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Bentley health fair

Bentley Elementary School hosts a Health and Wellness Fair 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday.

Participants can learn more about hand washing, dental care, eye care, heart care and skin protection, get blood pressure checks, diabetes, injury prevention, posture and stress, pharmaceutical concerns, plant-based foods, relaxation and recovery.

Also available will be information on the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award and the Fuel Up to 60 program information.

Representatives of Whole Foods Market ("Health Starts Here - the 4 Pillars of Healthy Eating") and Oakwood Health Care (family health history) will also be present.

Fitness Classes Include: Family Boot Camp, Zumba, Kickboxing, Hip Hop, Cupid Shuffle, Yoga, Yoga for Kids, Strength Training for families, Martial Arts, Soccer, Step, Bal-A-Vis-X and Motor Moms & Dads, Brain Gym, Pilates, Cross Fit Workout, and Exergames (Wii).

The first 300 through the door get a gift. The event also features a 20-minute walk or run from 7:45-8:05 p.m.

For additional information, contact Bentley Elementary School at (734) 397-6361, or visit <http://bentley.pccs.k12.mi.us>.

Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom.

Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, you and your mom. E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Dem gala

The four-club Democratic Spring Gala '11 has signed Steve King and the Dittillies to play for their event at Meadowbrook Country Club on April 30, according to Lisa DiRado, co-chair of the event for the Northville Democratic Club.

The group was unanimously chosen by the chairs of the four clubs - Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Northville.

The band, born out of Steve King's high school years at Bentley in Livonia, will provide after-dinner entertainment and dance music at the Gala at Meadowbrook Country Club, on Eight Mile west of Haggerty.

Further information on Spring Gala '11 may be had by contacting Lisa DiRado at (248) 380-1898 or ldirado@comcast.net.

School, teachers among district cuts

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The closing of Fiegel Elementary School and the elimination of some 80 teachers were among \$18 million in cuts recommended to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education Tuesday by the district's budget committee.

Those were the two stand-out recommendations among many, including using some \$2.4 million in fund balance, made by the committee during a three-hour budget workshop.

Board members have until the end of June to pass their 2011-12 budget. They'll meet again Tuesday to continue to discuss their options as they seek to close a \$18 million gap in funding.

"This is the one that will be gut-wrenching," said Jim Johnson, the principal at Fiegel, who

served on the budget committee. "I don't think anyone ever thought we'd be here considering closing a school."

If they decide to follow the recommendations, closing Fiegel Elementary would save the district some \$1.4 million. Fiegel students would be farmed out to four other elementaries. Those elementaries were not named Tuesday.

JOBS CUT

The elimination of the 80 teaching positions — and a resulting hike in class sizes — would save the district more than \$5.3 million, according to figures put together by the committee.

Other recommendations made by the committee (the full list is available on the district's

Please see **CUTS, A2**

PLYMOUTH - CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

*Budget Recommendations	
Reductions	\$15,049,039
Potential Revenue	\$1,633,550
Unemployment Costs (Cost to layoff 80 teachers)	\$1,079,520
Sub - Total	\$15,603,069
Fund Equity	\$2,396,931
Budget Adjustment	\$18,000,000

*SOURCE: P.C.C.S. Budget Committee



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This model of the Roy and Tillie Schultz farm was made by Roy Schultz and given to his daughters to remind them of the family's past.

Back on the farm

Exhibit takes Canton back to its roots

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new, meticulously arranged display inside the Canton Historical Museum uses artifacts, maps, pictures and a small replica of an old farm to celebrate a slice of local Americana, long before land developers swooped in and forever altered this township's landscape.

The exhibit — titled "Whose Farm Do You Live On?" — allows locals to find their subdivision on one map and match it against another map that reveals who formerly owned the land dating back as far as 1825, nine years before Canton formally became a township.

The exhibit offers a plethora of information about historical homes, local roads, one-room schools, longtime churches and Canton farmland. It proudly displays the tools and toys long-ago residents used for work and play — old farm utensils, paper dolls, a miniature horse-drawn bank, spelling books, medicine bottles, a horse blanket, a teacher's attendance book, a sewing and mending kit.

ON DISPLAY

Even a gray, dreary Monday morning couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of Canton Historical



Sue Anderson and Anita DePentu display an embroidered album block comforter, donated by Lois Evans.

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Home invasion suspect faces several charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 31-year-old man was arraigned Wednesday on multiple criminal charges, including assault with intent to murder, amid allegations he forced his way inside a Canton man's home, assaulted him and threatened him at knifepoint before fleeing and leading township police on a car chase that ended in Westland, authorities said.

The ordeal started about 12:30 p.m. Monday on Kings Way, southwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley, where defendant Cedric Javus Browne is accused of forcing his way inside the home of his girlfriend's uncle, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Browne, who had been staying in Westland but who has a Mississippi driver's license, was accompanied by his girlfriend and their 2-year-old daughter, but the mother and child remained in the car, Gajeski said.

Browne could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon, fleeing a police officer and possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$1 million/10 percent, and he is scheduled for an April 15 preliminary hearing in 35th District Court to determine if he should stand trial.



Browne

Gajeski has said the woman, who allegedly was earlier assaulted, isn't expected to face charges.

The ordeal began in a usually quiet neighborhood after a suspect forced his way inside the Canton man's house, Gajeski said.

"The suspect forced his way in, assaulted the resident, punched him in the face and threatened him with a knife," Gajeski said.

Browne is accused of fleeing the scene when the resident's roommate walked into the room and saw what was happening, Gajeski said.

Canton police spotted the defendant driving a white Lincoln Town Car on eastbound Cherry Hill near Haggerty and began to pursue him, Gajeski said. Browne is accused of leading police on a chase that ended at Maes and Westcott, a residential neighborhood in Westland near Cherry Hill and John Hix roads.

"He got out of the car and left it running, and it bumped into a house," Gajeski said.

The suspect fled southbound on foot but was captured on nearby Dillingham, police said.

Gajeski said the drug charges stem from allegations Browne dumped small bags of crack cocaine during the course of the incident.

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CUTS

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website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us include:

- Eliminating noontime busing for kindergarten students (\$488,000). Parents of morning kindergarten students would be asked to pick their child up from school; parents of afternoon students would be asked to drop their kids off.
- Eliminating 21 janitorial jobs (\$945,000) and shift to an alternate-day cleaning schedule in the district's buildings. Primary sites such as restrooms, clinics and kitchen areas would still be cleaned daily.
- Reduction of four clerical positions and five media center secretaries at the middle and high schools (a combined \$398,500).

"This is where it started getting difficult," said Phil Freeman, principal at Pioneer Middle School, said of the job cuts. "Although it's gut-

wrenching, to get to \$18 million, you have to get it on the table."

Closing Fiegel would eliminate one principal position, seven teachers and three support positions.

CLASS SIZES RISE

The biggest change would be the elimination of some 80 teaching positions and the resulting increase in class size that would go with it. Under the committee's proposal, class sizes would:

- Go up by two students at each elementary school grade level. Student-to-teacher ratios would be 28:1 in K-2, 31:1 in third grade, and 32:1 in fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms. The committee anticipates cutting 24.5 teachers.
- Raise by nearly five at middle schools, up to 35:1. Some 21 teachers would be cut.
- Raise by nearly four, up to 35:1, at the high school. The high schools would lose 26 teachers.

Layoff notices, which have



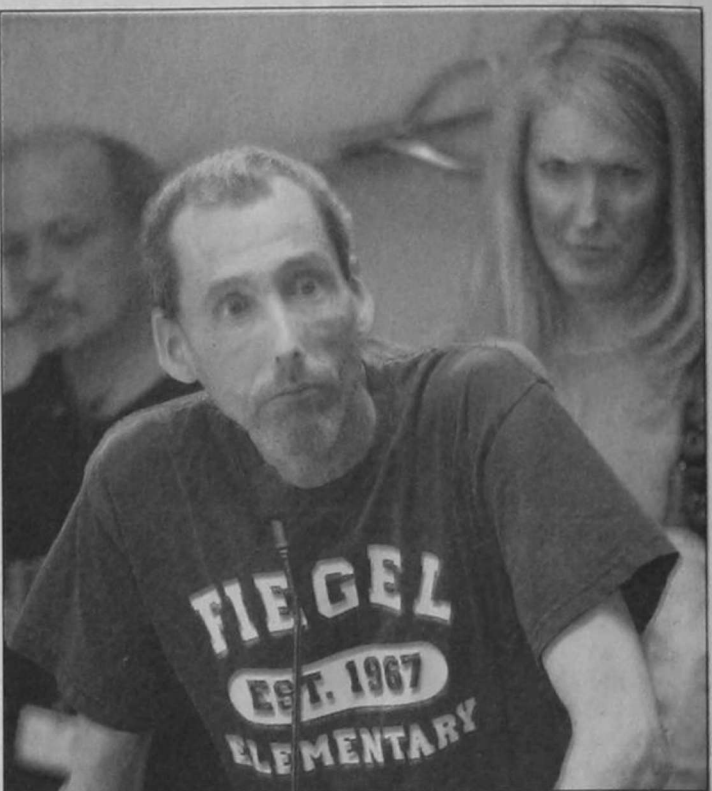
An overflow crowd even sat in the center of the circle of board and administration at Tuesday's Board of Education budget workshop.

to go out by the end of the month, will likely be issued to as many as 150-200 teachers, officials said, in order to give the district flexibility to bring back teachers in needed specialties. Some of those jobs would be brought back if the district decides to open itself as a school-of-choice district.

"We would hope to bring back some of those jobs," chief operating officer Ken Jacobs said. "We're hoping to mitigate some of the losses."

CONTINUED CUTS

Administrators think the district could bring in as much as \$1 million by going to a



Fiegel parent John Nichols speaks in support of the neighborhood school.

school-of-choice option. Board members were given three to consider: Opening the district to children of employees who live outside the district; opening to students within Wayne RESA, and opening to students in Intermediate School Districts contiguous to Wayne RESA.

Other revenue enhancements administrators believe they can realize include some \$400,000 in shared-time revenue (sharing teachers/students with private/parochial schools); eliminating subsidies to the preschool program, increasing meal prices 10 cents and raising parking fees by \$5 at the high school park.

Administrators and board members used the occasion to

make another call on Lansing for help.

"While this was a very difficult budget to prepare, I feel confident telling you it wasn't done in a vacuum," Jacobs said. "This is the last year we'll be able to sustain this level of cuts. It's vital that our governor know (further cuts) could do damage for a very long time."

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-tenured member, called the level of cuts "unprecedented."

"We need help ... we are not going to be able to cut our way out of this," Mardigian said. "There's a lot to hate on this list. It's gut-wrenching."

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Road rally benefits charities

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's not a race, though it's called a road rally and involves cars.

It's more like a scavenger hunt or trivia contest for carloads of people who receive clues that guide them to Canton businesses, natural landmarks and government buildings.

It's a test of knowledge for charity-friendly people who want to raise money for First Step, which provides services for victims of domestic and sexual violence; Open Door Ministry; a local food pantry that serves hundreds of families each week; and Leadership Canton, a partner-

ship between the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce to groom and motivate community leaders.

Welcome to Leadership Canton's 2011 Road Rally, an April 30 event that begins and ends at Summit on the Park, with stops at nearly 20 sites in between, said Canton Legal Counsel Audrey Robinson, a member of the current Leadership Canton class.

Road rally participants pay \$45 each — or \$30 if they only want to attend the post-rally dinner. The first \$18 is tax deductible, Robinson said. Registration begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Summit, and carloads of people wearing rally T-shirts will set out at 4 p.m. with a packet

of clues intended to guide them to places where they are challenged by what Robinson called "activities, brain-teasers and puzzles."

They return for dinner to the Summit, where doors open at 6:30 p.m. Scores will be tabulated, bragging rights bestowed and prizes raffled. The event is limited to 40 vehicles.

"We have a course with clues set up. You get in a car with a group of four to six people, and you're given an envelope and set of clues that take you into the community," Robinson said. "One clue leads to the next. It's a way to make people aware of the amenities in Canton and some of the businesses."

It's all in the spirit of having

fun and raising money for First Step, Open Door Ministry and Leadership Canton. Everyone returns to the Summit finish line, but the points they accumulate are not necessarily based on how quickly they finish the rally route.

"We don't want people speeding through the community," Robinson said.

Anyone who wants to join the road rally may find a participant form online at www.rally4canton.com. Sponsorship opportunities and forms — with costs ranging from \$100 to \$2,500 — also are available on the Web site. For more information, visit the site or call (734) 394-5188.

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EXHIBIT

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Society volunteers Sue Anderson and Anita DePentu as they discussed the exhibit. It remains on display through November, appropriately inside a museum on Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer — the same site where a log cabin schoolhouse burned in 1883 and was rebuilt the next year as a one-room brick schoolhouse.

Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays, 2-5 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Liz Carlson, museum director and Canton Historical Society president, also said tours may be arranged by calling (734) 397-0888.

"Whenever you design a museum exhibit, you have a take-home message in mind. Our take-home message is that we live in Canton, and actually the spot we live on links us to our past and the people who lived here before," Carlson said. "It's almost like some mystical, spiritual kind of time travel. We've shared a piece of land with people over time."

In coming weeks, Carlson said, the exhibit is expected to become even bigger by featuring Native American farmers, the geology of what made Canton a good farming community and the township's growth as a political entity.

Monday morning, Anderson and DePentu showed the maps that allow residents to search by subdivision or roads to learn who formerly owned their property. Visitors also can become educated about historic buildings still standing in Canton.

TELLING THE HISTORY

Exhibit organizers divided the museum into four sections to help tell the history of the

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LIZ CARLSON, Canton Historical Society president



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A farmer's market sign.

township's quadrants. In the center of it all stands a replica of the former Tilroy Farm, off Lilley between Joy and Warren, named after owners Tillie and Roy Schultz.

They bought the farm in the mid-1940s, and Roy Schultz in 1980 built the replica for their daughters — complete with a red barn, a farmhouse, farm animals and fields. Tilroy Farm has since been replaced by businesses, Anderson said.

Among other museum displays, one shows childhood toys, another reveals old classroom supplies and yet another details home medicine and hygiene items. Still others display old farming artifacts and historical information about the former Ford Village industry complex, near Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, that Anderson said served as a creamery before it became a manufacturing plant.

Near the back of the museum, two yellowed, late-1800s maps can be seen, one of Michigan and one of Wayne County.

Visitors can even learn trivia: Cherry Hill Road was named after a cherry orchard, and Riggs Road later became Canton Center to avoid confusion between Riggs and Ridge roads.

Local historians hope the community will visit the museum to learn more about Canton's roots. Many residents are newcomers, as evidenced by an 18.1-percent population growth during the last decade to 90,173 people.

"We have a lot of new people," DePentu said, "and they can come here to learn about their community."

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New vendors hit final Winter Market

BY DARRELL CLEM
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The last Winter Market is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Cady-Boyer Barn and on the porch of the Bartlett-Travis house, on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

New vendors include Jam by Hand, which offers items such as carrot cake and jams; Good Times Kettle Corn, popped on site; and Cookie Crumbs, which has Italian and

European cookies.

A copy of the recipe of the month for chicken caesar salad also will be available.

Karen Grawe of Cookie Crumbs, Zingerman's Creamery and JKM Soy Candles will be on the Bartlett-Travis porch.

The market also will have a pasta collection for the Canton-based Open Door Ministry food pantry, which helped over 400 families each week last year.

As usual, the market will offer apples, cider, farm eggs, jams, winter squash, apple butter, smoked fish, honey, grass-fed and antibiotic-free meats, cheeses, Great Lakes fish, summer sausage and many other items.

Participating vendors include Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, Bobilin Honey, Boyer Meat Processing, Captain John's Smokehouse, Cellar Door Soap, Cookie Crumbs, Day Dream Cafe, Farmington Soap

Works, Good Times Kettle Corn, Jam By Hand, Kapnick Orchards, Natural Local Food Express, Nicky's Family Recipes, Pasta-e-Pasta, Boyer Meat Processing, Plymouth Popcorn Company, Prochaska Farm with the Four Corners Creamery, Joe Sansonetti's Kitchen, Sunbears Just Bones, Sweet Delights Bakery, Zingerman's Creamery and JKM Soy Candles.

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Canton, county partner on e-waste collection

Canton Township has partnered with Wayne County in conjunction with Vintage Tech Recyclers Inc. to offer a free E-waste Collection on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton Division of Public Works Building, located at 4847 Sheldon Road.

This free event is open to all Wayne County residents and is an excellent opportunity to

properly dispose of outdated electronic equipment.

Items being accepted at the e-waste collection include televisions, CRT and LCD monitors, computers, laptops, printers, fax machines, VCR's, Christmas lights, keyboards and mice, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles,

handheld electronic devices (iPods, CD players, game boy, etc), and miscellaneous cables.

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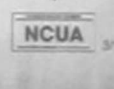
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Police look for arson suspects

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three incidents of suspected arson at Sherwood Village, a mobile home park on Canton's southeast side, have led to a police investigation amid hopes authorities can locate and arrest one or more perpetrators.

"No one was injured," police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

Two of the fires involved outdoor sheds, while one was started among several lawn bags filled with leaves, police reports indicated. The incidents occurred within a 24-hour period ending shortly after midnight Monday.

One of the shed fires spread toward homes, but was doused before it caused extensive damage, Fire Chief Tim Dunn said.

"We had heat damage to three trailers," he said.

All three fires occurred inside Sherwood Village, on Old Michigan southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty.

The first incident was reported about 12:40 a.m. Sunday, when a group of people walking home saw smoke coming from several lawn bags filled with leaves, a police report said.

One man in the group told police he ran home and got a fire extinguisher, and a police officer who arrived first on the scene finished dousing the leaves with a fire extinguisher from the patrol

car, the report said.

The second incident happened about an hour later at 1:40 a.m., when police and firefighters responded to an outdoor shed on fire near three mobile homes.

The homes sustained heat damage, but officials said quick action averted what could have been a much worse situation if the fire had engulfed the trailers.

Authorities evacuated residents from the homes until the fire was extinguished.

The third incident was reported early Monday, shortly after midnight, and police officers who arrived first on the scene used fire extinguishers and garden hoses to spray the flames until firefighters arrived and doused the blaze, according to a police report.

A woman told authorities she was inside her home and smelled something burning. She looked outside and saw flames inside the shed.

All three incidents remain under investigation. Gajeski said anyone who has information is urged to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Anyone who wants to make an anonymous tip for a possible cash reward may contact Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP, logging on to www.1800speakup.org or by texting CSM and a tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

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Robbery attempt

1 A manager at Hobby Lobby, a business on Ford Road west of Lilley, reported an attempted robbery that occurred about 10:15 a.m. Monday.

The manager told police he was in a store aisle near the office when a man approached him and handed him a piece of paper demanding money. The manager said he read the note aloud and was told by the intruder to be quiet.

The manager refused to give money to the man, who took back the note and walked toward the front of the store. The suspect grabbed a tote bag worth several dollars before he fled the store.

The manager told police the man got into a car and fled east on Ford. He was described as a thin white male, 6 feet tall in his late 20s. He had dark brown hair and wore jeans and a bright green hoodie pulled over a blue ball cap.

Apartment break-in

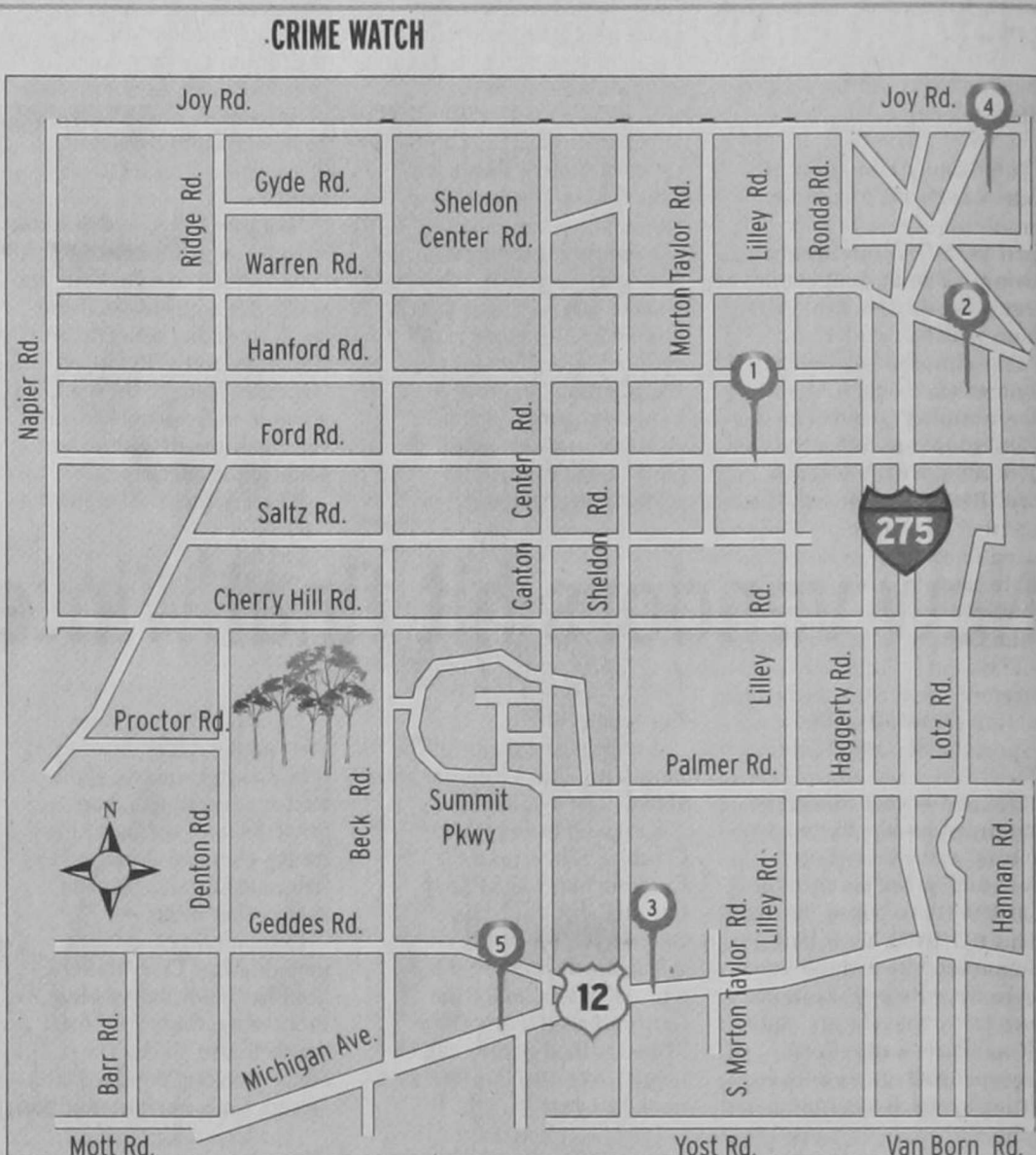
2 A Canton man told police someone broke into his parents' apartment on Eaton, southwest of Warren and Lotz, while he had taken them out for a meal Sunday afternoon.

While they were out, they received a call from a neighbor of the parents who said the apartment door was open. A police report indicated it appeared a drill had been used on the lock.

Items reported missing from the apartment included \$800 and gold jewelry including a neck chain, a charm bracelet and two rings.

Warrant arrests

3 A police officer on patrol on Michigan Avenue east of



Sheldon arrested a couple who was wanted for warrants in two counties.

The officer ran a background check on a GMC truck and learned that the female owner was wanted for a felony probation violation out of Oakland County and a family-related offense out of Detroit.

Police also learned the woman's husband, who was with her, had warrants for his arrest out of Highland Park and Farmington Hills.

Police took the couple into custody just before 9 p.m. March 31.

Court contempt

4 Canton police making a traffic stop at Holly and Peters, southeast of Joy Road and I-275, arrested one of the occupants of the vehicle for a warrant out of Livonia for contempt of court. The suspect had failed to appear in court on a larceny charge, a police report said.

Speeding warrant

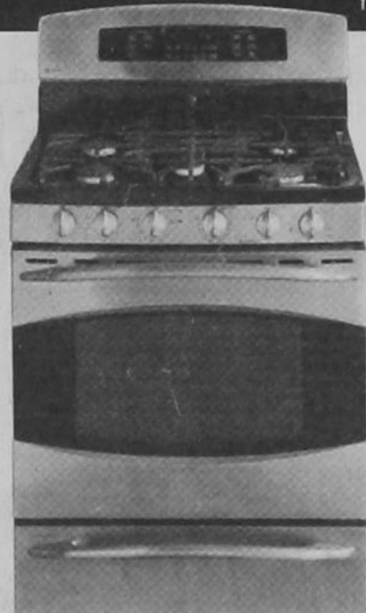
5 Police took a man into custody after learning he had a warrant out for his arrest for a speeding incident. Police encountered the man in a fast-food restaurant parking lot on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center around 8 p.m. Sunday.

Police arrested the man and arranged to turn him over to Wayne County.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

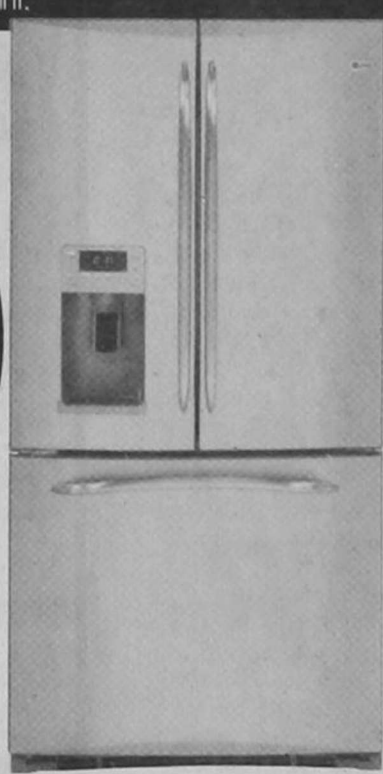
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CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's 23rd annual dinner auction is set for Saturday, April 16, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fundraiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"Our chamber depends on its resources to subsidize important programming, services, educational development, as well as promote advocacy in the community," said Tracy Rettig, president, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Funds raised from the auction are crucial in maintaining our mission to stimulate positive business growth in the Canton Community."

"The area businesses have been extremely generous with their Auction donations this year, despite the economy," Rettig added. "We have more than 200 raffle items, which include several restaurant packages, many gift baskets, and jewelry. In the electronics category we have a 26-inch LCD TV/DVD Player Combo, 18.5-inch LCD TV, a Toshiba Laptop Computers, Garmin Nuvi, Blu-Ray Player, remote car starter, and more."

"ChamberOpoly" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for guests to come dressed as their favorite Monopoly character. Theme dressing is a well-loved tradition for this Canton Chamber event.

Donations for the live auction include two condos that will be up for bid, they are located in Orlando (Summer Bay Resort-seven miles from Disney) and The Grande Shore resort in Myrtle Beach Florida. Additional Live Auction items include Gourmet Wine Dinner for Six, Grub Crawl tickets with Limo and Lawn Service for the 28 weeks, and Jewelry.

Last year's event drew a crowd



The Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction is set for Saturday, April 16, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

of over 380 attendees and featured prizes from categories such as Jewelry, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Home-style, and Electronics. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd.

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place on April 16, at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. until midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public. Admission includes open bar and strolling dinner, entertainment

and the opportunity to participate in the Live and Raffle auctions.

For more information, contact the chamber at (734) 453.4040. This year's Auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is now taking reservations for exhibit space at the Showcase and Taste

of Plymouth, set for 5-730 p.m. Monday, May 23 at the Inn at St. John's.

This year the event will be held in the Main Ball Room and adjoining Garden Room to provide more space for exhibitors and attendees. With space going quickly, you need to reserve your space as soon as possible to ensure you can be an exhibitor.

Last year the event was bigger than ever with 830 attendees and

90 exhibitors.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community's businesses, restaurants, and the people who live here.

Exhibit space is only \$110 and \$135 and includes a 6' x 3' skirted table. This is a great opportunity to market your business to residents and local businesses. If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. Cancellations must be received by May 17.

The major sponsors for this event are Hines Park Lincoln and Community Financial.

Appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty, in Canton.

Cost is \$20 in advance for members, \$30 for non-members, and seating is limited. The luncheon is sponsored by Huntington Bank and Yazaki North America, Inc.

Reservations are required; call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@canton-chamber.com. No walk-ins please.

Lawrence Tech camps

This summer Lawrence Technological University will hold a dozen enrichment summer camps to introduce high school students to topics that could lead to a college major or a career. The camps are designed for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in technology, science and design. For information and the registration form, contact Lisa Kujawa at kujawa@ltu.edu or go to ltu.edu/community_k12/summer_camps.asp. The registration deadline is June 1.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Twisted Rooster

A new Michigan-owned eatery coming to greater Detroit plans to put a new twist on some old, familiar favorites like mac & cheese, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, tater tots, burgers and seafood.

Detroit native Mark Noseda II, corporate executive chef with Grand Rapids-based Meritage Hospitality Group, will open the second and third editions of a new independent restaurant concept called Twisted Rooster in Chesterfield Township and Belleville this April and May.

The "twist" on the menu comes from mixing local ingredients with bold flavors and classic American comfort foods for simply twisted results. It also features a 20-seat bar area, "The Roo," stocked with more than 40 Michigan-made wines, spirits and craft beers, plus other regional favorites.

"As a mid-sized independent operator, we have significant advantages that include the flexibility to support local vendors, freedom of creativity in developing our menus and atmosphere, and the ability to design a restaurant that reflects the interests and demographics of the community. Supporting local vendors and suppliers drives their business and in turn helps them grow along with us. Twisted Rooster is thrilled to include local food and drink vendors and suppliers," says Erik East, director of operations for Meritage.

Twisted Rooster is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to midnight, Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit Twisted Rooster's web site www.twisted-rooster.com or Twisted Rooster's Facebook page www.facebook.com/twistedrooster.

New agent

Rick Berberet, of the Plymouth/Canton area, has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area from 137 Cady Centre in Northville.



Berberet

Berberet recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Berberet also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in

Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Berberet had an extensive career in

real estate for over 10 years. He joins a state-wide force of over 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.

Curves for food

During the month of April, Curves gyms in the Detroit area — including the Canton location — will participate in the 13th annual Curves Food Drive to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to benefit area food banks. Current members who make a \$30 donation or an equivalent donation of food are eligible to receive a Curves reusable Food Drive grocery bag. And, from April 4-17, Curves will waive the membership fee for new members who donate a bag of non-perishable food or make a minimum donation of \$30.

"Our goal is to top the donation that we made last year," said Curves founder Diane Heavin. "This is a great opportunity for the members of our Curves community to help strengthen the Detroit-area community, too. Everything that our members donate at their local clubs will benefit local families in need."

In addition to the food and monetary donations that each gym collects, Curves International is offering gyms the opportunity to win cash prizes for their local food banks. Prizes will be awarded to clubs with the most food collected, clubs who beat their 2010 donation level by the largest amount and to two randomly selected clubs drawn from all the clubs who enter the contest. Curves clubs have donated more than 61 million pounds of food in the U.S. and Canada since 2004.

Curves of Canton is located at 44248 Cherry Hill. Call (734) 844-6741 or e-mail scartelli@comcast.net for more information.

Dental for Gilda's Club

Bright Side Dental group announced it would donate \$5 to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, for each new dental patient in the month of April. Bright Side Dental group has four locations in the Detroit area; Canton, Livonia, Royal Oak, and Sterling Heights and all four offices will take part in this initiative.

Bright Side Dental has been an active partner with Gilda's Club Metro Detroit in the past, and the company is pleased to make new contributions.

"Our dental practices are all about families," said Josh Gershonowicz, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations. "We know that Gilda's Club does an extraordinary job supporting cancer patients and their family members."

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit provides programs for people living with cancer, along with family and friends, to build a network of social and emotional support that is an integral part of cancer treatment.

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Exhibit features local glass works

For over the past 30 years, Michigan has celebrated the rich tradition of glass as an art medium by recognizing April as Glass Month.

In honor of this designation, The Village Theater at Cherry hosts an exhibition of glass works created by artists from the Furnace Design Studio and The Glass Academy of Dearborn. This exhibition of color and light captured in glass works of art runs through April 29 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Glass art enthusiasts and collectors, as well as the general public, are encouraged to explore the exhibition, which showcases the art of glass as expressed in all forms from glass objects and vessels to mixed media. Although every unique piece is made from the magical medium of glass, each retains its own personality and style. Artists at the Furnace Design Studio combine silica and heat, powdered pigments, metal dusts and added color to create pieces of exquisite beauty.

The Furnace Design Studio is the collaboration of internationally-acclaimed glass artists Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky. This Dearborn-based glass studio is known for custom commission and site-specific installations for homes, commercial spaces and hospitality interiors. These artists are also known for their classic Venetian-style craftsmanship, modern flair and versatility in creating signature molten glass pieces which range in style from organic and minimalist pieces to works with elaborate detail.

Works of these glass artists will be on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

For more information about this latest exhibition in the Gallery@VT, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillageattheater.org. For more information about The Glass Academy, visit www.glassacademy.com.

Girl Scouts camps offer arts programs

With cutbacks in art and music education looming for the state's public schools, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan is offering arts programming at Camp Linden in Linden for summer 2011.

The 400-acre camp will offer sessions in painting, drawing, sketching and sculpting, along with jewelry craft and art from nature. Campers will also enjoy swimming, hiking, boating and archery. No prior membership in Girl Scouting is required.

"We know that arts education enhances all learning," said Julie Yeager, GSHOM outdoor program promotions specialist. "This summer, Camp Linden offers girls the unbeatable combination of arts exploration in a non-competitive natural setting."

According to the Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs, public funding for school art projects in the state has been reduced to \$2 million, down from \$26 million in 2006, despite research that continues to pour in on the



Girl Scout campers enjoyed arts sessions during 2010 summer camp.

Test, and 44 points higher on the math section of the exam, compared to students who had less than four years of arts education.

Additionally, according to a 2008 Dana Consortium Report on Arts and Cognition, neuroscientists at seven major universities have found strong links between arts education and cognitive development in children. Students involved in the arts develop attention and memory skills that also apply to other subject areas.

"Girl Scout camp is an affordable, easily accessible way to give your daughter what she may be missing in school — experience in the arts, which fosters creativity and imagination," said Yeager.

Families can see what camp is like at the camp open houses, 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 15 at Camp Crawford and Sunday, May 22, at Camp Linden. For more information and locations, call (800) 49-SCOUT or visit www.girlscoutcamp.org for a complete 2011 GSHOM Camp Guide.

positive impact of arts education.

Highlights from a 2004 UNESCO report include the following:

- Three-year-olds who had 10-15 minutes of piano instruction and 30 minutes of singing lessons each day scored 80 percent higher in spatial intelligence (as measured by puzzle assembly).

- Training in piano and singing improved students' abstract reasoning skills better than computer instruction did. Piano and voice students scored 34 per cent higher than

did their counterparts who had computer instruction.

- Research conducted on fourth graders in 24 elementary schools showed that children exposed to arts education experienced test score increases of: 7 percent in reading in humanities; 10 percent in social studies; 25 percent in math; and 7 percent in science.

GSHOM officials said according to the College Entrance Exam Board, students who had studied arts for more than four years scored 59 points higher on the verbal section of the Scholastic Aptitude

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Culinary team gets cookin' at competition

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last year, the vaunted Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team didn't compete in the usual state competitions when their coach, Diana Woodward, took some time away from coaching to have a baby.

This year, P-CEP cooks and restaurant management specialists returned with a vengeance.

At the Michigan Restaurant Association competition, Plymouth-Canton's marketing/management team took the first-place trophy, earning themselves an all-expenses paid trip to the national competition, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association, April 29 in Overland Park, Kan.

"There's a lot of pressure, and we hadn't practiced a lot," said management team member Bria Dobson, a Salem High School junior. "I had a feeling we'd do good, I just didn't think we'd finish that high."

The management competition, according to Woodward, is fierce. Organizers rewrote the competition guidelines



Plymouth-Canton's management team — Kristina Kapidani, LeSaesha Pollard and Bria Dobson — earned first-place honors and will travel to Overland Park, Kan., for the national competition later this month.

to make it less a "quiz bowl" style competition and more an actual restaurant competition. Teams have to write a proposal (P-C's was some 70 pages long), and the plan has to cover absolutely everything — decor, concept, menu, recipes, marketing, etc. In addition to the written proposal, there's a 10-minute verbal presentation (including Power Point) and a

question-answer session where judges ask questions ranging from "How would you handle environmental issues" to "How do you plan on answering your phone?"

The management team enlisted the help of some of the school's CAD students to do a restaurant blueprint, and got some graphic art students to help design the menu.

"It was really cool because we got to bring all of those (students) together," Woodward said. "They helped make it shine."

The team acknowledged a couple of "issues," during the competition, and therefore were surprised when their names were called as the winner.

"There were some struggles



Culinary team members Justin Newton and Nick Podlaha got in some practice before heading off to the state culinary competition.

... we had confidence in our team, but we didn't expect to win," said Lesaesha Pollard, a Canton High School senior. "It took us about three minutes to realize they'd called our names."

The culinary team wasn't quite as lucky — but just barely — finishing about a quarter-point behind the winners. Serving a butter-poached paupiette of trout stuffed with crab and gremolata, served with potato gnocchi, roasted pep-

per beuree blanc, warm vegetable ragout and crisp potato gaufrettes, the culinary team just missed the trip to nationals.

"I was disappointed, but at the same time we weren't even sure we placed," said Cayla Phillips, a Canton High School junior. "It's rewarding to know you worked so hard. Even though we got second, we accomplished something."

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Scrutinize statements for mistakes, unknown fees

It's the end of the first quarter, and it's been an incredible one. In the last three months, we have seen revolutions and insurrections throughout the Arab world, an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan and now the U.S. involved in the conflict in Libya.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The conflicts throughout the Middle East have caused energy prices and prices at the pump to soar while, simultaneously, the U.S. stock market posted nice gains. If you try to figure it out, it just doesn't make a lot of sense. I know people that will spend hours theorizing why the market did this or did that. If you talk to 10 experts they'll give you 20 different opinions. The reality is, it is nearly impossible to figure out why the market does one thing or another over a short period of time. We don't need to waste our time trying. It is more important to focus on some of the more mundane tasks that could add real value to the overall financial picture.

One of those tasks is to review your first quarter state-

ment to ensure it is accurate. For those who made IRA contributions over the last three months, make sure your contributions have been properly accounted. For those who contribute to a salary deferral program such as a 403(b) or a 401(k) make sure that you have received credit for the contributions.

When I get a financial statement, whether from a mutual fund company or from a bank, I assume it is accurate. Typically it is, however, mistakes are made. We are the last line of defense to make sure that our accounts are accurate. In this electronic age, we tend to think computers are infallible and never make a mistake. That's not the case. Mistakes are made and they happen more often than you think. Therefore, review your statement for accuracy.

You don't have to be an accountant to review a statement. One sure sign that your money may be in the wrong place is if the statement is difficult to read. If they are too difficult to understand, I think it's by design, so you are intentionally confused. I prefer to deal with companies that want to keep it simple and straightforward.

When reviewing your statement, the first thing to do is make sure the ending balance of your last statement is the

beginning balance of your most recent statement. In addition, make sure that you account for all new contributions. In addition, pay attention to any withdrawals. Pay particular attention to any fees you may have paid. Don't assume that just because they're charging you a fee it must be correct. If you're not sure about a fee, ask. If the fee is too high, consider moving your account elsewhere.

If you discover a mistake, immediately contact the issuer of the statement. If the problem is not immediately resolved, make sure you put your complaint in writing and keep records regarding who you speak with at the company.

Trying to figure out what causes the stock market to move one way or another is great conversation. However, in the long run it's just talk and speculation. On the other hand, taking the time to review your statement is something that potentially keeps more money in your pocket and, after all, isn't that the goal?

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 his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



Farmington Players John Boufford as King Sextimus and Kristi Schwartz of Canton as Queen Aggravain in "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17.

Village Theater hosts 'Once Upon a Mattress'

Once Upon a Mattress, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy that tells a familiar story and launched the career of the legendary comedienne Carol Burnett, is coming to the Village Theater in Canton April 8-17, courtesy of the Spotlight Players.

Farmington Players in *Once Upon a Mattress* include: Allison Soranno of Northville Township, who is directing; John Boufford of Northville Township, who most recently played the role of Ralphie in the Farmington Players' production of *A Christmas Story*, plays King Sextimus. Kristi Schwartz of Canton who starred on the Barn stage as Gertie in *Oklahoma* and also played a courtesan in *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, will play Queen Aggravain in *Mattress*.

Loni Burkow of West Bloomfield is Princess Winnifred. In her last role at the Farmington Players Barn, she dazzled audiences as the stripper Tessie Tura, in *Gypsy*.

The cast also includes Tim Chanko of Canton, a Farmington Players member who portrayed Schroeder in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and appeared in *Sweet Charity* at the Barn. Finally, two actors from Farmington Hills will also be on stage in *Once Upon A Mattress*: Kyle Coykendall, as Sir Luce, and Jesse Brandel, as Harold.

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Loni Burkow as Princess Winnifred and Gannon Styles as Prince Dauntless in "Once Upon a Mattress."

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SHOW INFO
Once Upon A Mattress will be performed at:

- Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

- Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.
- Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

- Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton, MI, 48187. The Village Theater is handicap accessible and has a concession stand with snacks, coffee, beer and wine.

Get tickets by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$16 for seniors, \$16 for students under 19. Call for group rates.

“Around Canton” is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Women's Connection
Date/Time: Monday, April 11, 6-8:30 p.m.
Location: Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton
Details: Canton Women's Connection meeting, featuring Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin. Bring a friend/neighbor. RSVP by Thursday, April 7.
Contact: June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net

Charter Academy meeting
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Monday, April 4
Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road, Canton
Details: Canton Charter Academy has scheduled a middle school information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer period. Tours of the school will be available.
Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call (734) 453-9517.

ROCKETTE SHOW
Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 8; 6 p.m. April 9
Location: Salem auditorium, Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton.
Details: Show will feature the Salem Rockettes, a National Dance Teams Championships finalist.

Prom dress sale
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9
Location: Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton
Details: A sale of donated new and used prom dresses at Plymouth High School. No dress will be priced over \$20 and all of the dresses are in great shape. Donations of dresses, formal sandals, shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. are still being accepted in the general office at Plymouth High School. Proceeds from the sale will benefit some of the programs in the Life Management Department.
Contact: Lisa.Benages@pccsmail.net

All Saints Camp
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July 18-Aug. 5
Location: All Saints Catholic School, Canton
Details: All Saints Catholic School offers early childhood enrichment

summer camps for students entering 4 year-old preschool and kindergarten this fall in the Plymouth-Canton Area. The camps enhance early literacy, math, and science skills while including fun elements of summertime: nature, music, and outdoor games. The cost is \$100.00 per week.
Contact: For registration forms and additional information, please visit the school's website at www.allsaintscs.com or e-mail msswiderek@yahoo.com.

Mom 2 Mom
Date/Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9
Location: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton
Details: Children's clothes, toys, books, videos, maternity clothes, and more will be sold at 30 tables when the Canton Newcomers a social, civic and charitable group host their public Mom2Mom sale. A "large item" area and the group's motto of "where neighbors become friends" with sales going to the Autism Collaborative Center creates an extra special sale atmosphere. Strollers are welcome. Admission is \$1.
Contact: For more information about the sale, call Jessica at (616) 780-5592 or e-mail themirolands@yahoo.com.

AROUND CANTON

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Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, shows off some of the dresses donated to the Prom and Party Dress Sale organized by the Plymouth Canton branch of the American Association of University Women.

AAUW finds answer to pricey prom wear with sale

BY SUE BUCK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Most girls dream about attending the prom with an equally dreamy date. But, not all girls can afford to pay the high price of a prom dress in this economy.

The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women has solved that dilemma by offering gently used prom dresses and party dresses for just a donation.

The Prom and Party Dress Sale is offered for the first time from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 30001 Marquette, east of Merriman, in Garden City.

The sale is open to all girls no matter where they live.

Shirley Zaetta, a retired Garden City Public Schools teacher, is the program co-chair who has organized this first-time event for the.

"We have put out fliers," Zaetta said. "We also have accessories, purses and jewelry."

She's pleased with all the donors who were anxious to share the dresses with girls

who need them. If a girl can't afford a donation, she can "just take" a dress, Zaetta said.

The sale will be held in the library of Memorial Elementary where Jan Blumberg, a former AAUW president, works as the principal.

Collection of the "gently used and gorgeous" dresses started in January. More than 250 dresses, sized 0 through size 22 will be offered. There also will be rooms available to try on the dresses.

Some dresses have never been worn and still have the original tags attached. There are a variety of current styles, sizes and lengths. Some are form-fitting and some are straight.

"We will have racks set up," said Zaetta, a Plymouth Township resident. "We have tried to think of everything."

Dresses are on hangers and in plastic bags. Ribbons will delineate dress sizes, red for small, blue for medium and white for the larger sizes.

"I hope the girls come," she said. "There are lots of choices."

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Adoption advocates favor moving kids from foster care

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Her words were heartfelt — and heartbreaking.

Judge Mark Slavens of the Wayne County Circuit Court heard a young woman in his courtroom who'd been in foster care from birth to age 19. "She said she never spent a Thanksgiving with anyone who loved her, she never spent a Christmas with anyone who loved her," recalled Slavens, a Canton resident.

The young woman's mother was on crack and the father in prison. The teen graduated from a mega high school, Slavens said, with no one there to applaud.

"It really does help them a lot," he said of a permanent home, noting most young adults now leave home for good at age 26. It's unrealistic to expect them to be independent at 18 or 19, said Slavens, on the bench since April 2007 in the circuit court's juvenile division, handling delinquency and the abused/neglected division.

In 2009, more than 2,700 children were adopted through Michigan's Adoption Services Program and private adoption agencies, according to the state Department of Human Services. Adoption advocates would like to see the process of moving children from foster care into permanent homes made easier.

EASIER MOVE

"Absolutely," said Heidi Raubenolt, program manager for the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, a program of the nonprofit Judson Center. Raubenolt, a Westland resident, formerly worked in Judson's Redford office and is now based in Ann Arbor.

"We're always interested in finding homes for kids," she said. "There are a lot of kids that are waiting."

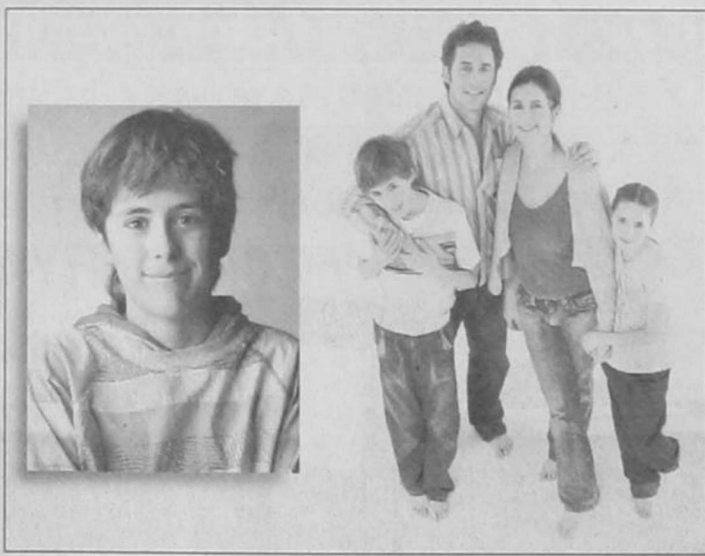
Raubenolt has worked in child welfare the last five years, the last year and a half for advocacy group MARE.

"We work to find adoptive families for kids who are in the foster care system," she said. That includes promotional events for families to meet children eligible for adoption.

"There's always a need for families for kids, absolutely," she said. That's especially true for older children including teens, larger sibling groups and children with special needs. According to current state DHS figures, there are 902 children in Wayne County in foster care eligible for adoption, some 3,265 statewide.

Slavens, a father of two and former Plymouth-Canton schools Board of Education president, would like to see adoption streamlined.

"I do think it's difficult for one person to handle that many cases," Slavens said of the current system involving the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent. Slavens is concerned about being sure to "ensure that the designee was qualified to do that. I think he definitely needs some help."



LOVING HOMES

Many children in the foster care system have experienced trauma, whether physical or emotional, Raubenolt said. "It just really depends on the child and their personal experiences," she said. Not all special needs children have physical handicaps.

Agreeing with MARE leaders and Slavens on the need for loving, adoptive homes are Michigan DHS Director Maura Corrigan and state Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly.

Corrigan and Kelly March 23 urged state legislators to approve bills in the House and Senate to streamline the process for children in foster care to be adopted. The passage of bills could expedite placement in qualified, permanent homes for more than 1,100 children, they testified.

Corrigan and Kelly noted the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent is the only person authorized to approve adoptions for children in foster care. Changes in the law would authorize a designee to provide written consent to adoption, guardianship, emancipation or marriage of MCI wards.

The review will be systematic and careful when determining who will be named a designee, Corrigan told the Senate Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

"The best place for a child is in a stable, permanent home," Corrigan said in a statement. "Joining a family should not be delayed because only one person in the entire state can authorize a child's adoption or guardianship."

ADOPTION THE GOAL

According to figures from the DHS website, of children adopted in Michigan in 2009, 46 percent were placed with a relative, 48 percent with a foster parent. A total of 82 percent of children who had siblings in foster care were adopted with at least one sibling, and 52 percent of such children with all siblings.

The state has some 5,309 kids in foster care whose parents' rights have been terminated, with adoption the goal for most.

MARE's Raubenolt declined to comment on the legislation specifics but agreed there's a great need for permanent homes for children in foster care. MARE operates the Michigan Heart Gallery in which professional photographers each year take photos of children up for adoption.

"It's an exhibit that actually travels throughout the state," she said. "It's a great way to highlight the kids and their true spirit." It's MARE's biggest event of the year.

You can learn more at www.mare.org online, which also

has photos of children up for adoption. The Judson program is funded by the Michigan DHS.

Slavens said half of the homeless population comes from the foster care system. "It's really important that we get people to adopt," he said. "You always want as much as possible to find an adoptive family."

Slavens worked with Justice Kelly. He noted children often have a family member who could adopt them and provide a loving home, but the court system doesn't always recognize that. "We've got to get away from that concept. The uncle could be a banker, the aunt could be a teacher or a journalist."

He pushes DHS caseworkers in his courtroom to find the family members. "They still want the best thing for their children," Slavens said of parents who've had their rights terminated. Neighbors, teachers and coaches can sometimes adopt.

"There's a lot bigger scope out there. We've got to include that," the judge said.

Slavens had a boy, 11, in his courtroom that no one was willing to adopt. Slavens pushed the caseworker to comply with the court order and seek out alternatives, and she did so with some reluctance.

"The kid's got a big smile on his face," after having looked rejected earlier. Some 12 people had subsequently agreed to adopt him, Slavens said, and came to court to indicate their willingness.

"They just need good adoptive parents," added Slavens, who doesn't really look at the racial aspect in adoption cases.

Nationwide, more than 114,000 kids are available for adoption from U.S. foster care each year. There are 463,000 kids in U.S. foster care with an average wait for adoption of over two years. More than 29,000 reach age 18 without finding a permanent family.

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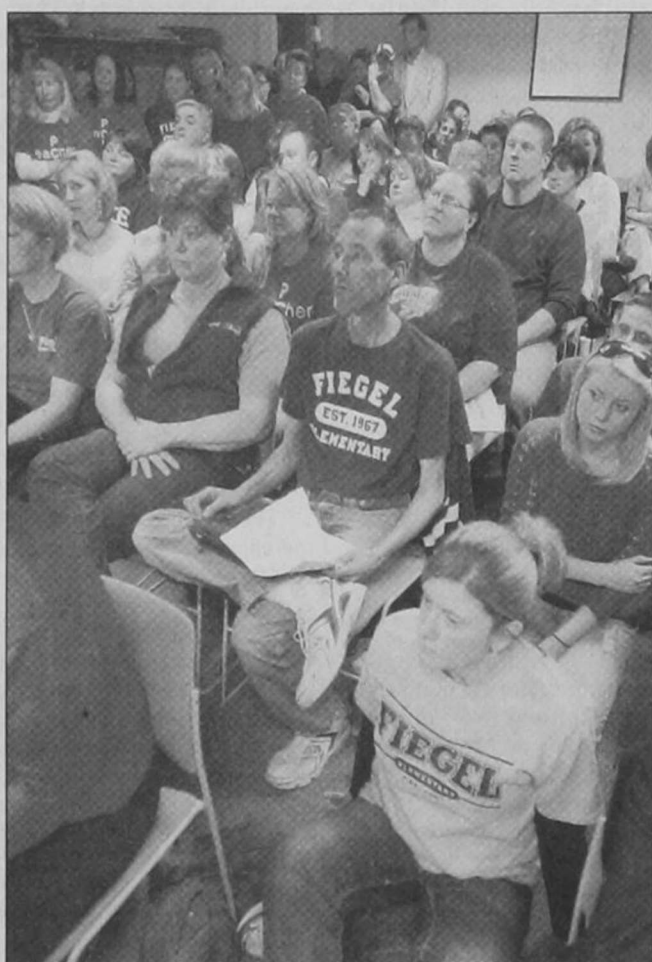
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An overflow crowd, including many parents and teachers from Fiegel Elementary, showed up Tuesday to hear the budget presentation.

The hard part School board now must act on cuts

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools committee crafting a 2011-12 budget drastically affected by cuts coming out of Gov. Rick Snyder's office in Lansing presented the district's Board of Education with exactly what it asked for with a recommendation for \$18 million in cuts Tuesday.

Now, for the seven board members, comes the hard part:

Implementing them.

Some of the recommendations are relatively painless — increasing meal prices by 10 cents, eliminating fax machines, eliminating Saturday detentions. But those are also the ones with the lowest return.

The big-ticket items, on the other hand, are the most painful — closing Fiegel Elementary School to save \$1.4 million, cutting some 80 teaching positions at a savings of nearly \$5.4 million, adding two students to the class-size ratio in elementary school and even more at the middle and high schools.

Those are the ones about which the seven trustees — four of whom face potential re-election in six months — have to make a decision. This board, which managed to keep some \$20 million worth of cuts over the last eight years largely out of the classroom, now has to decide which classrooms to affect the most.

The budget was put together by a team of administrators, led by chief operating officer Ken Jacobs, who haven't always gotten clear direction from the board about where projected cuts should come from. Jacobs and his team have argued and cajoled, yelled and encouraged each other particularly hard in the last few weeks, after getting clearer direction from the board.

It wasn't easy for them. Fiegel Principal Jim Johnson took the microphone Tuesday to explain why the closing of his own school made sense, and his voice shook with the pain of it while he did it. It wasn't easy for the board, either, with several trustees being moved nearly to tears while discussing it.

If state legislators have any doubt about the impact of the governor's proposed K-12 budget on the classroom, they should sit in Plymouth-Canton's board room — and the budget nerve centers of countless districts — while administrators try to paste together a budget.

Former board member Mike Maloney was right in suggesting the board look farther out than just this year; since the governor is proposing a two-year budget, maybe local board can do that now. It's hard when the goal posts keep moving; you spend a lot of time putting your fingers into the various holes in the dike.

An over-flow crowd of hundreds of residents, teachers and administrators had to sit in the center of the room and out in the hallway at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. With several more workshops in advance of a June public hearing and the eventual budget passage, officials might want to think about ways to accommodate more people. We understand the board meeting room provides the best venue for videotaping the meetings for presentation on cable television and on the district's website; hopefully, there's a way to do both next time around.

By the time the board has to pass its budget at the end of June, it's unlikely to look the way it looks right now. Administrators and board members have roughly 10 weeks to put the finishing touches on it.

Then comes the hard part.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of the U.S. involvement in Libya?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We're taking a chance on going over there. It's really dangerous, but is it necessary?"

Rosa Ortega
Canton



"I'm against it. I believe we have so much money locked into so many wars, it's time to let other countries do their share."

Robert Moldovan
Canton



"I'm kind of on the fence there. It's a tough situation, but it's hard to see how the U.S. can handle it with all that's going on."

Steve Wilson
Belleville



"I guess they should let NATO take care of that. We're in enough situations."

Audrey Abner
Westland

LETTERS

Soccer shout-out

I was reading "Our Views" and realize you apologized in advance for not being able to name all successes.

It seems as though soccer never gets the accolades they deserve. Canton boys soccer made it to the final four last November and didn't even get a pep rally at school. I think they need to be recognized.

Colette Laabs
Canton

Balancing the budget

I was able to balance the Michigan budget using the website tools ("It's easy to criticize when it's not your budget to solve," Observer, March 31). While difficult, it gets easier when you do not cut business taxes to next to nothing as Rick Snyder is proposing.

My budget leaves education cuts off the table. No major tuition increases or radical cuts to K-12. Our educational system will continue to get funding to prepare our students for the 21st century jobs. This will help Michigan. I also would adopt all the prison reforms suggestions. I would cut revenue sharing to cities and ask for an across the board cuts of 10 percent in all departments. I also ask for \$3,200 in concessions from state workers. The most painful pill would be an extension of sales tax to all services. I would leave the retirees alone. I would leave the poor alone.

I really do think all these cuts would not be necessary if we would adopt a graduated income tax. This would even the pain between the poor and the rich. This would be true "shared sacrifice." How exactly are the higher income residents sharing any sacrifice to balance our budget? Under a graduated income tax plan, we may even have money left over to properly repair our roads and other infrastructure.

I would not lower taxes for businesses until we get our budget balanced. Business taxes have been cut under Engler and Granholm and it did not seem to work very well. I would bet that businesses if able to choose between ultra low taxes and more economic activity, they would choose economic activity. Economic activity will grow when government has their house in order.

Khalil Kandah
Canton

No unmarked cars

Fox News ran a story regarding a new set of totally unmarked Wayne County police cruisers in the form of a Chevy Camaro and Dodge Charger. What caught my attention was the specific reference to traffic safety as their main purpose. I believe that the main purpose of an unmarked police cruiser of any kind, if its use is for traffic enforcement, is simply to provide revenue for the county or city it resides in, and not public safety.

We have many low-marked police vehicles on the road, usually the typical Ford Crown Victoria or more recently the Dodge Charger. However, none were put into service "specifically" for giving out tickets, or so-called "traffic safety."

In my opinion, an unmarked police vehicle of any kind should NOT be used in traffic violation enforcement, especially a vehicle of a nontypical design. And that a fully marked vehicle with roof mounted lights should be the only type used for traffic safety enforcement.

If the main reason really is traffic or public safety, a fully marked police car with roof mounted lights should be the only choice. The fully marked vehicle would provide a visual deterrent to motorists that are intent on breaking the law.

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I believe that our local and state police force personnel provide a mostly unappreciated but fully needed service to every community. And that our law enforcement officers went to school and were trained to serve and protect, not hide out in unmarked cars to hand out traffic citations.

The use of any unmarked police cruiser in traffic enforcement should be made illegal.

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

Easy way out

Isn't it odd that in a recession Michigan residents have incurred the change of license plates, changes in how we receive television, responsibility fees, hike in gas and electric, hike in fuel, and hikes in water? Money is the problem, and you expect it to fall on the people you represent?

I disagree with your new plan to raise water again. It's going to get so high people will drown — it is an unproductive solution, actually it just makes everything worse. Worse, not better.

Congratulations, Canton, on taking the easy way out instead of looking for viable solutions that could work for everyone. It seems governments are not getting it, and will they? Hopefully something happens and the good politicians someday out-number the lazy ones.

If anyone with any decisions to make took into considerations what people in Michigan have had to endure at all — this would not be your answer. Try going back into the think tank.

Shelley Yater
Canton

Seniors, unions were lied to

An open letter to public unions and senior citizens:

You were all lied to. The politicians who promised you pensions and lifetime health care lied to you all. You've all known this for quite some time now. Seniors, the discussion has been going on since the early '70s that Medicare and Social Security were unsustainable. You chose to ignore the warnings. You are the richest generation of people to ever walk the earth, and you are all so disappointing to the people who shed their blood for you to become that. I have talked to many seniors about this and the result of the conversation is always the same. They really don't care if future generations have to pay for their entitlements because "I earned them, and I'm entitled to them."

They don't seem to care if I, my kids and my grandkids are the ones to pay for it. They don't care that I will not get what they will because I will have to take cuts to sustain their benefits. They don't want to be part of the solution and believe simply because of their age they are somehow better than I or my children am. They were the stewards of freedom who were supposed to be making sure Washington did not per-

petrate this lie upon us and they failed miserably. Yet, they will bear no responsibility.

Public unions, you were lied to. In your case, you are reaping what you've sown. You elected corrupt, socialist-type leaders to do your bidding. You gave them hundreds of millions in dues and you knew what they were being used for — buying politicians. Now you're finding out that when you buy a corrupt politician, they'll promise you anything to get that money and won't be around when the bill comes due. Now people are in office that you haven't bought and they are trying to balance budgets and aren't interested in your dues. They are finally correcting the misuse of taxpayer money your corrupt system has created. Your reaction? Let's throw a temper tantrum in all the states that it is happening in; very mature. The gig is up; taxpayers are through paying for you to have what we do not ... Don't fool yourselves for one minute that folks like me won't do everything in our power to protect ourselves, our kids and our grandkids from people like you who feel everyone else should pay their way and your way as well ...

Edward Collins
Livonia

Concerned about school cuts

I am writing to you as a parent of children in the Wayne-Westland school district. I have been watching the news for the last few weeks, and now I feel compelled to contact you with concerns I see looming as lawmakers struggle with the budget and economic worries.

I have some worries of my own regarding the cuts that have been proposed by legislators and the Governor and must tell you that the cuts to education in this state are scaring the hell out of me. While I am concerned about the district my children attend, these proposed cuts will devastate districts (including mine) and lead to substandard education for tens of thousands of children. How can they call for increased standards and benchmarks and test scores while cutting the legs out from under the institutions that you task with performing them? Our superintendent is frantic over the impact that your decisions will make on our district that has tightened its belt and has been a good steward of the money that has been spent on quality educational programs, even while contending with per pupil cuts over the last few years.

The next rounds of cuts will put a stake in the heart of dozens of underfunded districts and drive them bankrupt. Is this part of a larger plan to displace local control of districts? To put in Emergency Financial Managers and take control from the local people? To convert them to for-profit schools that are not responsible to the local populace? Are our legislators implementing someone's master plan? I don't like those ideas one bit.

Public education should not be a partisan platform for advancing political ideals or class divisions. This is what I see happening right now and it is just not right. I think they should take a deep breath and slow down and think. I am amazed that the citizens of the community are not outraged over the politicians plans to gut their school systems right under their noses.

I want the politicians to remember that the children affected by these cuts are the ones they are counting on to build the New Michigan economy. The high skill work force they are counting on to fill these jobs will be the ones they kicked in the teeth with unwise choices made at this critical juncture.

They should fund the school systems equitably and fairly, then demand accountability.

Jim Schirmer
Canton

No dollar amount shows value of teachers

BY BILL KEITH
GUEST COLUMNIST

When I was in eighth grade we had a math program that allowed us to move at our own pace. If you were struggling you could take your time to complete the assignments and if you were an overachiever you could overachieve.

My math teacher was Mrs. Crawford at Pioneer Middle School and I was smitten. "Hi, I'm Bill Keith and I have a crush on my 8th grade teacher." Not the kind of thing you would tell your buddies.

I worked so hard to move ahead in math. Some kids had to stay after school to catch up but I would stay after school to be near Mrs. Crawford. Little did she know that she was the reason for my success in math.

That Spring I found out that I would be moving to Central Middle School for ninth grade. I was so envious of my friend Mike. He lived on the other side of Warren Road and would be staying at Pioneer. When we got together to play Dungeons and Dragons I would often ask about Mrs. Crawford.

This recent talk of pay cuts for teachers in Michigan, and throughout the country, has got me thinking about the many teachers that have impacted me over the years. As a school employee I'm



Bill Keith

encouraged when I read comments from people about their favorite teachers. I wanted to take a moment to write about a few of the inspirational teachers that have helped make me the person I am. There are far too many teachers to mention by name but I wanted to share about a few of them.

I would not be managing WSDP, the student radio station at Plymouth Canton Educational Park, had it not been for the dedication of two teachers. John Seidelman taught my Radio 1 and 2 classes when I was a student at Salem High School. Any one that has had the privilege of having Mr. S as their teacher knows what a kind, caring and compassionate person he is. I vaguely remember only a few of the projects we worked on in class but I can still remember him calling me Billy and the encouraging words he would say. I was privileged to work with him as a colleague for several years. Even after he made a career switch and became a guidance counselor, he took time to recommend students for the radio station. At the time of his retirement several former students wrote

So many of us have been impacted by the dedicated teacher that pointed us in a direction that we had never considered. Recent events have served to portray teachers as the overpaid, under-worked source of our state budget woes. While it is easy to vilify any large group, the negative image can't be sustained when we look at the impact teachers have had on our own lives.

me using words like "real-deal", "Hero" and "friend" to describe the former WSDP Advisor.

Even though Andy Melin wasn't a teacher at the time he was also a big part of my decision to go into radio. I remember wanting to do my best work to please Mr. Melin and Mr. S. Even when you would make a mistake on the air Mr. Melin would be there pointing out what you did really well. I was a lifelong U of M fan but I decided that I wanted to go to Michigan State because Mr. Melin went there and he said they had a great broadcast program. During my Senior Year I was asked to quit the school newspaper. Mr. Melin was the first person I walked over to talk to. He asked me what I wanted to do for a career at some point that year and I remember telling him that I wanted to come back to Salem to have his job. I'm not surprised that he is still in education but now you have to call him Dr. Andrew Melin since he is the Superintendent

of the Valparasio Schools.

My respect and love for teachers went back much earlier than high school. I remember having crushes on my second grade teacher Mrs. Hughes and my fifth grade teacher Mrs. Finlayson. I remember the multiplication drills during third grade with Mrs. McFarlane. Lois McFarlane was a special teacher. She read our class "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at the end of third grade and she came back during the summer to finish the book. I remember the tears in her eyes when Aslan died to save a young boy.

I went back to Edison Elementary School in Westland years after I began working at WSDP. I wanted to see if any of my teachers were still there. As I talked with the secretary she excused herself to leave for a moment. She came back with Mrs. Summers, my first grade teacher. She remembered my brother and sisters and even laughed when I said I was surprised she was still teaching because she seemed so old to me as a first grade student.

A couple years later I contacted the human resources department in Westland to track down Mrs. McFarlane. I had to tell her what an impact

she made on me and so many other third graders. They said they would contact her to let her know that I called and a couple weeks later she called me at work. I was glowing the rest of the day.

So many of us have been impacted by the dedicated teacher that pointed us in a direction that we had never considered. Recent events have served to portray teachers as the overpaid, under-worked source of our state budget woes. While it is easy to vilify any large group, the negative image can't be sustained when we look at the impact teachers have had on our own lives. The same teachers who are being characterized as greedy are the people who have influenced and guided each of us. Can you really put a dollar amount on the importance of that?

Bill Keith is the station manager at WSDP, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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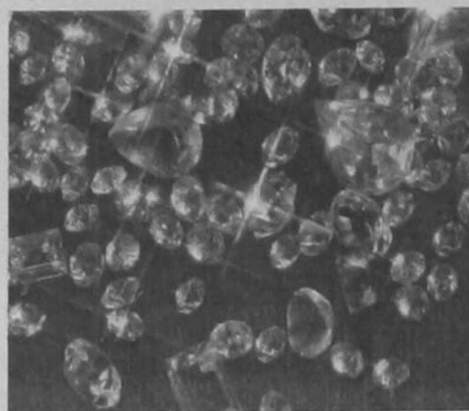
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Rocks look to pitch in for a winning season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strong pitching and defense are key ingredients to any winning baseball team and Salem's 2011 varsity squad looks to be well-stocked in each category.

That would mean the Rocks have an excellent chance of at least reversing 2010's 16-19 record and make some noise in the KLAA Central Division.

Games begin Saturday, with a nonconference doubleheader at Redford Union.

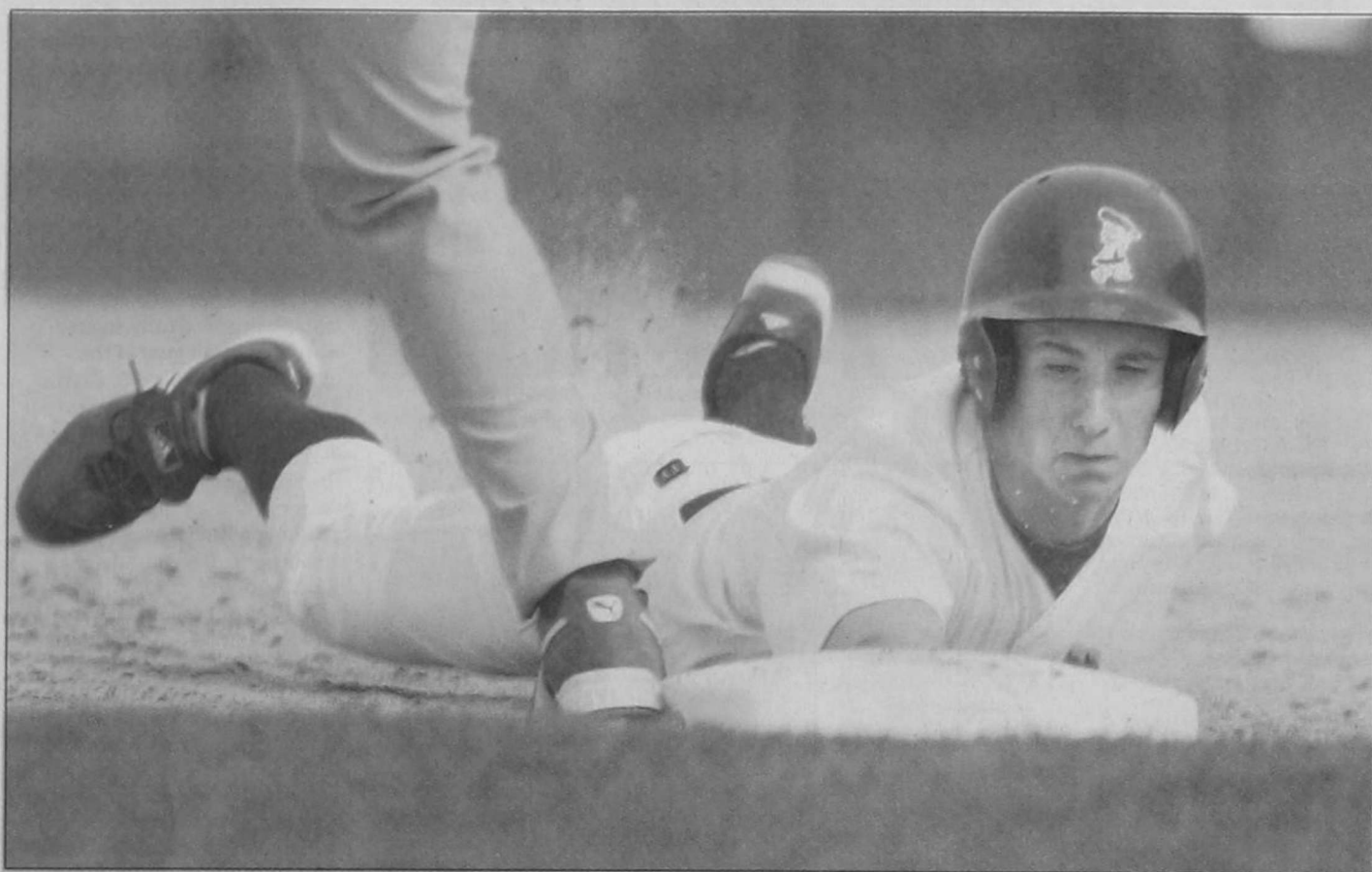
Salem's potentially strong pitching begins with senior righties Tommy Rodriguez, Matt Rowland and junior righty Scott Theisen. All three starters have a penchant for throwing strikes, letting the defense do the job behind them.

"The good thing about all of our pitchers is we throw a lot of strikes," said long-time Salem head coach Dale Rumberger, beginning his 17th season at the helm.

Rodriguez compiled a 2-0 record last season before getting injured, but he is ready to go as are Rowland and Theisen.

Two other pitchers likely will divide time between the bullpen and spot starts. Those are sophomore right-hander Jeremy St. Laurent and junior Zach Bird.

"He's got a great arm," said Rumberger, about St. Laurent.



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Shown in a 2010 photo, Salem's Brad Trublowski continues to be one of the team's key players in all phases of the game.

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"When we smooth him out a little bit he's going to be something."

Junior returnee Markus Olind, along with junior Andrew Miller and senior Evan Gambino, will fill out

the rest of the pitching staff.

Rumberger's infield defense also is a reason why the pitchers have a chance to have success.

At third base will be Rowland and Olind when they don't pitch (although Olind can be penciled in at designated hitter).

LOTS OF VERSATILITY

Rowland is a versatile player who moved from the outfield to shortstop early during the 2010 season after a knee injury suffered by Drew Thompson.

"I don't know where we would have been if Matt wasn't on the team,"

Rumberger said.

But senior Thompson is completely healthy and ready to make up for lost time. His return enabled Rumberger to again shift positions for Rowland.

Thompson also will bat fifth

Please see **ROCKS, B3**

Salem boys show promise

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's plenty to like about Salem's varsity boys track and field team.

It starts with record-setting senior Dan Martin, who set Salem marks in the 800 dash and as part of the 1,600-meter relay team in 2010.

Salem head coach Kyle Meteyer, however, won't have any of the other athletes who last year broke records and helped the Rocks win the KLAA Central Division title for the second year in a row.

Other events where records were eclipsed included the shot put relay, 200 dash and 300 hurdles.

"All other athletes from those records graduated, suffered injuries in other sports during the off-season or moved out of the area," Meteyer said.

But he has Martin back and that's a start. He finished fifth at the Division 1 state finals in the 800 dash and will be counted on in all three sprints.

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"Dan is expecting a great year," the sixth-year head coach noted.

Of course, he is optimistic about the new season for a number of other reasons.

Senior sprinter Dan Adsit is back after missing 2010 due to an injury, for starters.

Other athletes who could make a big impact include: seniors Dion Walker (hurdles), Andrew Rabe (distance), Brandon Barfuss (mid-distance), Andrew Willmer (throws) and Avery Bruni (throws); juniors Joe Amado (hurdles), Tom Crawford (long jump, sprints); sophomores Chris Dierker (high jump), Josh Peterson (high jump), Alex Creekmore (distance), Steve McEvilly (distance) and Cameron Werner (sprints).

PLENTY OF PROMISE

Add to the mix throwers Nick Howie, Arnold Kadiu, Dan Carrigan and Stephen Voglewede.

"We have a lot of promis-



Martin

ing newcomers who could find varsity spots quickly this season," Meteyer said. And the team is looking forward to senior thrower Ethan Walsh and sophomore distance runner Michael Karizat returning to the lineup from injuries "and make a positive contribution before the end of the season."

Meteyer added that Salem is hosting the Observerland Relays on May 7 "which we are looking forward to very much."

Another plus is having a strong connection with the Salem football program.

Rocks varsity football coach Kurt Britnell is on board, coaching sprints.

Also new to the coaching staff is Steve Nicholson, a recent graduate and runner at Eastern Michigan University.

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Vets spark Whalers to Round 1 clincher

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers fans haven't seen the last of their favorite team.

Bouncing back from Saturday's frustrating, disappointing 2-0 loss to Kitchener at Computware Arena, the Whalers turned the tables.

In Monday's series-deciding Game 7, two late goals snapped a 2-2 tie — enabling the Whalers to skate off with a 4-2 victory and clinch their best-of-seven OHL Western Conference quarterfinal.

Two Plymouth players who recently signed NHL entry contracts helped extend the series and delay the start of their professional careers.

At 16:56 of the third, James Livingston (San Jose) sent a shot toward the Kitchener net that a Rangers player tipped past goalie Mike Morrison into his own net, giving the Whalers a 3-2 lead. Tyler Brown (Philadelphia) collected the lone assist.

OHL PLAYOFFS

Brown then capped the victory with an empty-net, shorthanded goal at 19:58.

The Whalers couldn't figure out a way to beat Morrison in Game 6 on Saturday, and they weren't able to solve him Monday until center Michael Whaley scored at 9:21 of the second period.

Defenseman Colin MacDonald (who assisted on Whaley's goal) also helped set up Plymouth's second goal, by Robbie Czarnik at 14:51 to open up a 2-0 lead and quiet the crowd at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

The home crowd of nearly 6,700 finally had something to cheer when Gabriel Landeskog tallied a power-play goal at 5:17 of the third, from Jason Akeson and Ryan Murphy.

Kitchener then evened things up at 14:01 when Jerry

Please see **WHALERS, B4**



Plymouth's No. 1 doubles tandem of senior co-captains Britta Swanson (foreground) and Kayla Griffey will lead the Wildcats on and off the court.

Girls netters gearing up for season

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many players on last year's second-place team are back and ready to bump the Plymouth varsity girls tennis team up a notch in the KLAA South Division standings.

For head coach Rob McLaren, veteran leadership from senior co-captains and No. 1 doubles tandem Britta Swanson and Kayla Griffey right on down through the lineup bodes well for the 2011 season.

"I'm really excited about our team this year," McLaren said. "We have a lot of senior leadership in doubles and all of our returning players have at least some varsity experience."

The 2010 team finished with a fine record of 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

Swanson and Griffey are begin-

GIRLS TENNIS PREVIEW

ning their third season as a unit.

"They were our team MVPs two years ago at five doubles," McLaren said. "And they have improved a ton over the years."

Seniors also comprise three of the other four doubles teams.

At No. 2 doubles will be Brittany Rose and Julia Fratila; Mariah Tesarz/Andrea Haidar are set for No. 3; the No. 5 doubles team features Molly Hudgins and Laura Schmid.

Meanwhile, junior Erin MacKenzie and sophomore Marlowe Susselman are penciled in for the No. 4 doubles spot.

In the singles lineup, the Wildcats will be led by juniors Lindsay Stemberger and Sarah Mitchell in the first two slots.

At No. 3 singles is sophomore Kirthi Duraiswamy, while new-

comer Miranda Cerna, a freshman, will compete at No. 4 singles.

McLaren said Cerna is a transfer from Midland, "a tennis city known for their tennis programs. I expect her to contribute immediately."

Salem overview

Salem went 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA Central Division last season, and has plenty of talent returning for the 2011 season as well.

Coach Lin Ware's squad will feature a singles lineup of (from 1-4) junior Anna Norman, sophomore Ashley Walker (a doubles player in 2010), junior Morgan Spencer and senior Kerry MacDonald.

Filling the top doubles pairing will be seniors Mallory Rojo and Olivia Gonzalez.

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SIDELINES

Girls lacrosse

Salem evened its record at 2-2 with Friday's 6-4 victory at Dexter in a makeup game.

Senior Lexie O'Connor and sophomore Alissa Amell each scored two goals, with single tallies by sophomore Breanne Beaver and freshman Kiersten Valla helping the cause.

Rocks head coach Dave Medley said his team played outstanding on defense, allowing just seven shots on goal.

He cited Katie Meagher, Lea Schrauben and goalie Meaghan Eldridge.

On Monday night, Canton dropped an 18-3 decision to Northville.

Stephanie Bower, Julia Beard and Kaitlyn Allard each scored a goal as the Chiefs dropped to 1-2 on the season.

"We're facing growing pains with a young team," said Canton head coach Dave Bower. "Our girls never quit."

MU softball swept

The No. 20-ranked Madonna University women's softball team watched visiting Davenport University score what proved to be the game-winning run in the seventh inning of both games of Saturday's double-header to earn a sweep, 5-4 and 5-3.

Davenport pitcher Samantha Cole (10-6) outdueling MU's Jess Irwin (12-4) in the opener with a four-hitter. Cole struck out seven and walked three, while Irwin gave up four earned runs on five hits and five walks.

Irwin struck out eight.

Tara LaMilza's three-run homer in the top of the fifth inning, her fourth of the season, tied the game at 4-4. Hallie Minch (Garden City) drove in MU's other run in the third.

Pinch hitter Brianna Carpenter drove in two runs for the Panthers, while Heather Brusokas added two hits and one RBI.

In Game Two, Ali Dawson cracked a three-run homer and Carpenter added solo shot to spark a five-run uprising in the top of the seventh to pin the loss on Minch (11-2), who had held the Panthers scoreless through six innings.

Carpenter (4-5), who worked the final 4.1 innings in relief, was the winning pitcher for Davenport, now 17-12 overall and 4-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

LaMilza went 2-for-3 and knocked in all three runs for the Crusaders (23-6, 4-2).

Blazer lacrosse 1-1

Senior Alexa Burns tallied seven goals and three assists Monday as host Livonia Ladywood downed Warren Regina, 16-6, in a Catholic League lacrosse match.

Senior Niki Jacobs and junior Mary Maslak added two goals apiece as Blazers improved to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the league.

Donna Lapointe scored four goals for Regina (0-2, 0-1).

Ladywood goalkeepers Rana Freij, a junior, and Lauren Perugi, a senior, combined for 12 saves.

On Friday, five goals each by Julia Guest and Gen Czieranowski carried Grosse Pointe North to a nonleague win Friday over the host Blazers.

Simone Williams added three goals for the Norsewomen.

Junior Kylie Birney paced the Blazers with four goals and one assist, while Burns added two goals and two assists.

Perugi and Freij teamed up for 17 saves.

All-Observer hoop stars elevate to greatness

FIRST TEAM
Dietrich Lever II, Sr., G, Canton: There was pretty much nothing that the 5-10, 150-pound Lever couldn't do throughout his career with the Chiefs.

The first-team All-KLAA point guard tallied 22 points per game, along with averaging 5.6 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 3.2 steals as the Chiefs finished 16-6 overall and 9-1 in the KLAA South Division (to share the title with Plymouth).

Lever ended his Canton career as the all-time leader in points, assists and steals and he will take his talent to Division 3 Ferris State University in 2011-12.

"Dietrich was the best, most consistent player in our area this year," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "He created a lot for us at both ends of the floor."

"He did a great job of starting our defense by pressuring the ball. His ability to break people down, get into the lane to score and get other players shots is second to none."

Jalen Reynolds, Sr., F, Stevenson: The 6-9 senior center averaged 18.7 points, 15.5 rebounds and 4.2 blocks per game for the KLAA Central Division and Class A district champs.

Bound for Xavier University on a scholarship, Reynolds made an immediate impact for the 19-4 Spartans after transferring and sitting out his junior season.

"Jalen was a game changer every Tuesday and Friday night," Stevenson coach Mike Allie said of the all-state and all-KLAA pick. "His versatility on offense made him stand out most while his ability to run the floor, rebound and block shots is what made him a special player."

"As good a basketball player as Jalen was this season, I will remember him most for the way he carried himself off the court. He has a very bright future at Xavier and I wish him the best of luck."

Urbane Bingham, Sr., C, N. Farmington: The 6-foot-7 senior center averaged a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds while playing in the OAA Red Division. Bingham, who will sign with NCAA Division I Houston Baptist University, also had two assists, two steals and two blocks per game.

"He was considered one of the two best big kids in the OAA Division I (with Southfield's Patrick Onwenu)," coach Tom Negoshian said. "To his credit, he was capable of taking over games in the fourth quarter and at times being unstoppable."

"The most impressive thing is how much he's changed in the short year and a half we had him (after his transfer from Country Day). He accepted everything; he became a harder

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 Tyler Stewart, Jr., F, Salem
 C.J. Mwila, Sr., G, Liv. Stevenson
 Nick Daniels, Soph., G, Westland Glenn
 Paul Baumgart, Jr., C, Canton
 Brandon Kennedy, Sr., G, Garden City
 Ray Hall, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison

THIRD-TEAM
 Aveon Simmons, Jr., G, Westland Glenn
 Brennen Beyer, Sr., F, Plymouth
 Eric Jipping, Jr., C, Ply. Christian
 Anthony Rutledge, Sr., F, Farmington
 Chris Dierker, Soph., F, Salem
 Damien Quarles, Jr., G, Liv. Clarenceville

FOURTH-TEAM
 Pat Salo, Sr., F, Plymouth
 J'Sean Jones, Jr., G, Red. Thurston
 Caleb Hogans, Soph., G, N. Farmington
 Carlos Eubanks, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison
 Tino Thomas, Sr., F, Liv. Franklin
 Do'rell Foster, Jr., F, N. Farmington

COACH OF YEAR
 Mike Soukup, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION
 Canton: Terrell Sewell, Ben Spreitzer, Kyle Adams; Plymouth: Jake Morris, Stephen Jahn, Marcus Oden; Salem: Ethan Walsh, Josh Perrin; Plymouth Christian: Mick Noel; Farmington: Chris Hare, Tyler Johnson, Jason Wilson; Harrison: Jalen Upshaw, Matt Cassar, D'Marco Redd, Evan Patton; Redford Union: Delsaac Turner; Garden City: Marlon Rodriguez; North Farmington: Zach Washington, Sterling Sharp; Churchill: Stephen Foster, Dean Bokuniewicz, Melvin Hill, Josh Dillard; Franklin: Blake Lukas, Jake Erme; Stevenson: Charlie Swingle, Austin Bumpus; John Glenn: Marquise Graves, Chris Jones, Christian Coville, Marcus Meeks; Wayne Memorial: Michael Cooper, Thomas White; Clarenceville: Sam Brown, De'Andre Hogan, Adrian Myers; Lutheran Westland: Marc Rosin, Kent Krzyzyske, Micah Reum; Huron Valley Lutheran: Shawn Schaffer, Ryan Schaffer.

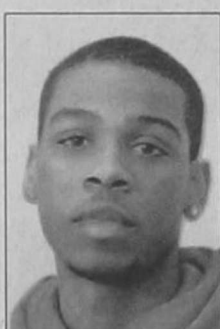
worker and bought into our system. More than all the stats, he became a really good leader for us."

Mike Nadratowski, Sr., G, Plymouth: Whenever the Wildcats needed a hero late in a ballgame, the 6-0, 170-pounder usually delivered. His through-the-lane buzzer beater enabled Plymouth to beat campus rival Canton, for example.

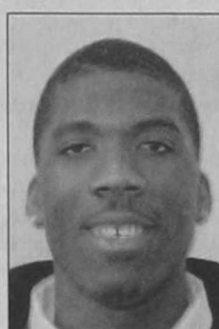
Nadratowski, a first-team All-KLAA selection and team MVP, averaged 16 points and five rebounds and drained 38 percent of his shots from beyond the three-point arc. The Wildcats won their first division title in large part because of Nadratowski's contributions.

"Mike took and made a lot of our big shots this year," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "He is a fierce competitor. He was never afraid of the spotlight. His leadership both on and off the floor was a big reason for our success this season."

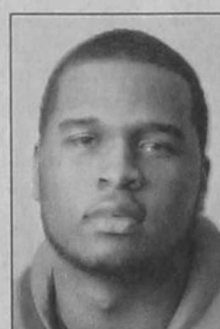
Despite his outstanding basketball ability, Nadratowski will



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play college baseball at Grand Valley State University.

Jonathan Campbell, Jr., G, Stevenson: The 6-foot junior guard was one of the state's top three-point marksman who averaged 14.3 points and 4.5 assists per game.

His finest hour came in a 20-point performance in the regional semifinal against Class A state runner-up Detroit Southeastern.

"Jonathan is very passionate about basketball and it shows in the way he plays the game," Allie said of the all-KLAA pick. "His hard work paid off this season as his basketball IQ and defense were much improved. Without question the best shooter I have ever coached. The sky is the

limit for Jonathan if he continues to work hard both in the classroom and on the court."

Anthony Barley, Sr., G, Thurston: Barley enjoyed a stellar senior season for the Eagles, leading them in scoring (14.0), rebounding (4.83), assists (3.0) and steals (2.3). The sharp-shooter nailed 41 three-point shots and shot 39 percent from beyond the arc. His game peaked during the Class A district tournament when he averaged over 20 points per contest while leading Thurston to the final game.

"Anthony is a great young man who led us on the court and off," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He's an outstanding defender who always covered our opponents'

top guard. He got better every game and really excelled in the district tournament. I am really going to miss him next year."

SECOND TEAM
Tyler Stewart, Jr., F, Salem: The 6-3, 175-pound Stewart was a force for Salem coach Bob Brodie's team, which finished 14-8 overall.

Stewart was a first-team All-KLAA choice and was named Salem's MVP for his fine all-around performance.

Featuring a lights-out jumper, he tallied 13.3 points per game and also averaged 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per contest.

Salem's offense often relied on Stewart to perk it up and he delivered by hitting nearly 38 percent of three-point attempts.

But Stewart also is a key contributor on defense.

"Tyler is a versatile athlete who plays guard or swing forward and often guards the opponents' best player," Brodie said.

CJ Mwila, Sr., G, Stevenson: The 5-11 senior point-guard was the Spartans' second-leading scorer averaging 16.5 points, to go along with 6.2 assists and 3.4 steals per game en route to all-KLAA honors.

"CJ is an excellent leader and did a great job of running our team this year," Allie said. "He's the type of kid that makes everyone around him better. His ability to handle pressure and limit turnovers was key to our success. The way he carries himself, along with his work ethic, will make him successful in all aspects of life. I expect great things out of him both on-and-off the court at the next level."

Nick Daniels, Soph., G, John Glenn: The second-year starter led the Rockets in scoring averaging 12 points per game as he earned all-KLAA honors.

"Nick is an outstanding guard," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "He shoots it well, passes it very well and has become a better defender. And he's just 15 years old and continues to improve in all areas on and off the court."

Paul Baumgart, Jr., C, Canton: There were times when Lever was the lone scoring threat for the Chiefs, due to an early season injury sustained by the 6-7 junior power forward.

But after Baumgart returned, Canton became a team to be reckoned with.

"Paul did a lot for us at both ends of the floor this year," Reddy said. "He has really become an outstanding help defender and his outside shooting became a strength."

"Paul is a very skilled player and I am looking forward to watching him play next year."

Baumgart, an all-conference selection, scored 13.1 points per game and contributed an

average of 7.0 rebounds and 2.2 blocks.

Brandon Kennedy, Sr., G, Garden City: Kennedy capped an outstanding high school career by averaging 13 points a game while engineering the Cougars' offense from the point-guard position. In addition to serving as a scoring threat, both from the perimeter and with driving takes to the rim, Kennedy had a knack for finding open teammates as his five-assists-per-game average proves.

"Brandon was an outstanding leader for us, both on the court and off," said Garden City head coach Greg Williamson. "He's an outstanding young man. He's not only a very good player, but he's a great student and he's involved in a lot of other positive things in our school and in the community. He missed a good part of last season with an eye injury, but he really bounced back this year and played very well. He'll be missed."

Ray Hall, Sr., G, Farm. Harrison: The senior guard averaged 13 points, four rebounds and three steals while playing against the premier teams in the OAA and Detroit opponents. A three-year varsity player, Hall made 36 of 149 three-point shots and 58 of 85 free throws. He is a three-sport athlete who also plays football and track.

"Ray improved as a ball handler and in his ability to attack the basket," coach Pete Mantyla said. "Ray loved playing against great competition and is still pursuing options to play college basketball."

"It's rare when you get a kid who's so involved in his high school. Ray never missed anything despite playing three sports. He's done a lot for Harrison. He was a real fun kid to coach, and everyone at Harrison wishes him the best in his future as a student-athlete."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Mike Soukup, Plymouth: The second-year head coach at Plymouth continued to put his stamp on the basketball team, co-champions of the KLAA South Division with a 9-1 record and an overall mark of 14-7.

Soukup redirected any praise coming his way for the school's first division title in boys basketball, however.

"This year's team was a great group of young men," Soukup said. "They bought into the style that we were trying to play and worked so hard every day in practice so that they were ready on Tuesday and Friday nights."

"This team is a great example for the younger guys in our program to look up to and follow not only as players but as people."

Soukup's team-first philosophy is something he took with him when he left Redford Union in 2009, where he was varsity assistant to Brett Steele for four seasons.

He also saluted his coaching staff, Tom Bender, Paul Kennedy, Kevin Palmer, Carl Sumpter and Jon Schneider, as well as school district administrators and parents for their ongoing support.

Soukup, 34, who played high school basketball at Redford Thurston, lives in Livonia with wife Amy.


SPORTS ROUNDUP
YMCA spring leagues
 The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www.ymcadeloit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

Captain's Corner
 If you know of a senior varsity captain at Canton, Plymouth, Salem or Plymouth Christian who is worthy of recognition, please submit candidates for "Captain's Corner" to Observer sports editor Tim Smith, tsmith@hometownlife.com.



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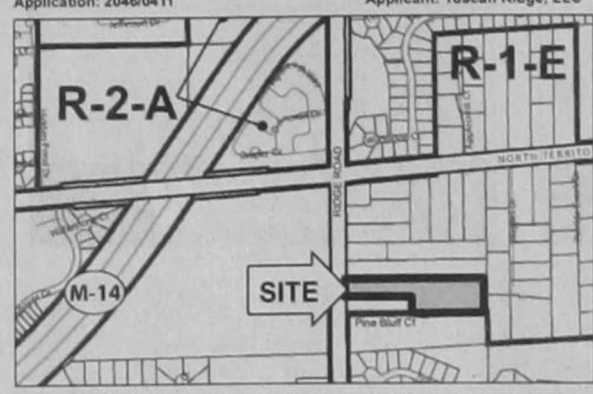
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval to Amend a Cluster Housing Site Plan
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, April 20, 2011
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 pm
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting approval to AMEND THE SITE PLAN for the Tuscan Hills cluster housing development in the Single Family Residential District (R-1-E) on Tax IDs R-78-038-02-0001-000, R-78-032-02-0002-000, R-78-032-02-0003-000, R-78-032-02-0004-000 and R-78-032-02-0005-000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 22.12. The property is located North of Pinebluff Ct, South of North Territorial, East of Ridge Road, West of Naples Dr.

Application: 2046/0411 Applicant: Tuscan Ridge, LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. (s): R-78-032-02-0001-000, R-78-032-02-0002-000, R-78-032-02-0003-000, R-78-032-02-0004-000 and R-78-032-02-0005-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, extension 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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 PLANNING COMMISSION

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Crusaders sweep twinbills

It was miserable weekend baseball weather, but that couldn't stop Madonna University from sweeping a four-game set from Siena Heights University.

At cold, windy and wet Ilitch Ballpark on Sunday, MU improved to 20-9 overall and 9-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference by sweeping the Saints, 10-1 and 10-0 (seven innings).

In the opener, Livonia's Jeremy Gooding (Dearborn Divine Child) improved to 5-0 by going six strong innings. He struck out eight, walked four and allowed just three hits.

Offensively, Jeff Bultinck went 3-for-5, while Dan Harder added two hits and two RBI.

Canton's Tarik Khasawneh also added an RBI double.

In the second game, lefty Tom Hansen improved to 4-2 with a four-hitter over six innings. He struck out three and walked only two.

Bultinck went 4-for-4, including his third homer, and three RBI. Mike Gansser added two hits, including his first homer and two RBI, while Alex Charles added two hits and three RBI. Harder also had three hits.

The loss drops Siena Heights to 4-19 overall and 0-7 in the WHAC.

MADONNA 5-6, SIENA HEIGHTS 3-4: Madonna University (18-9, 7-1) used a 3-run rally in the ninth inning to force extra innings before scoring a pair of runs in the top of the 11th inning to pull out a 6-4 win and complete the sweep over

Siena Heights (4-17, 0-5).

MU won the day's opener 5-3 at Ilitch Ballpark.

Junior Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) went all seven innings in the opener to improve to 3-2. He struck out six, walked one and scattered six hits.

Infielders Victor Barron and Jeff Bultinck each went 2-for-3.

Barron had two RBI, while Bultinck, Matt Kay (Canton) and Dan Harder added one each.

In the nightcap, MU trailed 4-1 heading into the ninth inning before Bultinck delivered a 2-run double to cut the deficit to one. Drew Adamiec sacrificed Bultinck over to third and Steve Pelletier (Farmington Harrison) brought home the game-tying run with a sacrifice fly.

In the 11th, Pelletier delivered a clutch 2-run double and Travis Schuba, who pitched three scoreless innings, got the victory to improve to 2-0.

Bultinck went 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Pelletier also finished with three RBI.

Livonia's Billy Hardin III (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) also had two hits.

Michael Lollo went 3-for-4 for the Saints, while reliever Jacob Kret (1-2) took the loss in relief.

Saints starter Corey Alexander went nine innings, allowing four earned runs on five hits. He struck out six and walked two.

MU also used Aaron Saarela, Andy Omilian and Logan Ryan.

Chiefs, Wildcats open strong

Plymouth takes two

Host Plymouth started the year strong, sweeping Milan in Tuesday's doubleheader (10-0, 6-4).

In the opener pitcher Harrison Michels went the distance, giving up one run and fanning seven.

The Wildcats started the game hitting for the cycle with Jamarl Eiland hitting a homer followed by Ben Wohl (triple), Mike Nadratowski (double) and Rich Guglielmi (single).

Big guns at the plate were many: Wohl (triple, double, two runs, two RBI), Nadratowski (double, single, two runs, three RBI), Tyler Goble (three hits, three runs), Brendan Swanson (two hits, two RBI) and Eiland (two runs

along with his homer).

Justin Thompson then was strong in his first varsity start, giving up two runs on three hits in 4 1/2 innings. Andrew Page got the win in relief and James Willey collected his first save.

Goble's two-run pinch hit single in the fifth broke the tie. John Etienne had two hits.

Wildcat baseball clinic

Circle Saturday, April 9, on your calendar if you are a young, aspiring baseball player looking to improve skills for this season and beyond.

The Plymouth Wildcat Youth Baseball Clinic is designed to do just that. It will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a positive, fun, learning environment. Clinic attend-

ees will receive instruction from the Plymouth Wildcats baseball staff and 2011 Plymouth Wildcats players.

Sessions, at the high school's baseball complex (gymnasium if inclement weather) and limited to 100 participants, are slated for 9 a.m. to noon (grades 1-4) and 12:30-3:30 p.m. (grades 5-8).

Walk-ups are welcome; space is still available.

Boys and girls currently in grades 1-8 are invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per player if pre-registered and \$25 the day of the clinic. That fee includes a snack. T-shirts will be available for \$8.

For more information, contact Plymouth varsity baseball coach Bryan Boyd at Bryan.Boyd@pcpsmail.net.

ROCKS

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in the lineup, providing some pop behind No. 3 hitter Brett Ramirez (a junior catcher) and senior first baseman Devin Price.

At second base is senior Scott Devine, an all-conference player who hit .430 in 2010.

Thompson and Devine are meshing into a quality double-play combo, not to mention being determined players wanting more for their final prep season.

"We have good senior leadership on this team," Rumberger said. "They're focused, intense and driven."

Ramirez, meanwhile, could be the proverbial straw that stirs the drink.

He is described by his coach as a five-tool player. His hitting could be off-the-charts and opposing baserunners will quickly find out they won't be able to take too many liberties with Ramirez.

According to Rumberger, the catcher throws the ball to second base in just 1.88 seconds.

When Ramirez needs a break, the Rocks can put soph-

omore catcher Austin Sillitt behind the plate.

Also available to chip in at infield positions are Bird and slick-fielding sophomore Kyle Penn.

X-FACTOR

Another key senior is all-around left fielder Brad Trubowski, moving over from center field to make room for promising sophomore

Dimitrus Dunlap.

"He's really a center fielder playing left," Rumberger said. "Our outfield is real good."

Dunlap could be an X-factor for the Rocks.

"He's made tremendous improvement in his swing and in every aspect of his game," the coach added. "Dimitrus and Brett Ramirez are true five-tool players."

Flanking Dunlap in right

will be Rodriguez (when he's not pitching, of course).

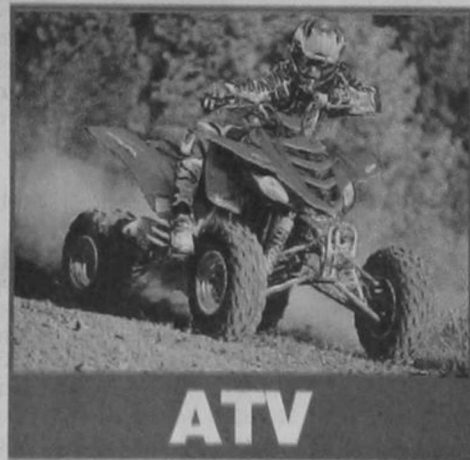
"This is his first year in the outfield," said Rumberger, noting that Rodriguez played infield in recent seasons. "... Tommy's a tremendous athlete and he's a real leader."

Backup outfielders include junior Zach Widlak and St. Laurent.

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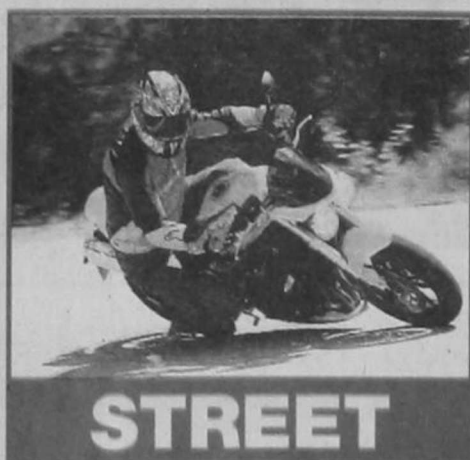


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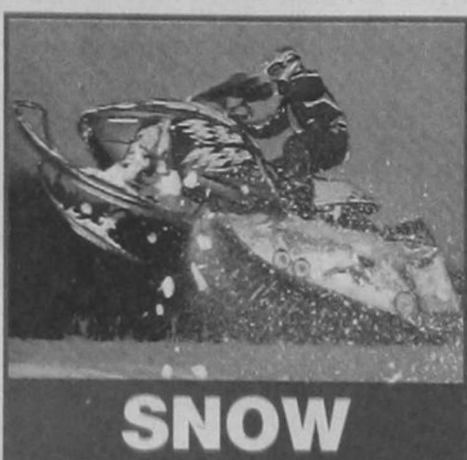


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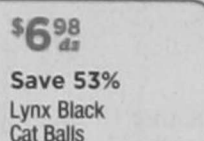
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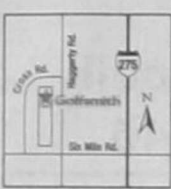


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TENNIS

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Senior Emily Borkowicz and junior Susmi Diraviam will handle the No. 2 doubles spot and junior Narges Pourmandi and senior Lynne Krutty will be at three doubles.

Rounding out the Rocks' doubles lineup will be: No. 4, sophomores Sarah Bellaire and Megan Barry; and No. 5, juniors Monica Topolovec and Lily Gonzalez.

SALEM 5, PLYMOUTH 4: In the season opener for both teams, the Rocks edged the host Wildcats on Monday.

Salem (1-0) swept through the singles flights: No. 1, Anna Norman over Lindsay Stemberger, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2, Ashley Walker over Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3, Morgan Spencer over Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4, Kerry MacDonald over Miranda Cerna, 6-0, 6-0.

The Wildcats (0-1) had much more success in doubles play.

The duo of Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey bested Mallory Rojo-Olivia Gonzalez in three sets — 6-0, 5-7(5), 6-0.

At No. 2 doubles, Brittany Rose-Julia Fratila likewise needed three sets to get past Salem's Emily Borkowicz-Susmi Diraviam. That flight went 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 for the Plymouth tandem.

Plymouth's Maria Tesarz-Andrea Haidar defeated Narges Pourmandi-Lynne Krutty, 6-0, 6-2.

Salem did take No. 4 doubles, with Emily Simmons-Courtney Godfrey earning a 6-3, 6-4 win over Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman.

And at No. 5 doubles, Plymouth's Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid defeated Sarah Bellaire-Megan Barry in three sets, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

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Young 'Cats want to make their mark

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

No matter where Plymouth's girls track and field team winds up in the KLAA South Division standings, the Wildcats are a team worth keeping an eye on.

There are a number of state meet prospects, such as junior co-captain Reagan Engstrom (pole vault), sophomore Madi Lewis (100 hurdles, 200 dash, 400 dash), junior Becca Knox (long jump) and the 1600-meter relay team of junior co-captain Rachael Hille, Knox, Lewis and senior co-cap-



Traitses

finished 2-3. "Many of our girls gained a lot of experience last year.

"We hope that this will help us compete in meets and continue to grow into top teams in our division."

Key returnees include Lewis, Engstrom, Hille (800

tain Carissa Buttermore. "Our team will be deeper than it was last year," said Plymouth head coach Ricky Styes, whose 2010 squad

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run, 1600 relay, 3200 relay), Knox, Buttermore (400 dash, 1600 relay), junior co-captain Nicole Traitses (1600 relay, 3200 relay), sophomore high jumper Taylor Reickhoff, sophomore distance runner Kyra Neumann and senior Lindsey Russell (200 dash, sprint relays).

The 1600-meter relay team of Hille, Kyra Neumann, Traitses and Lax captured the regional championship last spring.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats

welcome promising newcomers Jada Woody and Bailey Marco (sprints), Brianna Lax (distance) and Tione Johnson (throws).

According to Styes, with only three seniors on the squad "the team will rely on a good number of underclassmen" throughout the season.

"Our success will depend on the growth and development of some underclassmen," he noted. "This is a very coachable, hungry and competitive bunch of girls that want to do well."

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Canton starts year strong with win over Plymouth

The Canton Chiefs' boys track and field team got the jump on campus rival Plymouth, winning Tuesday's season-opening dual meet at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by a 82-55 score.

"We're very happy," said Canton head coach Bob Richardson about the victory. "We had a hard time beating Plymouth the last few years since they got their new head coach, Jon Mikosz.

"He's doing an awesome job with them and we were just fortunate to beat them today." Richardson pointed to team depth as one factor.

"We were able to go 1-2, 1-2-3 a couple times," Richardson

said. "They did the same thing to us. But I guess we did it a few more times."

The meet also gave more evidence that Canton's Kevin Buford and Plymouth's Joe Porcari are as outstanding as they were last season.

Buford was a triple winner, taking the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. Meanwhile, Porcari captured the 800- and 1600-meter runs and was part of the victorious 3200- and 1600-meter relays.

"I thought Nick Alaniva did a nice job," Richardson said. "He won two field events (long jump, pole vault) and he was on the winning 400-meter relay team."

BOYS TRACK RESULTS
CANTON 82
PLYMOUTH 55
April 5 at March 31 at Canton
Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 42 feet, 9 inches; 2. Ben Poirier (C), 38-4; 3. Marty Brudzinski (P), 36-8.5.
Discus: 1. Poirier (C), 105-1; 2. Nikel Durgafari (P), 80-9; 3. William Harrington (P), 79-4.
High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 6-0; 2. Zach Smilo (C), 5-8; 3. Josh Smith (P), 5-4.
Long jump: 1. Nick Alaniva (C), 20-9.5; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 19-3; 3. Smith (C), 18-1.
Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 13-3; 2. Bihn (P), 11-11; 3. Brenton Zuzo (P), 11-5.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Daniel Edgerton (P), 17-4; 2. Mitch Pepper (C), 17-6; 3. Drake Hogan (C), 20-5.
300 hurdles: 1. Doug Deykes (P), 44-3; 2. Pepper (C), 47-6; 3. Javon Hill (C), 48-5.
100 dash: 1. Kevin Buford (C), 11.5; 2. Alex Rogers (P), 11.7; 3. Ryan Darish (C), 12.1.
200: 1. Buford (C), 23.0; 2. William Askew

(P), 23.1; 3. Scott Piowar (C), 24.3.
400: 1. Buford (C), 53.4; 2. Sapan Patel (C), 56.1; 3. Lucas Bunting (P), 56.5.
800: 1. Joe Porcari (P), 2:09.1; 2. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:10.4; 3. Max Rogowski (P), 2:12.3.
1,600: 1. Porcari (P), 4:51.0; 2. Nick Eiben (P), 4:53.0; 3. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:53.1.
3,200: 1. Miles Felton (C), 10:30.1; 2. Bradon Conley (C), 10:42; 3. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:46.5.
400 relay: 1. Canton (Piowar, Alaniva, Morris, Daniels), 47.2; Plymouth (48.5);
800 relay: 1. Canton (Piowar, Patel, Morris, Daniels), 1:39.6;
1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Askew, Porcari, Bunting, Deykes), 3:43.5; 2. Canton, 3:45.8;
3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Gielarowski, Blaze, Johnson, Porcari), 8:51.5; 2. Canton (9:00.8).
Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0 overall; Plymouth, 0-1 overall.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of: 1) acquiring, equipping and renovating fire trucks and fire equipment; and 2) constructing, equipping and renovating improvements to the existing fire station, together with all related site improvements.

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Linda Langmesser
City Clerk, City of Plymouth

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WHALERS

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D'Amigo put the puck past Plymouth netminder Scott Wedgewood (37 saves). Again drawing assists were Akeson and Murphy.

But Livingston's go-ahead tally just 2:55 later again shifted momentum to the Whalers and this time they didn't relinquish it.

After relishing their series triumph, the Whalers will quickly get back to work ahead of their second-round series

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Game 4: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at Plymouth.
x-Game 5: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Owen Sound.
x-Game 6: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Compuware.
x-Game 7: 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Owen Sound.
x-if necessary

with Owen Sound.

Frustrating Game 6

Nothing went right for the Plymouth Whalers Saturday night, and the result was a 2-0 loss to Kitchener to even their OHL first-round playoff series at three games each.

After the Whalers were denied the game's first goal when officials ruled it was gloved into the Rangers' net, Kitchener scored on the power play on a shot that caromed in past goalie Scott Wedgewood.

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On Saturday night, Kitchener netminder Mike Morrison had all the answers, shown here thwarting Plymouth's Jamie Devane (No. 23). But Morrison could not stop the Whalers from winning the series Monday night.

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The popular event, which draws youngsters from Farmington Hills and Livonia to the church at 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile in Northville, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23. This year youngsters must be pre-registered by April 20 and no walk-ins will be accepted. Registration will close sooner if the head count reaches 600.

"We've been growing each year and last year we maxed out. I hate to limit it. We are struggling with that, but we're limited. Last year we had a little over 600 children and 1,300 in total with the adults. And that is really the max that our sanctuary can hold."

Although the egg hunt is held outdoors, other activities, including a lunch, games, Easter Bunny photos and a brief entertainment show, keep children, age 1-11 busy indoors.

"The show is only about 20 minutes, but it's an important piece," said Brown, explaining that it includes a religious component. The King's Yomen will talk about their faith while executing yo-yo tricks. Their act also incorporates drama and song.

"They're really engaging. They're a favorite."

Brown said 400 youngsters have signed up for the event, leaving room for 200 more.

Register at www.dfnazarene.org. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

"It's a nice deal and we try to make everyone feel welcome," Brown said.

Other church egg hunts include:

- Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman in Livonia. Youngsters through age 11 can hunt for Easter eggs, hear an Easter story, and make a craft from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Youngsters should bring a basket or bag to collect and take home eggs. (734) 522-3570

- St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Registration deadline for "Kids Easter Fun Day" is Sunday, April 10. The event runs 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16 and will include crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children, 3-13. Call the church office at (734) 422-1470 to register.

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JOAN BOLES

Age 104 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Eugene (Carol) Koch and Judy (Terry) Wilson. Proud grandma of Diane, Matthew, April, Wendy, Julie and Jan and great grandma of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) Thursday 5:30-9pm. Funeral will be Friday at the funeral home gathering 10am service 11:30am. In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to the MI Humane Society. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

ELIZABETH ANN (FRISBIE) DISBROW

72, of Interlochen, MI and formerly of Birmingham, passed away suddenly Friday, March 25, 2011 at her home on Green Lake. Liz was born in Battle Creek, MI on December 28, 1938 to the late Walter and Regina (Martin) Frisbie. She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School, class of 1956. She attended Miami of Ohio University where she studied History and was a member of the Alpha Omega Pi Sorority. In 1959, Liz married Donald Rex Disbrow, Jr., also of Battle Creek, her husband of 52 years. Liz was the love of Don's life and together they raised their four children in Birmingham. There was nothing Liz enjoyed more than taking care of her family and friends, always ready with a smile and a hug, and her reassuring warmth. Outside of the home, Liz worked for the David Stalker Auction Gallery of Birmingham for over ten years. She and Don resettled to their home on Green Lake in Interlochen upon their retirement in 1995. Though retired, Liz enjoyed helping her new neighbors and community. During the 16 years she lived in Interlochen, she was an active member of the Green Lake Township Planning Commission as well as a volunteer for the Father Fred Foundation, the annual Cherry Festival, and the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce. Liz is survived by her husband Don; her four children, Jeff, Tim (Kim), Andy (Beth Ann), and Beth (Adam); twelve grandchildren, Matt (Tricia), Brian Rex, Jenny, Shannon, Madeline, Ben, Brian Reese, Sam, Hannah, Drew, Jessie, and Kaitlyn; her great granddaughter, Peyton; her brother, Walt (Carol), and sister, Alice (Bill); her sister-in-law, Deanna; and many other loving family members and friends. A memorial mass was held on April 1st at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grawn, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made in Liz's memory to the Father Fred Foundation in Traverse City. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

PHYLLIS ELAINE GRAHAM

Age 82 of Novi, went into the presence of the Lord at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday (April 5, 2011) in their residence. She was born August 15th, 1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Everett and Marian Scherich, and was born again in Jesus in 1954. She married Clayton Graham on December 29, 1956, in Jackson, Michigan. She leaves behind her loving husband, Clayton, and three loving children Michael C. (Cindie) Graham of Gilford, New Hampshire, Mrs. Peggy A. (Rick) Koloian of Plymouth, Michigan, and Patricia A. (Kyle) Riehle of South Lyon, Michigan. She now is reunited with her daughter, Kathryn Susan. She was dearly loved by Katie, Holly, C.J., Jessica, Catherine, Rebecca, Alyssa, and Joshua, her grandchildren; and Jaden and Graham, her great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Malpass of California and Barbara Aune of Illinois. Phyllis was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who made every activity of her grandchildren a priority. She was often seen on bleachers and church pews encouraging her family. Phyllis was an active member in God's kingdom work, including Fox Run Bible Study, backyard Bible clubs, Bible Study Fellowship, and a community Bible Study. She devoted much time to serving the elderly by providing transportation and other needs, and also served in the after-school Care program. She was also a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution and currently fellowshiped at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. After graduating Manistee High, she attended Central Michigan University. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 on Friday, April 8 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church in South Lyon. Officiating will be Pastors David Brown of Fellowship Church and John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to either Fellowship Church or Calvary Baptist.



JOSEPH FRANK KRACHT

Age 65, went to be with the Lord on April 5th at his home in Brighton surrounded by his Family and Friends. Born to Elden Gregory and Catherine Kracht on April 30th, 1945. Survived by his loving and caring wife of 45 years, Pam. Loving children Gregory (Denise), David (Lisa) and Jen (Mark) Kroll. Treasured Papa to Jacob, Trevor and Ryan Kracht and Alex and Alyssa Kroll. Dearest brother to Mary (Gary) Mierzwa, Bill (Marge) Kracht, Janie (Jay) Pewtress, John Kracht, Juanita (Earl) Siterlet, Irene Turner. Greatest brother-in-law to Cindy Horton and Jeff (Wilma) Funtukis. Uncle Joe to many nieces and nephews. Dearest friend to Gary and Shari Korff. Memorial service to be held at Cornerstone Evangelical Church 9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton, on Friday April 8th at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 310 North Main Street #100 Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

DAVID ALEN MARKLAND, JR.

Born June 25, 1976 died March 13, 2011. Survived by uncle Kevin, aunts Patty, and Terri, and cousins Sean, Crystal, Tara, Ronnie, and Eric, and sister Danielle. Preceded in death by mother Debbie Markland, father David Markland Sr., sister Michelle Markland, aunt Sandi Kneeshaw, uncle Keith Casey, and grandparents John and Frankie Casey. Memorial service on April 12, 2011 at Calvary Missionary Church 29850 Six Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152 from 1pm-9pm; service at 7:30pm



ERNEST MANZEL

Age 95, of Plymouth, passed away on April 1, 2011. Loving husband of the late Viola. Beloved father of David (Patricia), Dale (Gwynn) and Darrell Manzel. Proud grandfather of Kenneth (Lori) Manzel, Kevin (Courtney) Manzel, Matthew (Tammy) Manzel and Jason (Mary) Manzel. Great grandfather of Colin, Avery and Lauren Manzel. Funeral service Thursday 11:00am from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman Ave, Plymouth with family receiving friends beginning at 10:30am. Visitation Wednesday from 1-9pm from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

JOHN PETRITYL

Age 88 of Livonia, Mi., March 31, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wives Julia and Eileen. Loving father of Robert, David, Richard (Verla), Kenneth (Mary) and Joyce. Stepfather of Thomas and Cheryl. Brother of Edward and Helen. Grandfather of eight, Step-grandfather of one, Great-grandfather of three and Step-great-grandfather of two. Visitation Friday 2-4:30pm and 6-9pm. Funeral service Saturday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (Between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Alzheimers Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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DONALD CARL RAMIN

Of Farwell was called to his Savior's side and eternal home on Sunday, April 3, 2011 after a courageous battle with pneumonia and renal failure. He was born in Romeo on December 23, 1927. Don served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1948 and was on five different ships during WWII. Don was a Livonia Firefighter for 30 years, retiring in 1981 as Senior Captain. Don married Linda Helena Carnahan on December 16, 1950 and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2010 with a party given by their children. Don and Linda were blessed with six children. Don was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Duel, his step-father Alfred Duel, and his grandson Ryan Paul Amerman. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Linda, his sons Michael John (Kathryn) and Dennis Charles, his daughters Patricia Lynn Maddix (James), Cynthia Jo Gerstenlauer (Michael), Linda Susan Belanger (Louis), and Kathryn Irene Zilz (Rick). Left to cherish the memories of their grandfather are 16 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Family was very important to Don and he loved spending time with them. Don was a member of the Clare Church of the Nazarene and will receive visitors at the church on Thursday April 7, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Funeral Services will take place on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at the church with Pastor Jim Young, Senior Pastor officiating. Don will be laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Great Lakes Burn Camp PO Box 6189, Jackson MI 49204. Don's family would like to thank Great Lakes Renal Dialysis Center in Mt. Pleasant for the care and compassion given to him over the last several years. Those wishing to may leave an on-line condolence at: www.stephenson-wyman.com

EDNA S. ZEHLA

Age 87, of Farmington, MI. Passed away March 29, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

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Fundraiser starts countdown to jazz festival

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Johnny Trudell will take the stage this weekend at the Michigan Jazz Festival's spring fundraiser, giving listeners a taste of what's in store for them at the big mid-summer event.

"It's our festival. We created it 17 years ago," said Trudell, festival president. "We've used numerous people in the past for this fundraiser. The board decided it was time to give the old trumpet player a chance."

The Johnny Trudell Quintet with Chuck Shermataro, Ray Tini, Bill Cairo, and Gene Parker, along with Trudell on trumpet, will perform from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 10 in the DiPonio Room at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or in advance by calling Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

Proceeds help fund the annual Michigan Jazz Festival planned for July 17 at Schoolcraft. The festival, set both outdoors and inside the college, is free and features jazz bands from throughout Michigan performing on several stages.

"We're the only jazz festival I know of around here that does fundraisers," said Ellis, festival producer and a Livonia resident. "None of us gets paid and that makes us different."



Johnny Trudell, president of the Michigan Jazz Festival, will perform at a fundraiser Sunday, April 10, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The fundraiser will support the annual festival.

DONATING

Festival organizers raise approximately \$30,000 annually, through spring and fall fundraisers, a Father's Day brunch concert, sponsorships and donations.

Last year, when major sponsors pulled their support because of the poor economy, the festival's future looked bleak.

"It was the first year we asked for donations all the time. We just started putting canisters out saying put your change in here," Ellis said. The festival has given away an assortment of items — everything from cup holders to CD openers, pot scrapers and refrigerator magnets — to audience members who donate to the canisters.

Ellis also added a donation plea to correspondence and flyers. She's delighted with the response.

"It's just amazing that by changing the wording on the bottom of the flyers, it has brought in money," she said. "We (recently) got two \$500 checks. I about fainted." The donations will help to keep the festival parking and admission free.

FAVORITES, NEWCOMERS

Jazz fans will see 26 bands this year, including several that are new to the festival. Two high school groups and several college bands also will perform on the Future of Jazz Stage, which was a new

addition last year. It's back on the schedule because "everyone loved it so much," Ellis said.

Festival performers run the gamut from Big Bands to Dixieland groups to trios and quartets with a common ability to improvise their sounds.

"I think people don't understand that when solos are done with a big band there is nothing on their sheet music. They play it off the top of their head and by their heart. That is what makes jazz what it is," Ellis said.

For more information visit the Michigan Jazz Festival online at www.michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com

Singer explores traditional music

Singer-songwriter-multi-instrumentalist Tim Eriksen will give listeners a taste of his new CD, *Soul of the January Hills*, Saturday, April 16 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

Nick Schillace will open for Eriksen at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for members.

Eriksen is co-founder and front-man of the "folk noise" band Cordelia's Dad, which recorded eight albums, including 1998's *Spine* and earned a strong following in the US and overseas. He's also known as a leader in the American "shape note" or "Sacred Harp" tradition. Traditional "shape note" style was encoded in the 1844 Sacred Harp songbook. The unconventional style uses geometric symbols in place of musical notation, and was designed to help untrained choir singers perform hymns.

He coached actors and extras in two "shape note" songs used in the Oscar-nominated soundtrack of the 2003 film, *Cold Mountain*, in which he also overdubbed actor Brendan Gleeson's singing voice. Eriksen subsequently traveled the country with Ralph Stanley, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Jerry Douglas and other traditional musicians as part of the 2004 Great High Mountain Tour.

Eriksen is an accomplished instrumentalist on guitar, banjo, and fiddle, which he played on two previous solo albums, *Tim Eriksen* and

Every Sound Below. Both were recorded live in the studio with no sidemen, overdubs, or edits, but his new *Soul of the January Hills* CD takes this solo approach one brave step farther. Inspired by his location, the 2008 Jaroslaw Festival in south-eastern Poland, Eriksen took a digital recorder into a tower on a wall surrounding Jaroslaw's Benedictine Abbey, sang 14 traditional American songs in one take with no accompaniment at all, and walked out about an hour later with the January Hills recordings.

With these 14 songs for voice alone, Eriksen says, "I'm throwing down the gauntlet. Not really. I'm not looking for a battle, but it would be nice if this record was taken as a friendly challenge to get people into hardcore singing, especially the old ballads and hymns and stuff."

Over the last decade, Tim has worked with his various bands, served as a visiting professor at Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota, conducted ethnomusicological research in the U.S. and abroad, recorded and toured as a solo artist, and immersed himself in the Sacred Harp communities. Eriksen is currently working toward a PhD in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University when he's not on the road.

For more information or for tickets call the theater at (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org

Weathering the Storms of Life 37th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast

Presents



Chuck Gaidica,
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Thursday, May 12, 2011
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"God is our refuge
and our strength"
Psalm 46:1



OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
NEWSPAPERS

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Quartet performs traditional Irish music

Former Redford resident Sean Gavin and his fellow members of Bua, will perform traditional Irish music Friday, April 8, at the Gaelic League in Detroit.

Gavin, who plays flute and uilleann pipes in the band, is the son of fiddler and music teacher Mick Gavin of Redford.

Now living in Chicago, Ill., Gavin plays and teaches traditional Irish music. He is a member of the group NicGaviskey, and often performs with his family. He also tours internationally with the music and dance show, Celtic Legends.

He and musicians Brian O hAirt on vocals and concertina, Brian Miller on guitar and bouzouki and Devin Shepherd on fiddle, make up Bua, a group that draws from more than a century's worth of Irish traditional music and song cultivated in the Midwest and Ireland.

Bua has performed at many



Bua performs Friday, April 8 in Detroit. The group includes former Redford resident, Sean Gavin.

of the top Irish festivals in North America including Boston's prestigious Irish Connections Festival, the Milwaukee Irish Festival, the Dublin Irish Festival, Celtic Fest Chicago, the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and Bethlehem's Celtic Classic. As individuals they have shared the stage with many top Irish musicians including Martin Hayes, David Munnely, Liz Carroll, Len

Graham, Paddy Keenan, among others.

Admission to Bua's concert is \$15 at the door. The Gaelic League is located at 2068 Michigan Ave.

Fish diners are available from 5-8 p.m. and cost \$7 at the Gaelic League every Friday during Lent. Bua's concert starts at 8 p.m.

For more information call (313) 964-8700 or (313) 537-3489.

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PERFORMANCES

April 8 - 8:00pm
April 9 - 2:00pm & 8:00pm
April 10 - 2pm
April 15 - 8:00pm
April 16 - 2:00pm & 8:00pm
April 17 - 2:00pm

TICKETS
\$15-\$18
www.SpotlightPlayersMi.org

LOCATION
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
50400 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48187

ART

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through April 8; gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: In the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Work by Stephen Deeb, head of the art department at North Farmington High School

Coming up: Farmington Art Foundation holds its Spring Exhibit and Sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, April 15 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Costick Center. Opening reception, 6 p.m., followed by awards at 6:30 p.m., April 14

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Plymouth Arts Council

Time/Date: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, April 8

Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "Its Arts - Pure & Simple" gala reception featuring its new exhibit, "Pure Art of Michigan," cocktails, foods, music, door prizes, raffle and auction; admission is a donation of any amount

Contact: (734) 416-4278

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

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

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 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: Chas Elsner, April 6-9; Floyd J. Phillips, April 13-16; Mark Poolos, April 20-23; Claude Stewart, April 27-30; Mike Green, May 4-7; Rob Little, May 11-14

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

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Steve McGrew, April 7-9; Michael Somerville, April 14-16; T.J. Miller, April 21-23; Don Friesen, April 28-30; Kathleen Madigan, May 5-7; John Pinette, May 12-14

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

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CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: David Bromberg & Angel Band, April 7; Steppin' in it, April 8; Mr. B's Piano Celebration,



"A Sentinel of Lake Superior," by Carol Caruso, is part of Plymouth Arts Council's "Pure Art of Michigan" exhibit.

April 9-10; Brendan James & Matt White & Lauren Pritchard, April 11; Adrian Legg, April 12; Catie Curtis & Amy Speace, April 13; Breathe Owl Breathe & The Photographers, April 14; The Johnny Clegg Band, April 15; Anais Mitchell, April 16; Shape Note Singing, April 17; Peter Yarrow, April 17

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

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. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Open mic performers may sing two songs. If more than eight performers sign up, a lottery will be held for the eight spots. 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

Jazz @ The Elks

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

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Naima Shambourger will sing, Sven Anderson will play keyboard, Marion Hayden will be on bass and George Davidson on drums at the next concert on April 26

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.

PlymouthElks1780.com

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16

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

Details: Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents pianist Jorge Federico Osorio. He'll play Beethoven, Franck, Granados and Mussorgsky. Tickets are \$43-\$75, students, \$25

Contact: (248) 855-6070; www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Putnam Smith, April 8, Melissa Greener, April 9; The Choir, April 14; Brooks Williams with Mike Vial, April 15; Tim Eriksen with Nick Schillace, April 16; Songwriters Anonymous Showcase, April 29; Craig Cardiff, April 30

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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

Vivace Music Series

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, April 11

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Eugenia Zukerman will share the stage with Russian/American soprano Svetlana Strezeva and her daughter, pianist, Milana Strezeva. The program will feature music by well known Russian and French composers in folk and classical traditions. Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for senior citizens and students

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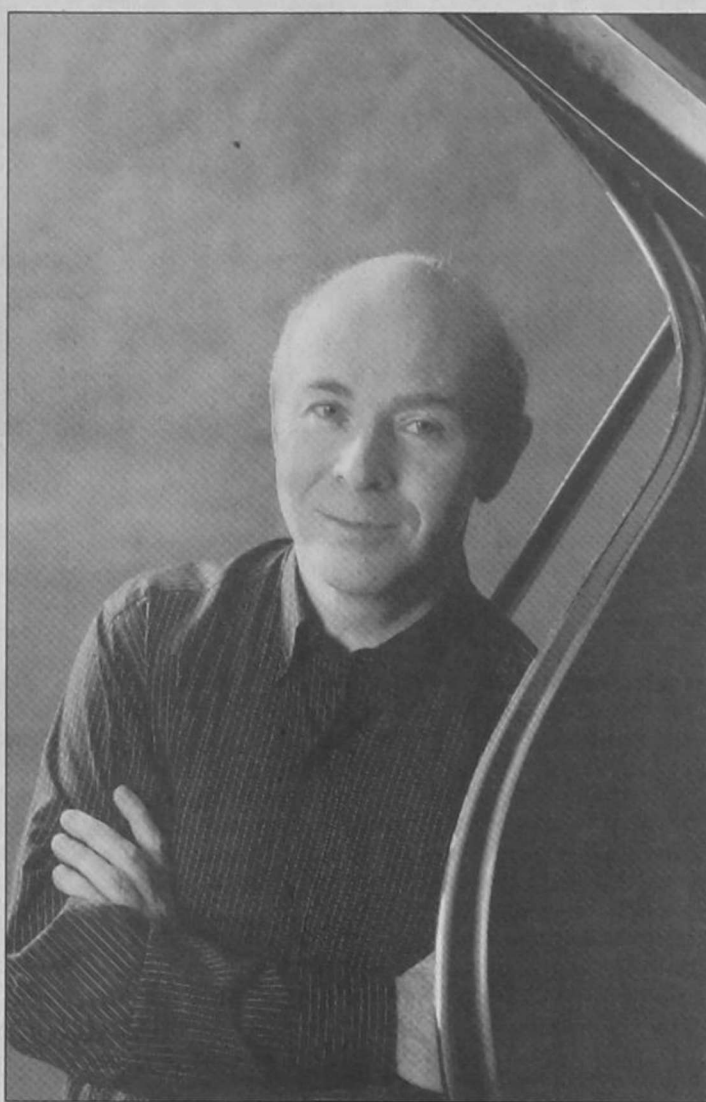
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Eugenia Zukerman will perform April 11 at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.



Jorge Federico Osorio performs at the next Chamber Music Society of Detroit concert April 16.

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

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

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

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

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

Detroit Zoo

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

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

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

Contact: (248) 541-5717

FILM

Penn Theater

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, April 8; p.m. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10

Location: 760 Penniman Ave.,

Plymouth

Details: "Gnomeo and Juliet," all seats \$3

Coming up: "Unknown," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m., Friday-Saturday, April 15-16 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. Sunday, April 17

Classics: "It Came from Outer Space," April 7; "Soylent Green," April 14; "The Time Machine," April 21; "The Incredible Shrinking Man," April 28. All shows start at 7 p.m. and cost \$3

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and 8 p.m. April 9

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Three Stooges Festival; tickets \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

MUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: The Test: Tuskegee Airmen Project through June 19; Framed Stories: The Art of Carmen Cartiness Johnson and Jerome Wright through April 11. Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free

Contact: (313) 494-5800

Cranbrook

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Thursday-Sunday

Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Docent-guided public tours of Saarinen House, a rare integration of art, architecture, design and nature, depart from Cranbrook Institute of Science front desk. The tours are about 90 minutes long and take place rain or shine.

Contact: (248) 645-3200 for house tours; http://science.cranbrook.edu

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The everyday joys of soy

If you want to improve your diet by adding healthy foods, now may be the perfect time to try something new, something soy. April is National Soyfoods Month, and finding delicious soy-based foods has never been easier.

"Soyfoods can be a part of any healthy, well-balanced diet because they are full of high-quality protein that is low in saturated fat, full of nutrients, and cholesterol-free," said Patricia Greenberg, The Fitness Gourmet.

Greenberg offers these tips for enjoying soyfoods all day long:

Breakfast

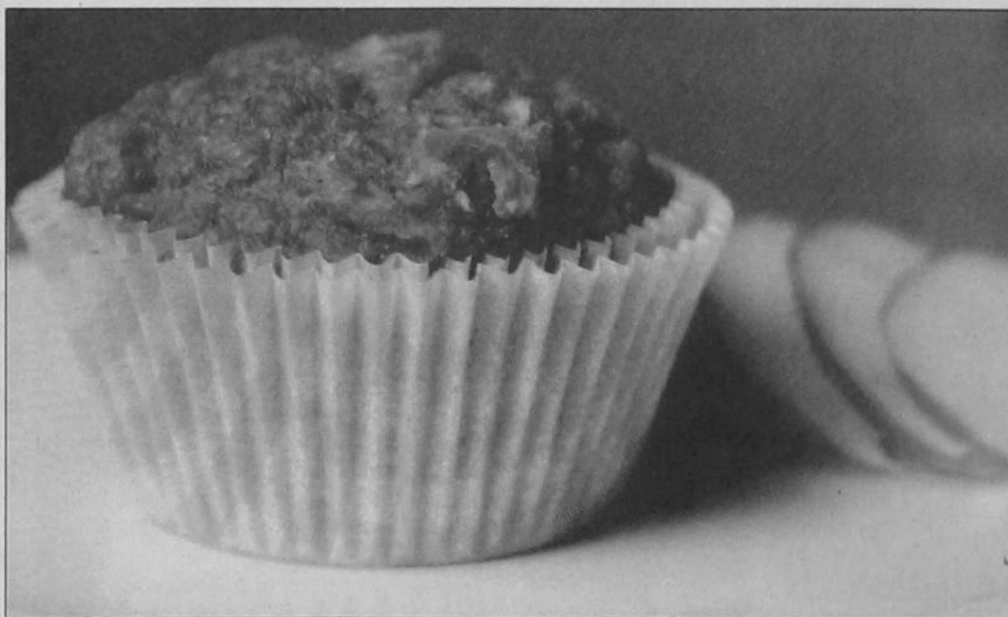
- For creamier oatmeal, replace half the cooking water with vanilla soymilk.
- Slice veggie sausage links into scrambled eggs or breakfast casserole.
- Top English muffins with soynut butter, bananas and cinnamon.

Lunch

- Make a better BLT with soy-based bacon strips.
- Add steamed edamame beans to soups and salads.
- Go for the veggie burger – and be sure to add all your favorite condiments.

Dinner

- Thicken creamy sauces, soups, and dressings with pureed silken tofu.
- Blend shredded soy cheddar with regular cheese for



Carrot Apple Muffins

tacos and quesadillas.

- Add sliced vegetarian sausage to Italian-style peppers or jambalaya.

Snack

- Carry single-serving containers of delicious chocolate soymilk for on-the-go snacks.
 - Make your own trail mix with roasted soynuts, dried fruits and bite-sized whole grain cereal.
 - Carry soy and fruit bars in your purse or backpack for emergency snack attacks.
- Savvy shoppers be ready, there are going to be a variety of soyfood promotions running all April. Get familiar with where your grocery

store stocks these products and you are sure to find a bargain.

- Soy Cheese: In refrigerated cases with dairy and juice products, in the produce section, and in the health food or natural food aisles.
- Soymilk: Soymilk comes in two forms; one needs to be refrigerated and can be found in the refrigerated section. Shelf-stable soymilk can be found in the health food section, the cereal aisle, or near other shelf-stable beverages.
- Tofu: Tofu comes in many forms: firm, silken-style, sprouted, high protein and baked tofu, found in the

refrigerated meat section, produce section or natural foods section. Shelf-stable silken tofu can be found in the Asian food section or in the natural food aisles.

- Meat Alternatives: Meat alternatives, such as veggie burgers, soy sausage, soy crumbles and edamame, can be found in the freezer section. Edamame may also be found in the fresh produce section.

- Soy Desserts: Soy desserts, including soy frozen yogurt and soy toppings, can be found in the refrigerated section or in the freezer aisle.

To learn more about specific soyfoods and discover delicious ways to celebrate

National Soyfoods Month, visit www.soyfoodsmoth.org. Or follow the Soyfoods Association of North America on Twitter @social-SANA.

CARROT APPLE MUFFINS

Makes: 12

- 2 cups carrots, grated
- 1½ cups apples, grated
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ cup plain or vanilla WholeSoy yogurt
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1½ cups flour
- ¾ cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup raisins

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly oil a muffin pan.

In a large bowl, mix carrots, apples, maple syrup, yogurt and oil.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, walnuts, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, ground ginger and salt.

Fold the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just combined and then fold in the raisins.

Spoon the batter into the muffin pan.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

– Courtesy Family Features



A walk on the dark side

BY NATE PARSONS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout is a bold endeavor worthy of its Porter bloodlines and mad monk moniker.

The opaque black hue linked to a hardy stout is unmistakable. This distinct characteristic stems from a malt roasting technique similar to brewing coffee. Contrary to popular belief, Imperial Stout – or Russian Imperial Stout – originated from England.

Open trade with Russia in the 1700s prompted the English to create a "stout" beer capable of enduring a harsh journey to the Baltic States. Adding more hops deterred corrupt bacteria while extra malt hyped the alcohol to prevent freezing – Imperial Stout was born.

Today, Stout is enjoying a revival with many craft breweries offering a variation in their seasonal cache. Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout from North Coast Brewing is one of the few available all year around. I was first introduced to Old Rasputin at the legendary Brick Store Pub in Decatur, Ga. WOW!

TASTING NOTES:

- Beer: Old Rasputin Russian Imperial Stout
- Brewery: North Coast Brewing Company
- Origin: Fort Bragg, California
- Style: Russian Imperial Stout
- ABV: 9 percent

GLASSWARE:

- Pint – Nonic, or Becker

DESCRIPTION:

Pours jet black with a consistency reminiscent of motor oil, delivering a thick creamy head that crowns the glass. The aroma is dominated by dry bittersweet chocolate, roasted espresso and hints of spiced fruit. Up front, each mouthful is an explosion of complex flavors; coffee, mocha, vanilla, molasses, surrounded by rich smoky overtones. Further in Rasputin gives way to savory malts intertwined with hops for an almost buttery finish. This is an aggressive complex winter warmer but very drinkable and highly recommended.

WHERE TO PURCHASE:

- Hiller's Market, 425 North Center Street, Northville – 4pk/\$8.99
- Super Fine Wine & Liquor, 1634 Haggerty Road Canton – 4pk/\$9.50
- The Wine Palace, 13971 Middlebelt Road, Livonia – 4pk/\$9.99

Parsons writes about Aventinus, a German beer, in the April 21 issue of *Inspire*, in the *Observer*.

Nate Parsons can be reached at modevin@yahoo.com.

CITY BITES

Tea and computers

Plymouth – Socializing over tea takes on a new meaning next week April 13 at Sweet Afton Tea Room, 450 Forest. The tea room has teamed with Forest Computer Solutions to offer computer classes for senior citizens, 55-plus. The class on April 13 will focus on Facebook. They'll learn about Skype on April 20. Participants can bring their own computers or use one provided by the class. (734) 454-0777

Wine month

Statewide – Governor Rick Snyder has declared April as "Michigan Wine Month" to honor Michigan's wide selection of quality wines and the wine industry's contribution to the economy. "Michigan's 81 wineries welcome more than 1 million visitors to their tasting rooms each year and offer a truly Pure Michigan agri-tourism experience," said Keith Creagh, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) director. "Not only do these businesses offer a quality product and memorable

experience, but our wine and grape industries also contribute nearly \$800 million to the state's economy annually."

Sales of Michigan wines in the state rose nearly 12 percent last year and 10 new wineries opened.

Many events are planned this spring and early summer that will provide opportunities to meet winemakers and sample a variety of Michigan wines, including:

- Michigan Wine Showcase, April 11 at the Radisson Bloomfield Hills, home of Northern Lakes Seafood Company. Join Master Sommeliers

Claudia Tyagi and Madeline Triffon and more than 20 Michigan wineries for wine sampling and lavish appetizers. (517) 241-4468. www.michiganwines.com/showcase

• Michigan International Wine Expo, April 15-16 at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi. A fine wine and food experience, featuring wine tasting and seminars, hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants. (517) 548-1200. www.michiganwineexpo.com

For more about Michigan wine and wine-related events, visit www.michiganwines.com.

Simply delicious springtime solutions

With spring in the air comes time to clean closets, cupboards and ... recipe boxes? Freshen up more than your home this season by sorting through your collection of mealtime favorites. Adding new springtime desserts to the recipe rotation is a surefire way to satisfy everyone from the pickiest of eaters to those with special dietary considerations, including gluten free.

Spend some time browsing online at inspiring food websites and blogs, flip through your favorite magazines and revisit trusted cookbooks to revitalize your recipe collection. Try unexpected tasty combinations, such as Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches made with gluten free Chex® cereal, a recipe created by cookbook author and DishTowelDiaries.com blogger Silvana Nardone.

"Introducing new recipes to fit everyone's needs is fun and delicious," said Nardone, author of *Cooking for Isaiah*, a cookbook catering to the millions of Americans with food sensitivities like her son, Isaiah. "Gluten free cooking is easier than ever with five varieties of gluten free Chex cereals, which I use as an ingredient in everything from Sweet 'n' Salty Coconut Chicken to Double Chocolate Pudding Pie, to



Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwich

a refreshing homemade ice cream sandwich."

Nardone offers these tips to ease into a scrumptious spring:

- New twists for the table: Reach for delicious fruits and vegetables at your local farmers market or grocery store to make a beautiful – and nutritious – centerpiece.

- Creative uses for everyday staples: From an on-the-go gluten free snack

mix, to a perfect piecrust, Chex cereals offer a fun crunch from breakfast to dessert. Nardone notes five Chex cereals – Honey Nut, Chocolate, Cinnamon, Rice and Corn – are gluten free; and Wheat and Multi-Bran varieties are not gluten free.

- Blending it up: A smoothie is a perfect snack for both kids and adults. Just toss together a variety of fruits, yogurt and ice, and blend until creamy.

Feeling inspired? Try Nardone's tasty gluten free Strawberry-Marshmallow Crisp Ice Cream Sandwiches.

For additional creative recipes, visit www.Chex.com/GlutenFree. And remember, if you're cooking gluten free, always read labels to make sure each recipe ingredient is gluten free. Products and ingredient sources can change.

STRAWBERRY-MARSHMALLOW CRISP ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Start to Finish: 2 hours 25 minutes

6 servings

- 5 cups gluten-free miniature marshmallows
- 5 cups Rice Chex cereal, coarsely crushed
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups gluten-free strawberry ice cream, softened

Line bottom of 13 x 9-inch pan with cooking parchment paper.

In a 3-quart saucepan, heat 4 cups marshmallows, butter and salt over low heat about 8 minutes, stirring constantly, until melted. Stir in cereal until almost coated; stir in remaining 1 cup marshmallows. Using greased rubber spatula, evenly scrape mixture into pan and spread evenly. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until easy to handle.

Turn pan upside down to remove cereal layer; discard parchment paper. Cut into 12 rectangles, 4 x 3 inches each. Working quickly, spread ½ cup ice cream onto 1 rectangle; top with another rectangle. Repeat to use up rectangles and ice cream. Freeze on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet at least 1½ hours until firm. Wrap sandwiches individually in plastic wrap and store in freezer.

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SUDOKU

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

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

Word Search — Lawn & Garden

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