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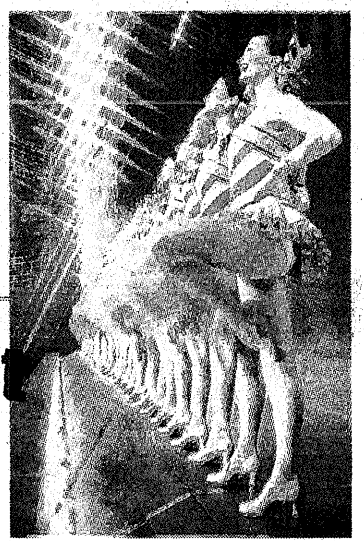
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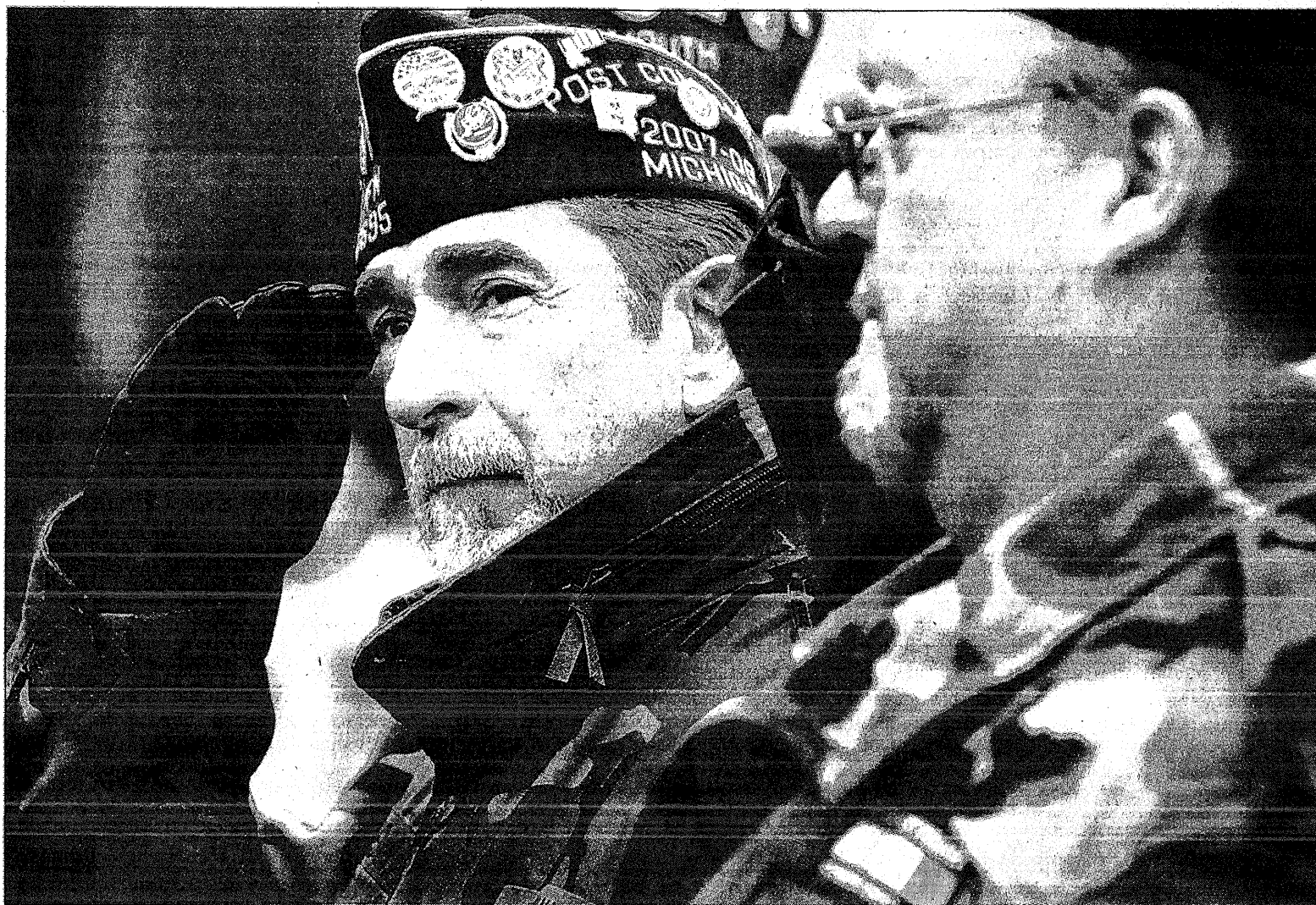


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U.S. Navy veteran Jerry Thomason salutes as the American flag is posted during Veterans Day ceremonies Tuesday morning at Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth.

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Board begins '09 budget; eyes 2010 problems

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It said 2009 at the top of the document as the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees began wrestling with the budget Monday. But even as trustees used one eye to peruse the figures for next year's accounts, the other eye was creeping ahead to 2010. Township officials expect revenues of some \$14.2 million in 2009, with expenses of about \$14.3 million. According to the budget offered Monday night by township Treasurer Ron Edwards, the township expects to use about \$99,000 in fund balance to offset the higher expenditures. While that figure isn't that much in a \$14.2 million budget — one observer called it "a drop in the bucket" — officials are more worried about 2010, when they expect to lose some \$600,000 in tax revenue due to declining property values over the next two years. Edwards estimated some 8,100 of the township's 10,000 parcels could see a decline.

Combined with escalating health care costs — up 16 percent this year — and salaries driven by collective bargaining agreements, Edwards said the outlook could be grim.

"Our tax line is flat," he told trustees Monday. "We can't afford to keep going like this."

After showing small growth at mid-decade, the township's revenues have gone flat the last three years. In 2007, revenues were at just over \$14 million; this year they're at \$14.2 million. The biggest drop in revenues shows up in the building department, where the 2009 recommended budget of \$50,000 is some 23 percent lower than the year before.

Meanwhile, township officials say "about 80 percent" of the expenditures are people-related, including salaries, benefits, worker's compensation claims and retirement.

Public safety (police, fire and dispatch) make up more than \$9.4 million of the township's expenditures. Police officials have requested some \$70,000 in equipment purchases from the 2009 budget, including two patrol cars at a cost of some \$44,000 and more than \$12,000 in computer purchases.

While the current board held the opening discussions on the budget, a new board is due to be sworn in next week. The new board — with two new faces — is expected to take up the budget issue next month.

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Honoring their service

Students among throng gathered to pay homage to vets

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Community Memorial Veteran's Park was dedicated July 4, 2006, in front of Central Middle School, it not only was to become a place where veterans would be remembered for the sacrifices they made, but for future generations to gather and learn about those who served so they would have a better world.

That point was very evident during Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremonies, where a



Color Guard members bring in the flag during the beginning of Tuesday's Veterans Day ceremonies at Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth.

significant portion of the nearly 200 people who attended were students from Plymouth-Canton middle schools. Students from Central led the Pledge of Allegiance and the seventh-grade band led the singing of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

More coverage of Veterans Day ceremony, page A7.

"It was a really cool experience seeing people getting emotional and how it hit home with them," said Abby Madison, 13, of Plymouth Township, who attended the remembrance with her sixth-grade class from West Middle School. "When you think of the war, you really don't think about the veterans, you think about people fighting in our war now. You don't think about the people who came home and how they feel. It really reminded me that we need to be thankful."

The commander of American Legion Post 112, Steve Monaghan of Plymouth Township, said it was inspiring to see the students among the many veterans.

"All the gentlemen and women you see around you who are wearing caps or a uniform today provide a wonderful freedom for you, it's one we don't ask a great deal in return," Monaghan said. "A simple thank you, a nod, a wink, a handshake is all that any of us has ever asked to put on the uniform of this country."

Chamber dodges economy with successful auction

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many Plymouth businesses have been hit hard by the state's lagging economy.

But you wouldn't have known it Friday night inside Laurel Manor, as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosted its 19th annual dinner auction and conducted its 55th annual end-of-year business meeting.

More than 400 people turned out and donated more than \$9,000 to the live auction alone as chamber members put their generosity on display.

Executive Director Wes Graff, hosting his first auction since being hired earlier this year, was appreciative of the generosity, especially considering the state of the economy.

"To have that many people buy tickets



Debbie LaLonde and Darren LaLonde talk with Tim Pasha and Christine Pasha at Friday's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction.

to participate in this event is outstanding," Graff said. "It says we still support this community."

In addition to the 19 live-auction items,

some 300 raffle and silent-auction items were available. Graff said figures for how much money those items raised weren't yet available.

The event also honored eight long-time supporters of the chamber: Betty Jane Brown Barbour; Sanford Burr; Milton Laible; Mary Wilson Pauline; William Gayde; Jeanette Bauman Schryer; Bill Saxton; and Ernie Krumm.

Graff said the auction, with major sponsors Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Johnson Controls, couldn't have happened without the volunteers who put it together.

"It's a tremendous effort by the volunteers," Graff said. "I've never seen the effort and the hours people put in to pull the event off. We owe our volunteers a debt of gratitude on this one."

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Saxton's plows ahead into business' 80th year

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In these tough economic times, when many businesses are attempting to reinvent themselves to remain competitive, Bill Saxton has been there, done that.

Saxton, 82, has seen his company — Saxton's Garden Center on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Deer — reinvent itself several times, all the while staying relevant enough to celebrate 80 years in business.

Saxton's father, Dean, opened feed stores in

Northville, Plymouth and Redford after a brief career as a boxer and a crane repairman at Ford Motor Co.

"He got a notion he wanted to get into business himself," Bill Saxton said of his late father. "He got interested in raising chickens, but in order to do that he needed a food source and got a connection with a feed company. He then decided in 1928 (at the age of 31) to open a store in Northville. He sold oats and hay."

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# Johnson Controls honors top suppliers

In honor of their dedication to superior products and service, Johnson Controls recently recognized its top performing automotive suppliers during its North American Supplier Performance Awards celebration held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

A total of 35 awards were given to 33 supplier companies that demonstrated their commitment to the Johnson Controls Automotive Experience Business.

"These honored suppliers are a key component to helping us provide exceptional products to our customers," said Terry

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 Nadeau, vice president and general manager of Purchasing-North America for the Automotive Experience business of Johnson Controls. "As such, we are pleased to acknowledge their performance and dedication to quality throughout the past year."

Johnson Controls' North American Supplier Performance Awards are presented annually for top performance in the following key business areas: quality; cost; logistics; development; technology and service. This year, outstanding performance by the company's supply base was recognized on two levels - gold and silver.

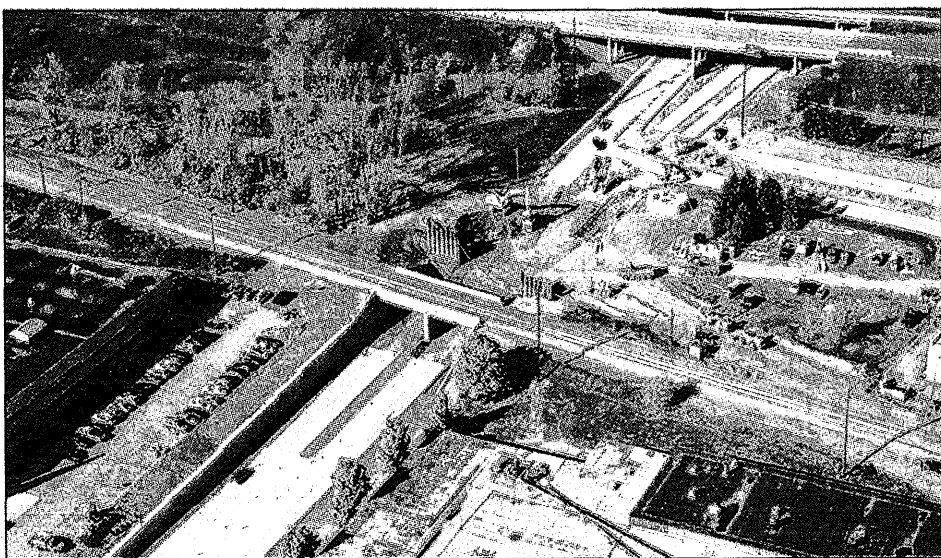
Among the recipients of the Gold 2008 Supplier Performance Award were a pair of Plymouth companies: Argent International, Inc., and E & E Manufacturing.

Additional performance awards were presented by Johnson Controls officials during the ceremony. Johnson Controls recognized E & E Manufacturing with its Leadership Award for Community Partnership for the company's collaborative work with Johnson Controls to serve and support the local community.

**AAA promotion**

Plymouth resident Anthony E. Ptasznik has been promoted to Vice President, Membership and Insurance Product Management for AAA Michigan.

Ptasznik worked as an assistant actuary for ACE before joining AAA Michigan



JAMES CUTLER

**Bird's-eye view**

Most of the work south of the Sheldon Road underpass is completed, and CSX freight trains recently began using the permanent tracks on the new structure. Pouring of the concrete on Sheldon Road north of the underpass is expected to begin soon. Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said depending on weather and production he would 'love to be able to finish it prior to the Christmas holiday.' The underpass has been a nine-year project that is expected to cost more than \$15 million, nearly double the original cost estimate.

in 2001. Previous positions held at AAA Michigan include Director - Actuarial Research, Assistant Vice President - Actuarial Pricing and Research and Assistant Vice President - Product Management. As Vice President, his responsibilities will grow to include all aspects of Membership and Insurance Product Management.

Ptasznik is a graduate of the University of Michigan, with a bachelor's degree in Economics and a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science. He lives in Plymouth with his wife, Heather, and daughters Londyn and Kendall.

**Plymouth doc joins Botsford**

Douglas Johnson has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Johnson is board certified in Internal Medicine. He is a member of the



Johnson

American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Johnson also was the team physician for Davison High School.

Johnson practices at Elliott I. Greenspan, D.O., P.C. and Associates, located at 9377 Haggerty Rd. in Plymouth and 29600 Wixom Rd. in Wixom. He also practices at Park Medical Center located at 8323 Grand River Ave. in Detroit.

He can be reached in Plymouth at (734) 451-0070.

Johnson received his medical education from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship and internal medicine residency at Flint Osteopathic Hospital.

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**CORRECTION**

An incorrect date was printed in a story Sunday, Nov. 9, about the late Gracia Vivian Anderson Yankasky. Mrs. Yankasky, who served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Garden City resident, died in 1997.

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### Senior party fund-raisers

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Fund-raisers take place at

the following restaurants on the following dates:

Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Buffalo Wild Wings; Monday, Jan. 12 at Palermo's; Thursday, Feb. 12 at Caravel; Monday, April 6 at Palermo's; and Thursday, May 7, also at Palermo's. All restaurants are on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm>

To volunteer or for questions, contact pcep-senior-party@comcast.net

### Holiday crafts ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Ensemble, a holiday fund-raising event for music programs, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, in Canton.

The event is a juried art and craft exhibition hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. Exhibitors include makers of handcrafted jewelry, holiday gifts, floral arrangements, purses, wood crafts, glass works, clothing & linens, paintings, painted glass ornaments, and more. In addition to more than 90 exhibits, there will be food, baked goods, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Proceeds from the event go toward the music programs at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park, many of which are funded by the non-profit parent booster organization. This year in particular, the boosters are working to raise enough funds to replace the 40-year-old semi-trailer used by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band to transport all the large band instruments to many competitions and events.

For more information, call (734) 455-0714.

### Holiday open house

Stores will be decorated for Downtown Plymouth's Holiday Open House on Sunday, November 16. Plymouth Chamber of Commerce officials are urging shoppers to take advantage of "this special day ... a great way to kick-off Holiday shopping while supporting many of the



### Pom pre-eminence

The Plymouth Junior Varsity Pompon team won first place in the Mid-American PomPon High Kick Competition last week at Eastern Michigan University. There were seven High Schools competing in the Junior Varsity Division. The Jim Carrey movie, 'The Mask,' provided the theme for the performance. The team included (front) Lauren Turner, Alanna Farrugia, Captain Kirsten Engstrom, Captain Dominica Convertino, Captain Christina Dreyer, Holin Pardikes, Emma Buchele; (middle) Lindsey Martin, Katie Justice, Lyndsay Zelenak, Brittany Guajardo, Samantha Trunk, Siera Tyl; and (back) Coach Erica Caudillo, Jennifer Sochocki, Isis Haywood, Stephanie Hall, Kelly Karst, Kellie Connelly, Callie Lehr, coach Amanda Baldwin.

local merchants in our community."

In addition to gift ideas, refreshments and carolers from the Plymouth Canton High Schools, nearly 60 gingerbread houses will be on display throughout Plymouth. Maps listing the locations of the gingerbread houses will be available at participating businesses. Shoppers may vote for their favorite gingerbread house through December 15, and will be entered into a drawing to win Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and Penn Theatre gift certificates.

After December 15, several of the gingerbread houses will be donated to seniors' establishments in the area to be enjoyed throughout the season.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

### Grief workshop

Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills is sponsoring a one day grief seminar. From Grief to New Hope, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

This workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief

Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar and lunch will be provided.

Grace Chapel is located at 27996 Halsted in Farmington Hills. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Karol at (248) 488-0151. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

### Holiday classics

The Penn Theatre will show a variety of holiday classics during December.

The schedule includes: "It's a Wonderful Life," featuring a live performance by the Belleville Bass before the Thursday show, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 and 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5; "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11; "Polar Express," 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 and 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20-21.

The Penn Theatre is located on Penniman in downtown Plymouth. Box office opens a half-hour before each show-

ing; tickets are \$3. For more information, call (734) 453-0870 or visit [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com)

### Civil War round table

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts author Mark Hoffman at its 8 p.m. meeting Thursday, Nov. 20, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Hoffman is the author of *My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War*.

The public is welcome, admission is free. For more information call (734) 451-7998.

### Potters guild

The annual Village Potters Guild Holiday Sale will take place at the Village Potters Guild studio, 340 N. Main, G-1, in Plymouth Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22.

The studio is open Thursday 5-8 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to learn about classes, call (734) 207-8807 or see [www.village-pottersguild.org](http://www.village-pottersguild.org)

### Toastmasters' open house

MotorCity Speak Easy, a Plymouth-based Toastmaster's group, hosts an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 17, at the Plymouth Library, lower level, 223 S. Main St.

Adults over 18 are welcome to attend and learn about public speaking at this free event. The guest speaker will be Curt Gottlieb, humorous speech winner in the Area 33 contest. Attendees can take part in a mini speech session - by answering an impromptu question in front of the audience.

MotorCity Speak Easy has been a chartered club of Toastmaster's for more than 50 years and welcomes new members. The regular group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, 48170.

For more information about the club or the open house, please call Kim at (734) 542-8181.

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- Dec. 12-Wed. - 3 D's & W Barbershop Quartet - 6pm-8pm - Throughout the mall
- Dec. 14-Fri. - Our Lady of Good Counsel 10:45am-11:30pm - JC Penney Court
- 3 D's & W - 6pm-8pm Throughout the mall
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OUR VIEWS

## Township board has many issues to tackle

When the new Plymouth Township Board of Trustees convenes for the first time next month, there will be two new faces.

Joe Bridgman replaces longtime Clerk Marilyn Massengill, who retires after some 40 years of dedicated service to the township. Trustee Michael Kelly joins the board, replacing Charles Curmi, who departs after 16 years of equally dedicated service.

Collectively, they have a variety of issues to tackle, not the least of which is a shrinking budget township leaders believe will be in even more trouble next year. Having said that, here are a few issues to which we believe the board should pay attention early in its new term:

- Hire a fire chief. The Plymouth Community Fire Department has been without a chief since Randy Maycock retired last summer. Assistant chief Mark Wendel has been handling the job since then, but that's not a satisfactory permanent solution. There are certainly other qualified candidates who should be allowed to test for it. The job must be filled following rules laid out in Act 78, the law that governs the hiring of firefighters.

- The township board, citing budget problems, hasn't been in any hurry to fill the job. There's also a rumor — as unlikely as it is — the township is considering a public safety director to oversee both the fire and police departments. The leadership in both communities thinks the model being used for fire service now is going to have to change as the budget shrinks, so, whatever they're going to do, they need to do it.

- Disband the township's compensation commission. The board has essentially used the commission as a shield for accepting recommended raises. This action would shift the responsibility for future pay raises back where it belongs — onto the trustees.

- Reverse itself on candidate forums being held in the board meeting room. To be fair, the board hasn't actually made a policy decision on this, although it has revoked permission for a forum sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and denied a similar request from the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

We believe board members are relying on a narrow reading of state election law by the township attorney. In conversations with state elections officials, the *Observer* has been told such use does not violate campaign finance law, as the township attorney claims.

We think the board should absolutely set criteria for who can use the room, and any criteria should make sure the rules are fair for everyone. Forums are a valuable educational tool for residents who get precious little other chance to see their candidates, especially for local office.

And the residents are, after all, the ones trustees are elected to serve.

## Time for Wayne County to update election site

Now that Cathy Garrett has won an easy re-election as Wayne County clerk, we would like to make a modest proposal.

We suggest that Clerk Garrett sit down with Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson and ask her how Oakland County is able to post election results so quickly, completely and handsomely on its far superior Web site, while Wayne County lingers along with a site that is slow to post, unattractive and confusing.

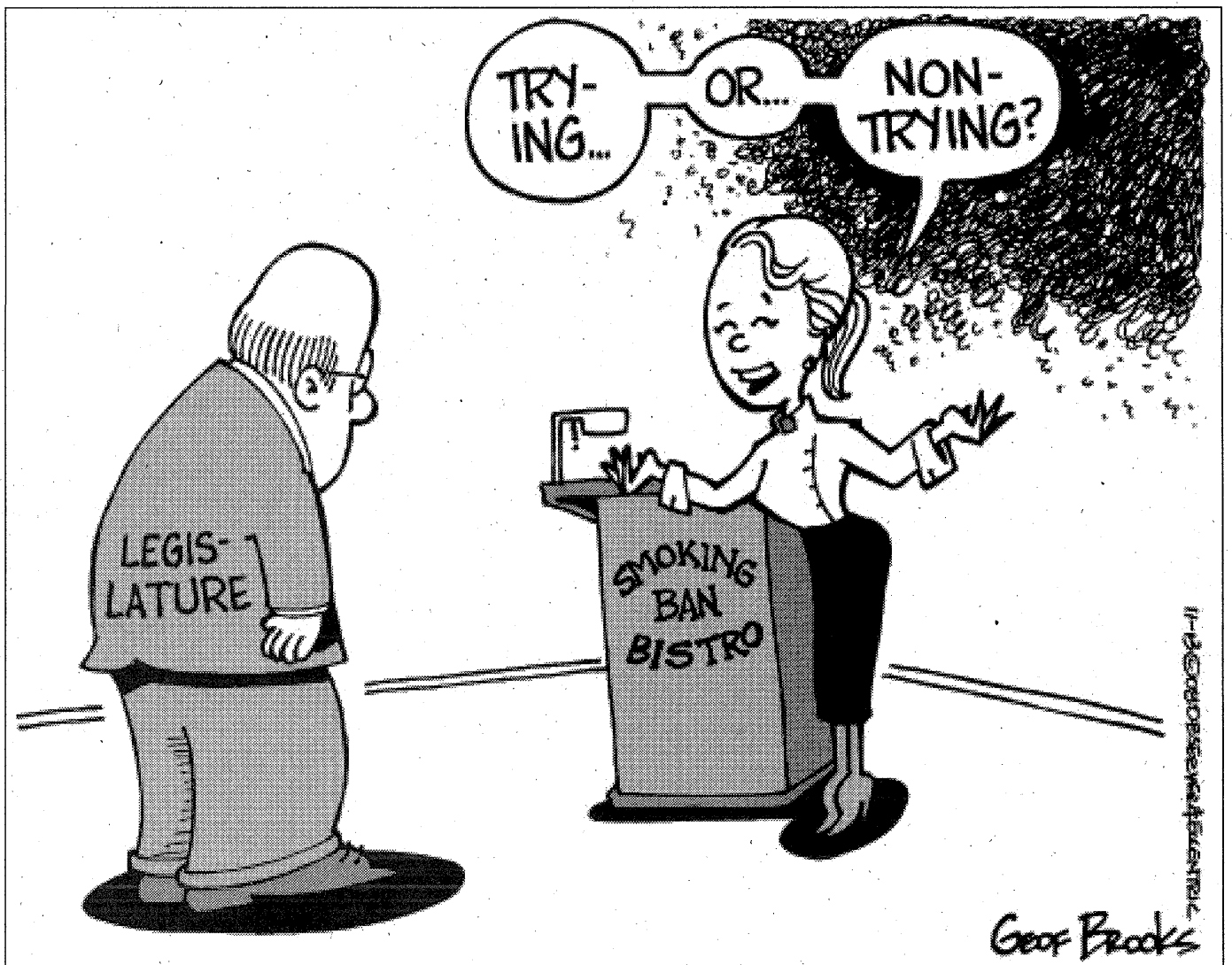
On the Oakland County site, the list of candidates and ballot proposals is handsomely presented in numbers and as a graphic. Throughout the election night, numbers were posted as precincts reported. The site told visitors how many precincts had reported out of total precincts for that race. There was also a running count on straight party voting. Visitors to the Web site could also see a map of the district and a further breakdown of the vote showing how absentee voters cast their votes. Another section showed the percentage of registered voters who voted in each precinct in the county.

The color graphics were impressive and easy to understand. The vote count was easy for anyone to follow throughout the evening and into Wednesday morning.

By contrast, Wayne County posted PDF files for each race, with crude type, no graphics, no maps, no breakdown on absentee voting. The first postings were promised by 10 p.m. but didn't come until later. The postings gave a time for when the numbers were posted but no indication of how many precincts or what percentage of the vote was represented at the time the votes were posted.

The software is out there. If Oakland County can provide its residents with this kind of complete and on time information, Wayne County should be able to do the same.

This should be a top priority for Cathy Garrett — do lunch with Ruth Johnson.



LETTERS

### Thank you

I would like to personally thank everyone who supported me in my recent bid for judge.

Although the outcome wasn't favorable for me, I am proud we ran a clean and positive campaign. I believe that our campaign was a true reflection of the character of everyone involved. I have been deeply touched by all of your cards, e-mails and letters offering your condolences and continued support.

I owe a special debt of gratitude to everyone who worked closely with me on my campaign team. You all worked incredibly hard and I am truly honored to have had such an outpouring of support.

I would also like to thank the nearly 32,000 voters who voted for me Nov. 4.

Your expression of confidence in me makes me proud to call our community my home. I also want to thank my primary election competitors, Martha Snow, Cam Miller, Jim Malinowski and Art Butler. Your competitive spirit before the primary and your support for me after the primary will never be forgotten.

Finally, I would like to congratulate my opponent, Jim Plakas, for his success. I wish him the best in serving this great community.

My wife, Maria, and I will continue to operate our law practice in the heart of this community, serving the legal needs of our residents. We will continue to remain active with community events and worthy causes that make our area such a special place.

Joe Barone  
Plymouth

### Now what?

America votes for change ... now what? Will there be an attempt to "quick fix" the economy resulting in unintended consequences? Will the world's reserve currency for oil trade (our U.S. dollar) disappear and be replaced by a recession and a new global currency (the "Amero")?

Will all local law enforcement, including county sheriffs, be accountable to a higher national security force sanctioned by a global entity? Will we really have a national ID card (with RFID chip) and travel checkpoints?

Will unemployment, poverty, and violent crime increase regardless of heavily funded and socially accepted entitlement programs? Will social security payments be adjusted against all other income sources to further balance the perceived inequitable distribution of income?

Will our nation's Constitution continue to be dismantled of its intended purpose to protect our individual rights?

Will our military evolve into a global "police state" force to respond to all conflicts foreign or domestic? Will the UN be the governing head of our military abroad while suppressing our sovereignty and enumerated Bill of Rights? Isn't the UN unnecessary and unconstitutional? Is the UN's objective to enforce world peace or impose world tyranny?

Here's a sobering summary of America today, according to Catherine Austin Fitts, former secretary of housing: "Our government works for a private bank (Federal Reserve) and the private bank works for its owners (a private international banking cabal). (In 1913), the decision was made. Let's get all the debt up (via an IOU debt-based monetary system), let's move the jobs abroad (NAFTA, CAFTA) and instead of re-engineering your skills, we're going to dumb down America (Dept. of Public Education — DOPE) so then, the middle class will disappear."

Rhetorically, will our constitutional republic (we're not a democracy) be restored under our new administration?

Bruce W. Hartdegen  
Plymouth

### Keep the promises

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Chairman of the Senate Arms Services Committee Sen. Carl Levin and Sen. Obama, your constituents gave you a clear mandate: immediately close the war in Iraq.

There are no more excuses or equivocations. Failure to bring all troops home by your promised Jan. 1, 2009, deadline lies soundly on your shoulders. What is stopping you now? There aren't any more powerful Washington seats to fill.

No more "I can't," "They won't let me," "but's" or "we owe it to someone to stay."

Give voters some credit. Don't prove them to be fools by turning out to be liars and cheats like impeached President Clinton or felon Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. Like John F. Kennedy, you are American leaders who have the resources to achieve anything you put your mind to.

It is an "I think I can" moment. Be the engine that could, not couldn't. Keep your promise. Jan. 1, 2009, and no later, so voters can believe you are more than just another set of disappointing, ineffective politicians.

Glenn Kremer  
Plymouth

### Production is magical

On Friday, Nov. 7, I had the privilege of attending as professional a production of *The Crucible* as I have ever seen. The setting, costumes and props transported you back in time. Timothy Thompson as John Proctor was absolutely outstanding, as were Rachel Palgut as Mary Warren, Chelsey Coleman as Elizabeth Proctor, and Francesco DiNicola as the Rev. John Hale. Although I mention these four especially, every member of the cast and crew contributed to make this a magical production. Bravo to the director, Ms. Shannon McNutt. I cannot wait to see what you will do next!

Treat yourself to a night of theater Nov. 14 and 15 at Canton High School's DuBois Little Theatre. Prepare yourself to be amazed!

Catherine Van Hollebeke  
Garden City

### Charter school not needed

This letter is regarding the Hamadeh Educational Services School relocation to Canton. Why is this needed in our area? The answer is, it is not. Sounds to me like Nawal Hamadeh is searching to relocate her Detroit school to Canton because it is a nice area. What does the statement "The township is ripe for the school's targeted population" (by Nawal Hamadeh) mean? This sounds discriminatory. It sounds like a "private" school wanting public funds. And if they are relocating students from another city — exactly how will this benefit Canton residents? Increased traffic, increased use of our roads and depletion of the state public school funding (that comes from all Plymouth-Canton residents).

We disagree with adding any more charter schools to our area for the following reasons:

1.) We have enough schools in the Plymouth-Canton district. Our tax dollars should not go to support this school, especially in these tough economic times.

2.) Even though our district has grown over the past few years, times our changing, people are leaving Michigan due to lack of jobs and the schools located within our district may soon be losing students (and these schools serve our entire population, not just a "targeted" few).

3.) We already have a charter school in Canton which serves children from many cities in Michigan, and creates major traffic congestion on Ford and Ridge roads.

4.) Charter schools take money from public schools and hurt local districts financially.

5.) There are already private school options in Canton (All Saints Catholic School, Agape Christian Academy and Plymouth Christian Academy, to name a few).

6.) Plymouth-Canton Schools are excellent and this is one of the reasons people live in this area. If you want to go to school here, simply move here!

Craig and Lisa Chismar  
Canton

### SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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### QUOTABLE

"There are always scary times, especially in a war zone in a Humvee when you're being shot at ... But, I've seen great things happen, such as helping to open a school to give kids an education. I've never seen kids happier to go to school in my entire life in a country where kids weren't going to school ... especially the young girls in Afghanistan who never went to school because they weren't allowed under Taliban rule."

— Gavin Gismondi, former Plymouth resident and Marine veteran who served tours in both Afghanistan and Iraq

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# Vets groups work together to put on a show

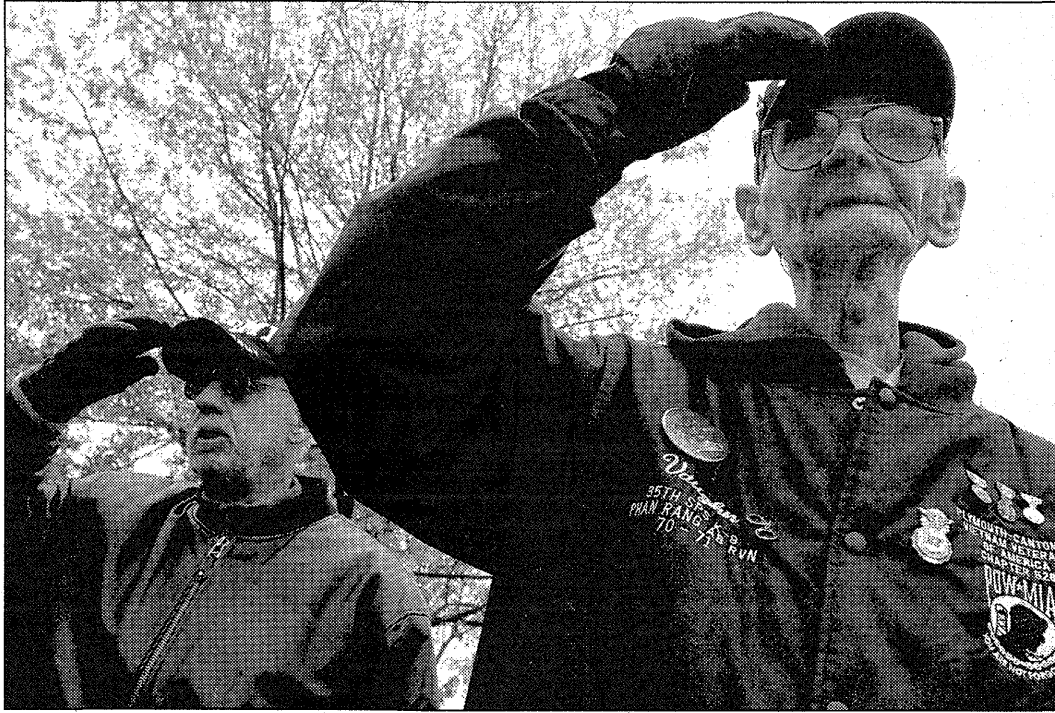
BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Veterans Day ceremony in downtown Plymouth was a showcase for how veterans groups work together.

The event was a collaboration among American Legion Post 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695, American Legion Post 391 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, which provided the honor guard and rifle salute.

"They served so that we may be free," said Frank Pawelak, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Plymouth American Legion Post 391. "We recognize all the veterans for their sacrifices and leadership to keep the doors of freedom open for all mankind."

Among the veterans in attendance was former Plymouth Township resident Gavin Gismondi, who served in the Marines from 2002 through earlier this year with stops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Gismondi said his family has had a family member in every



Veterans Pete Rakowski of Plymouth (left) and Vaughn Hull of Westland salute while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during Veterans Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth Tuesday morning.

war since the Revolutionary War. And, after 9/11, he felt it was his time to serve.

"There are always scary times, especially in a war zone in a Humvee when you're being shot at," Gismondi said. "But I've seen great things

happen, such as helping to open a school to give kids an education. I've never seen kids happier to go to school in my



U.S. Marine veteran Frank Gilbo bows his head as the Rev. Lee Acervo of Our Lady Good Counsel gives a prayer during Veterans Day ceremonies.

entire life in a country where kids weren't going to school ... especially the young girls in Afghanistan, who never went to school because they weren't allowed under Taliban rule. "You take the good with the bad, and you hope the good outweighs the bad," he added, "and at the end of the day, you hope you make their lives better than they had the day before."



City Commissioner Stella Greene gives an address.

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## SAXTON'S

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Dean Saxton bought a feed store on Main Street, located in the street level of the building the Mayflower Meeting House currently occupies. Several years later, he bought the current location for \$12,000. Shortly afterward came the business in Redford. "I started working at the Redford store when I was 13," Saxton said. "I would bicycle from our house on Beech between Nine and 10 (Mile roads) and worked for 25 cents an hour.

"In 1942, my dad decided to move to Plymouth and turned the upstairs dance hall into an apartment," he added. "The lower end was the feed store." Bill Saxton was 16 at the time and finished his final

two years of K-12 education at the old Plymouth High School while working six to eight hours a day at Saxton's Farm Supply store. However, Plymouth and the surrounding area was becoming more suburban and the feed business was declining drastically.

That's when Bill helped his father transform the feed store into Saxton's Garden Center. "The agricultural business was declining and gardening was increasing," Saxton said. "For some time we were the main source of garden supplies in the Plymouth area."

Saxton left to serve two years in the Navy and used the G.I. Bill to graduate from the University of Michigan. He was offered a job at Kaiser-Frazer, at the time a newly formed car company, where he was a wage analyst. That was a dream job, but after seven months the car company fell



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alan, Val and Bill Saxton celebrate 80 years doing business in Plymouth.

on bad times and it was back to the family business.

However, Saxton used his interest in power equipment to — once again — transform the business.

"Pushing a reel mower

around as a kid endeared me to the notion of having an engine-powered mower," Saxton said with a smile. "When they started building rotary mowers, we got into selling those."

For several years, Saxton's Garden Center sold more than 300 a year, and during one especially snowy winter sold more than 850 snow blowers.

"We're gravitating away from soils and mulches and handling basic garden supplies," Saxton said. "We do quite a bit of consultation with customers who have problems with their lawns and gardens. It's rewarding to know what you recommended worked."

Saxton's oldest son, Alan, runs the day-to-day business. Younger son Chris talks to the many people who inquire about one of downtown Plymouth's prime business locations.

"The logical thing would be to have a more high-profile business developed here, we understand that," Saxton said. "We would have no objection, in fact it's not a bad idea, to

get us a smaller location and consolidate our business.

"Over the years we've had a number of offers, but most of them want to put little money down and wait two or three years to make up their minds what to do with it."

While Saxton said he fulfilled his interest in math and science by "taking on the power equipment and parts and service line," he credits his wife, Valerie, with watching the bottom line by handling the bills and bank accounts.

"It's been an interesting experience, and if I ever got out of it, I don't know what I would do because this is all I've done," Valerie Saxton said. "Sometimes we get more than one generation of people who come in that either worked for us or are customers."

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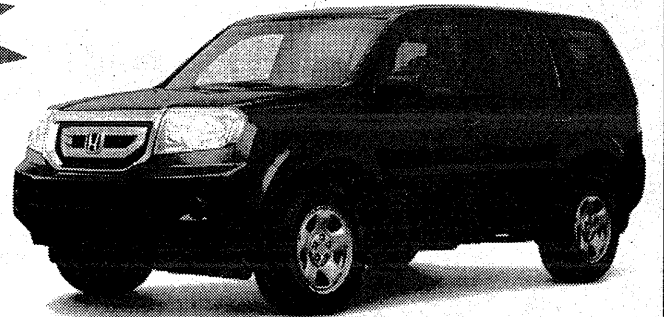
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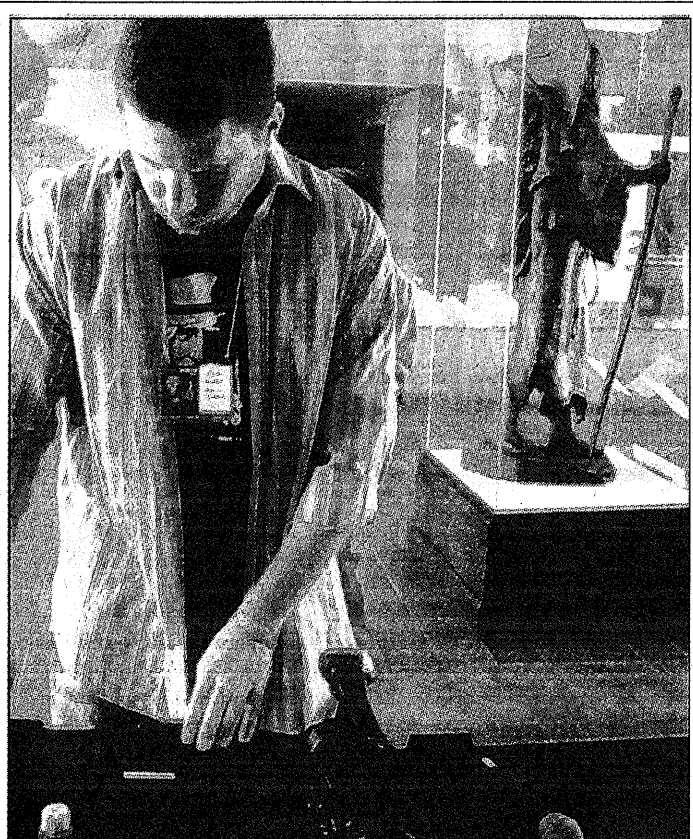
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Christopher McCann-Nickin of Livonia works with media equipment during PAH-fest Hollywood 2008.

## Madonna TV, film students go from classroom to Hollywood

Madonna University broadcast and cinema arts students, Christy Derry of Dexter, Julie Pulgini of Farmington, Christopher McCann-Nickin and Krystle Kusiak of Livonia, traveled to California to participate in PAH-fest Hollywood this October. PAH-fest is a digital media festival that travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, offering movie making fun to everyday people.

"In just one week I made some great contacts and friends. I learned so much and had an amazing time doing it," said broadcast and cinema arts student McCann-Nickin.

PAH-fest is the brainchild of director Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage. After participating in PAH-fest Motown, held at Madonna in July, the students assisted Hollywood movie making teams by sharing their knowledge and experience during an intensive week of creating documentaries, acting, directing, producing, shooting, and editing. They worked alongside Hollywood producers, directors, cinematographers, editors and Coppola himself - Madonna's newest adjunct faculty member and team teacher for PAH-fest Hollywood. He plans to have his students involved with many of his projects.

"I am proud of and impressed with my Madonna students," Coppola said. "They are becoming my highly trained, special forces, tactical unit to send out on my creative endeavors."

Madonna broadcast and cinema arts instructors Sue and Dan Boyd accompanied their students to Hollywood and were involved with event organization and coaching.

"The Madonna team was awesome!" said Kate Folb, director of development for PAH Nation. "The organizational and technical skills of the Madonna professors combined with the enthusiasm of the students helped to make this the smoothest PAH-fest to date."

Madonna University's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program prepares students for careers in broadcast, film and other new digital media industries. The program, grounded in the liberal arts, combines an integrated theoretical and intensive hands-on approach for professional preparation. Students gain a wide-range of skills and experiences that can be applied to career positions.

Madonna University's new "green" Media Center, opening in fall 2009, will provide students with the latest digital technologies. PAH-fest Motown takes place at Madonna University in Livonia every July.

## Now is the time to plan tax strategies

The recent carnage on Wall Street should prompt investors to consider a couple strategies before the end of the year. Both strategies deal with taxes. The one caveat that always comes with any sort of tax planning is to make sure you look at your own individual situation. Taxes are complex and the advice that is good for 95 percent of the people may not be good for you. Therefore, it is always important when we talk about taxes to make sure you apply it to your own individual situation.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

The first tax strategy is to consider converting existing traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. It is a strategy that always makes sense in a down market. It can be a huge tax savings. After all, you pay taxes on the value of the account today, which is for most investors considerably lower than the account was worth a year ago. By converting now you're paying taxes on a much lower amount. In addition, from the time of conversion money grows tax free not tax deferred, thus when the markets recover your gains will be tax free.

Another opportunity to look at is recognizing losses for tax purposes. In order to deduct a loss from your tax return, it has to be recognized. That means it just can't be a paper loss; you have to sell the investment. It would be nice if you could sell an investment, deduct the loss for tax purposes and then immediately repurchase the investment. It cannot be done, doing so would violate the wash-sale rules which state if you take a loss for tax purposes you cannot buy that same investment within 30 days.

Considering the volatility in today's market, the smart investor does not want to be out of the market for any appreciable length of time. A strategy to consider is to sell certain investments for tax losses then immediately repurchase a similar investment. For example, if you have a loss in a small company growth fund, a good strategy is to sell then turn around and buy another small company growth fund. This way you are still in the same asset class but able to take losses for tax purposes.

In looking at tax consequences with regards to losses, most investors will have losses that are long-term losses. So to deduct these losses you first offset any long-term gains. If you have losses in excess of long-term gain you can then deduct up to \$3,000 per year. Any excess losses can then be carried over to future tax years.

Effective planning should enable most people to carry over losses for many years to come. In addition, even if the capital gains tax is raised to 20 percent from the present level of 15 percent, with proper tax planning the consequences should be marginal.

Whether taking tax losses or converting IRAs, transactions must be completed before the end of the year.

There is no doubt that taxes are complex and difficult. Don't hesitate to seek out professional advice. However, it is important to make sure that you're dealing with a professional someone who understands tax laws. Someone who prepares taxes is not necessarily the person

to discuss tax planning. He/she may understand how to prepare a return but may not have the training with regard to tax strategies.

My general recommendation is when it comes to tax planning, sit down with someone who does taxes all year long. Certified public accountants or enrolled agents are generally these individuals.

Taking advantage of tax laws will not eliminate the losses investors suffered this year. However, the strategies discussed here can reduce the impact.

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December 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at [www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/).

**Friday, December 5 WRC Luncheon Series**  
"The Parade Company"  
Renee Gonyeau offers a behind-the-scenes look at The Parade Company, the non-profit organization dedicated to creating the best family events in metro Detroit, including the annual America's Thanksgiving Day parade, held in Detroit since 1924.  
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch)  
Register by December 1, 2008  
Information: 734-462-4443

**Friday, December 5 Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Artist Ensemble Winter Concert**  
7:30 p.m.  
Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door  
Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City  
Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, December 12 Bach Piano Honors Recital**  
7:00 p.m.  
Presentation Room inside the VisTaTech Center  
Admission: Free  
Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, December 12 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble Winter Concert**  
7:30 p.m.  
DiPonio Room inside VisTaTech Center  
Admission: Free  
Information: 734-462-4400 ext. 5217

**Sunday, December 14 "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert**  
This performance is a benefit for the Gleaner's Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.  
4 p.m.  
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## Vellucci replaces Stefan behind Whalers' bench

The winningest coach in the history of the Plymouth Whalers is behind the bench again following a year-long absence.

Mike Vellucci, the franchise's president and general manager, added head coach to his list of titles on Monday after previous coach Greg Stefan resigned Monday after accepting a job as special assignment scout for the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes.

Vellucci guided the team through its Monday practice at Compuware Arena. Plymouth associate coach Joe Stefan and assistant coach Brian Sommariva remain with the team in their current positions.

Stefan took over the reins of the Whalers last Dec. 11 when Vellucci was promoted within



Vellucci

Compuware's hockey organization to concentrate on the growth of Compuware Arena. Before that, Stefan served as an assistant coach for the team from 1993 to 1998, and rejoined the organization in 2003 as assistant coach and director of player development where he worked until joining the Hurricanes in 2005.

The 47-year-old Stefan served two-plus seasons on the Hurricanes' coaching staff as goaltending coach/pro scout prior to taking over as Plymouth's head coach in December of 2007.

The 42-year-old Vellucci was originally hired

as Plymouth's head coach in 2001 and led the Whalers to their second championship over the team's 19-year history in 2007. Plymouth has won four West Division titles and never finished lower than second place during Vellucci's tenure behind the bench.

Vellucci became the winningest coach in franchise history while compiling a record of 246-132-37-22, good for a .630 winning percentage, second in franchise history behind Paul Maurice (.681), who has coached in the National Hockey League with the Carolina Hurricanes and Toronto Maple Leafs.

Plymouth is currently 6-11-20-0 and in fifth place in the OHL West Division.

**OTTAWA 4, PLYMOUTH 2:** The 67's built a 2-0 lead

in the second period and defeated the Whalers, 4-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday evening.

Ottawa is now 11-9-0-1. Plymouth is 6-11-2-0.

Ottawa goaltender Chris Perugini continued his track record of playing well for the 67's against Plymouth as he was named the game's first star after stopping 37 of 39 shots.

Logan Couture contributed a goal and two assists for Ottawa. Corey Cowick scored twice (team-leading 16th and 17th), including the game-winner at 9:48 of the third period to snap a 2-2 tie. Ryan Martindale scored the other Ottawa goal — his seventh of the season — in the second period.

Plymouth received goals from A.J. Jenks (sixth) and second star Kaine Geldart (sixth).

### REGIONAL FINAL GRID SHOWDOWN: LIVONIA STEVENSON AT CANTON

## Two high-octane offenses set to meet on Friday

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The NASCAR-like running backs may draw the most attention during Friday night's Division 1 Regional final between Canton and Livonia Stevenson, but it will be the John Deere-like guys in the trenches who will most likely decide the outcome.

That's the opinion of both head coaches — Canton's Tim Baechler and the Spartans' Tim Gabel — who view the contest first and foremost as one big "block" party.

"Canton's offensive linemen have good size — they're not behemoths — but they're so solid and very athletic," said Gabel. "They get off the ball so hard and they're so low. It's a tribute to how well-schooled technique-wise they are. It's a thing of beauty to watch. How they get off the ball makes them unique."

Gabel is referring to the Chiefs' O-line that consists of tight ends Todd Turfe, Dakota Dark-Bird and Tim Hemmelgarn; and interior blockers Chris Hilton, Kyle Dunleavy, Alec Gil, Carter Staffeld and Jason Learst.

While impressive, the Chiefs' blockers are not the only thing Gabel is concerned with.

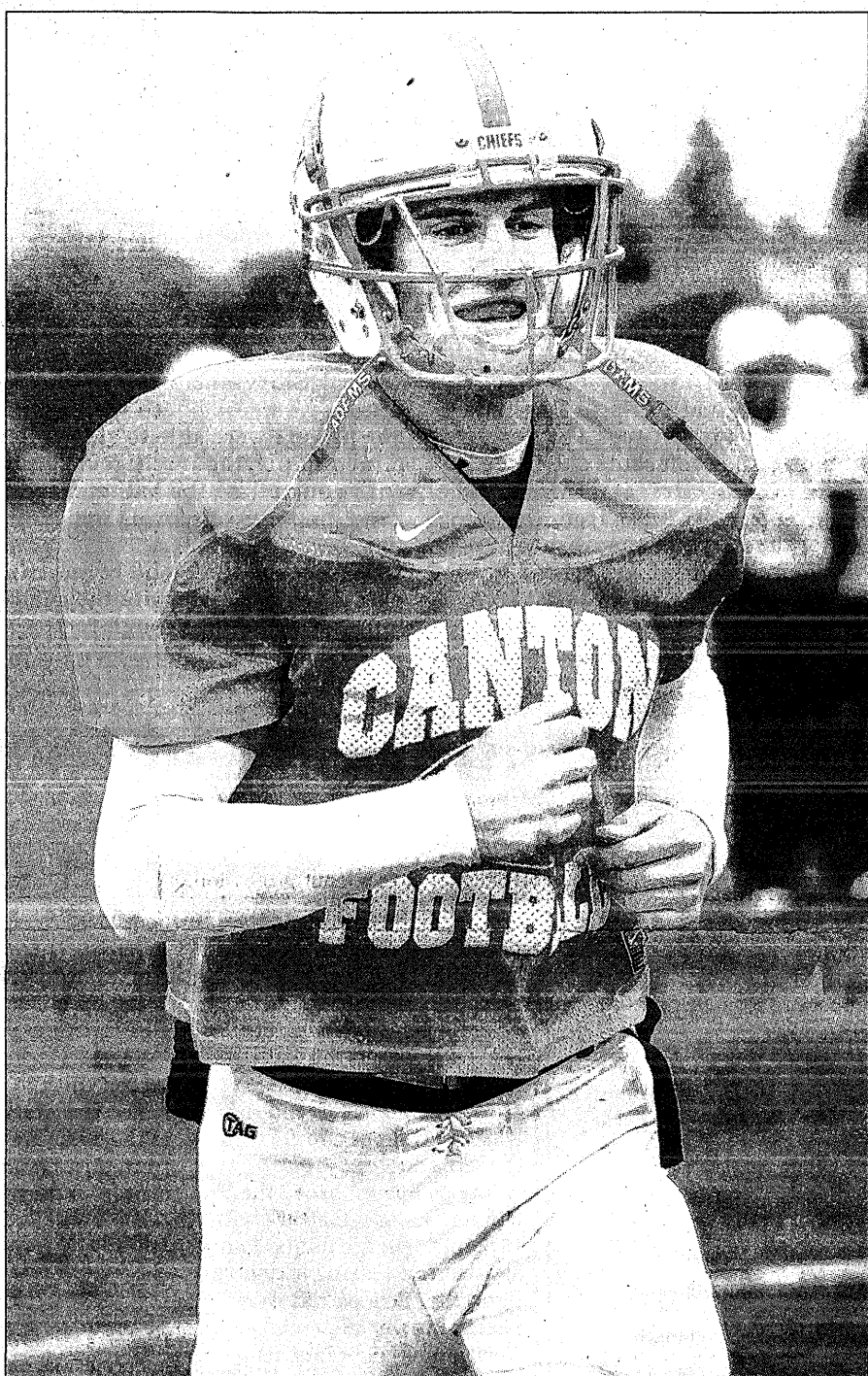
"Both backs can go and their fullback is quick and can run the inside trap," he said. "They're excellent runners and they also do an adequate job of blocking as well."

"With all the teams running the spread, it's made their offense more effective. We really haven't seen many of those kind of teams."

Baechler had equally high praise for Stevenson, which features the talents of junior speed-burner Austin White, but can hurt you in a lot of different ways, he warned.

"Their offense looks really, really good on

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Canton's Nick Sweda has been an interception machine this season. The senior free safety has six interceptions heading into Friday night's Division 1 Regional final against Livonia Stevenson.

## BALL HAWK

### Sweda's turnover-forcing skills give Chiefs big lift in post-season

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is no truth to the rumor that after intercepting four passes in his last three games, Canton's Nick Sweda is going to change his name to "Pick" Sweda.

To say the Chiefs' free safety has a nose for the ball is as understated as saying Pinocchio has a pretty big schnoz.

Sweda's pair of picks against Saline in Friday night's District final contest were his fifth and sixth of the season.

What's his secret?

"Part of it is being at the right place at the right time," Sweda said, describing his intercepting skills. "Part of it is breaking on the ball, and a lot of it is Deuce (the nickname for Canton strong safety David Wilcox) tipping passes to me."

Not every high school football team has a player like Sweda, but every team needs one — and not just for his ability to pick off passes.

Sweda is every coach's dream: a speedy, hard-hitting senior who studies the weekly game plan as diligently as he studies for his advanced-placement math classes.

"Nick is a great program kid," said Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He's played a different position just about every year here, but wherever we put him he gets the job done and he doesn't complain. Last year,

he settled in at cornerback and he played some running back, too. This year we moved him to free safety.

"He's one of those hard-working kids who never misses a workout and sets a great example for everybody else."

Baechler said Sweda's above-average intelligence proved to be a mixed blessing at times early in the season.

"Nick's so smart, he does everything the right way and he's analytical, which, when you play defense, can be good and bad," Baechler said. "He's always lined up in the right spot, he always knows what to do and he always asks questions. But early in the season he'd be so careful not to make a mistake that he would hesitate sometimes."

"After the first half of the Novi game, we talked to him about playing fast and loose and to let it all hang out. Since then, he's been amazing."

Of all the positions he's played since his early days on the gridiron at Our Lady of Good Counsel, the one he currently patrols for the Chiefs is his favorite.

"Playing free safety, I get the best of both worlds," said Sweda. "I get to come up and hit running backs and I get to play in pass coverage and get interceptions."

At another school, Sweda's six picks may be approaching a

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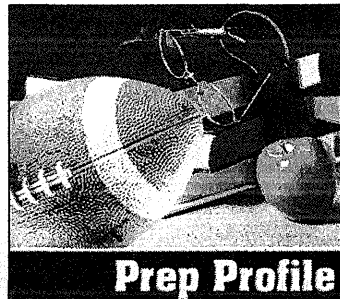
## Maslyk's dedication pays off with state meet berth

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe the most fitting symbol of Lauren Maslyk's amazing dedication to becoming the best high school swimmer she can possibly be is an alarm clock.

Specifically, the alarm clock that woke her up many weekday mornings this past fall so that she would be on time for the Plymouth High School swim and dive team's practices — at 5:15 a.m.

It's tough eating a bowl of cereal that early, let alone stroking your way through grueling two-hour practices.



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But instead of hitting the snooze button, Maslyk hit the water — and her commitment is being rewarded.

"You get used to it after a while," said Maslyk, a four-year varsity performer who earned the distinction of captain this fall.

"I love the camaraderie with the rest of my teammates and I'm a pretty competitive person, so even though I swim year-round, I never get burned out. I'm always trying to get better."

Maslyk's hard work has earned her a berth in next week's Division 1 state meet where she will anchor the Wildcats' 200-yard medley relay team by swimming the freestyle.

"Lauren has worked consistently to make herself a better swimmer the past four years," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade. "She has improved every year in at least one event because of her desire to improve herself, her

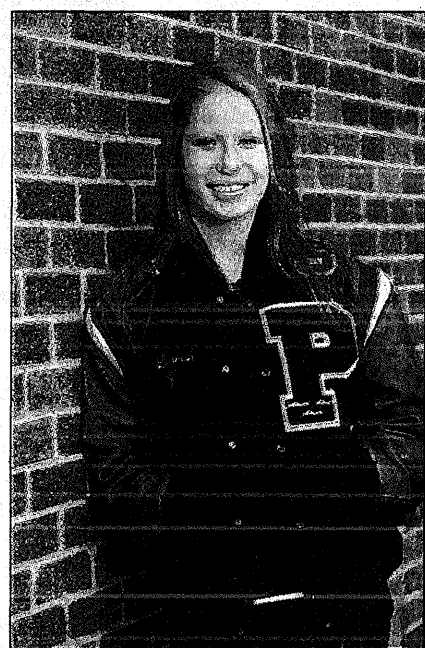
work ethic, and her willingness to learn and retool her strokes countless times.

"Lauren is a versatile swimmer who can compete well in any event, depending on where our team needs her."

Maslyk's competitive swimming career started as a pre-teen with the Colony Swim Club. She then moved on to the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers club team, with which she competes when not swimming for the Wildcats.

"The toughest thing about swimming is probably all the mental training you have to do,"

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Plymouth senior swimmer Lauren Maslyk has enjoyed a stellar four-year career that will conclude with a performance at next week's Division 1 state meet.

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GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KLAA-KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM MEET Nov. 8 at Salem H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 405 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 299.5; 3. Northville, 237.5; 4. Salem, 226.5; 5. South Lyon Unified, 222.5; 6. Canton, 210.5; 7. Plymouth, 183.5; 8. Westland John Glenn, 175.5; 9. Livonia Franklin, 151.5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 81; 11. Wayne Memorial, 42. FINAL RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Paige Drazga, Jenna Faletti, Julie Kapler, Corinne Caldwell) 1:53.44 (sq); 2. Novi, 1:54.12 (sq); 3. Stevenson (Sara Healy, Ashley Gordon, Ashley Reed, Savannah Hatt), 1:54.74 (sq); 4. Northville, 1:55.93 (sq); 5. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Khiry Sparks, Ashley Sells, Casey Peterson), 1:56.85 (sq); 6. Plymouth (Stephanie Matsui, Ellen Palczynski, Sijia Hao, Lauren Maslyk), 1:57.32 (sq). 200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (Novi), 1:55.95 (sq); 2. Hatt (LS), 1:56.13 (sq); 3. Meredith Cote (Novi), 1:58.26 (sq); 4. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:58.96 (sq); 5. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 2:00.83 (sq); 6. Maggie Carlson (Canton), 2:01.48 (sq). 200 individual medley: 1. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:10.97 (sq); 2. Gordon (LS), 2:13.59 (sq); 3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.06 (sq); 4. Hao (P), 2:17.89; 5. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:17.97; 6. Sells (WJG), 2:18.74. 50 freestyle: 1. Faletti (SLU), 24.96 (sq); 2. Drazga (SLU), 25.0 (sq); 3. (tie) Kari Schmitt (Canton) and Becca Myers (Novi), 25.98 each; 5. Faith Miller (Novi), 26.0; 6. (tie) Burgess (WJG) and Colleen Anthony (LF), 26.78 each. 1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 359.45 points; 2. Katie Koetting (Salem), 375.60; 3. Katrina St. Pierre (LC), 348.55; 4. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 332.80; 5. Desiree Clemeney (WJG), 330.25; 6. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 314.75. 100 butterfly: 1. Kerry Abel (Novi), 59.34 (sq); 2. (tie) Drazga (SLU) and Seroka (Salem), 1:00.65 each (sq); 3. Sells (WJG), 1:01.96 (sq); 4. Ashley Reed (LS), 1:01.12 (sq); 5. Shannon Lohman (Novi), 1:02.31 (sq); 6. Faith Miller (Novi), 1:02.52 (sq); 7. Corinne Caldwell (SLU), 1:02.53 (sq); 8. Douglas (LF), 1:02.57 (sq). 100 freestyle: 1. Weber (Novi), 53.87 (sq); 2. Kerry Abel (Novi), 55.07 (sq); 3. Cote (Novi), 55.7 (sq); 4. Laura Holtz (LS), 56.56 (sq); 5. Michelle Chang (P), 56.6 (sq); 6. Kayla Eyster (Canton), 57.02 (sq). 500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:09.5 (sq); 2. Berman (Novi), 5:09.73 (sq); 3. Dolinski (LS), 5:16.28 (sq); 4. Aumiller (Salem), 5:22.79 (sq); 5. Hao (P), 5:29.76; 6. Jacque Carless (Novi), 5:36.22. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Abel, Lauren Kalinosky, Cote, Berman), 1:41.78 (sq); 2. South Lyon, 1:42.44 (sq); 3. Northville, 1:43.37 (sq); 4. Franklin (Douglas, Natalie Cote, Anthony, Kaitlyn Kozyk), 1:44.83 (sq); 5. Salem (Aumiller, Nelson, Emily Bair, Seroka), 1:44.91 (sq); 6. Stevenson (Emily Montini, Reed, Dolinski, Kayla Perchall), 1:45.55 (sq); 7. Plymouth (Palczynski, Chantel Cote, Change, Maslyk), 1:45.84 (sq). 100 backstroke: 1. Kalinosky (Novi), 59.52 (sq); 2. Douglas (LF), 1:00.26 (sq); 3. Gordon (LS), 1:01.84 (sq); 4. Nelson (Salem), 1:01.86 (sq); 5. Annalisa Morgan (Novi), 1:03.65; 6. Heather Schramm (Novi), 1:04.81. 100 breaststroke: 1. Kalinosky (Novi), 1:07.97 (sq); 2. Faletti (SLU), 1:09.84 (sq); 3. Palczynski (P), 1:11.25 (sq); 4. Yukie Tamura (Novi), 1:12.12 (sq); 5. Carlson (Canton), 1:12.22 (sq); 6. Peterson (WJG), 1:12.39. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Hatt, Holtz, Dolinski, Gordon), 3:41.11 (sq); 2. Novi, 3:43.45 (sq); 3. Salem (Aumiller, Bair, Nelson, Seroka), 3:47.92 (sq); 4. Canton (K. Schmitt, Eyster, Sara Krebs, Carlson), 3:51.18; 5. Northville, 3:54.68; 6. Plymouth (Chang, Rachel Huhta, Matsui, Hao), 3:54.74. (sq): state qualifying time. KLAA-CENTRAL DIVISION GIRLS SWIM MEET Nov. 6 at South Lyon East H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 622 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 505; 3. South Lyon Unified, 362; 4. Northville, 349; 5. Salem, 315. FINAL RESULTS 200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Ashley Bush, Lauren Kalinosky, Mary Anolick, Kerry Abel), 1:52.63; 2. South Lyon, 1:54.97; 3. Stevenson, 1:56.09; 4. Northville, 1:58.37; 5. Salem, 1:59.50; 6. Novi, 2:01.29. 200 freestyle: 1. Jessica Weber (Novi), 1:57.36; 2. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:57.55; 3. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:59.19; 4. Meredith Cote (Novi), 1:59.61; 5. Whitney Aumiller (Salem), 1:59.76; 6. Emily Bair (Salem), 2:04.03. 200 individual medley: 1. Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:11.02; 2. Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:14.09; 3. Rebecca Berman (Novi), 2:16.73; 4. Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:19.62; 5. Amber Cathey (Novi), 2:21.47; 6. Alyssa Kalinosky (Novi), 2:23.81. 50 freestyle: 1. Paige Drazga (SLU), 24.79; 2. Jenna Faletti (SLU), 24.82; 3. Becca Myers (Novi), 26.18; 4. Julie Kapler (SLU), 26.65; 5. Ashley Bush (Novi), 26.71; 6. Emily Montini (LS), 26.86. 1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 231.00 points; 2. Katie Koetting (Salem), 221.60; 3. Rachel Eckler (SLU), 176.80; 4. Jennifer Jones (Novi), 175.65; 5. Emily Dempsey (Novi), 161.70; 6. Kelsey Libbe (Novi), 156.55. 100 butterfly: 1. 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Samra goal sends SC to NJCAAs

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a regular season that was as satisfying as a four-course meal, the Schoolcraft College men's soccer team gets to enjoy some dessert in the desert. The Ocelots captured their first National Junior College Athletic Association District title since Rick Larson took over the reins of the program in 2006 with a 1-0 victory over

MEN'S SOCCER

12th-ranked Lincoln Land (Ill.) Community College on Saturday. The triumph advances the 17-1-4 Ocelots into the NJCAA Division I tournament set to begin Thursday, Nov. 20 in Phoenix, Ariz. The tourney will be hosted by Paradise Valley Community College. "Honestly, these guys just enjoy playing together," said

Larson, when asked for the key to his team's success. "They have a good time and they're doing what they want to do." "We have some very special players on this team. We set some lofty goals before the season started and now we're meeting them." Saturday's game-winning goal was scored by freshman Younan Samra, who ripped the ball into the net after controlling a pass from freshman Andy Adlington.

Sophomore Chris Riley earned the shutout for Schoolcraft. Larson also praised the play of sophomore Michael Iyoha, who has earned an MVP nod from his coach. "Michael plays with a lot of emotion and passion for the sport," said Larson. "That, along with the fact that he's extremely talented, makes him a special player."

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Crusaders win in two overtimes, eye finals

MEN'S SOCCER

The win sends MU to the WHAC playoff championship, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday against Aquinas College (14-5) at Livonia Churchill H.S. MU got on the board early as Otieno Victor took a long lead pass into the 6-yard box from Eric Kiebert and sent

his shot to the top shelf past Saints keeper George Suidan for a 1-0 Crusader lead in the fourth minute on his eighth goal of the season. Siena Heights tied it in the 11th minute on Dan Oyer's goal from Joel Parrish, but MU regained the lead, 2-1, on Daniel Amaya's fourth goal of the year from Kiebert. In the 87th minute, Suidan

stopped Kiebert on a penalty kick and the score remained 2-1 until Ujkic's low header off a cross from the left side to the far right post from Doron Drai. Ujkic, who prepped at Novi High, was named WHAC Offensive Player of the Week. MU goalkeeper Steve Besk made four saves for his ninth win of the season, while Suidan had to make 12.

Schoolcraft women qualify for NJCAA Nationals

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team earned a berth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament with a 3-0 triumph Saturday over Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill. Salem graduate Kristin Dondzila earned the win between the pipes by stopping all seven shots she faced. The winners' first and third goals came on penalty kicks from Brittany Pickett and Dena Sana, respectively. The middle goal was scored by Kristin DeClercq off an assist from Salem alum Katie Shull. "Despite frigid temperatures

and heavy winds, our team worked hard to get a great result against a stubborn team," Schoolcraft coach Deepak Shirvraman said. "The conditions hampered both teams, but our players were able to stay determined in playing intelligent soccer with controlling the ball and creating good amounts of scoring opportunities." "We proved that good teams can play good soccer despite the conditions. It was hard enough to just stand there, let alone try to play good

soccer. Our midfielders and forwards worked hard on both sides of the field, attacking as a unit and doing a great job of being the first line of defense." Schoolcraft, 9-2-3 overall, will now compete with seven other NJCAA district champions in the Division I Nationals, Nov. 20-23, at Chandler-Gilbert CC (Ariz.). "It is incredibly exciting that we will get the opportunity to represent Michigan in the national tournament," Shirvraman said. To follow the Ocelots play in the nationals, visit http://schoolcraftsoccer.com.

10th-ranked Lady Ocelots romp

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team improved to 3-0 Saturday with an 88-56 victory over Grand Rapids Community College in the St. Clair East-West Classic at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron. The Ocelots are currently ranked No. 10 in the National Junior College Athletic Association polls. Grand Rapids CC slipped to 1-1 with the setback. Angela Burrell paced the winners' balanced attack with 17 points, four steals and four assists. Also scoring in double-figures for Schoolcraft were Sheray Brown (16 points), April Goins (15 points, team-

high 11 rebounds), Tayler Langham (12 points) and Amber Avery (11 points). Debbie Nikodemski paced GRCC with 17 points. Schoolcraft's bench outscored GRCC 42-12. The Ocelots, who led 44-31 at the half, shot 51.4 percent from the floor and 56.5 percent from the free throw line. SCHOOLCRAFT 95, LANSING CC 57: On Friday in the opening game of the St. Clair East-West Classic, the Ocelots raced to a 45-25 halftime lead and never looked back to spoil Lansing's season opener. Burrell led Schoolcraft with 17

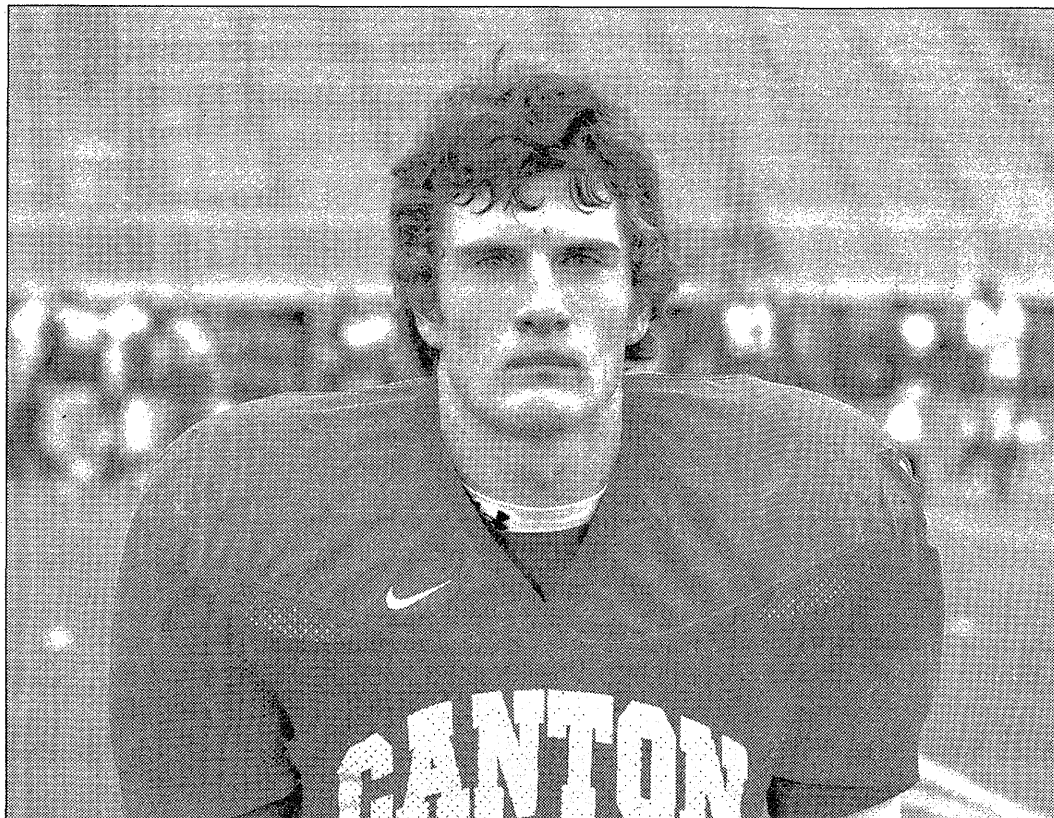
points, five rebounds and three steals. Also excelling for the winners were Antania Shepherd (14 points, five rebounds, five assists), April Goins (14 points, seven rebounds) and Shannon Collins, who contributed 10 points and four boards. MADONNA 80, ROCHESTER 44: Four players scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (1-4) earned its first win of the season with a non-conference win over visiting Rochester College (1-3). Alyssa Guerin (Salem) led the way with 14 points, while Christie Carrico and Tabatha Wydryck added 13 and 12, respectively. Kim Olech (Plymouth) added 11 pions and seven rebounds, while Vanessa LaMay contributed eight points and 10 rebounds. Jessica Crook paced Rochester with a game-high 19 points.

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Canton's Nick Sweda lead his team with six interceptions.

**SWEDA**

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record. Not at Canton, where current Chief assistant coach Kyle Lasko set the standard in 1999 with 11.

"The other day at practice I returned an interception 103 yards for a touchdown," Sweda said, smiling. "Coach Lasko said, 'You didn't beat me on that one either — I returned one for 108 yards my senior year.'"

Nick is not the first Sweda

to make a positive impact on the Canton football program. His older brother, Matt, was a starting strong safety and running back on the Chiefs' 2005 contingent that advanced to the Division 1 state final game against Rockford.

"Definitely, it's helped me having an older brother that played the game," said Sweda, who has a 4.0 grade-point average. "Matt goes to Western (Michigan University) now, but he calls me every Thursday and we talk. He gives me pointers."

Sweda said he felt strongly

before the season that Canton would improve on last year's non-playoffs 5-4 record.

"Last year left a bitter taste in all of our mouths," he said. "It made us work even harder during the off-season."

"This team is a lot of fun to be a part of. There are no cliques, we have great chemistry and everybody gets along."

And they know how to force turnovers — especially their fast-and-loose-playing free safety whose name rhymes with "pick."

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**MASLYK**

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she said. "During tough workouts, you just try to get to the next wall, get through the next turn, then do it all over again. Tough workouts are what make you a better swimmer."

"If you have a bad swim in a meet, you have to move past it, wipe it out of your mind. If you let it get you down, it will affect your next race."

Maslyk didn't hesitate when asked for her proudest accomplishment in high school swimming.

"Qualifying for the state

meet in the 200 medley relay," she said. "It's exciting to get to swim in the state meet for the first time. I'm really looking forward to it."

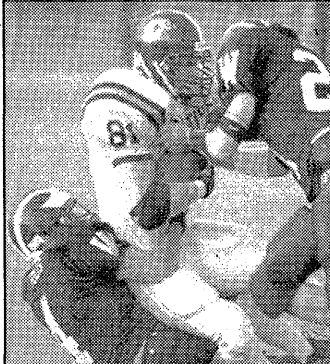
Maslyk is an outstanding student. The senior's 4.17 grade-point average has earned her NISCA Academic All-American status. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society at Plymouth.

Among the colleges she has applied to attend are Valparaiso in Indiana and Hope College.

Wherever she goes, she'd like to study ophthalmology.

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film," said Baechler. "Their offensive line is big and physical. A lot of guys touch the ball for them. Everybody talks about Austin White, who's a great player, but their No. 7, Wade Stahl, is a heckuva a player, too, and their fullback is solid."

"When they pass, they spread the ball around a lot to different receivers and when their quarterback (Jacob Gudeman) doesn't like what he sees, he can pull it down and run with it."

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**EYES ON THE SEMIS**

**What:** Division 1 Regional final football game;

**Who:** Canton (10-1) vs. Livonia Stevenson (9-2);

**Where:** PCEP varsity stadium;

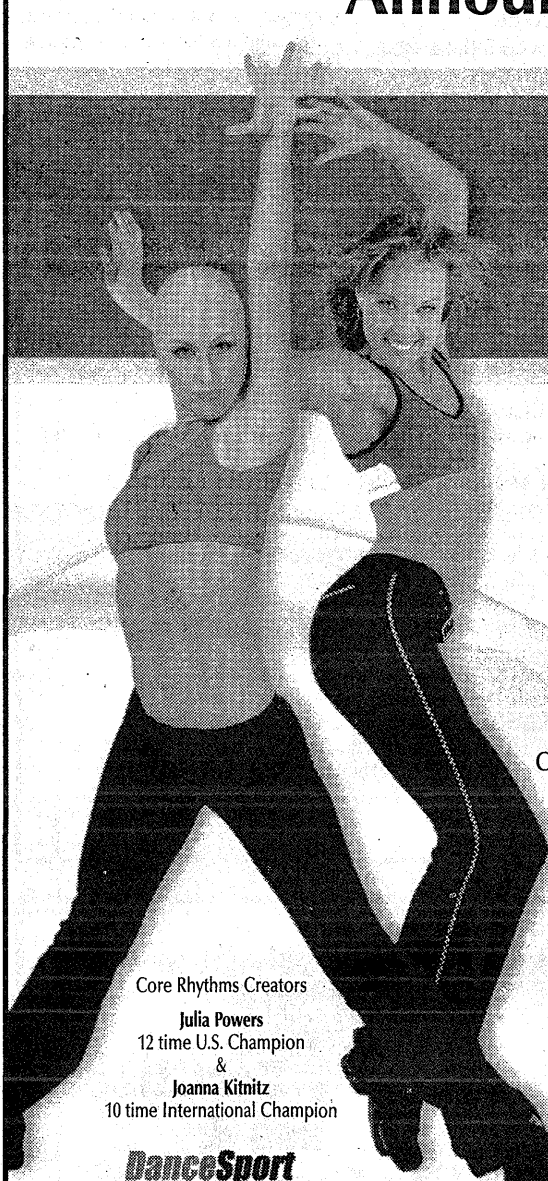
**When:** Friday, 7 p.m.;

**What's at stake:** The winner will advance to next week's semifinal contest against the winner of Friday night's Hartland-Rockford game;

**Weather forecast:** Temperatures in the high-40s with rain showers;

**On the air:** The game will be broadcast live on WSDP, 88.1FM, the high school radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Plymouth senior Nick Stemberger will do the play-by-play.

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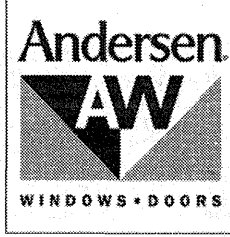

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# PC gridders fall in CFLM title game

The Plymouth Christian Eagles capped an unforgettable inaugural season with a 36-14 loss to the Muskegon Shoreline Breakers in the first-ever Christian Football League of Michigan championship game played Saturday. The loss left the Eagles with a season-ending record of 7-2. Jordan Early-Pitts paced the

Eagles' championship-game effort as he led them in rushing while scoring one of their two touchdowns. Tim Pugh also added a TD along with a two-point conversion run. Defensively, the Eagles were led in tackles by Matt Sauter. Also shining on the defensive side of the ball were

Blake VanTiem, who blocked an extra point; Zach Hare, who forced a fumble that was recovered by Eric Jipping; and Pugh, who pounced on an inside kick. Seniors who played their final high school football Saturday were Josh Lowman, Spencer Wiard, Push and VanTiem.

# PCA spikers on verge of history

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The performance level of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls volleyball team is spiking, so to speak. The Eagles continued their successful roll through the post-season on Tuesday when they swept usual nemesis Hillsdale Academy, 25-23, 26-24, 25-19, in a Class D Regional semifinal contest played in Southgate.

PCA can earn its first-ever Regional volleyball title Thursday when it takes on powerful Lenawee Christian at 6 p.m. "We started out this season a little shaky, but the girls have gotten used to playing with each other and they've really been playing well," said first-year head coach Kelly Blackney. Tuesday's triumph improved the Eagles' record to 21-15. PCA was led by front-row standouts Jessica Murphy (eight kills and 14 digs) and Megan Greve, who registered

15 kills and two blocks. "Our freshman middle hitter, Kristin Malcolm, also did a great job with six kills, two blocks and nine aces," Blackney said. First-year setter Amy Zinn led the Eagles in assists while libero Mim Monroe racked up a team-high 20 digs. "Amy is really stepping up as a setter," said Blackney. "She never set before this year, but she's been a quick learner. She's quick, fast and very coachable."

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3014 - Tom Prescott - Bags, Boxes, Misc Items  
4050 - Rosario Lionudakis - Bed Frame, 1 Box, Misc Items  
4096 - Theo Mulligan - 3 Totes, 5 Luggage, fan  
4137 - Richard Walsh Jr - Couch, Loveseat  
9006 - Rodrick Wade - TV, 4 Totes, Misc Items

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1005 - Roger Raby - Bicycle, 10 boxes, 4 Chairs  
1046 - Gerald Lesniak - Boxes, Misc Items  
2032 - Tydala Brown - Office Chair, Sofa, Stereo  
4058 - Jason Bean - 30 Boxes, TV, Motorcycle VIN 4X7-263622  
5020 - Tom Estep - Washer, Table Saw, 10 Totes  
5065 - Cheryl McCoy - Boxes, Misc Items  
5079 - Russell Kiser - Ladder, TV, Misc Items  
9162 - Curtis W. Poole II - Couch, Dresser, TV

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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4045 - Amanda Bickers-Holmes - Aquarium, Dresser, 5 Totes  
4253 - Kevin Diaz - 10 Boxes, Stereo, TV  
4294 - Conny Turner - Chair, Loveseat, End-table  
5029 - Cleopatra Peck - 2 Kids Bikes, Refrigerator, Mattress  
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6229 - Michelle Davis - Mattress, 4 Totes, Christmas Tree  
6243 - Marchelle Moore - 10 Boxes, Sofa, Tote  
6244 - Brenda Owens - 2 Bags, 4 Boxes, Misc Items

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3045 - Danisha Herrod - TV, Trunk, Chair  
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4018 - Jennifer McDonald-Beckley - 20 Boxes, 10 Totes, 3 TV's  
4023 - Larry Ferguson - Mountain Bike, 20 Boxes, Filing Cabinet  
4027 - Jason Brodie - Sofa, Dresser, Kids ATV  
4039 - Marlita Blackman - Desk, TV, Computer Monitor  
4041 - Shane Ratliff - Armoire, 20 Boxes, 10 Bags  
4059 - Latasha Proctor - 4 Chairs, Mattress, Tote  
4105 - Tamiko Kirkwood - 2 Chairs, Tote, Vacuum  
4208 - Kyle Delano - Dresser, TV, 4 Chairs  
4222 - Terry Brown - Chair, Microwave, End Table  
4249 - Laura Hall - 2 Tool Boxes, 2 Totes, Grill  
5010 - Du Enterprises LLC - Tools, 2 Totes, 4 Boxes  
5037 - Leonard Stovall - 3 Bikes, 20 Boxes, Table  
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# Salem fourth at inaugural KLAA swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first-ever KLAA-Kensington Conference girls swim meet Saturday at Salem featured 55 state qualifying cuts and was dominated by one division.

In a Who's Who of state-ranked teams, Novi led the way with a team-high 405 points followed by fellow KLAA-Central Division members Livonia Stevenson (229.5), Northville (237.5), Salem (226.5) and South Lyon Unified (222.5).

KLAA-South Division champ Canton was sixth with 210.5 followed by Plymouth (183.5), Westland John

Glenn (175.5), Livonia Franklin (151.5), Livonia Churchill (81) and Wayne Memorial (42).

Salem, led by freshman Lauren Seroka, improved upon its fifth-place finish by one spot at Thursday's KLAA-Central Division meet hosted by South Lyon East.

"The division (meet) is a little different," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "The better the quality, the better points we score. Depth here (at the conference) is not as important as the division meet. It was close. We were in second for awhile and there were five good (Central) teams, no question."

Seroka took the 200 individual

medley in 2:10.97 and tied for second in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.65. She has qualified for five events with options in the 200 and 500 freestyle, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke or 100 butterfly.

She is trying to upstage her older brother Adam, who as a freshman for the Rocks took 10th in both the 200 IM and 500 freestyle at last year's Division 1 state finals.

"I like that girl a lot - compared to her brother, I like her better," said chuckling Olson. "She trains. She should be in the finals."

Senior Katie Koetting was runner-up to Stevenson's Carla McNamara in diving with scores of 395.45 and 375.60

points, respectively.

The foursome of Seroka, Emily Nelson, Emily Bair and Whitney Aumiller also took a third in the 400 freestyle relay (3:47.92) and a fifth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.91), both state cuts.

"With those four we can score at 'state,'" said Olson regarding the upcoming Division 1 finals Nov. 21-22 at Eastern Michigan's Jones Natatorium. "We might be fifth in our division and scored higher at 'state,'" which is crazy. We hope to elevate again when to get to 'state.' The more teams there, the better we do."

Nine Kensington Conference swim-

mers beat the Division 1 cut of 1:02.99 in the 100 butterfly, while the top seven 200 freestyle relay teams also eclipsed the state qualifying mark of 1:46.29.

Canton's top individual finisher was Kari Schmitt, who took third in the 50 freestyle (25.98). Mallory Hudak added a fourth in diving (332.80). The Chiefs also placed fourth in the 400 freestyle relay.

Plymouth was led by Ellen Palczynski, a senior who took third in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.25). Teammate Sijia Hao, a junior, added a fourth in the 200 IM (2:17.89) and a fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:29.76).

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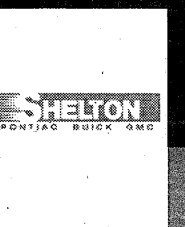
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RELIGION CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER

**Christmas fair**  
Christmas shop boutique, home made candy, attic treasures, hand made goods, book store 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 13-14, at First Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue. For details, call (734) 729-7550.

**Annual book and bake sale**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome. The Women of ELCA are donating all proceeds to benefit the Vasculitis Foundation.

**Annual bazaar**  
4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, 1 block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620. All-you-can eat Turkey Dinner will be served 4:30-7:00 p.m. (serving ends promptly at 7 p.m.). Cost \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 3-12, under age 3 free. Lunch will be available on Saturday. Event includes Christmas Boutique, Krafty Korners, Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Cookie Walk, and Grandma's Attic.

**Alternative Christmas fair**  
The fair features gift items from non-profit organizations 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 W. 12 Mile, east of Haggerty, Farmington Hills. Admission \$1. For more information, call (248) 553-7170.

**St. Andrew's Day**  
Sunday, Nov. 16, begins with 10 a.m. worship service followed by dinner/entertainment downstairs in

Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Advance tickets \$10 adults, \$5 ages 4-11, free for age 3 and under; at the door \$12 adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, call (313) 534-7730.

**All-you-can-eat pancakes**  
The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

**Evenings of Evangelization**  
With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 21, and Dec. 12, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

**Clothing bank**  
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (Nov. 22, Dec. 27), at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

**The Brother's Grimm**  
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School will be performing "The Brother's Grimm: Out of Order" 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the gym at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School, 9600 Levee, Redford. Come enjoy a fun-filled comedy performed by students in grades 5-8.

**St. Andrew Day service**  
10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, 1 block south of Ford Rd. Kris Hunt, of the St. Andrew Society, returns as Piper in full uniform. Refreshments will be served in fellowship hall after service. Adult Bible study is at 8:30 a.m. with youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Handicap accessible with large print order of service and an elevator. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (734) 421-7620.

**Thanksgiving Eve service**  
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will be having a Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 9600 Levee, Redford. All are welcome to join in worship and thanksgiving for all with which we have been blessed.

**Thanksgiving Day dinner**  
Don't be alone for the holiday. Come to Our Lady of Loretto Family Center 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Six Mile and Beech Daly. For reservations, call (313) 534-9000 on or before Monday, Nov. 24.

**Special needs class**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@around-detroit.biz.

**Volunteers needed**  
The Salvation Army invites the community to partner with it this holiday season. Opportunities range from adopting a family or child to bell ringing, Christmas in-take assistance, and many others. Sign up by calling volunteer coordinator Sandy Kollinger at (734) 722-3660 or online at www.ringbell.org and choosing Wayne/Westland. The Salvation Army is at 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer.

**Grief workshop**  
Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support, began 7-8:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

**Global gifts**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 17, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, at Bates, north of Maple and a block west of Old Woodward. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. (248) 644-0550.

**Prayer hour**  
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church holds an hour of prayer and inspiration at 7:30 p.m., every Thursday with Rev. Merlin Pratt, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, Canton. Call Pat Beggs at (734) 453-3287 for more information.

**Caregiver's support group**  
St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

UPCOMING

**Advent presentation**  
Are we ready for the Coming of Christ, that is, His Second Coming? Through Scripture, food and drink, reflect on, and delight in preparing for Christ's arrival 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. No charge, but please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950. Presenter is David Conrad, M.A. Theology.

**Music at St. John's**  
A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2009, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

ONGOING

**Mid-week Service**  
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Levee, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

**ENDOW**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Choral rehearsals**  
Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

**New worship schedule**  
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Bible study**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are

open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

**Time change**  
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returned to its fall-spring worship schedule. Services are at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Wednesday activities**  
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

**Thursday fellowship dinner**  
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Eucharistic adoration**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

**Worship schedule**  
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

**Sunday worship**  
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

**Reformed Protestant services**  
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Church schedule**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Single Place Ministry**  
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

**Prince of Peace Church**  
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

**Tai Chi and strength classes**  
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

**Tai Chi class**  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

**Thrift store**

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**New schedule**  
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome.

For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Day of service**  
A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

**Worship Service**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

**Worship**  
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

**Worship service**  
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

**F.I.R.E. ministries**  
With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**New worship schedule**  
Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

**Sunday worship**  
11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**  
10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy followed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at www.orthodoxlivonia.org.

**Men's breakfast**  
Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**MOPS meetings**  
The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Levee, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to nikki.tiernan@gmail.com.

**MOPS groups**  
Mothers of Preschoolers meets on the first and third Friday mornings or first and third Wednesday evenings at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4, or send e-mail to cbcwomensministries@

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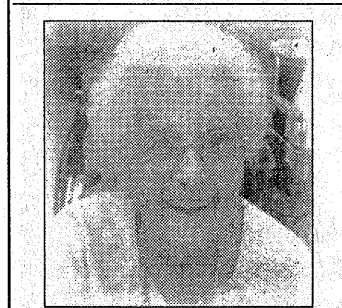
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**BETTY ANN LAMPTON**  
Age 83. Of Orlando, FL. Passed away on Friday, November 7, 2008. She was born in Wayne, MI and moved to Florida in 1982. She is survived by son, Jerry Lampton of Orlando; grandson, Matthew Lampton (Kristy) of Tallahassee, FL; sister, Romona Stearns of Novi, MI; brother-in-law, Everett Lampton of Brighton, MI; step-brother, Jeffery Lampton of Arkadelphia, ARK. and many other family members. She is preceded in death by husband, Carl Lampton and daughter, Linda Ann. Betty Ann will be truly missed by all who knew her. Arrangements under the direction of Fisk Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Cloud, FL (407-892-2155).

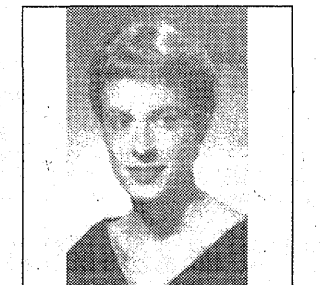
**GORDON ARROL**  
Age 81, of Boynton Beach, Florida. Passed away at U of M Hospital on November 8, 2008. Beloved husband of Murielle for 60 years. Loving father of three children: Lawrence (Jackie), Lorraine (James) Bowers and Patricia (Dennis) Martin. Preceded in death by brother, John, and survived by brother, Robert, residing in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Gordon was loved by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Gordon was a merchant marine during World War II serving on several Liberty ships. Honoring Gordon's request cremation will take place with no funeral service. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**HAZEL WININGER**  
Age 74. Of Taylor, Michigan. Passed away November 7, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

**LILLIAN M. BEDNARK**  
Age 81. Of Novi, Michigan. Passed away November 8, 2008. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



**STELLA JANKOWSKI**  
Age 91, November 6, 2008. Wife of the late Walter. Loving mother of Robert (Patricia) Jankowski and Jeanette Winsten. Dear sister of Nellie. Also survived by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral Service was held Tuesday at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com.



**PRISCILLA JEAN ROMAN "CINDY"**

Of Harrisville, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away on November 10, 2008 at her home. Born May 16, 1934 to Harry and Margaret (Stone) Hickey in Port Huron, she was raised there. She graduated from Michigan State University in June 1956 with a B.S. in Elementary Education and a strong minor in Art. On August 2, 1958, she married Walter J. Roman. She taught kindergarten and first grade in the Warren, MI. She spent much of her life as a full-time mom and homemaker, caring for her children with great love and devotion. She loved nature, especially Lake Huron, and any kind of animal. A talented artist, she also enjoyed music, playing both the piano and organ in church. A former member of Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan, she served on the Parish Council. More recently, she was a member of Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Harrisville, Michigan. Cindy is survived by her husband, Walter, five children: Kelly L. (Eric) Krause (Sanford, MI), W. James (Sara) Roman (Troy, MI), Katherine P. (Paul) Hogan (Ridgewood, NJ), Colleen J. (Paul) Morgan (Kalamazoo, MI) and Thomas J. Roman (East Aurora, NY). She was the proud grandmother of twelve grandchildren: Christopher, Brandon, and Dominic Krause, Kelen, Brenden, and Kaitlyn Roman, Caroline and Dylan Hogan, Sean, Erin, Robert, and James (aka Seamus) Morgan. Grandchild number thirteen is scheduled to be born in November 2008. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael Hickey, and sisters, Judy Guertin and Margaret O'Brien. Mrs. Roman is at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville where visitation will take place on Thursday, November 13, from 3 until 6 pm, and again on Friday, November 14 from 4 until 8 pm, with a Rosary Service at 7 pm. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 11:00 am, at St. Anne Catholic Church. Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, www.gilliesfuneralhomes.com

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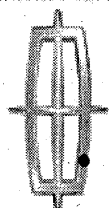
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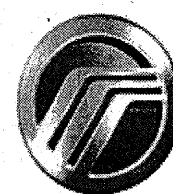








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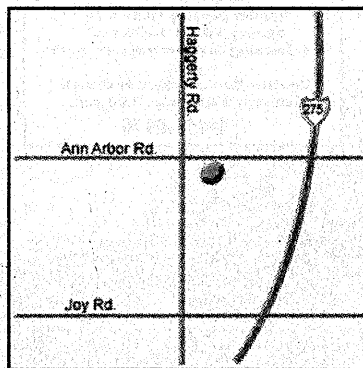
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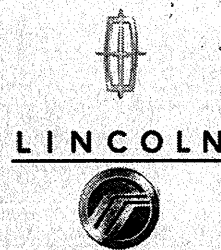
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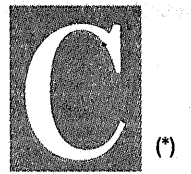
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## Realtors roll up sleeves for Play Planet project

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Realtors typically do more selling than building, but the Westland Play Planet at Tattan Park is an exception.

Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors pitched in to construct the large play sculpture at the park on Ford Road near Westland City Hall.

"We had a good time," said Dale E. Smith, WWOCAR executive vice president. "It's really a fun thing to do to be able to give back to the communities."

"If you have good family situations, it makes for better communities," added Smith, who was impressed with the size of the Play Planet.

The decision to participate Thursday, Oct. 23, in the build came from WWOCAR's member services committee, said Realtor Meriem Kadi of Flat Rate Realty of Plymouth.

Some 22-23 of the WWOCAR participants rolled up their sleeves that sunny but brisk afternoon. "Some people stayed later," she said.

"We try to pick out community service projects. We wanted to do something," Kadi was impressed with Oct. 23 turnout.

"We thought we'd have maybe five,

**'We just wanted to come out physically to help. We had quite a few people. It was nice to see that. I'm glad that people rallied. You never know with their busy lives.'**

MERIE M KADI, Realtor

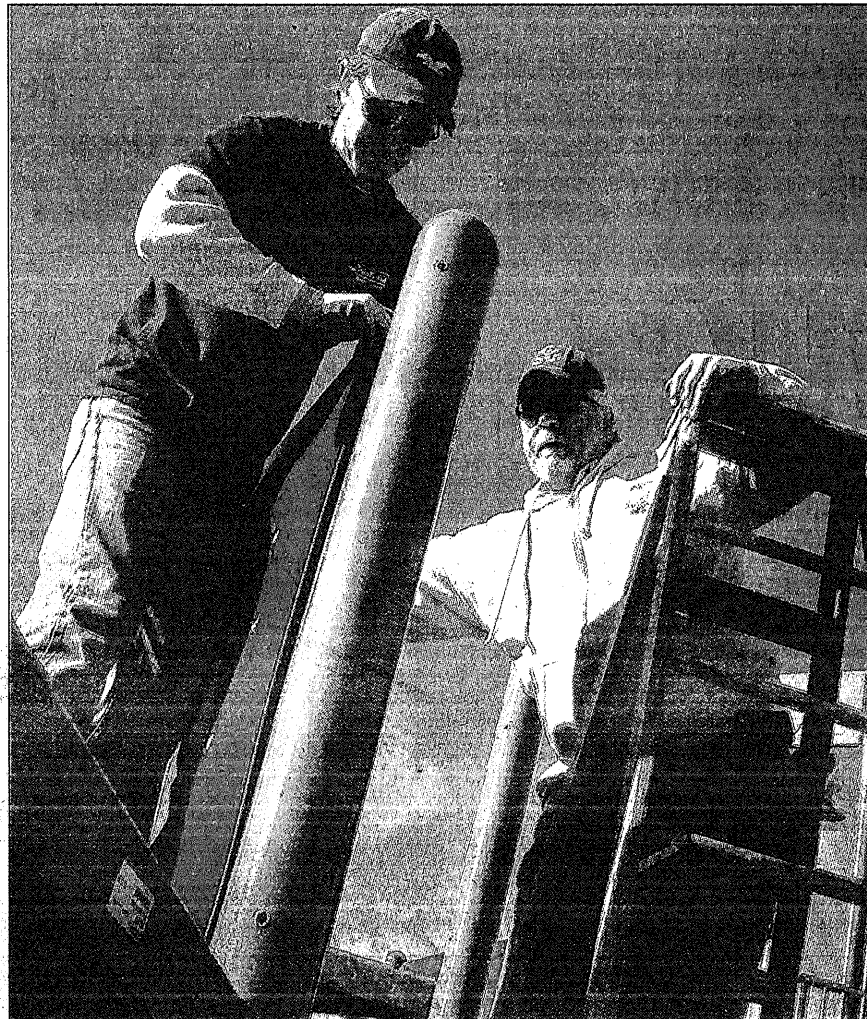
seven people. It kind of snowballed. I was so happy about that."

The participants wore their distinctive WWOCAR fleece tops. The project is similar to other hands-on work they've done, including money raised for a play-scape at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland a few years back.

"We just wanted to come out physically to help," said Kadi, who was joined by Realtors including WWOCAR President Gordon McCann of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake of Plymouth.

"We had quite a few people. It was nice to see that," she added.

WWOCAR is currently involved with another charitable effort and couldn't give money to the Play Planet, but was glad to have members volunteer as builders. "I'm glad that people rallied," Kadi said. "You never know with their busy lives."



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Michael Yates of GameTime (left) and volunteer Bernie Brewer of the Wayne Masonic Lodge 112 in Westland place a panel on the new play structure. Members of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors also contributed to the Play Planet project in Westland by rolling up their sleeves.

## Try to control barking dog

**Q: We are trying to sell a first-floor condo where above our unit lives a person who owns a small barking dog and our Realtor says that it has prevented a sale. I have written the unit owner twice and tried to call her but she is not responding. Do you have any suggestions about how to deal with this problem?**

**A: Check the condominium documents to see if there is a limitation on the maintenance of dogs and usually there is a provision that precludes dogs from "excessively barking." Although that is, of course, a subjective term, I would complain to the association as well as the co-owner involved and seek the association's assistance in attempting to maintain some control over the barking of the dog to the extent that is possible.**

**Q: Our condominium project has a few units under foreclosure and the monthly dues are not being paid. In the meantime, will all co-owners incur a special assessment to pay for the foreclosed condominium dues, and, when the units are sold will we be reimbursed for the monies we paid on the foreclosed units?**

**A: It all depends on the financial condition of your association. If your association can go forward without having to levy additional assessments to meet its needs, it will not receive an additional assessment. Obviously to the extent that you recoup those monies from the delinquent co-owners, that money will go into the association's treasury. I do not believe that you will be reimbursed for those funds, unless, that was a condition precedent to the additional assessment being levied, which would normally not be a good idea.**

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

## WWOCAR effort seeks to boost state economy

Gary Reggish, president-elect of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors recently announced the formation of Project: Jump Start Michigan. The project is designed to complement an ongoing effort to partner with governmental agencies in rejuvenating Michigan's economy.

Under the new program, WWOCAR will act as a resource partner to state and national legislators and to the media to bring a keener focus on the Michigan economy. The project will take a look at current opportunities that are not being used, as well as the development of new business-

oriented incentives with a goal of creating new jobs in the association's market territory.

The objective of the program is to positively affect the creation/passage of necessary legislation, policies and/or programs by legislators, positioning Michigan as an appealing state for companies to create jobs. This will be accomplished through strengthening relationships with local and national legislators, backed by a strong media and grassroots effort.

Reggish noted that "... with over 490,000 jobs being lost since the year 2000, it is critical that Michigan develops programs to create jobs. No jobs,

no buyers, no house sales."

When the project was first conceived, WWOCAR leadership found that many of the facts were actually statements that were not backed by solid research. As a result, the leadership believed that it needed to present facts that gave an in-depth analysis of the situation Michigan is facing. The WWOCAR Board of Directors gave authorization for a complete study to be done by Dr. Christopher Petras and his research associates. You can read the report by going to www.JumpStart-Michigan.com.

From that report, a compre-

hensive media kit and legislative briefing papers are being developed to assist the Presidential Advisory Council in managing the project.

Dale Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR and manager of the project, said, "To the best of our knowledge, no Realtor association has undertaken such a project. Our leadership believed that an important role of the Association is to create a better environment for our constituents, which includes all facets of the real estate industry and, most importantly, the public. What better way to expend some of our resources then to work on behalf of our

members and the public to try to play some role in returning Michigan to a strong economy?"

Gordon McCann, president of WWOCAR, has lauded the effort and believes that WWOCAR can make a difference. It's important to note that while some new legislation may come out of this project, the primary focus will be to look at current proposals that aren't being addressed, and legislation already in place that might be taken advantage of if the defined recipients were expanded to encompass even small companies that provided more modest objectives than a large firm.

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#### Investors

Hear a panel of money lenders cover diverse options for financing issues. Sponsored by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Nov. 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

#### Accepted as member

Joanna Hernandez, an agent in the Rochester office of Weir Manuel Realtors, was recently accepted as a member of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Agents.

NAHREP's mission is to increase the sustainable Hispanic homeownership rate by empowering the real estate professionals that serve the community.

"We are excited to have one of our top professionals in this organization," said Sue Falk, manager of Weir Manuel's Rochester office. "Many of our agents also have certificates in

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of July 21-25, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price		
Canton	50154 Black Horse Ln	\$121,000		
	50182 Black Horse Ln	\$165,000		
	50293 Black Horse Ln	\$165,000		
	6747 Brookshire Dr	\$227,000		
	50495 Coolidge St	\$215,000		
	7084 Copper Creek Cir	\$110,000		
	49775 Courtyard Ln	\$189,000		
	48001 E Oxford Ct	\$445,000		
	2073 E Roundtable Dr	\$140,000		
	41785 Echo Forest Dr	\$325,000		
	2202 Fairway Cir	\$179,000		
	42261 Gloria Dr	\$167,000		
	43147 Ironsides Ct	\$216,000		
	50140 Jackson Ln	\$325,000		
	8017 Labana Ct	\$120,000		
Farmington	1874 Liberty St N	\$415,000		
	41520 Pineridge Ct	\$164,000		
	4082 Pond Run	\$220,000		
	43824 Proctor Rd	\$155,000		
	361 Roosevelt St	\$250,000		
	1825 Scenic Dr	\$200,000		
	2129 Vanderbilt Rd	\$230,000		
	48002 Wadebridge Ct	\$256,000		
	22767 Hawthorne St	\$180,000		
	31621 Lamar Dr	\$146,000		
	22510 Maple Ave	\$195,000		
	32080 Marblehead Rd	\$148,000		
	33309 Shawassee Rd	\$135,000		
	Farmington Hills	25309 Castlereigh Dr	\$200,000	
		30519 Fox Club Dr	\$531,000	
22724 Glenmoor Hts		\$72,000		
28287 Green Willow St		\$172,000		
Garden City		33140 Florence St	\$300,000	
		1208 Lathers St	\$405,000	
		29554 Marquette St	\$195,000	
		33080 Rosslyn Ave	\$88,000	
		Livonia	36694 Angeline Cir	\$137,000
			16527 Bell Creek Ln	\$235,000
			14667 Country Club Dr	\$121,000
			29615 Edward Pl	\$200,000
			38422 Elsie St	\$175,000
			30142 Fairfax St	\$120,000
			14365 Harrison St	\$159,000
	15217 Houghton St		\$145,000	
	29207 Jacquelyn Dr		\$160,000	
	27870 Long St		\$83,000	
	29408 Lori St		\$107,000	
36049 Martin St	\$191,000			
16563 Middlebelt Rd Unit	\$32,000			
16790 N Stanmoor Dr	\$145,000			
39240 Orangelawn St	\$155,000			
9980 Seltzer St	\$148,000			
Milford	15874 Shadyside Dr	\$184,000		
	32501 W Chicago St	\$165,000		
	15643 Westbrook St	\$188,000		
	319 Cabinet St	\$91,000		
	1921 Gary Sue Ln	\$287,000		
	Northville	18935 Bayberry Way	\$520,000	
		44522 Broadmoor Blvd	\$393,000	
		561 Carpenter St	\$261,000	
		39134 Cheshire Dr	\$220,000	
		16132 Crystal Downs E	\$405,000	
		16133 Crystal Downs E	\$460,000	
		311 Ely Road	\$205,000	
		16100 Merion Ct	\$548,000	
		39646 Muirfield Ln	\$240,000	
		17885 Parkshore Dr	\$1,175,000	
Novi		27459 Belgrave Pl	\$315,000	
		28346 Carlton Way Dr	\$148,000	
Plymouth		29126 Eastman Trl	\$297,000	
		207 Henning St	\$92,000	
		22605 Moorgate St	\$311,000	
	25833 Mulberry Ln	\$300,000		
	25536 Portico Ln	\$188,000		
	21806 Shadybrook Dr	\$248,000		
	Redford	45951 Amesbury Dr	\$325,000	
		44471 Brookside Rd	\$228,000	
		42660 Gateway	\$203,000	
		9197 N Lilley Rd	\$185,000	
		234 N Sheldon Rd	\$236,000	
		8890 Northampton Dr	\$340,000	
		48790 Pinehill Dr	\$257,000	
		1361 Ross St	\$195,000	
		9015 Arnold	\$50,000	
27077 Bennett		\$87,000		
19780 Imperial Hwy		\$95,000		
17163 Kinloch		\$64,000		
25130 Lyndon		\$134,000		
19701 Negaunee		\$50,000		
9921 Rockland		\$69,000		
9178 San Jose	\$118,000			
South Lyon	25776 Coach Ln	\$315,000		
	26120 Daria Cir E	\$80,000		
	26701 Daria Cir E	\$100,000		
	956 Oak Creek Dr	\$185,000		
	787 Westbrooke Dr	\$221,000		
	789 Westhills Dr	\$285,000		
	Westland	2776 Ackley Ave	\$85,000	
		34721 Bayview St	\$77,000	
		32231 Birchwood St	\$88,000	
		6830 Bison St	\$96,000	
		35750 Hazelwood St	\$60,000	
		33373 Lynx St	\$92,000	
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		8741 Randy Dr	\$146,000	
		207 S Wildwood Dr	\$109,000	
1472 Shoemaker Dr		\$70,000		
1548 Winifred St		\$109,000		



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cultural diversity training, and now Joanna's NAHREP membership will provide another invaluable resource for Weir Manuel." Hernandez was born in Poland and raised in Mexico. She has a

degree in mechanical and electrical engineering and is working on her M.B.A. She entered the real estate profession after having worked at Procter and Gamble and General Motors. She is also a Certified Short Sale Specialist. Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company providing bro-

kerage and property management services, with more than 150 professionals in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes live assistance, is at [www.weirmanuel.com](http://www.weirmanuel.com).

**Habitat session**  
Habitat for Humanity

of Western Wayne County will host a Prospective Homeowner Orientation meeting on Monday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt, Inkster. Attendance at the meeting is mandatory. The three criteria required for eligibility based on the following:

**NEED FOR ADEQUATE SHELTER:** Some of the basis of need are as follows but is not limited to:

- a) Current shelter has problems with the heating system, water supply, electricity, bathroom(s), kitchen, structure, etc.
  - b) Current shelter has an inadequate number of bedrooms as determined by number, ages and sex of household members.
  - c) The maximum household gross income is 50 percent of the median family income.
- ABILITY TO PAY:**
- a) The household income is at least 25 percent of the area median income. This information will be

available at the meeting.

- b) Applicant must demonstrate the ability to pay a 20-year, 0 percent interest monthly mortgage payment. The mortgage payment will include the payment for property taxes and insurance.
- c) The family must have a satisfactory credit history and references. All financial judgments must be cleared prior to closing. Payments on bad debts must begin immediately upon signing the letter of acceptance.
- d) Applicant debt to income ratio must not exceed 38 percent.
- e) Applicant must make a down payment of \$700.00. \$100.00 of this payment must be received before construction begins and the balance is due 1 month before occupancy of the home.

**WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AS A PARTNER** is based on the following but not limited to the following:

- a) Applicant must completely fill out application and return with documents by the deadline, readily engage in a home visit and assist at Habitat functions & fund-raisers.

b) Attend homebuyer education and financial management classes.

c) Each adult household age 18 and older must perform a minimum of 250 hours of sweat equity hours. 100 of the hours must be performed on your own house. Family must accept the house offered by the board of directors.

You must be a resident of Western Wayne County to apply for a home: Belleville, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Romulus, Sumpter, Taylor, Wayne, Westland or Van Buren. For information, call (734) 459-7744.

**BIA**  
Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will hold a "Project Management" course on Friday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway,

Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designations as well as the CGR designation.

This course also counts toward pre-licensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group will present participants with the skills needed for successful on- or off-site production operations management. The course covers the three phases of a successful venture: planning, implementation and evaluation.

Anyone in the pre-construction or construction process will benefit including owners, project managers, superintendents and sales managers.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will hold a Lien Law seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law Act."

Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003 or register online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

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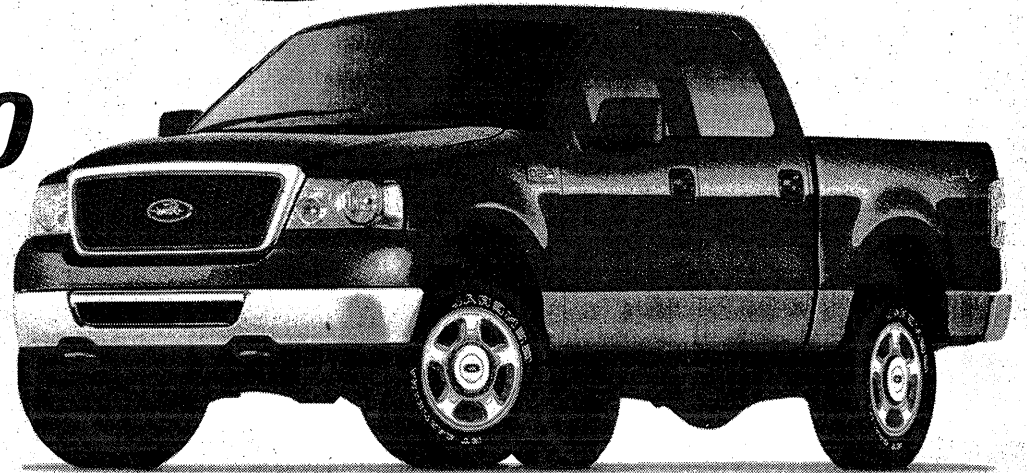
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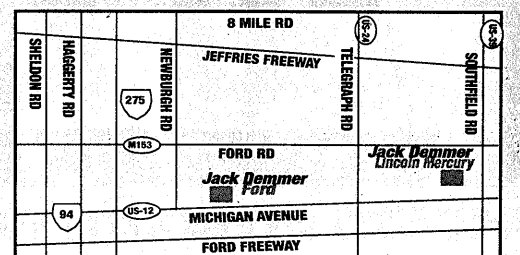
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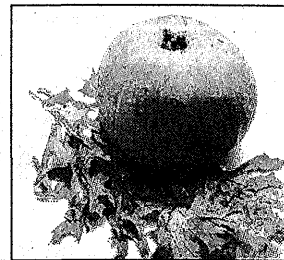


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The ensemble cast dances to "Love to Keep Me Warm" in the musical "White Christmas."



The ensemble cast of "White Christmas."

"White Christmas" is based on the 1954 classic movie.



## Redford native joins the ensemble of 'White Christmas'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Just ask Redford-bred performer Jenny Florkowski and she'll tell you she was born to be on stage. "My family was all very involved with the theater," she said, calling in from New York City on Thursday. "I remember being in a playpen and watching my parents performing."

Beginning Nov. 19 her family — parents Fred and Nancy Florkowski and brother Jody Florkowski — will be the ones watching as Jenny takes the stage at the opulent Fox Theater as a member of the ensemble in the musical *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*.

Based on the hit 1954 classic movie and set to the sounds of Berlin's

### IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

**What:** The musical stage production based on the beloved 1954 film returns for 43 high-energy performances.

**When:** Shows run Nov. 19 through Dec. 23.

**Where:** Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

**Tickets:** \$20-\$100, call (248) 433-1515 or visit [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)



Florkowski

## Rockin' at the Mayflower Lanes in Redford

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

There will be more than the clattering of pins falling at Mayflower Lanes in Redford this Saturday, Nov. 15.

There's also clatter in a rock and roll way.

The Clatters is a classic rock band, with a huge song list of '60s, '70s and a little '80s music, performing at the bowling alley's lounge.

This is not necessarily your typical classic rock band.

Each of The Clatters' three band members have been professional or semi-professional musicians since the 1970s. They have careers by day, and perform as a hobby by night; but it's a hobby they take very seriously.

"Playing in bands put me through college at MSU in the '70s," said guitarist/vocalist Kim Madeleine of Livonia. Back then he played with the groups Dilemma and The Flexx Band. More recently he's been in the band The Howards.

"I promise that when people come to see us, they will leave saying these

### IF YOU GO

**What:** The Clatters  
**Genre:** Classic rock with three-part harmonies  
**When:** 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.  
**Where:** The bar at the Mayflower Lanes Bowling Alley, 26600 Plymouth Road, Redford, (313) 937-8420.  
**Admission:** Free  
**Visit:** [TheClatters.myspace.com/theclatterdetroit](http://TheClatters.myspace.com/theclatterdetroit)

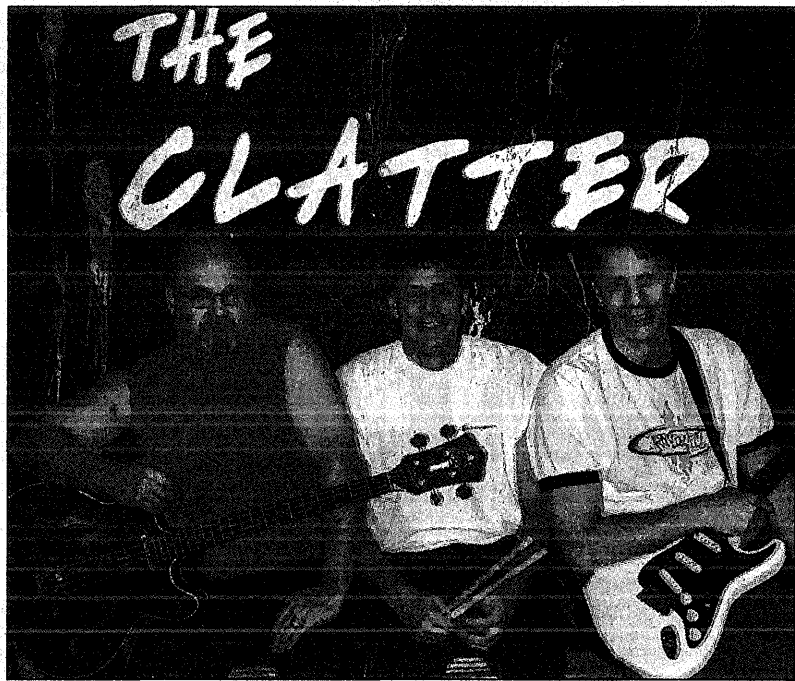
guys are really good," he said about The Clatters. "We have a lot of experience. We love music."

Madeleine has been a musician since he was 10.

Drummer/vocalist Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills grew up in the music business and most recently was with The Pinch and Mid-Life Crisis.

In the '70s and '80s, bassist/vocalist Lou Wysocki of Detroit toured with

Please see **THE CLATTERS, D6**



Lou Wysocki, (left) of Detroit (bass), Dennis Zavis of Farmington Hills, (drums), Kim Madeleine of Livonia, (guitar). All of the men are singers and make up the classic rock band The Clatters.



### Holiday Happenings

#### Events

**The Big, Bright Light Show:** Downtown Rochester will light the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main. The free event, Dec. 1 to Jan. 4, 2009 attracts more than 1 million visitors. Expect a traffic jam but it's still a sight to behold.

**Wayne County LightFest:** Drive through more than four miles of light displays along Hines Drive, beginning at Merriman. Cost is \$5 per car, call (734) 261-1990 for details. The display runs Nov. 20 to Jan. 1, 2009.

**Winter Wonderland:** A cast of more than 100 performers celebrate the holidays, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 833-4005 or visit [www.mosaicdetroit.org](http://www.mosaicdetroit.org).

**Holiday Nights:** Greenfield Village will transform into a living Christmas card with its candle-lit paths, Model T and carriage rides, ice skating and decorated home tours for this seasonal favorite, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 19-23, and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 27-28. Tickets \$12.50-\$17, children under 4 enter free. Add dinner at the Eagle Tavern for \$64.50 to \$68.50. Parking costs \$5. The Henry Ford is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Visit [www.thehenryford.com](http://www.thehenryford.com).

**Christmas Walk:** The Friends of Greenmead present their 20th annual event beginning at Hill House with hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets \$9-\$10; wear slip-on shoes. Profits go to restoration and preservation at Livonia's Historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 466-3540.

**With Music**  
**Holiday Brass:** The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings present this rousing show 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 644-5210 or visit [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).

**Messiah:** The Oakland Choral Society presents this classic Sunday, Dec. 14, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester. Ticket \$15-\$50, call (248) 391-0184.

**Trans-Siberian Orchestra:** Talk about uplifting and re-inventing holiday songs. Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (248)

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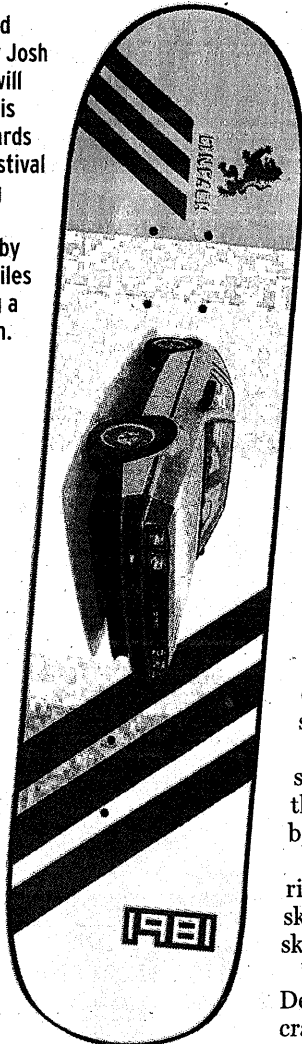
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Artist and Designer Josh Weston will display his skateboards at the festival including this one, inspired by automobiles including a DeLorean.



# Plymouth man brings boards to craft fair and says: break'em

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Artist Josh Weston, of Plymouth, wants you to break his art work.

That's right, and the attitude of the skilled artist and designer may sum up the vibe perfectly of the Detroit Urban Craft Fair, an event happening Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Fillmore in Detroit.

First, Weston's artwork is designed on decks, meaning skateboards.

He creates boards at a reasonable rate of \$30-\$50 so that skate athletes can use the boards as they were intended.

"I want them to tear 'em up, ride them to become better skaters," Weston, a surfer and skater himself said.

Weston will bring his Detroit-inspired boards to the craft fair. Don't get confused

when you hear the word "craft." This isn't your grandmother's craft fair — unless of course she's someone who listens to Crud or The Stooges and likes vegan lip gloss, recycled T-shirts and "rock star night-lights."

You won't see duck statues wearing raincoats and blue plaid teddy bears.

The Detroit Urban Craft Fair is comprised of young artisans making today's version of stylish crafts.

Weston's skateboards will include themes like Detroit sports, old Detroit churches and the Detroit skyline — buy three, line them up together for the whole skyline.

"Today's skaters want boards with intelligent, irreverent humor," said Weston.

The name of his company, Ein Fach, is a good example. "It's a German word mean-

## IF YOU GO

**What:** The Detroit Urban Craft Fair is an alternative craft fair featuring independent, do-it-yourself artists and crafters. DUCF exists "around a community market feel, encouraging the interaction of maker and buyer, while showcasing a wealth of handmade talent."

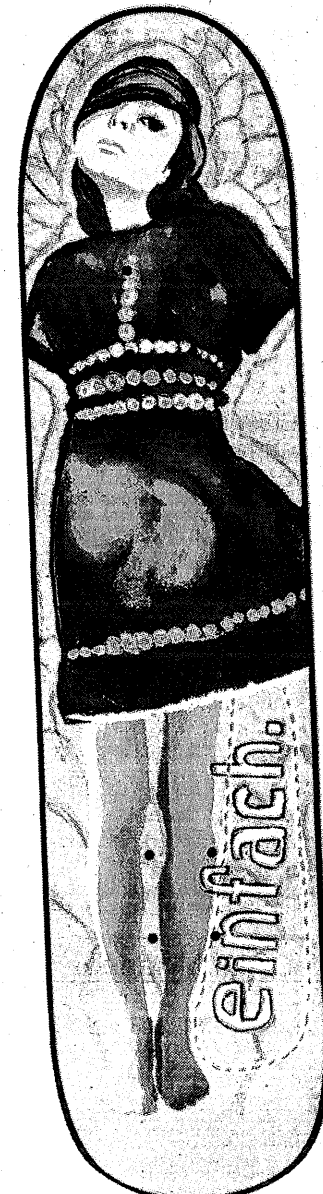
**When:** 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15

**Where:** The Fillmore Detroit (formerly the State Theatre), 2115 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroiturban-craftfair.com

**Interesting:** A display of 23 dresses made from paper bags — a contest where one winner will be chosen.

**Why is it different from other craft shows:** This is an alternative to regular craft shows. No country crafts or as they say "no painted saw or jams and jellies."

At left, Retro video games, like Space Invaders, are mega-popular with skaters, Weston said.



Weston's skateboard design "Girl."

ing 'simple' or 'handmade,' he said. "But in a way it almost sounds like a little crude, like a word maybe you shouldn't say out loud."

Intelligent humor. The fair will be filled with vendors peddling smart objects

made from recycled materials and more. Even the food vendors aren't those you would find at a typical art fair.

No typical hot dogs here. Instead there will be gourmet, organic food from the Detroit Evolution Lab.

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# This week's Thanksgiving recipes are oh, so sweet

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

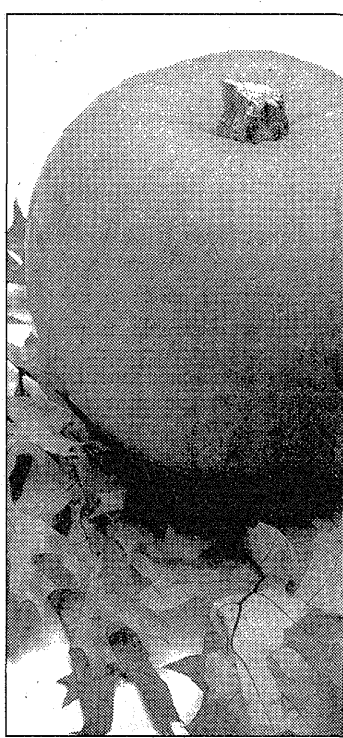
This week, readers submitted recipes for Thanksgiving desserts. Although we're still looking for side dishes, we just couldn't pass on these delicious sweets.

To participate in our on-going Thanksgiving Day side dish feature, send us your favorite recipe for an accompaniment to the main course. It could be grandmother's creation, or something you saw on a cooking show that your family adores.

Submit one favorite recipe and include your name and the city in which you reside. We will print it in an upcoming issue.

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then add:  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 & 1/2 teaspoons salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Blend well.  
Stir in 2/3 cup of water and 3 cups of flour  
Grease and flour three loaf pans, add dough, and bake. Plastic and wrap it immediately, it keeps the bread moist.

### SYMPHONY BROWNIES

Jason Gittinger's wife, Sherry of the Detroit School of Rock and Pop Music. Hershey's Symphony Candy Bars

Ingredients:  
1 (17.6-ounce) any package brownie mix (with or without walnuts)  
Vegetable oil cooking spray  
3 (6-ounce) candy bars with almonds and toffee chips (recommended: Hershey's Symphony brand)

Directions:  
Prepare the brownie mix according to package directions.  
Line a 13- by 9-inch cake pan with aluminum foil and spray with vegetable oil cooking spray. Spoon in half of the brownie batter and smooth with a spatula or the back of a spoon. Place the candy bars side by side on top of the batter. Cover with the remaining batter.  
Bake according to package directions. Let cool completely, then lift from the pan using the edges of the foil. This makes it easy to cut the brownies into squares. Arrange brownie squares onto serving plate and drizzle tops with hot melted caramel.  
Enjoy!

Pour into a prepared crust of graham cracker crumbs or gingersnaps. Tap the pan lightly on the counter to release any air bubbles. If you are using a cheesecake pan with a removable bottom, wrap the pan to the rim with aluminum foil to prevent any water from penetrating the pan. Place the cheesecake in another pan with high sides and place in the middle of the oven. Pour water in the larger pan to an inch deep. Bake at 330 degrees for one hour. Cheesecake is done when it is set and does not jiggle when tapped.  
Garnish with maple whipped cream, caramel sauce and sweet potato chips.

Maple Whipped Cream:  
2 cups heavy cream  
1/4 cup maple syrup  
Whip on high speed until stiff peaks form.

### PUMPKIN BREAD

by Mary Skyles, founder of Women on Wine, Canton  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake

### SWEET POTATO CHEESECAKE

Carrie Crawford, new pastry chef at Bacco Ristorante in Southfield.

32 ounces cream cheese  
1 cup brown sugar  
2/3 cup granulated sugar  
5 eggs  
1/4 cup flour  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 tablespoons brandy  
2 cups sweet potato puree (2-3 potatoes)

Bake sweet potatoes in a 350-degree oven until tender. Remove skins. Puree the pulp in a food processor and measure out 2 cups puree. Set aside.

Blend room temperature cream cheese, brown sugar and granulated sugar with the paddle attachment of a stand mixer on low speed until it is smooth and there are no lumps. Scrape the bowl to ensure it is completely mixed. Add the eggs one at a time, scraping the bowl after each addition. Combine the flour and cinnamon and add, mix just until it is combined. Add the brandy and the puree, and again, mix just until the ingredients are



## Pure Picks

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Filtering your entertainment best bets for the weekend beginning Nov. 14, 2008:

**14** The wait is over to visit the funniest spot in Ferndale. **The Go Comedy! Improv Theater** opened its doors Wednesday but tonight is the night to experience the *All Star Showdown* premiere. Watch as two teams of the area's best improvisers compete in a game-show format, and promise to get audiences laughing. The show begins at 8 p.m. Later, at 10 p.m. the improv keeps rolling with a free-form show titled *Dark Matter*. Tickets are \$15, call (248) 327-0575. Go Comedy! was founded by Pj Jacokes, Chris DiAngelo and Tommy LeRoy, all of Ferndale, and Gerald Knight of Ann Arbor.

**15** The Detroit Windsor Jazz Club hosts live music 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at Shield's, 25101 Telegraph, in Southfield. Today, check out **Eric Mannering** at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, call (248) 356-2720.

**16** The circus is officially in town. Don't miss the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's **Bellobration**. See the comic daredevil, Bello, and his fantastic friends, like Tabayara the tiger trainer. Watch a five-person tower stretch up to three stories in the air. And experience the human cannon



Go! Comedy is open in Ferndale.

ball feats of Brian and Tina Miser. Showtimes are 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. today, at the Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$12.50-\$82, visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call (248) 645-6666.

**17** James Bond is seeking a little respite — but he's in for a high-flying new adventure in the newly-opened blockbuster *Quantum of Solace*. Daniel Craig, the first blond actor to play 007, reprises the role he held in *Casino Royal* for his latest mission, one that hinges on mistaken identity and intrigue on the shores of Austria, Italy and South America. Bond will leave audiences shaken, not stirred in this mysterious drama, directed by Marc Forster. It is in theaters now and rated PG-13.



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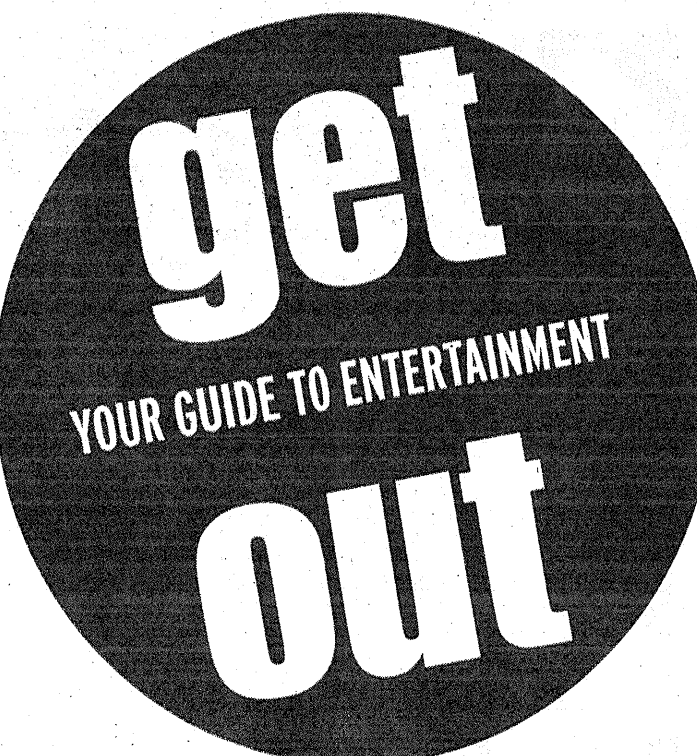
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**Arnold Klein Gallery:** 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.  
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**Biddle Gallery:** 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.  
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**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.  
**Birmingham Conference Center:** 31301 Evergreen, Birmingham.  
**Birmingham Unitarian Church:** 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 647-2380.  
**Bohemian National Home Gallery:** 2009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohouse.htm.  
**Cary Gallery:** Photographs by Nancy Stocking and by Ron Teachworth, Nov. 15 to Dec. 13, 226 Walnut, Rochester, (248) 651-3656.  
**CPDP:** 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901, www.cpop.com.  
**Detroit Artist Market:** Art for the Holidays, through Dec. 21, 4719 Woodward, Detroit.  
**D&N Art Studio:** Bob Ross-style painting classes, 1-5 p.m. one Sunday per month; free fine art portfolio assessments for college-bound students, 28691 N. Lilley, Canton, (734) 453-3710, www.dnartstudio.com.  
**Farmington City Gallery:** Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, (248) 473-1856.  
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**First United Methodist Church:** 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham.  
**Gallery@VT:** Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village theater, www.vsg-art.com.  
**Galeria at Orchard Lake:** "Insights" by sculptor Evelyn Bachorski-Bowman, through Nov. 30, Building 8, Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, (248) 683-0345.  
**Habatat Galleries:** 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.  
**Janice Charach Gallery:** Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (238) 432-5448.  
**Lawrence Street Gallery:** Alice Frank: Frame of



Mind, through Nov. 29; Little Things Mean A Lot! Competition, Dec. 3-24; reception, 6-9 p.m. Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.  
**Lemberg Gallery:** Jane Hammond "People, Places and Things," through November, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com.  
**Livonia Arts Commission:** Fine Arts Gallery, second floor; Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, (734) 466-2490; Livonia Arts Commissioners, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, (734) 466-2540.  
**Lotus Arts Gallery:** Artists Charles H. Pabst, Thomas Arvid and Sergio Furnari (a life-sized version of the Lunchtime on a Skyscraper sculpture), now showing, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.  
**Next Step Studios & Gallery:** Featuring glass works by Kaiser Suidan, Craig Paul Nowak, John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.  
**Northville Art House:** 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.  
**Oakland University Art Gallery:** "Domesticated Angst: Second Reading, new projects by

Chido Johnson," through Nov. 23, at 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005.  
**Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery:** Works in Oil & Pastel by Sharon Will, October, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.  
**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** Holiday Objects Up and Down, Nov. 22-Jan. 3, 2009, shoppers preview, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 22, reception and silent auction, 7-10 p.m. Nov. 22, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.  
**Paul Kotula Projects:** Kathleen McShane's "Fixity's Rainbow," through Nov. 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.  
**Pewabic Pottery:** 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.org.  
**Plymouth Community Arts Council:** 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.  
**The Print Gallery:** 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.  
**Progressive Art & Frame Design:** 1511 North Main, Clawson, (248) 435-0944, www.progressiveart.net.  
**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** 700 Livernois,

Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.  
**Tangent Gallery:** "The Last 9 Days of Plan 9 from Washington," artwork by Eric Mesko, through Nov. 15, opening reception 6 p.m. to midnight, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit, (313) 877-4377.  
**The Community House:** 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.  
**Visual Arts Association of Livonia:** Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Dr., (248) 348-4550.  
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**Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center:** 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, (248) 203-5270.  
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**Campus Martius:** Saturday Book Club, Campus Martius, next to the Compuware Building, Detroit, http://www2.wsupress.wayne.edu/news.php/  
**Westland Public Library:** 6123 Central City Parkway, (734) 326-6123.

**CHAMBER**

**Birmingham Temple:** Pianist Christopher Atzinger, April 4, 2009; Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 2009; 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.  
**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** "Holiday Brass" 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Christ Church Cranbrook and 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Grosse Pointe; "Fun and Games," 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 4 p.m. March 1, 2009, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit; "String Sundae," 3 p.m. March 29, 2009, Birmingham Unitarian Church and 3 p.m. April 5, 2009, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church; "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, 2009, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, 2009, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.  
**Hagopian World of Bugs:** Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9, 2009, Jan. 30, 2009, March 13, 2009 and May 8, 2009, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.  
**Seligman Performing Arts Center:** Prazak Quartet, Nov. 15; Christian Tetziarf, violin, Dec. 6; Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano, Jan. 24, 2009; ATOS Trio, Feb. 7, 2009; Garrick

Ohlsson, piano, March 21, 2009; Guarneri String Quartet, April 11, 2009; Pacifica Quartet with Erik Romrak, saxophone, April 18, 2009; Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16, 2009; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30, 2009. All concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets, \$25-\$75, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.  
**University Musical Society:** Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Nov. 13, Hill Auditorium, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor; Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Nov. 16, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org.

**CHORAL**

**Beckridge Chorale:** 45700 Six Mile, Northville, www.beckridgechorale.org or call (734) 416-9885.  
**Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts:** 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 887-8500, www.musichall.org.  
**Farmington Community Chorus:** Seligman Performing Arts Center of Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile, at Lahser, in Beverly Hills, (248) 669-4146.  
**Farmington Hills Youth Choir:** Wexford Hall, Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1859.  
**First Presbyterian Church:** Welcome All Wonders, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; Psenturies of Psalms, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 2009; How Can You Keep From Singing? 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 2009; Pipedusters w/organist Tom Trenney, 7:30 p.m. April 17, 2009; Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 2009, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x136, ttrenney@comcast.net.  
**Oakland Choral Society:** "St. Nicholas" and "Wachet auf," Dec. 6; "Messiah," Dec. 14, 620 Romeo Street, Rochester, \$15-\$50, (248) 391-0184. Plymouth Oratorio Society: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8353.  
**Rackham Choir:** "Too Hot To Handel," Nov. 29-30, Detroit Opera House, "An Affair To Remember," Feb. 14, 2009, Club Venetian, Madison Heights; "Dear Mrs. Parks" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, March 6-8, 2009, Orchestra Hall, Detroit; "The Armed Man: A Concert for Peace" with original film, April 5, 2009, Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Dearborn, www.rackhamchoir.org.

**CLASSICAL**

**Antioch Lutheran Church:** 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.  
**Orchestra Canton:** "Mozart's Birthday Bash," 8 p.m. Jan. 24, 2009, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

**Chamber Music at the Scarab Club:** Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee Ave., Detroit, (248) 474-8930, www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic.  
**Chamber Music Society of Detroit:** Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070, www.ComeHearCMSD.org.  
**Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings:** First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; "Holiday Brass" 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Christ Church Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m. Christ Church Grosse Pointe, visit www.detroitchamberwinds.org.  
**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** Max M. Fisher Music Center, box office at 3711 Woodward, www.detroitssymphony.com, (313) 576-5400.  
**Fox Theatre:** Andrew Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. May 19, 2009; tickets \$82-\$162.  
**Max M. Fisher Music Center:** Classic Broadway, Nov. 13-15; Home for the Holidays, Dec. 18-20; Marvin Hamlisch, Jan. 22-24, 2009; All You Need is Love, Feb. 12-15, 2009; Pops Goes Las Vegas, March 19-22, 2009; The Music of Billy Joel, April 16-19, 2009; John Williams Adventure, March 14-17, 2009, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.  
**Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:** "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More," 8 p.m. Feb. 7, 2009; "Fanfare for Freedom," 8 p.m. March 14, 2009, all at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville; "Pops at the Penn. Home for the Holidays," 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, 2009, Penn Theatre, 760 Peniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.  
**Schoolcraft College:** Pianist James Tocco, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14; Pianist Anton Nel, Feb. 13, 2009; Avalon String Quartet, March 20, 2009; Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15, 2009; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VistaTech Center, 18600 Hagerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

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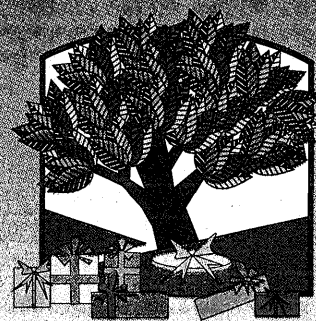
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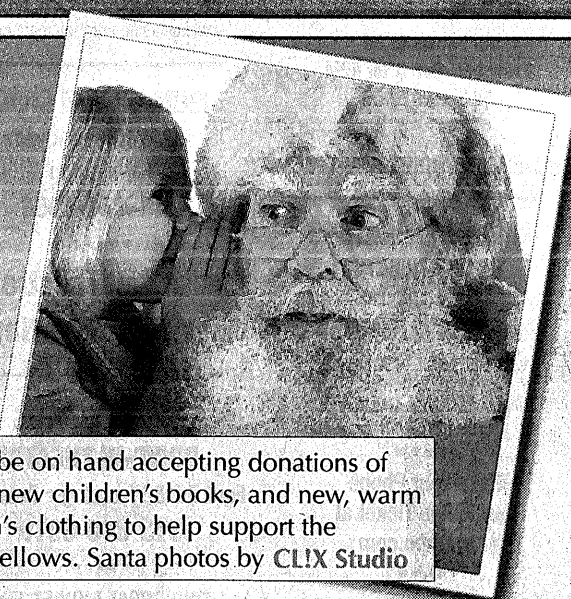
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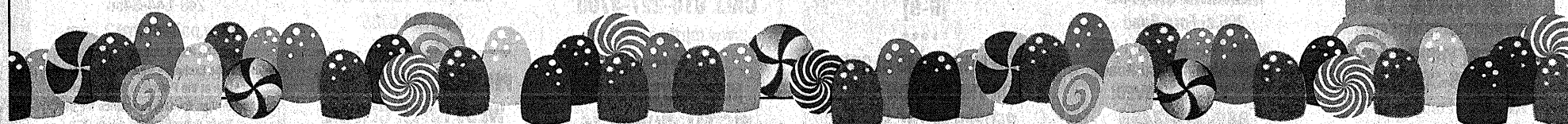
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# THE CLATTERS

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the rock band, The Lordz. He also leads the long-established band The Howards.

At the Mayflower Lanes, The Clatters will perform songs from musicians such as Marvin Gaye, Tom Petty, R.E.M., The Rolling Stones and more.

"We do three-part harmonies," Madeleine said. "We love

wow-ing people with our vocal parts and spend a lot of our rehearsal time on that — especially with Motown songs."

The band's musical approach is that "rock is good for the soul" and strives to play original and classic tunes.

"Our audience is people in their 30s, 40s and 50s," Madeleine said. "But we get a lot of kids in their 20s come up to us when we play J. Geils. They're into it. They remember their parents playing it in the car when they were kids."

# Musing poetry and music cafe offers variety, unique venue

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Musing, a poetry and music cafe, offers something new each month.

"It's extremely varied and eclectic," said Ann Holdreith, host of the cafe gathering of poets and musicians. "At times it offers the unexpected."

In March 2009, for instance, a sitar player, a bass player and a sufi poet will perform together.

Musing runs from 3-5 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, at Pure Concepts Center for Creative Expression, in Farmington. The year-old cafe features a poet, a musician and an open mic.

On Sunday, Nov. 16, singer-songwriter Meghan Tonges, who was a runner-up in the Ferndale Idol contest, will sing and play guitar; poet Mary Jo

Firth Gillet will also perform her work.

Cafe fare such as coffee, tea and muffins are offered.

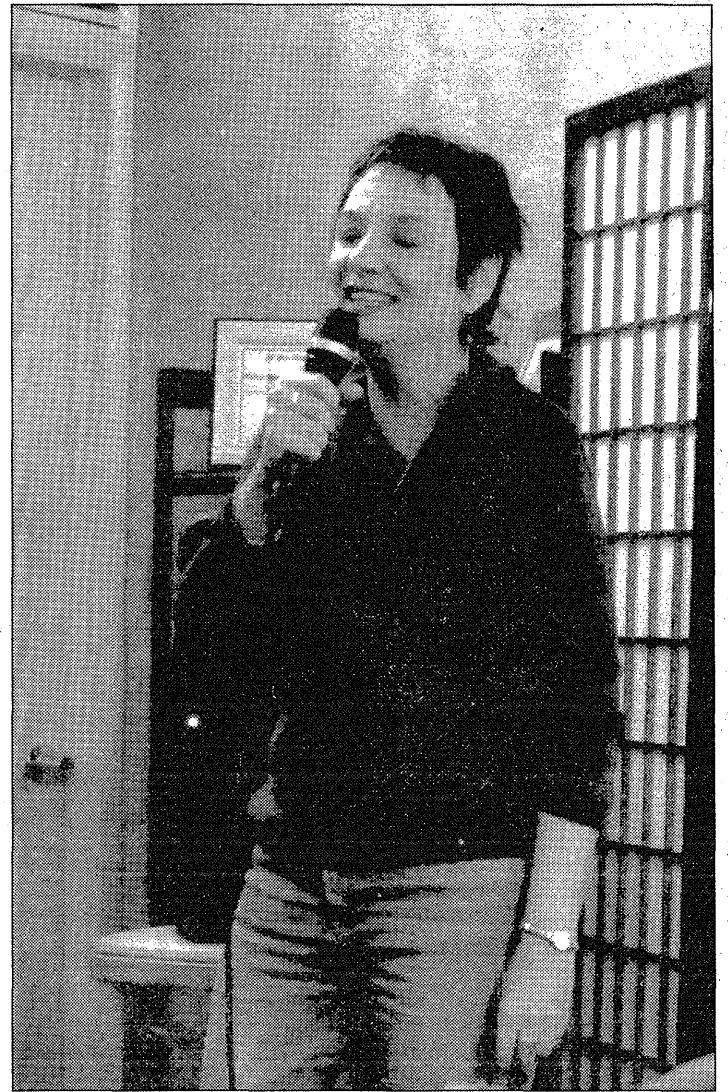
Musing is unique in the area in that it's held in a private center.

Audience members "are coming specifically for the performance as opposed to the coffee houses," said Holdreith, a vocalist, performance poet and teacher who is known for improvisation.

Holdreith had held a creative expression class at Pure Concepts, a holistic center. When she learned that Deb Cauzillo of Pure Concepts wanted to add poetry to the center's offerings, she stepped in to create the cafe.

Said Cauzillo, "She brings in these incredible musicians and poets, each so unique. Ann has just made magic out of it."

People have come from as far



Ann Holdreith is the host of Musing, a music and poetry cafe.

as Ann Arbor and downriver to attend.

The event reflects Holdreith's own creative vision of life.

"It's about being creative, living in the moment and not holding back," she said. "That's why people want to come as an audience and be performers because they feel so much permission and acceptance and creativity. People can really shine there."

The upcoming schedule includes:

Jan. 18 — ML Liebler, a

widely published urban performance poet, along with High Strung, unplugged, alternative high energy rock.

Feb. 18 — Ann Holdreith, with musician Dean Western.

Events are free but a \$3 donation is requested to cover expenses.

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Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

**CHRISTMAS**

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famous Christmas carol, the story follows Army buddies, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis. They have become a successful show biz duo and are trailing a sister act, Betty and Judy Haynes, to Vermont when they find their now-retired Gen. Henry Waverly has fallen on hard times. The performers plan to save his all-but-empty inn by organizing a Christmas Eve production that will draw the crowds — with or without snow.

In a way Florkowski has come full circle, spotlighting all she's accomplished with *White Christmas*. Her first stage experience, at age 5, was a holiday show titled *A Christmas Wish*. Her mother Nancy recalled: "She was a little doll that talked. I told her her lines and she repeat-

ed them." When Florkowski mentioned that she came from an acting family, she meant it. Nancy Florkowski has taught drama for 30 years and founded Livonia's Motor City Youth Theater. Fred Florkowski teaches drama in Wayne State University's Bonstelle Undergraduate Program and Jenny's brother, Jody, directs plays at Berkley High School and teaches in the district.

Florkowski attended MacGowan Elementary and Hilbert Junior High schools before enrolling at Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts.

In 2000, she moved to New York City to attend the American Music and Dance Academy.

Her parents still live in Redford Township. "We've been waiting for this to happen," said Nancy Florkowski. "We knew if she kept working, she'd eventually show

up in Detroit. We're just really excited we don't have to travel far, and we get to see her for two months."

Florkowski's dedication and growing love of dance became evident during her formative years. Her mother recalled that she would pick Jenny up from school every day and take her to Freedom Danz Expressions, a Detroit-based company, where she'd practice until 10 p.m. The hard work has paid off as Florkowski has appeared in national tours of *42nd Street* and *Cats*, productions of *Show Boat* and *Singin' in the Rain*, and at the Lincoln Center Gala in New York City.

"I think I'm so blessed to be doing this as a career," said Florkowski. She compared singing and dancing nightly on stage to "going to the office every day." Since mid-October, she's been rehearsing along with

the Broadway Company for *White Christmas*. "It's one of my favorite shows to perform and to see performed," said Florkowski.

While in metro Detroit she plans to spend a lot of time with her family, and hopes to attend a few Red Wings games. The show marks a holiday homecoming for Jenny, but it won't be her first time on the Fox Theatre stage. While in high school, she was part of a production of *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Florkowski said she's "ecstatic and overwhelmed" at the idea of returning to the Fox.

Tap dancing is her true love — and *White Christmas* requires plenty of it. Though she and the ensemble spend most of the show singing and dancing on stage, Florkowski's favorite number is *I Love a Piano* for its tap dance-heavy choreography.


It is one of the songs that, like Berlin's *Love and the Weather* and *I've Got Love To Keep Me Warm*, were added in for the live musical. The story of *White Christmas* remains true to the classic film.

"In our time right now,

with concerns with our economy, it's such a beautiful show you can lose yourself in it," said Florkowski. "It really puts you in the Christmas spirit, no matter what your background is."

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## pink picks

By Carla

The third place entry in our PINK Picks competition went to **Carla Cardello**, a longtime resident of Livonia. She works as a business instructor at Schoolcraft College and has two daughters, Nicolette, 14, and Sabrina, 12. A PINK fan, she said: "I always read them and I thought, 'I can do this.'" Cardello was right. Her picks hit home with our judges.



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Cynthia LaMaide works out of her Rochester home studio, where she crafts elegant designs like the evening gowns pictures above and below.



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## Fiber artist winds her way into film business

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Cynthia LaMaide has been making and designing clothing since as far back as she can recall. The Rochester-based fiber artist cinched her love of the art by pursuing her degree in clothing design from Arizona State University. But she couldn't have guessed back then that her work would be worn by rock stars like Lenny Kravitz, supermodels including Kate Moss, and that they would weave their way into the plot lines of major motion pictures - like the one currently filming in metro Detroit, New Line Cinema's *Intent*.

Her connection to the entertainment business began post-college, while she lived in Miami. There, she worked on sets of music videos and films, and styling for fashion shoots. LaMaide has criss-crossed the country ever since. She has been recognized with coveted awards including *Best in Show* from the 2007 Ann Arbor Art Fairs. Her fiber art has been part of an American Craft Council show at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. And most recently her talents have been tapped by filmmakers as they've been flocking into the Metro Detroit area to take advantage of the recently-passed tax incentives that offer up to a 42 percent cash rebate as long as the production spends \$50,000 in Michigan. Since the state passed those incentives in April, locations from Detroit to Royal Oak to Plymouth have been transformed for movie sets. LaMaide was contacted through her previous union work in Florida.

Her first foray into film was *Married to the Mob*, a 1989 comedy starring Michelle Pfeiffer. It served as a good training ground for what she's doing now. Through word of mouth she's gone from one job to the next, whether it involved styling for photo shoots or handling wardrobe continuity and costume designs on film sets.

She was first contacted here in Michigan for the film *The Job*, on which she served as a wardrobe supervisor. "I was just working on the set," said LaMaide. "I had to get all of the wardrobe ready for the actors." She helped

carry out the vision of the costume designer and made sure the continuity of the film remained intact when it came to the actors' clothing and accessories. The work calls for long days - 14 hours at least. And those days grew longer on her next project.

LaMaide was hired to handle costume design on a film titled *Tug*, which was shot in Holland, Mich. "I created the whole look," she said. Her designs were fully showcased in the movie as one of its lead characters - Sarah Drew (*Mad Men*) - played a fiber artist named Ariel. "I got to make all the clothes," LaMaide said, estimating at least 20 outfits. Producer Hopwood DePree of TicTock Studios said working with LaMaide was "an absolute joy." "She showed

us her portfolio, the different clothes she designed," he said. "She also read our script and had a lot of really wonderful ideas." *Tug* Director Abram Makowka said he knew right away he wanted to work with LaMaide, whom he called "magical." He said: "Cynthia designed and created a different dress for every time we see Ariel. Ariel is angelic, she too is magic, so it was only right that she and Cynthia be kindred spirits."

Makowka said he looks forward to working with LaMaide again in the future. He also noted the experience of filmmaking in Michigan was a "phenomenal" one. "People are excited about film here and so they are open and welcoming," he said. LaMaide described *Tug* as a love story with a bit of comedy tossed in, while *The Job* was more of a mobster film.

In her film experience so far, LaMaide said she truly enjoys working with the actors. She said Drew in particular "looks so beautiful in everything you make."

Her years of experience and ability to create clothing very quickly have served her well in an industry where filming tends to be on a tight deadline. As DePree said, "I don't think she sleeps." LaMaide said the experience of working on films near her hometown has been a positive one. She's consistently been hiring local designers to assist her - and they have used the experience as a springboard to continue on in the industry. She believes

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TIM CROCKETT, director

LaMaide's current project, *Intent*, begins filming Nov. 10 around Livonia and Farmington Hills. Director Tim Crockett posted positions on the Michigan Film Office Web site seeking crew members. He said she was perfect for the job. "She was super sweet, very talented, down-to-earth, hardworking," he said. "It was really a no-brainer."

This project, a police drama set in Ohio, allows LaMaide to stretch her creativity once again. "This is more of a dark movie," she said, careful not to reveal too much. "The others were lighter, happier."

She's been collaborating with the production's art department to echo the look and feel of the set. "Color is really important," she said. She's also working with unusual fabrics, like rubber, and the film will have more special effects than her previous projects. Crockett said "it's pretty wide open" as far as how much influence LaMaide's design will have on the film. "She has so many good ideas," he added. She'll be dressing everyone from a kidnap victim to police officers to a mistress. "It runs the full gamut," Crockett said.

All the while, LaMaide's still designing for her own line. She'll unveil new work Dec. 13 at her Rochester studio. Visit her Web site, [www.cynthialamaide.com](http://www.cynthialamaide.com).

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**Community Day event**

Parisian continues its successful Community Day event on Saturday, Nov. 15. Those who have bought a \$5 coupon booklet from a participating non-profit may redeem the coupons inside. Booklets each contain one \$10 coupon, good on an item of \$10 or more, plus eight additional coupons, each good for up to 20 percent off almost any merchandise purchased. Non-profit groups selling the booklets keep 100 percent of the booklet price. For participating organizations, log onto [www.communitydayevent.com](http://www.communitydayevent.com). Organizations will continue selling booklets through Saturday, Nov. 15. Area Parisian stores are at Laurel Park Place, Livonia and The Village at Rochester Hills.

**Crop scene**

Paper crafting and scrapbooking fans are invited to participate on Saturday, Nov. 15, in a day-long, worldwide Crop Scene Investigation event sponsored by leading paper crafting manufacturers EK Success, Martha Stewart Crafts™, K&Company, Inkadinkado® and Prism. The following locations will be teaching new and seasoned crafters paper crafting and scrapbooking techniques as well as offering inspiration for homemade projects - an expected

trend this year in light of the current economy and shrinking holiday budgets.

The Scrapbook Zone, 37592 W. 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills; Scrappy Chic, 33509 W. 8 Mile Rd, Livonia. For more information and to register go to [www.cropscene.com](http://www.cropscene.com).

**Deer Widows Contest**

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