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Turkey needs

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps needs some 200 turkeys or hams for this year's Christmas distribution, which takes place Dec. 18-19.

Turkeys should be frozen with a 15-pound average. Hams can be large or small, canned or fresh. Donations will gladly be accepted through Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is located at 9451 S. Main (just south of Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

For more information, contact Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@us.salvationarmy.org or (734) 453-5464, ext. 29.

Bench move

Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Martha Snow to a vacant judgeship in the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County.

Snow fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Gershwin Drain. She was a shareholder of the Canton law firm of Xuereb Snow PC.



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Canton board OKs new contracts

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's elected leaders Tuesday night approved concessionary contracts for three unions and non-bargaining employees that reduce pension and health care benefits, contain no guaranteed pay increases and, for some, bring another round of unpaid furlough days.

Officials say the latest contracts help Canton to brace for lingering financial challenges

and to chip away at staggering legacy costs last estimated at \$75 million.

"I think we're pretty satisfied with the outcome," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

In a sweeping decision, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees approved contracts for the Canton Police Officers Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3860, the Technical Professional & Office Workers Association

and non-union, full-time Merit Commission employees.

For the first time, employees hired after Jan. 1 will no longer receive retiree health care benefits. Rather, the township will contribute \$50 each pay period into a health care savings plan for employees.

Moreover, the new contracts reduce a pension-related multiplier and usher in other changes. Finance and Budget Director Wendy Trumbull said will "significantly reduce" retiree lega-

cy costs, though precise savings aren't yet known.

Consensus reached

Elected leaders commended union and administration bargaining teams for reaching a consensus for groups whose contracts expire Dec. 31, though agreements haven't been reached for later-expiring pacts with Canton Firefighters Local 2289, the Canton Command Offi-

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Volunteers Mike Theisen, Jim McLaughlin and Nancy Williams, all from Canton, sort donations for the annual Canton Goodfellows Christmas distribution.

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Helping Santa

Donations make sure kids have Christmas

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton Goodfellows volunteer Ruth Wiles has given her time every Christmas season since 1950 to make sure needy families, especially children, aren't forgotten amid the holiday rush.

Even after her late husband, John, died in 2002, Wiles continued to help the Goodfellows.

"I've been doing it all these years," she said Monday, smiling as a small army of volunteers gathered down-

stairs in the Canton Municipal Complex to begin their week-long task of organizing clothing, toys and food for 179 families—including 463 children—and 31 senior citizens.

"It's satisfying when you do something for people who don't have enough food or clothes," said Wiles, an inspiration to others.

"She's an icon," volunteer Nancy Williams said. Goodfellows stacked hundreds of children's games, art kits, puzzles, dolls, toy guitars, stuffed animals and other donations in a room where

volunteers Nick Kusic, Kaitlyn Theisen and Donna Whitaker sorted through gifts for Canton children who, without this charity, might wonder why Santa forgot them. Monster High dolls are a hot item this season.

"This is the coolest room in the whole place," Kusic said, smiling.

In another room, Williams pointed out coats, boots, mittens, hats, socks, pajamas and other clothing that, come Christmas, will help Canton's

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Township selling teen center land

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A popular Canton youth and teen center that draws thousands of youngsters every year will close after June 30 next year as township officials move to sell the property, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon, to spur economic development.

The expected sale of 2.28 acres for \$410,000 to Novi-based Gerdom Realty & Investment gained momentum Tuesday night as the Canton Township Board of Trustees accepted a letter of intent to sell the property and authorized Supervisor Phil LaJoy to sign a formal purchase agreement.

Uncertain plans

Canton officials indicated they aren't certain what plans Gerdom may have for the site. A telephone message was left with the company Wednesday morning.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center—Building Leaders Out of Canton's Kids—was established in 2005 to provide supervised activities for youngsters age 11-17. It offers after-school programs, Friday night gatherings and outings and, for potentially at-risk children, an outreach effort that provides transportation to the center.

The B.L.O.C.K. offers on-site tutoring, a homework room, a computer lab, a television area and pool tables, among other activities. Every year it draws an estimated 3,400 youngsters who can find useful ways to spend their time away from school, including when their parents are working.

Canton Leisure Services Director Debbie Blibrey-Honsowetz said Can-

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Teachers protest RTW, education makeover

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

While the controversial right-to-work legislation drew all the attention in the last week, Plymouth-Canton teachers tried Tuesday to draw some attention to legislation coming down the road that could affect them as much, or more.

While they're concerned about the new right-to-work laws, the legislation that concerns them the most is a revamping of the

way public schools are funded and who can get public-school funding, and an extension of the Education Achievement Authority's reach. The EAA was formed last year to give supervision to Detroit Public Schools, and Gov. Rick Snyder's push would extend that to any district in the bottom 5 percent of performing schools.

"Gov. Snyder has begun a campaign against public education and the need to privatize it," said

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Hoben Elementary School teachers staged a protest Tuesday against changes Gov. Rick Snyder wants to make to public education in Michigan.

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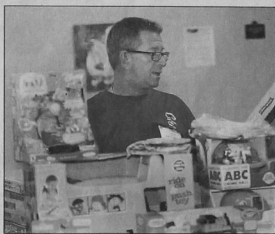
neediest children stay warm. Teens also receive presents and gift cards, while seniors get gifts of their own.

In yet another room, longtime Goodfellow volunteer John Spencer showed boxes of food that will be distributed along with grocery gift cards.

Most families arrive Saturday to pick up their gifts, mostly bought by volunteers who "adopted" families and their wish lists. Kusic said he will deliver boxes of food and grocery gift cards to seniors at Canton Place along with hot breaded chicken from Holiday Market.

Natalie Anderson-Theisen, who spent 15 years volunteering for Girl Scouts, has helped Goodfellow for a second year along with her retired husband, Mike. "I love it because it helps families who need assistance at Christmas-time," she said.

Anderson-Theisen took pride in creating a master file of needy families on a computer for this season, though a large notebook



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Nick Kusic from Canton gets a look at a variety of toys donated to the Canton Goodfellow, which strive to make sure every child has a Christmas.

still contains the original paperwork compiled by the late Nancy Spencer, who served as Goodfellow's president for two decades.

Volunteer Rose Treusch said families receiving aid are happy—and relieved—when they get their gifts and realize they will, indeed, have a Christmas to remember.

"The kids come in jumping up and down," she said. "I start crying when the parents start crying." It's another Goodfel-

lows effort John Spencer said would make Nancy Spencer, who died in October, smile.

"She would be proud of everybody," he said.

For more on the group, go to www.cantongoodfellow.org. Monetary donations may be made at any time by making checks payable to Canton Goodfellow and sending them to Canton Goodfellow, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

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cers Association, which includes police lieutenants and sergeants, and the deputy police chief. "We feel confident we'll be able to work with them ... to reach a fair conclusion," LaJoy said Wednesday.

Michael Kennedy, president of the union that represents 79 police officers and dispatchers, said the group ratified its three-year contract "pretty overwhelmingly" prior to Tuesday's township board vote. The pact includes reduced pension benefits, changes in sick time and the potential for pay increases only if the police budget comes in ahead of projections—amounting to a 1 percent pay hike for every \$150,000 over estimates.

The police wage scale has been frozen since July 2010. "We thought (the contract) was at least fair," Kennedy said. "So many people are out of work, there's a part of you that feels lucky. We could be in a lot worse position. We had lengthy negotiations, and it was up and down, but it's gratifying we came to an agreement rather than arbitration."

AFSCME Local 3860, representing 63 employees, accepted reduced pension benefits, 10 unpaid furlough days for at least two years of a four-year contract,

changes in health care and no pay increases for at least two years, though talks could reopen for 2015 and 2016.

Vote expected

The township board's approval of the AFSCME contract was contingent on a union ratification vote, expected this week. "My expectation is that it may be difficult but that it will be passed," AFSCME Local 3860 President Pat Falzon said. "This is the best we could do under difficult circumstances."

TPOAM, representing just over 50 employees, narrowly ratified its new four-year contract and accepted reduced pension and health care benefits, a two-year wage freeze with talks for potential raises in 2015 and 2016, and 10 unpaid furlough days for at least two years amounting to a 3.85 percent pay cut.

Some TPOAM members not at the top of their pay scale will qualify for a step increase.

The 77 non-union employees, meanwhile, will receive many of the same terms as union employees, such as reduced pensions, health care changes and the unpaid furlough days for at least two years. They also receive a pay freeze for 2013, though one pay step will be "unfrozen" next year.

During Tuesday's meeting, Human Resources

Manager Gwyn Belcher outlined key terms of the latest contracts. She, Trumbull and Township Attorney Kristin Kolb negotiated on the administration's behalf with union leaders.

Belcher described all the contracts as "concessionary" and said the non-union plan mirrored the cuts accepted by union employees.

Setting the tone

Trustee John Anthony said he hopes the newly approved contracts will lead to agreements with other employee groups. "I think this sets the tone," he said. After the meeting, Trustee Pat Williams praised both sides for "a fantastic job bringing negotiations to a close." Williams said the contracts help with short-term cash flow and long-term legacy costs.

On the unfunded health plan, "we still have a 600-pound gorilla coming at us," he said, "but these agreements will help us deal with that."

Williams expressed hope for agreements with other employee groups. "Until those are all put to bed," he said, "we don't know how much that (unfunded liability) curve is going to come down. But these public accountants are moving us in the right direction."

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ton remains committed to offering youth programming and will explore options to center teen services after The B.L.O.C.K. closes after June 30.

"At this point, we plan to take time to re-examine the needs of our teens to determine the most efficient ways possible to meet those needs," she said in a statement. "Canton Leisure Services is committed to continuing to offer youth programming and will begin the process of determining what the next chapter

will be for our teen services.

"We are proud of the teen programs that The B.L.O.C.K. has provided over the years," she said, "and we look forward to continuing to support engaging and dynamic programs for area youth."

Funding program

Canton officials have indicated a portion of the money gained from the property sale will be used for youth programs.

By continuing programs at the Michigan Avenue site through June 30, Trustee Steven Sniedeman said Canton will have time to evaluate

the program and decide how best to provide services.

Officials said the potential sale of the property has been long considered since much of the site was secured by the township in the early 1980s. The township acquired a portion of the land for \$12,000 within the last two years after a previous owner defaulted for unpaid taxes.

For more information about The B.L.O.C.K. programs and services, call (734) 398-5570 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

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Debbie Erickson, a teacher at Hoben Elementary School. "This will benefit corporations but not children. Corporations are interested in profit and unfortunately you cannot make a profit on children.

Education needs to be in the hands of people who are educators. This is what's best for children."

While many teachers traveled to Lansing Tuesday to protest the right-to-work legislation—passed by the state House and Senate and signed by

Snyder late Tuesday—the small group of Hoben teachers decided to stage their own little protest at home.

They took a couple of signs up the street and stood for awhile at the corner of Saltz and Canton Center, drawing appreciative honks from passing motorists.

The protest was an effort to get state legislators to listen to them and, if possible, to change direction of the education legislation. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck was a particular target, with his name featured prominently on the group's sign.

Teachers feel there's a disconnect between Colbeck and public school teachers.

Colbeck avoids talking to educators," Erickson said. "He won't return phone calls, he won't face the schools or the teachers."

Colbeck disputes the contention he's out of touch with public educators, saying the impending legislation is proof.

"I don't know how much more response you can give to public education," Colbeck said. "The big focus has been making sure the focus of education is not on buildings, but on students."

But the teachers called Snyder's right-to-work push, and the speed with which it happened, the "last step at trying to dismantle unions and take away the power we have to keep our jobs."

"We believe in what's best for kids," said Hoben teacher Donna Pahl. "Teachers who are dedicated need to be paid well and treated with respect. We are professionals and should be treated like it."

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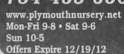
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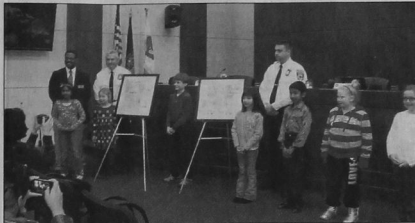


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Poster children

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"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

COLBECK WORKS

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and his district manager Ryan Eggenberger will hold office hours in Plymouth. Colbeck and Eggenberger will be available to talk with residents and to assist with any problems related to their interactions with state government. No appointment is necessary.

Contact: For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.morningmichigan.com or call (734) 335-0673.

COOKIE WALK

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy, east of Newburgh, in Westland

Details: Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold a cookie walk/bake sale. Holiday cookies, spinach pies, sweet Greek bread and Greek pastries will be available.

COLORING CONTEST

Date/Time: Now through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Location: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875

Plymouth Road

Details: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will be holding a coloring contest. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. The winner from each age group will be awarded a \$50 Toys R US gift card. One entry permitted per child. While you are here, take a picture with Nick from the Chevrolet commercials.

Contact: Call 734-453-4600 for information.

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

Details: Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; the Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon."

Contact: For more information, e-mail ASPC@comcast.net

DIABETES SUPPORT

Date/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

Contact: Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.

Canton extends passport hiatus

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton's election-season hiatus on handling passport applications has been extended indefinitely, with Clerk Terry Bennett citing costs, a shortage of employees certified to handle the task and the need for her five workers to focus on more pressing matters.

Bennett had announced the suspension of local passport services before the clerk's office became swamped by the August primary, a special September election fueled by U.S. Thaddeus McCotter's resignation over a petition scandal and a flurry of Nov. 6 political races and ballot proposals.

Bennett confirmed Monday her office has not

resumed passport services. The reasons:

- Her office is seeing a turnover of some passport-trained employees due to retirements.

- The clerk's office only receives \$20 for each passport application it receives and processes — not enough to cover employee costs for the task.

- Passport applications had spiked from 200 a year to over 1,000, increasingly diverting employees from their primary tasks.

"We can't get our work done that is our mission," Bennett said. "Passports really aren't our mission."

Other area clerk's offices also have abandoned passport programs, sending applicants to other

places for the service.

"We stopped that a while back," Westland Deputy Clerk Tina Stanke said, adding later, "I would agree with Terry Bennett that it's not profitable."

Canton and other communities have taken a closer look at optional services they provide amid cost-cutting measures and efforts to work more efficiently at other tasks deemed more critical. Bennett, meanwhile, said the Canton Post Office continues to handle passport applications. More is available by calling the National Passport Information Center at (877) 487-2778 or by visiting www.travel.state.gov.

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CANTON CRIME WATCH

Shotgun threats

Reports of a domestic dispute involving threats with a 12-gauge shotgun sent Canton police to the 45800 block of Bartlett, northwest of the Sheldon Center-Canton Center intersection, about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

A man told police his stepson had pointed a shotgun at him before running from the residence. Police went to the home and spoke with the stepfather and a cousin of the suspect. The shotgun in question was found in the floor of the garage, and a police report indicated there were numerous firearms, some of them hunting-style guns, in the house.

The stepfather told police his stepson's mother had died a few months earlier, that he had lost a girlfriend and has a drinking problem. The alleged victim said the stepson walked toward him with a rope and a shotgun, ordering him to tie himself up because the stepson was taking the van, the police report said.

The stepfather told police when he got out of his chair to leave the house, the stepson leveled the shotgun at him and said it was loaded. The stepfather grabbed the gun, struck the stepson, and the two struggled as the stepson was struck with the butt of the gun, the police report said.

The two ended up in the garage, where the stepfather began to unload the shotgun before he got out of it to prevent the stepson from trying to get it, the report said.

Police secured all firearms inside the residence, and the stepson was facing possible charges.

Aborted theft

A suspect aborted his attempt to steal two televisions after threatening he had a gun and fleeing from the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz, a police report said.

The incident happened about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Canton police went to the Walmart store after receiving reports of a retail fraud in progress. Officers were advised the suspect had tried to steal two TVs and assaulted a loss prevention employee who tried to stop him.

The suspect fled through the front door, put his hand in the waistband of his pants and threatened he had a gun, the police report said. He was described as a heavyset black male wearing blue pants, a sweatshirt and a black cap.

Beer haul

A suspect inside the Kroger store northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center fled in a car following allegations he was trying to steal beer from the store.

The incident happened about 3:40 p.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The man was seen putting beer bottles in his pants leg by employees who notified police, the report said. The suspect was approached by workers and asked to go to the main office, but he was accused of grabbing the wrist of a female employ-

ee, twisting it, pushing her away and running out the door as bottles of Dos Equis beer began falling out of his pants leg, the police report said.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male wearing a black jacket with a white stripe around it. He had what was described in the police report as a pockmarked face.

He was last seen entering a black Subaru and driving off at what witnesses said was a high rate of speed.

Valve theft

A landscaping worker who services a sprinkler irrigation system notified Canton police Monday to report the theft of a vacuum breaker valve prior to 4 p.m. Monday in the area of Cherry Hill and Queen Anne, east of Beck Road.

The 25-year-old man told police he closed down the irrigation system in early October and returned to the site Monday to notice the irrigation control box had been opened. He reported the vacuum breaker, valued at \$1,000, was missing.

Well-being check

Police went to the 1000 block of Dundee, northeast of Palmer and Lilley, after receiving a call around 11:45 p.m. Sunday to check on the well-being of a 29-year-old woman there. Prior to arrival, officers were advised the woman had a felony warrant out of Washtenaw County.

When police arrived, the woman indicated the call about her well-being had been exaggerated. However, she was taken into custody and turned over to Washtenaw County authorities.

Liquor lifted

A 40-year-old Garden City man admitted he rode his bicycle to the Kroger store northwest of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center in an attempt to steal two bottles of liquor because he is an alcoholic, a police report said.

The incident happened about 1 p.m. Saturday. An employee saw the suspect leave the store after tucking liquor bottles under his coat, stopped him and brought him back to the office, a police report said.

The suspect allegedly admitted to police he had tried to steal the liquor and told authorities he is alcoholic, the report said. He was arrested by police, who learned the man also was wanted for unrelated warrants out of Detroit, Southgate and Romulus.

Mailbox mangled

Police went to the 7700 block of Charrington, northeast of the Sheldon Center-Canton Center intersection, after reports that a vehicle struck and damaged a mailbox and failed to stop.

The incident was reported about 8:45 p.m. last Thursday.

—By Darrell Clem

Police nab scam suspect

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton police nabbed a suspect Monday afternoon amid allegations he fraudulently bought merchandise from a Hobby Lobby store in Indiana and returned it to the company's Canton store for a cash refund, authorities said.

The suspect, a Detroit man, could be facing criminal charges arising from what Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner described as a two-state retail fraud scam.

Canton Hobby Lobby employees summoned police after they recognized the suspect based on information provided by an Indiana store, Schreiner said.

"They recognized him as a suspect who was known to purchase merchandise at an Indiana location using what

was believed to be fraudulent checks," Schreiner said.

The suspect is believed to have gone to the Canton store to obtain cash for the merchandise.

The suspect was carrying a concealed handgun when he was arrested, but he apparently had a gun permit and he didn't use the weapon during the Hobby Lobby incident, Schreiner said.

"It appears the suspect had a pistol permit," he said. However, Canton police found what Schreiner described as store merchandise and a stun gun in the suspect's car.

Schreiner credited the Hobby Lobby store's Canton employees for their vigilance in spotting the suspect and contacting police.

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PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Counterfeit cash

Police recovered 22 apparently counterfeit \$50 bills on Dec. 3 after a man tried to spend some of them at a Plymouth Township gas station.

The incident occurred shortly after 5 p.m. at the Shell station on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275,

according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The man who tried to use some of the bills to buy a pack of cigarettes and a soft drink had left the scene before police arrived, the report said.

A gas-station clerk told police his man handed him what looked like a \$50 bill for his purchases, but that a scanning machine the station uses to detect counterfeit rejected it.

Two more bills the man tried to use were also rejected, the clerk said, and the would-be customer, while not

acknowledging they were phony, handed over 19 more such bills.

The clerk said he called police with the man standing next to him, but that the man then left in an unknown direction.

Tires slashed

All four tires on a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck were punctured recently as the truck sat parked at a township apartment complex. The vandalism occurred between Dec. 1 and Dec. 3, a police report said.

The complainant told police his truck was parked at the Plymouth Heritage Apartments on Heritage Drive, west of Sheldon and south of North Territorial, when the tires were punctured and flattened. Police noted all four tires had multiple punctures.

—By Matt Jachman

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FIRST Technical Challenge Motivate Award Winners (circular from top left) Ryan Wu, Jack Nugent, Varun Kumaravel, Connor Flanigan, Austin Liu, Nick Huang, Ritika Parikh, Shilpa Pindolia, Manasi Sharma, Taylor Ufford, Chintan Modi, Sonia Bhakkad, Nathan Tseng.

Discovery hosts state robotics meet

The East Middle School RoboRockets were awarded an invitation to the State FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Championship tournament on Dec. 15 after they successfully qualified based on their performance at a Nov. 30 competition in Temperance.

And they won't far to travel. The state competition is being held at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

In Temperance, East also earned the Motivate Award, a serious award in FIRST robotics that shows that the team not only has enthusiasm, but is positive and reflective of the principles of FIRST (For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics.

The judges were impressed by the RoboRockets' involvement of their entire school in a logo contest as well as a PSA (Public Service Announcement) video they produced.

This rookie FTC team has been together for three

years, formed originally under the leadership of Kristi Berry at Miller Elementary, and competed previously in the First Lego League (FLL). Their efforts and performance last year eventually led them to the FLL World Competition in Orlando, Fla., where they placed seventh for robot performance in a field of more than 20,000 teams from 60 countries.

This year, the team chose to take on the higher level competition, First Tech Challenge, their first time any P-CCS team has competed at this level.

FTC is designed for 7-12 graders who want to compete with their engineering, mathematics and programming skills, head-to-head, using a sports model. Students are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format. Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are

given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments.

Approximately 70 teams competed for a position in upcoming the State tournament. This year's challenge is to place rings on a three-dimensional tic-tac-toe board while fending off attacks from potentially unfriendly challengers in the competition ring.

The successful team at this tournament will be awarded a berth at the World Tournament this spring in St. Louis, Mo. The RoboRockets are backed by generous support from Burroughs Corporation and Women's Giving Circle from the Canton Community Foundation. RoboRocket team members include Sonia Bhakkad, Connor Flanigan, Taylor Ufford, Manasi Sharma, Nick Huang, Nathan Tseng, Shilpa Pindolia, Ritika Parikh, Chintan Modi, Ryan Wu, Jack Nugent, Varun Kumaravel, and Austin Liu.

WCCCD brings college classes to W-W high schools

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Students at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools are earning college credit without leaving their buildings as the result of an agreement worked out between the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the Wayne County Community College District.

The idea of students earning college credits while still in high school isn't new. High school students have been able to take classes at colleges for many years through dual enrollment. But the Wayne-Westland program rolled out this fall brings college-level class-

es to the high schools.

"The response has really been phenomenal," said Paul Sallah, deputy superintendent for instruction.

"What's great about this is it goes above and beyond what other districts are doing. We're always trying to do more for our kids." One hundred students signed up for the classes which include two sections of speech that are being offered at Wayne Memorial and introduction to philosophy and introduction to visual arts that are being offered at Glenn. The classes don't require students to take an extraneous exam but they do have to qualify to can take them. The classes transfer for college

credit, Sallah said.

A change in the law has expanded who can take the college classes, so students can begin taking college classes as early as their freshman year.

"We're very excited about partnering with WCCCD and the program," he added. "WCCCD offered the best tuition rates and was very eager to work with us."

Sallah credited School Superintendent Greg Baracy in hammering out the agreement. The school district and college was able to pull the program together "very quickly" last summer.

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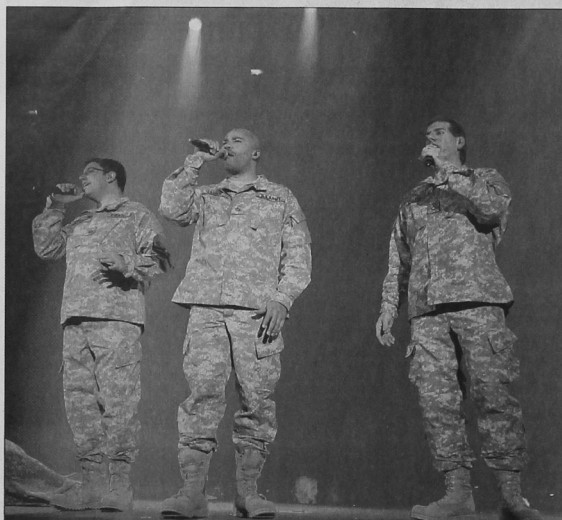
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'Glory' delights sold-out crowds

Laurie Aren of Westland is one of the newest members of the NorthRidge Church choir.

But that didn't keep her from noticing how close-knit the group is, and how much closer it gets going through rehearsals for the church's annual Glory of Christmas spectacular.

This year's 20th annual show, "Simply Jesus," was no different, and Aren, director of community and family outreach for the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, felt comfortable right from the beginning.

"The sense of family that develops through the process is amazing," Aren said. "There was laughter, tears, prayers and some light-hearted teasing ... just like with any family."

The annual production, put on by NorthRidge Church near the holidays, is a Broadway-style production.

It played to sold-out audiences in 10 performances over the last two weeks.



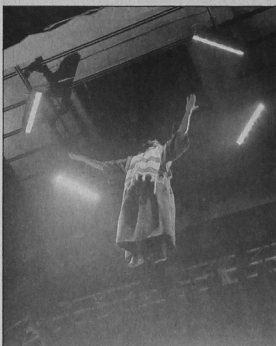
The Toy Soldier (Anthony Pitera) drums up the audience at 'The Glory of Christmas.'



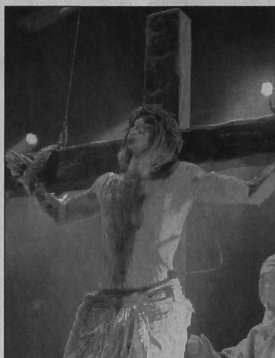
Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus get the sold-out audience excited about Christmas.



Mary (Milena Mandelli) prays after finding out she will be the mother of Jesus.



The ascension of Jesus (Kurt Gendjar) comes near the end of the 20th anniversary production themed 'Simply Jesus.'



Jesus (Jared Withrow) is crucified.



Karissa Urban skates as 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' is sung.



The baby Jesus is adored in the manger after he is born.



Joseph (Jordan Ciciotti) takes the trip to Jerusalem with Mary (Milena Mandelli) as the baby Jesus will soon be born.



Four-year-old Alayna Miller brings tears to the eyes of the sold-out show as she sings 'Happy Birthday, Jesus.'

Smith joins O&E Media team

Wendy Smith sees all of the various business and boutiques, restaurants and shops that populate the business district in Plymouth, and she gets excited.

That's because Smith, the new Plymouth-area advertising executive for O&E Media (parent company of the Plymouth Observer), thinks she can help those businesses get their messages out.

"I am amazed by the beautiful boutiques and restaurants in the downtown area, as well as the growing businesses on the perimeter of town," Smith said. "I am hopeful my many years of experience as a development and marketing director in the non-profit sector will allow me to assist the local retailers and organizations in designing a cost-effective and manageable marketing plan to help grow their busi-



Smith

ness." Smith, who started as the Plymouth advertising executive in November, is a long-time resident of Ann Arbor who is active in many of the region's arts and music events when not busy with one of her four children.

She attended Kalamazoo College, then got her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Her latest job, before joining O&E Media, was at U-M in the university's College of LSA development, marketing and communications office.

"I am especially excited to have the opportunity to further explore the beautiful town of Plymouth and the nearby neighborhoods," Smith said.

Newest trainer

Plymouth-based Facility Results continues to strengthen its niche in NFPA 70E and electrical safety training through the recent addition of master electrician, trainer and author Charles R. Miller to the team. Miller rounds out the experienced six-member Facility Results training team, which is already known for its depth, knowledge, and ability to successfully convey the value and real-life benefits of implementing electrical safety best practices.

Based out of Lebanon, Tenn., Miller spent 20 years as a successful business owner and electrical contractor. Since then, he has focused his time and energy on writing and teaching to promote knowledge and proficiency among engineers, electricians, and tradespeople in the field.

Miller has passed more than 40 Master Electrical Exams (with a score of 93 or higher) and 7 Electrical Inspector Exams. As an



Miller

author and illustrator, he has an extensive list of electrical-safety-related publications to his credit, including some published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Miller also sits on two NFPA committees, including the committee for the NFPA 70E standard.

Business news

From the desks of the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Three Dog Bakery has teamed with Jill Andra Young Photography for Photos with Santa for your pets on Sunday, Dec. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at the bakery. No appointment is necessary. The bakery is located at 550 Forest in downtown Plymouth.

- Moving into the Forest Ave. location of Kp Sweets will be Pure Radiance Laser & Esthetics of West

Bloomfield. The licensed staff showers skin with GentleLase technology to reduce the prevalence of unwanted whiskers.

- Denny Pennington, owner of the Westchester properties along Forest Ave., says he has several second-floor offices available for lease. If you are interested, call Denny at (586) 506-1225.

- Santa's visiting hours in Kellogg Park are noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 15-16; 6-8 p.m. Dec. 21; noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 22; and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 23.

- The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 20. The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned and non-perishable items.

All recipients must be pre-registered. There is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. For information and to register, call Pat at Plymouth Community United Way (734) 453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to pat.vandusen@pcuw.org.

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Hot tech gifts priced right for the holidays

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

Having the some of the newest, best and coolest technologies under the tree this holiday season doesn't have to come at a premium price. From cameras to game systems and even the best smartphones, there are plenty of tech gifts on sale for under \$100.

Sony Cyber-Shot CW650 - For \$89 at participating ABC Warehouse retailers you can purchase this 16.1 megapixel digital camera featuring 720p HD video recording. Features include an automatic shot stabilizer, smile detection, 5x optical zoom and panorama shooting options. ABC Warehouse also offers accessories for point and shoot cameras and high zoom cameras such as bags, memory cards and tripods.

A 4GB micro SD card is as low as \$6.99 while 2GB SD cards are from \$5.99. Camera bags start at \$9.95.

MP3 Players - For the music lover on your list, how about an iPod shuffle or similarly sleek MP3 player? A 2GB Apple iPod shuffle retails for approximately \$29 while an 8GB Sandisk Sansa Fuze+ is \$64.99. Other MP3 players can be found as low as \$14.99 at electronic retailers.

Cell phones - Upgrade a loved one's phone plan or treat yourself with a new smartphone. Verizon is currently offering a vari-

ety of holiday deals on popular phones such as the impressively thin Droid Razr (\$99) or the Apple iPhone 4 which is free with a two-year agreement.

Computers and computer accessories - It is difficult to find a reputable laptop or tower for under \$100 but a quality monitor could cost as little as \$99. ABC Warehouse has a current special on an 18.5 inch Samsung LED monitor for \$99. Online and other brick and mortar retailers will likely have similar deals on monitors, wireless keyboards, optical mice, computer speakers, shredders and even web cams can be found for \$25 or less.

Video gaming systems - Video game resale shops and eBay have a plethora of old school titles for sale. An original Nintendo (NES) with controllers, cords and popular games such as Super Mario Bros. can be purchased for about \$45 plus shipping.

A Super Nintendo bundle with controllers, cords and games can be

found for about \$80-\$100 while a classic Sega Genesis unit from the early 90s can be bought for around \$70. Original PlayStation units are for sale for as low as \$25 while Nintendo 64 systems are selling for about \$60.

Other gadgets - eBay is also a hot spot for vintage video games for all units and even current games for PlayStation3, Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360, Nintendo DS and PlayStation Vita.

Other small gadgets - Digital picture frames are a popular item around the holidays. They can be purchased for as low as \$25 depending on the make and model. ABC Warehouse even sells a key chain with a digital picture frame for \$6.99.

Automatic start, car starter kits are a nice idea in the cold months. If you are handy and can install one yourself, consider buying one online. You can snag one for as low as \$70.

Then there are the holiday favorites such as remote control cars, electronic games and more. If you aren't sure what to buy, here's one last suggestion: an electronic version of Catchphrase (\$22.95 at Target). The game requires three AAA batteries but is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Northville resident **Jon Gunnells** is a social media planner at a Detroit-based advertising agency. He can be reached at jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnShoW.

Grand opening



A ribbon cutting was held recently by Killer Crowns Hat & T-Shirt Shop to celebrate the shop's grand opening. Killer Crowns Hat & T-Shirt Shop is located at 42711 Ford Road in Canton. Canton Chamber of Commerce members, Canton Township employees and Canton residents were all among the attendees.

Canton party planner grows in new home

Weddings and Celebration Creations has moved to a new location which will offer more space for their growing business. Now doing business as Flowers and Gifts, the company's new home is at 5800 Sheldon in Canton.

What started as a hobby for Gregg and Debbie Custer has expanded into a growing business including many dimensions of wedding/party planning and gift decor, with floral arranging at the core of their business.

The Custers' business has steadily grown over the past eight years, despite a poor economy. The store has planned over 350 events within the past year alone.

Debbie said that when it comes to wedding planning her team "does as much or as little as the client asks of us." The store provides one-stop shopping for all wedding or party needs, including tuxedo and shoe rental, centerpiece and table

décor such as glass, silks, floral, and candelabras.

They can provide table linens, place settings, and even Debbie's unique patented chair covers for your event. The store also has relationships with other businesses to complete your wedding, such as halls, photographers, bakeries, and transportation options.

Many weddings in the Canton area reflect the cultural diversity of the area, and have special needs for floral or decoration. Flowers and Gifts are experienced professionals in this area and can assist in all those special needs of these unique ceremonies.

In the new store clients can sit and discuss their wedding planning or floral arrangement needs at a large sitting area. They can observe the Custers and their team making beautiful arrangements and determine what they like. Classes for arranging and décor will also be offered.

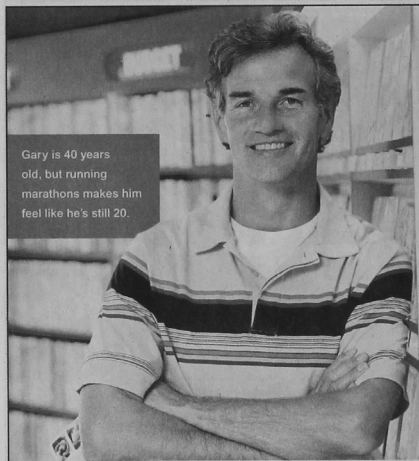
Flowers and Gifts do a large volume of floral arranging for funerals and corporate events.

In fact, costs can be much lower going directly through Flowers and Gifts.

"Since we order a large volume of flowers for our arrangements, we can pass on savings to our customers," Debbie Custer said. "We want people to realize they don't have to spend a lot of money for beautiful flowers."

Flowers and Gifts will also offer an expanded retail area full of gifts for your loved ones. Whether it is to thank your bridal party, celebrate a graduation, or even a birthday with a special theme, the store carries many gift items, including plush, candy, cards and gardening items.

Flowers and Gifts new location is at 5800 Sheldon in Canton. Visit them at www.flowersandgiftscanton.com, or call them (734) 455-7377.



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The story starts when Santa forgets to put on his "magic" shoes. The Elves worry that he will get lost; meanwhile, the Ice Princess and her pack of wolves plot to take control of Santa's flight. They are foiled when the Elves unleash Robo Elf.

Santa himself serves as the narrator of the play and will be available afterwards for "Photos with Santa." Show times are Dec. 13-16 at 7 p.m., with matinee shows also Dec. 15-16 at 2 p.m. For information call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersm.org. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Public relations honors

Canton-based Logos Communications has been honored with two 2012 Clarion Awards from the Association of Women in Communications. Both awards were in the Public Relations category, one for a one-time public relations campaign and the other for a press kit. Both winning entries were for their client Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Frankenmuth.

Clarion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in all communications fields and are highly sought after by marketing and communications professionals both nationally and internationally. The winning entry for the Public Relations campaign was for the launch of Dorothy Zehnder's cookbook, "Come Cook with Me." The second Clarion Award was for a Press Kit that promoted media interest in Dorothy Zehnder's cookbook and her 90th birthday celebration. The online press kit included background information readily accessible to broadcast and print journalists, photos of Dorothy and the Bavarian Inn, recipes and food photos, press releases and a comprehensive video news release.

For more information about Logos Communications visit www.logoscommunications.com or call (734) 667-2005.



Generous donation

Dave Ebner, owner of RealBarBQ in Canton, presents Laura Varon Brown, executive director of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, with a check for \$1,300. The donation came from a fundraiser the Canton eatery ran for Gilda's Club recently. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit provides a no-cost program for men, women, teens and young children living with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends. The environment is very welcoming and is in a home-like setting.

Game development

Locally owned OmniHanded Interactive, LLC announced their plans to develop and publish STAX, a revolutionary card-based game that has wide application in education and advertising in addition to its 'profund entertainment value.' "We expect big things from STAX," said OHI President Steve Henney. "Our tagline is Building a Revolution, because STAX is utterly addictive even when our standard game pieces are replaced with information students need to learn from it." "Down the road, we plan to introduce a fully integrated classroom system where educators can use STAX to teach, reinforce, test, and, using real-time performance metrics, adjust lesson plans to address individual students' teaching needs," he added.

OmniHanded Interactive is currently seeking additional resources to develop, among other things, their hardware and software protocols for STAX integrated classroom and to finish their primary logic engine. Scheduled for release in early-April, 2013, STAX the game will be available on Android & iOS devices as well as in physical decks of cards.

Obama praises plant's expansion, decries new right-to-work law

By David Veselenak
Observer Staff Writer

President Barack Obama praised Detroit Diesel during an appearance in Redford Monday after it was announced the engine plant would invest \$120 million to create 115 new jobs.

"One hundred and fifteen good new jobs right here in this plant, making this happen," Obama said after touring the facility. "It's good for this plant, it's good for this community."

The plant is expected to begin manufacturing transmissions and turbochargers for trucks.

"Since 1938, Detroit Diesel has been turning out some of the best engines in the world," he said. "Generations of Redford workers have walked through these doors. Not just to punch a clock. Not just to pick up his paycheck, coming out against the legislation signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder."

The largest applause came when Obama said the right-to-work issue was nothing more than a political football.

"These so-called 'right to work' laws, they don't have to do with economics; they have everything to do with politics," he said. "What they're really talking about is giving you the right to work for less money."

Obama's visit is the first until sometime next year or 2014, Kobylarz said, because some things still need to be worked out.



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President Barack Obama enters Detroit Diesel in Redford Monday followed by members of the Secret Service.

third by a president in Redford's history. Both Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton also visited. Obama was last in Michigan in April for a fundraiser.

He said the plant's investment is good for American manufacturing. "Soon, you guys will be building all the key parts that go into powering a heavy-duty truck, all at the same facility."

He said he hopes the plant continues to bring business to the surrounding areas.

Daimler Truck North America President and CEO Martin Daum addressed the changes before Obama took the stage, including a branding decision to drop the "Diesel" from the plant's name, wanting to show

the plant can make more than diesel engines. The company will rely on using just "Detroit" in its product line, even though their diesel engines are still what the company is best known for.

"Today is the last day of the past, and the first day of the future. We did a lot of things right together to come to that moment," Daum said. "We have now a core brand name."

Obama praised the investment, saying the move furthers Michigan as a leader of industry and will continue to help Redford and surrounding communities, keeping more employed and providing customers for local businesses, including restaurants, gas stations and other small businesses.

The surrounding businesses could have seen devastating conditions if the auto industry and suppliers such as Detroit Diesel had been closed down because of the recession, he said.

"All of you, the men and women who built these companies with your own hands, would have been hung out to dry," he said.

"And everybody in this community that depends on you, restaurant owners, storekeepers, bartenders, their livelihoods would have been at stake, too."

The presidential visit was attended by several hundred people, including workers at the plant and local government officials. Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Wayne County Executive Robert



Detroit Diesel employees Tricia Patti, of Livonia, and Michelle Powell, of Oak Park, took pictures during the speech.



The audience clearly liked what President Barack Obama had to say in Redford Monday.

Ficano and Congressman David Curson were in attendance. U.S. Reps. Hansen Clarke, John Conyers, Gary Peters and Sander Levin, as well as U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, also attended.

Kobylarz said the move by Detroit Diesel is a "great investment" into Redford, and shows the commitment the company has to Redford.

The increase in workers is not expected to take

place until sometime next year or 2014, Kobylarz said, because some things still need to be worked out.

"It's one of the larger investments Daimler has made into that particular facility," she said. "Those are very strong commitments on behalf of the organization. Anytime we can insure good paying jobs for our community, we need to make sure those come home."

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Ray of hope

Vigil offers mourners chance to honor loved ones

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Leona McKinnon of Belleville spent much of the first couple of years after the 2006 murder of her son incapacitated, barely able to get out of bed and hanging on emotionally by the slimmest of threads.

But there she was Sunday, one of hundreds of mourners, friends and family gathered in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park for the 16th worldwide candlelight vigil hosted by the western Wayne County chapter of the Compassionate Friends to honor children who passed away too soon.

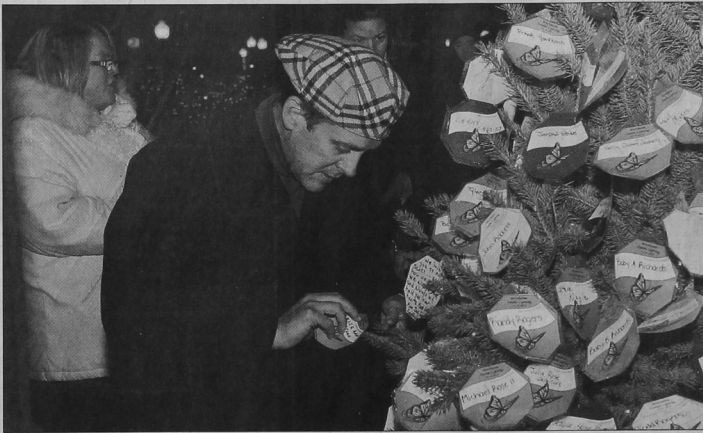
McKinnon said her son, Shawn Martin, was murdered while he slept in September 2006, and she's been unable to do much since.

"This is the first year I've been able to come... I've been dying," McKinnon said. "My mental state is better. I'm never going to get over it, but I'm able to go on now. It's been a very, very long road... (being here) lets me know I'm not alone."

And that's the idea. Held annually the second Sunday in December, the vigil provides a chance for families who have suffered the tragic loss of a child to grieve and remember.

The Worldwide Candle Lighting is a way of uniting together to remember all children around the world who have died too soon and to try to bring light out of darkness during this difficult time of the year.

Rhonda Temple of the Livonia-based Compassionate Friends chapter, who lost her 6-year-old daughter, Alyssa, to leukemia in 2006, called the night "a healing event."
"It helps people at Christmas time to come together with others who've been through it," said Temple, who attended the event with husband Lee and sons Justin and Brandon. "It's a difficult time, and this helps people through that."



Eric Welch of Livonia looks for his two sisters' ornaments on one of the Compassionate Friends Christmas trees in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. He attended the annual candlelight vigil in memory of sisters, Julie Ann Ibbetson and Kimberly Welch.



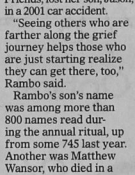
Meghan Young from Chelsea lights her candle in memory of her aunt, Karen Mahoney, who passed away in 1997.



Hundreds gathered in Kellogg Park for the Compassionate Friends Candlelight Vigil held Sunday night in Plymouth.



Sisters Kim and Julie LaPlante honor the memory of Julie's daughter Lauren LaPlante, who passed away six years ago.



Kathy Rambo, who helps run the Compassionate Friends, lost her son, Jason, in a 2001 car accident. "Seeing others who are farther along the grief journey helps those who are just starting realize they can get there, too," Rambo said. Rambo's son's name was among more than 800 names read during the annual ritual, up from some 745 last year. Another was Matthew Wansor, who died in a

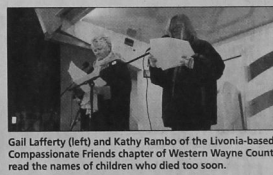
motorcycle accident five years ago at the age of 21. Wansor's sister, Melissa Moriarty of Northville, said she attends the vigil every year.

"It keeps his memory alive," said Moriarty, who attended Sunday's vigil with her husband, Chad. "It's something I feel I'm doing not only for him, but for myself. Hearing his name is still very

emotional."

Laurie Layton of Ann Arbor joined Compassionate Friends after the death of her daughter, Courtney, eight months ago. This was her first candlelight vigil.

"It helped," she said afterward. "I got to light a candle for my daughter, and I know she sees it. It helps me celebrate a little bit in these sad times."



Gail Lafferty (left) and Kathy Rambo of the Livonia-based Compassionate Friends chapter of Western Wayne County read the names of children who died too soon.

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Nankin Mills ushers in holiday with fest

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer



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Families gathered outside the mill for a sing-along and do a count down to light up Nankin Mills.

Denise Braun of the Friends group. "The youngsters search for candy canes and look over the displays. We hope they come out and

do some fun things with their families and find all kinds of interesting things, so they'll want to come back." The crafts and games

lasted for just over an hour before participants gathered on the lawn of the mill for a Christmas sing-along. The Old Friends—Mike Chrisom,

Helen Epskamp and Pat Grimes—led the crowd in singing such holiday favorites as Must Be Santa, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the

Snowman and Deck the Halls.

Braun was pleased with the crowd for the event. "We had a good turnout," she said.

Dreary weather throughout the day didn't dampen the spirits of families who gathered at Nankin Mills Saturday for the 25th annual Family Holiday Fest and mill lighting, hosted by Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills. "I wanted to see the lights and this popped up on the Internet. I decided to bring the kids," said Amber Bishop of Plymouth, who was at the mill with her daughter, Alivia, son Jaxon and friend Sarah Due, also of Plymouth. "They had a lot to do, I didn't expect that."

Her children also were excited to see Santa Claus who arrived to help flip the switch to light up the mill.

The Holiday Fest included crafts as well as games and a scavenger hunt that introduced youngsters and their families to the displays throughout the museum.

"The reason we do this is because we like to bring in people who might not come," said



Alivia Bishop of Plymouth is intent on making a snowman at the Family Fest.



Santa Claus visits with Wyatt Cope of Westland in Nankin Mills after helping light the building for the holidays.

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OUR VIEWS

AG was right

Actions correct in petition fraud scandal

Attorneys for two of four staffers charged in the petition signature fraud scandal involving former Congressman Thaddeus McCotter are disappointed Attorney General Bill Schuette didn't go easier on their clients.

Tim Dinan, the attorney for Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, said he was very surprised Yowchuang was not offered any plea bargain based on his cooperation with the investigation. Yowchuang pleaded no contest to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Mark Mandell, the attorney for Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, said justice was not served. He said drug offenders and domestic abusers who commit far worse crimes than misdemeanors are allowed to complete probation to clear their records, yet Seewald is not — even though he has never had a traffic ticket and has dedicated his whole life to Livonia youth football and public service.

Seewald pleaded guilty to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18.

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Judge Margie Braxton of Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court will hold a hearing Jan. 9 to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge. The attorney general's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in court.

McCotter was not charged, as investigators said there was no direct evidence of his involvement.

We applaud Schuette for not accepting plea deals and find Mandell's comment inappropriate. Yes, no person was abused, but the public's trust certainly was.

Since being elected, however, Schuette has sent mixed messages when it comes to enforcing election laws. We are still puzzled his office didn't even give current House Speaker Jase Bolger a slap on the wrist for his role in an election-rigging scheme in which he helped Democrat Rep. Roy Schmidt switch to the Republican Party at the last minute, all the while recruiting a fake Democrat candidate to keep any real Democrat from competing against Schmidt. Schuette, a Republican, said there was no basis to charge Bolger with any crimes, despite overwhelming evidence he played a role in trying to rig the election. And in fact, Bolger has since apologized for his role. The scheme ultimately backfired and voters chose a write-in Democrat, Winnie Brinks, to represent the 76th District on the west side of the state.

So we are pleased Schuette seems to have developed some newfound concern for the integrity of our elections. Better late than never.

The bottom line is we must protect the integrity of elections in this country. They are the foundation of our democracy. If we can't trust that our elections are free of corruption — and that our officials are in office because the majority of voters wanted them there — we are no different from countries run by dictators or the select few already in power.

Seewald's attorney had a point that his client had no criminal record, but it's important that elected officials — and their staffs — are above board and maintain integrity in all of their professional and personal conduct.

We expect them to follow the law, not act as though they are above it. Schuette had to send a message to prevent cases of petition fraud in the future.

We're glad he treated this case with the seriousness it deserved.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you plan on spending more, less or about the same this holiday season compared to last year?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Probably a little less."
Dawn MacDonald
Canton



"We're trying to spend less."
Barb Wieland
Canton



"I think I'll probably spend more this year."
Kathleen Rainey
Canton



"Probably about the same."
Eric Wood
Canton

LETTERS

Not surprising

What happened in Lansing with the right-to-work legislation should come as no surprise to anyone.

A large percentage of the Republican (Tea) party members of the House of Representatives were either term-limited or were not re-elected. They knew this would never pass in the new session.

However, these teabaggers have done a commendable job for the rich business leaders who bought and paid for them. Just the tax savings alone is enough for them to be amply rewarded — \$2 billion earlier this year, another \$440 million they slipped through this fall and another \$500 million when they kill the business personal property tax.

Now, the way it works is this, after leaving office, they will go to work for the entities that they have showered this \$3 billion on. Depending on how important they were to the movement, they will command salaries in the six- and seven-figure range.

I hate to say I told you so, but I really don't. I warned what would happen if we let these right-wing zealots take over our government, especially the likes of Sen. Patrick Colbeck and Rep. Kurt Heise.

I hate to contemplate what awaits us over the next two years in regards to women's rights, aid to local government and help for the unemployed, under-employed, middle class and the poor.

James Huddleston
Canton

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Sense of community

I write in response to your articles about the Canton Township decision to award the bid for management of Fellows Creek Golf Course to Billy Casper Golf, a Virginia corporation. According to the hand-out at the board meeting on Nov. 13, the purpose for the action was to "maximize revenue potential," an obvious belief that Billy Casper will be able to make more money than the Dan Ross family, Canton residents who have managed the course for 35 years.

It is logical that the course income has declined in the last four years given our tough economic times. If one is out of work he/she cannot afford to golf. Our community has not been alone. Kate Moore of the Michigan Golf Course Association estimates 30 Michigan courses have closed in the last four years.

under the economic strains.

Considering the whole situation, I find the township's thinking in this matter to be sad and anti-community. After many residents voiced their objections about ending the management contract with a Canton resident in order to hire an out-of-state corporation, one of the trustee's hostile response was evidence of the much greater concern for "maximizing revenues" than any concern for community connections.

According to Kate Moore, cities generally don't run golf courses to make money. Generally it is done to add to a sense of community. Certainly hiring an out-of-state company is not a sign of adding to a sense of community in this case.

I live at the Links of Fellows Creek, but do not overlook the course. I am writing solely as an avid golfer who plays at Fellows Creek probably 7-8 times a month. Although I do not know anyone in the Ross family, I love the course and appreciate the great people who work there. I will feel a sense of loss of community dealing with an out-of-state corporation, rather than a local family.

I wonder what kind of community our residents want — one that's primary concern (maybe sole concern) is "maximizing revenues" or one that has an equally strong concern for maintaining or maximizing a sense of community for its residents? I did not sense any "balancing" at the hearing.

Mary Ellen MacDougall
Canton

STAFF COLUMN

Legislators did disservice to local voters

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Without any background in labor law, I have no idea (outside of what I've read) what effect the right-to-work legislation pushed through by state Legislators, and signed Tuesday by Gov. Rick Snyder, will have on unions in Michigan.

But it's pretty easy to jump to the conclusion it could kill them, or at least their influence in state politics (which I suspect is the whole idea in the first place). The claim by Republicans that the legislation leaves in place the right to collectively bargain specious, at best, in my mind.

Right-to-work may very well be the right way to go. I don't profess to any expertise on that point. But whether you agree with taking Michigan in a direction fewer than half of the states have felt it necessary to go, there's still a nagging question, at least in my mind:

What was the rush? Cynics obviously point out the right-to-work boosters knew they might not have the votes come January and so get the Legislators to whom they've contributed to push it through now. That

may be.

But doing it this way, pushing it through with absolutely no debate, without a single hearing, just smacks of arrogance. Republicans in the legislature just said, with their actions, "We're doing this because we can." And Gov. Snyder's lame response — "I didn't want the issue, but here it is anyway, so I have to deal with it" — is disingenuous. Why not deal with it by saying to Republicans, "OK, let's deal with the way we always do ... committee hearings, debate, a conversation."

The question residents — voters — in Plymouth and Canton should be asking themselves is this: "Where were my legislators? Where were the people I elected to represent me?"

Truth is, if you're in favor of this legislation, then state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, were right there with you. However, if you're against it, they both sold you down the river, threw you under the bus (insert your own cliché here).

The same is true of those of you who feel these things should be debated, or at least discussed, before they're rammed through both branches of state government.

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was not only against the legislation, she was against the pro-

cess, telling the Observer it is "especially shameful" to do it in this name-dick session. When asked what the thought of the right-to-work issue, Heise told the Observer he thinks what Snyder thinks. He said he trusts the governor, as "an astute businessman."

Colbeck said he's supported the issue from the time he was elected two years ago. Asked about Democrats' complaints that the issue hasn't had time for study, Colbeck responded, "I've been studying it for over a year." As one of the smartest guys in the room, and a proponent of the movement in the first place, that's not surprising. But not everyone has. And the fact Colbeck has been studying it for more than a year shouldn't preclude those who need time to catch up from getting it.

I think Heise supported it because his governor said he should. I think Colbeck would have supported it no matter what.

And whether you agree with the right-to-work movement or not, both of them did their constituents a disservice by not just laying down and watching this desecration of the political process happen, but by actively shoveling dirt into the grave.

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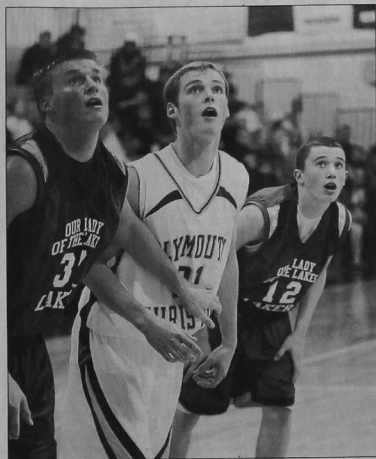
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Plymouth Christian Academy's Matt Sumner (No. 21) prepares to rebound the ball should a free throw miss on Tuesday. Doing the same are Our Lady of the Lakes players Garrett Ross (No. 30) and Nick Robak (No. 12).

As the Eagles fly

PCA tips off season with energetic victory

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Chomping at the bit for their season to start, Plymouth Christian Academy's Eagles came out all charged up Tuesday against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. They kept up their energy level throughout the back-and-forth varsity boys basketball game, rolling to a 79-72 victory over the visiting Lakers.

How energetic was the home team in their season opener? Consider that PCA senior guard Mick Noel missed one fourth quarter dunk only to roar back moments later with a successful slam to put a charge into the home crowd.

"On the first one my legs kind of went out when I went up, so that was pretty embarrassing," said Noel, who led PCA with 18 points. "But

Alex (Huber) got the steal on the second one, tossed it up to me and I just decided to go up and put it down."

That dunk brought the Eagles to within 60-58 with about 5:30 remaining in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division matchup.

Big shots

Huber also came up big in the fourth, connecting on successive treys from the left wing to turn a 63-60 deficit into a 66-65 lead with 3:50 left. PCA (1-0) never fell behind the rest of the way.

"That's what he does," said Eagles head coach Dominic Washington about the senior guard. "He's our best shooter. I tell the guys, 'Don't think about the shot, shoot the ball knowing your going to make it'."

"He's a couple early and I just told him 'Hey, keep shooting, they're going to fall.'"

A balanced attack also sparked the Eagles, who bounced back after falling behind 13-5 and 18-11 in the

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Salem girls lax meeting

There will be a player/parent information meeting for all returning Salem girls lacrosse players and other student-athletes interested in learning to play the game.

The meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 in room W2112 at Salem High School.

Salem will be adding its first junior varsity team this spring and coaches would like to recruit new players.

Contact and additional information can be found at www.salemgirlslacrosse.com.

Naubert top WHAC player

For the second time this season, Madonna University junior point-guard Bobby Naubert was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's basketball (ending Dec. 9).

The 5-foot-10 Naubert averaged 17 points, eight rebounds, 6.5 assists and 3.5 steals for the Crusaders, who finished 1-1 for the week including an 81-74 upset Saturday of No. 12-ranked Cornerstone.

In that win, Naubert posted a double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

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Buzzer beater helps Salem ward off Skyline

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A jump shot by Salem's Nate Sassi at the end of the fourth quarter Tuesday night enabled the Rocks to escape Ann Arbor Skyline with a 49-47 boys basketball win. It was a seesaw con-

test. After Salem (2-0) raced out to an 18-5 lead after the first quarter, Skyline answered in the second by outscoring the Rocks 10-5 to pull to within 23-15 at halftime.

After an even third, the Eagles rallied down the stretch — Skyline scored 20 points in the fourth —

'We just weathered the storm and did a pretty nice job of finishing up and keeping our composure.'

BOB BRODIE

Salem coach

to knot the game at 47-47.

That set the stage for Sassi's late heroics.

"We brought it down and KJ (Mack) came off a screen from (Chris) Dierker and kicked it

over to Nate," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "He knocked down a 15-foot jumper as the buzzer sounded. It was a pretty exciting finish."

Dierker was outstanding again, with 19 points and 15 rebounds (includ-

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BOYS BOWLING PREVIEW

Chiefs look to keep rolling

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It's a new season but a familiar cast for Canton's varsity boys bowling team.

Four of the five bowlers who competed last season in the state Division 1 team finals (which Macomb Dakota won) are back as the Chiefs look to take the next step.

Coach Karl Brubaker's lineup again features senior Alex Champagne, juniors Mikey Richards and Josh Pozan and sophomore Aaron Madsen. The lone member of that quintet who isn't back is 2012 graduate Kurt Kowalski.

Canton (7-7 overall, 6-6 in the KLA Central Division in 2011-12) experienced quite a playoff run that Brubaker is hopeful will provide a trump card when the going gets tough in 2012-13.

After finishing third in the qualifying block with 3,307 points, the Chiefs upended Wayne Memorial and Utica in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

"While it is no guarantee we will get that far again this year, we are excited about that chance," Brubaker said. "We have a strong JV roster and some of the boys

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Victory-Pens ice combo shows promise

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

They're literally scoring a "Victory" for women hockey players in Plymouth and Canton.

Victory Honda is sponsoring a first-year USA Hockey-sanctioned women's Senior B team, and it's giving female players ages 19-32 a definite option if they want to keep playing the sport after graduating from high school or college.

The new team is also enjoying a definite connection to the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins' varsity girls hockey team, with several current coaches or former players on board for Victory Honda's 2012-13 debut.

Victory Honda's head coach is Brad Johnson, who is a Penguins assistant coach. Among players on his roster are the rest of the high school team's current coach-

es — namely Mary Beth Trainor (the PCS head coach and Victory Honda's No. 1 goalie), along with assistants Emily Nelson and Nicole Natelborg (a former Penguins player).

"It just kind of worked out," said Johnson, following a recent game at Arctic Pond in Plymouth. "You got the whole PCS coaching staff involved with this program."

The PCS-Victory Honda network didn't spring up overnight.

"Obviously, they've all played together for a number of years," Johnson said. "Emily and Mary Beth have played together now for three years and that's how Emily got involved in the PCS program, from them playing hockey together."

"And then, of course, Nicole Natelborg is helping out this year (on the Penguins' coaching staff) and she just graduated."

According to Nelson, the emerging link between Victory Honda and the Penguins is something that could exist for the long haul.

"Potentially it would be cool," Nelson noted. "The nice thing is because it's local a lot of kids sticking around could definitely come up through the ranks. We'd know love to have people we're clear on our team. It's all about having fun and playing with your friends."

Raising the bar

Well, not entirely. Actually, the level of play is much better than in any so-called "beer league."

Most players competed after high school on Division I college club teams in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (Nelson skated four seasons with Michigan State University's club team). Several played in the NCAA. Their drive to excel hasn't

diminished since college, either.

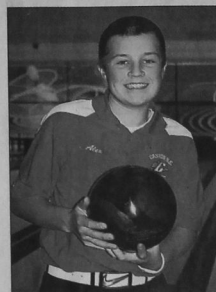
A number of them moved over from Troy's Team Ice, because Johnson said the competitiveness of that team "wasn't up to an acceptable level for the players."

"We decided to go and start another travel team and Victory Honda was very gracious," he continued, "giving us the opportunity to play within their organization."

Victory Honda is playing a 24-game schedule, mostly confined to southeast Michigan. Even relatively short bus trips and overnight stays in hotels are excellent exercises in team bonding that remind them of earlier years.

"I love it, mostly the away games," said 25-year-old Royal Oak resident and former Penguins player Kristen Schwart. "That's" because you get to spend a lot of time

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Alex Champagne is one of four Canton returnees who bowled in the team finals last season.

Generals score late to nip Whalers

Scott Sabourin's second goal of the game at 15:37 of the third period snuffed a 3-3 tie and the Oshawa General came from behind to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before 2,658 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth remains in second place in the OHL West with a record of 14-9-4-3, two points behind first place Sarnia. Oshawa improves to 17-11-2 and is in second place in the OHL's East Division.

Besides Sabourin's pair, Cole Cassels (3) and Sebastian Vavra (3) scored for Oshawa and



Plymouth Whalers forward Cody Payne (No. 8) tries to disrupt the vision of Oshawa goalie Daniel Altschuler during Saturday night's game at Compuware Arena.

third star Scott Laughton added a couple of assists. Oshawa goaltender Daniel Altschuler stopped 34-of-37 shots for the victory.

Stefan Noesen (17), Rickard Rakell (13) and Tom Wilson (7) scored for Plymouth and second star Matt Misteale earned two assists. Plymouth goaltender Matt Mahalak stopped 33-of-37 shots.

The Whalers hit the road all of next week, playing in Sudbury on Friday (7:20 p.m., 88.1FM WSPD) and next Saturday in Barrie (7:15 p.m., 88.1FM WSPD) before breaking for the Christmas holidays.

Plymouth's next home game is Thurs. Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. at Compuware Arena against Saginaw.

Four-goal game lifts Penguins

A brilliant offensive performance by Jordan Patterson catapulted the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to a 4-3 win over Northville Saturday night at Novi Ice Arena.

Patterson, a senior forward, netted two unassisted goals to key the Penguins (2-3) to the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory. The Division 2 Pens upended the DI Mustangs.

"Not only did Jordan play a great game, the entire team played very well," PCS head coach Mary Beth Trainor said. "We had a few defensive breakdowns but overall the girls played great."

"We definitely outshot them which is something we have been stressing to

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the girls."

Patterson got it rolling with an unassisted goal just 3:32 into the Division 2 match.

The Mustangs tied it up with 10:30 left in the first on a goal by Marisha Hackett (two goals, one assist). But Patterson struck again just before the end of the first period, this time from Emily King and Amanda Hoehn.

Both teams scored once in the middle stanza, with Patterson's third marker (also unassisted) putting the Penguins up 3-1 with 5:31 left. Northville answered two minutes later when Hackett beat PCS junior goalie Becky Lough.

Patterson upped the lead to 4-2 with 4:35 left in the third, from Ashley Saunders and Cortny McAdoo.

That proved to be a big insurance goal because Emilee Abraham's power-play goal at 13:04 made it a 4-3 game. Lough preserved that edge with some crucial stops.

Johnson cited several others for their strong performances, namely Gabby Godre, Jenna Carter and senior Beth Johnson — moved up to forward from defense due to Morgan Cusumano being sidelined by illness.

The Penguins will face another Division 1 opponent, Grosse Pointe South, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Detroit City Arena.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
OXFORD 51
CANTON 16
Dec. 8 at Canton
130: Ben Griffin (C) pinned John Hassenzahl, 16.0 seconds;
135: Edwin Schildenmeyer (O) p. Ryan Siegler, 0:56; **140:** Marc Przybylski (C) d. Adam Schlitt, 9:2; **145:** Noah Kinne (O) p. Ty Jaaman, 0:52; **152:** Rocco Borge (O) p. Jacob Lorenz, 1:02; **160:** Wesley Maskill (O) p. Dylan DeClue, 0:12; **171:** Tom Spizzano (O) p. Jevon Hill, 5:14; **189:** Liam Logan (O) d. Alan Beckman, 7:1; **215:** Ken Wooley (C)

d. Ben Line, 4-3; **285:** Grant Krause (O) p. Adam Armesto, 0:40; **103:** Alex Hrisopoulou (O) p. Harrison Samoy, 0:59; **112:** Bailey Kammerer (O) p. Ryan Apley, 1:08; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) major decision over Daniel Curtis, 10-2; **125:** double forfeit.

Canton dual match record: 1-1.

CANTON 53
KETTERING 21
Dec. 5 at Waterford Kettering
285: Ken Wooley (C) pinned Kemonty Bruce, 1:16; **103:** Brandon Reiland (WK) won

by forfeit; **112:** Ryan Apley (C) won by forfeit; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) won by forfeit; **125:** Ben Griffin (C) p. Sean Hostell, 1:49; **130:** James Seeterlin (WK) won by injury default over Danny Currie; **135:** Ryan Siegler (C) d. decisioned Dante Allen, 9-4; **140:** Marc Przybylski (C) p. Joe Bellows, 1:28; **145:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by technical fall over Ray Stambaugh, 24-9; **152:** Jacob Lorenz (C) p. Alan Fritz, 0:40; **160:** Dylan DeClue (C) p. Josh Marko, 1:41; **171:** Dalton Bedgood (WK) p. Nick Morton, 0:59; **189:** Zach Carter (WK) d. Alan Beckman, 5-3; **215:** Maxwell Wilkinson (C) d. Caleb Alexander, 11-10; **285:** dual match record: 1-0.

Offense clicks for Salem

Jack Driscoll scored a hat trick last Thursday to spark Salem's 8-5 victory at Clarkston.

Contributing two goals each for the Rocks were Alek Zultowski and Noah Saad, with the other goal netted by Kory Johnston.

Making 19 stops for the win was goaltender Anthony Veresan, the recipient of an offensive bonanza.

"It was a sloppy win for us," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "This was our first game of the year on an Olympic sheet of ice and it caused us some problems defensively with our positioning."

"Offensively we played well with nice puck

movement. (But) we will need to play better over the next couple of weeks in order to compete in our KLAAs league games."

After the Wolves opened the scoring, Salem responded on goals by Saad (on the power play) and Driscoll within a 55-second span midway through the frame to put the Rocks up 2-1.

Before the end of the period, Driscoll scored another power play goal, set up by Jake Fedel (two assists) while Zultowski's first of the night from Jake Sealy (two assists) made it a 4-2 lead.

Salem took a 7-4 lead into the third, following tallies by Zultowski, Driscoll (from Nick Dan-

is) and Johnston (from Cam Nixon).

A power-play goal by Saad with 8:20 left (from Zultowski) concluded the scoring.

Also chipping in with two assists were Danis and Jason Newel.

Salem (3-1) was slated to visit Livonia Stevenson Wednesday night in a KLAAs Central Division tilt that took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

PROJECT PRICE ONLY \$7,400: An article in Sunday's Observer about Salem's new boys hockey locker room at Plymouth Cultural Center should have stated the cost of the project was \$7,400.

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with teammates... Just being in hotel rooms, it kind of takes you back to your 12-and-under, 15-and-under days growing up."

Miles traveled could increase in tandem with the standings, too.

The state finals are slated for March in Tylor, against teams such as Belle Tire, Team Mission

and the O'Leary Hawks. Dangling in front of them as a tantalizing carrot is a trip to nationals in California should they be one of the state's two top squads.

CLOSE TO HOME

Yet just as appealing as such a mega trip is the chance to play in their back yard.

"I think it's pretty cool that we've brought a team to this area, especially for the 19-and-under girls," said Shwan, a member of the Penguins' DI finalist

team in 2005-06. "They'll have a place to play if they decide not to (immediately) go to school."

One such player is Natelberg, 19, who graduated in June after helping PCS win the League's D2 title last season.

"It's nice to see how much she (Natelberg) has grown since her senior year and she fits in extremely well with our team," Nelson said. "And especially transitioning from forward to defense, she's done a good job."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 14
 Nville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15
 Ply. Christian at Lenawee
 Christian, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 14
 Canton at Salem, 6 p.m.
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Christian, 5 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 14
 Ladywood vs. Port Huron at McMerran, 7:15 p.m.
 South Lyon vs. Salem at PLY. Cultural Ctr., 8:30 p.m.
 Churchill vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15
 Lake Orion vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 5 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. W.L. Northern at K'Ton Valley I.H., 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Dec. 15
 Reedford Union Tourney, TBA.
 Hawk Havoc Invitational at Farm. Hills Harrison, 9 a.m.
 Wayne County Tourney at HYPE Recreation, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Dec. 13
 Tecumseh vs. Plymouth at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Friday, Dec. 14
 (Crusader Classic at MU)

Johnson-Wales vs. Roch., 5:30.
 Madonna vs. Grace, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15
 (Crusader Classic at MU)
 Rochester vs. Grace, 1 p.m.
 MU vs. Johnson-Wales, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Saturday, Dec. 15
 MU at Davenport, 11 p.m.
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 Whalers at Barrie, 7:30 p.m.

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PCA girls romp to first victory

There was no stopping Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday at Southfield Christian.

The Eagles flew out to leads of 17-8 after one quarter and 34-12 at half-time and cruised to their first victory of the season.

Pacing PCA were Jenny Malcom (16 points, 12 rebounds) and Jenna Abraham (14 points, including four treys). Contributing eight points, seven rebounds, eight assists and four steals was Emily Gerulis while Karen Windle chipped in with seven points and seven boards.

GIRLS HOOPS

"We moved the ball really well tonight and as a team we just kept making the next pass," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "Jenny Malcom was real solid inside in the first half, she got a lot of looks inside and put-backs."

"And then we reversed the ball back outside to Jenna Abraham and she didn't miss. She was 4-for-4, she had four threes in a row."

PCA (1-2 overall, 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division) will visit Lenawee Christian

for a 5 p.m. game Saturday (preceding the PCA-Lenawee boys game at 6:30 p.m.).

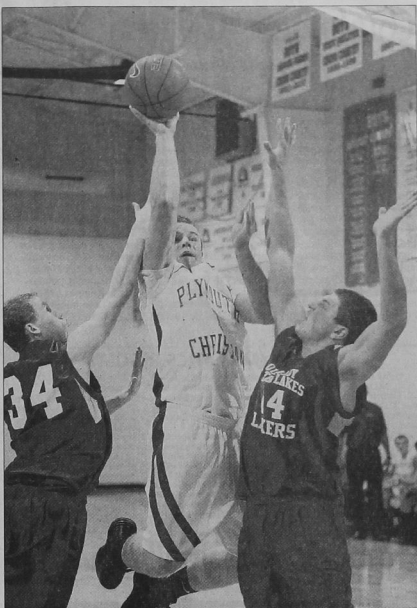
OUR LADY OF LAKES 54, PCA 48: Plymouth Christian Academy fell to 0-2 with this Dec. 6 loss at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

The Eagles trailed 42-40 after three, but could not hold back the Lakers, particularly Ava Doetsch (23 points).

For PCA, Emily Gerulis scored 14 points while Jenny Malcom contributed 12. Karen Windle had nine points and a team-high nine rebounds.

LANSING CHRISTIAN 52, PCA 46: The Eagles fell short Dec. 4 in their season opener despite 13 points and 12 rebounds by Emily Gerulis.

Jenny Malcom (12 points) and Karen Windle (8 points, 9 rebounds, 6 steals) also had solid games.



Going up to take a shot Tuesday is PCA's Daniel Jipping (No. 3), guarded by Sean Thomas (No. 34) and Jake Doetsch (No. 14) of Our Lady of the Lakes.

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Rocks can't hang on

For quite a while Tuesday night, Salem's varsity girls basketball team looked poised to win its first game of the 2012-13 season.

The host Rocks led 29-27 over Dearborn Divine Child going into the fourth quarter.

But the Falcons spoiled all that by going on an 11-0 run over the final 2:30 of the non-conference contest to defeat Salem 44-33.

Divine Child players Morgan Blair (18 points) and Nicole Urbanik (15 points) did most of the damage, combining for 15 of the team's 18 fourth-quarter points. Blair and Urbanik scored six and nine points in the fourth, respectively.

Leading Salem (0-3) with 16 points and 12 rebounds was senior forward Bree Beaver.

Contributing four points each for the Rocks were Kayla Kavulich, Hannah Nowaske and Jamyra Wilson.

"We were ahead (33-32) with 2:30 to play and we just couldn't finish it," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "But we're getting better and that's the key with this team."

Salem will host Canton in the first half of Friday's girlsboys varsity doubleheader. The girls game is slated to begin at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at approximately 7:30 p.m.



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Taking aim at the basket during Tuesday night's game against Dearborn Divine Child is Salem's Jamyra Wilson (No. 4).

Chiefs sputter

Speaking of Canton, the Chiefs fell 48-25 Tuesday night at Grosse Pointe South.

Paige Aresco scored nine points for Canton (1-2). Helping the cause with five points and four rebounds was Taylor Hunley while Shannon Perry pulled down seven boards to lead the team.

Canton head coach Brian Samulski said his players "had stretches when they played great"

against a tough opponent, but had other stretches when the execution wasn't as crisp.

Grosse Pointe South went to a zone defense with about three minutes left in the second quarter, when the contest was tied 12-12.

"We took a few steps back and stopped attacking," he noted. "I need to do a better job of helping the girls get better shots versus (the) zone."



The Canton Crossfire Pee Wee B hockey team recently won the Motown Tournament, edging the Novi Tigers 3-2. Members of the team are as follows: (front row, from left) Cole Zaleski, Michael St. Jean, Zackary Sawdy, Ethan VanBrussel, Michael Demaree, Zachary Hurd, Taiga Yamada; (middle row, from left) Gavin Hall, Kirt Faerber, Devin Hotz, Tommy Casari, Ben Pierce, Joey Closser, Lucas O'Brien; (back row, from left) head coach Mike O'Brien, assistant coach Brittany Chiado, Kenji Yamada.

Crossfire Pee Wee B squad wins tourney

Blazing their way to the championship of the recent Motown Tournament was the Canton Crossfire Pee Wee B hockey team.

The Crossfire, coached by Mike O'Brien, went 3-0-1 at the Nov. 30-Dec. 2 tourney, edging the Novi Tigers 3-2 in the title tilt. It was the second time during the weekend that Canton edged Novi.

In the championship game, Canton scored twice in the second period to overcome a 1-0 deficit

and the squads traded markers in the third. On Nov. 30, the Crossfire played to a 4-4 deadlock with the Trenton Hurricanes.

The following day, the Canton icers (born either in 2000 or 2001) won 4-3 over the Novi Tigers and 6-0 over the Chelsea Bulldogs—which advanced the Crossfire into the PWB Finals on Dec. 2.

No other team at the tourney went undefeated. Helping O'Brien with coaching duties are assistants

Brittany Chiado, Todd Frey and Robert Hurd while Rhonda Hotz is the team manager.

Members of the team, which has compiled a 13-3-1 record so far this season, include: Tommy Casari, Joey Closser, Michael Demaree, Kirt Faerber, Gavin Hall, Devin Hotz, Zachary Hurd, Lucas O'Brien, Ben Pierce, Michael St. Jean, Zackary Sawdy, Ethan VanBrussel, Taiga Yamada and Cole Zaleski.

PCA

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first quarter—mostly because of four three-balls by the Lakers (two each by Garrett Ross and Vinny Puma).

After Washington reminded them to "get out on the three a little tighter" on defense, the Eagles gave up just one trey the rest of the night.

They also forced 13 Lakers turnovers, turning several into buckets. The PCA offense, meanwhile, featured five players eclipsing double digits in points.

In addition to Noel and Huber, junior forward Daniel Jipping tallied 16 points (along with 11 rebounds), senior forward Matt Sumner scored 12 points (and posted a team-high 14 boards) and senior guard Drew Ibach contributed 11 (along with eight assists and four blocks). "They brought a lot of energy," Washington said. "I think midway through that second quarter, it seemed like the opposing team was tired and we were still fresh."

Lakes (0-2) led for almost the entire first half. The only time PCA went ahead in the half was with 15 seconds to play, when Huber sank two free throws to put the Eagles up 36-35 at intermission.

Taking over

In the third quarter, Noel scored six points to enable PCA to go up 51-46 with under two minutes remaining. He drove the lane for a nif-



PCA junior forward Jacob Bailey (No. 11) dribbles past Colt Moran (No. 10) of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

ty finger roll and hit a fading jumper inside the paint.

"My teammates were getting me the ball, I was just staying focused," Noel said. "It was just good energy by the whole team."

The Lakers wouldn't give up, however, as both teams took turns grabbing the lead in the fourth.

After Huber's back-to-back triples put the Eagles up to stay, they padded their lead in the final minute with Sumner and Noel making a combined five free throws.

"He (Sumner) is a very

athletic kid, he knows how to play the game," Washington said. "He took a year off, it's just a matter of getting his feet wet again."

"He did a pretty good job. I'm very, very proud of his effort."

For the Lakers, Garrett finished with 27 points and seven rebounds. Ten of his points came in the first. Adding 15 was Vinny Puma.

PCA will face host Lenawee Christian at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, following the varsity girls contest (5 p.m. tip-off).

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ing nine on the defensive glass).

Mack (nine points, four assists) and Sars (seven points) helped the cause as did Ahmad Khalid and Connor Cole (six points each).

"We just weathered the storm and did a pretty nice job of finishing up and keeping our composure," Brodie added. "That was a pretty good basketball team we played."

Canton falls short

Canton dropped a 58-

56 decision to Saline on Saturday night, as the Chiefs led a third-quarter lead slip away.

The visiting Chiefs led 45-30 midway through the third, but that's when everything unraveled. "I'm very disappointed in the way we lost this game," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We ... just did not do a good job of finishing the game defensively."

Other wrinkles Reddy would like ironed out before Friday's 7:30 p.m. tilt at Salem include defending three-balls and being "more consistent at both ends of the floor. Credit Saline on

the way they continued to battle."

Michael Hendrickson was the biggest thorn in Canton's side, draining five of eight from beyond the arc en route to 17 points. Max Recknagel scored 19 to pace Saline (2-0).

Leading the Chiefs with 13 points each were Josh Mayberry and Greg Williams, while Ryan Flaney contributed 11 points and seven rebounds.

Jordan Nobles tallied nine points for Canton (1-2).

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Chiefs best at Vassar quad

Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team is picking up where it left off last season. The Chiefs, who were Division 1 runners-up in 2011-12, improved to 3-0 Saturday with an impressive victory at the Vassar quad.

Canton topped the field with 143 points, followed by Huron Valley (134.45), Freeland/Swan Valley (133.725) and Vassar (114.95).

Senior Nicole Lasacki captured uneven parallel bars with an 8.775 score. She also placed second on floor exercise (9.25) and third on balance beam

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(9.5) and finished with 35.525 in all-around scoring.

The team's top all-around performer (and second best at the quad) was junior Melissa Green with a 36.225 count. She also took seconds on vault (9.3) and bars (8.725).

Sophomore Jocelyn Moraw (35.725 all-around) impressed, finishing either third or fourth in every event. Her best scores were 9.25 on beam, 9.075 on floor and 9.025 on vault.

Also victorious was freshman Maddie Toal on

balance beam, tallying a score of 9.6. She clipped in with an 8.9 on floor.

Another impressive freshman, Haley Hodgson, contributed a 9.05 on beam, 9.075 on floor and 8.55 on vault.

Other Canton performers helping the cause included sophomores Kayley Lazarski (8.525 on floor), Katie Lawera (8.4 on vault, 7.9 on floor), Kathleen Kleahr (8.25 on vault, 7.8 on beam), Sarah Plant (7.95 on vault), junior Audrey Halim (7.95 on vault), senior Katie Adams (7.75 on beam) and junior Valerie VanGilder (7.7 on vault).

GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
DECEMBER 12, 5:30 P.M.
LIVONIA RED 133.95
Dec. 6 at Plymouth H.S.
Vault: 1. (tie) Morgan Soper (Salem) and Brittany Ramirez (Salem), 9.1 each; 3. (tie) Brooke Allegrini (Salem) and Nora Asakura (Salem), 8.75 each; 5. (tie) Sydney Greiner (Red) and Maggie McGowan (Red), 8.7 each.
Uneven bars: 1. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.75; 2. Andrea

Merlotti (Salem), 8.425; 3. Jackie Dziuriga (Red), 8.3; 4. Marissa McGowan (Red), 8.175; 5. (tie) Mallory Dorton (Red) and Paulette Martino (Salem), 8.125.
Balance beam: 1. Soper (Salem), 9.125; 2. Merlotti (Salem), 8.95; 3. (tie) McGowan (Red) and Ramirez (Salem), 8.3 each; 5. Maddie Burt (Salem), 8.1.
Floor exercise: 1. Soper (Salem), 9.125; 2. McGowan (Red), 8.725; 3. McVey (Red), 8.675;

4. Merlotti (Salem), 8.575; 5. Ramirez (Salem), 8.5.
All-around: 1. Soper (Salem), 35.25; 2. Martino (Salem), 34.6; 3. McGowan (Red), 33.55; 4. Ramirez (Salem), 33.4; 5. Diaz (Red), 33.175; 6. Dziuriga (Red), 32.975; 7. Dorton (Red), 32.75; 8. McVey (Red), 32.55; 9. Asakura (Salem), 31.775; 10. Martino (Salem), 31.7.
Livonia Red's dual meet record: 0-1 overall; Salem's dual meet record: 1-0 overall.

PCEP girls bowlers gear up

GIRLS BOWLING PREVIEW

Ready to get on a roll at Super Bowl in Canton and throughout the KLAAs this season are the Park's varsity girls bowling teams. Several top bowlers from last season are back, but the teams also feature plenty of promising newcomers.

Salem seniors Bridget Maul and Kristin Larkins look to build on their excellent junior seasons, when they advanced to the state Division 1 qualifying block at the individual finals.

Maul placed ninth in the qualifying block (1,094) to reach the Round of 16, where she ultimately lost 397-353 to New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Kelsey Pad-



Back for Salem's varsity girls bowling team is Kristin Larkin, shown from a match last year.

Larkin finished 33rd in the qualifying block with a six-game score of 1,009.

The Rocks went 8-6 overall and 8-4 in the KLAAs Central Division last season.

The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowler in the Round of 16 was Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb, entering her junior year for the Wildcats (5-8, 5-7 in the Central last year).

Webb's score of 1,072 in the qualifying block was good for 15th overall, and she moved on to the Round of 16. She then was defeated by Oxford's Heather Lafner, 369-349.

The rest of Salem's roster is relatively inexperienced. Junior Rachel Boucha and freshmen Katherine Kehoe, Rachel Lopez and Brynna Samuels will fill out the rest of the lineup card for coach Kathie Hahn.

Also looking forward to another season are the Canton Chiefs, led by senior returnee Charlotte Zimmer and coached by Karl Brubaker and Cin-

dy Lucke. Canton posted a record of 2-12 last year, including 2-10 in the Central.

"The varsity girls only lost one senior last year and are a good returning group," Brubaker noted. "Charlotte Zimmer made all conference and is returning for her senior year."

"Their JV roster has a few girls that saw varsity time last year and we also have added some new girls to that mix."

Rounding out the Canton roster are seniors Beth Stark, Jessica Holowicki; junior Brianna Bailey, sophomores Ameera

Sirhan, Keeli Winquist, Kimberly A'Hearn, Laurie Vicko, Maranda McMaster, Megan Pave, Sabby Srivastava; freshmen Danielle Drecknowicz and Emily Kacic.

Other information about Plymouth's team was not provided as of press time.

OPENING MATCHES: All PCEP girls varsity teams were victorious Dec. 5 in regular-season openers at Super Bowl.

Canton rolled to a 29-1 victory while Plymouth edged Lakeland, 18-12.

Meanwhile, although Salem and Milford tied 15-15, the Rocks were awarded the win due to totaling 1,805 points compared to 1,724.

Churchill volleyball era ends

By Brad Emmons
 Observer Staff Writer

The area's most successful high school girls volleyball coach over the past decade is stepping down.

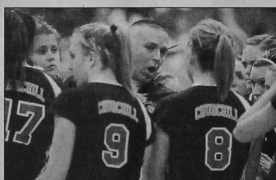
Livonia Churchill's Mark Grenier, who guided the Chargers to a Class A state title in (winter season) 2007 and compiled an overall record of 466-72-14, cited increased family obligations.

"I do it with a heavy heart," said Grenier, who won five regional and went to three different Final Fours. "It's just been a great experience. With the challenges of four kids at the same time, and being able to be with them and experience all activities and things that they're doing, it's just getting harder and harder. I've coached everybody else's kid and I need to be there for mine."

The 44-year-old Grenier, a Churchill social studies teacher, has four children including daughter Sydney, a sophomore diver and gymnast at Churchill, along with three boys — Avery, a sixth-grader, and 7-year-old twins Jack and Ben.

"My wife (Amy) probably didn't want me to do this," Grenier said. "She wants me to do whatever I want to do. But I've given so much to the program that I'm ready now for my wife and my kids. I just have to make sure I'm there for them a little bit. I want to be there for their activities and their things. I want to participate in that as a dad."

Grenier also captured eight district and division titles, seven conference championships along with one KLAAs Association crown.



Churchill girls volleyball coach Mark Grenier is stepping down after 10 seasons where he compiled an overall record of 466-72-14.

Tough decision

In his final season, Grenier led Churchill to a top-ten ranking, a KLAAs South Division title and a 4-4-2 overall record.

"This was a very tough decision for Mark," Churchill athletic director Mark Hage said. "It's a size-16 shoe to fill. They're huge and we'll miss him tremendously. His record speaks for itself. He and I had a fantastic working relationship, which I will miss dearly. My only hope is that he gets back into it one day. I enjoyed working with him immensely. He's a great individual and great kids have come out of our program. I think kids worked hard because of the type of person that he is."

Grenier, a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High and former football running back for the Shamrocks, spent five years as Churchill's JV volleyball coach before replacing Mike Hughes.

The Wayne State and Western Michigan University grad also had one-year varsity coaching stops at Detroit Dominican, St. Clair Shores South Lake, Warren Mott and Taylor Center high schools.

All told, Grenier has over 700 career volleyball wins and has coached numerous All-State players.

His most notable player was the 2007 (fall season) Miss Volleyball Kyndra Abron, who went on to earn honorable mention All-American honors at Michigan State.

Hage said he will post the vacant position immediately and try and find a replacement as soon as possible.

"It's a sad day for me seeing a good friend, Mark and good for him," Hage said. "He needs to take care of some things in his own personal life with his kids. That's a priority and I support that 100 percent."

Grenier hasn't ruled out coming back to coach volleyball one day, but it's time to step away.

"I would like to give a 'thank you' to the outstanding leadership and support all the coaches get from (principal) Joe Anderson and (athletic director) Marc Hage," Grenier said. "On top of that the great parental support the volleyball program gives that I'm grateful for as well."

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have seen varsity time last year.

"We also have a very strong freshman in Mitchell Zelenak on the team."

The rest of the current roster includes: juniors Gary Barnett, Kory Kowalski; sophomores Brian Faust, Jacob Peltz, Josh Criscenti, Nick Blain, Teddy Lang, Trent Montgomery; freshmen Zelenak and Tyler Pozan.

Rocks gear up

Although Salem didn't climb to the heights as much as Canton did, at least in the state tournament, there are several

key returnees as coach Kathie Hahn looks to guide the Rocks to a successful run.

Senior Jimmy Bowling finished ninth in the qualifying block at last year's individual finals with a six-game tally of 1,221. He brings an average of 189.

Also back is junior Steven Cadwell (202 average), last year's 15th-place finisher in the qualifying block with a 1,184 tally.

Salem's other returning varsity bowlers are senior Bryce Williams (214), junior Brandon Allison (203), and sophomores Nolan Rudis (182), Tyler Snyder (184) and Anthony Prytulski (173), including part of the season with the junior varsity.

Top CYO spikers



The Livonia St. Genevieve Jaguars, a seventh- and eighth-grade Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball team recently captured first place in their division with an 8-0 record. Team members include: Natalia Bradford, Haylee Burk, Julia Cercone, Olivia Colburn, Alex Crawford, Haley Hehner, Emily Long, Hannah Mills, Kelly Clare Pollock and Katelyn Seger. The Jaguars were coached by Johnny Mercica and Heather House.



Undeclared!

The Northville Christian School varsity volleyball team finished their season undeclared, going 31-0 in match play. Made up of 7th and 8th graders, the team had an undefeated regular season, winning the Western Lutheran Athletic League. They also won several tournaments, including the St. John Waltz Wildcat Invitational, Guardian Invitational, and the St. Paul (Ann Arbor) Invitational. To end the season, they went 5-0 in the WLAL tournament. The 8th graders on the team completed an incredible run, going 47-2-3 in match play over two seasons. Pictured (front row from left) are 8th graders Reagan Mumford, Bethany Schmid, Bethany Sibley, Jesse Fannon, and Veronica Johnson. Back row from left are 7th graders Jenna Khoury, Alexis Koehler, Abbi Pray, Coach Scott Gray, Jaeda Porter, Grace Kellogg, Nastia Glover, and Elizabeth Hiscock. The school draws students from Northville, South Lyon, Plymouth, Novi and surrounding communities.

Sewing from the heart



Kim Haney (left) and Cheryl Caldwell show off one of the warm quilts made by women at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for Wayne County Family Center, a Westland-based organization that assists homeless individuals with transitional housing and related services. The quilts were displayed in the sanctuary and dedicated to worship services last month. The church women, which include Charlene Jones, Bevis Richardson, Marilyn Horen, Robin Wolski, Linda Prince, and Denise Fedorko, plan to continue their project in the new year.

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December

ADVENT SERMONS

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m., Sundays through Dec. 23

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: Rev. Paul Stunkel will focus on "Why? The Prophecy, The Stable, a Virgin," Dec. 9; "Why? Shepherds and Wise Men," Dec. 16; and "Why? Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Family, and featuring a live nativity," Dec. 23

Contact: (734) 422-1470

ADVENT SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The meditation then is the beginnings of the Gospel of St. Matthew. St. Luke and Revelation

Contact: (734) 968-3523

ADVENT SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19

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

Details: A pre-service meal will be served at 6 p.m.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: This service is designed for individuals who struggle with the holidays. It is for those who may be grieving, for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or just struggling with the holidays in general. A coffee reception with care ministers will follow the service

Contact: (734) 422-1470

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28580 Cherry Hill Rd. in Garden City

Details: The service, held near the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, is geared toward those grieving for the loss of a loved one, a failed relationship, job loss, or loneliness and depression. The service offers an opportunity to recognize challenging situations and yet receive words of hope for the coming year. This service of hope will include prayer, readings, and special music along with lighting of candles

Contact: (734) 427-3660

CONRAD, NORMA E.

1926-2012. Age 86, died Saturday, December 8, 2012 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Norma was born August 20, 1926 to Tina (Kemp) and Dick Parisian in Muskegon. The family moved to Lansing in 1936. She graduated from high school after which she worked for a year in the Oldsmobile Defense Plant to earn money for college. She attended MSU where she graduated with a degree in sociology. She moved to New York City where she worked for Bankers Trust on Wall Street in the brokers loan department for several years. She returned to Michigan and was employed by IBM where she met her future husband, Voris. She worked in several positions including Executive Secretary from which she retired after 15 years. She married Voris in 1963 and they moved to Livonia. They moved to Spring Lake in 1989. She is survived by her daughter, Kris Conrad of Livonia (Richard Genik Jr.) her stepdaughters, Karen Conrad (Kathy Pryzhylski) and Linda Young (Joe Young), both of VA, her brother-in-law, Keith Conrad (Barb Miller) of New York, and several special cousins. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, her brother Stan who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII, and both her father-in-law as well as her mother-in-law. Norma enjoyed spending time with her family, collecting Swarovski crystals, miniature boxes and reading. Her final resting place will be in the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, Friday, December 14th from 9 a.m. until Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the church.

CYROL, MICHAEL

December 9, 2012 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, and the dear father of Deanna (Scott) Mayo, Michelle (Peter) Menhart. Grandfather of Eric, Braden, Cole, Wolfe. He was preceded in death by his sister, Irene. Cynol Visitation: Miano-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Friday, December 14th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.; Services, Saturday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to Oakland Community College or Alzheimer's Association.

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PINO, SUE R.

of Livonia, Age 92, December 8, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Casper. Loving mother of Michael (Susan), Carol (James) Pixley & Albert. Dear grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 14. Sister of Edward (Dorothy) Servati, Gloria (Peter) Cunic, Sister-in-law of Julia & Bernadette Servati. A Gathering will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland, Friday, December 14th from 9 a.m. until Memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the church. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com

SOLOMON, ANNA B.

December 7, 2012, Age 83 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Willis "Jack" Solomon. Dear mother of Sedana "Sandy" Gerald Clavier and the late Gary Solomon. Proud grandmother of Katie & Kelli. Also survived by many great grandchildren. Memorial Service to be held Sunday 5 p.m. Canton Calvary Church, 7963 North Sheldon Rd. Canton, MI 48117. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

POLLACK, PETER D.

December 8, 2012, age 66. Following his military service in the United States Marine Corps which included a thirteen month tour of duty in Vietnam, Peter returned to Michigan and started college completing degrees from Wayne State University, the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan. Peter had a rewarding forty year career as a clinical social worker and counsellor in a successful private practice in Plymouth where he was able to work close to home, set his own hours and share an office with his son Tyler. His work had a lasting and positive impact on countless individuals and families in the community. Peter was an avid walker, a music lover and enjoyed caring for many special dogs over the years. He was a long time Plymouth resident and felt strongly about supporting local businesses. He could be seen every day of the week walking his dog downtown. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially in hot weather and took pride in maintaining his home and yard. He also loved sports cars, watching football and chocolate. Above all, Peter loved spending time with his wife Shirley of 43 years, their children and their children's families. The family enjoyed many vacations, including a memorable cruise in 2008. Most by they enjoyed spending time together doing everyday things like barbecues, taking walks, watching the grand kids play and party of ten dinners at Buddy's. Peter was famous with his grandkids for walks to "the bumpy road playground" and trips for ice cream. Peter is survived by his wife Shirley, children Amy (Patrick) Ross and Tyler (Trisha) Pollack. Also surviving are grandchildren Zachary and Rachel Ross and Miles and Maddox Pollack. Beloved son of the late Ernst and Charlotte Pollack. A Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 2pm until the time of the Memorial Service at 4pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or the American Heart Association. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

ROSE, JAMES URBAN

Age 90, December 9, 2012. Beloved husband of Janet for 67 years. Loving father of James C. (Sharon), Cynthia (Robert) Sherman, Stuart (Jean), Timothy (Joy), Nancy, Robert (Joan), My (Patrick) Honk and Peter (Teresa). Dear grandfather of 16. Great grandfather of 4. Brother of The Most Reverend Robert J. Rose, Bishop Emeritus of Grand Rapids and the late Jane Wittenbach. Beloved brother-in-law of Maryloue Julian and dear uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation was Wednesday 5-8pm with a vigil service at 7pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Family Funeral Thursday, in state 9-3am until time of Mass at 10am at St. Collette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburg Rd., Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia.

SKIVERS, JOYCE (VANCE)

Feb. 9, 1959 - Dec. 5, 2012. Survived by son Edward Vance Victor, sister Bobbie (Vance) Dwyne & partner James Sparkman. Preceded in death by parents Norma & Robert Vance and brother Rick Vance. Service 12/14/12, 10:30am, St. Adans Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia.

THOMAS, NANCY GREINER

Age 79, of McCormick, South Carolina Formerly of Farmington and Cleboygan, Michigan. Died December 8, 2012. Nancy is the beloved wife of the late Stanley Ward Thomas, married for 53 years. Dear mother of Gayle (Dano) Love, Patricia Thomas and Suzanne (Keith) Shaven. Loving grandmother of Christopher and Suzanne Harris, Kristin Kovachik, Jennifer and Steven Shaven. Best friend and loving sister-in-law of Emily Thomas Bayer. She was preceded in death by her parents Edwin and Betty Greiner and her brother Ned Greiner. Nancy was a charter member of the Lutheran Church by the Lake in McCormick. A Memorial Service to be held at Lutheran Church by the Lake, 100 Twelve Oaks Drive, McCormick, SC 29813 on Friday, December 21st at 11 a.m. officiated by Rev. James F. Kinler, Pastor. Memorials may be directed to the Lutheran Church by the Lake, Church Choir, attn: Jim Klausman, 100 Twelve Oaks Dr., McCormick, SC 29813.

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Take a finger-snapping walk through winter wonderland

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Expect to hear favorite holiday tunes at Schoolcraft College's Winter Wonders concert, Monday, Dec. 17.

But don't plan to hum along — unless it's in scat.

With Riccardo Selva's hands on the reins, *Jingle Bells*' one-horse open sleigh will dance to a Count Basie beat. "Isn't that cool? Count Basie. We're doing that exact arrangement," said Selva, playing an audio clip of the song on his computer.

Last week, Selva, head of Schoolcraft's jazz program, will direct the College Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo through a program of seasonal and standard jazz arrangements at the concert, which is set for the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center in Livonia.

He promises an "extravaganza" of big band instrumentation and improvised music that will turn up the heat on a few traditional carols.

"This was written by Gordon Goodwin. Yo Tannenbaum on his laptop. The song's rich brass melody quickly gives way to walking saxophone riffs and finger-snapping drum beats. "It's that traditional thing and then it goes into this kind of snarky



Schoolcraft college jazz musicians perform at Allen Park Presbyterian Church.

sound. This is really hard music. This is a hard piece to play."

But Selva's musical groups, which include students in the for-credit program at the college and professionals signed up through continuing education, are up to the task. Since Selva took over the jazz program in 2009, the groups have toured Chicago, Ill., played in Ohio, staged concerts on a regular basis throughout southeastern Michigan, shared sets with guest artists, such as Wayne Bergeron and Paul Keller, and even recorded in a studio.

Practice, perform

"The way you get good at it is first by preparing, but then you have to perform: You can't just live in a practice room. You have to get out there and do it," said Selva, who



The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble performs in Chicago, Ill.



Riccardo Selva, director of one of his jazz groups at Schoolcraft College.

holds a PhD in saxophone from Northwestern University. "The more you perform, the better you get."

"When I asked the members, what do you want to do, do you want to come here once a week and toot on our horns or do you want to give it our best shot at a quality, exciting, active and unusually cool, awesome program, they said some usually cool, awesome

form in both bands. The groups include professional drummers, a high school student, a visually impaired man — "he's a talented guy" — a lead trumpet player with a degree in engineering and an autistic student, among others.

Using all talents

"I have jazz addicts here. They love it. I want to utilize people as much as possible and make them a part of the group, and at the same time make the group sound good," Selva said. "Most people understand that and are fine with that if they are learning and growing and it's enriching them."

Selva, who interviewed jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck for his dissertation on saxophone and sacred music, is toying with the idea of staging a Brubeck tribute for

WINTER WONDERS CONCERT

What: Schoolcraft College's Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Improvisation Combo perform traditional, contemporary and holiday jazz arrangements, directed by Riccardo Selva, Ph.D.

Where: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17

Location: DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Seven Mile and Six Mile, in Livonia

Admission: Free; donations will be accepted at the door for student scholarships in the college Jazz Program

Contact: Riccardo Selva at (847) 721-7299, rselva@schoolcraft.edu, or the Schoolcraft College Music Department at (734) 462-4403, www.schoolcraft.edu/music

the jazz program's annual Spring concert next year.

Brubeck died Dec. 5. "I received another grant, an \$8,000 grant for a guest artist. I would bring in some people who would facilitate Dave Brubeck's music."

Selva said he also may complete his Archangel Suite for jazz ensemble and chorus this Spring. The piece highlights the three iconic angels of the Bible, St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel. The Jazz Ensemble has performed two of the angel works.

"My sketch of the movement (for St. Gabriel) is done. I just have to write it. St. Gabriel is on the way," Selva said. "Maybe I'll do it at the Dave Brubeck tribute concert. That would be awesome."

For more about the jazz program visit www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

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The HarmonyTown Barbershop Chorus performs at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Sunday, Dec. 9. The group's annual Christmas show is 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Livonia Public Library.

Barbershop singers get into holiday spirit

Look for a few special numbers — including the Beach Boys' classic, *Little Saint Nick* — at the HarmonyTown Chorus' Christmas show "Holiday Harmonies," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

Mark Prichard, Chorus vice president, promises "a rollicking good time."

"Our goal is to bring a smile and warm your hearts and we do with song and some poignant readings to fit the season," he wrote, in an e-mail

to the Observer. "We will also have an audience sing along and will encourage all to lift their voices in joyous melody."

The Novi High School A Capella Chorus and the quartet, Impulse, also will perform.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and teens and \$3 for children, 12 and under. They're available by calling (734) 743-1764 or by visiting www.wesingbarbershop.com. Tickets also will be available at the door. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Fabergé: The Rise and Fall. The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, and "Celebrate," a Northville Camera Club exhibit are featured through Dec. 15. Northville Art House's Holiday Gift Shop also underway

Contact: (248) 344-0497 Plymouth Community Arts Council Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and during public events, through Jan. 2, 2013 Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: An exhibit of paintings and drawing by Jean-Paul Abou-Dib, a graduate

of the College for Creative Studies, with a master's degree in painting from Wayne State University Contact: (734) 416-4278

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15 and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 Location: 760 Penningman Ave., Plymouth Details: "Taken 2," \$3 Coming up: "The Polar Express," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 22-23; "Argo," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2013; 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28-29; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30

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GET OUT!

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Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com
REDFORD THEATRE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Dec. 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 15
Locations: 17350 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "White Christmas," \$4. Santa will be on hand
Contact: (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

Music

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY
Time/Date: Sign up for open mic, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances, 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15
Locations: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Featured performers are open mic singers. Each performer will do two-three songs; cover or originals are welcome. Maggie and Alex Zakem are the co-hosts. Admission is \$5. Individual and family annual memberships also are available
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSPresident@aol.com or call (734) 453-0869

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT



Christopher Pregardien, tenor, performs Schubert's "Die Winterreise" 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, in Beverly Hills. The Chamber Music Society of Detroit, based in Farmington Hills, presents the concert.

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15

Location: Seligman Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, Beverly Hills

Details: Tenor Christoph Pregardien and pianist Menahem Pressler perform Franz Schubert's song cycle "Die Winterreise" in its entirety. Tickets range from \$30-\$60. Student tickets are available at half price in selected sections of the

hall, and \$10 student rush tickets are available at the box office one hour prior to performance

Contact: (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ChamberMusic-Detroit.org

CHERRY HILL SINGERS
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Holiday concert with a basket gift auction held at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12

Contact: www.beck-ridgechorage.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15
Location: Mery High School, located on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The Chorus sings holiday favorites. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door

Contact: Call Shelly Addison at (248) 250-1447, e-mail to shellyadd2@yahoo.com or visit www.farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

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

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



Ashlyn McCann of Canton is the Ice Princess in Spotlight on Youth's production of "Santa's Shoes." Dec. 13-16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

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

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16
Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "Sparkle...Twinkle...Joy!" is the group's winter concert. Tickets in advance are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: (734) 542-9071

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Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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Contact: (248) 541-5717

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, through Feb. 10, 2013
Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Conserving Antiquity" focusing on the essential but often hidden work of preserving art and artifacts. Visitors will step behind the scenes and experience the work of conservators, which blends scientific research and hands-on treatment with the study of art, archaeology and history.
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Give the gift of Coffee

By Dan Dean
Staff columnist

Last year the big boys pushed one-cup coffee brewers with enough marketing dollars that probably could save the city of Detroit a couple times over. But by now I am guessing many have realized there is not much cool factor in French vanilla-flavored plastic pods.



Coffee Preacher

Dan Dean

This year give that coffee lover on your list a gift that will truly highlight great coffee and impress dinner guests with hand-crafted coffee from sleek manual brewing devices.

From the caffeine-afflicted geek, to the fop who enjoys quality in all things edible, to the casual admirer of coffee, my top-10 coffee gifts for 2012 has something for many budgets and levels of coffee interest.

Leading the list is a home brewing kit that you can customize in any fashion and assemble yourself.

1. Home brewing kit
This is a fun way to customize a great coffee gift depending on the intended receiver of the kit and the amount you want to spend. For around \$280, you can fully outfit that special person with their own customized home brewing kit and wrap it in a jute coffee bag purchased for \$5 from Espresso Elevado in downtown Plymouth. Or you can also take any one item mentioned for use as a single gift to complement what the person on your list may already have.

A. Bodum Bistro blade grinder. (Amazon — \$34.95) If budget allows, Baratza Encore burr grinder — \$145. Available online at Amazon or Espresso Elevado in Plymouth.

B. Bonavita Electric Gooseneck 1.0L Kettle. (Amazon — \$50)

C. Chemex brewer. Available in 3-, 6-, or 8-cup versions. (Amazon — \$35-\$40) **Chemex paper filters — \$7.50.**

E. Jennings C4000 digital scale. (Amazon — \$41) For many this will seem over the top, which of course is why it makes a great gift. For those on your list that already do a lot of manual brewing and do not have a large enough scale to handle the weight of a 6-cup Chemex, this is a great gift by itself. It can be considered optional for a beginning kit, but it will probably be on the Christmas list next year.



2. Locally roasted whole bean coffee

In order to truly appreciate coffee, it is imperative to brew fresh roasted coffee. Anthology Coffee offers a number of coffee subscriptions starting at \$40 per month for two 350-gram bags of coffee delivered the first and third Monday of each month. It also offers The 12 months of Coffee holiday subscription for \$475, which includes 26 shipments of coffee over a 12-month period, with the first shipment wrapped in a specialty-made jute coffee gift bag and a personal message. Holiday subscription orders must be made by Dec. 20. Anthology Coffee roasts locally from Commonwealth Cafe in Birmingham and operates a cafe in the Ponyride science incubator on Vermont in Detroit. (www.anthologycoffee.com) Plymouth's Espresso Elevado also offers a number of coffee-related gift boxes. Call the shop for details (734) 904-8323.

3. Hario Slim Mini Mill coffee grinder

This is a great must-have tool in any coffee lover's lineup of gadgets, especially if they do a lot of traveling or camping. It also will be well-appreciated the next time the power goes out. The small hand crank grinder uses quality burrs to make consistent coffee grounds wherever you are. (Amazon — \$38.75)

4. Clever Coffee Dripper.

Combines the benefits of a French press with those of a pour-over brewing device. (Amazon — \$24.95) Use No. 4 Filtrupa White Coffee Filters, \$4.

5. Go Coffee Go gift certificate

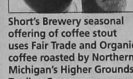
GoCoffeeGo.com is a one-stop online shopping site that offers coffee from some big name coffee roasters, including Grand Rapids's Mad-Cup Coffee, Ritual Coffee Roasters, PT's Coffee Roasting and Barefoot Coffee, as well as others. A gift card can be used to try any different coffees from some of the best roasters in the country and even can be used to set up an auto-ship program that acts like a subscription. All coffee is roasted to order and shipped from the roaster selected. (www.gocoffee.go.com)

6. Behmor 1600 Coffee Roaster

Roast coffee at home is the ultimate at-home experience for the coffee lover. You cannot buy coffee any fresher than the coffee roasted at home. The Behmor 1600 is a drum-style home roaster with a one-pound capacity. It is an easy-to-use machine with a number of options to roast depending on the type of coffee. Sweet Maria's, (www.sweetmarias.com, \$300)

7. Coffee Stout

There are truly marriages made in heaven and besides my wife and I nothing beats beer and coffee. Right now Bellaire's Short's Brewery (Cup A Joe Stout, \$12.99/6-pack) and Grand Rapids's Founders Brewing (Breakfast Stout, \$10.49/4-pack) are brewing this wonderful seasonal pairing. Short's uses Higher Grounds Trading Co. Fair Trade and Organic espresso fused with milk sugar, while Founders uses bitter and imported chocolates with Sumatra and Kona coffee. Available at fine beer retailers in your neighborhood, but call first for availability as stock of these seasonal beers can run out quickly.



Short's Brewery seasonal offering of coffee stout uses Fair Trade and Organic coffee roasted by Northern Michigan's Higher Grounds Trading Company.



Founder's Breakfast Stout has an intense fresh-roasted java nose topped with a frothy, cinnamon-colored head that goes forever.

8. The Wonders of Gesha gift box

The Wonders of Gesha gift box includes one 8-ounce bag of Esmeralda Mario San Jose, one 8-ounce bag of Don Pachi Gesha Natural and one 8-ounce bag of La Esperanza Cerro Azul Gesha. For the coffee aficionado who has all the gadgets and is an accomplished home coffee brewer, this is the gift to give. The three bags come in an elegant wood-burned gift box. Orders need not be placed before Monday, Dec. 17, when the last of this coffee is scheduled before Christmas. Kenneth Davids from *Coffee Review* adds this note to his review of the Don Pachi Gesha natural, which received a 96 score: "If you splurge on it for the holidays do your splurging close to when you are planning to drink the coffee, brew it carefully, and leave the sweetener on the counter and the dairy in the fridge." PT's Coffee Roasting Co. (ptcoffee.com — \$155)

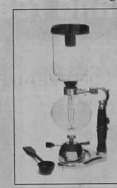


The Wonders of Gesha gift box from PT's Coffee Roasting Company includes three 8-ounce bags of coffee from Panama and sells for \$155.

9. Filtron Cold Water Coffee Concentrate Brewer
Makes 1.5 liters of cold concentrate coffee that is great for iced coffee. Another great addition to any coffee lover's list of gadgets. (Amazon — \$43)

10. Yama 5-cup tabletop vacpot with butane burner

Vacuum or siphon brewing had its heyday in the 1930s to '60s and pretty much died out with the onset of automatic drip brewers. But with its way cool retro/chemistry lab look and the fact that it is reported to make an amazing cup of coffee (I have one on my list) has brought the brewer back into favor with many coffee lovers. Like many of the manual brewing methods, this is not for the person who wants a quick cup while running out the door. Instead, it should be given only to folks who love just the opposite — the entire process of hands-on coffee brewing, taking it slow and enjoying the aromas and process as much as the final cup. Many are available from different online retailers, but Espresso Parts is the only one I found that paired it with the butane burner rather than an alcohol lamp. Espresso Parts (www.espressoparts.com, \$110). Be sure to order the bamboo stir stick and extra cloth filters. A stove top version is also available for \$38.36. Or yet another option if your coffee lover already has a butane camp stove is to order the tabletop version without the burner for \$62.21.



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The 12 Months of Christmas coffee subscription from Anthology Coffee.

Get homemade treats at cookie walks

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Volunteers at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia made 35 different kinds of goodies in baking sessions at church this month.

Their handmade treats — peanut butter balls, Russian tea cookies, kiefle, and sweet bread, to name a few — can be yours for \$10 per pound at the church's 19th annual cookie walk, 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at the church, 36675 7 Mile, between Farmington Road and Newburgh, Livonia.

"People are given a box and globe when they come into the hall and then walk around picking out the cookies they want," said Mariene Graban, chairperson, explaining the event. "We have two holding tables so when one box if full they have a place to leave it while they get more."

"More" also includes hearty fare, such as pierogies and stuffed cabbage, nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls.

"We did not do pierogies or stuffed cabbage last year and



Fancy, mitten-shaped cookies made with a chocolate dough, sell individually in ribbon-tied bags.

many customers were disappointed that we did not have them as we have had them in past years. We have made close to 400 dozen pierogi this year but have sold some to church members."

Pierogies will cost \$7 a dozen. Braided bread will be \$5 a loaf. Nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and apricot rolls will sell for \$10 each. "Cookies sell out pretty early,"

Graban noted.

Customers arrive early, some by 7 a.m. or 7:30 a.m., and wait in their cars. Doors open at 8 a.m., an hour before the cookie walk starts. Graban said the church serves free coffee and samples to those waiting for their turn to enter the church hall, where cookies are sold. Proceeds from the sale benefit the church's general fund, as well as mission and charity projects. Call (248) 476-3432 for more information.

More cookie walks:

- Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia: Doors open at 10 a.m., with early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. The 6th annual cookie walk will offer cookies at \$7.50 per pound, along with other baked goods. Early bird admission is \$2; (734) 427-2290
- Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy, east of Newburgh, Westland: Sale runs from 9 a.m. to noon and will include holiday cookies, spinach pies, sweet Greek bread and Greek pastries; (734) 525-6789.



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Angie Gillum of Northville spreads butter on poppyseed rolls before they bake.

Yule party brings Realtors, their friends together in spirit of season

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors held its holiday and anniversary party Wednesday, Dec. 5.

GMAR celebrated its first full year as a merged Realtor association, formed from the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors. The party was held at Faria's banquet facility in Berkley.

The new association has grown to over 6,000 members. One of the highlights of the event was the collection of new toys that will be given to the Toys For Tots program of the U.S. Marine Corps. Over 200 toys were collected at the event.

GMAR has raised several thousand dollars for charities during 2012, with an emphasis on area children.



Roxanne Fitzpatrick, Brenda Lee Szlachta and Maureen Francis (two chairs of the event and Francis as newly elected president-elect) have a good time.



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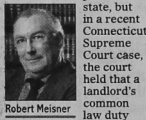
Tony Schippa (2012 president), Dale Smith (CEO) and Bart Patterson (2013 president) being entertained.

Dog bite case: Ask lawyer

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I have been bitten by my neighbor's tenant's dog. I live in a municipal housing development. The housing authority had knowledge that the dog was dangerous, yet failed to enforce a lease restriction pertaining to pets that should have ensured the removal of the animal from the premises. They claim that they are immune from liability. What do you think?

A: Each case much be reviewed on its own facts and the law of the particular state, but in a recent Connecticut Supreme Court case, the court held that a landlord's common law duty to alleviate



Robert Meisner

known dangers on the premises includes dangers posed by vicious dogs. Apparently, the housing authority's argument that it had no liability under state law because it was not the owner or keeper of the dog did not relieve it of liability, nor do I think there would be necessarily governmental immunity for this type of situation, but you should consult with an attorney.

Q: We are thinking about building some residential property around Comerica-Ford Field. I am curious how the residential area around Target Field in Minneapolis has prospered, if at all.

A: Target Field in Minneapolis was a boom in not only the residential area, but obviously the commercial area, as it is conveniently located to the major shopping areas in downtown Minneapolis. Moreover, rapid transit is being developed there not only with respect to Target Field, but the University of Minnesota's new football stadium, which will have light rail going to the stadium from downtown and from the airport.

There are number of apartments being constructed in the downtown vicinity and much of the city still has prosperous residential housing, particularly around the three major lakes which are located within the city limits of Minneapolis. There are also major shopping chains in the downtown area, including major department stores and, of course, Minneapolis is the home of Target. Again, if Minneapolis is any example, with the advent of rapid transit or light rail in the Detroit area, I would suggest that additional residential housing is sorely needed in the Detroit area and should do reasonably well.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4432 or visit meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 4-7, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
42248 Barchester Rd	\$158,000
6739 Burnham Rd	\$150,000
1884 Centennial Dr	\$362,000
47198 Eastbourne Rd	\$276,000
3311 Empire State Dr	\$245,000
1922 Hawks Nest Ct	\$118,000
41156 Northwind Dr	\$52,000
2072 Premier Ln	\$77,000
4058 Radcliff Dr	\$80,000

6688 Sturbridge Ln	\$65,000	34969 Pembroke Ave	\$270,000
2477 Heronwood Dr	\$78,000	15822 Penn Dr	\$188,000
5960 Silvanija Ln	\$78,000	29630 Richland St	\$104,000
GARDEN CITY			
31471 Bridge St	\$114,000	NORTHVILLE	
6905 James St	\$69,000	42520 Bradner Rd	\$275,000
32624 Gilman St	\$72,000	18551 Fox Hollow Ct	\$885,000
28211 Maplewood St	\$39,000	18605 Ridge Rd	\$258,000
32952 Pardo St	\$37,000	39802 Rockcrest Cir	\$120,000
LYONIA			
38208 Ann Arbor Trl	\$33,000	325 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$293,000
9953 Arcola St	\$65,000	16636 Victoria Ct	\$442,000
14043 Bainbridge St	\$74,000	222 West St	\$245,000
11406 Blackburn St	\$150,000	PLYMOUTH	
14386 Doris St	\$135,000	741 Beech Ct	\$367,000
17251 Fairfield St	\$245,000	11656 Brownell Ave	\$55,000
36336 Fairway Dr	\$30,000	9405 Corinne St	\$49,000
18270 Gillman St	\$38,000	41460 Hywood Ln	\$210,000
8950 Louisiana St	\$149,000	42241 Mill Race Cir	\$95,000
9928 Melrose St	\$165,000	40137 Newport Dr	\$80,000
19986 Millburn St	\$138,000	1251 Sheridan St	\$232,000

5025 Beech Daly Rd	\$47,000
12109 Centerville	\$13,000
26350 Clarita	\$35,000
9336 Columbia	\$63,000
8890 Farley	\$40,000
20524 Indian	\$18,000
11368 Seminole	\$36,000
WESTLAND	
35947 Avondale St	\$39,000
36301 Avondale St	\$40,000
37552 Barkridge Cir	\$62,000
32642 Birchwood St	\$92,000
32851 Chapman Pl	\$90,000
27530 Eton St	\$38,000
37578 Parkwood St	\$75,000
1100 Surrency Hts	\$127,000
37047 Vincent St	\$88,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
32267 Auburn Dr	\$252,000
18910 Hillcrest St	\$287,000
22751 N Nottingham Dr	\$250,000
32924 Norchester St	\$145,000
BIRMINGHAM	
768 Bird Ave	\$122,000
795 Fairfax St	\$1,275,000
509 Fairfax St	\$365,000
390 Golf View Blvd	\$335,000
1675 Hanley Ct	\$190,000
587 Lakeview Ln	\$595,000
1525 Yosemite Blvd	\$870,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
25074 Glynhelm Ct	\$203,000

22023 Inkster Rd	\$92,000	1155 South Lake Dr Unit 70	\$42,000
26030 Meadowview Dr	\$200,000	24341 Willow Ln	\$149,000
33811 Ramble Hills Dr	\$390,000	22519 Windermere Ct	\$735,000
SOUTH LYON			
12423 Riverwalk Ct	\$209,000	52108 Copperwood Dr S	\$297,000
28386 Seven Oaks Dr	\$192,000	450 N Ridge St	\$93,000
30475 Springland St	\$148,000	443 Orchard Rd	\$80,000
34758 Valley Forge Dr	\$240,000	61100 Palamino Ct	\$279,000
30080 Woodbrook St	\$212,000	172 Stoney Dr	\$128,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE			
28452 Lathrup Blvd	\$120,000	SOUTHFIELD	
MILFORD			
1446 Hunters Lake Dr	\$650,000	30816 Brentwood St	\$60,000
479 Ravinside Dr	\$270,000	18163 Cornell Rd	\$85,000
3100 Trilogy Dr	\$335,000	17309 Roxbury Ave	\$109,000
650 Village Ln	\$76,000	22564 W 11 Mile Rd	\$116,000
WHITE LAKE			
NOVI		9417 Cedar Island Rd	\$200,000
14120 Belden Cir	\$115,000	520 Concord Dr	\$210,000
47510 Chetkenham Dr	\$580,000	8700 Cooley Beach Dr	\$155,000
50596 Glades Ct E	\$50,000	1869 Crystal Ln	\$165,000
50623 Glades Ct E	\$50,000	233 Granada Dr	\$128,000
28770 Heathstone Dr	\$275,000	675 W Oxhill Dr	\$120,000
40612 Lenox Park Dr	\$282,000		
22673 Mondavi Dr	\$50,000		
1404 Paramount St	\$180,000		

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Short sales

If you own more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale pro-

cedures and what it takes to get started. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved. Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call

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Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail Georgia@addvalleyrealty.com or visit FreeForeclosure.com.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Learn about reverse mortgages. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Participants will dis-

cuss what they have learned. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. (The Christmas party replaced December's meeting.)

Any questions or concerns, call Wyatt Koehler at (313) 277-4168.

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