; **7th:** Sam Polocoser (DHC) pinned Steve Knox (RU), 2:59.  
**130:** Steve Tuyo (Franklin) dec. Joe Lombard (Wyan.), 6-5; **3rd:** Eric Zapata (Flat Rock) won by major dec. over Alex Breckenridge (Ply.), 9-1; **5th:** Mike Wallace (Rom.) dec. Devin Foster (Woodhaven), 8-7; **7th:** Quentin Santiago (Wyan.) won by injury default over Alex Eimers (Canton).  
**135:** Josh Hall (RU) dec. Jake Collins (Mel.), 9-2; **3rd:** Derrick Hillman (Woodhaven) dec. Josh Lockwood (S'gate), 5-2; **5th:** Brad Furgerson (AP) dec. Travis Compo (N'ville), 10-8; **7th:** Kawon Lawrence (DHR) p. Nolan Goodall (G.P. South), 0:56.  
**140:** Adrian Berisha (DHA) won by major dec. over Tim Scott (HP), 12-2; **3rd:** Danny Statham (Rom.) p. Danny Muzycza (DHC), 1:28; **5th:** James Chapman (LP) dec. Tobias Barnes (Summit), 2-1; **7th:** C.J. Ward (LP) p. Ali Saad (Dbn.), 3:15.  
**145:** Demetrius Maddox (HP) dec. Jamie Jakes (Divine Child), 5-2; **3rd:** William Holtton-Snyder (Grosse Ile) dec. Zach Marsh (Canton), 5-1; **5th:** Jalen Jones (Wayne) dec. Josh Hatfield (Franklin), 6-4; **7th:** Coy Sillanpaa (C'ville) dec. Brandon Mahon (Rom.), 4-2.  
**152:** Shakeam Higgins (Rom.) p. Brandon McLaughlin (S'gate), 1:10; **3rd:** Kevin Newborn (Wayne) dec. Avery Opperman (LF), 8-4; **5th:**

Anthony Long (Glenn) p. Shehab Natour (Fordson), 3:59; **7th:** Sana Gardner (Ham.) dec. Jake Sanders (Carlson), 5-3.  
**160:** Caleb Wilson (S'gate) p. Raed Mourad (DHC), 2:09; **3rd:** Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Shawn Miller (G.P. North), 8-6; **5th:** Danny Croft (Glenn) p. Dave Meyer (DHA), 0:29; **7th:** Carneil Cannon (HP) dec. John Montgomery (N'ville), 4-3.  
**171:** Matt Roos (Franklin) dec. Nick Lamentola (Woodhaven), 8-2; **3rd:** Kameron Jones (Glenn) dec. Braden Price (Canton), 6-5; **5th:** Trevor Mares (N'ville) dec. Marcel Pop (Flat Rock), 3-2; **7th:** Zack Kephart (Carlson) dec. Josh Childs (Divine Child), 3-2.  
**189:** Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Tomas Gomez (S'gate), 2-1; **3rd:** Mohamad Soukar

(Fordson) dec. Nadar Bazzi (DHC), 13-7; **5th:** Joe Brewer (Wyan.) won by major dec. over Don Giese, Jr. (Garden City), 10-0; **7th:** Nick Maher (Woodhaven) dec. Devin Korzetki (Wayne), 3-1.  
**215:** Devon Bronson (S'gate) dec. Lucas Luchonok (Edsel Ford), 4-1; **3rd:** Dimitrus Renfro (Wayne) dec. Carlos Harbin (HP), 4-2; **5th:** Youseff Elsayed (DHC) dec. Logan McCann (Divine Child), 6-4; **7th:** Rob Lincoln (Canton) dec. Chris Gultman (Woodhaven), 15-8.  
**285:** Quean Smith (HP) dec. Justin Dozier (Woodhaven), 2-1; **3rd:** Ben Poirier (Canton) dec. Reggie Lewis (G.P. South), 3-1; **5th:** Martez Crutchfield (HP) p. Alex Davis (Divine Child), 5:26; **7th:** Derrick Campbell (Glenn) p. Ben Dominguez (S'gate), 2:31.

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**CHARLES RAYMOND ALLMEN**

Passed away at the age of 72. Born Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferndale as the second son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allmen, he died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011. Chuck graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1960 (bachelor's in mechanical engineering) and Wayne State University in 1966 (masters). He worked at Chrysler Corp. for 32 years. Chuck met Patricia Opeka in 1967, and he married her on Aug. 24, 1968, moving to Farmington Hills in 1971. He is survived by his wife Pat and four children: Sharon (Matt) Videtich, Michael (Becky) Allmen, Philip (Karen) Allmen and Alan (Rachel) Allmen and five grandchildren, soon to be six. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills Thursday, Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. In State at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. with funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



**WILLIAM "TOM" AVERY**

Age 76 of Howell graduated to Heaven Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Florida. Dear husband of Carolyn K. (Geelhood) Avery. Devoted father of Sandra (Alton) Brink of Troy and Kay (David) Bowerman of Howell. Also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private family services will be Thursday. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

**GARY V. GRAVES**  
January 23, 2011

Loving husband of Donna. Dearest father of Dawn Hazamy and Jody (Wassim) El-Siss. Grandfather of Jessica, Mona, Hanna and Mohamed. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia, MI 734-522-6200. Memorial Service will be held February 5th, 2011 at his home at 4:30pm.



**AARON THOMAS**

Age 39, of Owosso, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011, at his residence. Aaron worked as a project manager for Carl Zeiss, Inc. Aaron was born on December 21, 1971, in Wayne, Michigan, the son of Charles Thomas and Gale (Neal) Nequist. He graduated from Stevens High School in Livonia, and went on to attend college at Schoolcraft in Livonia. On August 27, 1994, he married Heather Hallett in Owosso. He enjoyed rebuilding and refinishing cars and electronics, especially his computer, and tinkering in his pole barn. He loved spending time with his family and going fishing, camping and boating. Survivors include his wife, Heather; son, Logan; daughter, Rylee; parents, Gale (Axel) Nequist and Charles (Jan) Thomas; in-laws, Ed (Connie) Abent; brothers, Kevin Thomas, Chad (Jennifer) Nequist and Jessie (Jessica) Edmunds; sisters, Kim (Jay) Phillips and Joelle Edmunds; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Scott (Valerie) Hallett; grandmothers, Laura Kutniowski and Jackie Neal; Sebastian, Natalie and Juan Rothman; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many other loving family members and friends. He was predeceased by grandpa, Donald Neal; grandma and grandpa, Margery (Wilbur) Thomas; and grandma, Virginia Yorty. Memorial contributions are suggested to Aaron's son and daughter's educational fund. Funeral Services were held Monday, January 24, 2011, at Nelson-House Funeral Home. On-line condolences can be sent to the family at www.nelson-house.com

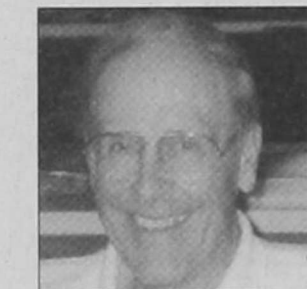


**BRIAN M. WOLKAN**

Age 50, of Walled Lake passed suddenly at his home January 18, 2011. He was born February 26, 1960, in the Old Redford neighborhood in Detroit, moving to Livonia, and graduating Franklin High School, class of 1978. He was a longtime employee of Red Lobster - Novi, of which he was loved by all who know him. He is survived by his mother CJ (Jan) Wolkan-Spencer and step-dad George Spencer of Westland; sister, Lynn (Kent) LeBoutillier, and their son Shawn of South Berwick, Maine; Brother, Brad (Yma) Wolkan, and their sons, Jake and Nate, of Livonia, Michigan. Brian loved music and played his '76 Stratocaster often. He was a rock and roll child of the 70's and liked listening to music the old fashioned way, on a turntable. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, camping and everything outdoors. His gentle smile will be missed by many. A family and friends memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 5 to 8 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd. (just north of 5 Mile) in Livonia. Please sign Brian's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com

**ROBERT W. KLEINSCHMIT**

Age 84, January 25, 2011. Beloved husband of Amy for 58 years. Loving father of Amy Lea (James) Thomas, Bob (Nancy), and Bill (Ramona) Kleinschmit. Cherished grandfather of Matthew and Nathan Thomas, Bobby, Lindsay, and Andrew Kleinschmit. Dear brother of Meta Silverthorn. Memorial Service Saturday 3 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation Friday 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the Church.



**LUKE E. KREMER**

January 19, 2011, age 85. Luke was an Electronics Technician in the aerospace and defense industries. He served in the United States Army, 28th Tank Battalion during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Predeceased by wife Marilyn and brother Felix. Survived by sons Eric (Tina), Matthew, Kurt (Carol) and Glenn (Peggy); daughter Ellen (Jerry); grandchildren Addie, Jack, William, Helena, John, Mark, Paul and brother Quintin. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church where a Memorial Mass will be held later.

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Mark White Band will perform at Faith and Family Night, Friday, Jan. 28 after the Plymouth Whalers hockey game.

## Hockey team brings fans together for faith night Jan. 28

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Pastor Jack Janigian will deliver his message from the perfect pulpit Friday, Jan. 28.

"I'm going to speak while standing on the ice," said the youth minister from Oak Pointe Church in Novi. "I'm going to talk about what kind of surface we're trying to walk around on and what we do when we fall down."

Janigian will give the inspirational talk from center ice at Compuware Arena as a part of the Plymouth Whaler's Faith and Family Night after the hockey team's game against the Niagara IceDogs.

"Speaking on center ice is pretty unusual, but it will be a lot of fun," Janigian said. "I do a lot of speaking in metro Detroit at schools and camps and churches. They called me and I am happy to do it. There will be a big crew from our church there. It will be a fun event for students and families as well."

The game will start at 7:05 p.m., followed by Janigian's comments and a performance by Christian rockers, The Mark White Band. Tickets are \$11 and are available by calling (734) 453-8400 or visiting the arena box office, open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday at 14900 Beck, in Plymouth.

The Whalers regularly stage theme events, such as frozen turkey bowling at Thanksgiving and an annual "Pink Out" campaign to raise money for breast cancer research. Faith and Family night is a new event,

but Denise Ronayne, Whalers marketing director, said it is a perfect fit for the team and its fans.

"We have an anthem program and have had a lot of churches participate in it," she said. "We've had men's prayer groups here and church choirs. We've been reaching out for a few years now and see these groups — youth groups, moms groups, men's prayer groups — in line with what we do."

Players also make appearances off the ice at community events, schools and fund-raisers. Ronayne said it helps teach them to "give back" and maintains a connection with the community.

The Plymouth Whalers are a part of the Ontario Hockey League. Ronayne describes the games as "professional, but grass roots, too."

"It's the highest level kids can play. In terms of excitement, there are NHL scouts here. We might have 10 kids go on to the NHL."

She said some players, such as Whalers center Robbie Czarnik, willingly talk about their faith.

"He's the first person to say he didn't get here by himself. He's going to tell you it was his Christian beliefs that got him here."

Ronayne said Faith and Family night could evolve into a weekend event after it debuts.

"We need to present it and see how it goes. We're going to have a blast. Everyone is excited about it."

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# VDay

## Annual monologue performance benefits programs for women, girls

Playwright Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" is staged in February worldwide to raise awareness and funds to help end violence against women.

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never seen *The Vagina Monologues*, Lauren Myrand suggests you approach it with an open mind.

If you've watched it before, get ready to hear a few new monologues Thursday, Feb. 10 at a joint performance by University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and Oakland Community College (OCC) students and faculty.

"Anyone who has doubts needs to throw out the inhibitions they have and come with an open mind and accept it as something more than just a script," said Myrand, a UDM architecture student and graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

She had seen *The Vagina Monologues* twice before and decided to audition with a friend for the UDM-OCC production. She was cast in three monologues.

"These are real stories told by real women that actually mean something in every day lives of women," she said, adding that the play appeals to both men and women.

"I think men see it because it gives them an idea what women experience. I think women go because it gives them a better idea about who they are. Many of the monologues are about women's sexuality and about love for who you are. Even at the end of the show when some of the language is gruesome, you still walk away with a refreshed, dignified stance about who you are as a woman."

Myrand's three monologues address serious topics about injustice and women and are worlds apart from the comedies in which she performed

### THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

**What:** Faculty and students from Oakland Community College and University of Detroit Mercy, along with special guest performers, Amy Lange of Fox 2 News and Shannon Murphy of *Mojo in the Morning*, read monologues written by Eve Ensler. The piece is based on interviews with more than 200 women

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10

**Where:** Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

**Tickets:** \$20 general admission, \$10 for students with ID, available in advance by calling the UDM box office at (313) 993-3270 or in person noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, at the box office located in Reno Hall on the University of Detroit campus, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. Or at the Smith Theatre on event day

**Details:** Proceeds benefit Alternatives for Girls and Michigan Women's Justice and the Clemency Project. The performance is a part of the VDay 2011 college and community campaign. VDay is a global movement aimed at stopping violence against women and girls. Through VDay campaigns, volunteers and students stage benefit performances of Ensler's works to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups. The V in VDay stands for victory, valentine and vagina

**Contact:** OCC Womencenter at (248) 522-3641 or UDMercy Women's Studies Program at (313) 993-6172; [www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org)

as a high school student.

"The last time I performed it at a group rehearsal I was shaking by the end of it. It's very exhausting."

### VDAY

Playwright Eve Ensler penned the monologues — some are humorous and some tragic — based on interviews with women around the world. The mono-

logues relate humor, pain, power, outrage and excitement experienced by women. Benefit performances are held globally every February-March to raise awareness of violence against women and funds to combat it. The shows and other events are part of the annual "VDay" campaign.

The UDM-OCC performance will benefit Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and Michigan Women's Justice and the Clemency Project in Ann Arbor. The Project works to free women who were convicted of murdering an abuser in self-defense, but didn't receive due process or fair trials. Alternatives for Girls serves girls and women, 4-20, in southwest Detroit who are at risk of pregnancy, gang involvement and school truancy.

"I have a special place in my heart for southeast Detroit. I lived there when I was young," said Yolanda Fleischer, director of the UDM-OCC production.

Fleischer is a retired UDM drama faculty member who also has taught at Wayne State University and now teaches a class at OCC. She has directed and acted in the Detroit area for more than 30 years, and developed a monologue project, *Unheard Voices*, in conjunction with the UDM theater community last year to underscore the plight of the homeless.

### COLLABORATING

Fleischer first saw *The Vagina Monologues* in 1999 in New York and began directing annual performances in the Detroit area a year later. This is the second time she has worked in collaboration with UDM and OCC. The show this year will include two new monologues by Ensler.

"The Vagina Monologues empowers the women and men who see it," Fleischer said. "I'll never forget we had an elderly gentleman at one performance — we had a talk back — and he spoke about his mother's abuse. We've had young women who have performed in it for the first time and then talk about their abuse. So many powerful things have happened."

Fleischer welcomes the chance to use theater as a vehicle to teach, enlighten and compel action.

"For the homeless project (*Unheard Voices*) people brought clothes and we filled a truck," she said. "There is power in theater."



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Ron Opfer of Huron, Ohio, sets up his booth at Art on the Grand.

## Juried art fair seeks exhibitors

Applications are available for artists interested in Art on the Grand, the juried fine arts fair scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5 in downtown Farmington.

Application deadline is March 25. They can be downloaded at [www.zapplication.org](http://www.zapplication.org) or [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com).

Last year Art on the Grand doubled in size and became a stand-alone event situated on Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington.

Many visitors, artists, and businesspersons said they liked the new date and location.

Artists reported high traffic and good sales,

despite inclement weather last year.

The artist booth fee is \$275 for the two days. Application fees are \$25 by mail or \$20 through [www.zapplication.org](http://www.zapplication.org).

An award for "Best of Show" and two honorary "Mayor's Awards" are given out each year. Interested artists should call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856 or e-mail [cpowers@fhgov.com](mailto:cpowers@fhgov.com).

Art on the Grand, presented by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, includes a wine/beer tent, live entertainment, and family activities.

## Rock concert benefits veterans' organization

Canton-based rock band, Sweet Crystal, will perform along with other bands at Warriors 211, a benefit for the Wounded Warrior Project, Feb. 5 at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills.

Sweet Crystal, which records under the Tate Music Group (TMG) label, is presenting the show which will donate the price of all admissions to Wounded Warrior Project, a

nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to wounded soldiers.

Other performers are Alyssa Simmons, TMG band MediSin Wheel, Ray Cooke and Expansions Jazz Quartet and R&B band Oxoquad also will perform. MediSin Wheel will play songs from its Christian hard rock album, *Fire On The Moon*. Sweet Crystal will perform songs from its Christian

rock album, 3.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. The hall is located at 2105 South Boulevard.

Admission is \$5, although the more an individual donates, the more chances they'll have to win door prizes. For more information, visit [www.sweetcrystal.com](http://www.sweetcrystal.com) or call Nightcrier Music at (888) 831-1984.

## ART

### Art & Ideas

**Time/Date:** Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29

**Location:** 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

**Details:** "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free

**Contact:** (734) 420-0775 or visit [www.artandideasgallery.com](http://www.artandideasgallery.com)

### City Gallery

**Time/Date:** Through Feb. 23

**Location:** At the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Nature photography by artist Cassandra Medley

**Contact:** (248) 473-1856

### Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Through Jan. 29

**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

**Details:** Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"

**Coming up:** 5th Annual Member Exhibition, Feb. 4-19, will showcase styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4

**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

## COMEDY

### Brighton Center for Performing Arts

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28

**Location:** On the campus of Brighton High School, 7878

Brighton Road, Brighton

**Details:** Dave Coulier performs. Tickets for reserved seating are \$25 and are available by phone with a Visa/Mastercard at (810) 299-4130 and press 0 or at the Brighton Community Education office in the Miller Intergenerational Center, 850 Spencer, Brighton. Tickets also available at the door beginning at 6 p.m. on the event day

**Contact:** [www.BrightonPerformingArts.com](http://www.BrightonPerformingArts.com)

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**Location:** 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** John Roy, Jan. 26-29; Sean Patton, Feb. 2-5; Tony Woods, Feb. 9-12; Louis Katz, Feb. 16-19; Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26;

**Contact:** (734) 261-0555, [www.kickerscomplex.com](http://www.kickerscomplex.com)

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

**Time/Date:** Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Michael Malone, Feb. 3-5; Jeff Caldwell, Feb. 10-12; Rachel Feinstein, Feb. 17-19; Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26

**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, [www.comedycastle.com](http://www.comedycastle.com)

## CONCERTS

### Baseline Folk Society

**Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month

**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts

**Contact:** (248) 719-3464 or [mjimmullen@yahoo.com](mailto:mjimmullen@yahoo.com)

### The Ark

**Time/Date:** African Guitar Summit, Feb. 1; Frank Vignola with Viny Raniolo and Julien Labro, Feb. 2; Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, Feb. 3; Hoots & Hellmouth, Feb. 4; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 5; Caravan of Thieves, Feb. 7; Kurt Elling, Feb. 8; The Wailers, Feb. 9; The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folky Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps and more, Feb. 13; Genticorum, Feb. 15; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 16; The Good Lovelies, Feb. 18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28

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### Livonia Symphony

**Time/Date:** 4 p.m., Jan. 29

**Location:** Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt,

Livonia

## GET OUT!



The Motor City Sidestrokeers will perform Friday, Feb. 4, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.



Blues singer Ann Rabson will perform Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

**Details:** "Winter Reverie," featuring violinist Aaron Berofsky, with selections by Tchaikovsky and Darzins. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages. Group rate is \$15 for 10 or more

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### Music Hall

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Jan. 28

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** The Latin Jazz All Stars; tickets \$30, \$40 and \$50

**Coming up:** "Drumline Live," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11; tickets \$30, \$40, \$50

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### Seligman Performing Arts Center

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

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

**Details:** Orion String Quartet and Windscape perform Bach's "The Art of the Fugue" as a part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series. Tickets are \$43-75; \$25 for students

**Contact:** (248) 855-6070; [www.ComeHearCMSD.org](http://www.ComeHearCMSD.org)

### Trinity House Theatre

**Time/Date:** Motor City Sidestrokeers with The Milroys, Feb. 4; Lac La Belle and Orpheum Bell, Feb. 5; Unvalentine Show with Jamie Sue Seal, Dave Boutette, John Latini and Andrew Viloch, Feb. 11; Nervous But Excited with The Marvins, Feb. 12; Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, [www.trinityhouse.org](http://www.trinityhouse.org)

### Village Theatre at Cherry Hill

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m., Jan. 29

**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton

**Details:** Jazz and blues singer Ann Rabson performs; tickets are \$20

**Contact:** (734) 394-5460 or [www.CantonVillageTheater.org](http://www.CantonVillageTheater.org)

## DANCE

### Detroit Opera House

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30

**Location:** 1526 Broadway, Detroit

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**Contact:** (313) 237-SING, or [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org)

### Music Hall

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 5

**Location:** 350 Madison, Detroit

**Details:** "Tango Buenos Aires" performs; tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50

**Contact:** (313) 887-8500 or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

### Polka Booster Club of America

**Time/Date:** Doors open 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3-7 p.m., Jan. 30

**Location:** Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights

**Details:** Inauguration of officers and dance to the music of Duane Malinowski and The polka Jamboree; admission is \$22.50 with beer, wine and pop included. Reservations required

**Contact:** Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

## FAMILY

### Bakers Keyboard Lounge

**Time/Dates:** 2-5 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Jazz for Kids Program

**Location:** 20510 Livorno Ave., Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 345-6300, [www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com](http://www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com)

### Detroit Institute of Arts

**Time/Dates:** 2 p.m. Sundays

**Details:** Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

**Location:** 5200 Woodward, Detroit

**Contact:** (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

### Detroit Zoo

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

**Location:** I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

**Details:** Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14;

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**Contact:** (248) 541-5717

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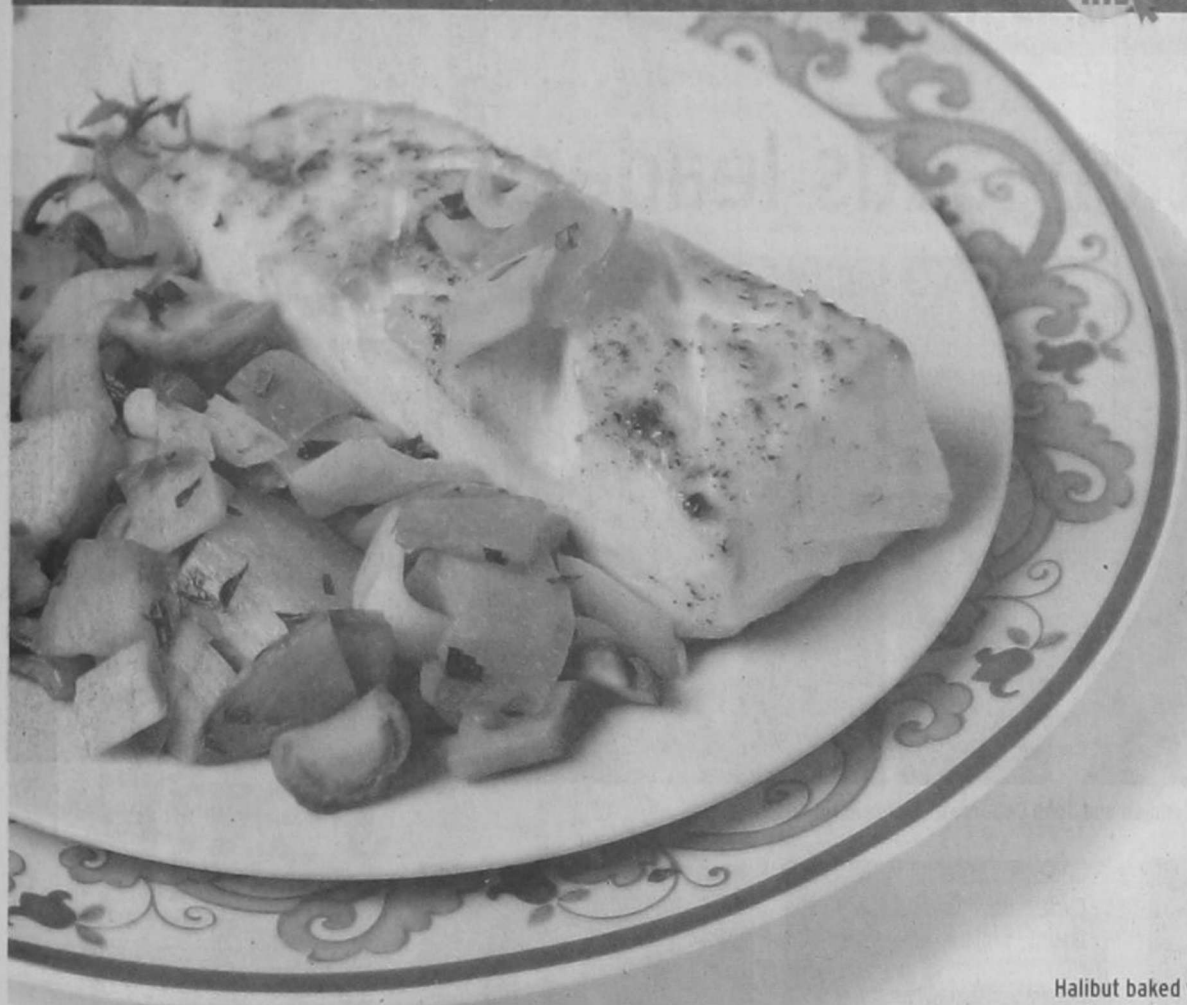
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## DISCOVER ENDIVE



Halibut baked with  
endive, leeks and  
tarragon.

### HALIBUT BAKED WITH ENDIVE, LEEKS AND TARRAGON

Serves 6

2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling  
6 cups thinly sliced leeks  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
6 California endives, halved lengthwise and cored  
2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon  
6 halibut fillets, 5 to 6 ounces each  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 425°F. In ovenproof skillet or Dutch oven wide enough to hold the fish in one layer, warm butter and olive oil over moderate heat. Add leeks and season with salt and pepper. Stir well, then cover, reduce to moderately low and cook, stirring occasionally, until leeks have softened, 10 to 15 minutes. Do not let them brown.

Cut endive halves crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide pieces. Stir endive and tarragon into skillet, season with more salt and pepper, cover and continue cooking until endive has softened slightly, 3 to 4 minutes.

Season halibut fillets on both sides with salt and pepper. Arrange them on the bed of vegetables and transfer skillet to the oven, uncovered. Bake until fish just flakes, 10 to 12 minutes.

Divide vegetables and fish among 6 dinner plates. Top fish with a generous drizzle of olive oil and garnish with parsley. Serve hot.

### BROILED ENDIVE WITH A QUICK CAESAR DRESSING

Serves 6

Dressing:  
1/4 cup mayonnaise (not low fat)  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
1 clove garlic, finely minced  
1 anchovy fillet, finely minced  
1 1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar, or to taste  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Salad:  
9 large California endives, halved lengthwise  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tablespoon minced parsley

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, olive oil, garlic, anchovy and wine vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk in a little water to make the dressing thin enough to drizzle.

Preheat broiler and place an oven rack in the lowest position. Cut a thin slice off the rounded side of each endive half so it sits on a baking sheet without rolling. Put endive halves on baking sheet cut side up. Brush with half of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Broil until nicely browned in spots, about 10 minutes.

Turn endives over, brush with remaining oil and season with salt and pepper. Broil on rounded side until nicely browned and tender, about 10 minutes longer. Turn endives over again, raise oven rack to about 6 inches from heat, and broil briefly to crisp the edges.

Transfer endives to a serving platter, cut side up. Drizzle with dressing, then garnish with Parmesan and parsley. Serve hot.



Braised endive with butter  
and fresh thyme



Broiled endive with a  
quick Caesar dressing

### ENDIVE AND WATERCRESS SALAD WITH APPLES AND WALNUTS

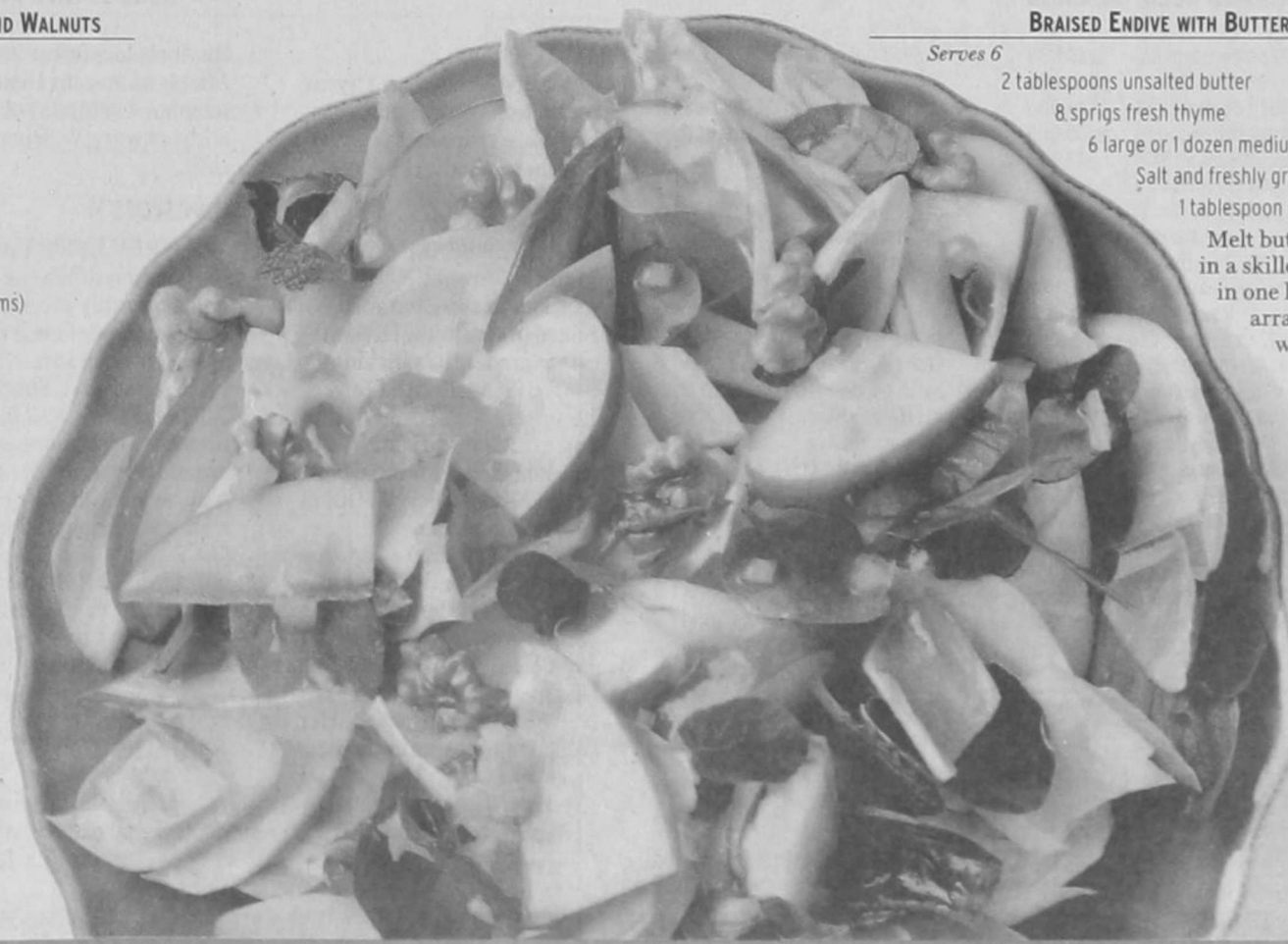
Serves 6

Dressing:  
5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons minced shallot  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Salad:  
6 California endives, halved lengthwise and cored  
2 firmly packed cups watercress leaves (no thick stems)  
1/4 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint  
1 large crisp apple, such as Fuji

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, wine vinegar and shallot. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cut endive halves crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide pieces. Put endive, watercress, walnuts and mint in a salad bowl. Quarter and core apple, then slice crosswise as thinly as possible. Add sliced apple to salad bowl. Add enough dressing to coat salad nicely; you may not need it all. Toss well, taste and adjust seasoning. Serve immediately.

Endive and watercress salad  
with apples and walnuts



### BRAISED ENDIVE WITH BUTTER AND FRESH THYME

Serves 6

2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
8 sprigs fresh thyme  
6 large or 1 dozen medium California endives  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Melt butter over moderately low heat in a skillet large enough to hold endives in one layer. Add thyme sprigs, then arrange endives on top. Season with salt. Cover and cook slowly until endives are tender when pierced, 20 to 30 minutes, turning them with tongs halfway through.

Uncover and remove thyme sprigs. Raise heat to high and cook until endives are browned on the pan side, about 1 minute. With tongs, transfer to a platter, browned side up. Season with several grinds of black pepper and garnish with parsley. Serve hot or warm.

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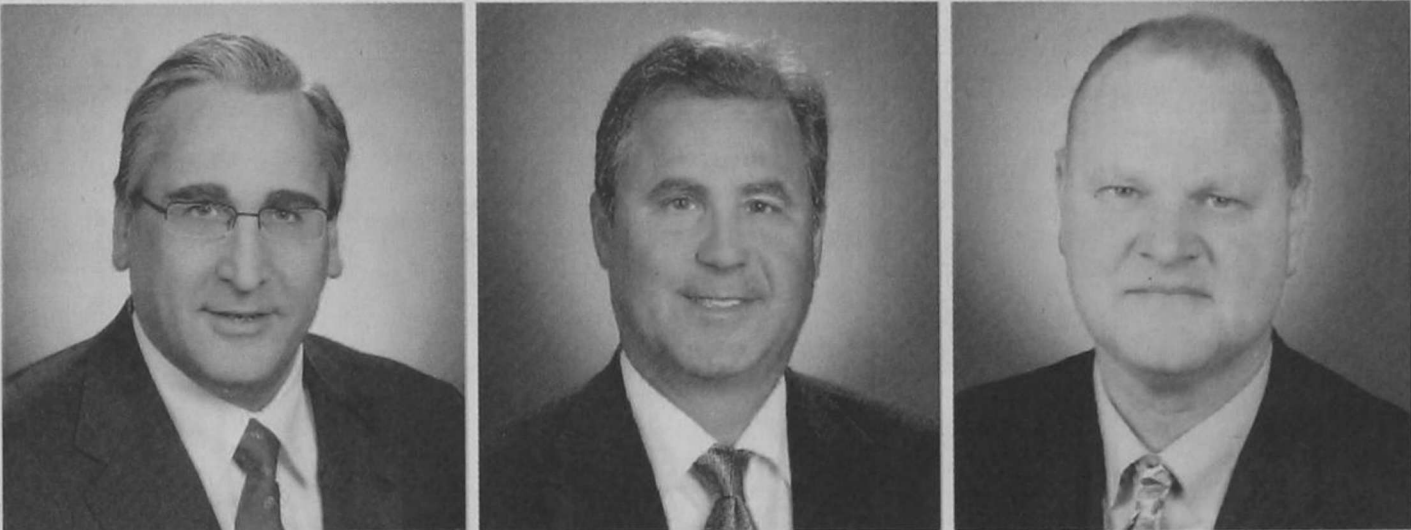
Building Industry Association lauds leaders

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its annual Industry Leadership Awards to President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development Co. LLC (President's Award) and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 2 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

Award honorees include:

- Hall of Fame to Jim Beachum, Beachum & Roeser
- Builder of the Year to Pinnacle Homes - Howard Fingerroot, Steve Friedman & John Deporre
- Young Builder of the Year to Damiano DiMercurio, DiLusso Building Companies
- Samuel Kreis Annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry to Susan Adler Shanteau, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan
- Distinguished Service Award in Government to Ted Wahby, Macomb County treasurer
- Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to John Weyer, building official, Canton Township
- Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year to Richard Beckwith, R. Beckwith Flooring
- Associate of the Year to Rick Ditzek, Carter Lumber
- Remodeler of the Year to Lenox Bowman, CGR, CAPS, CGP, P & B Finishers, Inc.
- Distinguished Service to the Remodeling Industry to Jo Golda, Jo's Cleaning & Organizing
- Professional Women in Building Council Leadership to Katie Hallett, TK Design & Architecture
- Membership Growth Honoree to Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Custom Homes, Inc.
- Membership Connection Honoree to David Curtis Insurance Agency.

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Builder of the Year honors go to (from left) Howard Fingerroot, Steve Friedman and John Deporre of Pinnacle Homes.

Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

President's Award recipient Grewal is a third generation builder. He is president of Singh Homes, an affiliate of Singh Development LLC.

Grewal began his career with studies in building construction management at Michigan State University. He earned a master's degree in corporate finance from Walsh College. He began Singh Homes LLC in 1989 with the support of his family.

Grewal was named Young Builder of the Year in 2001 and Builder of the Year in 2006. The firm has expanded its business operations to North Carolina. He is married to Sharanjit and dad to Neetu and JD.

Grewal, who finds time for golf games occasionally, likes to visit India with his family.

Hall of Famer Beachum and Richard Roeser teamed up in 1976 to build single family



Damiano DiMercurio is the Young Builder of the Year.

and condominium properties. Their developments are now known for Williamsburg- and Georgian-style buildings in southeast Michigan.

The firm has nearly one million feet of office space. Many of their properties have won awards for architectural and landscaping excellence, as well as tenant praise for customer service.

Beachum is a Michigan State University supporter who studied building construction at MSU before going to work for his father. He then worked for a Lansing builder of single family homes and apartment buildings. In the mid-1960s, he joined Amurcon Corp. and became a vice president.

Beachum has served as



Jim Beachum of Beachum & Roeser is receiving Hall of Fame honors.

a director for the School of Building & Construction at MSU and has funded the Curtis M. Beachum Endowment for scholarships. He is married to Carmen and dad to Jim Jr., Bill, Chris and Barb. The Beachums also have five grandchildren.

Builder of the Year Pinnacle Homes opened its doors in 2004. Leaders of the firm praise its attention to detail, focusing on all aspects of the business. Locations and good school districts have also contributed to Pinnacle's success.

Pinnacle leaders also emphasize customer service. The group is excited about the opening of The Legacy of Farmington Hills during 2011 with homes to be offered from the \$290s.



Darshan S. Grewal, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, will be among honorees Feb. 2.

Young Builder of the Year Damiano DiMercurio is focused on Macomb County with DiLusso Building Companies. The firm's tagline is "A reputation for good judgment, fair dealing and truth."

Now in his early 30s, DiMercurio has built extensive office space and ventured to Newnan, Ga., outside of Atlanta, where he built homes.

Homes remain a main focus for the company. DiMercurio has ventured into the independent senior market in Clinton Township with one- and two-bedroom apartments.

DiMercurio is a member of the BIA Board of Directors. He enjoys golf, tennis, travel and reading, and is a soccer fan. He has a daughter, Lilamarie, 6.

Check details on renting

Q: I am thinking about renting my condominium and I am wondering what restrictions I might have to deal with respect to doing so?

A: It is always important to look at your condominium documents before you attempt to rent your unit to insure that



Robert Meisner

you are not violating any provisions which may include a limit on a number of rentals in condominium or an absolute prohibition on any renting of units in the condominium. If your condominium documents allow for rentals, it is necessary for you to ensure that certain language is in your rental agreement and provided to the association well before the lease is executed, as well as to provide them with a copy of the rental form to ensure that it is in compliance with the Condominium Act. It is also a good idea to have an attorney draft your lease if your association does not already provide you with a lease form satisfactory to it.

Q: Our condominium board is trying to invest our reserve funds with a non-insured brokerage firm because they claim they can get a better return. Is there any requirement that they do with federally insured funds?

A: Not necessarily, although most condominium documents require that the funds of the association be invested with an entity that has insurance backed by the federal government. In any event, the Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty to preserve the assets of the Association to the extent necessary and their failure to do so could result in culpability to them, particularly if there is a loss or a default on the part of the entity in which they invested the funds. You are best advised to advise the board of this potential exposure to the extent that they are not aware of same.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 12-15, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.			6141 Stonetree Dr	\$136,000	30048 Richland St	\$115,000		
			47681 Ten Point Dr	\$276,000	20118 Saint Francis St	\$45,000		
			39855 Wales St	\$126,000	8874 Stonehouse Ave	\$200,000		
			46837 Wareham	\$235,000	36559 Whitcomb St	\$106,000		
			48817 Woodson Way	\$327,000				
				Garden City		44431 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$275,000	
			28978 Bridge St	\$80,000	42109 Baintree Cir	\$209,000	18670 Fox	\$25,000
			122 Central Ct	\$85,000	40729 Coachwood Cir	\$375,000	17636 Glenmore	\$50,000
			450 E Rose Ave	\$78,000	16026 Morningside	\$124,000	18653 Indian	\$32,000
			28432 Kathryn St	\$76,000	40631 N Northville Trl	\$353,000	26740 Joy Rd	\$11,000
			31780 Rush St	\$62,000	45394 Pebble Beach Ct	\$400,000	25521 Pembroke Ave	\$30,000
			Livonia		15749 Portis Rd	\$253,000	27162 W Six Mile Rd	\$74,000
			32460 Six Mile Rd	\$12,000	40917 Rayburn Dr	\$260,000		
			29452 Bobrich St	\$25,000	39479 Springwater Dr	\$136,000	37130 Baker Dr	\$30,000
			16144 Burton Ct	\$127,000	19065 Stonewater Blvd	\$63,000	31111 Beechnut St	\$65,000
			9328 Colorado St	\$125,000	39509 Village Run Dr	\$218,000	2646 Caledonia Ct	\$12,000
			14749 Country Club Dr	\$145,000	112 Walnut St	\$86,000	38081 Carolon Blvd	\$24,000
			17517 Ellen Dr	\$315,000	17590 White Pine Ct	\$425,000	7471 N Farmington Rd	\$141,000
			35112 Elmira St	\$120,000	16976 Yellowstone Dr	\$96,000		
			8900 Farmington Rd	\$104,000			686 Herald St	\$258,000
			20454 Gill Rd	\$195,000			42111 Old Pond Cir	\$76,000
			15405 Harrison St	\$70,000			1613 Old Salem	\$188,000
			31139 Hillbrook St	\$190,000			1426 Penniman Ave	\$215,000
			37862 Jamison St	\$107,000			174 Pinewood Dr	\$55,000
			9072 Louise St	\$55,000			12842 Portsmouth Xing	\$380,000
			30554 Munger St	\$224,000				
Canton								
41515 Bedford Dr	\$48,000							
42626 Beechwood Dr	\$183,000							
7045 Clampton Ct	\$115,000							
6406 Connaught Ct	\$314,000							
724 Constitution St	\$264,000							
50580 Coolidge St	\$217,000							
44534 Forest Trail Dr	\$150,000							
50205 Harding St	\$245,000							
39715 Hillary Dr	\$130,000							
43525 Lyme Ct	\$129,000							
1123 N Cavalier Rd	\$154,000							
3320 Napier Rd	\$191,000							
3982 Norwich Dr	\$92,000							
7817 Oxford Dr	\$82,000							
7900 Oxford Dr	\$82,000							
1989 Pearce Ct	\$55,000							
2482 River Woods Dr N	\$272,000							
1500 S Sheldon Rd	\$136,000							

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 10-15, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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		2085 Canal St	\$200,000	25069 Davenport Ave	\$256,000
		4970 Comstock St	\$46,000	21901 Greentree Ln	\$235,000
		4724 Driftwood Dr	\$380,000	27941 Hopkins Dr	\$110,000
		8603 Hibbing St	\$72,000	41679 Magnolia Ct	\$78,000
		2494 Ivy Hill Dr	\$220,000	22484 Mondavi Dr	\$363,000
		2925 Ivy Hill Dr	\$275,000	24707 Nepavine	\$488,000
<b>Beverly Hills</b>		<b>Farmington</b>		25071 Newberry Dr	\$257,000
18137 Birwood Ave	\$250,000	31743 Folkstone Dr	\$90,000	28004 Paca	\$151,000
<b>Birmingham</b>		34028 Oakland St	\$140,000	28008 Paca	\$151,000
1243 Davis Ave	\$378,000	<b>Farmington Hills</b>		<b>South Lyon</b>	
1875 Pine St	\$465,000	32740 Balmoral Knls	\$125,000	54280 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
1958 S Bates St	\$200,000	32621 Biddestone Ln	\$260,000	1350 Coach House Ln	\$339,000
663 W Frank St	\$250,000	31785 Coronet Dr	\$102,000	24132 Copperwood Dr E	\$257,000
1954 Webster St	\$120,000	29817 Edgehill Ave	\$60,000	321 Harvard Ave	\$108,000
1395 Willow Ln	\$549,000	21614 Mayfield St	\$145,000	331 Harvard Ave	\$84,000
340 Wimbleton Dr	\$313,000	28011 Rollcrest Rd	\$320,000	26522 Mallard Ct	\$65,000
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>		29523 Shenandoah Dr	\$205,000	<b>Southfield</b>	
420 Dunston Rd	\$810,000	29170 Shiawassee Rd	\$113,000	22360 Evergreen Rd	\$82,000
4462 Tanbark St	\$180,000	36938 Valley Ridge Dr	\$182,000	28155 Fairfax St	\$60,000
<b>Bloomfield Township</b>		33861 Yorkridge St	\$200,000	30755 Longcrest St	\$104,000
5305 Brookdale Rd	\$400,000	<b>Lathrup Village</b>		15801 Providence Dr	\$40,000
6960 Cathedral Rd	\$227,000	18536 Bungalow Dr	\$88,000	28430 Ranchwood Dr	\$55,000
4104 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$170,000	18880 San Quentin Dr	\$155,000	29177 Wellington Ct	\$48,000
2827 Hunters Blif	\$505,000	<b>Milford</b>		29145 Wellington Rd E	\$51,000
2696 Kentmoor Rd	\$190,000	323 E Commerce St	\$384,000	20570 Westhampton Ave	\$18,000
5480 Lahser Rd	\$257,000	1413 Horseshoe Cir	\$214,000	<b>White Lake</b>	
1127 Meadowglen Ct	\$245,000	110 Milford Meadows Dr	\$262,000	1365 Midway St	\$110,000
681 Overhill Rd	\$475,000	211 Ravineside Dr	\$245,000	1249 Rossfield St	\$72,000
2740 Theford Rd	\$166,000	<b>Novi</b>		1385 Sugden Rd	\$293,000
2712 Turtle Ridge Dr	\$325,000	50665 Chesapeake Dr	\$610,000		
<b>Commerce Township</b>					

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On board

Alice Wierciak, an 11-year real estate professional, has joined the sales team at Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty. She offers a full range of real estate services to clients in Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties. She is a member of the Dearborn Area Board of Realtors. Her real estate credentials include the ABR (Accredited Buyer Representation) designation and e-PRO certification. She was honored with inclusion in the Association of Million Dollar Producers.

Wierciak is a 20-year area resident currently living in Garden City. She is active in the community as a member of the Jaycees, H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group), and BNI (Business Network International). Her background includes work as an estimator for Union Steel Erectors.

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## PUZZLE CORNER

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# SUDOKU

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**Fun By The Numbers**

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

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

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Aquarius	Frosty	Pisces	Shortest	Valentine
Birthday	Leap year	Presidents	Snow	Washington
February	Lincoln	Recess	Twenty-eight	Winter

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9	4	6	7	2	3	5	8	1
8	7	3	1	4	5	6	2	9
5	1	2	2	9	6	8	7	4
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1	2	7	4	5	9	3	6	8
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Advertising Feature

## CAReport



By Dale Buss

The North American International Auto Show may be over for another year, but the impressions it left on Detroit-area car shoppers - and on the national and international auto industries - will reverberate throughout 2011.

The show at Cobo Center represented a return of some of the optimism and even brand bravado that had characterized the Detroit extravaganza for many years leading up to the Great Recession.

Among the highlights of presentations by brands and executives to the global automotive press, before the public show opened:

### Buick Highlights Luxury Ambitions:

The General Motors luxury brand has always been Cadillac. But since the company slashed its active brands from eight to four last year, Buick brandmasters have been trying to move their marque upscale by calling it "luxury" as well.

That happened again at the show John Schwegman, U.S. vice president of marketing, touted the new Verano compact sedan as a "luxury" vehicle that would compete with "European and Japanese" upscale brands. He also noted that, in 2010, Buick's sales rose by 52 percent, the most of any mainstream brand in the U.S. market, and "placing it No.4 among all luxury brands, and

ahead of Lincoln, Infiniti and Audi."

Verano will go on sale in the U.S. late this year, the latest model in what Buick is calling a "product renaissance" that began with the Enclave crossover-utility vehicle and continued with introductions of the new LaCrosse and Regal sedans.

Verano will have a "refined and sporty profile," Schwegman noted. It will boast "the most comfortable seats in the segment," he said, an available heated steering wheel, connectivity to a Pandora system that will stream music to Bose speakers, and a remote unlock and start with "no range limitations."

**Marchionne Spreads the Word for Detroit:** He's much softer-spoken, but Sergio Marchionne's ability to draw and hold auto-industry crowds is increasingly reminiscent of another Chrysler CEO of Italian descent.

He told Detroit's dean of talk-radio hosts that he believes strongly in the Jeep brand, especially after the new Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, introduced last fall, has gotten off to a fast start in sales. Customers of all Chrysler brands have been short of new sheet metal to consider for a couple of years, of course, but now Fiat has helped Chrysler turn on the new-product spigot again, with revamped and new vehicles such as a fresh version of the mainstay 300 sedan that was unveiled at the Detroit show.



Toyota's first in a new family of Prius vehicles, the V.

The 2011 Buick Verano is meant to capture sales in the compact-luxury segment



"I think Jeep can actually become a global brand powerhouse," Marchionne told Paul W. Smith on WJR Radio. "Jeep can carry this brand internationally."

In fact, Marchionne said, he has been so impressed by how Chrysler designers, engineers and manufacturing managers put together the new Grand Cherokee and established output in the Chrysler assembly plant in Detroit that he has awarded the group with responsibility for developing a new SUV in partnership with Maserati, another Fiat brand, for a line of vehicles that would be sold worldwide.

### "V" Are Family as Toyota Extends Prius Lineup:

Toyota unveiled two new vehicles that extended its single-vehicle Prius brand to a "family" of models that now includes a larger Prius and Toyota's first plug-in hybrid.

Prius may have had problems finding buyers over the last couple of years of relatively quiet gasoline prices, but recent jumps have quickened the interest of American consumers in hybrids again. December sales of Prius in the U.S. were a record for any winter month.

And exact timing aside, extending the Prius sub-brand gives Toyota its best

chance yet to plumb its "mystique and persona," said Bob Carter, Toyota division general manager. "Prius has the highest brand awareness of an hybrid, with almost one million sold. The brand is like Levis with jeans, or Kleenex and tissue."

Prius V - for "versatility" - has 60 percent more cargo space than the current third generation of the original Prius hybrid, Carter said. Yet it offers the same emissions reductions as the current Prius. The new Prius has "comfortable seating for five" and is aimed especially at young families who like the vehicle's green credentials but wanted more interior room as well, he explained.

Stylistically, the vehicle resembles some of the smaller crossover-utility vehicles already on the market. It has a squared-off rear end and a low, broad, rectangular-shaped hatch for easy access.

Prius V also will feature a standard back-up camera and a moonroof made of lightweight resin. It will be the first Toyota equipped with the widely hailed Entune infotainment system that the company introduced last week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

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