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An application, transcripts and one letter of recommendation must be submitted online. Students should also mail four copies of this information to Community Financial, attention: Scholarship Program, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, by March 2.

Heise hours

State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours on Monday, Jan. 9, in Northville, Wayne and Plymouth at the following times and locations:

- 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville;
- 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne;
- 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

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Ace Shukeireh fits new heels to a customer's shoes.

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Heart and sole

Cobbler helps clients put best foot forward

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After Plymouth entrepreneur John Early started a mobile shoe shine company polishing and buffing shoes across southeast Michigan, he quickly realized his customers needed a cobbler shop for repairs — so he opened one in Canton.

Lawyers, bankers, accountants and other customers from Detroit to Midland have been putting their best foot forward ever since.

After retiring from his financial sector career, Early, 52, embarked last March on his idea to start The Shoe Shine Guys. He bought a shuttle bus and a sprinter van so that he, son-in-law Mike Kompoltowicz and sidekick Bob Keller could take their skills to Detroit landmarks such as Chase Tower, the Dime Building,



John Early II pressing an old shoe brought in for repairs.

One Kennedy Square and One Detroit Center, then roll on to office centers in places such as Troy, Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Saginaw and Midland.

"We can shine 75 to 100 pairs of shoes in one day using both trucks," Early,

company president, said.

They walk in, collect shoes their customers want shined, work their magic inside their vehicles for \$6 a pair and return the finished product.

"The vehicles are totally rigged out with shoe shine

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As new year begins, a final look at 2011

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton, its leaders, residents and employees marked a year of triumphs, heartbreak, progress and upheaval in 2011, though the community showed its collective resilience and determined spirit amid still-difficult times.

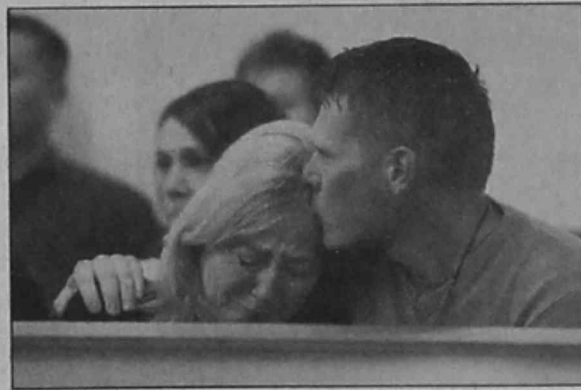
One statistic alone proved how Canton has remained a desirable place to call home. While the state and many Michigan communities witnessed a population decline,

U.S. Census figures released in 2011 showed a startling 18.1 percent increase for Canton, which had 90,173 residents.

The spike was largely due to an influx of Asians and African Americans as Canton, which already prided itself on its diversity, became an even stronger melting pot.

A tough economy continued to take its toll, though, as Ford Road landmarks such as Bor-

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Brent Maupin, husband of the late Elizabeth Maupin (top), comforts his mother-in-law, Jane Graham, in court Friday. The driver accused of killing Elizabeth Maupin avoided jail in the case.



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Ice fest, turning 30, helped shape Plymouth's image

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

You can thank a 43-year-old television news magazine for inspiring a local institution, the Plymouth Ice Festival, that now also has some years — going on 30 — behind it.

Festival founder Scott Lorenz says he was inspired 30 years ago by a segment of CBS's *60 Minutes* that spotlighted the Sapporo Snow Festival, a giant display of snow statues and ice sculptures in Japan's fourth-largest city.

"This was incredible, because they had these giant ice sculptures that were as big as a building," said Lorenz on Monday, recalling the *60 Minutes* episode.

Lorenz, then general manager of the Mayflower Hotel, which was owned by his family, envisioned staging a similar event in downtown Plymouth. He approached his father, Ralph, with the idea.

"You're crazy. It'll never work," was the response, he said. Then-City Manager Hank Graper said the same thing, according to Lorenz.

Quick first launch

But Graper got back to him shortly with an assist: he had mentioned the idea to a few people, and suddenly had some sponsors and a budget. And Ralph Lorenz, too, offered help, suggesting



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People have been coming from all over — Cindy Folden and William Johnson traveled Melvindale last year — to see Plymouth Ice Festival sculptures in Kellogg Park.

his son get in touch with the chefs who taught ice-carving at Schoolcraft College. After contacting Midwest Ice, a Detroit supplier dating from the 1920s, they were in business.

"We put the first one together in 45 days," said Lorenz, who owns a public relations firm, Westwind Communications. The first show had a dozen or two sculptures, he said.

The festival grew steadily in the 1980s, and Lorenz said he tried to continually improve it, traveling to ice shows

around the country to glean ideas, flying to Japan to attract top carvers, signing big sponsors such as Northwest Airlines, and adding sculptures that let the festival branch out from Kellogg Park into a number of downtown streets.

At its peak in the late '80s, Lorenz said, there were about 200 sculptures on the streets and a few dozen in the park.

The public was drawn to it, the media loved it, and the festival put Plymouth on the map for a lot of people, Lorenz said.

"As far as publici-

ty and exposure for the town, nothing else comes close," he said.

30th on tap

The 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival is scheduled for Jan. 20-22, and producer Sam Walton said the foundation built by Lorenz and others, as well as the show's loyal following, has gotten it this far.

"It's a testament to patrons and promoters," said Walton recently of the festival's longevity. "The momentum that's been developed has just been fantastic, and that's

what's gotten us 30 years down the road."

Walton, whose Signature Professional Group is producing its third festival, is billing it as a family friendly event with more ice and more activities than the last one.

"The ice is obviously a big draw, but we're trying to offer something for everybody," said Walton.

That includes a petting zoo, wintertime sports activities and equipment demonstrations, the extension of the Fire & Ice display into a second evening, a video game center from Play First Mobile Gaming, a live show by the Radio Disney cast, and expanded competition opportunities for carvers at the college level. Plus, there will be more ice sculptures — 130 and counting, up from about 115 last January and about 100 in 2010, Walton said.

The festival has landed McDonald's as a major contributor, with a \$15,000 grant. The fast-food giant will be sponsoring a major sculpture, helping support (along with the Sun & Snow sports shop) the winter sports activities, and giving away samples of its gourmet coffee drinks.

Funding challenges

But fundraising hasn't been easy, Walton said. The era of multiple major corporate sponsorships is over, and the average contribution is now

about \$800, Walton said. And the budget, well over \$100,000 just a few years ago, is considerably less; the gross for the 2011 festival was about \$78,000, Walton said.

"It's a lot more footwork to yield a much smaller contribution," he said. "Such is the sign of the times."

Walton said he understands would-be sponsors' caution in a continued slow economy, but also argues the festival provides good value for the city and its businesses by bringing 100,000 or more people to town during what otherwise would be a slow time of year.

For Lorenz, it's a familiar story, too.

"Every year was always a struggle to try to raise the money," said Lorenz, who says he went unpaid during his 10 years as chief organizer — but thinks it's good organizers are now paid (the festival is run as a nonprofit, and Signature's fee is a portion of the funds raised).

"It's just an incredible amount of work," he said.

Lorenz, who went on to direct the Christmas light display at Domino's Farms from 1992 to 1997, remains a big fan of the festival he started.

"If I'm in town, I go. And it's great," he said. "It's great not to worry about it, too."

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Reps boast perfect voting records

The two elected officials representing Canton in the state House achieved perfect voting records during the Michigan House legislative session of 2011.

Neither Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, nor Democrat Dian Slavens of Canton missed a single vote of the 619 votes taken in the House in 2011.

"I take my job to represent the people of my district very seriously," said Heise. "I don't want to miss a vote because missing a vote means residents in my district have missed



Heise



Slavens

the opportunity to be heard in Lansing. These are the critical votes that are re-inventing Michigan, creating jobs, and putting our economy back on track."

"I came to Lansing to be the voice for our community and represent the people of my district," Slavens said. "Missing one vote equates to missing an opportunity to have the 21st district represented as the Legislature decides on critical bills for Michigan's future. Many pieces of bad legislation have been passed over the last year and I wanted to be certain that residents know I am using every opportunity to vote against legislation that could potentially hurt them and their families."

"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, Jan. 9, 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

Details: Guest speaker will be author Sandy Arno Lyons, who spent a summer traveling around Michigan collecting ghost stories from hotels, B & B's, restaurants and more. There are more than 25 true tales in her book "Michigan's Most Haunted, A Ghostly Guide to the Great Lakes State." Bring a friend to listen to some fascinating stories about our state. RSVP no later than Friday, Jan. 6.

Contact: E-mail June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net for more information.

ART EXHIBITS

Date/Time: Begins Jan. 10; reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

Details: The PCAC begins its new year of monthly art exhibits with "Slacker art," a collection of oil paintings by Andrew Slackta, his first solo exhibit. The self-taught artist's landscapes run the gamut from realistic photo recreation to expressionistic, his still-life pieces combine formal composition with a distinctive mix of pop art and his unconventional portraits display elements of surrealism and emotional sophistication. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact: Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information, or visit www.plymoutharts.com.

UPTOWN AUDITIONS

Date/Time: Jan. 11-12, 4-6 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Auditions for Plymouth Uptown Players will be held at the PCAC. For those who cannot make the audition times, drop-in auditions will be held at the first rehearsal (Jan. 15). The first rehearsal is Sunday, Jan. 15. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday from January-April, between 1-5 p.m. A fee of \$150 and a current PCAC membership are required to participate. The season will conclude with a weekend of performances April 20-22.

Contact: Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

DRUM CLASSES

Date/Time: Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 5-6:30 p.m.

Location: Artico House, adjacent to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 724 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Join instructor and professional drummer Pat Paul Sorise at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for a new series of Drum Classes in the New Year. First will be Beginner Drum Set 100 (5-5:45 p.m. for ages 7 to adult), which will introduce students to holding drum sticks, drum rudiments, how to count and play quarter and eighth notes and introduce/play the drum set. For the advanced and experienced drummer the PCAC will open a new section of Advanced Drum Set 200 (ages 7 to adult, 5:45-6:30 p.m.). This class will identify drums/cymbals, wrist and hand techniques

and basic foot patterns.

Contact: To learn about other great opportunities at the PCAC or a complete list of classes offered visit www.plymoutharts.com or stop in the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or call (734) 416-4278.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

HEALING HEARTS

Date/Time: Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

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Gospel singer Mattie Moss Clark in action.

Theater celebrates gospel history

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is pleased to present a special exhibition, "Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel," now through Feb. 24, which celebrates the vast history of Gospel music in Detroit.

This traveling exhibition celebrates the richness of the gospel music tradition, while also honoring four of its major contributors: Mattie Moss Clark, The Reverend C. L. Franklin, the Reverend Charles H. Nicks, Jr., and Minister Thomas A. Whitfield. Each of these honorees helped shaped Detroit's image as a major center for gospel music. This exhibition is a first effort by the Gospel Performing Arts Center, which has as its goal the development of a facility that will perpetuate, celebrate and educate the community about gospel music.

The exhibit, presented by the Michigan State University Museum's Traveling Exhibition Service, is currently on display at the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. This popular exhibition consists of striking, free-standing photographic interpretive banners as well as a freestanding

music station that allows visitors to sample a variety of gospel classics performed by several Detroit Gospel legends.

In addition to providing an overview of the historical, cultural, and spiritual significance of gospel music in Detroit, the exhibit honors major contributors to the gospel music tradition. "Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel" was developed in collaboration with the Michigan State University Museum and is made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Center for Creative Communications. The Michigan State University Museum's Traveling Exhibition Service provides affordable exhibitions for museums and organizations both in and out of Michigan.

The exhibit will be on display Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 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, please call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

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ders and Big Boy closed their doors and township employees accepted concessions, such as furlough days, to help Canton battle what had loomed as a \$15 million budget deficit. Officials also canceled the Liberty Fest parade, though the festival itself drew large crowds.

Plymouth-Canton schools fought money woes, too, securing a concessionary contract with teachers and privatizing bus drivers in efforts to slash costs.

Yet economic triumphs emerged across Canton. One of the most significant occurred when W.F. Whelan Co., a global logistics firm, unveiled plans for its \$5 million investment in the long-closed Kmart distribution center on Canton's north side.

Canton lost out a third time on federal dollars to reshape the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road interchange, but a years-long wait ended as construction crews widened and reconstructed a horrible stretch of Sheldon Center/Sheldon from Canton Center to Joy Road.

The community had its share of troubling crime stories. William Arther Hoefling, 50, was sentenced to three to 20 years in prison following charges he sexually abused boys as scoutmaster for Plymouth-based Boy Scout Troop 781.

Plymouth-Canton high school teacher Ray Schepansky received probation for carrying a concealed weapon onto school property, and driver Davida Marlene Rentie also avoided jail for accidentally hitting and killing mother of four Elizabeth Graham Maupin as Maupin walked her bicycle across Haggerty Road on July 21.

As the year closed, 25-



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Zima Amado, Otis Scero and Sam Brown enjoyed a run around the new dog park Canton opened in 2011.



Mark Horvath, being sworn in by Supt. Jeremy Hughes, was one of four new members elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in November.

year-old father Anthony Lawrence Sewejkis had been charged with first-degree child abuse amid allegations he struck his 4-month-old son Hunter's head against the floor.

Dog lovers who waged a long campaign for Canton's own dog park celebrated in May the opening of a large, fenced-in place on Denton north of Cherry Hill where pets and their owners could make new friends. Across town, residents won a different battle by convincing Kroger not to build a controversial gas station next to their homes near Canton Center and Michigan Avenue.

The Plymouth-Canton school board in May hired interim Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, and district voters in November ousted incumbents in favor of school board

newcomers Mark Horvath, Mike Maloney, John Barrett and Sheila Paton.

Heavy rains in May left motorists stranded in major intersections such as Canton Center and Cherry Hill, where police officers helped them from cars. Torrential rains also forced the early closure of the popular Canton Cup soccer tournament.

Rain-soaked Heritage Park had cleared by the time The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall made its first trip to Michigan during an emotion-stirring visit to Liberty Fest.

Longtime Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, one of the board's more outspoken members, resigned his post Aug. 31 due to a job promotion, and remaining board members chose as his successor Greg Demopoulos, a

Northville Township prosecutor who had served in roles such as the Canton Planning Commission.

As a nation marked the 10th anniversary of the horrendous 9/11 terrorist attacks, Canton's Muslim Community of Western Suburbs observed the event by reaching out to people of all religious faiths for a ceremony at the local mosque.

One of the 9/11 speakers was township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj, who later made a formal announcement that he was launching a Democratic campaign against U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Canton, in 2012.

As 2011 marched on, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band marched to its own celebration by performing — flawlessly — in New York City during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

As 2012 dawned, Canton faced many of the same issues it faced last year, not the least of which was continuing to address budget problems and long-term legacy costs. Local officials also hadn't given up on an I-275/Ford Road fix, turning their attention to the state for a hoped-for solution.

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CRIME WATCH

Fleeing arrest

1 Canton police who made a traffic stop for a defective taillight arrested a woman wanted in Ann Arbor on a warrant for fleeing from police. Police also took a male driver into custody and issued him a citation for not having a license.

The incident happened about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 30 on Lilley south of Cherry Hill when police stopped a 2000 Buick Park Avenue.

Police spotted the defective equipment and noticed that the car pulled into a closed gas station.

Car ransacked

2 A Canton man notified police Dec. 30 after someone ransacked his 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix while it was parked in the driveway of his home in the 41500 block of Simcoe, southwest of Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

The man's wife had noticed paperwork in the car's console had been moved to the passenger seat but initially thought nothing of it. She went to Meijer and mentioned it to him when she returned.

The man went to his vehicle and found that his GPS unit had been stolen.

Sprinkler damaged

3 A property manager for Willow Creek shop-



ping plaza, northeast of Ford and Lilley roads, reported that someone had damaged a sprinkler system sometime prior to Dec. 29.

The manager was checking the grounds prior to an upcoming inspection and learned that a back-flow valve for a sprinkler system was missing. It

appeared someone had cut through a steel and plastic pipe to remove the valve.

Plate purloined

4 A Canton man told police the license plate of his vehicle was stolen from his vehicle in the 6200 block of Courtland, northeast of Ford and Lilley, sometime prior to

Dec. 29.

The man initially hadn't noticed that the plate had been stolen from his red Dodge Neon. He was told by his 7-year-old son that the plate had been missing for days.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Teen charged in pizza robberies

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton teen accused of phoning in two separate, bogus pizza orders has been charged with robbing the delivery drivers after they showed up outside darkened homes where the defendant allegedly lurked, police said.

Patrick Allen Reid, 18, was arraigned Sunday on multiple criminal charges including armed robbery amid allegations he robbed pizza delivery drivers in the same neighborhood northeast of Palmer and Lotz roads.

The latest incident unfolded after police say a bogus pizza order was made shortly after 8:30 p.m. Dec. 30 by a caller who gave an address in the 1600 block of Brookdale Drive, on Canton's southeast side.

A Domino's Pizza driver initially went to the home but left when no one answered the door. He returned after a male caller phoned to say he had been in the bathroom and asked that the order be returned, according to a police report.

The worker returned and, while standing on the porch, was approached by a masked man who demanded money and implied he had a gun in his pocket. The assailant seized the driver's cash and fled behind the house.

A swift investigation by police led authorities to



Reid

the suspect, who lived on a nearby street.

According to a police report, the suspect admitted his involvement in the Dec. 30 robbery and a similar incident that occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Nov. 19 in the 1700 block of Iman Drive.

In the earlier incident, a Jet's Pizza driver told police he was robbed of cash and his cell phone by a masked assailant who approached him from behind, pushed him and revealed what was described as a shiny object.

Reid was arraigned Sunday on two counts of armed robbery, two counts of unarmed robbery, two counts of larceny from a person — all felonies — and one misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

Reid was jailed with two separate bonds totaling \$60,000/10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$6,000 for his release.

He has been scheduled for a Jan. 13 preliminary examination to determine if he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted as charged, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

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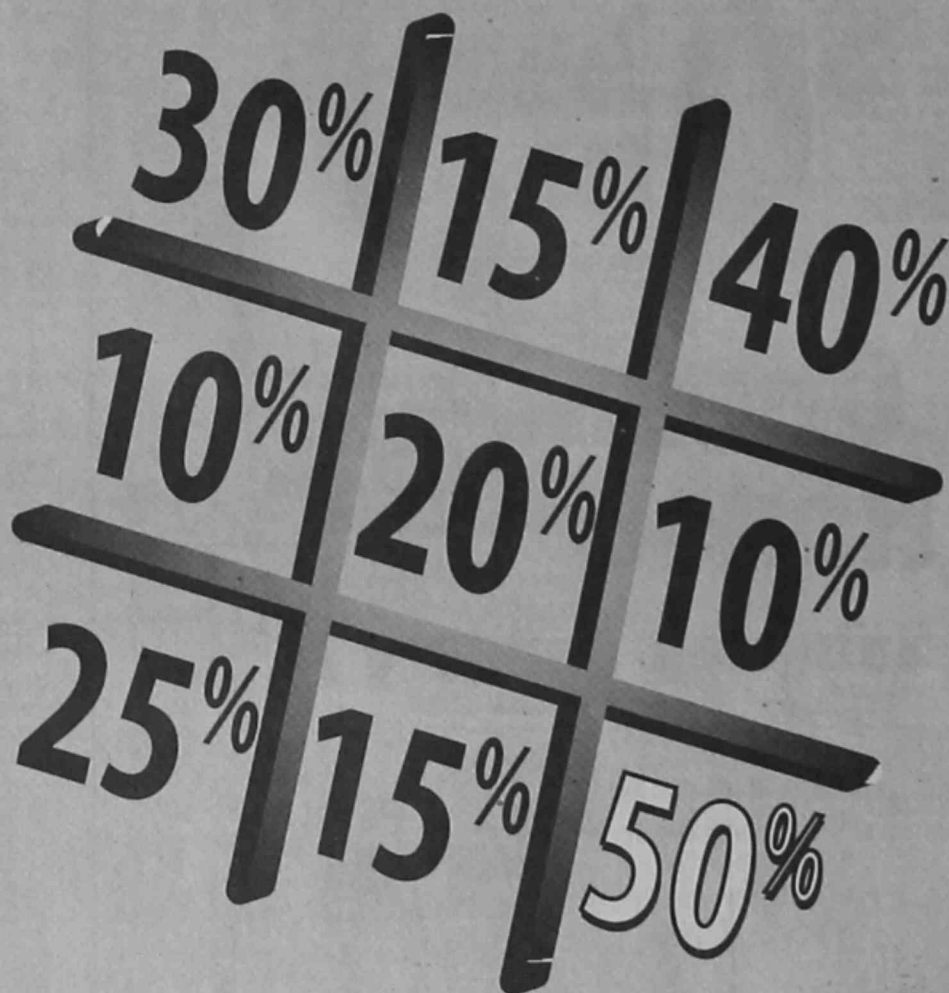
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equipment," Robin Oesterwind, the company's marketing manager, said.

Customers who refuse to throw out a pair of \$300 Cole Haan shoes with worn-out soles needn't worry, either. They can send them with The Shoe Shine Guys back to Early's subsidiary, an old-fashioned cobbler shop known as The Great American Shoe Company, in Canton's Golden Gate shopping center on Lilley south of Joy. Early bought the business in August.

There, workers such as 61-year-old master cobbler Ace Shukeireh can repair a half-sole and heel, a woman's high-heel tips or fix whatever ails a shoe.

"I like to work with my hands, and I love being a cobbler," said Shukeireh, who has repaired shoes since his early teenage years in his birthplace of Jerusalem. "When people really like their shoes and they're comfortable on their feet, they like to get them fixed and keep them as long as they can."

Given a rough economy, he said, it's cheaper for a professional to pay \$48 for a half-sole and heel repair than to spend several hundred dollars on new shoes.

As the number of cobbler shops continues to dwindle, Shukeireh said he believes the Canton shop has "the best reputation in the state of Michigan." He's a confident

cobbler, with good reason.

"Ace can pretty much fix anything that's leather," said John Early's son, John Early II, the shop's vice president. "I've seen Ace fix canes, hockey gear, snowboard boots. As long as it has leather on it, there's a strong possibility he can find a way to fix it."

Once he's done, The Shoe Shine Guys simply return the repaired shoes on their next outing.

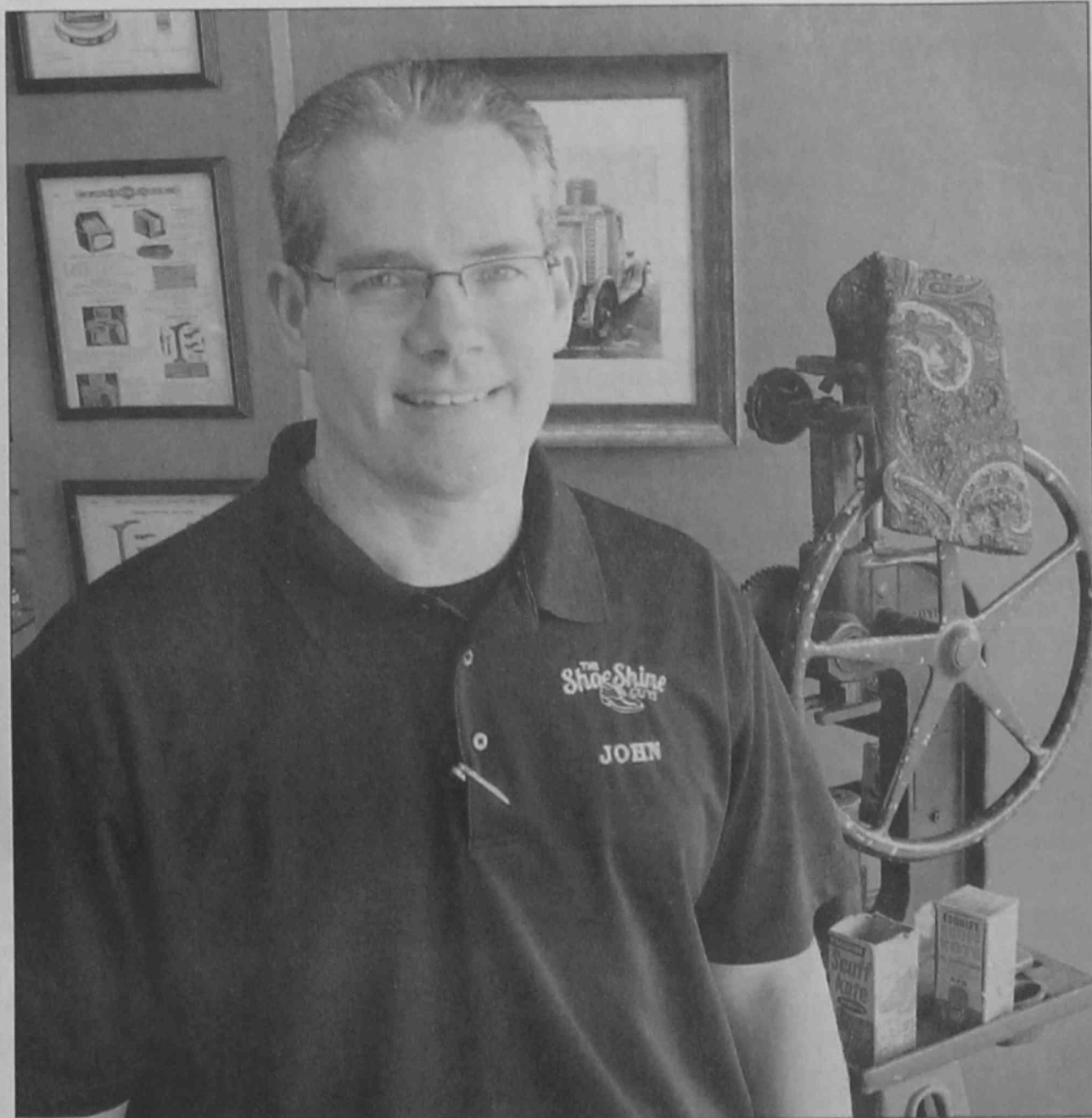
Shukeireh, a Northville resident, has repaired purses, tents, car seats, boat covers and other items. It's clear he knows his work — especially shoes. Inside the cobbler shop, he picks up a pair that looks beyond repair.

Yet, fix them he can. "The name is worn off of these, but they are Italian shoes," Shukeireh said, holding a pair of old but repairable shoes. "I can tell by the feel of the leather that they are Italian."

Early bought the cobbler shop in August, five months after starting The Shoe Shine Guys. It's clear by the nostalgic decor — shoes from the early 1900s, an old shoe stitcher and nailer — that he respects the cobbler's profession.

"It has become somewhat of a dying art," he said.

Early estimated that 80 percent of the shoes his company shines are men's, though women account for 70 percent of shoe repairs. Much of his business comes from Detroit and other cities with large office towers,



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Plymouth entrepreneur John Early is president of The Shoe Shine Guys, the mobile shoe-shine business he started in March 2011.

but locals also bring in their shoes.

His neighbors have welcomed his business. Just

ask Sharon Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studio, just two doors down. "We're really glad he

moved in," she said.

For more on the company, go to www.theshoeshineguys.com or

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Derrick Martinez applies dye to the edge of the sole.

PRIMARY

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Michele Bachmann and Herman Cain remain on the Republican ballot. Voters also may choose "uncommitted."

For more information on absentee ballots or voting issues, visit www.canton.mi-org and go to the clerk's office page — or call (734) 394-5120.

Confusion about Michigan's presidential preference primary comes after Iowa voters cast the first round of ballots in that state's caucuses.

Meanwhile, some Canton voters say they plan to cast ballots in the Feb. 28 primary, while others said they likely won't.

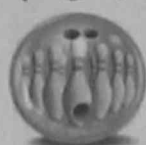
When asked at Summit on the Park if she plans to vote, Canton voter Mary

Ann Stager said "definitely yes" — though she, like husband Jim Stager, hadn't locked in on a specific candidate.

Canton resident Holly Thomas, however, said she likely will not vote in the presidential preference primary, saving her vote for the November election.

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Student station shifts formats

As WSDP gets ready to celebrate 40 years of broadcasting, the station has changed its music format.

Now known as The New 88.1, Plymouth and Canton's Hit Music, the station Dec. 31 began playing Top 40 hits from artists such as Adele, Maroon 5, Kelly Clarkson, Journey, Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, The Fray and Bon Jovi. Listeners can follow the changes at the station by listening at TheNew881.com.

"We're excited to bring The New 88.1 to listeners in Plymouth and Canton," said Kyle Linford, Program Director. "We look forward to serving the community in the months ahead."

The New 88.1 is looking for a new name for the station. Listeners can e-mail ideas to TheNew881@gmail.com. Everyone who submits an idea will be entered in a drawing to win a \$100 gas card. Contest rules and details are available at the station's website.

The station's staff is also working on an Internet-only station that will continue 88.1FM's former independent alternative format, "The Escape."

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools. The station has been serving the Plymouth-Canton Community since Feb. 14, 1972.



The high school youth group at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton delivers warm clothing and blankets to Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Ministry in January 2011. The Canton church, on the west side of Sheldon just north of Ford Road, is again collecting clothing, blankets and toiletries for Fort Street.

Canton church teens reach out to help homeless

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

As director of Open Door Ministry at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Ben Ogden works with homeless people. Most of his work is in Detroit, but he visited Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton the night of Dec. 26 as part of the high school youth group's Boxing Night.

The teens slept outside in the church parking lot, warming themselves by a fire in a trash barrel and using cardboard boxes to keep warm. The Canton church has done such a program for 17 years, and it includes collecting blankets, warm clothing and toiletries for Open Door Ministry.

"It certainly for a night represents a pretty fair representation," Ogden said of the suburban teens' experience. He visited Geneva around 9:30 to 10:45 p.m. to talk to the group.

Ogden's been director since 2008 and at Fort Street Presbyterian in some capacity since 2003. He appreciates a group of suburban students willing to volunteer — important as other volunteers get older — as well as being mindful of homelessness.

"So it's definitely important," said Ogden, an Oak Park resident who visited Geneva for the fourth year. "They're great kids."

There are many causes of homelessness, Ogden said, but that discussion is less important when someone is on the street in wet clothing while it's freezing.

"If we don't clothe them, they'll die," he said. There's a lot of poor public opinion of the homeless, Ogden said, but "none of them are significant when we're trying to keep people alive."

He said suburbanites are busy with their lives, and don't always know their immediate neighbors let alone those a couple of cities over. "I think it is to some degree a lack of knowing," he said of suburbanites. "I think more than anything it's a lack of awareness."

Among the eight high schoolers who stayed overnight in the church parking lot was Madelyn Degener, 15, of Canton, a freshman at Plymouth High School.

"It was really amazing," she said of the first-time experience. "It was really emotional, thinking about the people who have to do that every night."

She appreciated Ogden's discussion of homelessness. "It helped us understand more about it," said Degener, who will participate next year.

Substance abuse and mental illness are major factors in homelessness, according to Ogden. "It's an enormous number of people that have issues," he said.

Young people born into those families and with limited educational opportunity don't have much chance to succeed, Ogden said.

"That person isn't going to last long in that community," he noted of those released when state mental hospitals closed. Families were often ill-equipped to care for a mentally ill family member.

Ogden appreciates the help from Geneva Presbyterian, which is well-timed and ties in with the British/Canadian custom of Boxing Day, in which clothing no longer needed is boxed up for the less fortunate. Ogden said his facility clothes some 100 men and 75 women a week now, and donations drop after Christmas.

"The need of our guests grows," he said. "Our giving starts to decline."

Boxes are outside

Geneva Presbyterian Church, on the west side of Sheldon just north of Ford Road, for donations to the Open Door Ministry through Jan. 13. Needed are coats, mittens, gloves, hats, blankets, and socks in good condition, as well as toiletries.

This is the seventh year Dan Degener, Geneva youth elder and Madelyn's dad, has participated. "We all end up, kids and adults, with a really good understanding of what it would be like to have that as your everyday experience," Dan Degener said. "It's a great eye-opening experience."

"Our big goal is to remember what it would be like to be out there every night," he explained. There's quiet time as well as prayer and a Bible verse.

This year, about eight young adults who are alumni of the Geneva program stopped by with treats and visited. They didn't stay outdoors all night, Dan Degener said.

On Jan. 14, the Canton church will use a 26-foot truck to move the donated items to Fort Street. In the past, the truck's been filled.

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The student-run WSDP changed to a Top 40 format Dec. 31.

Teddy bears, hats brighten holidays for the needy

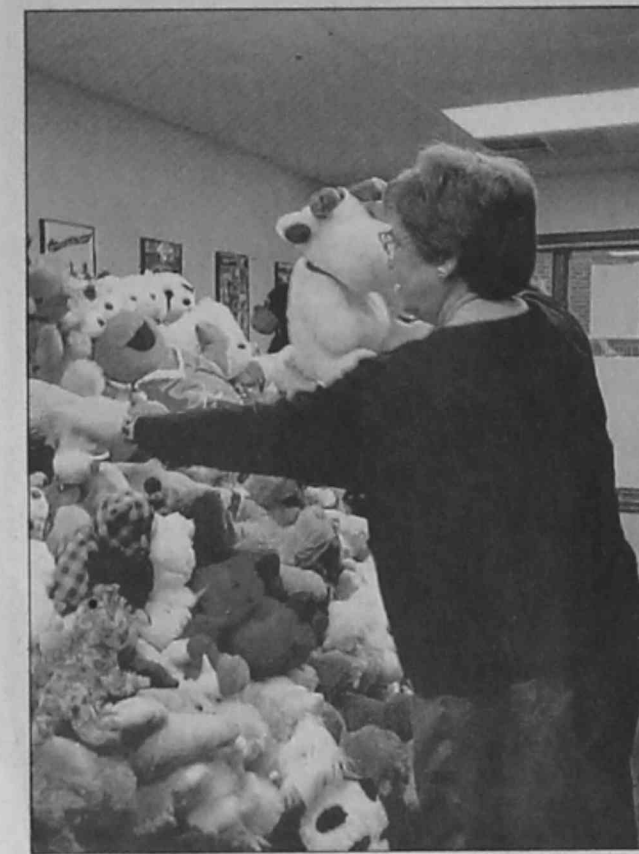
Plymouth Community United Way is warming the hearts and hands of those in need thanks to the generosity of donors.

The nonprofit organization's second annual drive to collect hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves for the homeless has yielded more than 1,200 items so far. Donations of hats, gloves and socks can still be dropped off at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth. For information, call Nick Stonerook at (734) 453-6879, ext. 3.

On Dec. 5, the 12th annual Teddy Bear Toss yielded more than 800 stuffed animals that were distributed to shelters and children's charities. Fans tossed the bears onto the ice after the first goal at the Whalers hockey game. The event is held in conjunction with Compuware Arena and the Whalers.

The Plymouth Community United Way raises funds year round for nonprofit agencies that provide basic human needs such as food and rent and utility assistance, and services such as bus transportation for seniors, housing for adults with developmental disabilities, hospice care, grief support for children and adults, programs to develop skills, confidence and character in boys and girls, and counseling and safe shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Visit www.plymouthunitedway.org or call (734) 453-6879 to learn about a variety of ways to give and volunteer.



United Way staffer Betty Nolan adds to the pile of teddy bears the organization has collected.



High schoolers and adults at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton filled a 26-foot truck for delivery to Fort Street Presbyterian Church's Open Door Ministry in January 2011. The Canton church is again collecting warm clothing in good condition, blankets and toiletries for the homeless.

Madonna film class celebrates premiere of 'Clayman'

By Kary Feick
Correspondent

More than 300 people filled Theater 2 of Detroit's Renaissance Center for Madonna University's recent student Capstone film premiere of *Clayman*.

Friends, family, sponsors, cast, crew, Madonna students and faculty poured into the theater and, when the doors closed, at least 30 more people found themselves in the standing room area in the back.

Hosted by Madonna University's fourth Capstone Film Class, the Dec. 17 premiere of the film *Clayman* brought in more than \$1,000.

"I was blown away at the response of the premiere and so proud of the class. It exceeded my expectations by far," said Jennifer Champagne, award-winning producer and Capstone Film Class instructor. "The response we received for a student film shows that film is still loved and supported in Michigan."

The premiere featured *Clayman*'s trailer, commercials for Livonia Bakery & Café, Hello Faz Pizza and Vogue Vintage, a music video for Detroit's The Infatuations and the student short film *Clayman*.

The students also spent time building social media existence on Facebook and Twitter, which they used as a tool to gain attention for the premiere.

'Great content'

"It's great that we made a buzz with social media, but we actually delivered some great content. The location was pretty cool, a bit of a jump from the standard Madonna lecture hall," said Hannah Welch, Capstone Film Class



KATHLEEN THOMPSON

Madonna University's premier of the student film *Clayman* featured an after party with a red carpet and media wall photography opportunity. Pictured above are cast, crew and professors who worked on the film. One day on set a cast member walked in wearing a mustache, and the whole crew made paper mustaches. Noah Fisher, who plays Big Bully in the film, provided each person at the party with a mustache, carrying on the tradition from production.

social media director.

Over the past year, 12 undergraduate students from Madonna University wrote, produced, shot and edited the short film *Clayman* as part of their Capstone Film Class.

The Capstone Film Class is a senior-level class in which students gain film experience through an intense movie-making process of preproduction, production, postproduction and exhibition of a film. Due to the complexity of learning something new for the first time, Champagne provided each student with a guiding mentor from the industry to help with his or her specific film assignment. A number of mentors, as well as sponsors, supported the class by attending the premiere.

"We are very fortunate to have professionals in the industry, such as Jennifer Champagne, willing to give of their time and talents to help educate our new filmmakers in the 'Hollywood methods' of making a film," said Chuck Derry, director of Madonna University's Broadcast



CHLOE BORAI

On the set of *Clayman*, sinister Chris, left, (Matt Branistareanu) and Shawn (Zachary St. Pierre) share a conversation about being bullied and the many thoughts going on inside Shawn's vast imagination. In action, cinematographer Adam Woloszyk carefully examines the scene, picking the best shot, and writer/director Walid Jaward focuses on the story of *Clayman*.

and Cinema Arts program and Capstone Film Class professor.

"We are always looking at new ways for our students to succeed in the 'business' and stay on top of the latest developments, and the Cap-

stone Film Class is one of the best of its type in the state."

After-party at Fishbones

Following the premiere, the class hosted an after-

party at Fishbones in downtown Detroit. A Capstone Film Class mentor and Michigan cinematographer, Christos Moisides, has a family connection to Fishbones and provided the class the Hermes room for the after-party.

"My family has been a mainstay in Detroit for over 40 years with great businesses. I will always support those striving for creative excellence if I have the ability to," Moisides said. "Jennifer Champagne has done such an amazing job with the students. I wanted to thank her for her dedication as much as I wanted to reward the students."

When the after-party kicked off, approximately 200 people from the premiere filled the room, causing the Fishbones staff to set up more tables.

The party featured a red carpet, media wall, photography opportunities, a live performance by the award-winning The Infatuations and an awards ceremony for cast, crew, students and their supporters.

"The after-party was a good time for us to thank many people and to hang out and have a good time," said Cory Davis, Capstone Film Class producer.

"We will be submitting *Clayman* to many film festivals," said Davis, who plans to use the money made at the premiere to cover film festival costs.

"I really think the movie will do well. *Clayman* will always be something special to us all. When I think about it right now, I have so many great memories and I'm kind of sad our class is over. Many

of us have become close friends, and working with everyone was an honor," he added.

'Dreams do come true'

The story of *Clayman* puts a spin on the classic debate of good vs. evil, but through the eyes of Shawn, an elementary school child. Shawn wrestles with his own imaginative demon as a result of observations of his world as well as the mystery of his absent father.

"My goal with *Clayman* was to tell the best story possible from day one, and I feel that the story was conveyed as best as possible to the audience," said Walid Jaward, Capstone Film Class writer/director. "My vision was showcased just as I imagined it." Jaward's script was chosen for production by the Capstone Film Class and he was also selected as the director of the film.

"I was genuinely happy the moment *Clayman* started to play on the Silver Screen. It was beyond surreal and the one thing that crossed my mind was, 'Dreams do come true.' I was honored, humbled, lucky and grateful to have shared that experience with my family and friends."

For more information on the 2011 Capstone Film Class journey, visit Facebook.com/Capstone-FilmMU or Twitter.com/CapstoneFilmMU

For more information about Madonna University, visit www.Madonna.edu

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For more information about Health Dimensions, contact them directly at (800) 836.2303 or online at www.hdrx.com.

Importance of teams in successful organizations

This is the conclusion of a three-part series on teams. Part I was featured Dec. 22. Part II was published Dec. 29.

By **Martina Bogdanoska**
Guest Columnist

No team can be without a leader. The basic role of a team leader is to direct the group to achieve a common goal. Its structure can be understood as the sum of the following activities:

1. Setting team goals
 2. Certification of personal expectations within the team
 3. Using the skills and qualities in the most efficient way possible
 4. Giving a personal example by their own behavior
 5. Talking about problems as they occur
 6. Regularly monitoring the work of the individual and the group and giving feedback
 7. Providing healthy relationships between the team and other teams in the organization.
8. Ensuring the successful execution of the task.

There are several ways in which the leader can move the team. They are not difficult and can be easily achieved. To inject enthusiasm into the work of the team, you first need to solve those problems that can be quickly solved. The leader should not impose targets that are easily met. Identify the problems and talk about them with the team.

- To generate a sense of urgency, team members



Martina Bogdanoska

need to believe that they have before them an immediate task for which they are respon-

sible. But it should be sufficiently flexible to allow changes that will shape their goals and approaches.

- Identify clear rules of behavior. Each team develops rules of behavior that help the team achieve its set goals. Some of them could be the following: no interruption of telephone calls, the existence of constructive confrontation, mutual respect in communication.

- Continuously inform the team leader. New information causes the team to redefine its understanding of goals and to help clarify goals.

- Enable joint development. The team should spend a lot of time together, especially at the beginning of its formation. Creative perspectives of team members as well as personal connection require mutual interaction.

The team leader should possess certain skills and values:

- To coordinate members — not to give commands
- To assist in determining, analyzing and solving problems
- To encourage cooperation
- To motivate team

members

- To respect
- To believe
- To put the team first

The team needs to have four types of people to support a successful team: people who contribute, people who cooperate, people who are good at what they do and people who believe in the cause.

Perhaps the most important element for effective teams is the climate or atmosphere in which they operate and that they themselves have created. Successful teams do not create artificial tension. There is a commitment to the task and purpose and no signs of boredom, disinterest or dissatisfaction. The atmosphere of the team is relaxed. There is a healthy competition among members and they have high expectations. This leads to openness and honesty in discussion and the adoption of decisions even if they are not correlated with other attitudes and opinions.

Teamwork is a feature with an established and affirmed system of communication. Teams should be created if they are not already established.

Martina Bogdanoska is pursuing her doctoral degree in the field of human resource management within health care. She is an inspirational academic interested in transforming health care through innovative thinking. She holds a doctoral degree in dentistry and a master's degree in health management.

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Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its first luncheon of the year Jan. 7 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. Networking begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The luncheon is open to the public.

Following lunch, 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou will swear in the 2012 Board of Directors, which includes Kim Scartelli, chair; Marty Heater, past chair; Tammy Brown, chair-elect; Bill Springer, treasurer; Joe Barone, Zlatina Dimova, Shane Fritz, Heather Laginess-Moll, Lori Morrison, Wie Pan, Kevin Riley, Denise Steffeld, Linda Stansell, Jeff VanHook and Judy Wetmore.

Chamber members will have the opportunity to meet the new Board of Directors and Committee chairs and find out how their businesses can become more involved in the Canton Chamber. Businesses will have the opportunity to sign up for committees, sponsorships, advertising, and much more.

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Park bird count returns Jan. 7

By Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Bird lovers can help see what's hanging out around Kensington this winter during the metropark's annual bird count next weekend.

Kensington staff organize three counts a year: spring, fall and winter.

"We want to see what kind of species are here," said Mike Broughton, interpreter at the Nature Center. "Over time things change at the park, the environment changes."

The spring and fall counts feature migratory birds. The winter count focuses on those feathered creatures that enjoy the cold weather.

What's most common? "Chickadees, of course," said Broughton. "Any birds you see at your feeder are common."

There are some birds that migrate south to areas like Kensington, including the junco. Conditions are good to see the snowy owl this season, as well, though Kensington staff have yet to see any. "That would be an exciting one if we found it," Broughton admitted.

The 36th annual New Year's Bird Count will be Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Kensington Nature Center on the west side of the metropark. Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m.,



FILE PHOTO

Kensington Metropark is looking for volunteers for its annual New Year's bird count, scheduled for Jan. 7.

then head out throughout the park in groups to see how many different bird species can be identified. The total number of birds seen can be estimated. Those results will be compared to previous

counts, said Broughton.

Bird counts have been fairly consistent, according to Broughton, and occasionally volunteers will find a different, interesting species, typically during the spring and fall counts when birds are migrating.

Following the bird count, lunch will be served at the center. The program is free and beginners are welcome. The program is geared for adults and children in middle school or older.

"We'll be outside the whole time," said Broughton. "It's not meant for younger children."

Volunteers are asked to dress for the weather, including waterproof footwear, as well as bring binoculars. Register for the program by calling (248) 685-0603.

Last year's bird count tallied 47 species, including the wood duck, bald eagle, pileated woodpeckers, golden-crowned kinglets and a yellow-bellied sapsucker. That total is average. In 2010, the bird counts noted 183 species.

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Former O&E executive, artist and musician remembered

Margaret Halava, whose remarkable careers ran the gamut from public service to business to music to painting, passed away at age 93 on Dec. 12, 2011. She was a former Farmington resident, past president of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and a longtime corporate leader at the former parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"Margaret's range of capability was prodigious," said Philip Power, for whose newspaper publishing company she worked for 20 years.

"She brought enormous energy, terrific focus and ferocious loyalty to everything she did," said Power, founder and president of the Center for Michigan, a think tank based in Ann Arbor.

Power was, for nearly 40 years, owner of HomeTown Communications Network, Inc., a group of 62 community newspapers in Michigan and Ohio which included the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Halava's career at HomeTown Communications ended with her retirement in 1987 as vice president for human resources.

Previously, she served as secretary to two Michigan governors — G. Mennen Williams and John B. Swainson — and as district manager for Congressman Billie S. Farnum. She also held positions at the Mackinac Bridge Authority while the bridge was being built.

She followed her passion for music by enrolling in the School of Music at Michigan College, later Michigan State University. Insisting she needed a better way to support herself,



Halava

her father insisted she enroll at Acme Business School, but she remained a passionate violinist all her life. She played violin at high levels, becoming Concert Master of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

Her interest in and growing skill at watercolor painting enriched her 17 years on Maui, Hawaii, where she moved after her retirement from business. While in Hawaii, she also taught both watercolor and violin to children.

She moved back to Michigan in 2010, where she lived in the Independent Living Area of Burdham Hills Retirement Center in Okemos. Her family held an enormous party there to celebrate her 93rd birthday, shortly before she passed away.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Ricks and Neil Halava and her daughter, Gail Halava, together with eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

"Shortly before Margaret was born, somebody up there broke the mold," Power said. "I've never known anybody with as remarkable a range of talents as Margaret Halava. Her life enriched profoundly her family, her friends and her business associates."

Memorials honoring her life can be made to The Lansing Symphony Orchestra, 501 S. Capital Avenue, Suite 400, Lansing, MI 48933.

Volunteers needed for Rouge stonefly search

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who want to help look for stoneflies in the Rouge River on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The search begins at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. No searching is done in Dearborn; volunteers carpool out in 10-12 teams to Rouge streams located around metropolitan Detroit.

Volunteers must pre-register by Jan. 20 on the FOTR website at www.therouge.org or by calling (313) 792-9621.

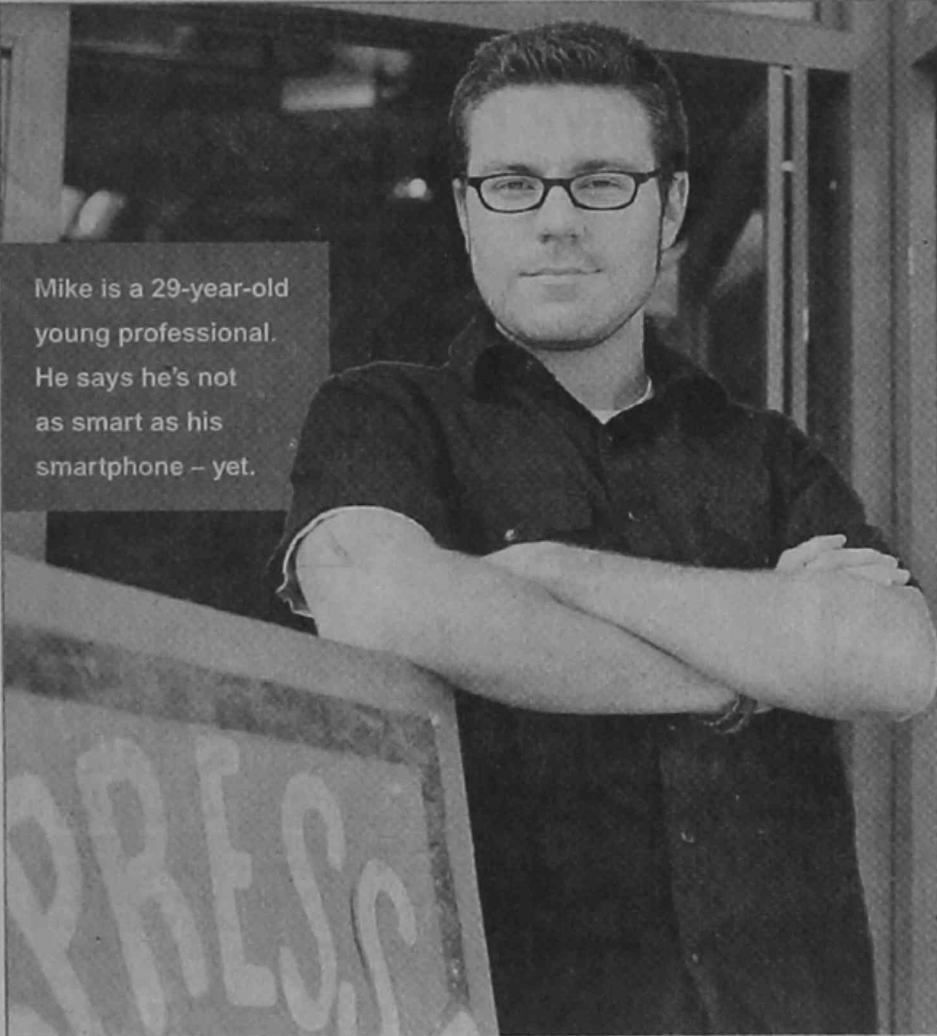
Winter stoneflies hatch from streams in winter and are sensitive to pollution, making them good indicators of water quality. Friends of the Rouge volunteers have been looking for stoneflies every winter since 2002. Last year, 95 volunteers participated, but very few stoneflies were found. The lack of stoneflies was attributed to extreme cold during and around the date of the hunt. The search date was moved to a week later in hopes of finding more of the sensitive creatures.

Volunteers must dress for the weather and be prepared to be out in the cold for several hours. Only trained team leaders go in the water; volunteers search through samples on the bank. Children five years and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of up to six people can be accommodated.

The Annual Winter Stonefly Search is part of a long-term monitoring

program coordinated by Friends of the Rouge. It is supported by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation and conducted in partnership with Wayne County Department of Public Services and the Alliance of Rouge Communities. A report on the results from the Fall Bug Hunt held Oct. 15 was just completed.

The Rouge River covers 466 square miles in three counties and 42 communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. For more information, go online to www.therouge.org.



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OUR VIEWS

A new year

Let 2012 be better for all

To know where we are going, we need to know where we have been. In looking back to Jan. 1, 2011, who would have thought we'd face yet another year of financial crisis, that a newly elected governor would link words like transparency, dashboard and best practices to money and that reinventing the state and creating a business-friendly tax structure would leave cities and school districts facing their biggest challenge yet?

Last year was the pivotal point in a decade of decline in Michigan, a point when we were all put on notice that what was will no longer be. President John F. Kennedy's message more than 50 years ago is just as relevant today as it was then. We can no longer ask what our government can do for us, but what we can do for it.

New Year's Day is when many people decide on a resolution, a goal they hope to accomplish in the coming year. The success rate is dismal at best. Of the 45 percent of Americans who usually make New Year's resolutions, only 8 percent are successful.

According to Stephen Shapiro, one of the foremost authorities on innovation culture, collaboration and open innovation, the less happy we are, the more likely we are to set New Year's resolutions. That's is especially true for those who set money-related resolutions: 41 percent are not happy, 34 percent are moderately happy, and 25 percent are happy.

And since there is no correlation between happiness and resolution setting/success, Shapiro recommends that instead of looking forward to what you want, we should spend our time reflecting on what we have, which is especially important during these troubling economic times.

Shapiro has a point. We should reflect on what we have. In Michigan in 2011, a lot was asked of all of us. We made sacrifices to help move the state forward and did whatever we could to help those who didn't have any more to give.

And as dismal as it is here in Michigan, we still have a lot. It may not seem like it, but we do. We still have police officers patrolling our streets and firefighters to respond to every emergency. There may not be as many as in the past, but they are still there to keep us safe.

We still have good schools and good teachers to educate our children. There may be less money, a curriculum may be more rigorous and a few more children in a classroom in the past, but they are learning and being prepared for life in the 21st century.

Our wealth can be measured in more than dollars. We are a caring, generous group of people and that caring spirit of residents is apparent in all we do for those who are less fortunate. We need only look to this past Christmas to see how much was done by volunteers to make it merry for youngsters and adults alike.

As we start the New Year, we do have a hope that it will get better for all of us, even if it is only a small improvement. We hope that this is the year that instead of hearing about job losses, we see the unemployed getting jobs. We also hope for an end to home foreclosures and that the shine will come back to the tarnished dream of home ownership.

And what we hope for most in this coming year is a return to sensibility and civility in government. We can't hope to make progress toward a better life with acrimony and self-serving posturing. Government shouldn't be about which party is in control and how they want to subjugate the minority, but about we the people.

And we the people also must do our share. If we do, 2012 may be a better year.

We can only hope.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

We asked this question at Summit on the Park.



"Get healthier, finish school (at Eastern Michigan University) and stay happy."
Scott Steffes
Plymouth



"I just want to be doing my devotions more."
Kaylee Rahill
Canton



"Just to lose some weight."
James Werman
Canton



"Save money."
Mike Abramowicz
Canton

LETTERS



Pat Savage



The Savage family thanks the entire community for the support they received while Pat Savage battled cancer.

Grateful for support

The family of Pat Savage is saddened to announce that Pat Savage, who had been diagnosed with esophageal cancer last fall, died Nov. 30.

The Savage family can't thank all of you enough for supporting our fundraising efforts for our beloved brother Pat Savage. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation and gratitude and we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

With your help so far, we've been able to cover all the monthly expenses to keep Pat's family in their home and pay for a lovely funeral.

We would especially like to thank the following: Palermo's, Benitos Pizza, Leo's Coney Island, TSS-Photography, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association and

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Thank you all for your support in this difficult time.

the Savage family
Canton

Appalled by book ban

I was appalled to hear of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools interim Superintendent Jeremy Hughes' decision to ban the book "Waterland" from PCEP's AP English class.

I am a PCEP alumna who went on to be successful in my higher education and was recently sworn in as an attorney. I credit much of this success not to my own hard work, but to the hard work of teachers, at PCEP and beyond, who challenged me academically and pushed the boundaries of my intellectual curiosity. The books we read not only

prepared me for the rigorous environment of college and law school, but some of them also changed the path of my life.

Although Hughes knew of district policy that would prevent him from unilaterally banning the book, he chose to ignore the rules because the book's content shocked him. He assumed that many parents felt the same way. It is unclear how he came to this assumption, but it certainly wasn't through the logical way: by actually following the rules.

Hughes' unfounded presumption was prompted because one parent complained. If Hughes cannot get past his own shortcomings to stand up for the rules, or if pressure from a single parent causes him to buckle, perhaps he would be better suited for another career path.

After all, how can we expect students to respect the rules and learn how to stand up for what is right if the person in charge of their education can't even do so? How can we expect teachers to successfully educate and mold students into decent people and citizens if the superintendent doesn't even trust them to properly do their jobs?

I hope that "Waterland" will be restored to the curriculum, and that district policy will no longer be flouted in favor of a personal whim. I used to be proud to count myself among the alumni of PCEP. Now, I'm just embarrassed.

Kirsten Schmitt
Canton

GUEST COLUMN

Focus remains jobs moving into 2012

By Kurt Heise
Guest Columnist

My first year serving you in Lansing has been a busy one, filled with historic reforms and new ideas. With your help, I look forward to continuing this important work in the new year.

Job creation continues to be my top priority. I will continue



Kurt Heise

to support spending, tax, and regulatory reforms that make Michigan competitive for job creation, and that foster an environment for growth. I introduced the very first bill of 2011 to eliminate the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) surcharge. That surcharge, and the job-killing MBT itself, were eliminated in a reform package that also erased a \$1.5 billion deficit, and cut taxes over \$700 million over the next three years.

As vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee, I also led the effort to eliminate unnecessary judgeships across the state, making government smaller and more efficient. I'm sponsoring

additional money-saving judicial reforms in 2012.

Responsible spending and reforms by the governor and Legislature helped us balance the budget and even achieve a surplus last year. The state now has money to pay down long-term debts; I'm also advocating that we reinvest some of this surplus into public education for our kids.

Unemployment has been dropping from its all-time highs, and many of our job creation reforms are just now taking effect. This past summer, *Newsweek* named Michigan the No. 1 state for job growth. This past fall, Bloomberg said we were No. 2 in their economic evaluation of the states. And, perhaps most importantly, Fitch Ratings upgraded our state's bond rating outlook to "positive," saving the state millions of dollars on our financing projects.

As the federal government, Detroit, and Wayne County have seen their credit ratings go down, Michigan's is going up, as Lansing makes the tough decisions to live within our means. This is what you hired us to do.

My door is always open. I've personally held over 100 coffees, library hours, one-on-one meetings, and advisory board meetings in 2011, and visited over 4,000 homes with my 'what's on your

mind' flier. My citizen advisory boards cover education, senior issues, small business, and local government, and are open to the public — nobody is turned away, nobody is hand-picked, dissent is welcomed, and discussions are always lively!

I'm also working with Northville and Plymouth leaders to develop jobs along the Five Mile corridor, putting the Robert Scott Prison up for sale, pushing for Detroit Water & Sewer reforms, supporting Canton's I-275 improvements, supporting common-sense environmental laws, and voting to make education funding a priority — even where I've had to disagree with my own party.

In 2012, I believe Michigan will continue its way back to the top. While our economy is recovering and growing stronger, there is no such thing as "good enough" for me. I will continue to work hard every day to bring new opportunities and jobs to our communities.

Kurt Heise is the state representative for the 20th House District, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and part of Canton. He can be reached through his website at www.repkurtheise.com, by phone at (855) REP-KURT, or via e-mail at kurtheise@house.mi.gov.

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Sweet Dreamzzz celebrates decade of helping kids get good rest

By Susan Steinmueller
Observer Staff Writer

When it comes to getting a good night's sleep, the gift of a sleeping bag can mean a lot to a child in a low income family.

Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. based in Farmington Hills, has seen many grateful recipients of the sleeping bags and blankets that the non-profit group provides.

"A little girl told our program director that she couldn't wait to go home because her sleeping bag was perfect for her closet, and that's where she slept," she said of one recent recipient at a Westland school.

Another child, a homeless boy at an Ypsilanti program, told them, "Thank you so much, I now have a bed."

Celebrating 10 years

Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. is celebrating 10 years of providing sleeping supplies and sleep education.

It began when Kathleen Donnelly, of Farmington Hills, read an article about a boy in Detroit who slept under his coat in a burned out house with no heat.

Donnelly and a group of friends helped the boy and his mother, then went on to provide sleep kits to a low-income Detroit school, with the help of hundreds of volunteers and donors.

As the need became apparent, Donnelly and co-founders Maria Borri and Maxwell incorporated Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc.



A Head Start parent receives a sleep kit at a new program launched at the OLHSA agency in Oakland County.

in 2001. Its mission is to ensure that every child has a warm, comfortable night's sleep and is educated regarding the importance of sleep.

"I think sleep is probably the most overlooked component to a child's health and well-being," said Maxwell, of Farmington Hills.

Getting enough sleep also means better academic performance, she said.

The program has served some 33,000 children in southeastern Michigan so far, she said.

Various programs

Sweet Dreamzzz has programs for at-risk early childhood and elementary school children. Additionally, it has enrichment programs for all students, and holds

parent and employee workshops.

Schools with at-risk children are pre-qualified for the program and there is a waiting list.

"It's the teachers who are saying we need the program," said Maxwell. "They see that the kids are coming in tired or unkempt."

Children learn about a good night's sleep through the Sweet Dreamzzz Rest. Educate. Motivate. (R.E.M.) Sleep Education Program. It was designed with the assistance of Wayne State University Professor Monica Tracey and the National Institute of Health and Human Services.

The Sweet Dreamzzz kits include a sleeping bag for 4- and 5-year-olds, a blanket for 3-year-olds,

a stuffed animal, a reading book, sleep activity book, crayons, toothbrush and toothpaste and a chart for parents to track good sleeping habits.

Caregivers, too

In the past year, the elementary program launched a curriculum that included a missing piece — parents.

The two-week curriculum for Oakland County children was for a non-profit agency, OLHSA, and its federally funded Head Start preschool and Connections programs.

Surveys showed a very positive response, she said.

Parents not only established good bedtime routines as they read *Goodnight Moon* to their kids, but learned such things

SLEEP TIGHT

Sweet Dreamzzz recommends the following hours of sleep:

- ages 3-5: 11 to 13 hours
- ages 5-12: 9-11 hours
- ages 12-18: 8½ to 9 hours
- adults: 7-9 hours

Sweet Dreamzzz gives the following examples of good sleeping habits:

- Engage in relaxing behavior one hour before bed time, such as bathing and reading in low light.
- Stop screen-time one hour before bed, including television, video games and computers.
- Develop a routine for bed time.

as the appropriate number of hours of sleep their children needed.

"Their children were coming to school sleep deprived," said Maxwell, because parents believed they needed less sleep than they did. After their children received enough sleep, "the parents were saying, my child is better behaved."

"We tell them sleep is totally free — you can give your child this gift and it costs you nothing other than to establish a sleep routine and provide a warm, comfortable, quiet place to sleep."

Lots of help

The program costs \$15,000-\$17,000 per school, said Maxwell.

Donors and volunteers contribute to their mission.

The pilot OLHSA program was funded by a \$40,000 grant from the Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund through the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

School and communi-

ty groups from Bloomfield to Garden City and Plymouth have collected and donated sleep kit supplies, she said.

Volunteer "sleep teachers" deliver the sleep education program.

The annual R.E.M.ember Celebration recognizes those who help the program.

In 2011, the Susan M. Fezzey Volunteer Award of Excellence was established in honor of Fezzey, a dedicated Farmington volunteer. The first recipient was Candace Collins, a Farmington Public Schools teacher, who received it at the October celebration.

Maxwell looks forward to continuing to help children get a good night's sleep.

"The waiting list has grown," she said. "Having the waiting list itself is motivation."

To find out more about Sweet Dreamzzz, visit sweetdreamzzz.org. The address is 23660 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Phone: (248) 478-3242

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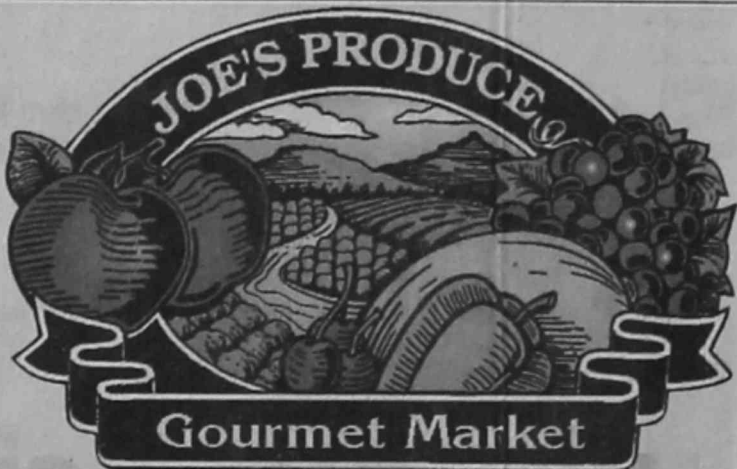
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Raiders' rally nets win over city rivals

North Farmington beats Farmington in boys basketball

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

Though his team trailed by 18 points in the second half, North Farmington coach Todd Negoshian wasn't about to give up on his basketball team Tuesday.

His faith in the Raiders (4-4) was rewarded as they rallied from a 42-24 deficit early in the third quarter to defeat city rival Farmington in a boys game, 71-65.

"I just thought, if we could battle for 32 minutes and play a complete game, win or lose, the tide would turn and things would start going our way," Negoshian said. "We looked better defensively and, with a little more intensity, the tide turned for us."

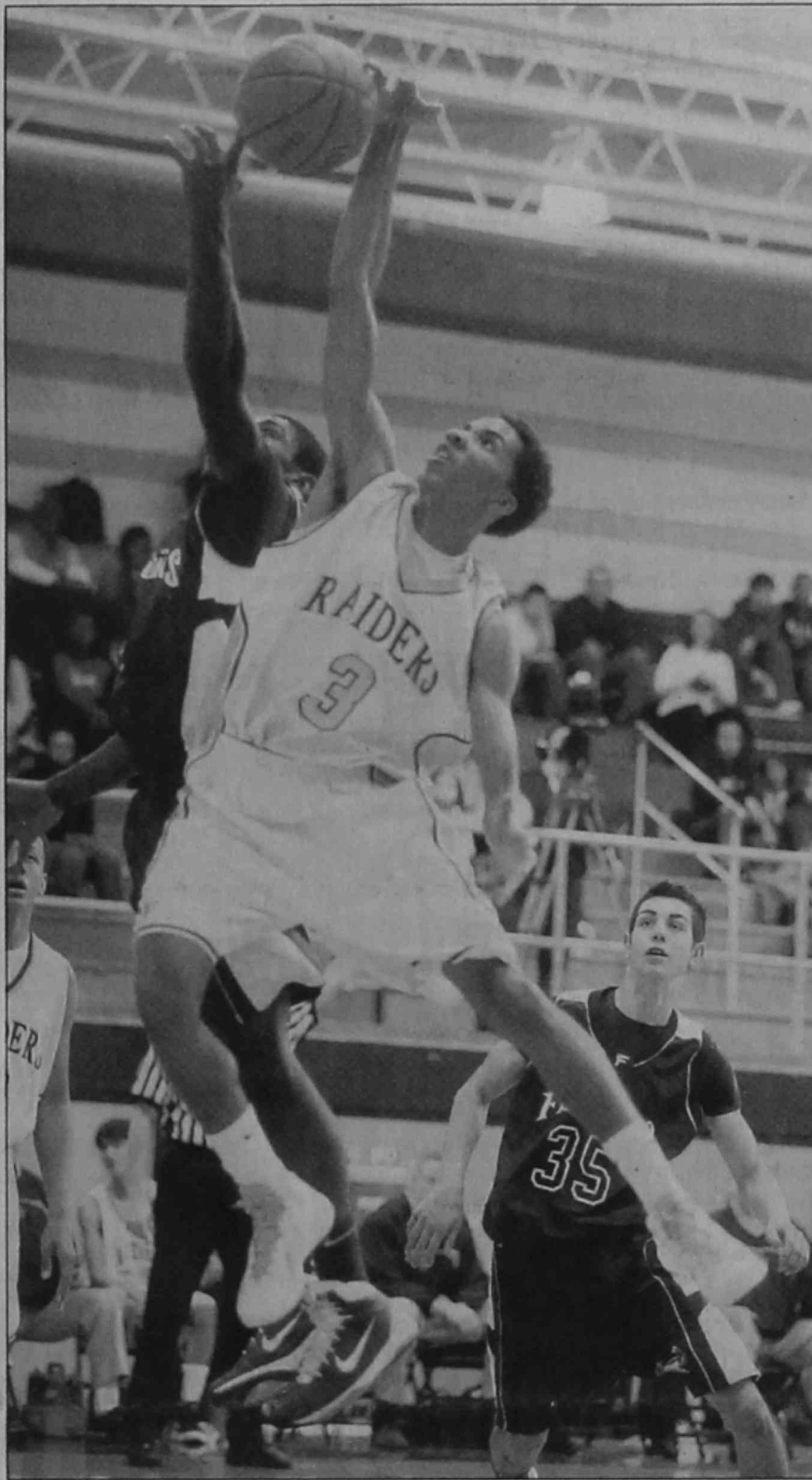
"The biggest thing is our guys really stepped up to the challenge at halftime. We needed to play hard. We played two so-so games over break and didn't play well. We needed to make sure we played well over the final 16 minutes."

Farmington (2-3) got control of the game in the first half and led at halftime, 34-22. A run of eight unanswered points that included a pair of three-point plays by Ken Hammond and Chris Hare expanded the lead to 42-24.

The Raiders climbed back to within one, 46-45, and were down three at the end of three, 50-47. Caleb Hogans and Do'rrell Foster combined for 16 points in that period.

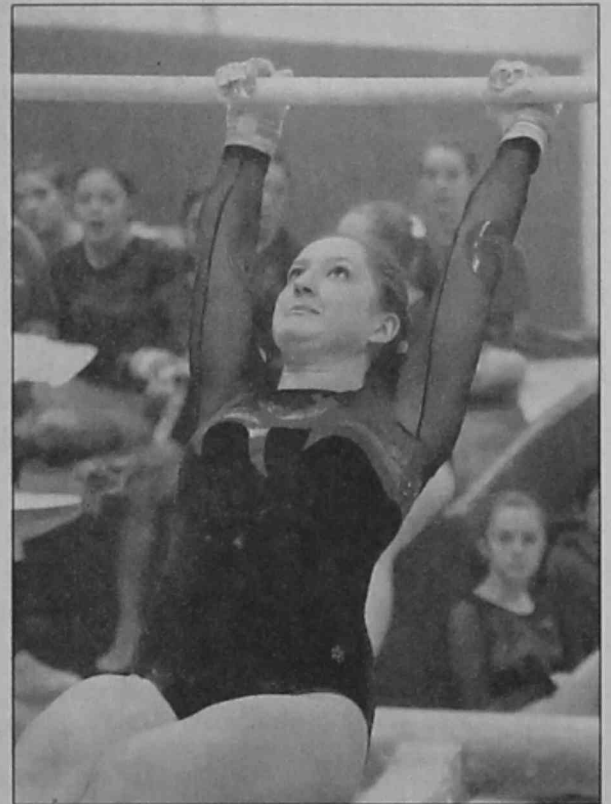
"I think we lost our aggressiveness," Farmington coach Terrance Porter said. "They made their run and we didn't make a run back. They became

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North Farmington junior Sterling Sharp and a Farmington player go after a rebound. Jeron Rogers (0) and Nick Gojcay (35) follow the action.

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Canton's Pia Simon is the picture of concentration as she works the uneven parallel bars during Tuesday's dual meet against Northville.

Canton gymnasts spring to victory

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Thanks partly to the return of Ayana Lewis from injury, the Canton girls gymnastics team opened its KLAA schedule with Tuesday's 144.45-129.05 win over Northville.

The Chiefs (3-0 overall) won three of four events in the A-team competition during the dual meet at Plymouth High School.

Lewis — the Division 1 state champion on vault last season — scored a 9.15 on vault (third place) in her first competition of the season.

She really was at her best on floor exercise, sharing first place in that event with teammate Melissa Green.

"You can see the height on her floor," said Canton coach John Cunningham, about how the diminutive Lewis jumped high off the mat during floor exercise. "She's got elastic legs. It's fantastic, really."

Other Canton A-team firsts were scored by Erica Lucas on vault (9.625) and Nicole Lasecki on balance beam (8.925).

"I think 144.45 is a tremendous score, this early in the season," Cunningham said. "I'm really pleased with that. But we've got a lot of room for improvement."

Cunningham's 2010-11 team finished second in D1 with a 146.5. Sharper routines as the year progresses could

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Rocket wrestlers romp to Elks tourney victory

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn's wrestling team ended 2011 with a bang, launching a victorious assault on 20 other teams Friday in the Plymouth Elks Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Salem.

The Rockets scorched the brackets to the tune of 161.5 points to wrestle the title away from runner-up Livonia Franklin, which pinned down 151 points.

Saline placed third with 115 points, followed by Howell and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, both tied for fourth with 111.5.

The host Rocks' 65

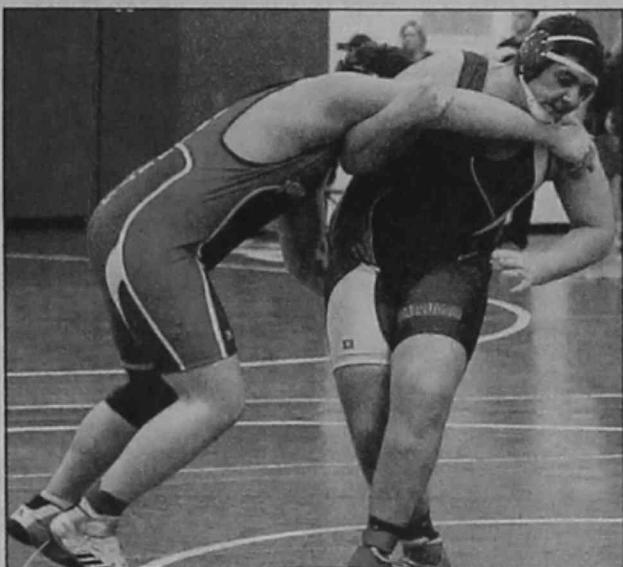
points were good enough for 15th, two slots better than Wayne Memorial (56).

Other Observerland-area teams competing included Redford Union (18th place), Livonia Churchill (20th) and Garden City (21st).

Leading the Rockets' championship charge were weight-class champions Kyle Gillies (112 pounds) and Kevin Wacker (145).

John Glenn received second-place points from Jordan Brandon, who was upended 5-3 by Wayne's Dimitrus Renfroe in the 215-pound final.

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ED WRIGHT

Livonia Franklin's Omar Haymour (facing camera) defeated Westland John Glenn's Dylan Morantes in this second-round 285-pound match at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.

Chiefs ramp it up, edge Hornets

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's boys basketball team at times resembled an acrobatic troupe during Tuesday's 42-36 win over visiting Saline in the first game following the holiday hiatus.

There were flying blocks, diving stops and plenty of spin moves through the paint as the Chiefs (5-1) turned up the intensity in the second half to win the nonconference tilt. It was Canton's first game following the holiday hiatus.

After Saline closed out the second quarter on an 11-0 run to go up 22-18 at the intermission, Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy stressed the importance of playing harder and defending stronger against the previously undefeated Hornets.

"We came in at halftime and our coach was pretty fired up," said Canton senior forward Paul Baumgart, who led the way with 15 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks. "He got us ready to play when we came out for the rest of the game."

Canton evened the score at 31-31 after three frames before taking over midway through the fourth.

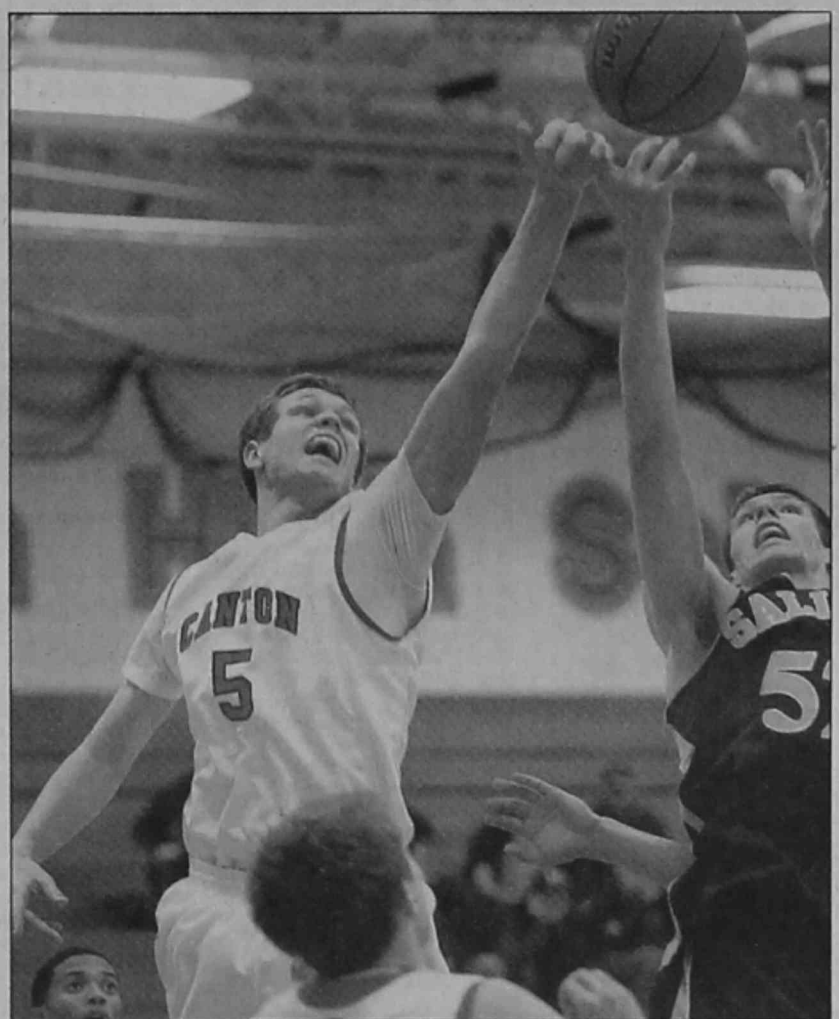
Junior point guard Josh Mayberry (nine points, six assists, five rebounds) hit a jumper to make it 35-35 and then delivered feeds to Baumgart down low for two more buckets. Canton never relinquished the lead after that.

"Coach tells us to have urgency," Mayberry said. "So I just thought about fighting hard."

Energized

He and his teammates immediately took heed following the locker room pep talk.

Mayberry connected on a bank shot and a rainbow trey from well behind the three-point arc during the first 2:10 of the third to put



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Vying for a rebound Tuesday night are Canton's Paul Baumgart (5) and Saline's Michael Smutny (52).

Canton back in front (26-24).

Also coming up clutch in the stanza was senior guard Kyle Adams, who drained two triples (one from each corner) to account for all six of his points.

"Defensively he (Mayberry) was pretty good," said Reddy, agreeing that it was one of the player's best games so far. "He was really good offensively in the second half. He made a three and maybe two pull

ups in the lane."

Saline head coach Matt Seidl, whose team fell to 6-1, said Mayberry "was quick and we didn't do a good job of containing him."

"Another key was they must have blocked six or seven shots around the rim," he said. "That's unique in high school."

Chipping in with six points each

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Garden City's Britton Borlace (top) gets the upper hand against Clinton's Mike Sexton during a 119-pound match at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.

WRESTLING

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"I was pleased when I heard the final results because I really didn't think we won the tournament," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I wasn't very pleased with how our guys performed on the day but collectively as a team, they got the job done. This season has had its ups and downs so far but we look forward to turning the page in 2012. Hopefully, this tournament started us off the right way and we will continue to take steps toward districts, regionals and the state tournaments."

The Patriots were bolstered by first-place performances from Gabe Martinez (125), Jordan Atienza (140) and Allen Steele (171).

"I was pleased overall with the way we performed," said Franklin coach Dave Chiola. "There were 21 teams, and a lot of the competition were teams we don't see that often."

"Jordan Atienza is wrestling really well right now. Each match he looks a little better. He has such a wide arsenal of moves it's hard for me to know what he's going to hit, much less his opponent. He's matured a lot since last year which I think is going to pay off at the end of the year."

"Gabe and Danny Martinez are also wrestling very tough. They drill and wrestle each other a lot in practice, and are constantly making each other better. Danny took his first loss, but overall I was happy with how they are both wrestling. Allen Steele got back on track after a rough Wayne County tournament and looks like he's heading in the right direction."

Salem's best efforts came from 160-pounder Tyler Gross and 189-pounder Jake McCabe, both of whom placed second in their respective weight class.

"Jake McCabe lost a tough match in the finals to Skochelak from Henry Ford," Salem coach Pete Israel said. "He was a takedown away from tying things up and battled to the finish. With matches like that one, along with a few tweaks, Jake will be very competitive at 189."

"Tyler Gross had a good outing, too. He was pretty dominant until the finals, but I think this is a good mid-season learning moment and he will continue to improve."

RU's Collin Rankin continued his strong junior

season, placing fourth at 171.

The bulk of Churchill's 34 points were the result of a pair of fourth-place showings.

Garden City's highest finish was eighth.

2011 Plymouth Elks Wrestling Tournament
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. John Glenn, 161.5; 2. Livonia Franklin, 151; 3. Saline, 115; 4. (tie) Howell and Crestwood, 111.5; 6. Woodhaven, 101.5; 7. Dexter, 91; 8. Richmond, 87.5; 9. Monroe Jefferson, 80; 10. Lincoln, 73.5; 11. Yale, 70; 12. Henry Ford, 69; 13. Lincoln Park, 67; 14. A.A. Pioneer, 66; 15. Salem, 65; 16. Melvindale, 63.5; 17. Wayne, 56; 18. Redford Union, 44.5; 19. Clinton, 43; 20. Livonia Churchill, 34.5; 21. Garden City, 33.

103 pounds: 1st place: Kendall Freeman (L) decisoned Mohammed Yousef (M), 4-2; 3rd: Billy Cobb-Gulley (AAP) pinned Tim anner (MJ) in 2:54; 5th: Zeke Breuninger (D) dec. Xavier Nuckles (R), 8-1.

112: 1st: Kyle Gillies (JG) dec. Taylor Tickner (SLN), 5-4; 3rd: Ramzy Yousef (M) dec. Josh Perez (L), 2-0; 5th: Dylan McLeod (LP) dec. Danny Brandt (HF), 9-2.

119: 1st: Ben Calandrino (H) major dec. Dan Martinez (LF), 15-7; 3rd: Ali Ayache (DHC) dec. Jordan Markey (L), 6-3; 5th: Alex Muzliakovich (R) pinned Tyler Foland (MJ) in 2:19.

125: 1st: Gabe Martinez (LF) pinned Jake Jones (LP) in 5:01; 3rd: Nick Kupke (HF) dec. Adam Bruley (SLN), 5-1; 5th: Sejad Al-Hussein (DHC) dec. Quinn Dupraw (JG), 7-2.

130: 1st: Alex Calandrino (H) major dec. Nate O'Sullivan (SLN), 10-0; 3rd: Andrew Barron (M) dec. Tevin Machatter (HF), 7-3; 5th: Austin Cattera (R) dec. Tito Sanchez (W), 12-6.

135: 1st: Cody Volker (MJ) major dec. Adeeb Alcodray (DHC), 15-4; 3rd: Quandre Thomas (AAP) dec. JP Birmingham (D), 3-1; 5th: Eric Smither (C), dec. Moe Salameh (DHC), 10-3.

140: 1st: Jordan Atienza (LF) pinned R.J. Smith (Y) in 5:32; 3rd: Hayden Hughes (H) dec. James Chapman (LP), 11-4; 5th: Alex Cornelius (SLN) dec. Logan Robbins (R), 8-6.

145: 1st: Keven Wacker (JG) pinned Bailey Bischer (Y) in 1:09; 3rd: Beau Barton (R) pinned Roberto Davis (LP) in 4:55; 5th: double forfeit.

152: 1st: Eddie Nuttall (L) dec. Derick Hillman (W), 9-7; 3rd: Danny Muzyka (DHC) major dec. Anthony Long (JG), 10-2; 5th: Ryan Wellings (SLN) major dec. Nick Frazier (LF), 17-5.

160: 1st: Drew Barnes (D) pinned Tyler Gross (SLM) in 40 seconds; 3rd: Mickey Sutton (W) pinned Chris Slattery (SLN) in 4:01; 5th: Sam Ekanem (WM) pinned Jacob Gulette (R) in 3:55.

171: 1st: Allen Steele (LF) dec. Hunter Dunn (MJ), 12-8; 3rd: Danny Croft (JG) pinned Collin Rankin (RU) in 2:04; 5th: Kevin Cook (C) pinned Samer Abboud (DHC) in 4:52.

189: 1st: Dave Skochelak (HF) dec. Jake McCabe (SLM), 11-9; 3rd: Chris McCowan (JG) won by default over Raed Mourad (DHC); 5th: Nick Maher (W) dec. Daven Gardiner (RU), 6-5.

215: 1st: Dimitrus Renfro (WM) dec. Jordan Brandon (JG), 5-3; 3rd: Youssef El-Sayed (DHC) dec. Jani Hilliard (AAP), 5-4; 5th: Chris Gutmann (W) dec. Robbie Keefer (H), 4-3.

285: 1st: Shawn Chamberlain (D) pinned Omar Hamour (LF) in 38 seconds; 3rd: Cam Englund (H) pinned Manny Haddad (LC) in 1:26; 5th: Quintin Ruddell (W) pinned Karaun King (M) in 2:30.

North girls claim FPS hoops crown

North Farmington captured the Farmington Public Schools city championship in girls basketball Tuesday with a 48-39 victory over host Farmington Harrison.

The Raiders (5-2) were outscored in the first and fourth quarters by a combined tally of 23-18, but they dominated the middle periods, 30-16.

"It was a nice win for us," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "We struggled early and then we really played well. The kids executed well and we shot the ball a little better than we have in the past couple games."

"Harrison was ready for us. They had a good game plan, and our kids didn't panic with it."

Senior guard Jasmine Harris (U-Mass) scored a game-high 22 points for the Raiders, who led by 17 in the fourth quarter. She also had seven rebounds and three assists.

Holly Snabes netted 10 points; Megan Keller had a balanced effort with eight points, five steals and four rebounds, and Kaitlyn Kendall added six points and five rebounds.

Kyla Roland led the Hawks (1-6), who jumped to a 6-0 lead, with 15 points. Marissa Cotton added 11 and Tiera Parker 10.

North sank nine of 20 free throws; Harrison was 7-of-8 at the foul line.

DIVINE CHILD 45, MERCY 35: The host Falcons took charge of the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams in the first half Tuesday and held on through the second.

Divine Child, the defending Class B state champion, rolled to a 25-9, halftime lead and withstood a Mercy comeback in the second half (26-20).

"We were just very sluggish early in the game at both ends of the floor," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We struggled shooting the ball early. That impacted our defense because we were missing shots and were slow getting back on defense."

"We played a little better in the second half, but we still need to play a little faster, at a faster tempo. This is what we can expect in the Central Division where we're going to have to match other teams' level of competitiveness. That's what we look to do next time out."

Cara Miller scored 12 points and Morgan Blair 11 for Divine Child. Mercy was led by Sarah Benson and Sam Bauer with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Both teams are 5-2 overall. The Falcons made three of four free throws, the Marlins four of 12.

Mercy plays host to Pontiac Notre Dame

Prep in a Catholic League crossover game Friday.

INKSTER 38, CANTON 36: Despite an excellent defensive performance against high-powered Inkster, the visiting Chiefs were nipped in Tuesday's non-conference matchup.

Canton, which lost for the first time this season, fell behind 10-5 after the first and trailed 20-17 at halftime. Inkster held a 32-28 lead entering the fourth.

"The girls played extremely hard," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We just came up a couple plays short. Defensively, to hold them to 38 points is outstanding."

It didn't help that the Chiefs (5-1) hit only six of 13 free-throw attempts, while the Vikings made nine of 12.

Canton senior point guard Robyn Mack scored 20 points and collected six rebounds while Kiara Schneider tallied six points and eight rebounds.

Contributing four points each for the Chiefs were Kelsey McDougall and Rachel Winters.

W.L. CENTRAL 55, FRANKLIN 35: Despite falling behind 11-7 after one quarter, host Walled Lake central (2-4) cruised to a victory Tuesday at home over Livonia Franklin (1-5).

Kara Bierell led the victorious Vikings with 16

points.

Central outscored Franklin 18-7 in the second period to take a 25-18 halftime lead and put it away with a 17-4 third-period run.

Junior guard Katelyn Devers paced the patriots with 16 points.

Franklin shot 16-of-26 from the foul line, while Central made 2-of-9.

CHANDLER PARK 51, N. FARM. 50: North Farmington outscored Chandler Park Academy by three in the fourth quarter, 16-13, but the Raiders fell short of making up a 38-34 deficit at the end of three periods Dec. 30 in the Motor City Roundball Classic.

Chandler Park jumped to a 17-5 lead after one quarter, but North rallied to get within two at halftime, 23-21.

North senior Jasmine Harris (University of Massachusetts) scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead all players in both categories.

Kaitlyn Kendall had 16 points, four rebounds and three steals for the Raiders, and teammate Megan Keller had seven points, eight rebounds and four steals. Holly Snabes and Stevie Jones chipped in five rebounds apiece.

Chandler Park was led by Rashawn Hankins' 15 points; Jada Ivy added 10. Each team made five free throws; North shot 10 and Chandler Park 11.

Daniels' FTs catapult Glenn boys by Tigers

Just in the Nick of time.

Junior guard Nick Daniels scored a game-high 23 points, including four straight free throws in the final 23 seconds to propel Westland John Glenn to a 59-55 boys basketball win Tuesday night at home over Belleville.

Isaac Everette's basket with 51.1 seconds to play in regulation tied the game at 55-all and Daniels sealed the win with four consecutive foul

shots.

Senior forward Eric Covile chipped in with 19 points for the Rockets, who improved to 3-2 overall.

Jamie Pearson and Bryce Moon tallied 21 and 14, respectively, for the Tigers (4-2).

Glenn trailed 41-39 heading into the final period before going on a 20-14 fourth-quarter run.

The Rockets made 12-of-21 free throws (57.1

percent), while Belleville nailed 14-of-18 (77.7 percent).

JOHN GLENN 44, G.P. SOUTH 30: Junior guard Nick Daniels scored 13 points Friday as Westland John Glenn (2-2) posted a non-league victory over Grosse Pointe South (2-2) in the Metro Detroit Basketball Coaches Association Christmas Tournament at Ypsilanti.

Senior forward Eric Covile added 11, while

Desmond Cervera and James Pruitt each chipped in with six for the victorious Rockets trailed 20-17 at halftime before going on a 13-3 third quarter run to take a 30-23 advantage.

Glenn then outscored the Blue Devils 14-7 in the final period.

Kevin Reck led South with six points.

Glenn went 3-of-4 from the foul stripe, while South hit 4-of-8.

CHIEFS

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for the Chiefs were senior center Terrell Sewell (also tallying seven boards and two blocks) and freshman guard Greg Williams (six points in his first varsity start).

For Saline, guard Garrett Stark scored 11 points and added seven rebounds. Contributing 10 points and four boards was 6-8 senior center Michael Smutny.

Buckle down

Seidl said Canton's work ethic was a major factor to the outcome. The Chiefs outrebounded Saline by a 32-25 margin.

"We usually hold our own or even dominate the glass," Seidl said. "Tonight, Canton took it to us. They got a lot of offensive rebounds (nine), more than we're used to giving up."

"They kind of outworked us tonight,

which is not what you want to say after a game."

Canton turned second efforts into spectacular displays in the second half.

With less than two minutes to go in the third, Sewell came flying out of nowhere to block Matt Grasley's layup attempt.

Baumgart soared to spike another layup bid, this one by Gabriel Becton, as that frame ended.

Then in the final minutes of the contest, and Canton nursing a 39-36 lead, senior guard Miles Felton flung himself along the sideline near the scorer's table to save an errant in-bounds pass from all the way across the court — helping the Chiefs maintain possession.

"Our second half, we played with the urgency we need if we're going to win," Reddy said. "We're going to be a good team if we do that."

Canton will visit Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Friday, looking to make it two straight victories in 2012.

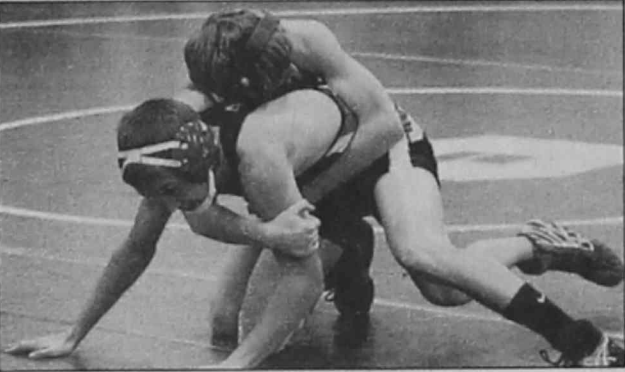
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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 5
Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m.
Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6
Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m.
South at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W. Bloom., 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at Clarkston, 7 p.m.
PCA at Roeper, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 5
Thurston at Woodhaven, 3 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Athens at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Troy, 7 p.m.
Oxford at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6
Thurston vs. Westside Christian at Woodhaven Tourney, 3 p.m.
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
S. Lyon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
South at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
C'ville at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m.
N.D. Prep at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 6
Plymouth vs. Warren Mott at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.
Franklin vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Canton at Midland, 5:15 p.m.
Wat. Mott vs. North-Harrison at Farm. Hills Arena, 7 p.m.
Salem vs. Big Rapids at Ply. Cultural Center, 6 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Flushing at Arctic Edge, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. S.C. Shores Unified at S.C. Shores Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. G.P. North at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 5
Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6
Harrison at Lake Orion, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Lakeland Invitational, 8 a.m.
Bishop Foley Invitational, 9 a.m.
CC Invitational, 9 a.m.
Howell Invitational, 9 a.m.
Wyandotte Invite, 9:15 a.m.
Clarenceville Tourney, 9:30 a.m.
Roch. Adams Invitational, TBA.
PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 5
Ladywood vs. A.A. Richard at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Ladywood Holiday Tourney

at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 5
Seaholm at N. Farm., 6:30 p.m.
Adams vs. Farmington-Harrison, 6:30 p.m. at Farmington High.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Salem Invitational, noon.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan. 5
Livonia Blue at Plym., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Rockford Inv., 10 a.m.
Fraser Invitational, TBA.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 4
Franklin Quad, 6 p.m.
Stevenson Quad, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5
Canton Quad, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.
Allen Park Tourney, 10 a.m.
Oxford Invitational, 10 a.m.
Titan Invitational, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Jan. 7
MU at Davenport, 3 p.m.
S'craft at Wayne County, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Jan. 7
Davenport at Madonna, 1 p.m.
S'craft at Wayne County, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Saturday, Jan. 7
Saginaw vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.



Salem 112-pounder Alex Arble eventually escaped from this hold by Wayne's Tyler Mulligan to record a second-period pin at Friday's Salem Varsity Wrestling Tournament.



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Farmington's Bryan Green looks past Do'rell Foster for an open teammate.

RAIDERS

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the aggressors, and we didn't match their intensity.

"In the first half, we were doing a great job of attacking their pressure, getting layups and wide-open shots; they were passing the ball.

"In the second half, we lost some of that. We started dribbling through their pressure. They forced some turnovers and they capitalized."

Foster, who was 23-of-18 at the foul line and scored a game-high 30 points, pulled the Raiders within one again in the fourth quarter, 54-53, with four straight free throws.

Hogans, a junior point guard, nailed consecutive three-point shots following Farmington turnovers to give North its first lead since the first quarter, 59-54.

The Raiders never trailed after that, although the Falcons got as close as one, 60-59, and three 66-63. Hogans, who finished with 26 points, and Foster were 5-of-6 at the line in the final four minutes to secure the win.

"We put them at the line too much," Porter said. "They had 28 points off turnovers. That's the game right there. If we take care of the ball, they don't have an opportunity to score those points."

"In the first half, we limited our turnovers, and we were attacking and scoring. In the second half, we had some

costly turnovers that they capitalized on."

Sterling Sharp added 13 points, which included four triples, for the Raiders, who made 27 of 33 free throws and shot 41 percent (18-of-44) from the floor.

"I just think we started to play with a lot more intensity defensively," Negoshian said. "Greg Joyce really stepped up for us and took a couple charges."

"We had more of an edge to use defensively (in the second half). For the first two and a half quarters, they took it to us and manhandled us with how hard they played. We were not able to match it until late in the third quarter."

"I think Farmington is a very talented team. We knew they were going to be organized, and they were going to play hard. They were playing for the city championship tonight, and Terrance does a great job with them. So we knew what we were going to be facing coming into it."

Chris Morgan scored 22 points to lead the Falcons; Bryan Green posted 18 and Chris Hare 14. Farmington was 11-of-18 at the foul line and 24-of-46 from the field (52 percent).

"We knew they were going to pressure us," Porter said, "but it was a situation where we just got away from our game plan in the third quarter. That's something we'll work on in practice over the next week to get ready for our next game."

Rocks go 1-2 in Traverse City

By Tim Smith

Observer Staff Writer

The annual trek to Traverse City provided Salem boys hockey coach Ryan Ossennmacher with more evidence that his young team is still a work in progress.

The Rocks led in all three games at the Scott Miller Memorial Hockey Tournament Dec. 28-30 in Traverse City. But Salem managed just one victory.

"We continue to get better, but we are still in the process of learning how to win," Ossennmacher

said. "We have had a lead in eight of our nine games this year, but have failed to finish on five of those games."

"These are all growing pains that can be expected with a young team, but if we continue our progress we should be ready by playoff time."

The highlight was the 3-0 win on Dec. 29 over the Bay Area Reps (a combined team of players from Traverse City high schools).

Lighting the lamp for the Rocks were Michael Manser (two goals) and

Mark McGee.

Goalie Anthony "George" Veresan earned the shutout for Salem.

That win came on the heels of a sloppy 10-7 loss on Dec. 28 to Midland.

An early 3-1 lead evaporated as Midland scored four times in the middle stanza.

McGee registered a hat trick with single tallies by Austin Sartorius, Kyle Downey, Jake Sealy and Jason Newell.

Ossennmacher said his team's best effort went for naught, in a 3-2 loss on Dec.

30 to Traverse City West.

Jake Fedel scored both goals for the Rocks, who ran into a hot goaltender. Salem led 2-1 after two frames only to give it up.

"If we play like this on most nights the outcome will be a favorable one for us," Ossennmacher said.

According to Ossennmacher, the trip to TC "went very well and all the players represented Salem very well on and off the ice."

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Whalers' Noesen nabs NHL contract, scores three

By Tim Smith

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Stefan Noesen celebrated his entry-level NHL contract by scoring three goals and assisting on another as the Plymouth Whalers won 7-3 Friday over Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

Noesen also earned an assist Saturday as the Whalers scored five third-period goals in a come-from-behind, 7-4 victory over the host Windsor Spitfires.

The hat trick was the icing on the cake for Noesen. It was announced last Thursday that the

18-year-old right winger signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Ottawa Senators.

Noesen was Ottawa's second first-round pick (21st overall) in the 2011 National Hockey League draft.

With 13 goals and 21 assists in 30 Plymouth games this year, Noesen is the latest in a long line of Whalers to score NHL contracts.

Late last season, forwards Tyler Brown and James Livingston inked pacts with NHL teams Philadelphia and San Jose, respectively.

The Noesen scoring

burst against the Spirit, before about 3,400 fans at Compuware, sparked the Whalers to another big offensive night.

On Dec. 28, Plymouth rolled to a 6-1 win over London. The victory over Windsor gave the Whalers three straight wins and 20 goals scored since coming off the OHL's winter break.

Another player who is on a hot streak is defenseman and team captain Beau Schmitz, of Howell.

Schmitz scored against Saginaw and tallied a hat trick against Windsor. He was honored Monday as the OHL Player of the Week.

In the victory over the Spirit, forward Matt Mistele netted his first OHL goal.

Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci gave Mistele and other rookies extra ice time after the team built a 5-1 lead entering the third period.

Rookie forward Danny Vanderwielen earned an assist in the Windsor game.

Plymouth (24-9-2-1, first in the OHL West Division) will again host Saginaw at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Farmington United wins Brighton Invite

Farmington United Gymnastics was a winner in its only competition last month, taking first place in the Brighton Invitational Dec. 8.

Farmington posted a 144.025 team score to finish ahead of the host school, Howell and Pinckney.

Veteran gymnasts Alyssa Bresso and Amanda Lumley led the team with 36-plus all-around scores. Bresso had a 36.925 total and Lumley a 36.875.

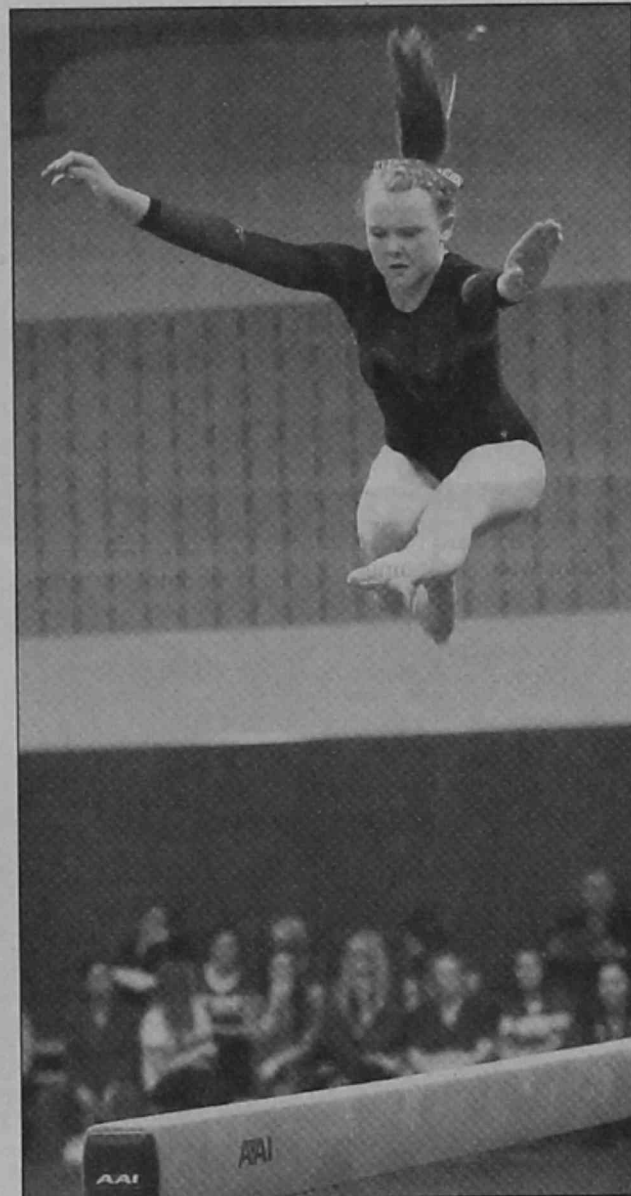
Both were among the team's top four in each event. On the vault, Lumley had a 9.3, Bresso 9.05; bars: Bresso 9.25, Lumley 8.85; beam: Lumley 9.25, Bresso 9.20; floor: Lumley 9.475, Bresso 9.425.

Meredith Jonik's scores also counted in all events. She had a 9.0 on vault, 8.65 on bars, 9.35 on beam, 8.95 on floor.

Farmington counted scores by Megan Campbell on vault (8.65), Alyssa Millinoff and Sierra Nathanson on bars (8.8), Millinoff on beam (8.4) and Marissa Lapinsky on floor (8.575).

Other gymnasts with regional-qualifying scores were Deanna Burns, Karen Johnson, Kristina Franchi, Julia Matherly, Taylor Cherry, Marissa Schuh, Rachel Ewald and Kalli Hooper.

Farmington's second competition is the Rockford Invitational on Saturday.



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Getting ready to land on the balance beam Tuesday is Canton's Jocelyn Moraw.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Moose vs. Wings

The Detroit Moose Hockey Club and Detroit Red Wings Alumni will face off at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Michigan Avenue in Canton. All proceeds from the game will be directly donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

More information about the charity contest — including how to buy tickets — is available at detroit-moose.org.

Canton Broncos hoop tryouts

Boys currently in grades 6-8 are invited to open tryouts for the Canton Broncos travel basketball club.

Tryouts will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Player registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12. Each player must bring an adult; a \$5 tryout fee will be collected to help pay for the gym rental.

The Broncos are looking to have enough players to fill a team per each grade level.

For more information, contact Canton Broncos director Mike Cashin, (734) 778-1879.

Salem girls tennis meeting Jan. 30

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing on the 2012 Salem girls tennis team is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 in the Salem High School library.

It will be the only opportunity for players to order uniforms for the coming season.

Spring tryouts will begin on Monday, March 12.

For more info, contact Salem coach Lin Ware at (734) 453-0669 or via e-mail at tenniscoachware@gmail.com.

Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones will be the featured instructor at the pitching clinic hosted Sunday, Jan. 22, by the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program.

Jones will be joined by former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, owner and scout of Indy Pro Showcase, along with the Stevenson coaching staff.

Session I (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session II (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Stevenson fieldhouse.

The cost is \$40 (checks should be made payable to the Stevenson High School Baseball).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

Ocelots pull out win in double OT, 98-90

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team returned from its 20-day layoff Friday by pulling out a 98-90 overtime victory at Glen Oaks Community College.

The Ocelots, who improved to 7-3 overall, got 28 points and 12 rebounds from Karl Moore.

Richmond Jackson added 18 points, including four second-half three-pointers to help Schoolcraft erase a 44-32 halftime deficit.

Guard Mohamed Elhaj, who dished out 12 assists, hit a triple with 32 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into OT at 80-all.

Schoolcraft, getting some defensive stops from Deon Dunn and Reshard Anders, then outscored the Vikings 18-10 in the extra five-minute session to earn the win.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) chipped in 12 points and seven rebounds for Schoolcraft, which shot 18-of-25 free throws (72 percent) on the afternoon.

Karvel Anderson scored a game-high 35 points for Glen Oaks (7-7).

BETHANY (KAN.) 73, MADONNA 58: On Friday, No. 21-ranked Madonna University (10-6) couldn't recover from a 42-31 halftime deficit as Bethany College (4-7) earned the victory at Johnson & Wales University's Wildcat Center in Denver, Colo.

Quenton Jennings, hitting five triples, paced Bethany with a game-high 19 points.

Trey Beachum and Haydon Parks chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively.

MU got a team-high 16 points from sophomore guard Travis Schuba, who made 4-of-10 from three-point range.

Sophomore point-guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) added 13 points and five assists, while Eoghann Stephens added 12 points.

MU shot only 37.1 percent from the field (23-of-62), including 6-of-22 from three-point land (27.3 percent).

GYMNASTS

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help the deep-and-talented Chiefs approach that mark again.

"We've got lots of room for improvement at 144, and we were 146.5 last year with second place in the state," he added. "So we're just cleaning up, finishing up. We're going to get better."

The team also was without senior captain Marina Milad and Cunningham noted that a few of his girls had their scores docked 5/10ths of a point each for having falls on beam.

Meanwhile, Northville coach Erin McWatt said the main thing about early season matchups is making sure girls continue to make progress on their routines.

That progress could help them begin to work toward qualifying for the state regionals. Girls must reach designated qualifying scores four times per event to do so.

"We're looking to see improvement in every event and improvement

in team totals," said McWatt.

Top Mustangs against the Chiefs included Daisy Ference, who won on uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.7, and Taylor Dempsey — among the top five in three events.

Cunningham said the Chiefs will compete Saturday at the Rockford Invitational, near Grand Rapids. Among teams on hand will be Farmington United.

"It should be interesting, it's a good test. We'll see how we look against the west," he said.

**CANTON 144.45
NORTHVILLE 129.05
Jan. 3 at Plymouth**

VAULT: 1. Erica Lucas (C), 9.625 points; 2. Melissa Green (C), 9.2; 3. Ayana Lewis (C), 9.15; 4. Jocelyn Moraw (C), 9.025; 5. Pia Simon (C), 8.9.

BAR: 1. Daisy Ference (N), 9.7; 2. Lewis (C), 9.3; 3. Moraw (C), 9.2; 4. Green (C), 8.7; 5. Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.45.

BEAM: 1. Nicole Lasecki (C), 8.925; 2. Moraw (C), 8.75; 3. Lewis (C), 8.7; 4. (tie) Green (C), Dempsey (N), 8.525.

FLOOR: 1. (tie) Lewis (C), Green (C), 9.4; 3. Lasecki (C), 9.3; 4. Moraw (C), 9.05; 5. Dempsey (N), 8.9.

Team records: Canton, 3-0; Northville, 0-2.


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FLAMINI, KEITH

Age 58, December 30, 2011 of Garden City. Loving father of Alicia (Bradley) Jonckheere, Jennifer (John) Jacobs, and Keith (Susan) Flamini Jr. Loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Beloved son of Mamie "May" and the late George Flamini. Dear brother of Dorothy (Craig) Teddy, George (Terri), Tim, and the late Donald Flamini. Funeral Service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit:
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McMURTREY, WILLIAM R.

Age 87, beloved husband of Gloria for 65 years, and father of Kathryn and Marcia McMurtrey, departed this "mortal coil" (as he no doubt would phrase it) on Christmas Eve, 2011. He was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Tom, and Harold, and by his daughter, Deborah. A Hoosier and proud of it, he was born to Samuel T. and Iva L. in Clinton Township, Ind. In his youth he worked as a paperboy, on the railroad, and as a movie theater manager. In 1943, Bill served in the field artillery of the US Army. He entered the Livonia Public School system in 1949, first, as a teacher at Bentley High School and then as a principal of Riley Junior High. He became a well-respected and admired educator and school administrator. To know William was to love him. His tender heart, keen intellect, and dry sense of humor, are and will always be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be scheduled and held in the Spring.



QUINN, YOLANDA

Born January 6, 1912 Died March 20, 1995. Remembered with love on the 100th anniversary of birth, by her family.

SCHULTZ, JANET A.

Of Plymouth, December 20, 2011. Age 60. Loving mother of Matthew and Phillip. Dear sister of James (Cynthia) Allison. Memorial Service Saturday, January 14th at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth at 11:00 am. A Memorial Gathering at the church will begin at 10:00 am. Arrangements by Czopek Funeral Directors (734) 285-9000.

SUND, A. RUSSELL

Dec. 24, 2011, age 87, of Howell, formerly of Livonia. Loving father of Gail (Tom) Garrity, Gary (Jennifer) Sund & the late Sandy Sund. Grandfather of ten. Dear friend of Lynne Bunce.

WIETING III, HARRY NYE

Age 86, passed away January 1, 2012. Born in New Haven, Connecticut October 26, 1925, Harry attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. Harry attended the University of Michigan earning a degree in business. He was also a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Harry worked for United Technologies Corporation and retired as a Vice President of the automotive division. In retirement he resided in Leland, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Mr. Wieting is predeceased by his mother, Marion Cluff Wieting, his father, Harry Nye Wieting Jr. and three sisters, Georgia Klingbeil, Ruth McKisson and Marion Jamieson. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Wyckoff Wieting, daughter, Gretchen Kay Wieting Sherwood, son, Cary Nye Wieting and daughter-in-law, Patricia Watson Wieting. There are five grandchildren: Roderick MacKenzie Sherwood IV, Hunter C. Wieting Sherwood, Harry Wieting Sherwood, Julia Kay Wieting and Harrison Nye Wieting. A family memorial is planned this summer in Michigan.

KISCADEN, PAUL

Age 57 of Livonia. Beloved Son of Mahlon and Leone. Loving Brother of Barbara (Joseph) Mendelson. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held Friday 3-8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Funeral Service Saturday Gathering 10am Service 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville (W. of Haggerty). Please visit online guestbook
fredwoodfuneralhome.com

PAGE, NORMA RITCH

Age 79, December 31, 2011. Beloved wife of Earl. Loving mother of Sue Page-Girbach and Robert (Linda) Page. Proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. Daughter-in-law of Edith Keller Johnson. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000 Share your memories at:
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. If including a photo, it must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

Jan. 5-11

CATHOLIC PROGRAM
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11-Feb. 15
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Catholics Returning Home," is a six-week series of meetings designed to answer questions and provide a forum for non-practicing Catholics who might be interested in discussing a possible return to the church. Each session will be facilitated by former lapsed Catholics in a very casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for practical and open questions, answers, conversation, and discussion
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

DVD SCREENING
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5085 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Beth Ahm will honor the memory of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was a poet, philosopher and teacher of Torah, during the week of his upcoming yahrzeit by screening a DVD of his last televised interview. The interview was conducted by Carl Stern of NBC News a few weeks before Heschel's death. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail Nancy Kaplan at nancyellen879@att.net

FILM SERIES
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 15 and 22
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: An Israeli film series explores the beginning of modern Israeli politics and the interplay between Jewish tradition and secular Israeli culture. Howard Lupovitch will introduce each film and lead a discussion afterward. Films are "I Love You Rosa" on Jan. 8, "Three Days and a Child" on Jan. 15, and "Flames of Revolt" on Jan. 22. Cost is \$15 per session
Contact: David Goodman at (248) 851-6880

GRIEF RECOVERY
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8
Location: Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, near Six Mile and Beech Daly, in Redford
Details: The six-week support program, Living with the Loss of a Spouse, offered by Widowed Friends, will cover issues related to the grief process, including loneliness. A trained peer member will facilitate. Cost is \$20. Widowed Friends is a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit
Contact: Register by calling Joan at (248) 478-1084

NEW SERVICE
Time/Date: 10:10 a.m. Sunday, beginning Jan. 8
Location: Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth
Details: A new 55-minute contemporary worship service called Impact will feature a praise band, lots of upbeat music and a powerful message in a relaxed atmosphere. Child care will be offered
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PARENTING CLASS
Time/Date: 12:30-2:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, Jan. 8
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, on the southbound service drive of the Lodge freeway, between Nine Mile and 10 Mile, Southfield
Details: This is a five-session parent skills training program designed to help parents break out of established patterns that unwittingly support aggressive, defiant, oppositional and disrespectful behavior. It's designed for parents of children, 10-17. Jerome A. Price, founder of the Michigan Family Institute in Southfield leads the classes. Materials cost is \$25
Contact: the Rev. Kimi Riegel or Jerry Price at (248) 548-2376

POMEGRANATE GUILD
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8
Location: Prentis Apartments, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park
Details: The group creates and studies Judaic needlework. At its next meeting, it will discuss future charity projects.
Coming up: At its Feb. 12 meeting, Judy Galperin will teach a Passover runner workshop. Fee for the kit is \$10
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

Jan. 12-31

BETHANY
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 21
Location: Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Friends of Bethany Monthly Breakfast with Kathy and Pat
Contact: Kathy at (734) 956-0715

BIBLE STUDY
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12-April 12
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Study is titled Understanding the End Time Prophecy
Contact: (734) 326-7000

BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: London, England-based Tenors Un Limited present original compositions and favorites in "The Rat Pack of Opera." Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and children, and \$50 for a family ticket, (two parents and two students or children)
Contact: Michele at (734) 464-8513 or e-mail to tenorstickets@yahoo.com

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22; check-in starts at 2 p.m.
Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth
Details: Mass followed by refreshments, social time. Widowed Friends is a peer group within the Archdiocese of Detroit that offers activities for widowed men and women in a safe and friendly setting
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The Plymouth Oratorio Society performs its 25th anniversary concert last year. The choral group sang Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and was joined by The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. Its spring concert is May 6.

Sing your way through 2012 in a local chorus

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Make your voice heard this year — join a community singing group.

Local adult choirs are beginning to meet for weekly rehearsals — or have scheduled auditions — as they gear up for spring concerts.

"We are definitely an audition chorus. Your admittance to the chorus is based on audition," said Shelly Addison, manager of the Farmington Community Chorus. "It's not a difficult audition, but your voice is tested, range is tested and ear is tested."

"We say you really don't have to have previous chorus experience but do have to have a feel or ear



for music. You won't pass the audition if you don't have some musical experience."

Reading music is an optional skill. All members receive a rehearsal CD to help them mas-

ter the songs planned for the group's holiday and spring concerts.

"Even if you do read music, it's still helpful to hear it," Addison said.

Auditions for the Farmington Community Cho-

rus are 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17 and 24 at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills. The group rehearses from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays

The women in the Livonia Community Chorus are decked out in new attire that they wore for holiday concerts last month. Livonia Town Hall helped defray the cost of the costumes.

through early May at the Costick Center. Call Addison at (248) 250-1447 with questions, or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com.

Director Steve SeGraves and accompanist/assistant director Susan Garr will lead the auditions.

The spring show runs Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The group repeats its spring concert in August at Heritage Park.

The Farmington Community Chorus is in its 32nd year and draws singers from throughout metro Detroit.

"We've been running about 70 members," Addison said. "We'd like to build that up a little. All voices are welcome, espe-

cially men. We're always looking for men."

In Livonia

Livonia Civic Chorus could use a few more male voices, too.

"Yes, we'd like to increase the number of 'Men of the Chorus,' Peggy Gaskill, president, wrote in an e-mail to the Observer. She said membership in the mixed group averages about 50 singers.

Rehearsals begin Jan. 10 and run 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, at Gill, in Livonia. Dues are \$50 for the January-May concert season.

The group's spring con-

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cert, "Legends," will include favorites such as *Sentimental Journey*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend* and other songs of the 1930s-50s. The show will start at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Clarenceville High School, in Livonia. The Chorus also will perform April 28 at "Water Music," the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's concert.

"We're joining them for a selection called 'Froggy' which fits into their water theme," Gaskill noted.

Livonia Civic Chorus members must be able to carry a tune and enjoy singing. Prospective new singers can call (734) 542-9071 or visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org for more information. Gaskill said no formal audition is required.

Classical music

Plymouth Oratorio Society doesn't audition new members, either. New singers who find the demanding, classical works too difficult generally drop out on their own.

The group is known for tackling works by Stravinsky, Bach and other masters of classical music.

It will sing *Requiem* by M. Durufle, *Regina Coeli* and *Ave Verum Corpus*, both by W.A. Mozart at its concert on Sunday, May 6 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

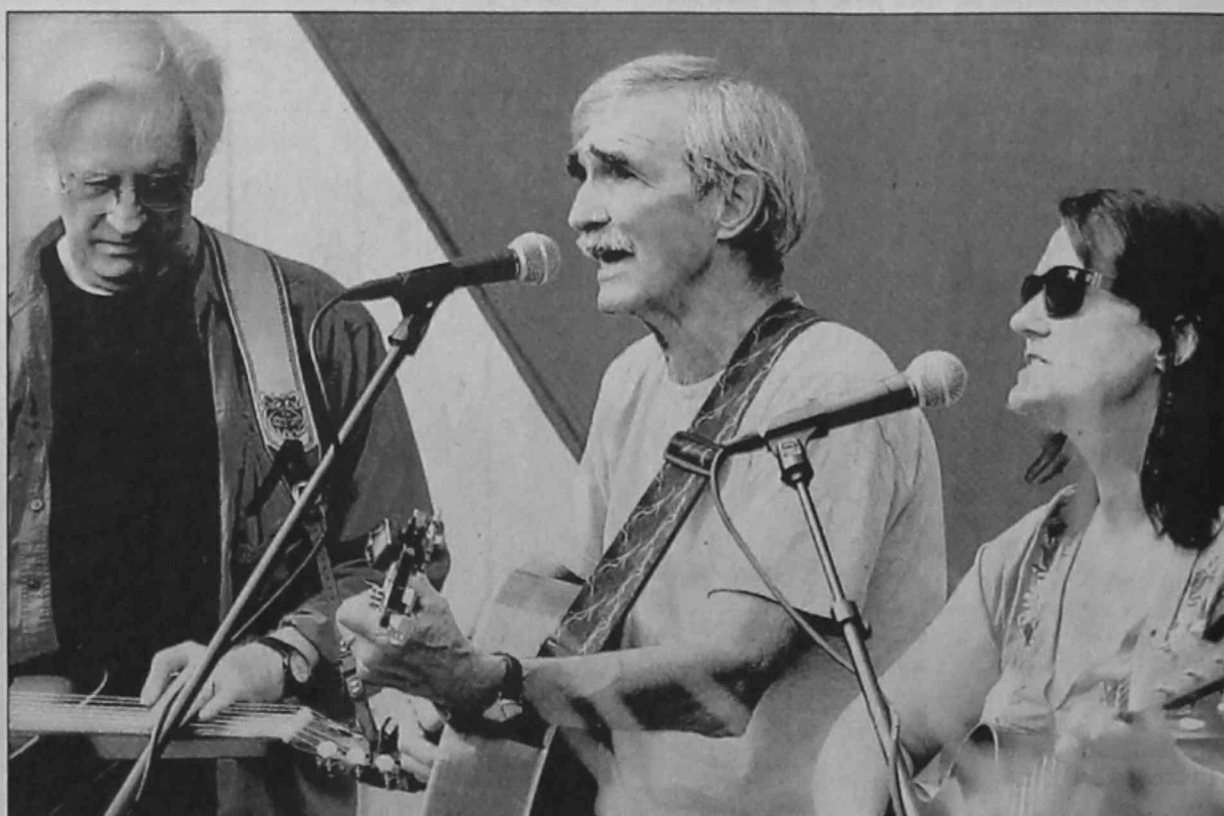
Rehearsals start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Jan. 9, at the church, located at 45201 N. Territorial Road. Members should arrive early for the first rehearsal to pay for scores.

Richard Ingram conducts the Plymouth Oratorio Society. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join the group at its spring show. For more information, call (734) 455-8353 or visit plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

Other local choirs:

- **BeckRidge Chorale** — Make an appointment to audition for the chorale or its ensemble, Village Voices, by filling out an application at www.beckridgechorale.com. Auditions are held in September, December and January. The audition tests vocal range, sight reading, the ability to hear and repeat differences in pitch, and voice quality.

- **Cherry Hill Singers** — The group is open to anyone 16 or older and no auditions are necessary. Cost is \$60 for the winter-spring semester. Michael Gross, the Artistic Director of the BeckRidge Chorale, and accompanist Brian Long lead the Cherry Hill Singers. They meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Fill out a membership application online at www.beckridgechorale.org; (734) 394-5300



Tunes from one-man play

Michigan singer-songwriter Jay Stielstra (center) will perform with trio members John Saylor and Judy Banker at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile, in Livonia. The group will play songs from Stielstra's upcoming one-man play, "Old Man in Love," and other Stielstra favorites. Tickets are \$15. The concert will launch a promotion of the revival of Jay's one man play, which will open in March at the Historic Chelsea Depot. For more information about the performance at Trinity House, call (734) 464-6302 or e-mail to Mail@TrinityHouse.org. For more about the Stielstra Trio, visit www.myspace.com/jaystielstratrio.

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through Jan. 13

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Call for entries to the 6th annual Member Exhibition that runs Feb. 3-18

Coming up: "Etch, Sketch and Stilettos," an exhibit of the work of Topher Crowder, runs Jan. 6-28. The artist is inspired by animated Saturday morning cartoons, vintage postcards, and 1960s/1970s comic books

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Comedy

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JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday



Michigan Opera Theatre soloists, Mark Vondrak, (left) Betsy Bronson, Maria Cimarelli and Karl Schmidt, will perform Jan. 14 at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre.



John Tartaglia brings his puppet show, ImaginOcean, to Canton on Jan. 20.

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

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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: Charlie Wiener, through Jan. 7; Dave Waite, Jan. 11-14; Norm Stultz, Jan. 18-21 **Contact:** (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Scott Henry, Jan. 5-7; Mark Sweeney, Jan. 12-14; Jeff Caldwell, Jan. 19-21; Frances Diloranzo, Jan. 26-28

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

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

Dance

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2012; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 7-8 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Puss In Boots," \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Jan. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 7

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

Details: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," tickets \$4

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: "There Goes the Neighborhood," a play, runs Jan. 7-8. 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>

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; next exhibit runs Jan. 18-June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the next exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Black Jake and the Carnies, Jan. 6; Jill Jack Birthday Bash, Jan. 7; Deep Fried Pickle Project, Jan. 8; Bitch & Ferron, Jan. 8; Paul Cebal Tomorrow Sound, Jan. 11; An Dro, Jan. 12; Mountain Heart, Jan. 13; Theo Katzman: Songwriting Workshop, Jan. 14; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 14; Bearfoot, Jan. 15

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

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

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month

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

Details: The show includes open mic performances and Circle of Friends, this month's featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families and offer free admission to monthly concerts

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14

Location: 32332 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "From Broadway to Hollywood with the MOT" features soloists "up close and personal" in an intimate setting. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students. Advance tickets are available 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets may also be purchased at

www.recreg.fhgov.com or by phone at (248) 473-1848

Coming up: Blackthorn, March 9-10

Contact: <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or (248) 473-1848

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Jan. 15

Location: St. John's Seminary Chapel, Plymouth

Details: "Miniature Masterpieces" features music, such as Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," and Mahler's "Songs of a Wayfarer," performed by the chamber orchestra. A new work, "Changes," by Michigan-born composer, Andre Myers, also will debut. Tickets are \$22 general, \$18 senior and \$10, student

Contact: (734) 451-2112; www.michiganphil.org

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

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

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Terry Lower Quartet with Terry on keyboard, Ray Tini on bass, Jim Ryan on drums and Edye Evans-Hyde on vocals will perform Jan. 31

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Time/Date: Rehearsal starts at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9; come early to register and pay for scores

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: The Society kicks off its rehearsal schedule. New experienced singers are welcome, without audition. The Society will perform "Requiem" by M. Durufle, "Regina Coeli" (KV 127) and "Ave Verum Corpus," both by W.A. Mozart, on Sunday, May 6 at the church. Richard Ingram conducts the group. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra will join the Society for the concert.

Contact: (734) 455-8353 or plymouthoratoriosociety.org

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. Empty Chair Night show on Jan. 8 starts at 7 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Mike Vial and the Great Lake Effect with Jeff Pianki, Jan. 6; Floyd King and the Bushwackers Wild West Show, with special guests Bob Marshall and the Campfire Compadres, Jan. 7; Empty Chair Night with Annie and Rod Capps, Joel Palmer and Chris Buhalis, Jan. 8; Matt Watroba and Robert Jones, Jan. 13; The Jay Stielstra Trio, Jan. 14; Bill Bynum and Company, Jan. 20; Dave Boutette and his Hot Pepper Trio, Jan. 21; Shari Kane and Dave Steele, Feb. 4; Don Ross and Brooke Miller, Feb. 10; tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

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Olive oil is key in a well-stocked pantry

An increasing number of Americans are choosing to eat in, swapping expensive restaurant meals for budget-friendly dishes they can enjoy at home. One often-overlooked trick to stress-free home cooking and entertaining is simply having the right ingredients on hand. A well-stocked pantry not only makes cooking more efficient, it also helps stretch food budgets and leads to creativity in the kitchen.

Start with these basics and your menu options will be endless. Stock up on basic cooking ingredients, such as common spices and seasonings, including salt, pepper, basil, oregano, thyme, rosemary, red pepper flakes and garlic. Other staples should include olive oil, balsamic and red wine vinegars, and chicken, vegetable and beef broths.

Olive oil is a good all-around cooking oil that offers a variety of flavors. It's also a good choice if you're trying to control fats in your diet. Of the cooking oils commonly available in grocery stores, olive oil is one of the richest sources of monounsaturated fats and is naturally cholesterol-free.

For baking, keep flour, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, nuts and dried fruits in your cupboards. And heartier staples such as canned beans, rice, pasta, onions, potatoes and carrots help round out the basics for delicious home-cooked meals that won't break the bank.

"As Americans rediscover the joy of cooking at home, they're also learning how to cook more efficiently," stated Bob Bauer, president of the North American Olive Oil Association (NAOOA).

The NAOOA has developed several new recipes ideal for cool-weather cooking — from hearty breakfasts to delicious desserts — that highlight pantry staples and offer flavorful meals that are easy to make and fun to eat.

Mirepoix Chicken Skillet

Prep. Time: 17 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 27 minutes

4 servings

- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic pepper seasoning
- ¾ teaspoon thyme leaves
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ¾ cup finely chopped onion
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ½ cup finely chopped carrot
- ¾ cup white wine or chicken broth

Combine flour, garlic pepper and thyme in large plastic food storage bag. Add chicken; shake to coat; set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add vegetables; cook and stir 1 minute. Push vegetables to outside of pan. Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil to skillet; increase heat to medium-high. Add chicken; cook 2 to 3 minutes per side to brown lightly.

Add wine to skillet; cover and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 8 to 12 minutes or until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Serve vegetables spooned over chicken or pull chicken into large chunks and mix with vegetables before spooning onto plates.

Phyllo Apple Galette

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 40 minutes

Total Time: 55 minutes, plus cooling time

6 to 8 servings

- 4 Braeburn or Gala apples, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ cup slivered almonds
- 8 sheets phyllo dough (17- by 12-inch) sheets
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Heat oven to 375 F. In large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add apples, cranberries, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; mix well. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in almonds and set aside.

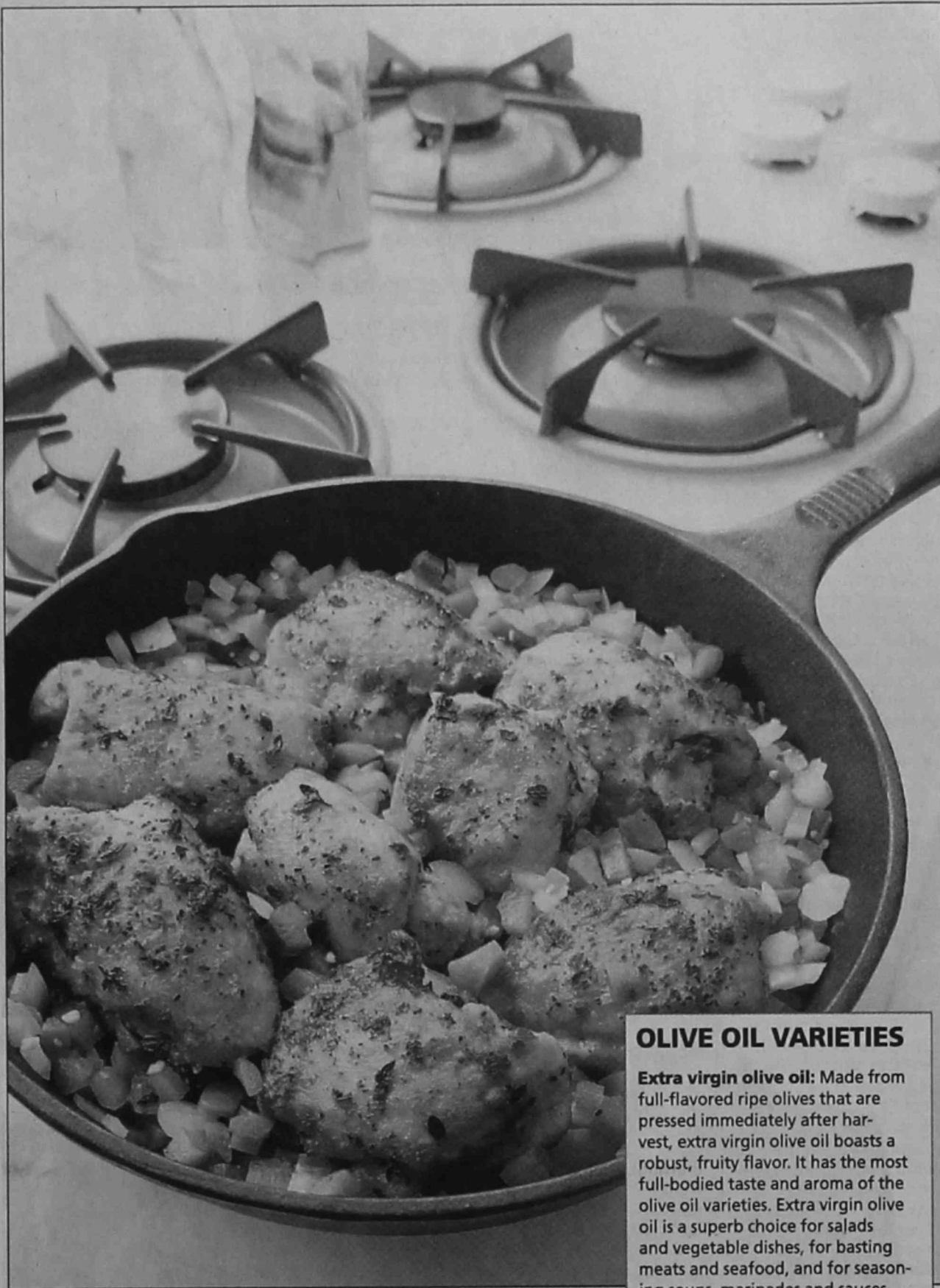
Place 1 phyllo sheet in center of baking sheet; brush with olive oil. Top with another sheet of phyllo and brush with oil. Repeat with remaining oil and phyllo sheets.

Pile apple mixture in center of phyllo, leaving 2 to 3 inch border. Fold sides up to form an edge around apples. Lightly brush edges with oil. Bake at 375 F for 40 to 50 minutes or until phyllo is light golden brown. Cool to room temperature; dust with powdered sugar if desired.

TIP: When working with phyllo dough, thaw if frozen. Allow unopened package to stand at room temperature at least 2 hours before using. Room temperature phyllo is much easier to work with than cold. Keep unused sheets covered with plastic wrap and a dish towel to prevent drying while brushing stacked sheets with oil.



Layered Phyllo Apple Galette



Mirepoix Chicken Skillet



Vegetable-Cheese Breakfast Roll Ups

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Prep Time: 12 minutes

Cook Time: 6 minutes

Total Time: 18 minutes

3 servings

- 4 eggs, beaten
- ½ teaspoon tarragon, optional
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarse ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup finely chopped mushrooms
- ¼ cup chopped red pepper
- ¾ cup diced fully cooked ham
- 3 tablespoons shredded Monterey Jack cheese

3 8- to 10-inch flour tortillas, warmed

In medium bowl, beat eggs, tarragon, salt and pepper; set aside. Heat oil in large skillet

over medium heat. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add ham and pepper; cook 2 minutes, stirring once or twice. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 1 minute. Pour egg mixture over vegetables.

Stir, scraping sides and bottom of pan 2 to 3 minutes or until eggs are desired texture. Remove from heat. Sprinkle with cheese; cover and let stand 1 minute to melt cheese.

Spoon onto tortillas; roll to enclose egg mixture.



Lemon Crunch Cod Fillets

with lemon peel if desired, remaining ½ teaspoon lemon pepper and remaining ¼ teaspoon dill. Top evenly with crumb mixture, pressing lightly to adhere. Bake 18 to 22 minutes or until fish flakes easily in center. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley, if desired.

Lemon Crunch Cod Fillets

Prep. Time: 6 minutes

Cook Time: 18 minutes

Total Time: 24 minutes

4 servings

- ½ cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- ¾ teaspoon dried dill weed
- ¾ teaspoon lemon pepper
- 4 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pound cod fillets, thawed if frozen
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel, optional
- Parsley, optional

Heat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease small baking sheet or shallow baking dish with additional olive oil; set aside. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs, ½ teaspoon dill and ¼ teaspoon lemon pepper. Drizzle with 2 teaspoons olive oil and mix well until moistened. Set aside.

Pat fish dry with paper towel; place on baking sheet. Brush fillets with remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil; sprinkle

OLIVE OIL VARIETIES

Extra virgin olive oil: Made from full-flavored ripe olives that are pressed immediately after harvest, extra virgin olive oil boasts a robust, fruity flavor. It has the most full-bodied taste and aroma of the olive oil varieties. Extra virgin olive oil is a superb choice for salads and vegetable dishes, for basting meats and seafood, and for seasoning soups, marinades and sauces. Or use it alone as a dip for breads. Reach for extra virgin olive oil when you desire a full, rich flavor in your foods.

Olive oil: Sometimes described as "pure," olive oil is an excellent all-purpose cooking oil that is more golden in color than extra virgin olive oil. It has a mild flavor with just a hint of fruitiness. It can be used for everything from sautéing and stir-frying to basting grilled or oven-roasted meats, poultry and seafood. Olive oil also works well as a flavor enhancer for sauces, marinades and dressings.

Extra light olive oil: With its light golden color and just a hint of olive flavor, it is the mildest of the olive oils. It's an excellent choice for all types of cooking, especially baking. It can be used in place of plain vegetable oil in most recipes. Extra light olive oil also is the best choice for high-heat cooking methods, because it remains extremely stable and won't burn. Extra light olive oil has the same amount of calories and the same nutrient content as other olive oils.

Cranberry Carrot Cookies

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 26 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour 5 minutes

Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package white, spice or carrot cake mix
- ¾ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup quick or rolled oats
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup shredded carrot
- 1 small apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup golden or dark raisins
- ½ cup coarsely chopped almonds, optional

Heat oven to 375 F. Combine all ingredients in mixing bowl; mix well.

Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10 to 13 minutes or until light golden. Cool 1 minute on baking sheet; remove to rack to cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar, if desired. Repeat with remaining dough.

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Be wary of home loan scams

Loan modifications are changing every day. Here are some of the most common loan modification scams out there today.

Phony Counseling or Foreclosure Rescue Scams

The scam artist poses as a counselor and tells you he can negotiate a deal with your lender to modify your loan or save your house — if you pay him a fee first. The fee may be called a processing fee or administrative fee. He may even tell you not to contact your lender, lawyer or housing counselor — that he'll handle all details. He may even insist that you make all mortgage payments directly to him while he negotiates with the lender. Once you pay the fee, or a few mortgage payments, the scammer disappears with your money.

Fake 'Government' Modification Programs

Some scammers may claim to be affiliated with, or approved by, the government, or they may ask you to pay high, up-front fees to "qualify" for government mortgage modification programs. The scammer's company name and website may sound like a real government agency, but the website may end with .com or .net instead of .gov. You may also see terms like "federal," "HAMP," "MHA," "HARP" or other words related to official U.S. government programs.

Contact your lender first. Your lender will be able to tell you if you qualify for any government programs to prevent foreclosure or modify your loans. And you do not have to pay to benefit from these programs.

Forensic Loan Audit

The scammer who may be called a forensic or mortgage loan "auditor" offers to review your mortgage loan documents to determine whether your lender complied with state and federal mortgage lending laws. The scammer will usually require that you pay a fee to start the process. The scammer may say you can use the audit report to avoid foreclosure, accelerate the loan modification process, reduce your loan principal, or even cancel your loan.

There is no proof that a forensic loan audit can save your home from foreclosure although it's conducted



by a licensed, legitimate and trained auditor, mortgage professional or lawyer. Even if you sue your lender and win, your lender is not required to modify your loan to make it more affordable. If you cancel your loan, you will have to return the borrowed money, which may result in you losing your home.

Mass Joinder Lawsuit

The scam artist, usually a lawyer, law firm or a marketing partner, will promise that they can force your lender to modify your loan. They will tell you that by joining other homeowners in a mass joinder lawsuit against a particular lender, you will be able to stop a foreclosure, reduce your loan balance or interest rate, receive monetary damages, or even receive title to your house free and clear. Mass joinder lawsuits can be used legitimately; these lawyers are usually paid "after" the lawsuit is over, on a contingency basis. However, mass joinder lawsuit scammers will try to "sell" you participation in a lawsuit against your mortgage lender, claiming that you cannot participate in the lawsuit until you pay some type of fee.

Bait-and-Switch

The scam artist convinces you to sign documents for a "new loan modification" that

will make your existing mortgage current. This is a trick. You actually just signed documents that surrender the title or deed of your house to the scam artist in exchange for a "rescue" loan. Thoroughly read any document before you sign it.

Rent-to-Own or Leaseback Scheme

A scammer urges you to surrender the title or deed of your home as part of a deal that will let you stay in your home as a renter and then buy it back in a few years. He may tell you that surrendering the title will permit a borrower with a better credit rating to get new financing—and keep you from losing your home. However, the scammer may have no intention of ever selling the home back to you.

But the terms of these deals usually make buying back your home impossible. Worse yet, when the new borrower defaults on the loan, you're evicted.

Variations:

1. The scammer raises your rent over time to the point that you can't afford it. After missing several rent payments, you are evicted, leaving the "rescuer" free to sell your house.
2. The scammer offers to find a buyer for your home, but only if you sign over the

deed and move out. The scammer promises to pay you some of the profit when the home sells. But the scammer simply rents out your home and keeps the profits while your lender proceeds with the foreclosure. You lose your home and are still responsible for the unpaid mortgage, because transferring the deed does not affect your mortgage obligation.

Short Sale Scam

Scammers, sometimes called "short sale negotiators" or "short sale processors," may promise to expedite a short sale and usually require you to pay a fee, which is illegal in many states. Some scammers may even include surcharges or hidden fees before the transaction closes, which are also illegal in many states. The scammer may also misrepresent the value of the home to the lender.

A short sale may be a legitimate option for a homeowner in default or homeowner who is current yet the value of the home has fallen — if the lender agrees to the short sale. But homeowners should only work with a licensed real estate professional or licensed real estate attorney since the law requires that the person be properly licensed to negotiate the short sale with your lender. Homeowners should verify licenses with their state licensing agencies.

Bankruptcy to Avoid Foreclosure

The scammer may promise to negotiate with your lender or get refinancing on your behalf if you pay a fee up front. Instead of contacting your lender or refinancing your loan, he pockets the fee and files a bankruptcy case in your name — sometimes without your knowledge.

A bankruptcy filing often stops a home foreclosure, but only temporarily. Filing bankruptcy stops any collection and foreclosure while the bankruptcy court administers the case. But, eventually you must start paying your mortgage, or the lender will be able to foreclose.

You could lose the money you paid to the scammer and your home. Worse yet, a bankruptcy stays on your credit report for 10 years, which makes it difficult to obtain credit, buy a home, get life insurance or even get a job.

Bedbug issue calls for action

Q: Our condominium has had incidents of bedbugs in the units, but the full extent is unknown. The association has mandated treatments by all and asks for proof of it. Some of the co-owners have complied and some have not. What is your experience with how communities have addressed it, and should the condominium exercise self-help to enter and treat and then charge back those who have not complied or supplied proof of treatment? Or have some associations just treated all as a common expense to make sure that it gets one?

A: This issue has not been widely discussed among condominium association practitioners, but it would be my belief that to the extent that bedbugs have infiltrated from the exterior, that it may well be an association responsibility to pursue. On the other hand, if the

origin of the bedbug is within the individual unit, that may be the responsibility of the individual co-owner to take care of, all of course, depending on your condominium documents. Obviously, it is hard to trace the origin of bedbugs and the Board of Directors, with the advice of counsel, will have to establish a policy which best suits the accomplishment of the end result, that is, to get rid of bedbugs.

Q: Our condo association board was doing a good job, but there were a few people, we think "crazies," that challenged them on everything. At times, the "crazies" crossed the line and our lawyer had to write them a letter. Now, they have gotten themselves elected to the board, intimidated some of the old directors into resigning, and, basically, have taken over the association. They have fired our manager, our accountant and our lawyer, and who knows who else. What can a simple homeowner do to deal with the situation?

A: Most condominium bylaws provide for the removal of a director or directors on the vote of more than 50 percent of the co-owners, and require that a special meeting be scheduled at which you can hold such a vote upon the submission of a petition signed by one-third of the co-owners. You may wish to retain the services of an attorney who could assist you in this process. Before circulating the petition, you may want to contact members of the Board of Directors who may not be aligned with the "crazies" to try to gather additional information about the abuses that may have been undertaken by the new board. Unfortunately, to the extent that those directors breached their fiduciary duty, hired incompetent or no persons to take over the management of the condominium, are proceeding without proper or any legal advice and are otherwise acting maliciously or vindictively against former members of the board and/or professionals retained by the association, legal recourse in court may be the only available option that you have. In that case, you would need to retain an attorney who could bring a derivative action on behalf of the association against those directors to seek an injunction to keep them from undermining the operation of the association. Hopefully, the other co-owners in the condominium will help you handle the matter financially because their investment in their homes may well be at issue.

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



Robert Meisner

HOMES SOLD-REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS/WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 19-23, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2383 Amber Dr	\$177,000
42240 Beechwood Ct	\$162,000
7231 Briargate Dr	\$292,000
42456 Castle Ct	\$135,000
2288 Cleveland Way	\$185,000
1756 Crestview Dr	\$203,000
4168 Elizabeth Ave	\$79,000
44573 Fenwick Dr	\$290,000
43701 Fleetwood Dr	\$107,000
45755 Gainsborough Dr	\$215,000
1591 Glengarry Woods Ct	\$285,000
45965 Graystone Ln	\$132,000
46425 Killarney Cir	\$167,000
443 Lenox Dr	\$315,000
6495 Marshall St	\$235,000
50880 Murray Hill Dr	\$187,000
1623 Orchard Dr	\$45,000
45127 Quaker Hill Dr	\$163,000
40017 Rolling Green Ct	\$138,000
44151 Sheridan St	\$121,000

GARDEN CITY	
28825 Birchlawn St	\$15,000
31137 Block St	\$87,000
28907 Bridge St	\$35,000
32502 Brown St	\$85,000
31550 Marquette St	\$30,000
30645 Sheridan St	\$95,000

LIVONIA	
35024 Bristol Ct	\$264,000
8823 Crown St	\$67,000
29740 Curtis Rd	\$69,000
30504 Fairfax St	\$164,000
16142 Fairlane Dr	\$149,000
16919 Fitzgerald St	\$133,000
32918 Illinois St	\$125,000
38616 Jahn St	\$100,000
18720 Lathers St	\$90,000
19243 Levan Ct	\$277,000
17557 Louise St	\$115,000
15123 Marsha St	\$155,000
34658 Munger St	\$193,000
18675 Myron St	\$109,000
38530 Northfield Ave	\$139,000
17333 Parklane Dr	\$200,000
36296 Pickford St	\$138,000
15463 Susanna Cir	\$210,000
15022 Taylor Blvd	\$230,000
18243 University Park Dr	\$55,000
9834 Westmore St	\$90,000

NORTHVILLE

42385 Beacontree Ct	\$300,000
45005 Broadmoor Cir S	\$328,000
16863 Brooklane Blvd	\$414,000
15876 Crystal Downs E	\$436,000
16790 Dover Dr	\$118,000
49060 Freestone Dr	\$385,000
18125 Laurel Springs Ct	\$826,000
39580 Muirfield Ln	\$215,000
46480 N Valley Dr	\$295,000
633 Natalie Ln	\$800,000
16207 Oak Forest Ct	\$425,000
49735 Parkside Dr	\$361,000
46680 Pinehurst Cir	\$458,000
715 Randolph St	\$70,000
39514 Rockcrest Ln	\$108,000
18016 Shagbark Dr	\$926,000
39637 Springwater Dr	\$126,000

PLYMOUTH	
9379 Baywood Dr	\$175,000
10142 Dorian Dr	\$230,000
14016 Eaton Dr	\$395,000
9299 Hackberry Ave	\$173,000
1167 Maple St	\$265,000
14152 Meadow Hill Ln	\$122,000
123 N Union St	\$155,000
12900 Naples Dr	\$408,000
51120 Northview	\$216,000
12486 Pinecrest Dr	\$135,000
331 Pinewood Cir	\$40,000
134 Pinewood Dr	\$51,000

9192 Redbud Ave	\$161,000
634 S Harvey St	\$335,000
9399 Village Manor Dr	\$288,000
51308 W Hills Dr	\$325,000
12348 White Tail Ct	\$460,000

REDFORD	
9557 Berwyn	\$52,000
26109 Elsinore	\$68,000
15563 Gaylord	\$33,000
11363 Hazelton	\$58,000
18303 Lennane	\$11,000
26032 Lyndon	\$56,000
15141 Sumner	\$49,000
11711 Virgil	\$36,000

WESTLAND	
38071 Carolan Blvd	\$24,000
31024 Grandview Ave	\$78,000
32231 Grandview Ave	\$44,000
8410 Haller St	\$18,000
34852 Linden Ln	\$85,000
29024 Manchester St	\$30,000
7421 Manor Cir	\$19,000
8223 Milburn St	\$43,000
6826 Moccasin St	\$65,000
6926 N Wildwood St	\$80,000
7102 Timber Ridge Trl	\$152,000
37523 Vincent St	\$127,000
28212 Warren Rd	\$123,000
28250 Warren Rd	\$77,000
33348 Winchester St	\$65,000

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These are residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 12-16, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM	
560 Berwyn St	\$335,000
1950 Bradford Rd	\$110,000
1290 Lakeside Dr	\$910,000
2553 Manchester Rd	\$280,000
313 N Eton St	\$40,000
717 N Old Woodward Ave Unit	\$160,000
1285 S Bates St	\$304,000
518 Townsend St	\$1,150,000
547 W Merrill St	\$369,000
533 Wallace St	\$635,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
245 E Berkshire Rd	\$150,000

174 Kirkwood Ct	\$605,000
500 N Woodward Ave # 100	\$218,000
3949 Orchard Hill Dr	\$215,000
1174 Peveril Rd	\$119,000
3769 Quanton Rd	\$250,000
2600 S Telegraph Rd	\$274,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
1861 Brookview Cir	\$188,000
3766 Darlington Rd N	\$253,000
4056 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$155,000
5205 Longmeadow Rd	\$297,000
255 N Berkshire Rd	\$234,000
1528 Old Chatham Dr	\$172,000
2610 Pendleton Dr	\$165,000
5420 Saint Martins Ct	\$310,000
5398 Van Ness Dr	\$218,000
6659 Woodbank Dr	\$223,000
3667 Burning Bush Rd	\$265,000

FARMINGTON	
23148 Floral St	\$41,000
32060 Grand River	\$40,000

35420 Heritage Ln	\$111,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37564 Baywood Dr	\$244,000
31188 Berryhill St	\$180,000
31145 Bycroft St	\$147,000
29386 Chelsea Xing	\$255,000
24397 El Marco Dr	\$155,000
29742 Fox Grove Rd	\$130,000
21219 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
21293 Juniper Ct	\$99,000
30324 Le Mans Dr	\$182,000
25699 Livingston Cir	\$260,000
32315 Middlebelt Rd	\$112,000
29727 Monterey Cir	\$142,000
30812 Mystic Forest Dr	\$230,000
28627 Oak Point Dr	\$210,000
21166 Osmus St	\$35,000
35054 Quaker Way	\$289,000
30715 Shiawassee Rd # 62	\$31,000
30111 Southampton Ln	\$160,000
36916 Tina Dr	\$252,000
37899 W 12 Mile Rd # C	\$275,000

FRANKLIN	
30690 Oakleaf Ln	\$708,000
NOVI	
22219 Barclay Dr	\$355,000
24100 Cranbrooke Dr	\$171,000
24861 Davenport Ave	\$300,000
27945 Hopkins Dr	\$130,000
24454 Myrtle Ct	\$365,000
23586 N Rockledge	\$45,000
23588 N Rockledge	\$42,000
43037 Oxford Ct	\$398,000
27596 Sloan St	\$45,000
47265 Somerset Ct	\$430,000
25345 Sutton Ct	\$50,000
39833 Village Wood Ln	\$32,000
29389 Whistler Dr	\$260,000
SOUTH LYON	
54015 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000
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635 E Lake St	\$72,000
24586 King Post Ct	\$66,000

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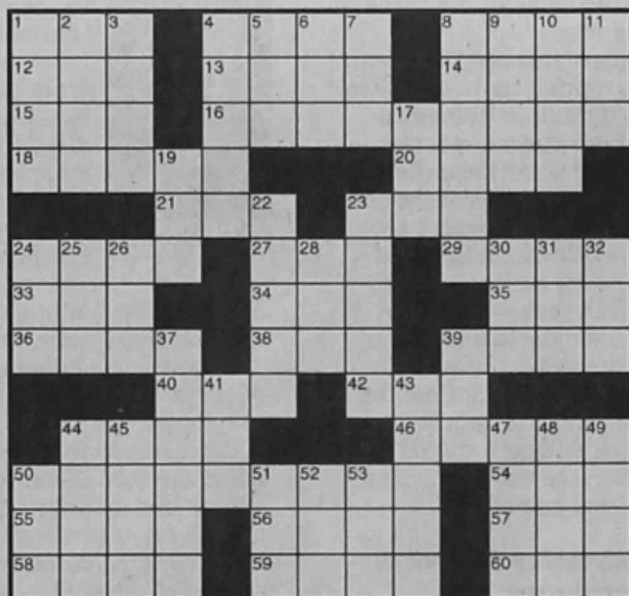
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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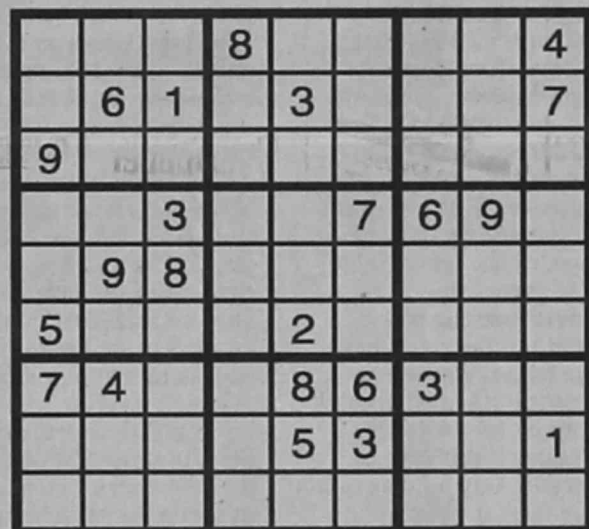
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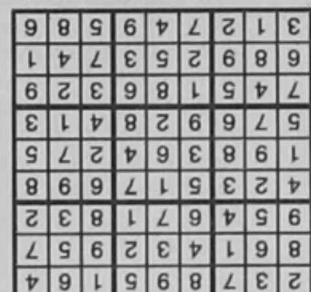
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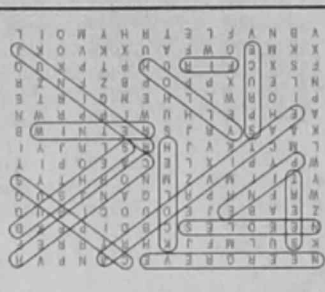
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PEOPLE SAY I'M NICE!
SWM, 25, 5'8", shaved head, 140lbs, gentle, smoker, seeks woman, 18-30, to have fun, share conversations, maybe LTR. **7338785**

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SWM, 61, 5'10", athletic build, NS, NO, likes old cars, watching baseball, parks, out door fun, seeks a fun WF, 43-55, for friendship, maybe LTR. **7339103**

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SWM, 40, 6'3", NS, dark hair, blue eyes, easygoing, down-to-earth, likes traveling, dining out, sports, movies, concerts, seeks HF, 18+, for dating, possible LTR. **7338915**

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SWM, 30, 5'8", average build, smoker, seeks SF, 18+, for friendship, good conversations, hanging out, possible LTR. **7340383**

LOVING YOU ALWAYS
SWM, 67, 5' 8", athletic build, likes romantic comedy movies, oldies music, go dancing. Seeking SWF, 64-69, for friendship, possible LTR. Let's get together and talk over a cup of coffee! **7334222**

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SWM, 66, 6', 190lbs, retired, well groomed, athletic/stocky, 6'6", NS, seeks a nice sweet WF, 50-75, NS, for dating, friendship, maybe LTR. **7335058**

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SWM, 55, average build, Italian, Virgin, NS, looking for a SWF with similar qualities and who's ready for a serious relationship. Call me if interested. Redford. **7366305**

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SWM, 48, 5'7", NS, drives a truck, seeks a good-hearted woman, 38-48, to share movie, romantic building, dining out, possible LTR. **7338054**

LET'S HANG OUT
SWM, 24, 5'8", 150lbs, have my own place, smoker, seeks a kind, sweet woman, 20-30, to hang out, have fun, maybe serious LTR. **7338321**

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SM, 28, 5'8", 130lbs, smoker, occasional drinker, loves kids, hanging out with friends, movies, taking walks. Seeking nice SWF, 21-30, who won't break my heart, knows what she wants from life. **7335180**

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SWM, 32, 6'2", 250lbs, very good-looking, no kids, seeks a serious, honest woman, for friendship first, possibly more. Please no games or drama. Westside Detroit area. **7335348**

SEEKING ONE GOOD WOMAN
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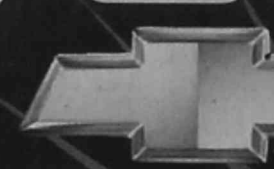
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