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To enter, go to hometownlife.com and click on The Oscars Reader Contest. Last day to enter is 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The awards program is Sunday, Feb. 27.

Tax deadline

Monday, Feb. 28, is the deadline for Canton property owners to pay their winter and summer taxes at the treasurer's office, located in the township administration building at 1150 S. Canton Center, between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Any payments after Monday will have to be made to the county, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

For more information, including ways to pay at the county, visit www.canton-mi.org and look under the Government tab for the treasurer's office. There are links to sites such as the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Special support

Special Olympics Michigan is excited to team up with Applebee's, a restaurant dedicated to making a difference in the communities they serve. This is the second year in a row for the partnership. Applebee's will launch the statewide fundraiser Feb. 28, and it will run through the end of March. More than 65 Applebee's locations, including the restaurant in Canton, will participate.

Applebee's customers can purchase a gold paper medallion for \$5. The medallion comes with a \$5 off coupon good toward the next purchase of \$25 or more through April 17, as a thank you to customers for their contribution.

Last year, Applebee's raised \$53,000 for Special Olympics Michigan with medallion sales and three golf outings.



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Nevaeh Muntian sits with her parents, Melisa and Brandon Muntian, on the floor. On the couch (from left) are maternal grandmother Shelly Ozment, 2-year-old Braelen Muntian, family friend Derek Styron, paternal grandmother Vicki Partin and Nevaeh's 2-year-old cousin, Lexi Bonar.

'Our little miracle'

Family credits paramedics for saving daughter's life

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For a little girl who suffered cardiac arrest and spent her fourth birthday in a coma, Nevaeh Muntian of Canton seems remarkably healthy.

She laughs and sprints across her family's living room as she plays with her brother, Braelen, and cousin Lexi Bonar, both 2. She still enjoys singing, dancing, eating cookies, coloring and watching her favorite cartoon character, Dora the Explorer.

She hardly seems to notice the defibrillator doctors implanted in her upper left chest. She remembers little of her recent 16-day

hospital stay.

"I was sleeping," Nevaeh said.

She nearly died, more than once. Her parents, Brandon and Melisa Muntian, are convinced they would have lost their beloved daughter if Canton Fire Department paramedics hadn't arrived as quickly as they did to help Nevaeh, who was unconscious and barely breathing in her home on Heritage Drive, near Haggerty and Palmer.

"They saved our daughter's life," Brandon Muntian, 29, said. "We couldn't be more pleased with the way things turned out."

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Medical costs could be factor in tax appeals

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time, Canton homeowners who have out-of-pocket medical expenses that push them below the poverty level can qualify to have their property taxes reduced.

The change, approved Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, allows residents to file a hardship appeal with the local Board of Review if they have health-care costs, including prescription drugs, that cause them to dip below certain income guidelines.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin proposed the measure after several residents approached her to say they had difficulty paying their property taxes and buying prescriptions as critical as oxygen.

"You shouldn't have to make that choice," McLaughlin said.

Health-care costs not covered by insurance have become the latest reason local homeowners may file hardship appeals when the Board of Review meets in March, July and December, McLaughlin said.

Assessor Doug Shaw said anyone who needs information may call the assessor's office at (734) 394-5111.

Out-of-pocket health-care costs may be considered as a hardship if income falls below \$10,800 for a single person, \$14,600 for two people or \$22,100 for a family of four.

McLaughlin said she approached Shaw and township Supervisor Phil LaJoy after she was approached by residents such as one woman who worked only part time yet was trying to keep her home and pay for oxygen.

Prior to Tuesday's township board vote, Shaw said the local Board of Review didn't have any authority to grant property tax relief based on medical expenses.

"If it's a poverty situation and someone deserves it, they should get it," he said Wednesday.

Homeowners who file such hardship appeals have to fill out appropriate forms from the assessor's office and document their income, medical costs and household expenses such as mortgage payments, McLaughlin said.

She said it's one more way local officials can hopefully help residents stay in their homes rather than being forced to sell or face foreclosure. She said she doesn't expect the new hardship measure to unleash a storm of appeals.

"I don't think this is going to open the floodgates," she said Wednesday, "but it will help some people who need it."

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Locals deal with yet another snowy blast

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Canton dug out from yet another winter-weather wallop, local officials hoped to avoid another significant snowfall.

"My concern is, if we get another storm before this melts, it's going to be a mess," Canton Emergency Management Planner Kathy Rich said.

Rich's remarks undoubtedly summed up the feelings of many Canton residents whose collective patience has been tested by a series of storms that made it difficult to navigate local roads and neighborhoods.

Many roads remained in poor condition Tuesday afternoon, long after heavy snow had ended, and local residents and motorists wondered when they might

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be able to stop sliding and sloshing their way across town.

Yet, other than a utility pole fire near Cherry Hill and Lotz, Fire Chief Tim Dunn said the latest winter blast didn't bring any unusual incidents or challenges to Canton.

Similarly, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski reported "nothing major" that was weather-related.

Reduced pay aside, many township employees lucked out Monday as they stayed home for the second of 13 unpaid furlough days this year, though some said roads still were in bad shape as they returned to work Tuesday morning.

Township hall closed Monday because of the furlough day, but police officers and firefighters remained on the job to

provide critical services. Summit on the Park also remained open Monday.

Laurie Golden, the Canton Public Library's marketing and communications manager, said the library remained open. The library is a separate entity and isn't part of the township furlough days.

Golden said the number of items checked out Monday by patrons was 5,153 — down from some 5,400 items for the previous Monday.

"We were pretty slow (Monday) morning, but we did pick up some later in the afternoon," Golden said.

The library was continuing special programs it had scheduled for students during their winter break, and she said "a good flow" of patrons came to the library on Tuesday.

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Lisa Cervantes of Canton and her daughter, Juliet Ferreyra, cross country ski in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.



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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.

Music for Maggie

St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts "Coffee House Concert" 7-9 p.m. Saturday, March 26, with proceeds to benefit the Central Middle School band and the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund of the Educational Excellence Foundation, supporting Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The EEF supports Plymouth-Canton schools. Donations to the Maggie Kathleen Furlong Memorial Fund will be used in accordance with the Furlong family wishes - either for scholarships or classroom grants to support education in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

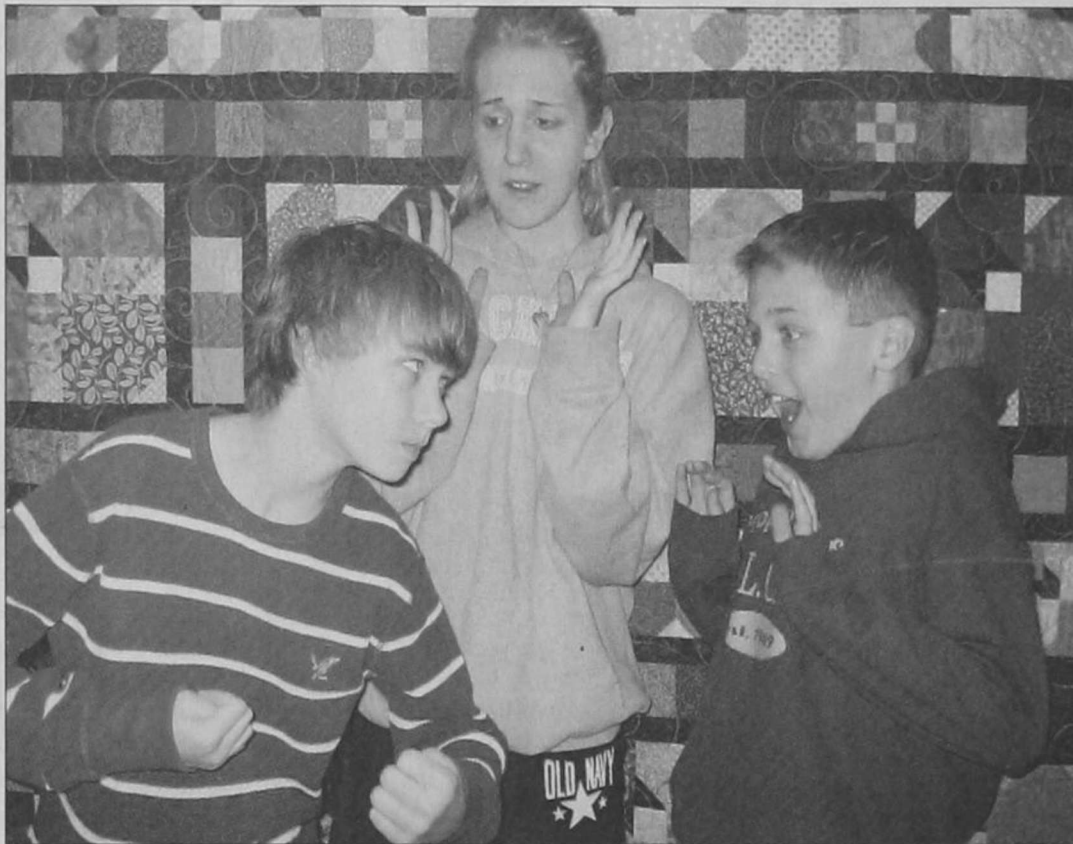
The event will feature beverages and desserts, the concert, a bake sale, handmade pins and items for sale. St. Kenneth's is located at 14951 N. Haggerty in Plymouth Township.

To donate, go to www.pccs.k12.mi.us/eeef and follow links to scholarship funds. Donations for Music for Maggie accepted at the door.

Preschool parents

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Early Childhood Programs will host a Preschool Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford Road, Canton. Learn about our 2011-12 preschool class options, meet the staff, and pick up enrollment materials.

For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 734-416-6190 or visit our website at: web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood.



Weekend of Sawyer

Spotlight on Youth presents 'Tom Sawyer' for one weekend only - March 10-14 - at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Theater-goers can visit St. Petersburg, Mo., in the mid 1800s and relive the classic adventures of Tom Sawyer as he plays hooky from school, leads a gang of boys, is sweet on Becky and Amy, terrorizes his cousin Sid and Aunt Polly, lazes with Huck Finn and leads the kind of life every boy dreams of on the Mississippi River. The cast includes Plymouth's Brett Moore as Tom Sawyer and Jim Broderick of Canton as Huck Finn, plus almost 40 children from local communities including Canton, Plymouth, Belleville and Westland. Show dates are 7 p.m. March 10-11, 2 and 7 p.m. March 12 and 2 p.m. March 13. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Bingo night

Back by popular demand, Bingo Night with prizes donated by local businesses, pizza from ZZ's, a treat from Carvel, a raffle to benefit a local charity, and an opportunity to sign up for activities for the entire family is on the agenda at the Canton Newcomers' Wednesday, March 2, adult general meeting.

The club's own "March Madness" starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center, and visitors are welcome.

Request a complimentary newsletter at www.cantonnewcomers.org of this social, civic and charitable organization. To RSVP your attendance, to donate a small prize, or with any questions, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail nrybar@yahoo.com.

Bipolar support

The non-profit Depression Bipolar Support Alliance of Metro Detroit is offering support group meetings by trained leaders twice a month.

The meetings take place the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Lincoln Behavioral Services Office, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, located off Plymouth Executive Park Dr. north of M-14. The DBSA is a self-help group of those diagnosed with bipolar disorder or depression whose mission is to provide support, hope and education to individuals diagnosed with depression and bipolar disorders, their families and friends.

More information is available on the group's website at www.dbsa-metrodetroit.org or you

can call Bob, (248) 689-6110, or Nancy, (734) 536-3457.

Mom to Mom

Bentley Elementary School hosts its PTO Mom-2-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the PTO and Bentley students, with the hope, organizers say, to be used for future playground equipment and classroom grants at the school.

Entry fee is \$1; strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Table fee is \$15, and there are still a few available.

For more information, call Christine Wegrzyn at (734) 331-2160 or e-mail rcwegrzyn@gmail.com.

Women's connection

Canton Women's Connection (formerly Canton Business & Professional Women) meets 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Guests will be The Petticoat Ladies as "Women of the West." Bring a friend or neighbor for this entertaining, informative presentation (no complimentary dinners for first-time guests to this dinner).

To RSVP by March 10 or for more information, contact June Nicholas by calling (313) 610-2561 or e-mail junenicholas@comcast.net

Band booster craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 12. The fundraising event, to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, is a juried art show produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Over 100 exhibitors with handcrafted items will be on display at this artistic event. Visitors can expect a high qual-

ity show with jewelry, hand-made clothing, soaps, artwork, sculptures, floral arrangements, and many spring related items.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admission is \$2. Strollers are welcome.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fundraisers we host each year," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised at this event will help send the 200-member Marching Band to the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. We're hopeful the community will come out and support our kids by visiting our craft show."

All Saints fundraiser

Crafters (scrappers, knitters, beaders, paper crafters) who are slightly behind can pack up your projects and craft tools and join the second annual Crop & Craft Day at All Saints Catholic School 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday April 2. Full-day (\$35), half-day (\$25) and share-a-table (\$50) options are available.

All Saints Catholic School is a preschool through grade eight Detroit Archdiocesan coeducational Catholic School. Gospel values are the basis of the formation of our students in faith, ethics, academics and community. All Saints Catholic School is fully accredited by the Michigan Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association.

All Saints Catholic School is located at 48375 Warren in Canton. To request a registration form or any questions you can contact Hope at ascscropandcraft@gmail.com

Pastor remembered as 'gifted teacher'

BY LAUREL THOMAS GNAGEY
CORRESPONDENT

Members of Trinity Church in Plymouth — a congregation perhaps best known locally for its monthly food pantry and soup kitchen, and other community outreach efforts in southeastern Michigan — are mourning the loss of their founding pastor.

Dr. William C. Moore died Feb. 22, at the age of 67, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., following a brief illness. His wife of 44 years, Cindy, was by his side.

Moore served as senior pastor of the church, located at Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson, from Trinity's beginning in 1979 until March 2010, when he retired from the leadership role. After a brief sabbatical, he returned to the church, and in his most recent position he taught a number of classes, worked with new members, moderated the Board of Deacons, attended to pastoral care duties and preached on a monthly basis.

"Bill was a pastor, friend and mentor to thousands over the course of his pastoral ministry. His influence on the communities of Plymouth and Canton is immeasurable," said Mark Fuller, current senior pastor. "We have lost an incredibly godly and humble man who tirelessly served this church and his Lord with grace."

Trinity began as a small church plant by Ward Church, formerly in Detroit, then in Livonia and now located in Northville. Under Moore's leadership Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, its formal name, grew from about 100 to more than 600 members. It also planted another church, Knox Presbyterian in Ann Arbor, in 1992.

MORE OUTREACH

In recent years, under his leadership, the Trinity congregation expanded its definition of what it means to serve others to include more outreach to those in the local community.

To that end, Trinity started a food pantry in partnership with Gleaners that serves about 350 families each month. Members also worked with Central Detroit Christian (CDC) to build Peaches and Greens, a fresh produce market in Detroit, and Restoration Warehouse, a store that sells inexpensive home improvement materials, also located in Detroit. The church is involved in other ministries with CDC, including an upcoming tutoring program.

As church members and friends remembered Moore this week, they painted a picture of a gifted speaker and strong leader, who encouraged and empowered people. He had a way of convincing people to serve in the church, often picking up the phone himself to do a little recruiting.

"At Trinity, 80 percent of the people are involved in ministry — an unheard of number in most congregations," said Ellie Schupra, director of outreach,



Moore

who added that sometimes it is a challenge to use all of the people who want to volunteer for the monthly food pantry.

SHOE LEATHER

Moore also is remembered as a gifted teacher who had a favorite saying: "Now, let's bring this down to shoe leather."

"Many people who read the Bible might see it as too theoretical or theological. Bill was committed, however, to helping people understand that the Bible was not just good theology, but the essential guide for daily living," Dale Lefever, one of the original members of the church, said to explain Moore's oft-used phrase. "Bill had a heart for evangelism and part of his commitment was to break down the biases many people have that the Bible is not relevant for today."

Colleagues in the ministry say Moore always was an encouragement to them. He started a group called the Plymouth-Canton Clergy Association that meets monthly from September to May. The organization that includes Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran and Methodist clergy, among others, provides church leaders an opportunity to share their challenges and successes with peers. Rick Thomas, pastor of New Hope Church in Canton, remembers Moore as a stabilizing force for their group.

"I will remember Bill as a man who always had a positive and peaceful demeanor, who was able to bridge denominational differences without compromising the truth," Thomas said.

The reminiscence of Moore also included some lighthearted anecdotes about the man who so loved Christmas that every year he decorated his office top to bottom and began playing carols as early as September.

IN THE MIDDLE

"He loved people and liked to be in the middle of everything," said Barbara Davis, director of administration and assistant to Moore for 26 years. He would seek out people to visit, even on vacation. Yet, as much as he enjoyed his work and ministry, he also loved working in his garden, feeding and watching birds, relaxing with his nose in a book, and, most of all, spending time with his wife, Cindy, also an avid reader and his greatest supporter, Davis said.

He was a graduate of the College of William and Mary, the place at which he met his wife Cindy (Cain). He earned a master's of theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a doctor of ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughter Kathy (Tim Edgren); three sons, Daniel, Thomas (Jenn), Phillip (Emily) and nine grandchildren; a twin brother, Charles; brother Stephen; and sister Edwina.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 28 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **food service equipment**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Raquel Hunter in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2741. Technical questions should be directed to Kristen Hennessey of the PCCS Food Service Department at (734) 416-2742. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2011. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Char Sherman, who won the Athena Award in Westland a few years ago, has announced her retirement from Wayne-Westland schools.

W-W board praises Sherman for her work

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Charlotte Sherman began her career with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and she will end it there. The current deputy superintendent for instruction will retire effective June 30. “Char will be with us until June, but I want to thank her for everything she has done for the students of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools,” said school Superintendent Greg Baracy. “I can’t come up with the words to express my deep gratitude for what she has done.” Sherman’s request to retire was approved by the school board last week. She started as a student teacher in Wayne-Westland in 1970 and became a teacher in 1974. According to Baracy, she “held just about every teaching and administrative position there is in the district.” “She’s very well connected with the kids in the high school, middle school and

adult education,” he said. He added that he will recommend that her position be filled. Saying that he was “a little taken aback” by the announcement, Trustee William Gabriel praised Sherman for what she has done for Wayne-Westland. “As a board member, I learned a lot from her,” he said. “She’s one person that’s going to be missed.” Trustee Carol Middel pointed out that she worked with Sherman on a lot of things “and while we didn’t always see eye to eye, I was able to see your side of it.” “I’m going to miss you,” she said. “When I came on the board, I started working with Char, I always looked to her expertise,” said school board President Skip Monit. “I want to thank you for all your years with us.” Sherman chose not to comment, saying she will speak closer to her departure.

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Canton braces for CDBG loss

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton is bracing for possible cuts in federal funding it has used to improve low-income housing, support the First Step domestic violence shelter, boost Growth Works youth-help programs and make township buildings more accessible to people with disabilities. Despite a \$379,000 allocation for Canton for a 12-month period ending June 30, Canton officials fear funding cuts approaching 10 percent could loom amid federal efforts to trim dollars for Community Development Block Grant programs. Michael Sheppard, financial analyst for Canton’s finance department, issued the warning as he and his colleagues, an outside consultant and the Canton Township Board of Trustee met for talks last week as the township moves to establish a one-year action plan and a five-year blueprint for CDBG priorities.

PLAN CRAFTING
Canton has to adopt a plan by May and submit it to the federal government to continue to qualify for CDBG

It’s yet another anticipated revenue loss for Canton, which already has lost millions in property tax revenues and is expecting still another round of statutory state-shared revenue cuts, potentially \$100,000.

funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Christopher Plummer, president of ASK Development Solutions and a consultant who is helping the township draft a CDBG plan, told local trustees to expect “probably more cuts than increases” from the federal program during the next five years. It’s yet another anticipated revenue loss for Canton, which already has lost millions in property tax revenues and is expecting still another round of statutory state-shared revenue cuts, potentially \$100,000. Even as the threat of CDBG funding cuts looms, Plummer said the township still has to establish a new set of priorities to qualify for whatever money it may receive. Moreover, he said federal

officials typically require that certain percentages of CDBG dollars are allocated to specific areas, whether it’s for housing rehabilitation or services for senior citizens and youths. **GREATER CONTROL** Trustee John Anthony said the plan could work better if the local community, which has a CDBG advisory board, could have greater control over how the money is used, rather than answering to what he views as a federal bureaucracy. “I think the citizens of Canton know best how to spend their taxpayers’ money,” he said. Trustee Syed Taj indicated strong support for continuing to use a portion of CDBG money for housing-rehabilitation efforts, especially for low-income residents and fixed-income senior citizens, many of whom he said are facing financial hardships or, in dire situations, bankruptcy. His colleagues appeared to agree, and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Clerk Terry Bennett also singled out First Step and Growth Works as agencies the township needs to support, especially as criti-

cal programs compete for a shrinking share of grant dollars. “I think all of those are good things,” Bennett said. **EXCEEDS FUNDING** When the township last updated its five-year plan, projects identified by the community were tabulated and assigned a \$38.7 million price tag — an amount local officials said far exceeded CDBG funding that, as of now, stands at \$379,000 for a year. “We can look at \$38 million,” township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said, “but we’re not going to be able to do anything with that.” McLaughlin agreed and said some of the figures, such as \$5 million for homeless services, seemed like “irrational numbers” for Canton. Meanwhile, anyone who wants to fill out a CDBG survey may visit www.canton-mi.org and look under the “Living In ...” tab for Community Development Grant Program. Requests for surveys in an alternate format may be made by calling (734) 394-5225.

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Heise seeks locals for advisory committees

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, is looking for community members to share their opinions, comments and concerns as part of four new Constituent Advisory Committees focusing on local government, education, senior, and small business issues. The committees will meet at least twice a year and members will serve as informal, volunteer advisors to Rep. Heise. “I am excited to create another opportunity

to receive feedback from residents,” Heise said. “These committees will give community members the chance to discuss how the state’s policies are affecting them, and what changes they would like to see made.” Residents interested in learning more about the Constituent Advisory Committees are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

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CRIME WATCH

Purloined purse

1 It seems like a classic example of "Stop! Thief!"

A woman shopping at the Walmart on Ford Road told police she was looking at movie DVDs in a bin when her purse was taken from a suspect she described as a white female in her 20s, 5-foot-3, 110-120 pounds with red or brown hair pulled back in two pigtails.

The incident happened about 7:25 p.m. Saturday.

The victim told police she saw the woman walk away cradling the purse in her arms. According to a police report, the victim yelled for anyone to "stop that girl, she took my purse!"

The suspect began running toward the front of the store as two men chased her. One of them trailed her outside and managed to get the purse from the suspect before she fled the scene.

The victim told police nothing appeared missing from her purse.

Disorderly conduct

2 At least one male was cited for being a disorderly person following a fight that happened about 5:40 p.m. Monday at Summit on the Park, according to a police report.

Police responded to a report of some males fighting on a basketball court. One of the males said two others had stared at him in the gym, and he thought one of them was taking pictures of him with a cell phone.

He said he asked the male who was supposedly taking pictures if there was a problem, and he said the encounter led to the other male grabbing him by the neck. The alleged victim said he, in turn, pushed the initial assailant to the ground and got on top of him. He said a third male then joined in the fracas.

Police took statements from other males — some of whom confirmed what happened and some of whom provided slightly different versions.



According to a police report, the male accused of instigating the first contact was cited for being a disorderly person.

Bad discounts

3 An employee of the Kohl's Department Store at Michigan Avenue and Beck Road was arrested after he allegedly rang up items at improperly discounted prices for people he knew.

Police arrived around 9 p.m. Friday and escorted two customers into the store amid allegations they had received discounts the store hadn't approved. One of them was the brother of the employee.

Police learned that items such as sunglasses and a hooded sweatshirt had been bought for \$84.51 when the actual price should have been \$254.96. Police also learned there had been similar transactions made earlier.

Kohl's didn't prosecute the shoppers but the employee was arrested as police investigated the incident.

Teen wanted

4 Police went to Belvedere Court, southwest of Beck and Cherry Hill, after

but hadn't been

Home invasion

6 A man arrived at his home on Wyndchase, southeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty, and found that his residence had been entered sometime Feb. 18. He told police he found the front door slightly ajar and the lock broken.

Missing items included video game systems and games, a television, a pair of Rockport boots, assorted paperwork and jewelry. A woman who lives there also reported a missing purse and mink coat.

Gas guzzler

7 An employee of the Shell gas station on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty reported that a driver pulled up to a fuel pump, got \$20 of gasoline and then drove off without paying for it. The driver was in a black Jeep Explorer.

The incident happened about 1:30 p.m. last Thursday.

receiving a report of a missing teen, only to learn that he was wanted by Michigan State Police for aggravated assault on a police officer.

The incident happened about 9:20 p.m. Saturday. Police went to the home, arrested the teen when he arrived and turned him over to Michigan State Police, which also wanted him for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Charger stolen

5 A woman told police her 2006 Dodge Charger was stolen between 2:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. while it was parked on Cassia Court, northwest of Lotz and Cherry Hill. She said she went outside and the car was gone.

The woman told police the doors had been locked. She said she was behind on her payments but hadn't been contacted by the bank.

Gas station robbery suspect headed to trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Detroit man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he robbed a Canton gas station and smacked a female clerk on the head with a semi-automatic handgun.

Jimmie Lee Morris, 50, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of an incident that happened about 9:30 a.m. Dec. 21 inside the Shell gas station on Michigan Avenue near Lotz.

Morris was ordered to stand trial after he appeared Friday in 35th District Court and waived his preliminary exam on charges of armed robbery, being a felon in possession of a firearm, assault with a dangerous weapon and being a four-time habitual offender.

Morris has been accused of entering the Shell station, producing a black semi-automatic handgun, demanding



Morris

cash from the store register and striking the female clerk. Police said he fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

No shots were fired, and police

have said the woman wasn't seriously injured even though she was struck on the forehead. A police report indicated the suspect also held the gun to the woman's back and ordered her to go to a back room of the station before he fled.

Witnesses had provided Canton police with a description of the suspect, and a subsequent investigation led to Morris' arrest. He was arraigned on the criminal charges Feb. 3 by Judge Michael Gerou, who set a \$500,000/10 percent bond.

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Residents may hear emergency sirens

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents may hear the township's outdoor warning sirens through Friday as they are intermittently tested due to routine maintenance and a software upgrade.

An outside company, American Signal Corp., is expected to test emergency sirens that have been placed across the township to warn residents of severe weather or other potential threat.

Local officials say the warning sirens will be ready and in good working condition as warmer weather approaches

and increases the potential for severe storms and tornadoes.

Officials said the siren tests could begin Tuesday and occur sporadically through the week.

According to the township's Public Safety Department Web site, warning sirens are located at 7604 N. Haggerty; 4581 S. Beck; 4180 Barr Road; 4073 Herbey; 49477 Proctor; 1350 N. Ridge; 1130 S. Sheldon, by Bentley School; 2305 Oakview; 7986 N. Morton Taylor; 46673 Warren; 1032 S. Haggerty, near Field Elementary; 1632 N. Lotz, south of Home Depot; 49468 Warren; 3510 S. Haggerty; 1250 N. Beck; and 1255 S. Beck.



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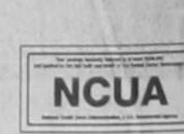
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Amy Hammye, left, and Michelle Lozier, who both work at Plymouth Township Hall, jump into a frozen Belleville Lake Feb. 12 during the Polar Plunge, a fundraiser for Special Olympics Michigan. More than \$41,000 was raised during the Belleville plunge, one of 24 such events around the state.

Township workers play polar bears to benefit Special Olympics

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amy Hammye took the plunge — the Polar Plunge — for a good cause a couple of Sundays ago.

Hammye, the Plymouth Township deputy treasurer, and the six others on her team, Jessie's Girls, braved the icy waters of Belleville Lake during the Polar Plunge, which raises money for Special Olympics Michigan — and raises awareness of Special Olympics programs.

MONEY RAISED

The Belleville event, on Feb. 12, was one of 24 Special Olympics Polar Plunges around Michigan this winter and raised more than \$41,000, about \$15,000 more than last year, said Kimberly Purdy, a Special Olympics Michigan spokeswoman.

Jessie's Girls raised more than \$5,000, tops among the

teams participating in the Belleville Plunge, in which 142 people dived into the water, with temperatures hovering in the low 30s.

"I did the good old cannonball, one hand in the air," Hammye said Tuesday of her dive. "You're in and out, so it really wasn't that bad."

Hammye alone raised more than \$3,000 with her dive.

The Belleville divers, wearing zany costumes (a parade and costume contest had preceded the Plunge) were watched closely by members of the Belleville Fire Department's dive team. Afterward, participants were treated to lunch.

The money raised during the Belleville Polar Plunge will stay in the region to help local athletes, Hammye said. There are about 1,900 Special Olympics participants in the area, and about 18,600 around the state.

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MIRACLE

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TURNING BLUE

Nevaeh's parents, her two grandmothers and a family friend, 19-year-old Derek Styron, still recall the terrifying ordeal that started after an outing Jan. 26 to a Detroit Pistons basketball game at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where Brandon Muntian took photos of his smiling daughter on his phone.

Returning home after 11 p.m., Nevaeh had started toward the bathroom when Styron noticed her fall. Her father rushed to her.

"Her eyes rolled back in her head. She was turning blue. I picked her up and she was limp in my arms," Brandon Muntian said.

Nevaeh's paternal grandmother, Vicki Partin, said it seemed that a Canton police officer arrived within 90 seconds after a 9-1-1 call was made, and he radioed his finding of a weak pulse to paramedics who quickly arrived. They used every medical procedure possible to save Nevaeh as they rushed her by ambulance to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Fire Chief Tim Dunn said four paramedics — Chris Battistone, Matt Niemczewski, Richard Crackel and Ryan Molina — had rushed to Nevaeh's house in an ambulance and a heavy rescue vehicle. Three of them accompanied her to Oakwood Annapolis, where doctors gave further treatment before Nevaeh was flown by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grandma Vicki Partin has a kiss for Nevaeh Muntian, who survived cardiac arrest before her fourth birthday.

'GOING TO DIE'

U-M doctors nearly lost Nevaeh. "They thought she was going to die," her 24-year-old mother said.

Even after the initial scare, Nevaeh remained in a coma for several days, including her fourth birthday, as doctors gave her a hypothermia treatment to cool her body. They needed to reduce the risk of brain damage.

"Her brain was shut off," Melisa Muntian said.

Doctors slowly revived her Feb. 2, and her family said doctors ran tests that showed Nevaeh hadn't suffered any brain damage, despite going into cardiac arrest four times and then being in a coma.

"That's why we call her our little miracle," her maternal grandmother, Shelly Ozment, said.

Nevaeh finally came home Feb. 10 with a defibrillator implanted in her small body,

and her family said U-M doctors suspect one of two heart conditions could have caused her problems. They also believe Nevaeh's condition could be genetic, though her parents said no one on either side of the family ever suffered cardiac arrest at a young age.

Nevaeh returns for a follow-up visit in late March, when her parents hope to learn precisely what caused her heart problems. Doctors already have told the family that Nevaeh may have to wear a defibrillator the rest of her life.

'SHE HAD ANGELS'

Dunn, Canton's fire chief, was glad to hear that Nevaeh's family lauded the efforts of local paramedics, police and hospital personnel at Annapolis Oakwood and U-M.

"We try to do our best to help everybody," Dunn said. "That's why we're here."

Of 6,069 fire department

calls in Canton last year, 83 percent involved medical runs. It's a sobering statistic that reminds local officials how important it was to move to a higher level of paramedic training, an Advanced Life Support system, in June of 1999.

Aside from top-notch medical care, Ozment believes her granddaughter also had help from another source.

"She had angels," Ozment said.

Brandon Muntian said Nevaeh's ordeal has brought the family even closer together. Family members are thankful Nevaeh will, again, be able to sing, dance, eat cookies, color and watch cartoons. And in coming weeks, there will be a belated fourth birthday party.

That thought brings a smile to Nevaeh's face. "I want some cake," she said.

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NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 8	9 am - Noon	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 14	2 pm - 5 pm 6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 16	9 am - Noon 2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Thursday, March 17	9 am - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 19	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing office by the close of business on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Boutique's focus: Customers and cookies

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

Special Place: Gift boutique. We carry home decor, specialty wedding, baby and girlfriend gifts, cards, jewelry, clothes, purses, candles, cheese ball mixes, crystal, cards, gift bags and many more items. We also carry items from local artists including EPTAS (every picture tells a story) by Brian Hill, Plymouth, MI. We always have cookies for our customers and gift wrapping available.

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

Special Place: My sister opened a gift shop in Charlevoix, and when we went to see it my husband said to me "I thought it would be you," so one day I came home from work, told my husband I was going to remortgage our home and start my own business. He got very big eyes and after a few moments said, okay.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Special Place: We wanted to be part of a hometown community so we decided to open in Cherry Hill Village. It seemed the perfect place. It was new, we were new and hopes were high. Unfortunately, The Village was a little too new and could not support our small business. We stayed there for 5 years and after working 7 days a week and no income from the store for either one of us, decided we needed to move. We loved Canton so we looked for a busier place to hang our hats. That's when I met Nick,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Roberta Pritchard opened A Special Place Boutique in Cherry Hill Village five years ago, but has since moved to the Golden Gate Shopping Center.

the owner of Golden Gate Shopping Center. He made a trip out to my store not only on a Sunday but on his 40th wedding anniversary! He told me I should be there so I went.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Special Place: We are the only gift boutique in Canton. It seems the days of boutiques is becoming more rare. To be one you need to have an eclectic collection of items for sale and in that respect we do! We also pride ourselves on customer service. Taking time to talk to people is rare these days but as you can see even in my responses, I am never at a lack for words. We LIKE people and like to see them happy. That's why we have cookies.

When someone walks in and you say to them "Welcome, to A Special Place" we know it's true!

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Special Place: We finally learned that you can't please everyone and that's okay. Sometimes you just do not have what they are looking for. But if you are friendly and show them things of interest, they might not buy that day but you know they will be back for a different occasion.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Special Place: I'm not sure how to answer that since the time that I first opened, the economy was going into the toilet already.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Caregiver workshop

The Geriatric Care Management Network of Southeast Michigan and the Gerontology Department at Madonna University is hosting a free workshop entitled Difficult Decision Making as Your Loved One Ages: Medical, Legal, & Emotional Aspects on Saturday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics include long term planning, advanced directives, and emotional stress.

Speakers include Dr. Patricia Schmidt, Medical Director of In-House Hospice, Katie Graham, Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan Elder Law & Advocacy Center, and Peter Ostrow, Director of The Dorothy & Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program.

The workshop takes place in Kresge Hall Room 1316 at Madonna University located at 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Continental breakfast is included. For more information, contact Serving Seniors at 248-375-9125.

Friends Ball

Providence Health Foundation 2011 Friends' Ball will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Garden Atrium, Southfield Town Center, Southfield. This year, Sister Xavier Ballance, DC, will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award, and Chandrika M. Joshi, MD, and Robert K. Brateman, MD, will

be the recipients of this year's Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

Proceeds from the 2011 Friends' Ball will support a new Women's Health Initiative, a coordinated, creative strategy to better meet the health needs of women throughout St. John Providence Health System's West Region. The area to be served includes the surrounding communities of Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi. This initiative is part of a system-wide effort of St. John Providence Health System committed to developing programs and services to best support the unique needs of women throughout their lifespan in their quest for optimal health – from prevention and general wellness to specific disease treatment and spiritually based, holistic care of chronic health conditions.

The evening will feature an art gallery, a chance to have photos taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of The Paul Keller Orchestra. Co-chairs for the event are once again Julie Frost and Charlotte Walker. Tickets are \$250 per person; tables of 10 are available for \$2,000.

To become a corporate sponsor for the event, place an ad in the program book or purchase a ticket, please contact Lorraine Owczarek at (313) 343-7582.

CHAMBER CHAT

'Harvey' on stage

Spotlight Players presents romance, comedy and a fun night out at the theater with "Harvey" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Harvey," featuring local WWJ celeb Greg Bowman in the lead role, is the story of a kind, gentle man whose best friend is an invisible six-foot tall white rabbit. Trouble ensues when his sister tries to get him committed to a sanitarium, so she and her daughter can once again hold their heads up in polite society.

Dates are Feb. 25-27. Show times Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. matinees. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Call (734) 394-5300 or go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for tickets (\$16-\$18).

Chamber auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner auction is scheduled for 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 16.

Don't miss out on Canton's biggest event of the year. This year's theme is "ChamberOpoly."

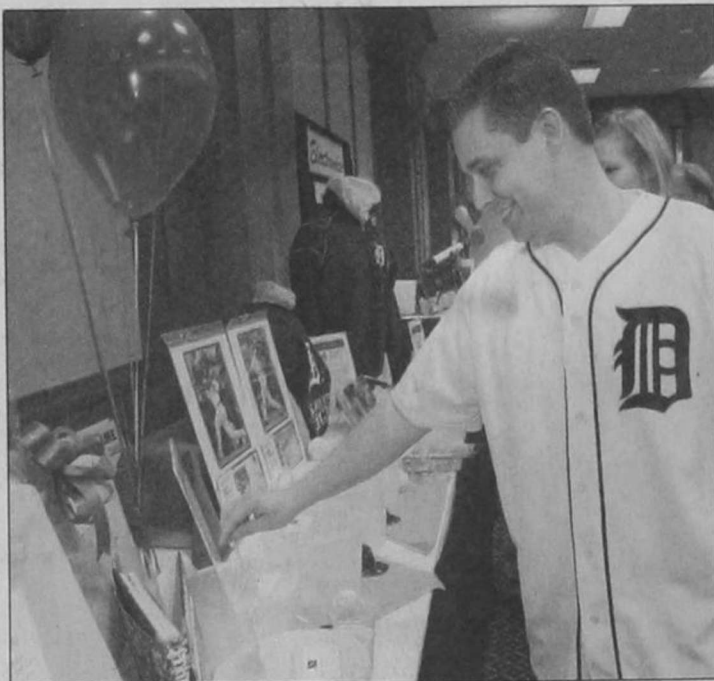
Your ticket price of \$75 includes open bar, food stations, Live and Silent Auction, raffles, entertainment and much more.

This year's auction includes items such as a vacation condo, Pandora jewelry, sports tickets, golf, restaurant gift certificates, a police car ride-along and other unique items.

For more information contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

March luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its March luncheon on Wednesday, March 2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by Phil LaJoy's "State of the Township" presentation in the main theater. The cost for the luncheon is \$20 (advance registration),



Jason Humes bid on a Tiger Den package at last year's Canton Chamber of Commerce auction.

\$25 (at the door) and \$30 (non-members), and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

"The chamber is happy to host the 'State of the Township' luncheon with (LaJoy)," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. LaJoy will discuss Canton's goals for 2011 as well as what's happening in the township.

March's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Durcon, Inc. and PNC Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make reservations, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Feb. 25.

First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce First Friday Club meets 8:30-9:45 a.m. Friday, March 4. Businesses are encouraged to bring brochures, business cards and samples of what their businesses do to showcase the business.

The First Friday club meets the First Friday of each month. The event is lim-

ited to the first 10 Chamber members, no business category will be duplicated and two sponsors: Molly Maid and Showroom of Elegance. Members can attend once per quarter.

The First Friday Club meets at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford in Canton. Reservations are first come, first serve. To reserve your place call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

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.

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Siblings rally to help their brother beat lymphoma

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It may not have been hospital policy, but for Brenda Leclercq and her brother Brian Haddow, walking two dogs into the ICU unit at Botsford Hospital was important — not only to them, but to their baby brother Kevin.

"Brian and I decided that Kevin's best friends, Cody and Marley, two beautiful golden retrievers that are his kids, should come pay a visit in the ICU unit," Leclercq said. "We just knew if we got those dogs there, they would help him recover."

A 30-year employee of Detroit Edison, Kevin Haddow has been battling a rare form of immunoblastic T-cell lymphoma. His family has partnered with the Garden City Firefighters Local 1911 to stage a bowling fundraiser Friday, March 4, to help the Garden City resident.

The benefit will be at Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, and proceeds will be used to pay his medical expenses. He is single and faces a 50-percent cut in pay in June.

NIGHT SWEATS

Kevin Haddow went to the doctor to find out why he was having night sweats and a fever. According to his sister, he had no pain, just the sweats.

"His sheets would be

drenched in sweat," said Leclercq, whose husband Bob is a retired Garden City fire captain. "Doctors were baffled until they did the blood work. They decided to follow up with some blood studies, and that's when we knew something was terribly wrong."

Oncologist Dr. Craig Gordon, director of neoplastic diseases at Botsford Hospital, ordered two tests. First was a bone marrow biopsy, followed by a lymph node biopsy two days later. It took three weeks to get the biopsy report, which told the family what type of lymphoma it was.

But while waiting for an answer, Haddow kept getting sick to the point that doctors had to begin some type of chemotherapy — "It was a matter of life and death." They started to administer CHOP, one of the most common chemotherapy regimens for treating non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

The biggest problem was that Haddow's platelets were dropping and he started bleeding internally and had to have two surgeries to stop it, "even though they didn't know where he was bleeding," Leclercq said. "The doctors saved his life."

Every day challenged Haddow more. He didn't know that Christmas had come and gone, nor did he know that his five siblings had celebrated a new year.

"We stayed by his side, rubbing his feet, talking to him, to let him know that he wasn't



Kevin Haddow of Garden City is finding he has help from his brothers and sisters in his battle with immunoblastic T-Cell lymphoma. They're staging a bowling fundraiser to help with his medical expenses.

alone in this fight for his life," Leclercq said. "We just looked forward to a new year, a new beginning for Kevin."

At one point, Haddow aspirated and was put on a ventilator. Then he developed pneumonia.

'MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB'

"It was another mountain to climb, more prayers, trying to never give up on Kevin," Leclercq said. "The days and nights just seemed to run into each other, and it seemed like every time we got any hope of good news, bad news would follow with it."

That's when Leclercq and her brother Brian decided to

take Cody and Marley to see Haddow. They didn't ask permission "because we knew the answer would be no."

"All of the brothers and sisters knew that if anything could bring Kevin back to us, Marley and Cody could," Leclercq said. "So that's when we decided to bring them to visit him in the ICU."

Leclercq and her brother walked the dogs into the hospital and stood in the waiting room, waiting for someone to scold them. No one did. People instead came up and petted the dogs, so they started walking through the hospital, just waiting to be stopped. When they finally got there, Leclercq

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, March 4

Location: Garden Lanes, 29145 W. Warren Road, east of Middlebelt, Garden City

Details: The fundraiser for Kevin Haddow is in partnership with Garden City Firefighters Union Local 1911. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under age 14. Included is three games, shoes and pizza. Proceeds will be used to pay for costs related to treatment and co-pays. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Donations also are being accepted. Checks should be made payable to Garden City Firefighters Union/Kevin Haddow.

Contact: Brenda Leclercq at (313) 670-6816 or Cindy Whismand at (734) 0986.

remembers asking her brother, "Now what do we do?"

"He said, 'We'll just walk in,'" she said.

Concerned that they were so close but so far from her sick brother, Leclercq picked up the phone and told the staff that they were there to see Haddow and that she had a dog. When the automated doors opened, they quietly went to Haddow's room, where Leclercq held up his head so he could see them and they held the dogs up so he could touch them.

"Kevin spoke, we took pictures of the dogs with Kevin in

his room," she said. "The doctors came by and talked to us, never saying a word. Somehow they knew that this might be the only chance to get Kevin to start the healing process."

While there was a high risk of infection, the family took the chance and the next day Haddow started to improve. After six weeks in ICU, Haddow is now home, "fighting with all his heart to get better and beat the odds." Cody and Marley are by his side. He faces 11 months of chemotherapy, at least once a month, if not more often.

His diagnosis is stage 4B, meaning bone marrow involvement. It has gone to his brain and he now has ports in the top of his head and one in his chest wall to receive his chemo treatments.

Doctors are optimistic and feel he can go into remission with the proper treatment. If the treatment doesn't work or if the lymphoma comes back, he will possibly need a bone marrow transplant.

"Kevin has a long way to go, but he will make it," Leclercq said. "I believe that Cody and Marley saved Kevin. They brought him back. Miracles do happen, and Kevin is one."

"He truly is a hero to us," she added. "His fighting spirit amazes us. He knows that he has some mountains to climb, but faces them as a challenge. He will continue to fight with dignity and pride."

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Naturalists at Wayne County's Cass Benton Park in Northville will talk about and demonstrate maple sugaring during three programs March 19.

Naturalists demonstrate maple sugaring

It may not be spring, but the sap is flowing up the maple trees.

So bundle up and join the naturalists at Wayne County's Cass Benton Park on Saturday, March 19, for a maple sugaring program.

There are three different time slots to choose from

— 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon — and the program lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Learn how Native Americans were the first to discover that sap was a tasty treat, and taught early settlers how to collect and boil it.

A short hike in the woods

for a hands-on demonstration of tree tapping, sap collection and boiling is part of the program. Information for backyard hobbyists also will be presented. All ages welcome for the program, but trail is not stroller friendly.

The cost is \$5 per person,

and advanced registration and pre-payment are required.

Cass Benton Park is located in Northville, off Northville Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.



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Steve Wagel, daughter Lily, 7 years old, and son Owen, 4 years old, make a really fast run down the sledding hill at Plymouth Township Park.

Mother Nature dishes out another snow day

Mother Nature is sort of like the movie, *Jaws*. Just when you thought it was safe to put away the winter stuff, she dumps another foot of snow on you.

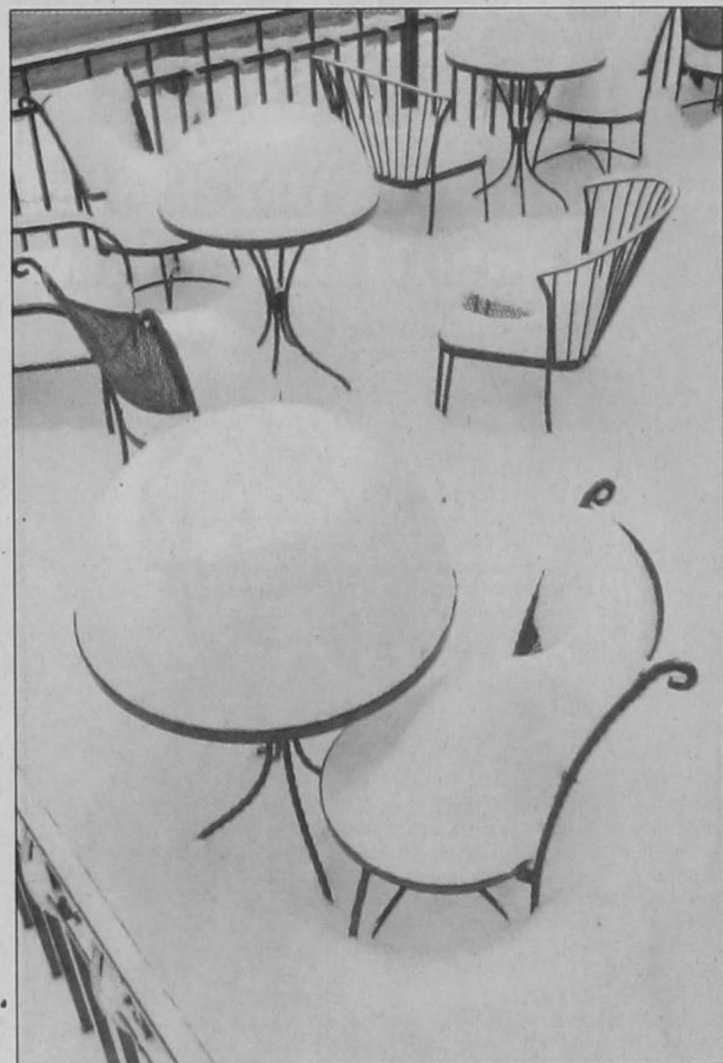
The latest winter storm came Sunday night, clogging streets and causing a few traffic scares but not causing any lasting damage, as far as officials could report.

The storm, which caused snow emergencies in communities all over western Wayne County, had no effect on schools in Plymouth-Canton, which were out for mid-winter break anyway.

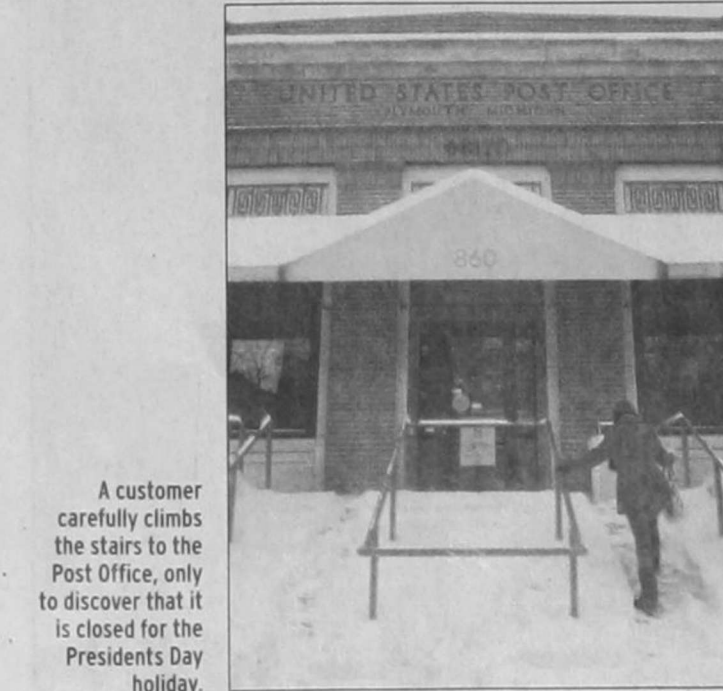
The one thing the storm did offer residents, who woke up to green grass Sunday morning only to find the white-out by Sunday night, was a chance to play.



Rachel Rearick and Laura Demsky make a successful run down the Plymouth Township Park sledding hill. They are from Plymouth Township.



It will be a long time before patrons of the Plymouth Coffee Bean can enjoy the patio overlooking Penniman Avenue.



A customer carefully climbs the stairs to the Post Office, only to discover that it is closed for the Presidents Day holiday.



Jim Meadows scatters just a little more salt on a Penniman Avenue sidewalk.

Agency's Walk for Warmth assists families in need

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walking is a good way to generate some heat and money to help Wayne County families stay warm in their homes.

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is holding its 15th annual Walk for Warmth 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For the first time, the fundraiser will be held at Westland Shopping Center.

"We held this for 14 years at Southland Mall in Taylor. We decided to move it. We're trying to expand in western Wayne," said Erin Evans, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency communications manager. "The mall has been great."

Each year, the walk draws 400-500 people who collect pledges to help families in need heat their homes. One hundred percent of the money raised, about \$40,000 in recent years, goes directly to families. Last year, Wayne Metro helped more than 1,000 with utility assistance payments but still couldn't

meet the demand for services.

"We get 2,000 calls a week just for emergency utility assistance. The program is for people who have received a utility shut off notice or are at risk of shut off," said Evans. "We usually raise \$40,000 with the economy. Our goal is to raise \$50,000."

People can get involved by forming a team and collecting pledges — more information is available at www.wayne-metro.org or by calling (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123. Evans said people can sign up right up to the time of the walk.

"People just collect pledges — we don't make them walk a certain amount. There will be entertainment at the same time. If they can't walk, they participate and watch the entertainment," said Evans.

Along with raising money, Evans said the Walk for Warmth is also a great way to make people aware of Wayne Metro, which recently opened an office at Westland's Dorsey Community Center located in the Norwayne community of Westland.

"This is really a great way

to get us out there in the community," said Evans. "The walkers are from all over Wayne County and Oakland County."

Awards will be given to the youth and adult teams with the highest amount of pledges, biggest team of walkers, best team name and most team spirit. The individual that raises the most money over \$1,000 will win the Grand Prize Boyne Highlands Lodging and Lift or Golf Package. The grand prize package includes one night's hotel lodging for two in the main lodge at Boyne Highlands Resort and one-day unlimited lift tickets for two or one round of golf for two on choice of four Boyne Highlands golf courses.

The first 300 participants to pledge \$15 or more will receive an official 2011 Walk for Warmth T-shirt. The walk is a fun event for the entire family and includes a disc jockey, entertainment, face painting, door prizes and great shopping.

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Markets can mirror Michigan weather

Investors have felt very good as of late because all the major indexes closed at two-year highs.

However, just like we all know this is Michigan and Mother Nature can remind us it is still wintertime at any point — markets can change at the same pace.

No doubt when you look over the last two years, the markets have shown incredible strength. However, during that time it hasn't always been blue skies. During the last two-year period there have been numerous times when the markets sold off. In fact, that's the way markets operate. They never go straight down or straight up, they're always zigging and zagging in one direction or the other.

What's also inevitable about markets is this: Every so often there is a correction. I'm not saying the market today is ready for a



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

correction but I just want to remind investors to use your head. We all want this to be the end of winter; however, we all know Mother Nature will most likely have some surprises. Therefore, before you jump back in the market thinking you can make some fast money, think again.

I want to remind everyone about the opportunity to make IRA contributions, both Roth and Traditional, for 2010. You have until April 15 to make a 2010 IRA contribution. For most people, I recommend Roth IRAs over traditional IRAs, because they allow money to grow tax-free versus tax-deferred. In addition, with a Roth IRA you're not subject to required minimum distributions at the age of 70½.

The downside of a Roth IRA is that the money you are contributing is post-tax money. In a Traditional IRA you get a substantial tax savings up front because you can deduct your contribution. However, when money is withdrawn from the Traditional IRA it is all subject to income tax. I love having money grow

tax-free and the ability to let it grow tax-free for as long as I choose. That is why I am always in favor of Roth IRAs.

While it is not too late to make a 2010 Roth IRA contribution, it's also not too early to make IRA contributions for 2011. The sooner you make the contribution the longer the money grows.

Don't forget that when it comes to investing, it's not picking the best performing investment that will make you successful. What will make you successful is picking the investment that best coordinates with your other investments in your overall investment strategy.

Before you buy anything know exactly what it costs to buy, hold and sell. Successful investors have learned that a key ingredient to higher returns is low-cost investing.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
2011 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2011 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 21, 2011.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 21, 2011 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

SECTION 00010
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID EXTENSION

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, March 8, 2011** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClelland 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 Division(s):

Bid Division Description
BD 115 Metal Studs & Plaster (Project A only)

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 not be a pre-bid meeting as this is a bid extension

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.

Project A is being funded thru the District's Qualified School Construction Bond and labor rates will be in accordance with Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates.

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

Publish: February 24 & March 3, 2011

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE #2011-01

AN AMENDMENT TO DIVISION #3, SECTION 34-86
OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

That the Code of Ordinances, Division #3, Sections 34-86, 34-87, 34-88, 34-89, 34-90, 34-91, 34-92 and 34-93 of the City of Plymouth, Michigan is hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 3. NOISE ORDINANCE

Sec. 34-86. Scope.
Excessive sound and vibration are serious hazards to the public health, welfare safety and quality of life. A substantial body of science and technology exists by which excessive sound and vibration may be substantially abated. The people of Plymouth have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from excessive sound and vibration that may jeopardize their health, welfare or safety or degrade their quality of life. It is the policy of the City of Plymouth to prevent excessive stationary sound and vibration which may jeopardize the health, welfare or safety of its residents or degrade the quality of life. This division shall apply to the control of all stationary sound and vibration originating in the City of Plymouth. This division is not designed to impede any person's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech. This division is not designed to impede the growth or economic health of the commercial or industrial sectors of the City of Plymouth. This division is designed to prohibit excessive sound and vibrations that are hazards to the public health, welfare, safety and quality of life only. (Ord. No. 98-1, § 1, 5-4-98)

Sec. 34-87. Applicability.
The provisions of this division apply to all sources of sound except:
(1) Aircraft in flight or in operation at an airport;
(2) Railroad equipment in operation on railroad rights-of-way. (Ord. No. 98-1, § 1, 5-4-98)

Sec. 34-88. Purpose.
It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise, or any noise which annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or which injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others within the City of Plymouth.

Sec. 34-89. Definitions.
The following acts, among others are declared to be loud, disturbing, injurious, and unnecessary and unlawful noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive. Each such act which either continues or is repeated more than one half hour beyond its inception shall be considered to be and may be prosecuted as multiple separate violations of this ordinance:

- Excessive or Unreasonable Noise.** Any sound that is plainly audible for a distance of more than 75 feet from the source. If the sound source under investigation is a sound amplification or reproduction device, the enforcement officer need not determine the title of a song, specific words, or the artist performing the song. The detection of the rhythmic bass component of the music may be sufficient to constitute excessive or unreasonable noise.
- Plainly Audible.** Any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties. As an example, if the sound source under investigation is a portable or personal vehicular sound amplification or reproduction device, the detection of the rhythmic bass component of the music is sufficient to verify plainly audible sound. The noise enforcement officer need not determine the title, specific words, or the artist performing the song.
- Horns and Signal Devices.** The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, street car or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control or to give warning of intent to get under motion, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
- Radio, Electronic Sound Producing Devices and Musical Instruments.** The playing of any radio, television, compact disk player, tape player, MP3 player, musical instrument, or amplified music or sounds in such a manner or with such volume, at any time or place, so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity. The operation of any such musical instruments or electronic sound producing device in such a manner as to be plainly audible for a distance of more than 75 feet from the source shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
- Loud Vehicles.** The operation of any automobile, truck, motorcycle or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other unreasonable noise, including the noise resulting from exhaust, which plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the vehicle and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification or elimination of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine or the failure to maintain the same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured.

- Hawking.** The hawking of goods, merchandise or newspapers in a loud and boisterous manner.
- Whistle or Siren.** The blowing of any whistle or siren, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.
- Engine Exhaust.** The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, or stationary internal combustion engine or motor vehicle, except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises.
- Construction Noises.** The erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration or repair of any building, or the excavation of streets and highways, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., unless a permit therefore is first obtained from the Building Department.
- Devices to Attract Attention.** The use of any drum, loud speaker, amplifier, or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention for any purpose.
- Places of Public Entertainment.** Except as otherwise permitted by the City Commission as hereinafter, prescribed, the use, operation or permitting the use or operation of any radio or receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, CD player, MP3 player, amplifier or other machine or device designed for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of others in the vicinity, or with a volume louder than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room, vehicle or chamber in which the device is operated and who are voluntary listeners. The operation of any of the above-named devices between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m., or in such a manner that the noise is plainly audible at a distance of 75 feet from the source of the noise will be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection. The operation of any of the above named devices between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. is prohibited and a violation of this subsection.

Sec. 34-90. Exceptions.
None of the prohibitions herein shall apply to or be enforced against:

- Emergency Vehicles. Any authorized police, fire or emergency medical vehicle while engaged in emergency activities.
- Highway and Utility Maintenance and Construction. Necessary excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways by or any public utility installation by or on behalf of the City, County, County Road Commission, or any public utility or agency of the State, during the night or on Sunday, when the public safety, welfare and convenience necessitates the performance of the work at such time.
- Public Address. The reasonable use of stationary amplifiers or loud speakers for public addresses which are non-commercial in character or for business or commercial purposes so long as they do not unreasonably disturb persons on adjacent noncommercial property.
- City Approved Activities. City approved or sponsored events, parades, festivals or fairs.
- Athletic, musical, or cultural activities or events (including practices and rehearsals) conducted by or under the auspices of public or private schools.

Sec. 34-91. Liability of owner, lessee, or occupant.
If the person responsible for an activity which violates this division cannot be determined, the owner, lessee or occupant of the property on which the activity is located shall be deemed responsible for the violation. A person found responsible under this division shall be guilty of a civil infraction punishable by a fine of \$50.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. For a second offense within a two-year period, the fine shall be \$100.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. For third and subsequent offenses within a two-year period, the fine shall be \$200.00 to \$500.00 plus costs. (Ord. No. 98-1, § 1, 5-4-98)

Sec. 34-92. Electronically amplified sound systems in vehicles
No person operating or in control of a parked or moving vehicle, including motorcycles and mopeds, shall operate or permit the operation of an electronically amplified sound system in or on the vehicle so as to produce sound that is *plainly audible* more than 50 feet from the vehicle, except when a specific permit is first granted by the city commission. The term plainly audible shall mean any sound that can be detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties.

Sec. 34-93. Violations and fine Schedule.
Any person who shall violate subsection 34-92, except when a specific permit is first granted by the City Commission or when one of the exceptions enumerated in subsection 34-90 shall be found to apply, shall be guilty of a civil infraction. The fine schedule for violations of section 34-92 occurring within one calendar year will be as follows:
First Offense.....\$70.00
Second Offense...\$100.00
Third Offense.....\$200.00
Fourth Offense and subsequent violations...\$500.00
(Ord. No. 2000-03, 7-17-00)

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after final adoption.

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Adopted: 1/17/2011
Effective: 2/06/2011

DANIEL DWYER LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
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OUR VIEWS



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Despite a whopping 18-percent drop in Canton's commercial property values, the township still showed the ability to attract large companies, as witnessed by W.F. Whelan's decision to lease the old Kmart property, Canton's largest industrial vacancy at 1.1 million square feet.

Coming back

Slowing declines could be good news in Canton, sign of emerging strength

Michigan might be the only state where a community can see its residential property values drop and *still* see it as good news.

But that, in fact, is exactly the case in Canton Township, where residential property values dropped just 1.9 percent last year. How is that good news? Well, for one thing, it was one of the smallest declines among

Canton had the fourth-smallest decline last year in home values for 43 communities across Wayne County. Only three places – Flat Rock, Northville and Plymouth Township – fared better. A lot of surrounding communities – places like Wayne, Belleville, Garden City, Romulus and Sumpter Township among them – still showed double-digit drops, but even in those communities the rate of descent slowed.

nearly 120 communities across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

And it looks like especially encouraging news when you figure Canton's home values had plunged 9.8 percent in 2009 and 10 percent in 2008, amid a sharp housing-market downturn that shaved millions of dollars from local property tax revenues.

"We obviously feel much better," a relieved Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said recently while proving he can be a master of understatement.

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It's a good news-pretty bad news situation for Canton, because commercial/industrial values took a huge plunge, some

18 percent this year after a 15-percent drop last year. Ever the optimist, LaJoy points to gains in the auto industry, which paid workers bigger bonuses this year, and to Canton's ability during the last year to attract several large companies such as W.F. Whelan, a global third-party logistics firm that announced a move from Romulus to the former Kmart distribution center on Haggerty near Joy, choosing Canton's largest industrial vacancy at 1.1 million square feet.

Obviously, it would be better to see things going in the other direction – "We're hitting the bottom, it appears," assessor Doug Shaw said – but Canton officials know it's got to start somewhere.

Maybe it already has. Local officials say Canton has begun to witness a slight increase in new development, though nothing on the scale of its earlier boom years.

And LaJoy might be right about why. The supervisor believes the slower decline in Canton's property values may partly stem from the community's reputation. The township has earned a reputation as a comparatively safe place, with top-notch police and fire departments, municipal services and parks and recreation programs.

LaJoy and others have taken shots from critics about not cutting the Leisure Services budget, and they took some heat for raising the public safety millage in an effort to deal with budget deficits.

But if those are reasons people are choosing Canton as their destination location, maybe Canton has the right idea after all.

COMMUNITY VOICE

With The Oscars set to air Sunday, we wanted to know: What is your favorite movie of all time?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"My favorite movie would be 'Beverly Hills Cop.'"

Jeremy Conrad
Westland



"Probably 'The Shawshank Redemption' would be one of my favorites."

Melissa Demchinski
Canton



"The Princess and the Frog."

Ava Demchinski
Canton



"The Notebook."

Martha Almon
Canton

LETTERS

Special treat

I love sharing information about the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities with people in our community.

However, being asked to introduce the "African American History Through Artist Eyes" field trip to all fifth-grade students in the entire PCCS district at the Village Theater was a very special treat.

It was a great feeling knowing that we made learning fun with a performance that combined the arts with history. Not to mention the event was free for these students, because of generous grant funding from Comerica Bank, DTE Energy and Target through the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, as well as the State of Michigan - Michigan Council for the Arts.

We are making a difference! Visit us at: www.partnershipforarts.org.

Jill Engel

executive director

Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

Handcrafter thanks

Thank you for the wonderful article written by Darrell Clem regarding our Handcrafters group on Jan. 16, 2011. The photographer did a wonderful job taking so many nice pictures. We are a small group of senior ladies that meet at the Summit each Thursday. We all enjoy making warm items for the Canton Goodfellows. We also make gifts for Mott's Children Hospital and a gift each month for the Meals on Wheels Program. We received some donations and are hoping that the wonderful residents of Canton will continue to support us with yarn and craft supplies so that we may continue to make people smile. Thank you again for taking the time to put our story to print.

Sherri Barnett

Canton

Blatant abuse

In this depression era in Michigan and our country it is a sickening outrage that Canton Township has an extravagant conference for Parks and Recreation "employees" at a five-star resort in Traverse City.

The Observer is not fulfilling its journalistic responsibility ignoring this blatant abuse of unemployed people's money.

Jerome Irvin

Westland

Conservative 'compassion'

I can't help but notice that the only time conservatives seem to care about African Americans is when they can exploit them for political causes.

How interesting that the scenarios created by Live Action feature black people as pimps and prostitutes. Could featuring a white, female minor not convey the same point? I won't even touch upon the underhanded tactics, questionable funding and selective editing of Live Action "footage." Alice Jo Rainville mentions the Live Action videos in her Feb. 17 letter and goes on to suggest that Planned Parenthood is a modern eugenics organization.

Margaret Sanger was certainly off her

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rocker, but suggesting that the sentiment behind her actions is what motivates Planned Parenthood today is a bold-faced lie. Perhaps Ms. Rainville is unaware that the Hyde Amendment of 1976 blocked all federal funds for abortion – yes, your "taxpayer" dollars only funded abortion from 1973 to 1976. Perhaps she is also unaware that HR. 217 is a sweeping act that cuts funding for "any entity that performs abortions, and for other purposes." "For other purposes" happens to include breast cancer screenings, STI and HIV testing, pregnancy education and counseling and, cervical cancer screenings. Some "culture of life" that is.

I am tired of hearing about the compassion of conservatives when they have so little interest in helping marginalized populations. I am currently a second-year medical student in Detroit. Almost every free clinic in the city will be affected by this legislation – whether or not they perform abortion. Pregnant teenagers will go without prenatal care and homeless folks may never receive treatment for curable STIs.

When I graduate from medical school I hope that the government has no role in the physician-patient decision-making process. I never want to look my patient in the eye and tell her I cannot help her – especially if the only issue is lack of access. All choices a woman makes with regard to her reproductive health should be between her, her physician and her God.

Em Ketterer

Plymouth

Museum success

The Plymouth Historical Museum's first-ever Museumiana! benefit was a great success!

On behalf of the Plymouth Historical Society's Board of Directors, I would like to thank the generous Plymouth community for all of its support in making this a memorable and profitable event. The business community was incredibly generous with donations of auction and raffle items, as were a number of friends of the museum.

For the first time in many years, we took our biggest fundraiser outside of

the museum and held it at The Inn at St. John's, where ambiance is abundant. The staff at St. John's was fantastic, as was the food! Special thanks go to all of the hard-working volunteers and employees of the Plymouth Historical Museum for making this a grand event!

We now look forward to an even bigger and better benefit next year!

Elizabeth K. Kerstens

executive director

Plymouth Historical Museum

Oil debacle

Mideast turmoil can choke off oil supplies. President Obama still violates court orders to permit deep water drilling. His dreams of green energy supersede promises to create jobs and prosperity.

Shutting down available gasoline will not spark the next Sputnik challenge or "Win The Future." Running out of gas will bankrupt the nation. America contains enough oil for the rest of this century, but it remains off limits. Changing this could save the country and his presidency.

Hank Borgman

Farmington

It's no joke

I know that many people are likely snickering and thinking that with all the "real" crime we have to fight, why is a man being charged with reading his wife's e-mail? The problem is that it is not a joke.

Technology, as ubiquitous as it is, has also become a useful tool in tracking and victimizing a partner, spouse or ex-partner/spouse by a batterer. At HAVEN, we hear story after story of how a victim was stalked, harassed, threatened and assaulted as a result of their abuser being able to locate them with GPS, tracking them via their Internet use, or through e-mail/text message information. There have been media stories from around the country where women have died as a result of such misuse of technology.

Several news articles report that various legislators plan to introduce legislation to allow for a spouse to be able to have access to their partners (and children's) e-mail accounts. Do we really want this or even need it? Do we want an abusive partner to have the ability, not to mention society's permission, to spy on their victim?

We warn victims continually (just check out our website – www.haven-oakland.org) to be extremely cautious about their Internet usage. We know people access the web continuously to seek out information and that includes victims seeking information on ending a violent relationship, safety planning, counseling options, etc. An abuser having knowledge of this search could very well have a lethal end result.

Domestic violence is all about power and control. Let's not give abusers permission to control their partner via technology. Let's instead work toward creating a community that does not condone the abuse of power and one that works to ensure equality in all relationships.

Beth Morrison, CEO

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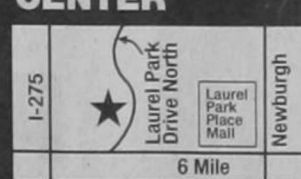


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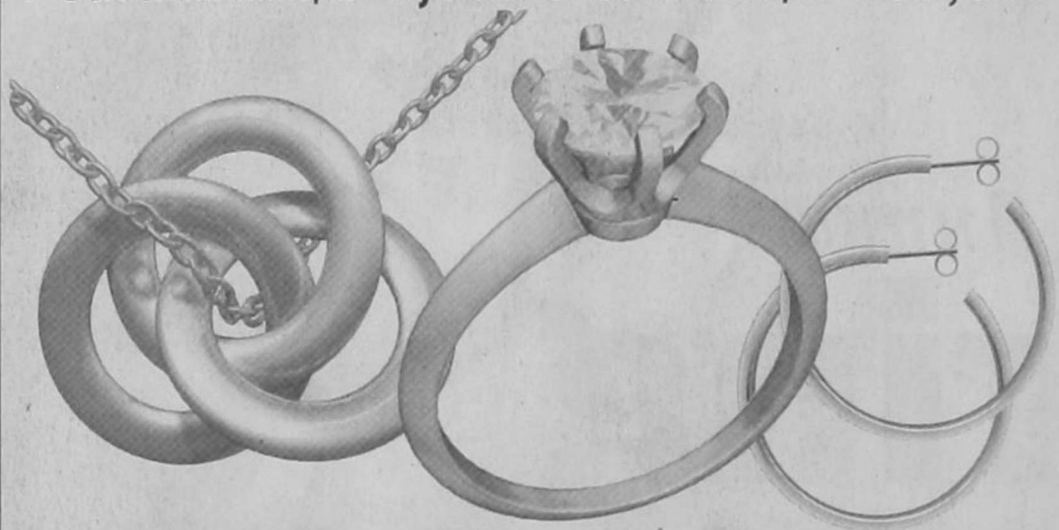
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Canton downs Rockets to win conference title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For three quarters Tuesday, Westland John Glenn gave Canton all it could handle in the KLAA girls basketball tournament semifinal.

But then the state-ranked Chiefs went to work.

Canton turned a 36-35 lead after three frames into a 54-36 victory — not allowing the visiting Rockets to muster a single point in the fourth.

With the win, the Chiefs (17-2, 11-0 in the KLAA) will host 17-2 Grand Blanc in the KLAA tourney championship game. That game will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday.

John Glenn dropped to 16-3 overall, with all losses at the hands of the Chiefs.

"We're at the point of the year, that's a great game to have," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, about the 32-minute physical battle that just took place. "You're going to have games like this all the time (in the playoffs) and you want to play the best people."

"It was good to play them (Rockets), they're a great team."

John Glenn head coach Mark Anderson said his team stayed with the Chiefs until the telltale fourth. The physical play of Joslyn Massey (10 points, 12 rebounds) was a key to the Rockets' success to that point.

"We really wanted to match Canton's toughness," Anderson said. "They are a mentally and physically tough, tough team. And we just wanted to come out and match that."

"Maybe early in the fourth quarter we kind of lost our intensity, we weren't matching

their physical play."

Power forward Andrea Gordon-McClain fouled out in the fourth and guard Erica Covile played much of the second half with four fouls, but Anderson said that didn't cause the Rockets' late slump.

"They (Chiefs) were in foul trouble, too," said Anderson, referring to senior guard Melanie Pickert, on the bench much of the game due to foul trouble.

Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges, who scored nine points, reentered the game to open the final stanza and soon thereafter senior forward Kari Schmitt (eight points, five rebounds) canned a short hook shot to put the Chiefs ahead to stay at 37-36.

CHANGING THE PACE

But she laughed when asked if she was Canton's secret weapon in the 19-0 final frame.

"I think we were very patient in the fourth quarter," Bridges said. "We made them play defense for a long time and that's what Brian kept telling us to do. Wait for the perfect opening, don't take quick shots."

"And that's what we did. We waited, got really good shots and wore them down."

Junior guard Robyn Mack (seven points, three steals) scored back-to-back buckets about two minutes into the quarter to make it a 42-36 advantage.

And with the Rockets trying to employ a half-court press, the Chiefs managed to circumvent that by throwing long passes to wide-open senior

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This physical battle between Canton's Kayla Bridges (No. 33) and Westland John Glenn's Joslyn Massey (No. 21) was one of many during Tuesday's KLAA girls basketball semifinal.

Plymouth falls in OT

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Having dug themselves too deep of a hole Monday night, Plymouth's bid for a KLAA tournament championship came a bit short.

The top seed in the KLAA South, turnovers and missed free throws plagued host Plymouth in a 76-71 overtime loss to KLAA Central leading Novi in a conference semifinal boys basketball game.

"We played really well,"

BOYS BASKETBALL

Plymouth head coach

Mike Soukup said. "But we turned it over late a couple times, uncharacteristically."

Soukup's Wildcats trailed 49-35 at halftime, but sparked by hot shooting from seniors Mike Nadratowski (27 points), Brennen Beyer (20 points) and Pat Salo (17 points) helped close the gap to 62-57 in the fourth.

Plymouth then forced OT with a 7-2 run in the final minutes of regulation.

But the visiting Wildcats came out storming in overtime, scoring the first six points. Plymouth simply could not recover from that and dropped to 13-5 on the season.

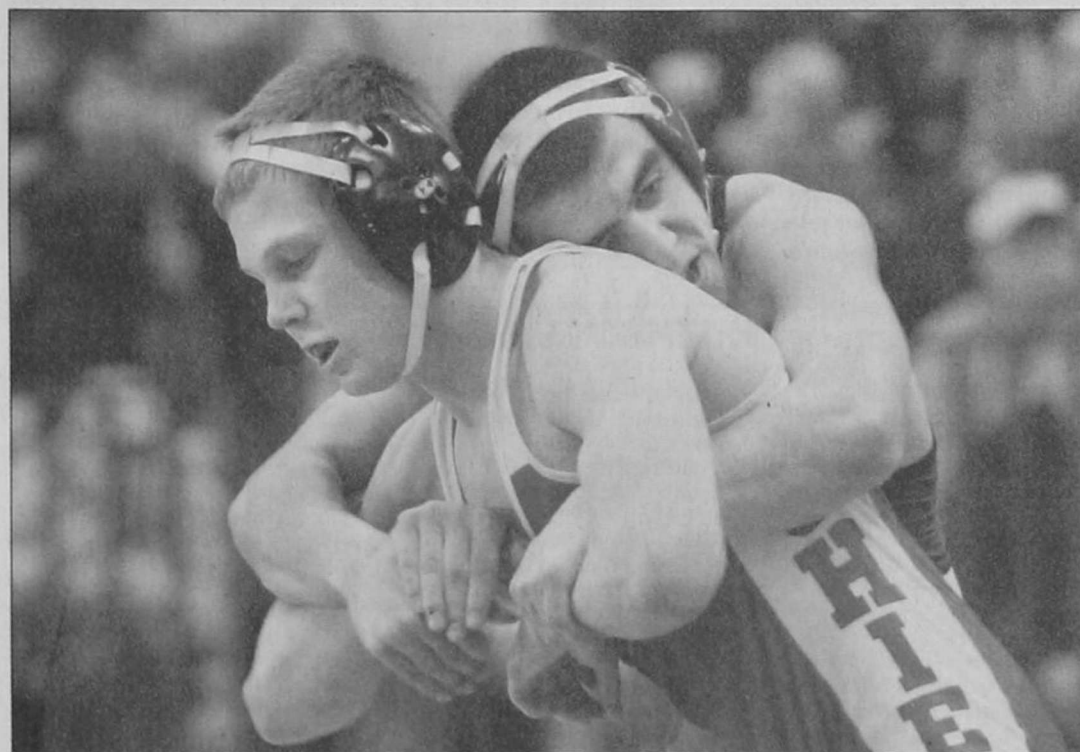
Novi's Samer Ozeir paced his team to victory with 22 points and 16 rebounds, while Brady Sheldon chipped in with 19 points.

According to Soukup, his team was hampered by an 11-for-23 performance at the free-throw line.

"We didn't shoot the ball well from the line," Soukup said. "That's too many points on the board we didn't get."

Novi (15-3) will await the winner of Wednesday night's matchup between Salem and Livonia Stevenson, a game moved twice due to the aftermath of Sunday's snowstorm. The conference championship game will take place Friday.

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Canton's Zach Marsh (left) and Livonia Churchill's Jonny Bannoura battle it out in a second-round bout during Saturday's Division 1 individual regionals at Plymouth.

Chiefs send five to Palace

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

INDIVIDUAL REGIONALS

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central continues to be the cream of the crop at team and individual wrestling tournaments.

But Canton's Chiefs are starting to close the gap on the Shamrocks.

At Saturday's Division 1 state individual wrestling regionals at Plymouth High School, Catholic Central led the field with seven individual champions.

But Canton wasn't far behind, with five out of six who wrestled qualifying for the March 3-5 individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Chiefs racked up three individual champions.

Both Plymouth and Salem will have two wrestlers competing at the finals.

"I'm definitely happy but at the same time sad because I wanted to get all six out," Chiefs head coach Cory

Mancuso said. "But five out of six is pretty good, we'll take it." The top four finishers in each weight won medals along with making the cut for the D1 finals.

NO SURPRISES

In one of the day's highly anticipated matchups, Canton senior Anthony Abro remained undefeated with his 5-3 victory over CC's Miles Trealout in the 189-pound bout. Both athletes had to sweat out a grueling six minutes.

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Whalers rebound from tough loss

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers got right back on the bike.

After giving up four third-period goals Friday night to lose 7-5 at Windsor, the Whalers bounced back in Saturday's rematch at Compuware Arena with a 4-3 victory.

With the win, before a sellout crowd of 3,923, the Whalers climbed to where they were before Friday's game — one point behind Windsor for fourth in the OHL Western Conference.

The Whalers improved to 31-21-1-3, good for 66 points entering Sunday's game at Saginaw. (After a 3-2 shootout loss to the Spirit, Plymouth caught Windsor in the points column with 67.)

"(The key) was just getting off to a good start and we got the first goal, which was huge," Plymouth assistant coach Don Elland said. "But even before the first goal we carried the play a lot."

"I think everybody knew that we had to have a good effort tonight after the way we played last night."

Plymouth forward Tyler Brown, who scored his 23rd goal and assisted on two others, concurred with Elland about Saturday's game being an important gut check of sorts.

"All the captains talked about it before the game," Brown said. "We've been losing games going in the third when we have a lead."

"We talked about it and knew we had to play good with the lead and play a good defensive game in the third."

HAMMER TIME

Brown and his teammates got after it from the opening face-off, outshooting Windsor 17-7 in the first period and going up 1-0 on winger RJ Mahalak's marker (from Brown and forward Robbie Czarnik).

"We just hammered their D all night, that's their weakness," Brown said. "We know their D don't want to get pucks so we wanted to chip pucks in, hammer their D and it worked



WALT DMOCH

Following the play are Plymouth's Tyler Brown (No. 12) and Windsor's Taylor Carnevale (No. 77).

out well for us."

Hard work paid off with Mahalak's goal. Czarnik centered the puck from behind the net and Mahalak backhanded the puck inside the left post with 4:05 left in the frame.

Windsor (31-20-2-3, 67 points) came out skating in the second, however, and the Spitfires evened things up at 1-1 at the 8:28 mark.

Defenseman Ryan Ellis threaded a pass from the left boards in front of Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood. Both Kenny Ryan and Derek Lanoue crashed the net and Lanoue was credited with the goal.

But forward James Livingston, like Brown one of Plymouth's assistant captains in on the pregame confab, scored at 15:11 to give the Whalers a 2-1 lead.

Livingston rushed down the right wing and

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Canton senior guard Melanie Pickert (No. 15) gets up to a loose ball before John Glenn players Kiara Barnes (No. 11) and Joslyn Massey (No. 21) can.

BASKETBALL

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forward CarolAnn Sexauer (10 points) at the other basket. She easily deposited four layups over a two-minute span to blow the game wide open. The Schmitt twins kept Canton close in the early going, each scoring six points in the first (which ended 13-12 John Glenn). Senior forward Sara Schmitt, who led all scorers with 20 points, also played strong down low in the second quarter. Her eight points in the quarter sparked Canton's 17-10 margin, giving the Chiefs a 29-23 halftime lead. But John Glenn owned the third quarter, as the game's pace quickened to Samulski's chagrin. "For the most part, I thought we defended well and played well," Samulski said. "The third quarter I thought we

started playing a little fast and turned it over too much." With about 5:33 left in the third, John Glenn guard Kiara Barnes (nine points) converted a three-point play to cut the deficit to 31-26. Erica Covile (10 points, four boards) scored a couple buckets and Shakeya Graves' spinning jumper in the paint put the Rockets back on top, 36-35 in the final seconds. However, Samulski must have flipped the switch before the fourth began, because momentum swung back to Canton in a big way. "I just think they are a well-coached team, a well-disciplined team and I mean, we got after them," Anderson said. "I knew three things were going to happen today. "Either we were going to win or we were going to lose, but I definitely knew win or lose we were going to get better. I know we got better today."

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Wildcats make best of shorthanded situation

BY TIM SMITH
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Plymouth hockey coach Paul Fassbender juggled his suspension-depleted lineup and adjusted on the fly Saturday afternoon against Lakeland in a KLAAs crossover at Canton Arctic Edge. After the Eagles scored on the game's first shift, the Wildcats got back on track and earned a 4-3 victory to improve to 7-8-8 overall and 5-3-4 in the KLAAs. "They made it look real easy and got us focused real fast," said Fassbender, about Lakeland scoring off the opening face-off. With six players suspended due to the Feb. 15 postgame fight with Canton, Fassbender's squad was gassed after the first period. But they didn't quit. Sophomore forward Mitch Claggert got Plymouth on the board, from senior forward

Sean Smiatacz and senior defenseman Tyler Lazorka. Smiatacz then lit the lamp, finishing a play started by freshman defenseman Kyle Bauer and senior blueliner Justin Bauer. Scoring the Wildcats final two goals was senior defenseman Kevin Matusiak. Earning single assists were Justin Bauer and junior defenseman Nate Stemberger, while sophomore defenseman Cameron Nadell assisted on both of Matusiak's markers. Plymouth obviously caught a second wind following the first period and wound up outshooting Lakeland 32-11. Fassbender said it was a challenging game to coach, because he had to move three defensemen to forward to create a third line while rotating players back to defense to maintain fresh legs in the final stanza.

"We played really well," Fassbender said. "These last two games are going to be very difficult, but we need to use them to figure out how to play with a short bench come play-off time." "... Games are sometimes the best learning experience." CANTON 4, PINCKNEY 2: The Chiefs — minus six suspended players — also came out on the winning side in a KLAAs crossover game Saturday at Arctic Edge. Seniors Matt Rodgers (one goal, one assist) and AJ Rosales (two assists) keyed the Canton attack. Other goal scorers were senior Josh Dickson, senior Matti Prasdorf (an unassisted goal) and junior Matt Schlieger, from senior Jordan Smith and junior Taylor Baker. Stopping 25 shots in goal was junior netminder Spencer Craig. SALEM 5, HARTLAND 3: Also at Arctic Edge Saturday, junior

forward Mark McGee scored four goals to spark the Rocks to victory. Salem broke out to a 5-1 lead after two periods and completely dominated the middle stanza, outshooting the Indians 18-2. Starting the scoring for Salem was sophomore forward Alek Zultowski, with senior forward Ryan Quigley collecting one of his two assists. Then it was all McGee, scoring four straight goals including a natural hat trick. Two of the goals came on the power play. "Mark has a very heavy shot, and when he gets the opportunity to shoot, we know good things are going to happen," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher, whose team improved to 16-5-2 overall. Senior forward Connor Berlin assisted on two of McGee's goals. Zultowski tallied one helper, as did senior defenseman Garrett Berg.

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ripped a shot high into the twine, beating Windsor goalie Jack Campbell on the stick side. BACK ON HIS GAME Windsor fired 18 shots at Wedgewood in the second, and he helped Plymouth maintain that 2-1 edge going into the third. Wedgewood, victimized Friday, came back with a solid, 34-save performance. "I thought he (Wedgewood) was outstanding," Elland said. "I thought he played really well. "It was tough for him in the first period because they didn't have many chances. But when they did get chances he held us in there." Brown provided a 3-1 cushion, scoring his 23rd of the season at 5:22 of the third stanza.



WALT DMOCH
Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (No. 29) and defenseman Nick Malysa (No. 4) try to stymie Windsor's Kenny Ryan during Saturday's OHL game.

He beat Campbell (42 saves) with a low shot from the bottom rim of the right circle. Defenseman Curtis Crombeen collected one of his two assists on the play and

forward Stefan Noesen also tallied a helper. But the Spitfires did not go quietly. Ellis scored at 16:16 on a snap shot from inside the blue line that caromed

off a Plymouth player past Wedgewood. With Plymouth nursing that 3-2 lead and Windsor pressing for a tie and all-important point, Czarnik scored an empty netter with 25 seconds left to ice the victory. Brown dove at his blueline to clear the puck. Czarnik gathered it in the neutral zone, skated around a defenseman and flicked the puck home. Windsor's final goal, with 9.3 seconds left, was scored by Jeff Brown. He tapped in a cross-crease pass from Zack Kassian. Thanking the billets Plymouth's dedicated billets, local families who share their homes with Whaler players throughout the season, will be recognized prior to Saturday's 7 p.m. game against London at Compuware Arena. One of those host families will be featured in Sunday's Observer.

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Swimmers strong in division meets

BY TIM SMITH
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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity boys swim teams finished at or near the top of their respective division meets Feb. 18-19. Canton won the KLAAs South meet, at Westland John Glenn, with 519 points. The Chiefs were followed by Westland John Glenn (492) and third-place Plymouth, with 482 points. It was a record-breaking showing for the Chiefs. The quartet of Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang and Evan Champine set a meet record in the 200-yard medley relay, finishing in 1:43.82 seconds.

Jin (200 IM, 500 freestyle) and Zhang (200 free, 100 breaststroke) also set meet records in two individual events each. Another winner for Canton was the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Mike Carlson, Jin, Christopher Krebs and Adrian Simion. Plymouth's Ethan Christensen (100 butterfly) and Alex Jouney (100 free) were victorious in one event each. The Wildcats registered four second-place finishes. Meanwhile Salem was runner-up to Northville in the KLAAs Central meet, hosted by South Lyon. The Rocks tallied 455 points.

Sparking the Rocks was the trio of Adam Seroka, Matt Collingwood and Jason Zhang, who each tallied firsts in one individual races and one relay. Seroka, Collingwood, Zhang and Max Mills won the 400-free relay with a time of 3:18.09. Individual wins were scored by Seroka (200 free, 1:45.42); Collingwood (50 free, 22.02) and Zhang (500 free, 5:02.49). Veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson said the Rocks had a strong showing "with everyone on the team participating (and) still able to swim personal bests in (almost) every swim."

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING RESULTS

<p>KLAAs SOUTH DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 18-19 at Westland John Glenn TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 519 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 492; 3. Plymouth, 482; 4. Livonia Churchill, 335; 5. Wayne Memorial, 217; 6. Livonia Franklin, 203. FINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Jay Jin, Jacob Dillon, Victor Zhang, Evan Champine), 1:43.82 (meet record); 2. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Adam Liakos), 1:44.06; 3. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Ryan Boes), 1:48.69; 4. Wayne, 1:49.41; 5. Churchill, 1:51.02; 6. Franklin, 1:53.98. 200 freestyle: 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:45.94 (meet record); 2. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:54.01; 3. James Scott (LF), 1:54.23; 4. Adrian Simion (Canton), 1:54.56; 5. Zach Koch (P), 1:54.98; 6. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 1:57.67. 200 individual medley: 1. Jin (Canton), 2:05.69 (meet record); 2. David Vincetini (LC), 2:08.78; 3. Christensen (P), 2:12.46; 4. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:12.57; 5. Nick Weber (P), 2:13.86; 6. Christopher Krebs (Canton), 2:17.95. 50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 22.96; 2. Liakos (P), 23.01; 3. Zachary Williamson (WM), 23.19; 4. Mike Carlson (Canton), 23.21; 5. Kyle Mikols (LF), 23.34; 6. Evan Champine (Canton), 23.54. 1-meter diving: 1. Alan Robinson (LC), 342.05 (meet record); 2. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 312.90; 3. Connor McManus (P), 278.30; 4. Chris Sharp (LC), 271.60; 5. Connor Monroe (WJG), 258.45; 6. Ainsworth Orr (WJG), 248.20. 100 butterfly: 1. Christensen (P), 56.17; 2. Earls (P), 58.21; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:01.07; 4.</p>	<p>Jonathan Marceau (Canton), 1:04.5; 5. Kenny Densteadt (LC), 1:04.93; 6. Nick Williams (WM), 1:05.05. 100 freestyle: 1. Jouney (P), 51.01; 2. Liakos (P), 51.18; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 51.74; 4. Carlson (Canton), 51.79; 5. Champine (Canton), 53.42; 6. Franklin Oiu (LC), 53.66. 500 freestyle: 1. Jin (Canton), 4:58.76 (meet record); 2. Ferguson (WJG), 5:09.29; 3. Koch (P), 5:10.19; 4. James (LF), 5:10.41; 5. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:12.79; 6. Derik Atzinger (LC), 5:27.37. 200 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Gutu, Dave Vader, Josh Wakeford, Joey Wakeford), 1:32.0 (meet record); 2. Canton (Carlson, Dillon, Champine, Zhang), 1:32.08; 3. Plymouth (Earls, Jouney, Christensen, Liakos), 1:34.06; 4. Franklin, 1:37.35; 4. Churchill, 1:40.08; 6. Wayne, 1:42.18. 100 backstroke: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 56.39; 2. Simion (Canton), 58.85; 3. Earls (P), 59.53; 4. Williamson (WM), 1:00.64; 5. Krebs (Canton), 1:02.54; 6. Brad Johns (LC), 1:03.88. 100 breaststroke: 1. Zhang (Canton), 1:01.5 (meet record); 2. Vincetini (LC), 1:04.24; 2. Corey Robbins (WM), 1:05.1; 4. Larkins (LF), 1:06.02; 5. Jouney (P), 1:06.24; 6. Dillon (Canton), 1:09.07. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Carlson, Jin, Krebs, Simion), 3:30.16; 2. John Glenn (Vader, Ferguson, Stevens, Josh Wakeford), 3:36.42; 3. Plymouth (Koch, Austin Ryan, Kyle Strobel, Weber), 3:45.41; 4. Churchill, 3:45.8; 5. Wayne, 3:46.59; 6. John Glenn, 3:48.04. KLAAs CENTRAL DIVISION BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 18-19 at South Lyon TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 643 points; 2. Salem, 455; 3. Novi, 439; 4. Livonia</p>	<p>Stevenson, 376; 5. South Lyon, 286. FINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Jake McNamara, Kellen Schoff, Adam Ferrara), 1:41.24; 4. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Matt Collingwood), 1:44.83; 6. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jerry Bai, Kyle Stokfisz), 1:46.88. 200 freestyle: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 1:45.42; 4. Max Mills (S), 1:50.35. 200 individual medley: 1. Joon Chung (Novi), 1:57.64; 4. J. Zhang (S), 2:05.13. 50 freestyle: 1. Collingwood (S), 22.02; 5. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 23.11. 1-meter diving: 1. Kevin Bain (Northville), 473.85 points; 6. Nick Griwicki (S), 330.05; 7. Charlie Dillon (S), 327.75. 100 butterfly: 1. William Greenlee (Northville), 53.94; 2. Seroka (S), 54.27; 5. Li (S), 56.64; 6. Bai (S), 56.68; 7. Mills (S), 56.99. 100 freestyle: 1. Schoff (LS), 48.44; 2. Collingwood (S), 48.93; 6. Bielicki (LS), 50.54. 500 freestyle: 1. J. Zhang (S), 5:02.49; 4. Grant McNamara (LS), 5:06.68. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. McNamara, Adam Ferrara, Schoff), 1:30.46; 4. Salem (Aaron Micek, Bai, Mills, Seroka), 1:33.56. 100 backstroke: 1. Schoff (LS), 53.77; 2. Ferrara (LS), 55.59; 3. Li (S), 56.94; 4. Wellman (S), 59.34. 100 breaststroke: 1. Jong Min Kim (Novi), 1:02.85; 2. J. McNamara (LS), 1:03.09; 4. G. McNamara (LS), 1:05.58; 7. Solterman (S), 1:06.96. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Collingwood, J. Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:18.09; 5. Stevenson (Bielicki, Evan Shatter, Brendan Stanis, J. Ferrara), 3:28.95.</p>
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WRESTLING

FROM PAGE B1

Abro improved to 56-0 this season with his win, the second over Trealout in a week — the Canton wrestler also won the matchup at the Feb. 5 KLAA individual tournament. He now owns 196 career victories.

"I beat him (Trealout) eight times last year, I just beat him last weekend, and they start catching on to what you do," said Abro, about how his latest win over Trealout was more of a grind than the previous week's.

According to CC head coach Miles Hancock, "Abro's a very good wrestler, he gives us fits. Miles (a senior) is getting closer and we're continuing to work in the room and hopefully we'll come out on top when it counts."

That was a reference to next week's individual finals.

"But Anthony Abro is an exceptional wrestler, he's an exceptional person," Hancock said. "You know what? He's earned everything he's done."

Also winning championships for the Chiefs were senior Ben Poirier (50-3 overall) and freshman Ben Griffin (54-1), in the 285- and 103-pound bouts, respectively.

Griffin also bested a Shamrock in the championship bout, earning a 7-5 decision over Evan Toth.

Meanwhile, Poirier — who usually wrestles at 215 — beat Grosse Pointe South heavyweight Reggie Lewis by a 5-3 tally.

BACK TO WORK

"They wanted to come here and win it and that's what they did," said Mancuso about his three first-place finishers. "So now we get back to the room and start working and get ready for states."

Senior 171-pounder Braden Price (20-7) lost a 1-0 decision to Catholic Central's Kevin Beazley while junior Zach Marsh (42-7) finished third at 140.

"It's the second week in a row I lost to Beazley, so it kind of sucks but he's a real tough kid," Price said. "Last week, I lost 7-4 and this weekend's it's just a one-point match."

"I'm just trying to make improvements and keeping it close to the No. 2-ranked kid in the state is a good improvement."

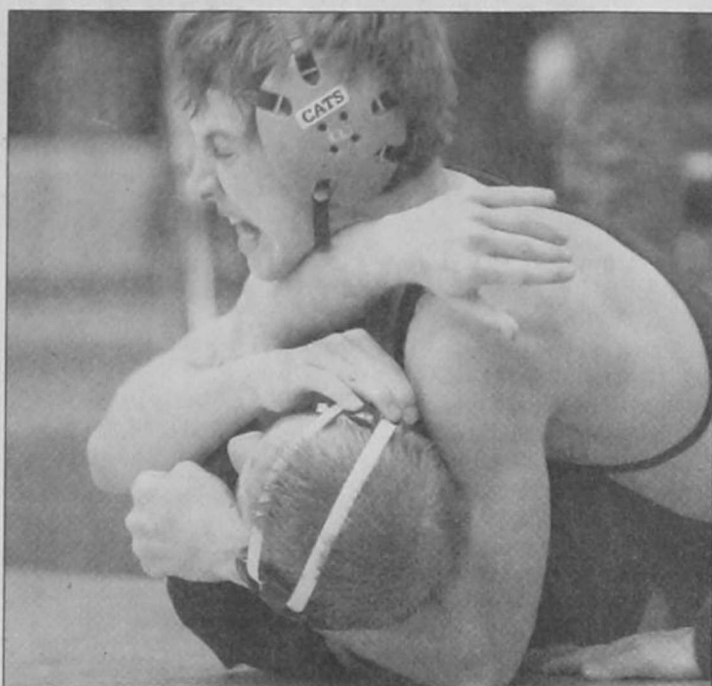
The lone Canton wrestler who did not qualify for the finals was 112-pound freshman Alec Panteleo (49-4) who lost in the second round.

The Catholic Central champions included Beazley, Ken Bade (125), Logan Marcicki (130), Alec Mooradian (135), Mike Babicz (140), Nick Mason (145) and Andrew Garcia (152).

Hancock said the regional medals are nice, but not the ultimate prize.

"We don't count regional championships," he said. "We count state championships. So if we have seven state champs I'll be pretty pleased."

Two of the CC championship wins were at the expense of Plymouth wrestlers. Bade pinned Plymouth junior Said



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Alec Breckenridge of Plymouth (top) has Livonia Franklin's Steve Tuyu in a headlock during their matchup at 130. Breckenridge won the bout and would later lose in the finals of the Division 1 individual regionals.

Youssef (46-11) in 4:17; Marcicki pinned sophomore Alex Breckenridge (34-11) in 1:15.

Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey, however, noted that both of his wrestlers aren't done for the season just yet.

"Even though our team's season ended a couple weeks ago," Guernsey said. "... these guys get to keep going on and keep working. And they're wrestling some of the best matches they've wrestled all year right now, which is nice to see."

SWEET PAYBACK

Salem sophomore Alex Arble (24-20) did not medal at 103, having lost in first-round bout to Matt Cusumano of Warren DeLaSalle.

But the Rocks will send sophomore 119-pounder Cody Korpus (21-10) to the finals. He lost a 12-0 major decision to Livonia Franklin's Gabe Martinez (54-8) in the championship bout.

Korpus reached that matchup thanks to a 15-4 major decision over his Farmington nemesis, senior Kevin Kennerly. Salem head coach Pete Israel said Korpus avenged an overtime loss to Kennerly in the districts.

"He was hungry to beat him," Israel said. "It was a close match last week in districts (Kennerly), he lost in overtime but he came back and had a real good win against him."

"With another week and a half of practice, Cody should do some good things at the Palace at states."

Israel said Salem has sent someone to the state finals all but three seasons in school history. "So we're keeping the tradition alive in my first year (as head coach), I'm pretty happy about that."

The other Observerland school with individual championships was Franklin. In addition to sophomore Martinez at 119, the Patriots will send senior Matt Roos (49-4) at 160.

Roos won a 9-0 major decision over Catholic Central's Andrew Erickson.

Franklin head coach Dave Chiola said Roos will be mak-

ing his second straight trip to the finals.

"He went to states last year but didn't place," Chiola said. "So we're hoping for better results this year."

Chiola said the key matchup for Martinez was Livonia Churchill senior Jake Meadows (45-4) in the second round. Martinez won a 10-5 decision.

"We knew the winner of that match had a great shot at being regional champ," Chiola said. "So once we won that we were pretty focused and pretty confident."

Despite the loss, Meadows will go to states for the Chargers by way of a third-place finish.

Two other Patriots will compete at the finals following fourth-place showings. Those are sophomore 112-pounder Danny Martinez (51-12) and senior 130-pounder Steve Tuyu (53-6).

Franklin junior heavyweight Omar Haymour (28-14) and sophomore 160-pounder Allen Steele (28-16) were eliminated in the earlier rounds.

OTHER QUALIFIERS

Kennerly (25-13) will have some Farmington teammates joining him at the Palace. Senior Nick Tomski (45-5) won a second-place medal at 145, while senior Falcon Justin Roe (39-10) took third at 215.

Sophomore Mannie Govantes (25-14) was the fourth-place finisher at 125, although he left the regionals due to an injury.

Farmington junior Kienuw Davis (19-11) and sophomore Ryan Southerland (27-20) finished out of the running for the finals at 130 and 171, respectively.

Livonia Churchill senior Jonny Bannoura (37-8) qualified with a second-place finish at 140. He ultimately lost 8-3 in the finals to CC's Babicz.

Not qualifying were Churchill sophomore Jon Locklear (28-15) at 103 and Livonia Stevenson junior Jake Range (44-8) at 285.

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Canton gymnasts best of KLAA

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Canton's girls gymnastics team Saturday repeated as Kensington Lakes Activities Association champions with a 143.425-to-141.385 edge over runner-up Brighton.

"This was a terrific team effort with everyone contributing to the championship," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "They (Chiefs) took captain Kali Pierce's advice and relaxed and did their best."

Taking third was Salem (139.225) while Plymouth placed seventh with 134.8 points.

Canton's conference championship comes on the heels of a co-division title (8-2 dual meet record).

One reason for Pierce to talk to her teammates was to get it together following a couple recent dual meet losses. Another was that top gymnast Robyn Piwowar was in France on a school trip.

"As much as I worried about how the team would react to two losses in duals leading up to this meet," Cunningham said, "they were relaxed and came through like the champions I knew they could be." Cunningham added that next in sight is to win back-to-back state championships on March 11.

MANY CONTRIBUTORS

The Chiefs had two champions at the meet, both in Division 2. Ayana Lewis registered a 9.35 on uneven bars for the top spot (she was second on vault with a 9.2) while Brooke Granowicz also won on balance beam with a 9.4 score.

Granowicz tallied an 8.825 for ninth on floor and tallied 34.325 in all-around points.

Alex Fideler and Melissa Green had strong meets in D1 competition.

Fideler came through with top-10 rankings in all events. She placed fourth on floor (9.45), fifth on beam (9.15), sixth in all-around (35.6), sev-



JOHN KEMSKE

Canton's Brooke Granowicz focuses on the task at hand, doing her routine on balance beam at the KLAA Championship Meet.

enth on bars (8.6) and eighth on vault (8.4).

Green chipped in with fifths in two events (bars, 8.7; floor, 9.375) and added sixth-place showings on beam (8.95) and vault (8.65). Her tally of 35.675 earned fifth place in all-around rankings.

Pierce backed up her pre-meet words with a solid performance of her own. She took eighth on floor with an 8.9 score and tallied 8.9125 on beam.

Helping the cause was Nicole Lasecki. She finished with an all-around score of 33.525 and also tallied a 9.025 on beam and 8.35 on vault.

Meanwhile, Shelby Roberts tallied an 8.025 on floor,

Marina Milad scored 7.95 on vault and Madelyn Albers registered 7.85, also on vault.

Canton also pocketed plenty of medals to go along with the championship trophy.

The KLAA awards a division medal to the gymnast in each event with the highest regular season average and Canton girls won all of them.

Those medalists were Erica Lucas (vault, 9.175); Fideler (bars, 8.85; beam, 8.99) and Green (floor, 9.02).

"The difficulty of this award is that you have to have high scores and not miss any of the 10 league meets," Cunningham said.

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Salem's Jacobs sparks third-place finish

Salem gymnast Nicole Jacobs won one event and finished second in another at Saturday's KLAA Championships at Walled Lake Central.

Jacobs finished first on floor exercise with a mark of 9.4 (teammate Morgan Soper checked in at fourth with a 9.15) and took second in all-

around with 35.8.

Soper's 35.2 tally nailed down the fourth spot in all-around.

Also placing for Salem was Ade Jepperson, with a third-place score of 8.95 on uneven bars.

The Rocks grabbed third place at the championships, with 139.225 points. They trailed Canton (143.425) and

Brighton (141.3875).

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Wildcats came in seventh among the 13 teams, with 134.8 points.

Plymouth's Reagan Engstrom placed in three events. She took fifth place on balance beam (9.1), ninth on vault (8.85) and ninth on all-around (34.75).

Crusaders off to good start on diamond

The Madonna University baseball team opened its 2011 season with a pair of wins Friday in the Tennessee Valley Invitational.

The No. 11-ranked Crusaders defeated Asbury University (Ky.) in the first game, 11-0, in five innings, as sophomore right-hander Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) threw a one-hitter and senior Matt Kay (Canton) belted a solo homer.

Gooding went all five innings, striking out nine and walking only one.

Steve Pelletier (Farmington) also went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Kay and Jeff Bultinck each

added two hits and Alex Charles knocked in two runs.

The loss dropped Asbury to 1-1 overall.

In the nightcap, Kay cracked a two-run blast as part of a five-run fourth inning as MU downed Indiana Wesleyan, 6-3.

Third baseman Spencer Sarel went 3-for-3, while Kay also collected two hits.

Freshman pitcher Logan Ryan earned his first collegiate win in relief as he scattered three hits in four innings of work.

Austin Delmotte went the first three innings, allowing four hits and one unearned run.

Indiana Wesleyan dropped to 0-2.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL

WRESTLING RESULTS

DIVISION 1

Feb. 19 at PLYMOUTH

(Top four in each weight qualify for state meet)

152 pounds: Ist. Andrew Garcia (CC) d. Shon Powell (BR), 7-3; 3rd. John Montgomery (N) won by major decision over Dan Wagner (SO), 15-4; **160:** Ist. Matt Roos (LF) maj. dec. Andrew Erickson (CC), 9-0; 3rd. Brennan Kelly (DLS) pinned Josh Rezney (FR), 4-49; **171:** Ist. Kevin Beazley (CC) dec. Braden Price (CNT), 1-0; n. 4-2; 3rd. Trevor Maresh (N) won by default over Shawn Miller (GPN); **189:** Ist. Anthony Abro (CNT) dec. Miles Trealout (CC), 5-3; **215:** Ist.

Chris Nash (RO) p. Lucas Luchonik (EF), 1-15; 3rd. Justin Roe (F) dec. Jadon Cook (GPN), 10-7; **285:** Ist. Ben Poirier (CNT) dec. Reggie Lewis (GPS), 5-3; **103:** Ist. Ben Griffin (CNT) dec. Evan Toth (CC), 7-5; 3rd. Garrett Strube (WM) dec. Matt Cusumano (DLS), 8-4; **112:** Ist. Doug Zundel (RO) dec. TJ Fagan (CC), 5-3; 3rd. Malik Amine (CC) maj. dec. Danny Martinez (LF), 13-2; **119:** Ist. Gabe Martinez (LF) maj. Dec. Cody Korpus (S), 12-0; 3rd. Jake Meadows (LC) dec. Kevin Kennerly (F), 3-2; **125:** Ist. Ken Bade (CC) p. Said Youssef (P), 4-17; 3rd. Ian Stirlton (N) won by def. over Mannie Govantes (F); **130:** Ist. Logan Marcicki (CC) p. Alec Breckenridge (P), 1-15; 3rd. Kirk Wawrzyniak (RO) dec. Steve Tuyu

(LF), 6-2; **135:** Alec Mooradian (CC) maj. dec. Nolan Solomon (SH), 13-0; Riley Hanson (CC) dec. Matt Pfeffer (FR), 4-0; **140:** Ist. Mike Babicz (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-1; 3rd. Zach Marsh (CNT) won by def. over Jake Vincent (UDJ); **145:** Ist. Nick Mason (CC) won by def. over Nick Tomski (F); 3rd. Brandon Mattinen (DLS) dec. Chris Caverly (NV), 2-1. **KEY:** Canton (CNT); Catholic Central (CC); Brother Rice (BR); Northville (N); Southfield (SO); Livonia Franklin (LF); Warren DeLaSalle (DLS); Fraser (FR); Grosse Pointe North (GPN); Roseville (RO); Dearborn Edsel Ford (EF); Farmington (F); Grosse Pointe South (GPS); Warren Mott (WM); Salem (S); Plymouth (P); Sterling Heights (SH); U-D Jesuit (UDJ); Novi (NV).

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Tuesday, March 29, 2011
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Wayne County Airport Authority is in the final stages of conducting a FAR Part 150 Aircraft Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study for Willow Run Airport. The Study represents the combined efforts of community and airport stakeholders who have an interest in activity at the Airport.

This Study Advisory Committee jointly participated in developing specific proposals for noise abatement following a detailed review of noise impacts generated from the current Airport configuration. The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing concerning the Study, forecasts, the existing and future Noise Exposure Maps and the Recommendations of the Study. The Consultants preparing the Study and Airport Authority staff will be available to answer questions in an Open House format, and both verbal and written comments will be accepted by a court reporter. A formal presentation will be made at 6:15 p.m. with an opportunity for public comment. Written comments will also be accepted for ten days following the Hearing, until April 8, 2011. Written comments can be sent to the Noise Program Manager at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, LC Smith Building- Mezzanine level, Detroit, MI 48242. A copy of the Recommendations Chapter is available for public review at the Willow Run Airport Administrative Offices, 801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, MI. and at the Airport website at www.willowrunairport.com. Pre-arranged appointments can be made by calling (734) 942-1503.

Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired will be provided upon three (3) days notice to the Noise Program Manager by calling 734-942-1503.

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February 21, 2011, age 57. Eternal soul mate of Lori. Loving Dad to Terry E. (Kasey) Hewer, Steven (Breanne) Hewer and Alicia (Billy) Groulx. Also leaves 16 grandchildren. Dear brother of Michael (Joann) Hewer and Richard (Denise) Hewer. Dear son of the late Phyllis Hewer, Robert Hewer and Bud and Barbara Boje. Visitation Thursday from 1pm until 9pm and Friday from 12:30pm until time of funeral service at 1:30pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth.

GARY LEE PUCKETT

55 yrs of age, passed away on January 24, 2011. He was preceded in his death by his mother Gloria J Kopke. Gary is survived by his father James Puckett, two daughters, Freedom & Mary. Siblings Vicki Puckett, Debbie Daugherty, Tricha Parsons & Ty Kopke, several aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews.



EDWARD K. THORP

Age 40, passed away peacefully Feb. 19, 2011 after a long battle with Leukemia and complications from a Stem Cell Transplant. Beloved husband of 13 years to Kelly (Fitzpatrick). Loving father to his young daughters Regan (10) and Ryan (2). Loving son to Peggy (Jerry Orlovski) Thorp and Don (Judi) Thorp; cherished son-in-law to Tim and Terri (Sullivan) Fitzpatrick. Brother to Kate Thorp; step-brother to Tricia (Joe) Gregart and Damon Pitsier. Beloved grandson to Josephine (Thorp) Argylean. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends. He will be remembered by all for his love of family and friends, his self-less and caring spirit, his strength and determination, his gift as a talented musician and his love of life. Visitation Thursday and Friday 2-9pm with a Scripture Service Friday 7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home at 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Funeral Mass Saturday 6pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the

Ed Thorp Memorial Fund
c/o Renee Kochanek, 49730 Pine Ridge Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.
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Find
Comfort in
Family &
Friends



SUZANNE PITLUK

Santa Paula, CA - A Michigan resident for most of her life, passed away on Wednesday, February 9th at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, CA. Suzanne was an active and proud North Farmington High School band, theater, and football mother. She served as the NFHS Marching Band camp nurse for 10 years, hemmed many costumes for the productions, and cheered on the Raiders to numerous victories. Born in 1953 in Detroit, Michigan, Suzanne received a Nursing Certificate from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A believer in continuing education and constant learning, she was taking classes at the University of Detroit Mercy, from which she was looking to obtain her Bachelors of Science Degree in Oncology Nursing. Suzanne practiced nursing in the Metro Detroit area since 1976 and worked at various hospitals throughout Southeast Michigan. Her last job in Michigan was as an Oncology Certified Nurse with the University of Michigan Cancer Center. There as a Staff Infusion Nurse, she helped those inflicted with similar diseases as her. Besides calling on science and medicine, she drew from her own personal experiences with cancer to help her patients cope with their difficult times. Before her passing Suzanne had applied for her California Nursing License so she could continue helping others. Suzanne loved her family and they were always put before her own well being. She enjoyed socializing, meeting new people, traveling, and living life to the fullest. Although she dabbled in an array of hobbies, she was an arts and crafts extraordinaire, a talented seamstress and gardener, and was picking up rose gardening after moving to Santa Paula with her husband Jack in May of last year. Her wonderful smile and presence always kept a room cheerful. Her laugh was loud and contagious and her energy and views about life were infectious. One of her many passions included breast cancer awareness and telling her story to help others. An advocate of fighting breast cancer and finding a cure, she participated in numerous walks including the Susan G. Komen 3 Day and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Not only a walker, she was usually called upon to be a speaker or participate in the opening/closing ceremonies. She is survived by her husband, Jack, her two children, Gretchen and Nathan; her parents, Vic and Esther Schroeder of Interlochen, MI, her remaining sisters, Johanna DeMeyer and Heidi Good of Royal Oak, MI and South Lyon, MI and many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends, to whom she brought great joy and caring. She is predeceased by her youngest sister Gretchen Little, 2007. Memorial gifts may be made in Suzie's name to one of three organizations:
- The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center funding Suzie's world class Michigan doctor, Dr. Daniel Hayes (www.cancer.med.umich.edu).
- SU2C - Stand Up to Cancer (www.standup2cancer.org) whose Breast Cancer team was led by Sue's California doctors, Dennis Slamon and Sara Huvitz.
- The American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), where Sue was a spokesperson and active participant. A service will be held in Michigan Saturday February, 26 at 11am at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 East 14 Mile Road in Birmingham. Sue will be interred in Mount Hope Cemetery in Interlochen, MI this Spring. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February, 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oxnard, CA.

Learn to weather life's storms at annual event

Chuck Gaidica, WDIV-TV's weather anchor and meteorology director, will speak at the 37th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 12, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

He'll talk about "Weathering the Storms of Life."

Gaidica, a motivational speaker and author, recently wrote two children's books. *Tommy Starts Something Big*, is about a boy whose one moment of pain leads him to start a movement that gives back to others and *Cuddling is Like Chocolate* deals with the health and wellness of touch. His goal is to encourage people of all ages to connect at a deeper level.

His website, CuddleAlert.com, offers information about his books, cuddling, and his speaker presentations. A portion of the proceeds from his company buy Cuddle Bears that firefighters and first responders use to comfort children during times of tragedy and crisis.

Gaidica, a Northville resident, also helped launch the Tipping Point Theatre, a professional theater in downtown Northville.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. They're available by sending a check



Meteorologist and motivational speaker Chuck Gaidica will speak at the Livonia Prayer Breakfast in May.

payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., to Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., Attention: Sally Butler, 33300 Five Mile Road, Suite 105, Livonia, MI 48154. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

For more information call (248) 476-9427 or visit livonia-prayerbreakfast.org.

The Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable and religious organization. A charitable tax deduction may be recognized in excess of the \$9 value of the breakfast. Sponsors will be formally recognized in the printed program.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Sharon Dargay, The Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

FEB. 25-MARCH 2

Mass for widowed

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27

Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, between Woodward and Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, Birmingham

Details: Presented by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The widowed celebrate Mass together and meet and mingle in a safe setting afterward. Refreshments served during the fellowship.

Contact: Gerry at (586) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

Reconciliation workshop

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Bishop Augustin Ahimana of Rwanda will share his experiences during and after Rwandan genocide. He will show the necessity of forgiving and being forgiven. Participants will learn the importance of forgiveness in their lives. Lunch will be served. A free will offering will be accepted. No charge for the workshop

Contact: (734) 367-0422

Tax preparation

Time/Date: 1:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 27

Location: Faith Bible Church, 34541 5 Mile, Livonia

Details: Free tax preparation service directed by Jeff Conolly, an accounting services professional

Contact: (734) 464-7990

MARCH 3-9

Alzheimer support

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, March 4

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: James P. Lampertius, a specialist in elder law and the principal of the law firm Lampertius & Associates will speak to the St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Lampertius will cover the legal and financial facts that need to be faced when one has to place a loved one in a nursing home

Contact: (734) 453-0190

Concert

Time/Date: 9:30-10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 6

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: The Royalheirs, a southern gospel quartet, will sing at morning worship

Contact: (248) 474-3444 or e-mail the church at: clarencevilleumc@att.net

Lenten fish fry returns

Does your church offer a Lenten fish fry?

Send us the particulars — serving times, dates, church location, cost, menu choices and church phone number or other contact and will publish the information through Lent in the *Observer*. Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or mail to her at 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Moms pray for children

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia has started a new women's prayer group. St. Monica's Prayer Group meets from 10-11 a.m. in the church rectory conference room, at the parish, 11441 Hubbard.

Participants gather to support each other in praying for their children, regardless of age. The group is open to all women. Prayer group members may attend sessions when they can. Weekly participation isn't required. For more information, call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

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BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

You can help bolster 88.1 FM The Escape's bottom line while shopping for favorite tunes Saturday, Feb. 26 at Salem High School in Canton.

The student-run radio station, WSDP, will hold its third annual record show in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vendors will sell vinyl records, 45s, imported music releases, CDs, memorabilia, posters and other collectibles.

Folk musician Matt Watroba will sell much of his music collection, including Americana, bluegrass, blues, folk and country tunes.

"He used to teach here," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "He has always remained a good friend of the radio station. His wife will be out to watch a couple tables of their CDs. I'm excited. He knows so many different artists. He has built a collection over the years."

Keith said the radio station raises about \$20,000 annually, although the Plymouth Canton school district pays the lion's share of its budget.

Its major fundraiser, an auction, will be held in May. The annual record show is a "mostly fun event" that generally brings in \$1,000 or more.

INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

The student-run radio station, in operation since February 1972, airs music as well as news and sports programming 24 hours daily.

"We try to play new and up and coming artists," Keith said, adding that auditions are held for staff positions.

88.1 the Escape is among about approximately a dozen student high school radio stations operating in southeastern Michigan.

"There's a mystique about radio and music," Keith said, explaining the station's popularity among stu-



Shoppers peruse bins of albums and CDs at a previous 88.1 FM record show.

dents. "The vast majority may not go into it as a career, but it still has benefits for communication skills, learning team work and working in a business environment."

DONATED RECORDS

Radio station staff members will sell donated CDs and music purged from the WSDP collection at the upcoming show.

"This year we have a lot of vinyl donated to us. A friend of the station donated two large crates of records," Keith said.

A teacher also donated several crates of records, including albums still sporting their sealed plastic covers.

"I was flipping through them and found four albums from the late 1960s by Rocky Barra, who's now pastor of one of the largest churches in Canton," Keith said, referring to the pastor of Connection Church. "I knew the name because my sister attends the church."

Keith e-mailed the church and discovered that the pastor had been in a band years ago.

"I had seen one of his records at a show once and did a double take. I regretted afterward that I had put it back," Keith said.

He said the four Barra albums that were donated to the radio station's fundraiser are all sealed.

"I haven't even cracked them open



Matt Watroba, a local folk singer, will sell a portion of his music collection at the 88.1 FM Record Show.

yet." Check out the radio station's website at 881theescape.com

Shake off winter blues with classic comedy

Spotlight Players wraps up its run of the sweet comedy, *Harvey*, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Greg Bowman, the mid-day anchor-man on WWJ radio AM 950, plays Elwood P. Dowd, the man who sees a 6-foot rabbit, Harvey, in this classic story that was made popular by the film that starred Jimmy Stewart.

"We're not trying to recreate the movie and, indeed, we can't. You won't see Jimmy Stewart, Josephine Hull, or Jesse White, but you will see Elwood P. Dowd, Vita Louise Simmons, Mr. Wilson - and Harvey," stated Mike Cuba, director.

In addition to Bowman of Ferndale, the cast includes Rebecca Winder of Canton as Myrtle Mae Simmons; Lisa Brawley of Livonia as Vita Louise Simmons; Linda Trygg of Westland as Mrs. Chaunvenet; Lindsay Frischmuth of Plymouth as Nurse Kelly; Richard Holland of Livonia as Mr. Wilson; Steve Sedore of Plymouth as Dr. Sanderson; Gary Regal of Wyandotte as Dr. Chumley; Marian Busa of Canton as Mrs. Chumley; Pat McKane of Canton as Judge Gafney and Matt Houser of Waterford as the Cab Driver. Judy Cannizarro of Canton is producing the play.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students under 19. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or by visiting www.spotlightplayersmi.org. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

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FILE PHOTO

Colleen Cannon looks over some of the many teapots sold at her store, TranquiliTea in downtown Plymouth. The store will celebrate its fifth anniversary with prizes, treats and tastings on Feb. 26.

Spend a tea-riffic weekend in Plymouth

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Tea-lovers can party with the likes of Earl Grey and Jasmine Green Saturday Feb. 26 and then take in a little history with their favorite brew on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Two tea-related events are planned in downtown Plymouth this weekend.

The first celebrates the 5th anniversary of TranquiliTea and the second pairs crazy hats, a guest speaker and tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The anniversary party runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and will include door prizes, treats and tea tasting throughout the day. The store also will donate 10 percent of its gross sales to First Step, the local organization dedicated to reducing domestic violence and sexual abuse. Anyone who makes a cash donation to First Step will get an additional entry for the prize drawings. Door prizes will include tea packages from our various vend-

ers, polish pottery, tea cozies, and more.

Owners Colleen and Patrick Cannon sold 40 different teas then they first opened TranquiliTea in 2006 and now carry more than 150 varieties.

Cannon said he enjoys earthy, robust teas such as Black, Pu Erh and Royal Golden Yunan and the green tea, Lung Ching. His wife likes Japanese green teas and desert teas.

"One of the teas we very much agree upon is Genmaicha, a Japanese green tea that has roasted rice and popcorn in it — yes popcorn," he said.

"Currently we only blend one tea in the store. Blending tea takes a lot of space and you must do it in bulk. We leave that to those that have been doing it for years. However, we taste test every loose leaf tea that is on our shelves. We reject many more that we select."

ALMOND AND CHERRY

Their most expensive tea, Organic Silver Needles, is a white tea that retails for \$7.50

per ounce. Most of their teas average about \$2.50 per ounce.

TranquiliTea also supplies the Plymouth Historical Museum with its signature "Mary's Blend," a tea that honors Mary Todd Lincoln. It will be served at the museum's Mad Hatter Tea on Feb. 27.

"It's a Ceylon tea with cherry and almond flavoring," Cannon said. "We have been told that Mary Todd Lincoln's signature dessert was a cherry almond cake. We had a tea tasting with the Museum and it was decided that the tea was a nice fit."

Mad Hatter Tea will include a full Victorian-style tea with sandwiches, scones and other fare, followed by the presentation, "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks. Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House," by Jana Broglin. Guests may wear their craziest or favorite hats in keeping with the tea's theme. Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call (734) 455-8940 for tickets.

For more about TranquiliTea, call (734) 459-9686

Festival in need of local performers

The Southeast Regional Committee is accepting registration for its annual VSA Michigan Festival — A Celebration of Arts-Ability, a two-day showcase of singing, dancing, drama and instrumental music by more than 200 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

The festival is slated for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Michigan State University Community School in Detroit. Throughout the year the children and adults participate in music and art therapy classes. The festival not only gives performers with mental and physical challenges the opportunity to show off their talents but also to participate in hands-on art activities. On Friday, they have the opportunity to eat lunch with their

friends. Performers will be given VSA art festival T-shirts. The VSA Michigan 2011 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit also will be featured.

The Southeast Region Committee members Jody Conradi-Stark, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock, Connie Lott, Linda Ann Chomin, and Gayle Owens put on the festival. VSA enables children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow through the arts. The nonprofit was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago as Very Special Arts after her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, started Special Olympics in 1968.

The VSA The event is open to the public and free of charge. For additional information, contact Conradi-Stark at (313) 273-7762 or e-mail catinc@earthlink.net.

The deadline to submit an application to perform in the showcase is April 1.

ART

Art & Ideas Gallery

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26

Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township

Details: Free interactive art project allows all ages from the community to participate. "Collaging History" arranges historical photos and other images installed on the gallery walls, also using drawing to make unusual connections between past and current events

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

Dirty Show

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

Location: Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Detroit

Details: Erotic art, performance art; tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door

Contact: dirtydetroit.com or call (313) 393-3233

Northville Art House

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, preview and reception; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 are general sales days

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: Sale of gently-used art to benefit Northville Art House. Tickets for the preview are \$10.

Contact: (248) 344-0497

COMEDY

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Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

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JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 328-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26; Steve McGrew, March 3-5; LA Hardy, March 9-12; Mo Mandel, March 16-19; Mark Sweeney, March 23-26; Chili Challis, March 30-April 2

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

GET OUT!



Youngsters enjoy "The Beach," a giant sandbox at the Cottage & Lakefront Living Show. It runs Feb. 24-27 in Novi.



See the film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Feb. 26 in downtown Northville.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26; Tim Nutt, March 3-5; Sean Patton, March 10-12; Lowell Sanders, March 17-19; Erik Griffin, March 24-26; Lynne Koplitz, March 31-April 2

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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CONCERTS

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Time/Date: 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

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

Barn Theatre

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 10-12

Location: Farmington Hills Players' Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Blackthorn performs Celtic music; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students

Contact: (248) 473-1848

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 mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Dick O'Dow's

Time/Date: 9 p.m. March 5

Location: 160 W. Maple, Birmingham

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Hard Rock Cafe

Time/Date: 9 p.m. Feb. 24

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Time/Date: 7:10-30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

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Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Schoolcraft College

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25

Location: The Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center on campus, located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: Yehonatan Berick on violin



Josh Rose will perform, along with Andrew Calhoun, March 5 at Trinity House in Livonia.

and Pauline Martin on piano; \$20 general admission, \$10 for students. Get tickets online at www.scboxoffice.com; in person at the Schoolcraft College Bookstore, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday; and by calling (734) 462-4409

Contact: (734) 462-4403

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4; Andrew Calhoun with Josh Rose, March 5

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

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

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

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

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

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

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

Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Movies at the Marquis

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26

Location: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville

Details: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," tickets \$3 and available at Sincerely Yours, 110 N. Center, Northville

Coming up: "West Side Story," March 5, with tickets at Starring the Gallery; 118 W. Main, Northville; "The Sting," March 12 with tickets at Urban Optiques, 105 Maincentre, Northville; and "American Graffiti," March 19, with tickets at Edward's Cafe & Caterers, 115 E. Main, Northville

Contact: (248) 349-8110

Penn Theatre

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Tangled," all seats \$3

Coming up: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1," 7 p.m. March 4; and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 5-6; "The King's Speech," 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. March 11-12; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 13

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Tickets are on sale now for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan annual Cookie Gala.

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Visitors can taste their creations and cast votes for their favorites.

Tickets are \$75 each or \$130 for a pair, on or before March 23 and \$100 each, \$170 per pair, after March 23.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a cash bar, live and silent auction and the opportunity to mingle with business and community leaders.

Get tickets through the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site at www.gssem.org and click on "for supporters" and then "cookie gala."

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, which includes troops in Plymouth and Canton, will hold five "Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Off Benefit" events this year. The first was held Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Lansing.

Other benefits are scheduled April 28 in Kalamazoo, May 3 in Jackson, Sept. 22 in Ann Arbor and Nov. 17 in Saginaw.

The events, held in each of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council regions, support Girl Scout outreach to low income and at-risk girls.

As people mix, mingle and bid on silent auction items, local chefs compete to see who can create the best dessert made from Girl Scout Cookies.

Go to www.girlscoutbakeoff.com for ticket information.

Here's a sampling of recipes from the 2010 event in Ann Arbor.

APPLE OLIVE OIL CAKE

By Paesano Restaurant and Wine Bar, Chef Carla Hoopingarner

Cake:

- 3 whole eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 1/4 cup whole milk
- 4 ounces almonds, ground fine
- 3 ounces store-bought apple butter
- Dulce de Leche Apple Filling:
- 2 cups Dulce de Leche Girl Scout Cookies, crushed fine
- 2 cups store-bought apple butter
- Cinnamon Mascarpone Frosting
- 2 pounds mascarpone cheese, room temperature

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoon ground cinnamon

Make the cake:

Grease and line three 9-inch cake pans with parchment paper. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugars. Whisk in the oil, milk, and apple butter. Set aside. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Sift into egg batter and whisk smooth. Whisk in almonds. Divide batter evenly among the prepared pans. Bake until golden, approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Make the filling:

Combine ingredients. Set aside until ready to assemble.

Make the frosting: Use a rubber spatula to fold together cheese and sugar. Add cinnamon. Assemble the Cake:

Place one layer of cooled cake on flat work surface or cake stand. If layers baked unevenly or "puff" in center, trim so that each layer is flat and even. Top cake with half of the dulce de leche apple filling and spread evenly, leaving about 1/2 inch around edge to keep the filling from squeezing out. Spread about 1/2 cup of frosting over filling. Place second layer of cake on top of the frosting. Repeat step two. Place final layer on top. Use the remaining frosting to frost the top and sides of the cake. Garnish as desired.

More Chef recipes online at hometownlife.com

Mix cookies into cake, shrimp coating

At Girl Scout Cookies straight from the box.

Freeze them for future snacking. Or mix them into a recipe. But buy them now. Most troops in southeastern Michigan sell cookies through mid-March. Some, including troops in Plymouth and Canton, conclude regular sales this week, but may schedule a few bonus cookie days in March.

To find local cookie booths, log onto the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Web site, www.gssem.org or Heart of Michigan Girl Scouts, www.gshom.org, and click on Cookie Locator.

Thin Mints are the biggest selling Girl Scout Cookies nationally. Samoas, the second most popular, account for 19 percent of sales.

Samoas, vanilla cookies covered with caramel, rolled in toasted coconut and striped with a chocolate coating, mark their 35th birthday this year.

Here are a few recipes using Samoas from Little Brownie Bakers, maker of Girl Scout Cookies:

FIRE SAMOAS SHRIMP

Yields 5 shrimp

- Ingredients
- 5 extra-large shrimp, peeled and de-veined
- 5 Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, finely chopped
- 2 cups seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup coconut flakes
- 4 egg whites
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 lime for garnish
- Vegetable or peanut oil for frying

Directions:

1. Toss coconut flakes with bread crumbs, cayenne pepper and chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.
 2. Dredge shrimp through flour, followed by egg whites and Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies mixture.
 3. Fry shrimp in vegetable oil at 350 degrees, until golden brown.
 4. Garnish with coconut flakes and lime wedges.
- Serving Suggestions:
- Serve warm.
 - Arrange in a star pattern on a salad plate, or on a bamboo skewer with tropical fruits.
 - Can be served as an appetizer, in a salad, or as an entrée.
 - If serving as an entrée accompany with fried plantains and wild rice



Samoas Dream Cake

SAMOAS DREAM CAKE

Serves 8

- Ingredients
- Cake:
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can store bought caramel frosting
- Coconut Caramel Filling:
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 box Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies
- Chocolate Ganache:
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 10 ounces chocolate chips
- 6 1/2 tablespoons milk
- Bottom and Sides:
- 2 boxes of Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies

Directions:

1. Mix and bake yellow cake according to manufacturer's instructions using three 8-inch pans.
2. To prepare the coconut caramel, mix brown sugar, egg yolk, cream and vanilla. Melt butter in a sauce pan then add mixture. Cook mixture over medium heat until it boils for one minute — stirring often with a wire whisk. Remove from heat and stir in 2 cups sweetened coconut flakes. Chill mixture in refrigerator.
3. Line a 10" springform cake pan with parchment paper. Chop one box of Samoas® and press into bottom of the springform pan. Sprinkle 2 ounces of chocolate chips over chopped cookies, place in the oven until chocolate chips

melt. Using the back of a spoon, spread chocolate over cookie crumbs as evenly as possible.

4. Place first layer of cake on top of melted chocolate and crumbs. Spread half of coconut caramel filling over cake. Place second layer of cake in pan and top with remaining filling. Place third layer of cake in pan. Remove sides of pan and spread caramel icing over top and sides of cake. Chill cake while preparing chocolate ganache.

5. Prepare the chocolate ganache by melting butter and cream in the top of a double boiler until it is about the consistency of bottled creamy salad dressing — thin enough to pour, but thick enough to coat the top of the cake without running off.

6. Place cake on cooling rack with a cookie sheet (preferably with sides) underneath.

Pour chocolate ganache on to the middle of the cake. Encourage it to roll over the sides of the cake with a palette knife, spatula, or the back of a spoon. Cover the cake as evenly as possible while trying to minimize the strokes used — the fewer strokes you use the smoother the finish will be.

7. Chop the second box of cookies and press onto the sides of the cake. Chill cake and remaining ganache in refrigerator. If desired, slide cake off parchment paper and springform pan bottom using a long spatula.

8. Finish the cake with piped rosettes of ganache and cut cookies or other fanciful decorations such as butterflies, honeybees, birds, etc. using tinted icing. Dream big!



SAMOAS® SWEET ROLLS

Serves 4

Ingredients

Crepes:

(To save time you also can use pre-made crepes).

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon double-action baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 3 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Filling & Garnish:

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 ounces chocolate syrup
- 6 finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies
- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- Berries (red raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, etc.)

Crepes:

Combine liquid ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix on low speed for one minute. Add all dry ingredients and mix on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for one minute. Cook crepes on medium heat in 8-inch skillet using non-stick spray until very light brown. Turn once. Set cooked crepes aside using wax paper to separate.

Filling:

Mix all filling ingredients, except finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies, together in mixing bowl on low speed for 30 seconds, then at high speed for 2 minutes or until thoroughly combined. Fold in half (approximately 3 cookies) of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies.

Spread approximately 3 tablespoons of filling onto each crepe and roll up.

Garnish:

Place two Samoas® Sweet Rolls on four dessert plates and stripe chocolate syrup across then sprinkle remainder of finely chopped Samoas® Girl Scout Cookies (approximately 3 cookies), and dust lightly with cinnamon. Add other garnishes such as berries or fruit-flavored syrup if desired.



Samoas Crepe Roll

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As winter continues, saving energy costs remains essential

Cutting back unnecessary energy use is an easy way to keep your hard-earned money in your pocket. Here are some suggestions you can do at home, at absolutely no cost to you. These tips are from a recent *Newsline* publication of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

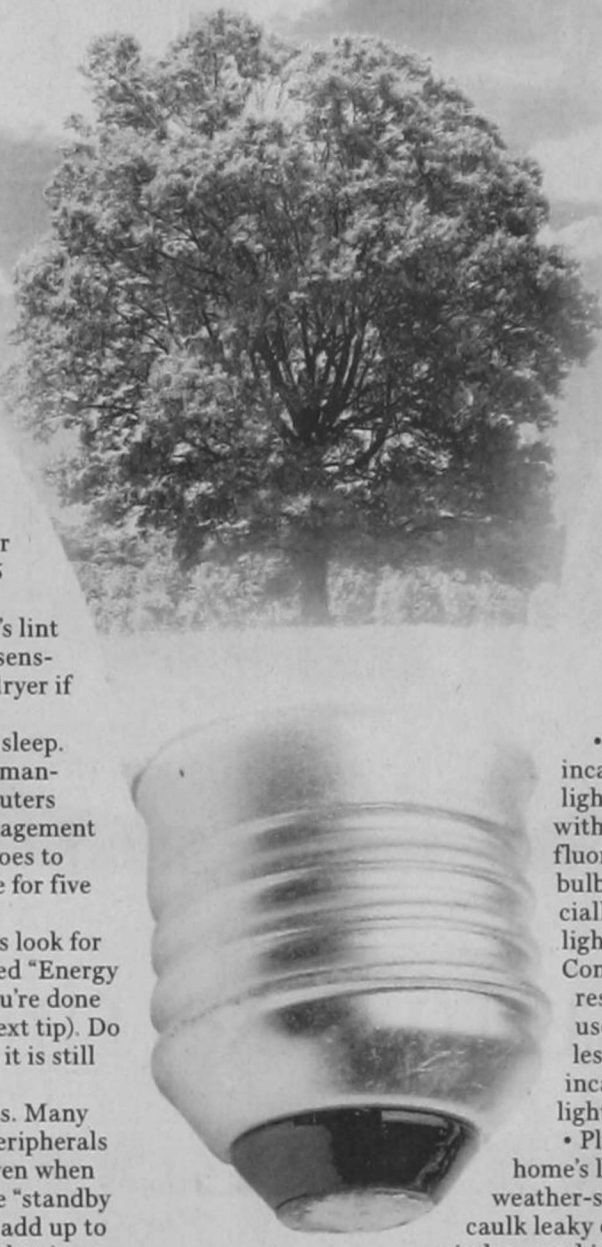
- Let the sunshine in. Open drapes and let the sun heat your home for free (get them closed again at sundown so they help insulate).
- Rearrange your rooms. Move your furniture around so you are sitting near interior walls — exterior walls and older windows are likely to be drafty. Don't sit in the draft.
- Keep it shut. Traditional fireplaces are an energy loser — it's best not to use them because they pull heated air out of the house and up the chimney. When not in use, make absolutely sure the damper is closed. Before closing the damper, make sure that you don't have any smoldering embers.
- If you decide not to use a fireplace, then block off the chimney with a piece of rigid insulation from the hardware store that fits snugly into the space (dampers don't shut fully without some leaking).
- Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms. Unplug that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't truly need it — this seemingly convenient way to keep extra drinks cold adds 10-25 percent to your electric bill. Turn off kitchen and bath-ventilating fans after they've done their job — these fans can blow out a house-full of heated air if inadvertently left on.
- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning to prevent up to 8 percent of your furnace-heated air from going up the chimney.
- Shorten showers. Simply reducing that lingering time by a few minutes can save hundreds of gallons of hot water per month for a family of four. Showers account for two-thirds of your water heating costs. Cutting your showers in half will reduce your water heating costs by 33 percent.

- Use appliances efficiently. Do only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use the cold water setting on your clothes washer when you can. Using cold water reduces your washer's energy use by 75 percent.
- Be sure to clean your clothes dryer's lint trap after each use. Use the moisture-sensing automatic drying setting on your dryer if you have one.
- Put your computer and monitor to sleep. Most computers come with the power management features turned off. On computers using Windows, open your power management software and set it so your computer goes to sleep if you're away from your machine for five to 15 minutes.

Those who use Macintosh computers look for the setting in your Control Panels called "Energy Saver" and set it accordingly. When you're done using your computer, turn it off (see next tip). Do not leave it in sleep mode overnight as it is still drawing a small amount of power.

- Plug "leaking energy" in electronics. Many new TVs, VCRs, chargers, computer peripherals and other electronics use electricity even when they are switched "off." Although these "standby losses" are only a few watts each, they add up to more than 50 watts in a typical home that is consumed all the time. If possible, unplug electronic devices and chargers that have a block-shaped transformer on the plug when they are not in use. For computer scanners, printers and other devices that are plugged into a power strip, simply switch off the power strip after shutting down your computer. The best way to minimize these losses of electricity is to purchase ENERGY STAR® products.

Every home is different. With a quick trip to your local hardware store, you have even more choices at hand.



- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs, especially in high-use light fixtures. Compact fluorescent lights use 75 percent less energy than incandescent lights.
- Plug your home's leaks. Install weather-stripping or caulk leaky doors and windows and install gaskets behind outlet covers. Savings up to 10 percent on energy costs can result.

- Install low flow showerheads. If you do not already have them, low-flow showerheads and faucets can drastically cut your hot water expenses. Savings of 10-16 percent of water heating costs.
- Wrap the hot water tank with jacket insulation. This is especially valuable for older water heaters with little internal insulation. Be sure to leave the air intake vent uncovered when insulating a gas water heater. Savings up to 10 percent on water heating costs can result.

Treat all children well

Q: I am concerned about our condominium association treating families with children differently in regard to violations of the rules then persons without families, particularly, the use of the common areas. How can I convince my board that they have got to get their act together?

A: They might be interested in a case that has been well publicized out of Massachusetts where the Justice Department settled



Robert Meisner

a lawsuit against an association over allegations that it regularly discriminated against residents with children. The Justice

Department claimed that the complex fined families \$500 when their children violated Condominium Rules by playing tag or whiffle ball games in outdoor common areas while residents without kids were fined only \$10 for similar rule infractions. Additionally, the association retaliated against one resident who lodged a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development over the excessive fines by charging her \$1,000 to pay for the association's costs to defend against her complaint. In effect, the association was sanctioned to the tune of \$150,000. If that doesn't shake them up, I don't know what can other than a lawsuit.

Q: I have heard that the housing and attendant pricing has eased up in the Boston area, in particular, in the suburbs because of foreclosures. I am particularly interested in the Needham community. Do you have any information?

A: Because of the excellent schools, attractive downtown area and train commuter service to Boston, Needham continues to be a very affluent community that is holding its real estate prices well. At best, prices have gone down 10 percent and in many instances, vacant lots are being gobbled up as there are few, if any, that are buildable. There are restrictions in terms of the type of house that can be constructed on relatively narrow lots in the community and homeowner associations are very diligent in enforcing the aesthetic guidelines. There are spec homes that are available but you are not going to find a bargain as you would in other parts of the Northeast.

Check state's down payment assistance program

How would you like to get a below market interest rate? And how would you also like to get \$7,500 down payment assistance from the state?



Wes McCaig

This is a real possibility for many Michigan home buyers who qualify for the down payment assistance program from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

The MSHDA down payment assistance program works with FHA and Rural Development loans. The maximum assistance of \$7,500 can be used for down payment,

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closing costs, prepaid expenses and a home inspection. The assistance from MSHDA is a zero-interest, payment free loan which you pay back only when the first mortgage is paid in full.

When using the MSHDA program, homebuyers often receive a below market fixed interest rate on their first mortgage. In addition, MSHDA only requires a contribution of 1 percent of the sales price from the home buyer. For example, on a \$150,000 home, a homebuyer using the MSHDA program can purchase a home with as little as \$1,500 out of pocket.

So who qualifies for this program? Well for starters,

homebuyers wishing to use the MSHDA program will have to meet certain requirements pertaining to household income, assets and homeownership. The maximum home sales price is \$224,500 and applicants must have less than \$5,000 in the bank, excluding retirement funds.

In all of Oakland County (except Royal Oak and Pontiac), the program is only available to applicants who have not owned a home within the past 36 months. The maximum household income is \$69,800 for a household of one-two people and \$80,270 for a household of three or more. In Royal Oak and Pontiac, there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the income limits are more generous, at \$83,760 for

a one-two-person household and \$97,720 for a household of three or more.

In all of Wayne County (except Detroit, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park and River Rouge), the program is only available to applicants who have not owned a home within the past 36 months. The maximum household income is \$69,800 for a household of one-two people and \$80,270 for a household of three or more. In Detroit, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park and River Rouge there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the income limits are more generous, at \$83,760 for a one-two-person household and \$97,720 for a household of three or more.

In all of Washtenaw County,

there is no restriction on prior homeownership and the maximum household income is \$101,040 for a household of one-two people and \$108,000 for a household of three or more.

To see if you qualify, contact a MSHDA approved mortgage lender today. You can view the list of approved lenders at www.michigan.gov/mshda.

Wes McCaig is the owner and broker of Visible Home (<http://www.visible-homes.com>), a real estate brokerage which combines traditional real estate with innovative technologies. Visible Homes provides full service real estate in Michigan, and is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Association of Realtors and the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

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			2790 Amberly Rd	\$562,000	29111 Hemlock Dr	\$165,000	40944 Hollydale	\$99,000	
			4390 Chisholm Trl	\$220,000	27580 W Echo Vly	\$53,000	22816 Talford St	\$35,000	
			937 Lampwick Ct	\$330,000					
			4185 Meadowlane Dr	\$155,000	577 Florence Ct	\$250,000	22344 Brookfield Dr	\$124,000	
			400 N Cranbrook Rd	\$605,000	520 John R	\$128,000	245 Brookwood Dr	\$45,000	
			2362 Rutherford Rd	\$57,000	4271 W Highland Rd	\$143,000	1275 Coach House Ln	\$292,000	
			1150 Timberview Trl	\$90,000			1108 Gallop Ln	\$188,000	
			100 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$30,000	30782 Ardmore Ct	\$64,000			
					22119 Barclay Ct	\$358,000	18514 Hilton Dr	\$95,000	
Beverly Hills			Commerce Township		Farmington		White Lake		
16904 Dunblaine Ave	\$110,000	4417 S Commerce Rd	\$143,000	21860 Barclay Dr	\$370,000	24639 Bashian Dr	\$43,000	9359 Gale Rd	\$140,000
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45482 Fountain View Dr	\$330,000	40803 Newport Dr	\$40,000
50477 Monroe St	\$200,000	9357 Village Manor Dr	\$308,000
1829 Pebble Creek Dr	\$245,000	352 W Spring St	\$30,000
6254 Porteridge Ln	\$160,000	1034 York St	\$90,000
Garden City		Redford	
6848 Cardwell St	\$57,000	15457 Chelsea	\$24,000
32713 Florence St	\$27,000	26005 Elsinore	\$59,000
Livonia		19935 Gaylord	\$36,000
14216 Arden St	\$130,000	17248 Lennane	\$72,000
9896 Farmington Rd	\$88,000	9079 Mercedes	\$75,000
15628 Fitzgerald St	\$144,000	15561 Norborne	\$5,000
38715 Grenada St	\$149,000	15593 Pomona Dr	\$20,000
9074 Newport Way	\$72,000	Westland	
16108 Southampton St	\$210,000	36230 Abbey Dr	\$135,000
Northville		1785 Daisey Ln	\$106,000
16496 Lincoln Dr	\$20,000	1950 Dunn Ct	\$79,000
16412 Mulberry Way	\$20,000	34636 Fairchild St	\$49,000
		36756 Gilchrist St	\$46,000
		30528 Grandview Ave	\$72,000
		7369 Manor Cir	\$22,000
		37582 Robinson Ct	\$115,000
		1511 S. Walton St	\$43,000
		1207 Windham St	\$75,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, Sherlock Homes will speak on "What's going on in your properties that you don't know about?" A lot of homes have "ticking time bombs" in their structures, heating systems, electrical systems, etc. The occupants are unaware of these until something major occurs. He will also have an update on mold, and a hand-out on lead. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit www.reiawaynecounty.org.

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A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

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Presidents' Day Weekend has become almost the unofficial start of the spring automotive selling season. And with that holiday already past, and spring less than a month away, auto brands have begun reasserting themselves in hopes of taking a bigger share of a steadily rising U.S. auto market.

Toyota, for example, has just come out swinging with a new advertising campaign to join with its aggressive program of sales incentives to attempt to take back some of the U.S. market share that it lost during its annus horribilis of 2010.

The campaign, "#1 for a Reason," focuses on many of the things that American consumers may have forgotten about how good Toyota is.

They include the fact that Camry remains the nation's No. 1-selling car, that the Corolla is the world's best-selling car of all time, and that Prius is the best-selling hybrid in the world. Toyota Tacoma is the market's best-selling small pickup truck. Toyota has the most fuel-efficient product lineup of any full-line American manufacturer. That sort of thing.

"It's a very celebratory campaign," Bob Carter, Toyota division general manager, told automotive journalists earlier this month.

Timing might just be right for Toyota to come out of its defensive crouch and

begin asserting its brand bona fides again. The federal government just last week proclaimed that only the original mechanical problems in Toyota vehicles were responsible for the worst of last year's safety recalls—and that there is no reason to suspect any, more insidious problem related to in-vehicle electronics and software. That validated the position Toyota executives had taken all along.

Plus, auto sales in general are picking up in the U.S. as the traditionally robust spring selling season approaches. Toyota retains the largest retail-market share of any automaker in America because it continues to spurn most fleet sales; fleets comprise a huge portion of sales to the traditional Big Three.

And even the emphasis of Toyota's campaign, promoting the brand overall instead of specific products, might be wise. Toyota continues to face a relatively sparse pipeline of new products this year, except for a larger version of Prius. So it may be more appropriate to focus on specific new Toyota models later, once they're actually launching.

In the meantime, the "#1" campaign could make for baby steps in the right direction for Toyota.

Meanwhile, General Motors has finally come up with a new answer to the dominance of Ford's Sync infotainment system.



Chevrolet MyLink is meant to answer Ford Sync in the infotainment market.

GM announced its new Chevrolet MyLink system that will provide text messaging, e-mails, traffic advisories and other connected-car functions in the Chevy Volt and Equinox beginning this fall.

For the past few years, as they watched Ford introduce Sync and develop it quickly into a powerful brand advantage for Ford vehicles, GM executives have maintained that they could meet the competitive infotainment threat by building out their OnStar system and brand. Originally conceived as a safety-and-security system whose reliability is tied to the fact that it is "hard-wired" into GM vehicles, OnStar has been attempting to morph into a platform for Sync-like features such as hands-free texting as well.

But the transformation of OnStar into a Sync-beater perhaps was destined to fail. And for new CEO Dan Akerson, a veteran of the telco business, it simply was unacceptable for General Motors—a venerable technology leader in the industry—to play second fiddle in an area that has become as crucial as infotainment. Toyota, Kia and every other major brand are making big moves in this arena as well.

GM claims that MyLink carries some

Toyota's new advertising campaign boasts about Camry, still the nation's No. 1-selling car.



advantages over Sync already. For one thing, MyLink's software will be continuously updated "over the air," whereas Sync owners must update the software themselves or, in some cases, bring their vehicles into dealerships for updates. GM also promises an unprecedented level of integration with Pandora internet radio as part of its system, a feature that Millennial consumers were clamoring for.

Let the scramble begin!

And Chrysler has begun clearing the way for the arrival of the new Fiat 500 on the shores of America.

Fiat wants to save buyers of its new 500 car from some of the less-than-desirable elements of the dealership experience when the Italian-made curiosity begins arriving here in volume within several weeks. North American Fiat chief Laura Soave has let it be known that the 130 Chrysler dealers who have qualified to sell the Fiat 500 will be encouraged to use "no-haggle" pricing.

Just about everything concerning Chrysler and its new owner is iconoclastic these days. No-haggle pricing would fit right in.

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