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Kris Kringle visits

During a stroll through Kellogg Park Saturday, Santa came upon 2-year-old Addison Hoover, whose Tony and Jennifer Hoover, record the event. The Hoover family is from Plymouth. Santa Claus is from the North Pole. He's meeting youngsters in his house on Main Street 5-8 p.m. Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and again 5-8 p.m.

Done by deadline

Sheldon Road opening comes ahead of schedule

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Wayne County closed Sheldon Road to start the railroad underpass project in January 2007, there were many who doubted the project would be completed within the two years projected by Wayne County officials.

And, after a plethora of first-year delays left work at a standstill for extended periods of time, there were few — besides Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp — who believed the underpass would be finished by the end of this month.

Helmkamp plans to make good on his promise to reopen Sheldon Road — a couple of weeks early — on Friday afternoon. At 2 p.m. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will say a few words on the south (Plymouth Township) side of the project, followed by words from any dignitaries who want to chime in on what is forecast by Accuweather.com to be a mostly cloudy day with a high of 28, even lower at 14 degrees if you consider the wind chill factor.

"I'm not going to put a program together, and I foresee brief remarks because of the cold weather," said Helmkamp. "Instead of a ribbon cutting, we'll have the ceremonial driving of a vehicle through a ribbon. We'll have some people holding the ribbon and some riding in the car going north. As we're driving through, we'll have people pulling the barrels away."

Helmkamp said Wayne County crews need one dry day to put down lane markers on the newly constructed Sheldon Road. However, if that doesn't happen, he'll improvise with Plan B.

"If we don't get that dry day, we're going to open at least one lane in each direction and use the barrels for delineators until we can get a dry day to stripe it," said Helmkamp. "That will at least give another weekend for the community and businesses before Christmas."

The first vehicle will be one furnished by Bob Jeannotte Pontiac-GMC — in Plymouth Township on the north side of the project — which saw sales drop during the past two years of construction. Bob Jeannotte, Jr. said it will be either a GMC Yukon hybrid or a Yukon flex-fuel hybrid.

"I didn't think it would ever be done by the deadline, especially after all the delays in the first year," said Jeannotte. "I would look at the south side through our show-

School district shifts election dates

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education voted Tuesday night to move its odd-year May school board elections to every November.

As a result, the May 2009 election is now scheduled for November 2009.

Plymouth-Canton had been splitting the \$100,000 cost of an odd-year May election with Schoolcraft College. However, Schoolcraft trustees recently voted to move to even-year November elections to reduce their cost to zero.

Under the new timetable, trustees said elections in odd-numbered years will cost Plymouth-Canton \$84,000 per election as it shares costs with the city of Plymouth. On even-numbered years, the district won't have to pay any election-associated costs because the five municipalities within the district's boundaries will already have a national election ballot.

Trustees approved the motion on a 6-1 vote,

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should the school district have switched to even-year November elections in order to save more money? E-mail your thoughts to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

passing on an option to hold elections only on even-year Novembers which would have cost them nothing.

"I'm a little shocked," said Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, the lone dissenting vote. "It's still a huge expense on the district, and it's only saving a small amount of money in changing to every November. The only true savings to the district and to the budget and to the students of this district is to do it even-November."

Trustee Nancy Eggenberger said she didn't want to wait until 2010 to hold the next school board election.

"If we choose to do (even-November) right now we're putting 2 1/2 years onto people's

terms, and I think that's unfair to the community," said Eggenberger. "We need to give them the opportunity to vote on school board members."

The four seats up for re-election in November next year are those currently held by President Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu, Tom Wysocki and John Jackson. Jackson, who was appointed to the seat vacated by Mark Slavens in 2007, is slated to seek re-election on the next scheduled election date, which now has been pushed to November 2009.

Trustee Steven Sneiderman said he's concerned the even-November elections in the cycle will become political.

"Holding even-year November elections will encourage political parties to influence our elections," said Sneiderman. "When they're the ones that are in Lansing deciding how much money we get every year, I think that's a recipe for disaster."

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Penn Grille off the hot seat with city officials

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Penn Grille and Bar, which six months ago faced the possibility of losing its liquor license, is in better standing with city officials.

"In April of this year we ... indicated that facility was making a nuisance and we were contemplating ... possible revocation of their license," City Manager Paul Sincock told commissioners. "That review has been completed and there have been substantial improvements in the operation of the Penn Grille. We've seen a big reduction in possible drunk driving arrests from that location, an 80 percent reduction in the review

period. We've also seen a significant reduction in other incidents at that facility."

City commissioners voted in April to give Penn Grille owners six months to make changes. A 13-point plan by owners Chris Knight of Plymouth, Vince Spica of Northville Township and Billy Farwell of Plymouth Township included increasing the ratio of food to alcohol service, additional training for servers and staff to monitor patron alcohol intake, increased communication with the city and police department concerning possible problems, and on nights when the establishment closes at 2 a.m. the last call for alcohol given a half-hour beforehand.

"I think it's a victory for cooperation between

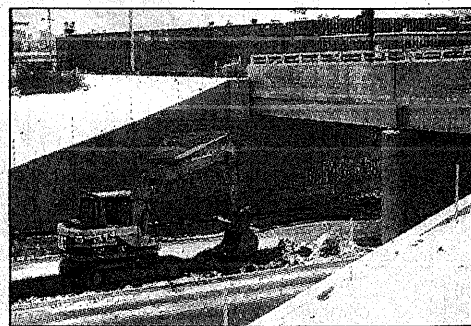
city government and local business and the results of have been astounding," said Keith Kecskes, the attorney for the Penn Grille. "The community is better off for it, it's safer for it and the establishment has improved its family business."

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said there is a noticeable difference in the number of police calls from six months ago.

"I think the Penn Grille has done a better job of policing itself," Carroll said. "It's had some violations, but it appears they continue to address them."

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Crews put the finishing touches on the underpass on Sheldon Road, which is scheduled to re-open Friday.

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CORRECTION

The story that ran in Sunday's *Observer* about the Wayne County Commission passing a new ordinance that will transfer some of the county's parks millage back to local communities, indicated that the four commissioners who voted against the measure were from Detroit, which is incorrect. Commissioner Joseph Palamara represents several Downriver communities, while Commissioner Ilona Varga's district includes Lincoln Park, as well as a portion of Detroit.

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DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter meet 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Greenmead, Alexander Blue House in Livonia.

The program will feature Christmas music and a sing-along with "MI Darlings."

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season.

Each \$5 kit consists of 10 white paper bags and 10 candles and can be purchased at

Gabrial's, Sideways, Saxton's and the Plymouth Symphony office at 470 Forest Place, Suite 18, through Dec. 24.

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Free tap class

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth offers a free begin-

ners adult tap class 3:30-4:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

The class will teach basic tap skills and students will learn a short piece of choreography.

Contact the studio at (734) 207-8970 or info@MetroDanceCompany.com for more information.

Holiday Pottery Gallery

In response to customer requests, the Village Potters Guild is opening its studio gallery for special holiday hours for the first time ever.

The gallery, which features Guild members' original artwork, will be open 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 20. It is located at 340 N. Main, Suite G-1 in Plymouth.

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

Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause," supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

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



Cleaning out their junk drawers

These fourth-grade students in Mrs. Wolf's math class at All Saints Catholic School recently held a junk drawer sale, and learned lessons about money and making change in the process. The students were assigned the task of bringing items to school that they found in their junk drawers at home, including fun or unique pencils, toys, games, school supplies, or items they made themselves. The students took turns being customers and salespersons, moving between the three fourth grade classrooms, where they bought and sold these small items. When the purchasing ended, the students counted their money to determine if they had made a profit, or if there was a loss.

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).

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Museum exhibits

The Plymouth Historical Museum has reopened with its new special exhibit, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," featuring several popular Christmas stories from the past two centuries, including the poem of the same name purportedly by Clement C. Moore, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. The special exhibit will be open through Jan. 4.

Santa is now visiting the Museum to meet good little girls and boys. Santa Claus will be at the Museum every Saturday until Christmas and will be at the Museum 9-5 p.m. Dec. 6 during the Annual Craft Bazaar and Open House. This year's Craft Bazaar will have free admission, with more crafters and a craft raffle.

The Museum's permanent Lincoln Collection exhibit will remain closed until early December while the exhibit undergoes a facelift in anticipation of the upcoming special exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln," honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday in February 2009. That exhibit

will run Jan. 21-Nov. 4.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$10 for families, and \$2 for students 6-17. Tours and groups can be accommodated by calling (734) 455-8940. For more information, visit www.plymouthhistory.org

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Self-directed IRA is best option for transferring retirement money

The U.S. economy lost over 500,000 jobs last month. So far this year, over one million Americans have lost their jobs. Unfortunately, next year doesn't look much better. Even if the auto companies receive bailout money, about 90,000 Michiganders will lose their jobs.

Those who lose their job face a variety of issues. Not only do they have to be concerned about paying bills, but health care and retirement accounts need to be addressed. My general rule is when you leave an employer, you should take your retirement money. There are a number of reasons and factors that enter into the decision, but for the great majority of people it pays to take the money.

One issue that has come up regarding 401(k) plans is what happens if your employer files for bankruptcy protection or just goes out of business. It is important to recognize that a retirement account is not an asset of the employer. Creditors of an employer cannot go after a retirement account. Worrying that your employer's financial health could impact your retirement account is not an issue.

When you leave a company — retirement or job loss — you



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

have a number of options for retirement accounts. Most employers will allow you to keep your money in the current retirement account. In those situations you can't add new money to the account, however, you can continue managing it with the investment options. You will continue to receive statements on a regular basis. You are still subject to the employer's rules. If the employer decides to change the investment options, you would be subject to that change. At that point, you would have the option of moving your money. Another option, for those lucky to find a new job, is the potential to directly transfer the money from their former employer into the new plan. Although employers are not required to allow new employees to transfer existing retirement money, many employers are accommodating. To complete this transaction, have the money from the old retirement plan directly transferred into the new plan. The third option — and the

one that I recommend — is to transfer retirement money into a self-directed IRA. A self-directed IRA may be opened at companies like Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard. There are no tax consequences and the money is totally under the individual's control.

The different options each have pros and cons. The pros of leaving your money with your former employer are that you are familiar with their plan and it is easy because you do not have to make any changes. The downside is that employers frequently make changes to their salary deferral programs and you would be subject to those changes. In addition, your former employer may only have limited investment options that no longer fit your individual situation and you have no control over expenses.

The benefit of transferring to a new employer's plan is one consolidated portfolio. This may make it easier in managing your account. The downside is your new employer's plan may have limited investment options, it could be expensive and once again you are subject to the rules of the employer.

Directly transferring into a self-directed IRA means you

are in total control of your money and can select a portfolio that best matches your situation. In addition, you can select investments with low costs and no commissions. The downside of a self-directed IRA is you fall prey to financial salespeople who are concerned with generating a commission.

Be very careful about where you transfer your retirement money. Don't let anyone pressure you or intimidate you and always find out about the costs.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

Museum gets grant from Kresge Foundation

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Historical Museum Director Liz Kerstens has come to recognize when good news arrives in the mail.

Kerstens, who has garnered nearly \$50,000 in grants since being appointed director in February 2007, knows — even before she opens it — a thin, single page letter most likely means her grant request has been rejected.

So, when she recently received a thicker-than-normal envelope from the S.S. Kresge Foundation, Kerstens couldn't wait to tear it open.

"We received a \$30,000 grant over two years for operating expenses," said a happy Kerstens. "It doesn't have to be used

for a specific project, which means we can use it to help pay the electricity bills, salaries or anything else we need help with.

"This is phenomenal considering our endowment — even though we have conservative investments — has taken a huge hit, like everyone else's savings," Kerstens added. "It's an incredible blessing."

Kerstens said the eight-page grant application was long and very specific.

"I had to detail our plans for the future, how we're doing all these wonderful things and about our budget," she said. "It was the hardest grant I've had to write, thus far."

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of new business page

Small business is the economic engine of our local area. It's important to support local business — and in a down economy it's even more crucial to be informed about the local business scene.

That's why the *Plymouth Observer* started a new page, called *Strictly Business*, which debuts in today's paper. And that's where you — the local business owner — come in.

Strictly Business will include a roundup of local business events, promotions, anniversaries, openings, closings and other changes at local area businesses.

We will also feature a business profile in a "question and answer" format, with a nice photo. Also look for a roundup of local business newsmakers and items from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

And we'll be counting heavily on you to help us keep our readers informed about what's going on in the business community. It's a local business blitz every Thursday in your *Plymouth Observer*, and business owners can take advantage of it simply by e-mailing information to us to be included on this page.

And when we say "local," we mean local — including both City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township businesses. While it's true downtown Plymouth is a central business district, it's important to note Plymouth Township has its own wealth of vibrant businesses with exciting events on the calendar at any given time.

You also don't have to be a member of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (although it's a membership we highly recommend) to take advantage of this new offering, which gives owners an interactive chance to get the word out about the good things happening in their businesses.

And it's so simple: Just e-mail information about events, grand openings, staff changes with photos, and requests to receive a Q&A form to fill out for the business profile piece. All information should be e-mailed to Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

The business page will also be posted on our Web site (www.hometownlife.com), which gets thousands of hits a day (and where, by the way, you can read daily news updates and get other important information).

It seems an obvious point, yet it's a point worth making again: As small business goes, so goes the local community. This new information tool is one more way to help keep it going in the right direction.

Put that flu shot at the top of the list

It's not too late to get a flu shot. Even though Dr. Heather Jackson reports no official cases of influenza at Beaumont Hospital it's just a matter of time before patients start coming into the ER complaining of muscle aches, fever and headaches.

Misery isn't the only price we pay for catching the flu. While lost productivity costs employers, the flu can also be deadly. Some 36,000 people die annually from influenza, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This year, the CDC is expanding its recommendations for vaccinations from the elderly and chronically ill to children ages 6 months to 18 years. But the warning doesn't stop there. Jackson, who practices family medicine in Southfield, says parents as well as anyone who works around children should get a flu shot as well.

And remember flu season runs all the way through the beginning of April so we still have a long road ahead of us. Many people wisely rush to the doctor in October when the serum arrives, but there's still time.

It's especially important to protect ourselves from the infectious disease during the holidays. With all of the hustle and bustle of the season it's easy to push making that appointment to the bottom of the list, but if you've ever been sick with the flu it's not a wise move. It usually takes about two weeks to develop protection from this nasty bug.

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LETTERS

Wall win-win?

Based solely on the *Observer's* Nov. 23 front-page story about the wall in Veterans' Park, most readers would conclude that the Plymouth Preservation Network has a deadline to raise funds to save the present wall (reportedly built as a WPA project after the Depression — how ironic), or the veterans will tear it down and replace it with a new wall backed by \$100,000 from a donor.

That's simply not true. With all due respect to the *Observer*, that article was incredibly lacking in known, salient facts that were discussed publicly at great length at a recent City Commission meeting.

But getting to a win-win outcome is more important than correcting the article. While I personally find the 70+-year-old wall at the back of Veterans' Park more aesthetically pleasing than the artificial-rock wall at the entrance, do any of you really think we should be spending anything on a project like this during these difficult and uncertain economic times?

My guess is that wall is more secure than our jobs. Besides, that wall was there long before there was a Veterans' Park and, lest anyone forget, the park and the wall are on property owned by the city, not by any group.

There is, I believe, unanimous support and pride for the park itself and, more importantly, what it stands for. And it's terrific that the veterans, with the aid of a donor, are prepared to spend \$100,000. But why do it at the expense of an historic structure? And especially, why now?

How about this for a win-win? The veterans re-direct that \$100,000 to assist living veterans in need during these difficult times (e.g., to avoid foreclosure, buy Christmas gifts, help children attend college, or other worthy causes).

While I don't think any money need be spent on the existing wall, I pledge to be first in line to donate if it will result in \$100,000 being spent to help veterans in need. And I bet I won't be the only one.

Deal?
Mark Malcolm
Plymouth

Thanks for story

Thank you for the splendid article in the *Observer* ("Taking Flight," Sunday, Nov. 23), about the World War I fighter planes.

Staff writer Kurt Kuban did a great job of sorting out all the comments and presenting them in a concise and interesting manner. The photographer captured great photos of the working group and airplanes. He certainly made me look good.

Several others have covered our construction progress, but your presentation is by far the best. Thanks again.

Ray Wall
Plymouth

Crash causes

I am a seventh-grade student who is doing a project on the economic crisis. I will tell you about the causes and effects on the economy.

The first cause is fear among consumers and businesses. The effect is the stock market crash. An article from the *New*

York Times says that once people see that a business is starting to lose money, they are afraid of losing money.

Next the people who invest their money into that business want to take out their money, so they don't lose any cash. When adults take out their money they were investing into that company, the company loses money. This is happening to a lot of businesses during this period of time, which either causes that business to go bankrupt, and soon go out of business. That is the cause of the stock market crash.

Emilie Hawks
Canton

Another Depression?

This economic crisis that we are in needs to be put to an end! Many homes are being foreclosed on here in Michigan and the Big Three aren't getting the bailout they need to survive this horrible mess (flying in on private jets to ask for money while you just spent millions of dollars flying there is pretty dumb). If we don't straighten all of this out soon, we may just enter another depression.

All of this is happening because our stock market is down (which makes it extremely hard for companies to make enough money they need to pay the workers and pay for the utilities they need). Until our confidence rises in the stock market, we could stay this way for quite a while.

We need to put money back into the stock market in order for it to get better. Also, consumer confidence is what everyone needs right now. As soon as everyone is confident in the stock market, they will invest in it once again. This would also help people keep their jobs and stop from going bankrupt. Right now, everyone is scared, they fear that if they invest their money, that they will lose it.

According to William Ackman, in a recent *New York Times* article ("Forget Logic; Fear Appears to Have Edge" By Vikas Bajaj, Oct. 10, 2008), people are crawling under a bunker and pulling metal sheets over their heads because they think the sky is falling. Also, in a recent study, students were asked the question of whether they would have \$3,000 in their pocket today, or have an 80% chance of getting \$4,000, most of the students took the \$3,000. This is because the fear of losing money is bigger than gaining money. This is true about what is going on now because people are taking their money out of the stock market now before they lose all of their money. Remember, if we don't put money in the stock market now, it will only take longer for it to improve!

Tommy Parrelly
Canton

Future will be better

I am a seventh-grader in the Plymouth-Canton school district. I am doing a project about our economic problems.

My prediction for the future is that it will get better. I predict that the future will get better because people are now seeing how terrible the economy and everything else is; so they will try to change the bad things they did and still do to make the world we live in better.

I know more people are now recycling

because they see the bad things that are happening to earth, so I suppose that the people will do the same with the economy. People should start saving up their money for any other future problems, if somebody had saved their money for over four years then they would have extra money for times like this. People should be careful when they do something. One person can make a change.

If the economy will not get better then hopefully the government will step in and make some changes.

Diana Jablonska
Canton

Fear caused crisis

Fear — that is the cause of the economic crisis.

People are too afraid to put money in the stock market. They're afraid that they'll lose their money in the stock market. The risk is if the company they invest in fails, they lose their money. But if it succeeds then they will gain money.

There are ways we could fix this problem if people were to take the risk and put money in the stock market. Already have some companies been put out of business. We have to fix this economic crisis. Only if we take the risk will we be able to fix this economic crisis.

Stefan Sokolowski
Canton

Back to normal?

I am a seventh-grade middle school student, and this is what I think about the economics. I would agree with the article, "Forget Logic; Fear Appears to Have Edge" (*New York Times*, Oct. 8).

I noticed that banks have been closing down. Everyone is taking their money out of them, and as the article I am talking about, I think it's all because they fear that if they leave the money in, they will lose all of it.

As the article says, negative feedback loop, or panic. I do think that the economy will go back to normal soon, I do trust Barack Obama and I hope he will save our economy. Hopefully it will go back to normal in a year or two, but I do hope people won't get so scared all of them will take out their money from the banks.

Chantel Maja Serafimovski
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"Each of the administrators based at the buildings will work with a student caseload. They'll be able to focus on student achievement, track attendance and behavior. The plan is to have greater contact with students and their parents, and for greater accessibility by parents to administrators."

— Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton schools, on a proposal to restructure the administrator level at the high school park, leaving one overall principal, and an associate and three assistant principals at each school

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Group planning event to help friend battling cancer

The friends and family of Kevin Christesen are hoping people will take time out of their holiday shopping to attend a dinner-dance and silent auction Saturday, Dec. 13.

Called CareForKevin, the event will help raise money for the 28-year-old Canton resident who is battling Adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). The fundraiser will take place at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The event includes a deluxe open bar, appetizers at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., DJ and dancing. There also will be a silent auction, featuring such themed baskets as Totally Thomas, Spa Getaway, Stuff-N-Fluff Birthday Party, Plentiful Pasta, Holidays All Wrapped Up, Bountiful Baking and Carefree Cleaning as well as an Affinity Crossfire golf set.

A fish bowl raffle will have prizes such as Girls' Toy and Boy's Toy baskets, cordless drill set, poker party basket, coffee connoisseur's basket and baby basics basket.

The Sports Spectacular Drawing features a chance to win tickets to a Detroit Lions or Detroit Red Wings game, and there also will be a drawing for a one week's stay at a condominium on Lake Missaukee.

Tickets cost \$60 and an



Christesen

order form is available on line at www.careforkevin.org.

Christesen went to the doctor on July 28 due to a pain in his leg. After doing blood work it was obvious to the doctors that he had a much bigger problem. He was diagnosed with ALL on July 29 and has been undergoing chemotherapy.

Christesen is married to his high school sweetheart, Beth, and is the father of Carrie Elizabeth, 3. He has been undergoing chemotherapy. Both he and his wife were both born and raised in Canton and had just purchased their first home in Canton three months before he was diagnosed.

His condition is very serious, but hopeful. According to his friends, the doctors were very honest with him, telling him that "it is going to be hell, you are going to have to fight."

The goal of those "who care and love Kevin" is to ensure he receives the best possible treatment regardless of cost, as well as support for him, his wife and daughter.

For more information about their cause and to register for the dinner dance, visit the Web site, www.careforkevin.org. CareForKevin is a Michigan non-profit organization.

Credit union contributes to school programs

Community Financial recently presented a check to Pioneer Middle School to purchase a much-needed sewing machine for its Life Management class.

The Pioneer donation was one of three made to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools programs identified by the credit union, with the assistance of the Educational Excellence Foundation, to receive funds from Community Financial's annual Community Shares program.

Pioneer Middle School's sixth grade camp scholarship program and the culinary arts program at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park also received checks from Community Shares.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide funds that benefit students and local schools," said credit union CEO Bill Lawton. "This is another way Community Financial is making a positive difference in the communities we serve."

"Community Financial's contribution to these pro-



Students from Pioneer Middle School's Life Management class are pictured with the sewing machine purchased through a donation from Community Financial's Community Shares program. The credit union's Senior Educational Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin, at left, joined Pioneer Principal Philip Freeman for the presentation.

grams, including the culinary arts, is instrumental in helping provide a well rounded educational experience for all our students," said Carole Kody, EEF's executive director.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial, is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Comcast newsmaker

Wayne County Environment Director Kurt L. Heise will appear on the "Comcast Newsmakers" interview program in the month of December.

Heise, a Plymouth Township resident, was interviewed on regional environmental pro-



Heise

tection and the many successes that have been made in water quality in southeast Michigan. Heise cited the Rouge River Watershed Alliance and the Lake St. Clair Blue Ribbon Commission as two of the best examples of regional environmental cooperation.

Heise also discussed Wayne County CEO Robert A. Ficano's recent trade mission to China and the half-dozen environmental companies that accompanied Ficano and Heise on the trip. Ficano is working to introduce Michigan-based environmental interests into the Chinese market.

This marks Heise's third appearance on Comcast Newsmakers, hosted by Laurel Hess.

Heise's interview, which premiered Dec. 8, airs several times a day on Comcast's CNN Headline News channel at the top of each hour. Check local Comcast cable listings for cable and HDTV channels in your area.

Company specializes in lighting up the season

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whenever 3-year-old Alexis Hack passes a home or business with twinkling lights, it's a guarantee that she will attribute the sparkly designs to her father.

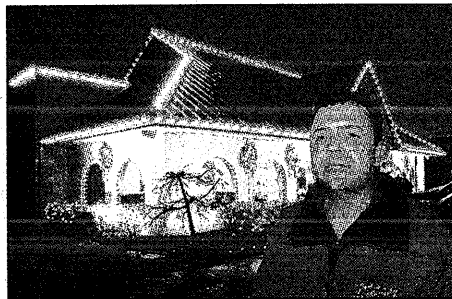
"She's a riot," said Bill Hack, owner of Christmas Decor and Bill's Outdoor Care, with a laugh. "She thinks we do everyone's home."

Hack, who started his lawn care business at age 12 and still has two of his original customers 18 years later, bought a local branch of the Texas-based Christmas Decor company eight years ago.

"I learned about it at a trade show in Chicago and it took me about a year to decide to do it," he said. "It was a big investment, but it's been well worth it."

During his first year with the company, Hack nabbed a contract to decorate 25 fast food restaurants. Since that time, he has averaged a 95-percent retention rate for returned customers.

"This has filled a big void between the seasons for us," Hack said. "When I



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Bill Hack bought a local branch of the Texas-based Christmas Decor company eight years ago.

first started thinking about this, I asked myself 'Would people actually pay for this?' and you know what, they do."

Touted on its national Web site, www.ChristmasDecor.net, as the nation's largest professional holiday decorating firm, the company specializes in transforming homes and businesses into winter wonderlands.

"We do everything for you," said Hack, noting that the company provides lights, supplies, any decorations and mainte-

nance. "A lot of people choose us because they are either afraid of heights, can't get the lights to look the way they want or are too busy to do it themselves."

The Real Life Farm on Geddes Road and The Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road are among Hack's favorite places to decorate.

"This is our third or fourth year going with (Hack) and before that, we were doing it ourselves but it wasn't nearly as nice because we weren't climbing on the roof," said Linda Robin, Showroom of Elegance owner. "We try to support local businesses as much as we can and he does good work."

Hack, who is still accepting order for this holiday season, is able to customize packages but said average prices range from \$500 up to several thousand.

"Even with this economy, a lot of my customers have told me that the lights make them feel good," he said. "They make the kids happy and have become a bright spot for families."

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room and for the first six to eight months there was a crane that never moved an inch.

"It has cut us off from our bread-and-butter customers in Plymouth," he said. "Now, it will be a lot easier for customers to get to me, which is the bottom line."

Helmkamp said there will still be some work to be completed in the spring.

"We've got some sidewalks and driveways to do along Sheldon, as well as some landscaping on Sheldon Hill (along the underpass)," he said. "Plymouth Township has selected a seed mixture that is low growing and requires little maintenance."

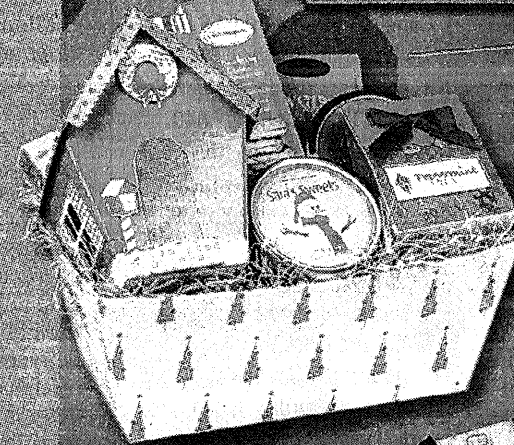
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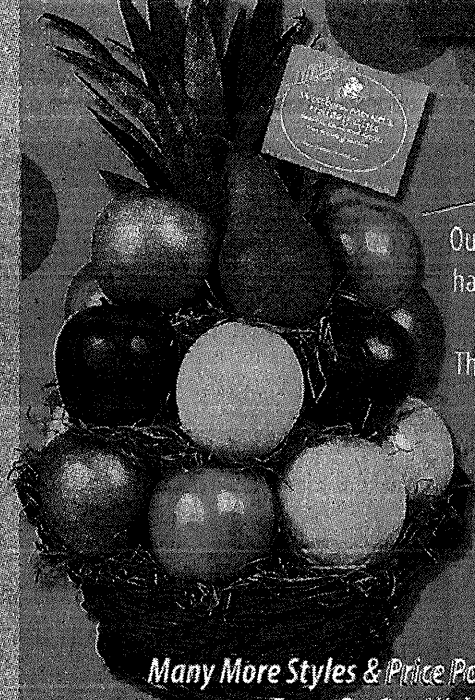


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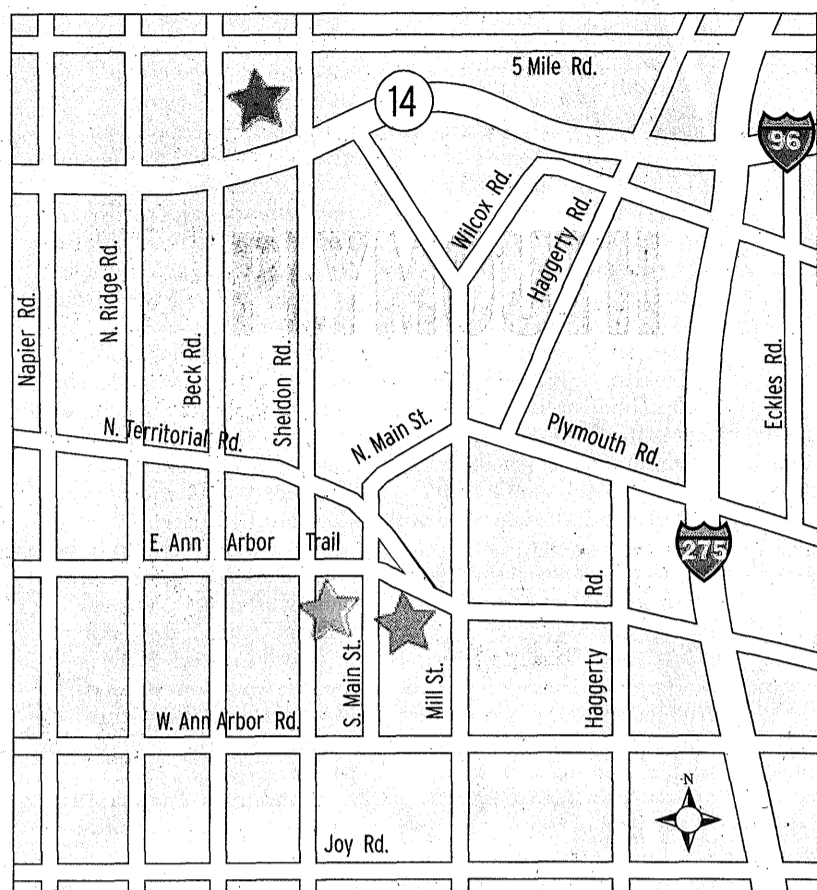
Lease agreement
 ★ Brembo North America, Inc., a world leader and design innovator of high-performance braking systems headquartered in Italy, signed a 12-year lease agreement in the MetroWest Technology Park in Plymouth Township. DeMattia Group officials announced. Brembo supplies brake systems to the most prestigious brands of passenger cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles worldwide. DeMattia Group will serve as the design/build firm for the Brembo North America, Inc. headquarters and research and development facility. The 45,000-square-foot building will consolidate three corporate and technical offices into one location to support the global leader of high performance braking systems and components. The facility will be home to Brembo's North America commercial and engineering teams and will feature product development, laboratory space, offices and team collaboration areas.

Wii promotion
 ★ Citizens Bank announced a check card promotion where clients can win one of 50 Nintendo Wii gaming systems. The promotion runs through Dec. 31. Citizens Bank's Plymouth branch is located at 186 S. Main. The promotion encourages clients to make at least 12 on-line or signature-based Citizens Bank retail VISA Check Card purchases through Dec. 31. Clients who make at least 12 such purchases will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a Wii valued at \$320. Official rules are available on www.citizensbanking.com/wii. Winners will be drawn Jan. 9. Citizens Bank and F&M Bank (Citizens' affiliate in Iowa) are sponsors of the promotion and will award 50 Wii's in total.

Best and brightest
 ★ Two Plymouth companies, Community Financial and Soils & Materials Engineers, Inc., have been named among "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For."

The credit union was one of the top companies selected from more than 1,000 nominations that were submitted to the annual contest, sponsored by the Michigan Business & Professional Association. The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset. Participants are required to fill out an extensive survey and are awarded points based on a variety of best practices in human resource management.

Business update
 ■ Kitchen & Bath Gallery by DeGiulio, a new kitchen and bath showroom, is expected to open in the space formerly occupied by the Discovery Shop on Ann Arbor Trail by the end of January. The gallery's Web site is www.degiulio.com.
 ■ Lynn's Corner Shop is closing, effective Dec. 31, and Cold Stone Creamery closed their doors late last month.
 ■ A candy shop is expected to open in the space formerly occupied by The Muse on the ground floor of the Mayflower Development on Main Street.



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Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Plymouth Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple: Just e-mail all of the details to editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com and he'll take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Plymouth Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Owner Katrina Chestuch has opened Gowns, Going, Gone! A Discount Bridal & Black Tie Boutique inside 'Margaret's Perfect Fit Alterations' at 640 Starkweather in Plymouth.

Bridal gown store sets up shop

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services or products you feature.
 Gowns, Going, Gone: I offer major discount prices on new and gently used Bridal Gowns, Bridesmaid, Mother of the Bride, Flower Girl dresses and an array of Black Tie gowns suitable for anything from Prom to Auto Show.
Observer: What makes your business unique?
 Gowns, Going, Gone: What makes us unique is the marriage of a Bridal and Black Tie business under the roof of an alterations business (Margaret's Perfect Fit). The convenience to the client is extraordinary.
Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?
 Gowns, Going, Gone: I used to have a gown rental shop called "Just One Night". I closed my doors to raise my then-infant daughter Natalya in 2005. My upcoming nuptials in December 2007 led me to Margaret's on the referral of my friend Paula Morelli, who is a longtime

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resident of Plymouth. Margaret executed my design beautifully. When she found out I had huge collection in my basement, she suggested we might have the makings of a unique collaboration. It was an "Aha!" moment and I'm so excited to have

the opportunity to offer a service that has a positive spin in this time of economic challenge.
Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Plymouth community?
 Gowns, Going, Gone: I have patronized Plymouth and its charming shops and restaurants for 20 years. My chance association with Margaret and subsequent friendship highlighted a possibility for a merger between our business offerings.
Observer: Do you have a funny story to share about your experiences as a small-business owner?
 Gowns, Going, Gone: My first client was a gal whose condo had been burglarized and they even stole her wedding gown! We were able to use an existing gown, rework it to give it the essence of the one she lost, and including the price of the alteration, she ended up spending a third of the original gown cost!

CHAMBER CHAT

For many of our members the troubles on Wall Street are directly affecting their businesses. From the slowing in spending by concerned consumers and businesses to the tightening credit market making it harder for businesses to function, we are all feeling the pressure. One member described what is happening as "Economic Paralysis." We become paralyzed by the bad economic news and then stop doing everything because we don't know what to do. I have a suggestion about what to do. We need to support each other. That is the essence of what the Chamber membership is about and exactly what we should do. Here are some suggestions on how we can support each other during the upcoming Holiday season:



Wes Graff

Shop locally: Even if you work in Plymouth, but live somewhere else, organize a trip out with friends from work to go out during lunch or after work to enjoy shopping in Plymouth.
 Have your Holiday lunch or celebration at a local restaurant: Sure it is easy to have a potluck, but encourage your staff to go out or bring in food from a local restaurant.
 You can go online to our web site, www.plymouthmich.org under the "Find a Business" section to find outstanding local restaurants.
 On Friday, Dec. 12, the Chamber will be hosting our

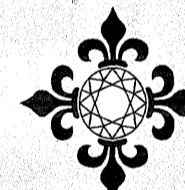
"Good Morning, Plymouth Community Breakfast" with a focus on dealing with the recent U.S. financial crisis. It is hitting all businesses, but there are ways to weather what is happening. We will bring in local bankers and financial experts to share their opinions. We hear about this crisis on the news and see it in our 401K statements, but this forum will bring a local perspective about how to deal with the problems. This will be an informative and interesting session on the topic that is effecting everyone. The breakfast will start at 7:30 am. To make reservations contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.
Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Plymouth Nursery in Plymouth has been named the Central Region Home & Garden Showplace member of the year. Officials noted the nursery's ability, despite continuing economic struggles in the state, to add 29,000 square feet of retail space, including an outdoor kitchen and tranquility court; add product lines to appeal to their demographics; and expand the aisles, pave the parking lot and add organic food lines, Earth-friendly products, energy efficient lighting and waterless restroom facilities. The nursery was also lauded for giving back to the community with support for Toys for Tots and a local Boy Scout troop.



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Canton icers' strong start is worthy of superlatives

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Scorching. Sizzling. Scintillating. Pick any upbeat adjective and chances are Canton's hockey team is worthy of the praise. The Chiefs extended the incredible start to their 2008-09 season on Monday when they outlasted a potent South Lyon team, 8-5, at the Kensington Valley Ice House in South Lyon.

Canton will take a 6-0-1 mark into Friday's blockbuster clash against unbeaten Livonia Stevenson. The game is set to face off at 8 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The boys are playing well right now, but they have to keep playing together and keep playing with intensity for this to continue," said Canton coach Dan Abraham.

Senior forward Nick Tomilenko continued his torrid scoring streak against the Lions, netting two goals and two assists.

The remaining six goals were evenly distributed amongst Danny Bilek, Zach Haar, Bryan Davison, Ryan Lash, Anthony Bonnett and Alex Berlin.

A.J. Rosales added a pair of assists to the Chiefs' cause.

Senior net-minder Zane Birchler continued his stellar play between the pipes.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Bryan Davison (right), pictured in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Chiefs' 8-5 victory over South Lyon Monday night.

Birchler turned away 40 South Lyon shots.

Canton led 4-2 after one period and 7-4 with 15 minutes to play.

CANTON 6, NOVI 1: On Dec. 5, Tomilenko registered a hat-trick while Rosales, Donny Barlow and Mark Barath added singles for the winners.

Birchler made 30 saves to earn the win in net for the surging Chiefs.

CHELSEA 5, PLYMOUTH 3: On Saturday, the Wildcats outshot

Chelsea 38-15, but suffered a two-goal setback.

Plymouth trailed 3-0 after one period and 4-1 after two.

Pat Smiatacz scored Plymouth's first goal off assists from Ryan Renault and Luke Mirandi.

John Maurer (from Smiatacz and Renault) and Taylor Carrier (from Smiatacz and Maurer) also lit the lamp for the Wildcats.

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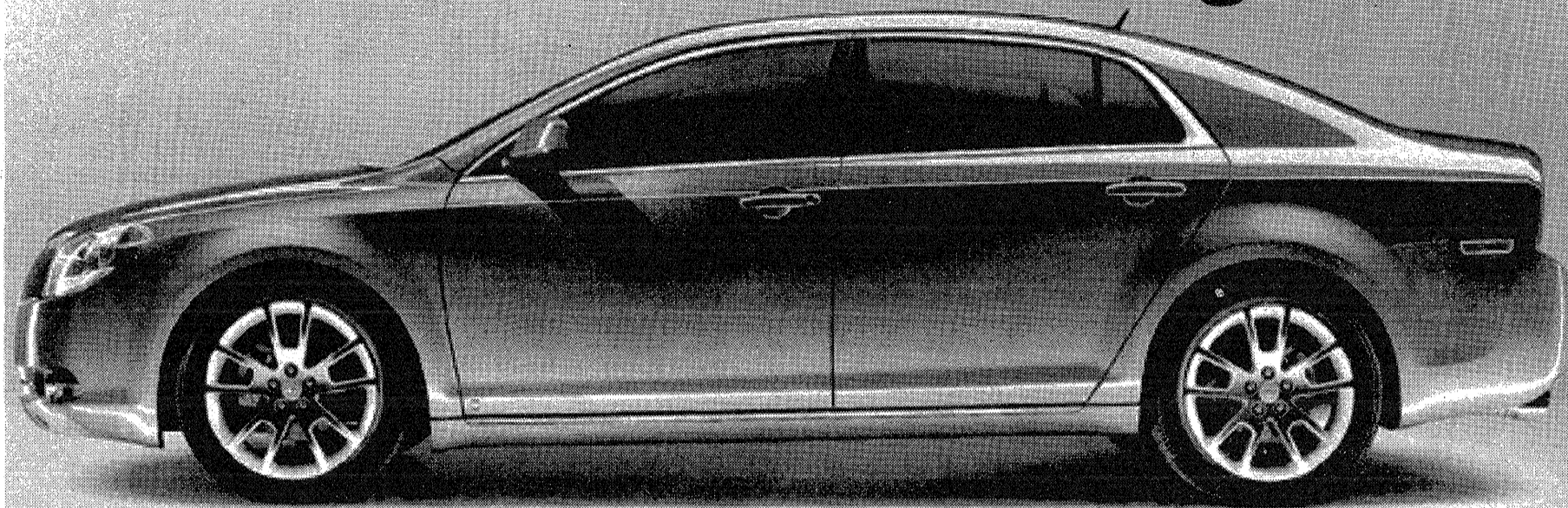
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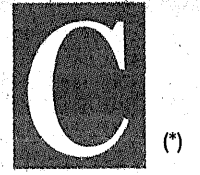
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Fit fire safety into holiday celebration plans

BY JULIE BROWN
 OGE STAFF WRITER

Lt. Denny Hughes of the Farmington Hills Fire Department has plenty of common-sense fire safety advice this holiday season.

"We see them (house fires) all the time, but I think they're kind of amplified," Hughes said of fires during the holidays. "Even at home, the hustle and bustle is going on." People may be careless and have combustibles near the kitchen stove.

Cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Nearly all cooking equipment fires start with the ignition of food, other cooking materials (e.g., grease, cooking oil), or other items normally found or installed in a kitchen (e.g., cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, carpets).

"Fortunately for most of them they're not too serious," Hughes said of holiday fires.

Those marking the season also may use candles in the bath and other rooms. "Obviously they're pretty risky when they're in a room and they're not attended," he said. A pet may knock the candle over.

Sometimes alcohol is a part of holiday revelry, making people less careful. "They're accidents, but they do happen," Hughes said.

WATCH THIS

The Farmington Hills firefighters did a demonstration with a live Christmas tree that was well maintained, one not maintained, and an artificial tree. The well-maintained live tree was the best for safety.

"There are some keys to that." Live trees are for just a couple of weeks for use as they dry out. "It's really a common sense issue," he said, noting you need a lot of water, not many combustibles, and limited lights.

You should always turn tree lights off when you leave home or go to bed. "Just make sure it's well watered," the fire lieutenant said. "Try to keep it away from your floor registers." Don't have candles nearby, and don't block exits.

Watch out for gift wrap piling up near tree skirting, Hughes added, as there could be too many extension cords or lights. "That could be a source for a fire as well."

CANDLE SAFETY

■ If you decide to light candle(s), be sure the candle is always in sight. Never leave a candle unattended or in reach of children or accessible to pets.

■ Place your candle in non-tip candle holders.

■ Keep candles away from combustible materials such as curtains, Christmas trees, furniture or other



decorations. Do not place them where they may get knocked over.

■ Keep candles away from drafts, vents or other air currents (ceiling fans) in the home. This will help prevent rapid, uneven burning, or excessive dripping of the wax. Drafts can cause the flame to blow onto other combustible items nearby.

■ Trim candlewicks to a ¼ inch each time before lighting. Longer wicks cause uneven burning and drippings.

■ Never use your candle as a light during a power outage or when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment such as a kerosene heater or lantern. Use a flashlight in these instances.

■ Never place a candle on a windowsill or near an exit ... and always extinguish all candles when you leave a room or before going to sleep.

He emphasizes having a smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home, as well as that important escape plan for all of where to head and where to meet.

Hughes offers these additional tips:

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

■ Test all smoke alarms in the house, and let guests know your escape plan.

■ If you or guests smoke, smoke outside. Provide large, deep ashtrays and douse them with water before calling it a night.

■ Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Never leave cooking appliances unattended for any reason or length of time.

■ Monitor your consumption of alcohol, so that you can make good, sound decisions in the event of an emergency at your home.

DECORATING

■ Purchase lights with and electrical decorations with the name of an approved independent testing lab.

■ Inspect new and used lights and replaced any damaged light strings. Read directions on how many strings may be connected to one another. Typically only three strings of lights can be connected to one another.

■ Use proper clips or hangers and do not nails to mount lights. Wire insulation can be damaged and lead to a fire.

■ Keep young children and pets away from electrical decorations.

■ Use decorations which are flame-resistant or flame retardant, or use noncombustible materials.

■ NEVER leave a candle unattended, and keep away from combustibles.

In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to 146,400 home structure fires that involved cooking equipment in 2005. These fires caused 480 civilian fire deaths, 4,690 civilian fire injuries and \$876 million in direct property damage.

Cooking equipment fires are the leading cause of home structure fires and associated civilian injuries. These fires accounted for 40 percent of all reported home structure fires in 2005 and 36 percent of home civilian injuries.

Twelve percent of the fires occurred when something that could catch fire was too close to the equipment.

Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, according to NFPA's Fire Analysis and Research Division.

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It's important to be alert to prevent cooking fires.

SAFETY TIPS

These are NFPA safety tips on cooking:

Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

Keep the stovetop, burners and oven clean.

Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Always use cooking equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.

Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, or damage.

IF YOU HAVE A COOKING FIRE

Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.

If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.

Always keep a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.

In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

Emergency access generally allowed

Q: The neighbor adjacent to my unit refuses to give a copy of his key to the management company or any board members. I am concerned because he is often out of town and I feel as though my unit is in jeopardy if there should ever be an emergency with his unit that management is unable to deal with.

A: Most condo documents provide the association with the right to enter a

unit in the event of an emergency. The documents should further provide that the association not be held responsible

for any damage incurred. If there is an emergency such as a gas leak or a severe water leak, the association should strongly consider the option of entering the unit even if they do not have the member's permission. Associations have an obligation to protect their members and property in the event of an emergency and, thus, have the right to enter a member's unit in an emergency situation, particularly if the documents give the right to do so.

Q: I am a new board member at my condo association, and I have discovered that the names of delinquent co-owners are being included in the minutes of our board meetings. Is this a good idea?

A: While many individuals who serve on condo and/or community association boards may have an in depth understanding of parliamentary procedures, they may not fully understand what they should and should not include in the minutes of their board meetings. As a practicing attorney of over 39 years, I can tell you that this is not a good idea for several reasons, but the main reason would be that if a board is incorrect in terms of what they are saying about a delinquent co-owner, they may be opening themselves up to a discrimination and/or libel claim.

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.

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45135 Brunswick Dr	\$210,000
47891 Cardiff Ave	\$106,000
48662 Central Park Dr	\$403,000
48595 Greenwich Ln	\$235,000
50191 Harding St	\$268,000
44499 Heather Ln	\$234,000
46972 Mornington Rd	\$325,000
1990 Otter Pond Ln	\$170,000
427 Patriot St	\$183,000
3527 Riverside Dr	\$185,000
47659 Scenic Circle Dr N	\$215,000
47615 Scenic Circle Dr S	\$190,000
44124 Sheridan St	\$187,000
366 Springfield Dr	\$310,000
2261 Stanton St	\$338,000
652 Stonehenge Dr	\$177,000
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47605 Torrington Dr N	\$358,000
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33204 Flanders St	\$163,000
32060 Grand River Ave	\$35,000
Farmington Hills	
23208 Ashley St	\$118,000
29782 Beacontree St	\$199,000
39326 Heatherbrook Dr	\$300,000
31747 N Marklawn St	\$172,000
32402 Nestlewood St	\$188,000
23010 Purdue Ave	\$128,000
Garden City	
33072 Sheridan St	\$111,000
Livonia	
19839 Angling St	\$156,000
15423 Deering St	\$101,000
14489 Fairway St	\$210,000
18956 Glengarry Dr	\$290,000
14876 Golfview St	\$219,000
17460 Golfview St	\$210,000
15760 Green Lane Ave	\$140,000
11027 Merriman Rd	\$99,000
19746 Osmus St	\$155,000
9731 Pere Ave	\$147,000
36010 Perth St	\$170,000
9151 Stonehouse Ave	\$208,000
28505 Wentworth St	\$122,000
9374 Westwind Dr	\$155,000
Milford	

561 Garner Road	\$356,000
Northville	
44963 Broadmoor Cir S	\$305,000
38888 Cheshire Dr	\$240,000
16108 Cog Hill Dr	\$528,000
42169 Crestview Cir	\$300,000
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17814 Devonshire Ct	\$880,000
18331 Larough Dr	\$363,000
39582 Legend Ct	\$370,000
16721 Lyonhurst Cir	\$220,000
15334 Merion Ct	\$480,000
48984 Rainbow Ln	\$292,000
49074 Rainbow Ln	\$289,000
48783 Running Trout Ln	\$157,000
Novi	
42865 Ashbury Dr	\$327,000
30370 Balfour Dr	\$424,000
45120 Courtview Trl	\$320,000
50297 Drakes Bay Dr	\$570,000
44040 Durson St	\$145,000
24435 Nantucket Dr	\$370,000
24723 Naples Dr	\$274,000
42852 Sandstone Dr	\$290,000
24284 Warrington Ct	\$305,000
Plymouth	
9265 Ball St	\$275,000
686 Coolidge St	\$163,000
297 Fair St	\$213,000
9320 Mayflower Ct	\$221,000
10331 Millwood Dr	\$485,000
311 N Harvey St	\$360,000

40829 Newport Dr	\$100,000
11022 Pinehurst Rd	\$298,000
42536 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$80,000
51229 Plymouth Ridge Ct	\$538,000
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8228 Ravine Dr	\$148,000
139 S Crown St	\$130,000
32670 Sandra Ln	\$95,000
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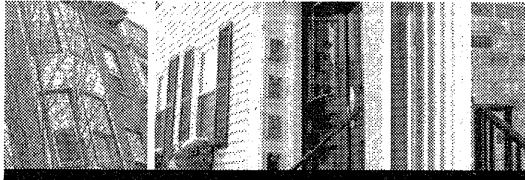
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ACROSS

- 1 Raucous laughs
- 5 Division word — de mer
- 9 Skip
- 12 Rockies ski resort
- 14 Yale grad
- 15 Played in the kiddie pool
- 17 Lubricated
- 19 Make-up mishap
- 21 Draws on
- 22 Pen refills
- 24 Shoe width
- 25 Cloud backdrop
- 26 Pierre's monarch
- 27 Straightens up
- 29 PC capacity
- 31 Comic-strip prince
- 32 Mercury, in the lab
- 33 Giants org.
- 34 Worthless coin

- 35 Border st.
- 36 Type of tiger
- 38 Hoop site
- 39 Kind of humor
- 40 Worldwide org.
- 41 Vampire's tooth
- 42 Sound bounce
- 44 Keep out of sight (2 wds.)
- 46 Car trouble
- 48 On both feet
- 51 Travel choice
- 52 Russian mountains
- 54 Duffel filler
- 55 Go out with
- 56 Grass
- 57 Dust devil

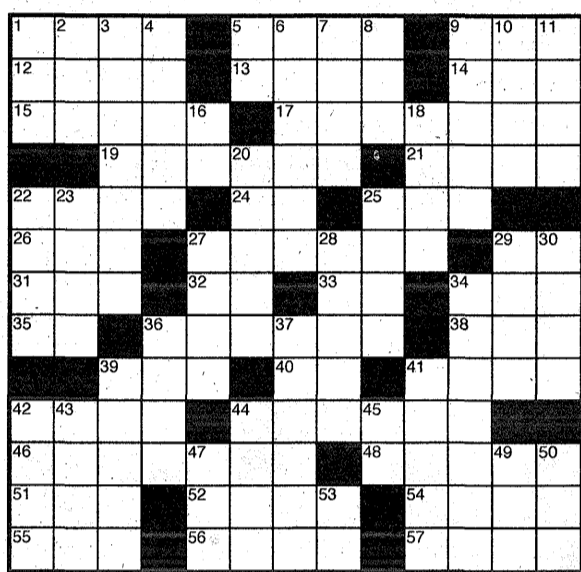
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- 1 Zippy's word
- 2 "Pulp Fiction" name
- 3 Soft leather parts
- 4 Wineglass
- 5 Numeral on Big Ben

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VOID LEIS FLY
EASE INFO LOA
TRAM MISO ILK
SKATED TATA
NAY GYM
CLODS AU TIONS
AOL KILNS ROT
RODE ME ELEGY
ETA GAI
OGLE ORNATE
ELLE YRE BIRD
LEO NICE LENA
MOB SPAT EDEN

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- 6 Harped on
- 7 Run out of energy
- 8 Fiesta cheer
- 9 Cluttered
- 10 Helm position
- 11 Covers
- 16 Madame — Barry
- 18 Diving birds
- 20 Vouchsafe
- 22 Tehran's country
- 23 Rule of thumb
- 25 Broker's advice
- 27 He and she
- 28 Ludicrous
- 29 Zen riddle
- 30 Town
- 34 Kelp
- 36 Something to mop
- 37 Bunkhouse strings
- 39 — turn is it?
- 41 Write bad checks
- 42 Subsidies
- 43 Treasure-hunt aid
- 44 Humdinger
- 45 — Havre
- 47 Fiber-rich grain
- 49 Rascal
- 50 Hear a case
- 53 Whether

SUDOKU

4	7				6	3		9
	6	3	4					
1	8	5		9				
	3	6		7				8
	1		5			9		6
				4	2	7	3	
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|--------|--------|--------|
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| BRUMAL | FRIGID | POLAR |
| CHILLY | FROSTY | WINTRY |

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3	1	8	6	9	2	7	5	4
9	6	7	8	2	1	3	8	5
2	7	9	4	5	1	8	6	3
1	3	7	2	4	9	6	8	5
9	2	6	8	3	9	7	1	4
4	8	7	1	5	4	9	2	6
1	8	5	7	6	1	3	9	2
4	9	4	2	5	1	8	7	3
6	3	5	1	9	8	2	4	7

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I	F	R	I	G	D	I	N	I	P
T	O	O	C	Z	S	S	O	A	O
L	O	C	C	A	O	P	O	S	
O	R	M	L	N	B	R	I	S	K
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2009 Lincoln MKS Gives Nameplate A Makeover With Lots Of New Toys

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I've never really thought of myself as a Lincoln kind of guy. Lincolns, like Cadillacs, were something for old people to drive to play golf or hit the early-bird special. Both nameplates have introduced new models designed to change that image. Lincoln's new luxury flagship, the 2009 MKS, is one of those models and could go a long way in bringing younger, hipper buyers into Lincoln showrooms.

We'll ignore Lincoln's goofy naming system - the same system that also gives us the MKX and MKZ - and focus on the actual car. Full of all manner of new technology, the MKS is a gadget-lover's dream.

For starters, the MKS features Sync, the voice-activated hands-free entertainment and communications system developed in conjunction with Microsoft. The system integrates your Bluetooth mobile phone so you can dial a number just using your voice. That same voice command technology also powers the entertainment system, although it's not exactly perfect and does take some getting used to. Using the system to control the satellite radio, it sometimes took me to channels other than what I asked for. Overall, though, it was fun to use.

Lincoln says it's adding 911 Assist to the system soon. That will allow the cell phone to automatically call 911 in the event of an accident that deploys the airbags, sort of Lincoln's answer to General Motors Corp.'s OnStar system.

Add the optional navigation system and you get some more toys to play with. The system includes a 10 gigabyte hard drive that holds A LOT of music. Take the time to rip your CD collection into the system and you can leave your iPod at home. You can browse through the collection via voice command or the touch screen and the album art will appear on the screen while it plays. Like your mp3 player, you can create custom playlists, and you can also upload pictures to display on your screen. The system also includes a rear back-up camera.

The navigation system home screen is nicely done. The standard view shows the map on the left-hand side of the screen, while the right side shows audio information. You can, of course, make either side the full-screen view. The system also includes a six-month subscription to Sirius Travel Link. This feature gives you up to date information about gas prices (a roller coaster, from \$1.49 to \$4.25 per gallon in recent months), weather forecasts, sports scores and real-



The 2009 Lincoln MKS, where luxury and technology come together.

time traffic information for 78 different metro areas. Oh, yeah. The system is a THX II 5.1 surround sound system and sounds great. You might have so much fun playing with it, you won't want to arrive at your destination.

Auto climate control, rear window defroster, power tilt steering wheel, universal garage door opener and anti-theft perimeter alarm are all standard on the MKS, but if you want to add some more cool stuff, you can opt for the Technology Package, which includes Intelligent Access with Push-Button Start. That allows you to get in the car, start it and drive away, all without pulling the key fob out of your pocket or purse.

Just touch the keyless entry pad on the door pillar, open the door and, with the brake pedal engaged, push a button to start the car. While not the first, or only, model to use this technology, it's still pretty cool.

That package also includes rain-sensing wipers, rear window power sunshade, Adaptive Cruise Control, which uses radar to adjust cruising speed to match the vehicle in front of you, adaptive headlights with auto high beam (as the name suggests, it turns on the high beams automatically in darker areas if no vehicles are in range, and turns them off when another vehicle approaches), and the Forward Sensing System that uses four hidden sensors that can tell you how close you are to other objects while trying to park.

OK, the toys are fun, but how does the MKS do on the road? Available as front-wheel or all-wheel drive, the MKS is equipped with a standard 3.7-liter 24-valve V6 that puts out 273 horsepower and 270 lb.-ft. of torque. It doesn't require premium fuel, but using premium will get you a bit more power (275 horsepower and 276 lb.-ft. of torque). Whether that slight boost is worth the added expense of premium fuel is up to you, but it's nice to know you can save a few pennies at the pump and still get out the gate quickly. Mileage is rated at 16 mpg in the city and 23 on the highway for the AWD and 17/24 for the FWD - not bad for a car of its size.

The engine is mated with a very smooth six-speed automatic transmission that includes SelectShift, which allows you to move through the gears at your own pace.

As you would expect from a Lincoln, the MKS handles well and is comfortable to drive. The ride is smooth without lulling you to sleep, and the rack-and-pinion power steering is responsive. The AWD version can be a challenge to maneuver into tight spaces due to the larger turning circle, but otherwise feels solid.

Both driver and front-seat passenger get 12-way power adjustable heated and cooled leather seats. The rear seats are heated, as well, and there's plenty of room, both front and rear. The trunk is huge and easy to load and unload, but I'd like to see the MKS come with a full-size spare; this is, after all, the luxury flagship.

But this is a luxury flagship with some cool design cues. Its double-wing grille is inspired by the 1941 Lincoln Continental and it's nicely done. The MKS comes with 18-inch wheels, but has 19-inch wheels available as an option. Fog lights are standard, as are heated power mirrors. Power moon roof is optional.

The 2009 Lincoln MKS starts at around \$39,000. Add all the fancy stuff (the Ultimate Package) and you're looking at almost \$45,000 - in line for a luxury sedan with plenty of toys. Enough to make you forget about the early-bird special.

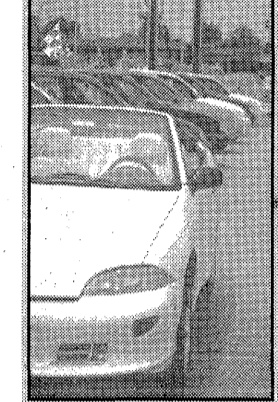
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Vehicle class: Luxury sedan.
Power: 3.7-liter 24-valve 6-cylinder engine.
Mileage: 16 city / 23 highway.
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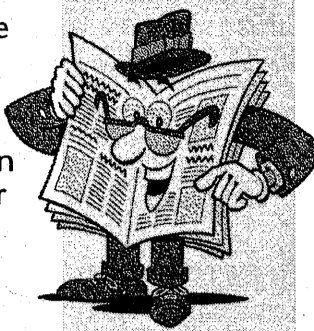


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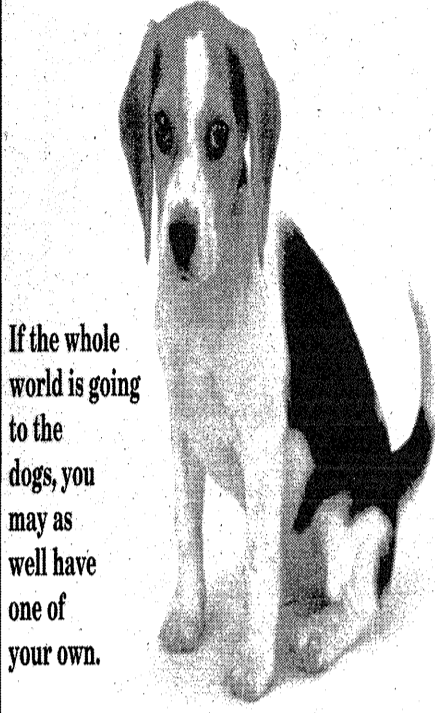
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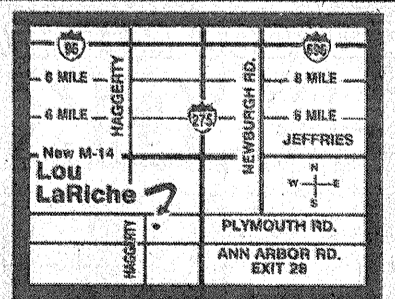
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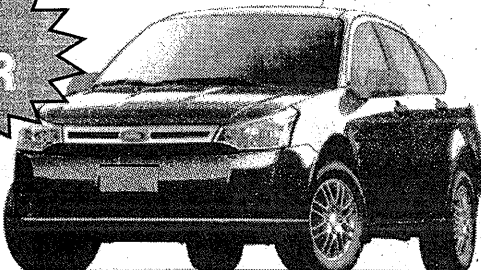
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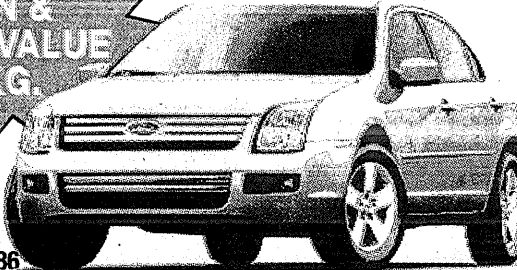
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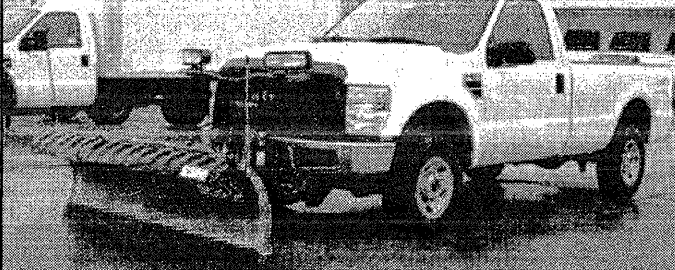


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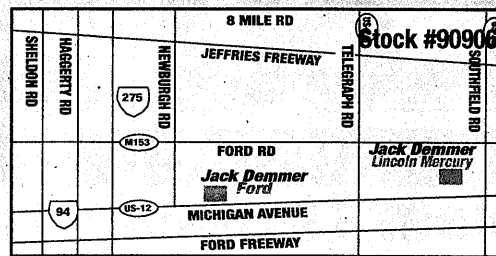
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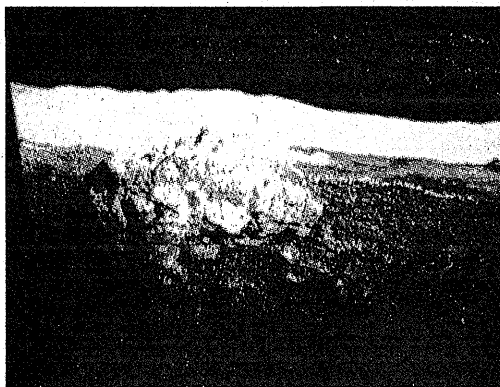
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Oils and Minerals



Howard Nordlund's paintings shimmer with the use of real, raw minerals.



Holiday Happenings

Events

Christmas in the Village: Tour decorated homes and enjoy carriage rides, hot cocoa, Santa Claus, and carolers, all while raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Cherry Hill Village of Canton, 500 N. Ridge Road, Canton. Tickets \$15, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheatre or call (734) 394-5460.

The Big, Bright Light Show: Downtown Rochester lights the night with its dazzling display of more than 500,000 lights coating all the buildings along Main. The free event, through 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 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.

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-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.

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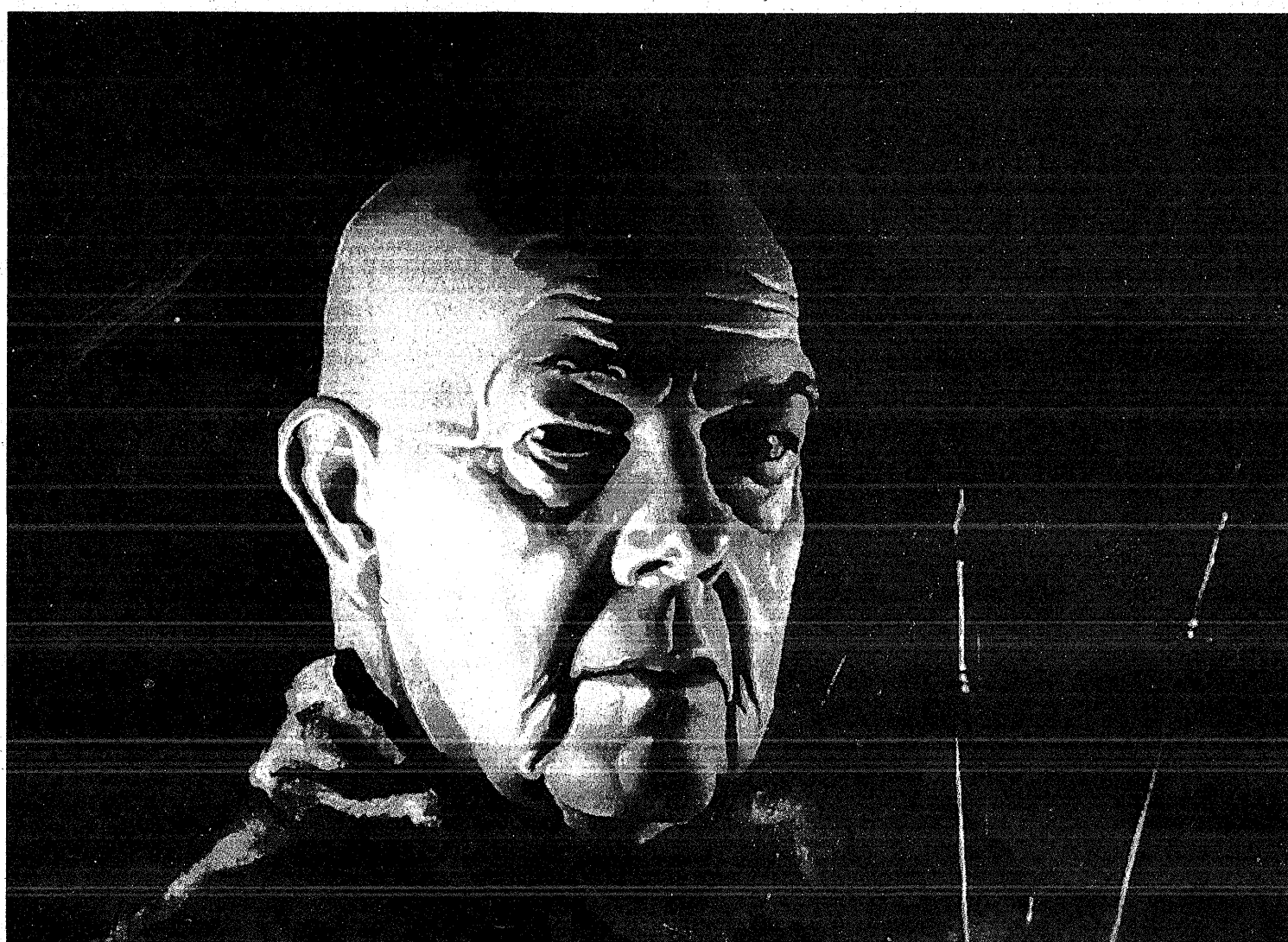
Christmas Flourish: The Birmingham Concert Band teams with the Chancel Choir of Redeemer Lutheran Church, for an inspirational and fun holiday concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at the church, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. The concert is free, but donations to the band's scholarship fund will be accepted.

Messiah: The Oakland Choral Society presents this classic, 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. Tickets are \$15, available by calling (248) 852-9395.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Talk about uplifting and reinventing holiday songs. Catch one of these two shows on Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

Christmas in Concert: See Tony O'Brien with Casali Holiday Dancers, 8 p.m. Dec. 13, at Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com.

A Prairie Home Christmas: Go A-Wassailing with Garrison Keillor and the DSO for this "Under the Mistletoe" presentation, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.



This portrait of artist Howard Nordlund was painted by his son, Hans Nordlund.

Bloomfield Hills artist featured at Cranbrook Institute of Science

OILS AND MINERALS

What: Fine artist Howard Nordlund displays his oils paintings incorporating minerals, sand and stones
When: The exhibit runs through Dec. 31
Where: Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills
Tickets: Exhibit free with museum admission, \$7-\$9, children under 2 admitted free

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bloomfield Hills-based artist Howard Nordlund doesn't hide his fascination for sparkling crystals and minerals of all varieties. Instead, he incorporates them into his own works — mostly large-scale oil paintings showcasing stunning clusters of quartz, shining bits of sand, smooth pebbles and sharp stones.

Since October, about 10 of his works have been on display at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, appropriately adorning walls in the Every Rock has a Story area. His exhibit, *Oils and Minerals*, marks a melding of art and science which Director Michael Stafford said will continue over the next year.

Stafford was responsible for bringing Nordlund's work into the science institute. "I'm thrilled to be here," said Nordlund, a wide smile on his face. "I'd rather be exhibited here than in any other gallery." Coming from a professional artist with more than 40 years of experience, that's quite a statement. Nordlund's work has been shown and sold in galleries from



Bloomfield Hills resident and artist Howard Nordlund used quartz crystal in this oil painting, among those now on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

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DSO family concert is Slatkin's top debut for some young pianists

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
O&E STAFF WRITER

While Leonard Slatkin's long-awaited debut as conductor of the DSO is tonight, the more anticipated concert for some area youth is Saturday.

The 11 a.m. Dec. 13 free family concert, "Civic Holidays with Leonard Slatkin," will include the DSO Civic Youth Orchestra and the five winners of the DSO Student Piano Competition. The competition was hosted by the DSO and Michigan Music Teachers, and was open to all middle school pianists in the metro area.

Slatkin will lead the concert, which features the first perfor-

mances of a new set of his own arrangements of classic holiday tunes for piano and orchestra.

Beth Rhoades, 13, of Rochester Hills, one of the young winners, is thrilled to have the opportunity to perform on the Orchestra Hall stage.

"I am really honored to be chosen, because I know many people auditioned," said Rhoades, the daughter of Rick and Allison Rhoades. She is also a percussionist in her band class at West Middle School.

Her family subscribes to the DSO so she said she knows of Slatkin's top reputation in the music world.

"I am really grateful to my piano teacher," added Rhoades, referring

to Gail Gebhart of Lathrup Village.

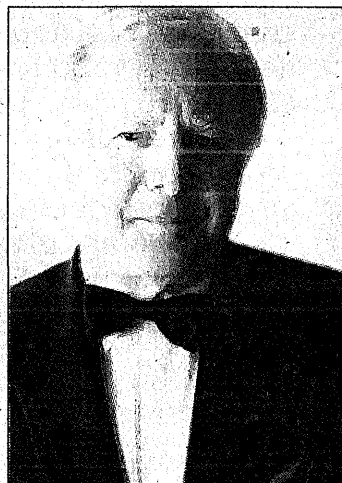
Gebhart has a second middle school student, Kara Komer of Chesterfield Township, who also won one of the coveted five spots on stage.

FIRST PERFORMANCES

Each of the piano contest winners will perform in two carols. Rhoades will play in the *12 Days of Christmas* and *Moonlight Carol*.

"The *Moonlight Sonata* has some of the *Moonlight Sonata* in it," she said.

Slatkin, who has won several Grammys, was inspired by his 13-year-old son to create the arrangements a year ago. His son, who plays the piano, asked his school's music teacher if he could perform



Slatkin

something for the annual holiday concert.

"This started me thinking about writing an arrangement that would be appropriate for his age group," said Slatkin. "If you are in middle school and play a string, wind or percussion instrument, most likely you can be in an ensemble. But when you play the piano, you are alone. There are few



Beth Rhoades, 13, of Rochester Hills will perform Saturday, Dec. 13 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

outlets for interaction with your fellow musicians at that point in your education."

The new series fills in the gap for keyboard students he said.

"Some of the pieces are humorous and some are serious, and

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CONCERT

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there are references to works and styles from the classical canon." The 10 selections are included in *Holidays for Piano and Strings*, the first educational collection published by the Hal Leonard Corp. as part of the Leonard Slatkin Youth Orchestra Series. It's available at the DSO retail store.

Marni Raitt, assistant director, public relations, DSO, said that Slatkin's involvement with youth is part of the reason they are so excited to have him there.

"Education is one of his top

priorities," she said. "He's doing another concert in April."

Among Slatkin's diverse achievements: He is the founder and director of the National Conducting Institute, an advanced career development program for rising conductors; he founded the Saint Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra; and he has worked with student orchestras across the U.S. and abroad.

Tickets for Civic Holidays with Leonard Slatkin are free and must be reserved at (313) 576-5111.

Tickets for the National City Young People's Concert Slatkin's All-Stars on Jan. 10, 2009, start at \$10; box seats are \$46. Visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

Easy cookie recipes

Correction: the flour from the sugar cookies was omitted last week and placed in the rum ball recipe. Here are the recipes again.

AUNT DEE DEE'S SUGAR COOKIES

By Dean Henry of Livonia
I have literally made thousands if not a million of these, once you make and try it you will see why. Makes about 120.

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup oil
- 2 eggs
- 5 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream sugars and butter together until fluffy, slowly pour in oil while mixing. Add eggs, vanilla, salt, soda, tartar, mix to incorporate. Scrape down bowl, add flour while mixing on low in stages. Scoop out small amount of dough — about 2 tablespoons. I use an # 70 ice cream scoop to make this part of the process really easy. Place dough on cookie sheet. Once you have the dough scooped onto your trays, you will need a cookie press or flat surface such as the bottom of a jelly jar or glass. Dip the press into sanding sugar, red, green, or white, and press/flatten the dough to 1/4" thickness. Bake 8-10 minutes.

151 RUM BALLS

By Dean Henry of Livonia
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons cocoa powder
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup ground nuts (I use ground pecans that I grind myself, you may want to use pecan meal)

Combine all with 2 tablespoons honey and 1/4 cup 151 proof rum. You may need more than 1/4 cup of rum.

Consistency is right when all holds together. Pinch off small pieces, about 1 teaspoon, shape/roll in your hand, toss in powdered sugar and set aside to ripen in covered container at least 12 hours.

I CANT BELIEVE IT'S A COOKIE, COOKIE

By Debbie Jones of Southfield

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup peanut butter
- Brach's Chocolate Stars — about 18

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together. Drop with a teaspoon onto cookie sheet. Press a Brach's chocolate star into the center of each cookie. Bake 11 minutes.

MY EASY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

By Lori Fillmore, Royal Oak

- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon molasses
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven 350
Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda.
Add sugar and salt. Stir.
In a separate bowl stir syrup, molasses, vanilla and canola oil.

Add wet ingredients to dry and stir. Add chocolate chips and nuts. Do not over mix. Bake 12 minutes or one minute longer for slightly crispier cookies. Cool one minute before removing from pan.

MACAROON KISSES

by Chef Kelli Lewton of Pure Food 2U

- 1 14-ounce can of sweetened condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon of almond extract
- 2, 7-ounce packages of flake coconut (5 1/2 cups)
- 48 solid milk chocolate stars or drops

Preheat oven to 325. Line baking sheets with parchment and spray with cooking release spray. In large bowl combine sweetened condensed milk, vanilla and almond extract. Stir in coconut. Drop by rounded teaspoons or scoop onto cookie sheet. Slightly flatten each mound. Bake for 15-17 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and immediately press chocolate star or kiss into center. Cool. Store at room temperature or freeze. Yields 4 dozen

MEXICAN WEDDING CAKES

By Chef Kelli Lewton of Pure Food 2U, Royal Oak

These cookies have a rich tradition of being served at weddings (hence the name) they are also a favorite served with rich Mexican hot chocolate

- Yield 15 dozen
- 2 cups toasted pecan halves
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 7 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grind pecans and sugar until they are fine. Cream butter and sugar together until creamy. Add vanilla. Add salt and

flour. Chill dough and scoop into 1-inch balls and place on lined cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake at 325 until edges are brown, cool and roll in powder sugar.

POPPY SEED SPIRALS

By Chef Kelli Lewton of Pure Food 2U, Royal Oak

A generous sprinkling of poppy seed gives these lemon-flavored cookies a highly distinctive, beautifully blue-hued spiral

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons poppy seed
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel

Beat butter for 30 seconds. Add sugar, baking powder, and salt. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Beat in as much flour as you can using the mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour.

Divide dough in half. Stir poppy seed and lemon peel into one dough half until combined. Leave remaining half plain. On a lightly floured surface, roll each half of dough into a 9- by 6-inch rectangle. Carefully roll poppy seed rectangle around rolling pin; unroll on top of plain rectangle.

Make sure edges are aligned; press down gently with rolling pin to seal. Tightly roll up, jelly roll style, starting from a long side. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill for 4-24 hours or until very firm.

Cut dough into 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick slices. Place slices about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet

Bake at 375 for 8-10 minutes or until edges are browned. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool.

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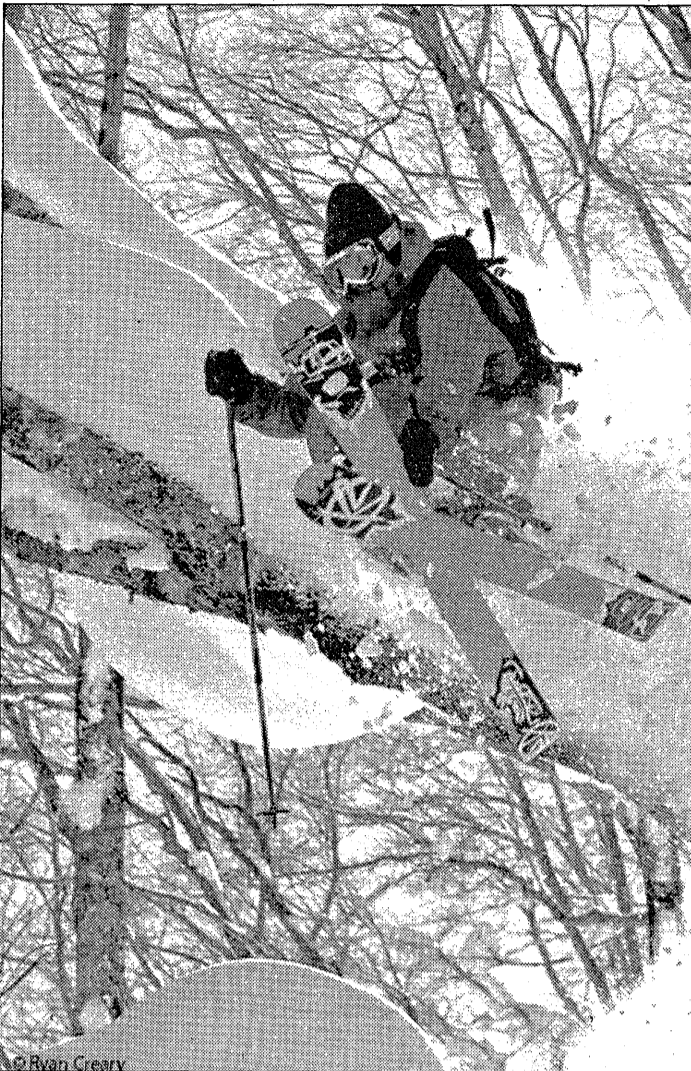
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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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SEEKING PATH

But long before Nordlund earned the title "an Artist's Artist" he was seeking his path. He began to explore his talent for drawing as a high school freshman. Though he attempted to follow in his older brother's footsteps and study business at East Commerce High School, after just one day he transferred to Cass Technical High School in Detroit and devoted his studies to the arts.

Nordlund later began working as a clay modeler for Chrysler Corp. Once a year the company would host an exhibit to showcase the creative hobbies of its employees. "I put my paintings in that and they were always snapped up," he recalled. Because his works sold so quickly, they were not available to be transferred to J.L. Hudson Co. in Detroit for display, like other pieces in the show.

As a result of the interest, Nordlund was granted five separate one-man exhibits at the esteemed department store between 1964 and 1968. "Because of J.L. Hudson, I realized I had a market for my work," he said. "I put down my modeling clay and picked up my paint brush."

USING MINERALS

His work has changed over the years — from vignettes to pointillism to the abstract pieces he creates now that incorporate his fascination of raw minerals. "One day I just put some in my painting," he said. Nordlund is inspired by the way the materials he uses catch the light. "I just love the energy they give," he said. "They are how God created them."

The results can be seen on both large canvases, and smaller sets. Nordlund prefers to stick to a neutral palette, the earthy bronzes, beiges and creams mirroring the natural materials that mingle with them on canvas. But flashes of color and bold, dark canvases are also part of the show. Some evoke the movement of an ocean, a shoreline, or even the ruddy surface of the moon.

He purchases his minerals at shows and collects found objects on his travels — everything from crushed glass to shimmering sand.

Nordlund considers the placement of these objects very carefully before affixing them to his canvas with paint and epoxy. It takes more than one month to complete and this work must be done outdoors.

Crystals can be sharp and sometimes cut his hands in the process, but the end effect is captivating. Even the artist admitted he sees something new each time he looks at one of the paintings. The public is welcome to experience these works on exhibit until Dec. 31.

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UPCOMING

Christmas music
"Repeat the Resounding Joy" Christmas Dinner Theater Dec. 12-14, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13, performances begin at 7 p.m. and a full dinner will be served. Sunday night's program, Dec. 14, begins at 6 p.m. with a dessert table only. For tickets, visit www.5milechurch.org or call (734) 464-6722.

Glory of Christmas
The theatrical production runs weekends through Sunday, Dec. 14, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial at Ridge, Plymouth. Tickets \$16 and \$18. Call (734) 414-7777 or visit www.northridgechurch.com. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Detroit Lutheran Singers
Celebrate CHRISTmas concerts 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10 (\$7 for seniors and students age 12 and older) and will be available at the door. For advance tickets, call (248) 988-6715. For more information, visit www.detroitlutheransingers.com.

Evenings of Evangelization
With Rev. Alex Kratz, 7 p.m., Friday, 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.

Holiday cookie walk
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne (across from Wayne Post Office). Holiday cookies, breads, pies and candies, specialty gift baskets. Cost is \$5 for small container, \$9 medium, \$13 large. For information, call (734) 721-4801.

Christmas Cookie Walk
Too busy to bake? Buy cookies by the pound from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago Road, between Beech-Daly and Inkster Road, in Redford. (313) 937-2120.

Choirs concert
The Choirs of St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites the public to a special Christmas concert, "Ring In The Holidays", 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The concert features the Felician Sisters Choir as well as St. Michael's Handbell Choirs and the Mikapellas, a women's acappella choir. No charge. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or visit www.livoniamichael.org.

Bethany monthly dance
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 13, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (this is the I-96 service

drive), east of Inkster road, Redford. Dance lesson this month, dancers choice, cost \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call (734) 261-5716 for details.

Christmas season events
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, is hosting events for the Christmas Season at no charge in the sanctuary. Events include "A Gift of Hope" Christmas concert featuring the Ward Chancel Choir, Teen Choir, Orchestra, Ensembles and Handbells is 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, includes audience singalong of favorite Christmas carols. The Combined Choirs and Orchestra with guest conductors and soloists perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21.

Adult choir concert
The St. Aidan Adult Choir, directed by Ray Schmidt, presents its 27th Annual Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is \$5 and two nonperishable food items. This event is held annually to assist the St Aidan Christian Service Commission to aid those in need during the holiday season. Call (734)425-5950. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of event.

Christmas concert
Celebrate the birth of Jesus with Steven and Deborah Thomas (saxophone and Praise Dance) 3:34:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, Livonia.

Christmas worship
Special Christmas service 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, with the choir at First United Methodist Church of Wayne singing "Music from around the World." All welcome. Church is located at 3 Towne Square, across from Wayne Post Office. Regular services 9 a.m. traditional, 10:30 a.m. contemporary. Call (734) 721-4801.

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.

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.

Christmas Eve services
7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Garden City. All are welcome. Call (734) 427-3660.

Christmas Eve worship
8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster road in Livonia. The services will include candlelight and communion. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Christmas worship
5:30 p.m. family worship, children's pageant; 7:30 p.m. candlelight communion service (Contemporary Worship Ensemble); 10:30 p.m. Christmas music prelude, and 11 p.m. candlelight community service with Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells Wednesday, Dec. 24, and 10 a.m. Christmas worship Thursday, Dec. 25, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. All are invited.

Clothing bank
Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month (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.

Sunday school
Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Hall rental
Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

UPCOMING

Worship service
The Wayne-Westland Ministerial Association is sponsoring a worship service to remember the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. There will be a combined choir from several churches led by Steve Holbrook. The preacher for the evening will be the Rev. Mike Wilson of the New Beginnings Church in Wayne. The public is invited. If you have any questions, call Neil Cowling at the Kirk of Our Savior, at (734) 728-1088.

Music at St. John's
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

Parkinson Support
Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia

Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelts and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

Mid-week Service
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Laverne, 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 Wacht 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.livoniafaith.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.single-place.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@sbcbglobal.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 ccranea@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 Laverne, 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 cbcwomenministries@hotmail.com.

LOGOS Youth Club
Calling all youth grades 4-12 to join the LOGOS Youth Club at Northville First United Methodist Church. Recreation, dinner, Bible study and music Wednesdays, 5:15-8:15 p.m. began Sept. 26. For registration, visit www.fumcnorthville.org or call (248) 349-1144.

HeartCity
The support group provides hope and help for mothers of prodigals at 7 p.m. on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. They use "The Hope of a Homecoming," by O'Rourke and Sauer (S12). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4.

Women of the word
Bible study meets 9:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Choose from Covenant, a Precept Upon Precept class, or The Truth Project (new from Focus on the Family). To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or visit www.vchurches.com/cbc-women.

Bible study
Get a new life, study Scripture 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Monastery on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Focus of study is Romans. Call (248) 626-8253 for more information.

Fellowship Dinners
6 p.m. Thursdays. Dinner catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, \$6. At St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Thrift Shop
9:30-11:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford.

Registration
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Center is now taking registrations for the fall program at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. It is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Loving and caring programs are offered for toddler, preschool, pre-K, and child care. Call (734) 513-8413.

Morning prayers
7:30 a.m. Tuesday-Friday, at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware, corner of Puritan, Redford. Please join in as participants

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December 8, 2008. Age 87. Life long resident of Birmingham. Retired in 1989 after 46 years as a clerk for Fisher Body, Pontiac and Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac plant in Lake Orion. Wife of the late Glenn A. Mother of the late Kay Susan. Daughter of the late Ernest and Edna Luth. At her request, services were held privately. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500.
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August 24, 1960-Dec. 11, 2007
God saw you getting tired, when a cure was not meant to be. He closed his arms around you and whispered "Come with me!". In tears we saw you sinking, we watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping so peaceful, so free of pain, we could not wish you back to suffer so again. So keep your arms around her Lord and give her special care. Make up for all she suffered and all that seemed unfair. We loved and miss you Debbie. Tony, Jamie, Jeni, Mom, Dad, Michelle, Robert and Dana

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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

CALENDAR

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start day with prayer. Call (313) 255-6330.

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in. There is no charge, although organizers ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

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Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m., presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Avenue and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrockcafe.4t.com.

Worship service

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10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster Road on Plymouth Road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets the second Monday of each month 7-9:30 p.m. at the Longacre House on Farmington road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call Vikki for more information at (248) 497-7755. A Christian women's group.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Worship services

Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more

information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000

W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at Westwood Community Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093 for information.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p>	<p>Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation 8820 Wayne Rd. (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290 Jill Heather, Pastor 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Available)</p>	<p>BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH in place to include</p> <p>Casual, Contemporary, Excellent Children's Program</p> <p>Meets at Franklin H.S. in Livonia on Joy Road (Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads) at 10:00 a.m. 734-425-1174 Join us for coffee, bagels and donuts after the service!</p>	<p>WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church</p> <p>40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400</p> <p>Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery & Sunday School During the 9:30 & 11:00 Hours</p> <p>Evening Service • 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday WRDT-AM 560 The WNUZ Word Station For additional information visit www.wardchurch.org</p>
<p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Dr. Jimmy McGuire Services held at: Madonna University's Kresge Hall 36600 Schoolcraft Road • Livonia Parking lot is on N.W. corner of Levan & Schoolcraft • Nursery provided www.fellowship-presbyterian.org</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</p>	<p>Risen Christ Lutheran David W. Martin, Pastor 46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth (1 Mile W. of Sheldon) (734) 453-5252 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Nursery Care Available All are welcome. Come as you are. www.risenchrist.info</p>
<p>St. James Presbyterian Church, USA 25350 West Six Mile Rd. Redford (313) 534-7730</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M., Sunday School - 10:15 A.M., Thursday Dinners - 6:00 P.M., Thrift Store every Sat., 10am-2pm Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible Rev. Paul S. Bousquette</p>	<p>First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 734-453-0970 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m. Reading Room located at church Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 734-453-0970</p>	<p>St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School 17810 FARMINGTON ROAD, LIVONIA (734) 261-1360 WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY: 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org</p>	

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 734-582-8342 or e-mail: dhart@dps.com

CHARITY EVENTS

Many retailers have charitable events this time of year in order to brighten the season for others. Here are a few:

Toy Shop

Century 21 Hartford, 35615 Grand River, Farmington, is a drop-off site for The Salvation Army's Toy Shop, now through Friday, Dec. 12. The Toy Shop is an alternate Christmas program for every family that is not adopted through the Adopt-A-Family Program. The adult representative from each family can go through a mock toy shop and choose unwrapped gifts for each child in the family. New, unwrapped toys, stuffed animals, games, clothing for kids up to age 14, will be collected. All items will be delivered to The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 478-6000

Toys for Tots

Dress Barn is launching its first Toys for Tots Drive, through Dec. 12. Local Dress Barn stores will encourage residents to donate new, unwrapped toys for the cause. The store will give customers who donate a toy a 15 percent coupon off a regular priced item. Area Dress Barn locations include Auburn Hills, Canton, Clawson, Farmington, Livonia, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Troy.

In good hands

The Pistons and Allstate Insurance Co. are again teaming up to help Michigan families through the "Good Hands, Warm

Hands" Mitten Drive. All donations benefit Orcharde Children's Services, a foster care and adoption agency located in Detroit and Southfield.

Fans may bring mittens, gloves, scarves and other winter accessories to all Pistons home games until Dec. 31 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Drop-off locations include the West Atrium and the Comcast Pavilion. Fans who donate will receive a \$2 off coupon for concessions and be entered to win a Pistons VIP package, with tickets to the Jan. 23 Pistons vs. Dallas game, VIP parking and dinner at The Palace Grill restaurant. Fans can also purchase Allstate/Pistons mittens for \$5 to keep or donate back to the drive.

Toys and coats

Play It Again Sports locations in Metro Detroit have teamed up with Real Life Santa Jim Tuman to collect donations of toys and coats for Tuman's charitable organization, Jimmy's Kids. The organization helps special needs kids from 4 years to 11 years of age who are indigent, physically or emotionally challenged, or forgotten. (http://www.jimmyskids.com/The_Dream.htm). Play It Again Sports has 10 locally owned and operated metro Detroit locations, including in Canton, Clawson and Livonia. The store buys and sells quality new and used sports and fitness equipment as part of a trade in, trade up program. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 24. Visit www.playitagainsports.com.

Salon styles hair fashion show that's for a good cause

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

When Flip hosts a hair fashion show in Detroit on Sunday, it will be about more than glamorous pony tails and fabulous Afros.

The 8 p.m. Dec. 14 event at Cliff Bells in Detroit also benefits Freedom House of Detroit, which houses and helps political refugees.

Irene Petts, owner of the Ferndale hair salon, said stylists are happy to have fun and raise money for a worthy cause.

"It's a creative outlet for us because we can do different hair styles that we don't do every day in the salon," she said of the first-time show.

"At the same time, the way things are going with the economy, it's great to mix doing something creative and doing something fun with an organization that needs help."

The idea to have their show help Freedom House came from salon client Alexa Stanard, a grant writer and volunteer there. Up to 35 political refugees live in a former convent under the auspices of the group.

"There are so many groups



Flip salon owner Irene Petts, styling the hair of Sheila Maples, is looking forward to staging a hair fashion show for Freedom House.

in need," said Petts, "but then I started thinking about the organization and what the people have been through...I had no idea it was so close to home."

RETRO, MODERN, FANTASY

"Hair Fashion Music," will feature three hairstyle segments, retro, modern and fantasy, all done by the salon's seven stylists.

There'll be entertainment by EsQuire, The Haunted Beat

Band, The Hentchmen and DJ Anytime.

Clothing is being provided by Mother Fletchers and House of Chants and local designers Familia and Wound Menswear.

Hairstylist Marci Bolen of Ferndale helped organize the show. She said that each hairstylist will do several styles for the different segments. Her styles will include a finger wave from the 30s.

"We wanted to do something where everyone could showcase their craft," she said. Bolen, who also plays in a

band, is excited that the show also includes area musical talent.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Stanard, a Royal Oak resident, said the much needed money will be likely be used at Freedom House for various immediate needs, from winter clothing to medical care.

"It all makes a difference," she said. "The thing that is special about Freedom House is it is the only place in the country that offers comprehensive services, from housing, to legal services, to employment training, all of the things that someone might need if they are coming to this country to seek a refugee claim."

Stanard said an added benefit of the show is that people will become more familiar with Freedom House.

"I think it's wonderful," she said of retailers that help others during the holidays. "It really says a lot to put this type of effort in at a time when people are struggling."

Tickets at the door are \$10. Doors open at 8 p.m.; entertainment starts at 9 p.m. Cliff Bells is located at 2030 Park in Detroit. For more information, visit www.flipaloninc.com. Or call Flip at: 248-544-1400

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