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# Scholar dollars

Need help with those college bills? The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has a suggestion: Submit

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or fourth year of under-

graduate studies. They also must live in the league's service area of Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and the Wayne County portion of Northville as well as attend a Michigan college or university where they are majoring in gov-ernment, political science or public policy.

Additional information and the scholarship application can be found at the League's Web site at www. lwvnww.org. Click on 2009 Scholarship Application. The deadline is April 17.

# In session

If you've ever wanted to see your county government in action, you'll have a chance Tuesday, April 14, when the Wayne County Commission will hold a full board meeting in Westland.

The commission will meet in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford, west of Wayne Road, at 10

 According to commission Chairman Edward A. Boike Jr., the meeting will serve as the commission's annual equalization meet-

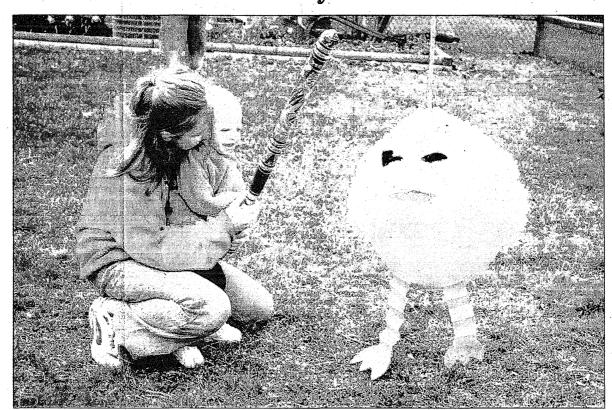
# Taxed payers

A group describing themselves as a "bunch of ticked off taxpayers" is organizing a Tax Day Tea Party in Kellogg Park 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.

Organizers said the event will feature speakers, music, drama and a sign rally.

"I think our country will be very surprised on the 16th at the huge numbers of citizens showing up to declare their outrage at what is going on in America right now, organizer Sharon Lollio said in an e-mail to the Observer.

# Pinata adds to family's Easter tradition



Carly Stevenson, left, and Joey Krul both of Plymouth, approach the Easter pinata created by Michele Adams of Plymouth.

# Church still comes first

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like so many other people, the main focus of the Easter observance for Michele Adams and the rest of her family is traditionally church.

They spent Thursday and Friday in church, they used Saturday to bless Easter baskets, and they were at Mass today (Sunday) for Easter Sunday services.

But Adams and her familyincluding nine nieces and nephews - also celebrated another tradition Sunday when the youngsters in her family broke into the Easter pinata Adams has created for them the last seven or eight years.

"We're a Polish heritage family, so our biggest tradition revolves around church," said Adams, a Plymouth resident. "This (pinata) was just something fun to do for the kids on Easter Sunday, something for the joy of the day."

Adams said she gets "the really big balloons" from a balloon specialty shop, then papier-mâchés it, covers it in plain white paper and a clear acrylic coating, then makes it look like "a big, huge Easter egg."

One year, she made it look like a baby chick sitting in the bottom of an egg; most years, it's an Easter egg. Adams said she fills the pinata with Easter candy and toys (some from dollar stores, others bought the year before in after-Easter sales).

The nieces and nephews help Adams with the decorating.

"I love my Auntie Michele because she makes these very fun pinatas," said 7-year-old niece Emilie Stevenson of Plymouth. "We get to help put goodies inside and make the pinata."

This year, the kids will be smacking it with an authentic pinata bat brought back to Adams by her niece,



Carly Stevenson (Plymouth), Joey Krul (Plymouth), Ryan Sheesley (Milford), Michele Adams (Plymouth), Emilie Stevenson (Plymouth), Jonathan Sheesley (Milford), Noah Sheesley (Milford) and Dillon Stevenson (Plymouth) pose with two of Michele Adams' Easter creations.



Stevenson, 7. of Plymouth, takes a whackat the Easter pinata created last year by her aunt, Michele Adams, also of Plymouth. Adams has been doing the pinatas for about eight years.

19-year-old Sophie Stevenson, a Madonna University student who

was in Mexico on a mission trip. And swinging the bat will provide the children some entertainment - after the main reason for the weekend has been observed.

"This is a time of great joy in the church, and that's where our main focus is," Adams said. "This (pinata) is just something fun to do with the

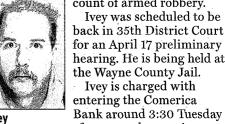
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# 1 suspect arraigned, 1 still loose

Court sets prelim for township suspect; city still searching

Raymond Ivey, the 40-year-old Plymouth man accused of trying to rob the Comerica Bank branch on Ann Arbor Road Tuesday, was arraigned in 35th District Court in

Plymouth Thursday on one count of armed robbery.



for an April 17 preliminary hearing. He is being held at the Wayne County Jail. Ivey is charged with entering the Comerica Bank around 3:30 Tuesday afternoon, threatening to rob the bank and hinting he

possessed a bomb. Bank security officials notified Plymouth Township police, who arrested Ivey as he left the bank. Ivey allegedly issued "verbal threats to rob

the bank," according to Lt. Robert Smith, the department's assistant chief of police. "Bank security had the (suspect) on vid-

eotape and called us," Smith said. "He never showed a weapon, and we arrested him as he exited the bank." The Michigan State Police bomb squad

was called in to examine a bag allegedly possessed by Ivey. No explosives were found. No one was injured during the incident.

# IN THE CITY

Meanwhile, police in the City of Plymouth are still searching for a man who took an estimated \$1,200 from the Charter One Bank branch in downtown Plymouth April

Lt. Al Cox said there was only one customer in the bank, and one teller at the counter, when the man walked in. When the customer left, the man approached the teller and said he needed money, Cox said.

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Plymouth police are looking for this man in connection with a robbery at the Charter One Bank branch at Penniman and Main in downtown Plymouth.

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# Growing with the times, Saxton's starts 9th decade

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

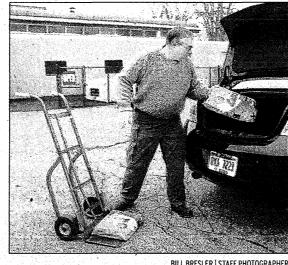
As venerated, decades-old companies struggle to survive a recession and a fast-changing global economy, Saxton's Garden Center is

Plymouth's model of flexibility. Founded in 1928 in Northville as a feed and grain store that catered to farmers and horse owners from the nearby racetrack, Saxton's survived the Depression, World War II, mass suburbanization, the disappearance of local farms and competition from big-box stores.

"The only thing that's absolutely, totally sure is change, and you've got to be adaptable," said 83-year-old Bill Saxton, the son of founder Dean Saxton, from his winter home in Florida one recent afternoon.

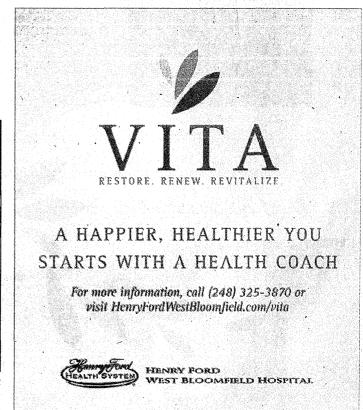
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Alan Saxton loads Scott's fertilizer in a customer's car. Saxton's has been a fixture in Plymouth for more than 80 years.



# District hires food service manager

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BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education made the decision last month not to renew the contract of Sodexho, the district's longtime food service contractor, in favor of moving to an internal operation.

On Tuesday, the board hired veteran foodservice worker Kristen Hennessey to run it.

Hennessey comes to the district from Aramark Education, a food service and facilities management company where she's worked for some 16 years.

Hennessey has served since 2005 as that company's Michigan Regional manager, overseeing 15 food service directors and some 500 Aramark and district employees.

"We're getting someone with very unique leadership abilities," said Ray Bihun, Plymouth-Canton's executive director for human resources. "What I like is she also had training at the Culinary Institute of America.'

Hennessey was food service director for Wayne-Westland schools from 1999-2003 and has also worked in Farmington, Minn.,

She's got a bachelor's degree in hospitality

and tourism management from Grand Vallev State University.

Sodexho's contract with the district runs out at the end of the summer, and the board decided not to renew it, ending the company's 20-plus-year relationship with the district.

Instead, the district hired Hennessey to run the program, which produces some 1.6 million meals a year, according to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services. While the three managers who worked in the program the longest - all of them employees of Sodexho - will no longer work there, Larson-Shidler said the 85 other food service employees who are on the district's payroll will keep their

They'll work for Hennessey, a Canton resident who grew up in Traverse City and said landing the Plymouth-Canton job "is so excit-

ing."
"I always said when the perfect position comes up I'd love to work in this community," Hennessey told board members. "I'm excited to work with the staff, and I think we're going to do some really great work for you."

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# Goal-oriented

# Realtor finds silver lining in housing, opens own office

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It would be an understatement to say that Jeff Glover is ambitious.

In the midst of a recession that's blamed, in large part, on the collapse of the housing market, Glover recently opened his own Keller Williams Realty office, Jeff Glover & Associates, in downtown Plymouth.

He's set high goals for himself and the nine other Realtors on his team: Sell 200 homes this year, half of them on his own. That would translate into approximately \$30 million in sales and \$900,000 in revenue.

"I just want to be the number-one agent in Michigan," said Glover, of Plymouth Township, during an interview in his Main Street office on



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City, then Art Van, then in real estate, Glover spent a year as an agent at the (now closed) Century 21 Town & Country office in Plymouth before he was recruited by Coldwell Banker Schweitzer to manage a Livonia office — at age 20. He's just 24 now.

What does it take? "Goals and a burning desire to achieve them," Glover said. "Everyone says they have goals, but you've got to really want it.'

Glover said he's long wanted to own and operate his own business. His goal in opening his Keller Williams office, he said, was to have his own team of agents. He is looking for a total of 30 agents; Glover prizes motivation, discipline, accountability and the willingness to be coached and follow a schedule.

"You have to do those things" in order to succeed, he said. Glover is finding a silver lining in the housing market.

With prices depressed, a lot of first-time buyers are shopping around, he said. Homeowners who can afford to upgrade but lost the equity in the homes they're selling are paying to sell — bringing checks to the closing table, he

After all, Glover said, spending \$20,000 to sell your house is nothing when you're going to turn around and buy a \$400,000 house that's been discounted to \$250,00.

On the flip side, however, more people are resorting to short sales, in which the lender agrees to take a loss because the seller owes more than the house is worth, and some would-be sellers are too discouraged to continue.

"So many sellers have just given up, so they're just taking them off the market altogether,' Glover said.

Glover doesn't see home prices coming up for six to nine months, but some of the housing numbers, he said, show a tightening market, which is encouraging.

For example, there are about 55,000 homes on the market in southeastern Michigan now, he said, compared to about 90,000 two years ago, though he attributed some of that drop to sellers who have given up. And about 4,400 homes a week in the area are being sold now, he said, compared to 3,700 a week two years ago.

Glover said he wants his business to be a "calming force" in the troubled housing market. "We take this business very seriously," he said.

Glover, who grew up in Novi, is single and enjoys Detroit Red Wings and Tigers games, for which he has season tickets. He recently bought a second home — a condominium at the restored Westin Book Cadillac in downtown Detroit.

That's going to be my weekend getaway, so to speak," he

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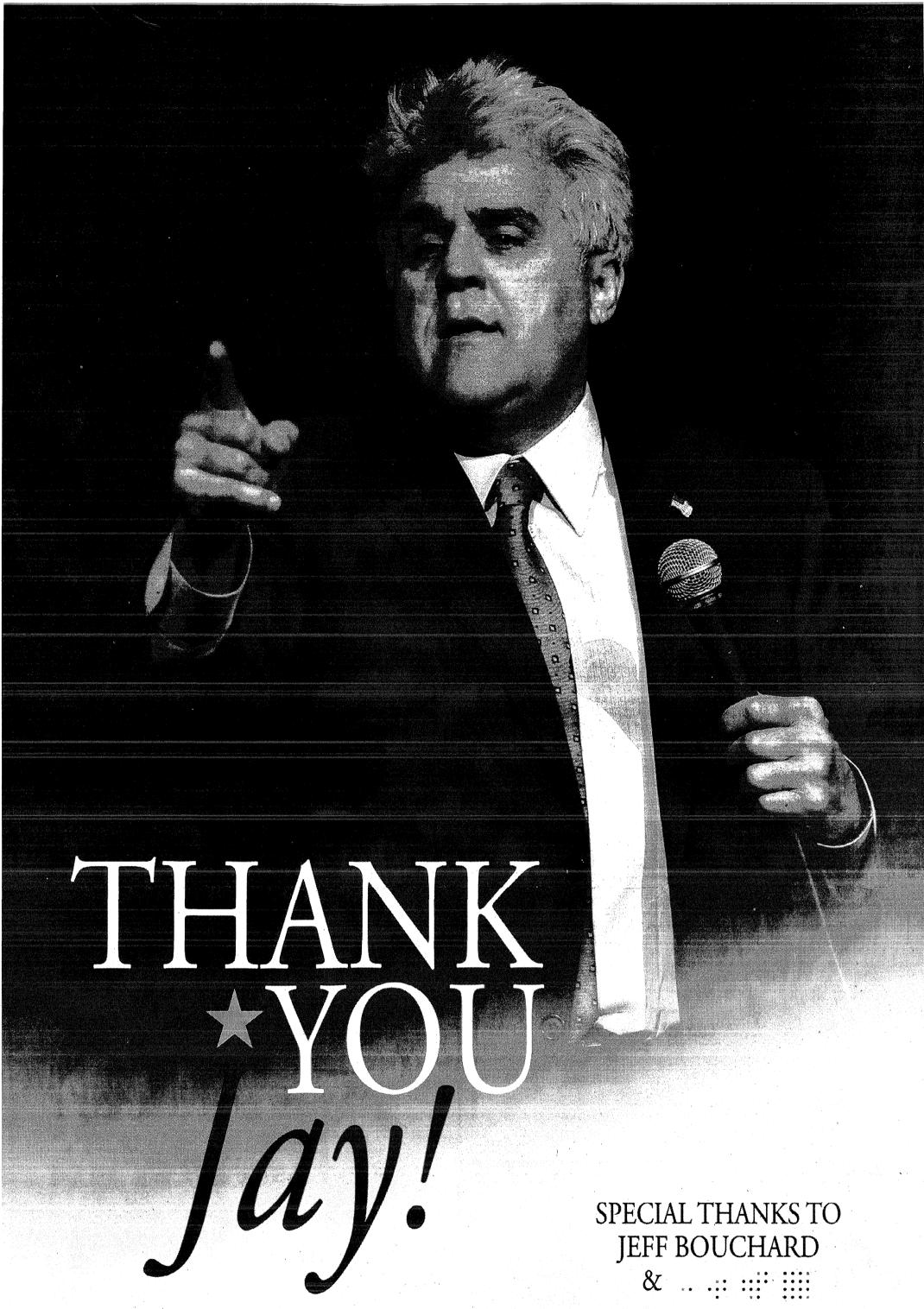
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# EDUCATION

# New Morning gets 'Green' designation

New Morning School has been awarded the "Michigan Green School" designation, school officials announced this week.

To qualify, New Morning
School met 10 environmentally
friendly criteria set by the state.
New Morning School has ramped
up environmental efforts by using
recycled newspapers for unique
art projects and reducing paper
waste through increased electronic communication. New Morning
School also has a building-wide
recycling program.

An energy savings program has been instituted at the school, resulting in decreased energy usage and lower bills. Students conducted energy audits using electric consumption monitors and made improvements based on their findings. For example, through these measurements, students estimated turning off school computers every night could save 30,700kW of energy and \$500 in one year.

Students at New Morning School have also brainstormed some edible "green" initiatives. The school has planned, built, and planted an organic vegetable garden. The spring planting includes spinach, radishes, and leafy greens. A second planting is anticipated in June. A school-wide compost collection program will be implemented to help provide fertilizer for the community garden.

New Morning School will be recognized along with other Michigan Green Schools at an awards ceremony in May.

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

### **One-stop shopping**

Lori Morrison, who owns Ribar Floral in Plymouth, has organized a one-day event, the Plymouth Prom and Graduation Expo, to give students a shot at deals on everything from flowers and dresses to limos and jewelry.

The event, set to take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Ernesto's in Plymouth is open to students from any school district and features two dozen businesses with some kind of connection to a prom or graduation ceremony. Most of them are local Plymouth and Canton retailers, though others are coming from as far away as Carleton, Trenton and Grosse Point Woods.

There are restaurants, florists, dress shops, car dealerships and even a personal trainer. The idea, according to Morrison, is to provide students headed to prom or readying for graduation one-stop shopping potential with a shot at discounts, prizes, etc.

For instance, Ribar Floral will contribute one dollar for every corsage and boutonniere sold back to the buyer's school. Citizen's Bank is raffling off gift cards and Summit Place Kia is offering a special on cars should kids (or their parents) want to buy one as a graduation present.

Find all the details at the event's Web site at www.plymouthexpo.com or call Morrison at (734) 455-8722.

### Preschool camps

Red Bell Preschool is now enrolling for Spring Break and Summer Camp 2009.

To register or for more information, visit the school's Web site at www.redbellpreschool.com or call (734) 453-5520.

## Field Fun Fair

Field Elementary School's sixth annual Fun Fair is set for 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 1, and the public is welcome. The school is located at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton.

Raffle tickets for \$5, prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Lap Top, and a Weekend Getaway with Cedar Point Tickets, iTouch and gift card bundle. Raffle tickets available to purchase the evening of the event, with the drawing to be held at 8:45 p.m. Need not be present to win.

A silent auction (6-8:30 p.m.) features Tiger suite tickets, teeth whitening, cappucino machine, and many other great donations from local area businesses. Business owners who would like to donate to the silent auction can call Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891.

Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled by each classroom, including Fun for Boys, Fun for Girls, Family Game/ Movie Night, I Love Chocolate, I Love Scrapbooking, A Day at the Beach, Truckload of Cash, and many others.

# All Saints students perform 'Stations' in 'Passion' study

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Stations of the Cross are the traditional depiction of the final hours (or Passion) of Jesus.

The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer through meditation at the 14 chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions.

For the past nine years, seventh graders at All Saints Catholic School in Canton - which also draws students from Plymouth - have performed the "Living Stations of the Cross" as part of their study of the Passion of Christ.

The study takes K-8 students back to Jerusalem and the journey of Jesus as he carried the cross to Calvary, a hill outside Jerusalem where the crucifixion took place.

"I can really understand what pain Jesus went through, how the people reacted and what it was like for the people who loved him," said seventh-grader Erica Hammerstein, 13, of Canton. "I think I understand it more to see it happening before my eyes. It really makes me feel like I should do something to help other people see what it's like."

Patrick Otto, 13, of Canton played one of the guards who mocked Jesus and led him to his death on the cross.

"I think he went through a lot of pain and agony in getting crucified," said Otto. "He was known, but then he was more known for saving our sins."



"Guards" (from left) Logan Lazorka, Nathan Forster, Patrick Otto and



Students at All Saints Catholic School perform the Stations of the Cross as part of their study of the Passion of Christ.

Pam Sarlitto and Elizabeth Parusch, both of Canton, volunteer their time each year to direct the seventh-graders in performing the 14 Stations to other students.

other students.
"I think, especially for
the younger students, it's
important for them to see

was tortured," said Sarlitto.
"We all can do the Stations of
the Cross at church where it's
read to us, but somehow that
visual picture makes it more
vivid and brings home the
message."

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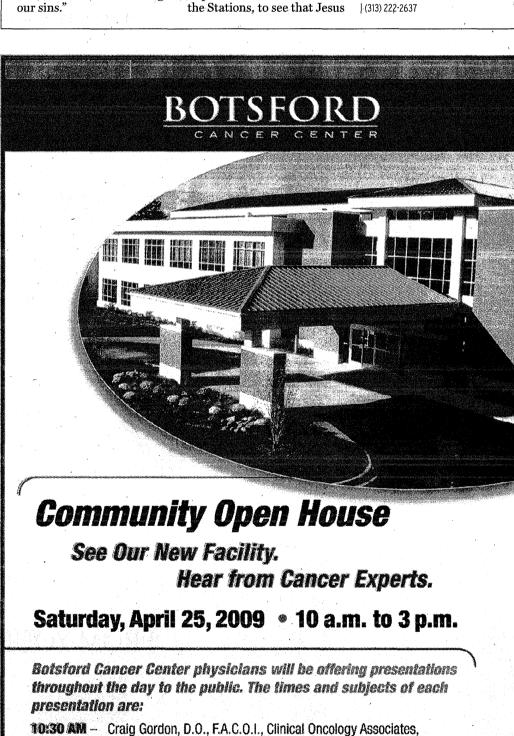




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## **AROUND PLYMOUTH**

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

### PLAV car show

PLAV Post 116, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia, will hold a combination open house and car show noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

The general public is invited (bring your cameras) with special emphasis on owners of "oldies" and car club members. For additional details contact Roger L. Kehrier at (734) 453-2031.

### Love stories

Concert lovers can make plans now to attend the BeckRidge Chorale's "Love Stories" Spring Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile Road,

Tickets for the concert, which features songs are for women and men, are \$13 and \$16. For more information or to order tickets visit the group's Web site at www. beckridgechorale.org or call us at (734) 416-9885.

### Salvation Army sales

The Salvation Army is sponsoring two major shopping events at the same time: its Mom2Mom and Rummage Sale at its church location at 9451 S. Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road, on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to

The Rummage Sale will feature great bargains on gently used clothing, household goods, books, kitchen gear and small appliances. We will also be accepting donations for our rummage sale at the church beginning Monday, April 14 between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

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for a coupon for free admission. Great coffee and baked goods will also be available. All proceeds from this day of shopping will benefit The Salvation Army-Plymouth's Tiny Tots Preschool Program and our Women's Ministries program.

Please visit the Web site at www.misalplymouth.org or call us at (734) 453-5464 for more information.

### Blackboard Faces

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents an interesting display of white-on-black drawings when it hosts an art show featuring the work of local artist Aydin Akcasu 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 24.

The show will feature his drawings of people's faces, made using white chalk on a black background. He uses an iterative process that involves slowly evolving the drawing and giving it more light (white). This has the fascinating effect of giving the appearance of a person who is slowly moving out of a dark room.

There's no admission, but there is a one-drink minimum. The art work will be on display in the Blue Room through June 1. Samples can be seen at Art. AydinAkcasu.com

The Plymouth Coffee Bean is located at 884 Penniman in Plymouth.

## Tea and scones

The Plymouth Preservation Network is inviting people to "Tea and Scones to Save the Stones," a benefit to save the WPA Stone Wall that stands in Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial

The fund-raiser takes place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main.

Enjoy tea and sweet treats provided by Sweet Afton Tea

lovely & unique creative theme tables designed by: Basket Kreations, Bohemian Home, Haven, Home Sweet Home, Maggie and Me, Magnolia, Sideways, and The Velvet Plum.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the above retail shops; no tickets will be sold the day of the event. For more information, please visit the group's Web site at www.plymouthpreservation.org

### Miller Woods walks

The wildflowers of Miller Woods have arrived to announce the official end to winter. The Friends of Miller Woods are inviting walkers to join them Sundays, April 19, 26, and May 3, at 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. Tour guides will point out some of the 25 varieties of flowers that grow there. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Ridge and Beck Roads in Plymouth Township.

The woods is a designated nature preserve, therefore dogs are not permitted within it. For more information about this historical property, please visit our website www.millerwoods.com.

## Career seminar

Anyone who has thought about a career in Real Estate has a chance to get plenty more information when Keller Williams hosts a 59-minute career seminar 6:30 p.m. April 16.

The seminar takes place at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. The seminar is designed to answer questions about commission, costs, what it takes to succeed and your potential for success.



# **Gooey goodness**

When the marshmallows hit the ground during the annual Wayne County Marshmallow Drop Friday, hundreds of kids sprinted across the field to scoop as many as possible. The Easter Bunny also made his appearance during the annual drop at Nankin Mills in Westland.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

## Friendly Fridays

Plymouth Christian Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year.

Potential students and their families can visit Plymouth Christian Academy on Friendly Fridays April 24 and May 1 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. David Butler, Head of School, or Caryn Huntsman, Elementary

Principal, at (734) 459-3505. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road (between Lilley and Morton Taylor) in Canton - visit PCA on the Web at www.plymouthchristian.org

### **Financial Freedom**

Achieving lifelong financial success can sometimes seem like an overwhelming task. However, when developed step by step, you can gain long-term control of your finances. Community Financial offers a free workshop, Steps to Financial Freedom,

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Community Financial, 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The workshop is designed to help attendees gain long-term control of their finances and achieve lifelong financial success. Participants will learn how to create a step-by-step plan that will include setting goals, communicating with family members, creating a budget, building savings and more.

Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call (734)





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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting April 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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UNIT #417-LAURA THUMA, 1497 SHERIDAN, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

China cabinet, (4) chairs, picture frames, (4) dining rm chairs, (2) vases, table lamp, glass coffee table, suitcase, (2) dressers, buffet, shelving unit, (20) misc boxes and other misc items.

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UNIT #581-ANN MILSON, 26309 ETON, DEARBORN HTS, MI Vacuum, (3) satellite receivers, wooden box, (3) modems, (24)

tubs, electric heater, table lamp, folding chairs, luggage, radio, dresser, dishes, angel statue and other misc items.

UNIT #612-TYLER LANG, 6375 NAPIER RD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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# Asset allocation strategy helps reduce risk

Q: Dear Rick: I recently heard you speak at the Livonia Library about investing and I am confused about asset allocation. Is it the same as diversification?

A: No. Asset allocation is an investment strategy that financial advisers use. Asset



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spreads risk within an asset class. In understanding asset allocation it is important to

recognize that

there are many different classes. Asset classes are subcategories of investments. For example, some of the asset classes that I use in portfolios I manage are U.S. Large Cap, growth, value and blend; U.S. Small Cap, growth, value and blend; Foreign Large Cap, growth, value and blend; and, both foreign and domestic

energy and real estate. These asset classes are equity classes — stocks. In addition, there are many asset classes within the fixed-income or bond area such as U.S. Treasury, intermediate and short-term investment grade corporate bonds, short and intermediate term foreign bonds, inflation

protected bonds and GNMAs. The strategy of asset allocation is to spread money into many different classes to reduce the overall risk to the portfolio without hurting returns.

Diversification is spreading investments within asset classes. For example, if you want to invest in an emerging market, diversification means investing in many companies and in many different emerging markets as opposed to investing in one company or even in one emerging market.

I believe, for the great majority of individuals, following an asset allocation strategy that is diversified will protect an investor. That does not mean that those individuals who follow an asset allocation strategy did not lose money last year because they did. However, generally they lost less because they followed this strategy.

In following an asset allocation strategy, the key is to have the right allocation in each of the different asset classes. The first thing investors need to do is to decide the allocation between equities and fixed income. I recommend to start with a 60/40 split (60 percent stocks, 40 percent bonds) and

then make adjustments. For investors with long-term goals, a 70/30 split is recommended. For those with shortterm goals, a 50/50 split.

The key is to base your allo-

cation upon your goals and objectives. Once you have determined the allocation between stocks and bonds, then you need to allocate within the different asset classes.

I do not have an equal allocation between asset classes. I generally have more allocated in large cap U.S. funds vs. emerging markets. The risk tolerance level of an investor is one of the guiding principles in this allocation. A more aggressive investor will have a larger percent in an emerging market than a conservative investor. However, no matter what type of an investor, I still want to have something in the emerging market area, it's the percent that changes.

Diversification is also important. You can't invest in one investment within an asset class, you must have many. This is why I like mutual funds. When you invest in a mutual fund you can have a hundred different investments within an asset class. Investing in just one or two investments within an asset class assumes too much

In reviewing individual studies on investments, all the studies reach the same conclusion — it is more important to have the right overall allocation than picking the right investment. In other words, having the right allocation will ultimately make an investor successful. Unfortunately, most investors

spend the majority of their time picking the right investments vs. determining the right alloca-

One last note, to make an asset allocation strategy work, you must occasionally rebalance your portfolio. After all. different asset classes will perform differently over time. It is important to rebalance your portfolio to make sure that you put your portfolio back into the proper allocation. By following this strategy you are actually selling your winners and buying your losers. That is exactly what an investor should do. We all want to sell high and buy low.

It is important to recognize that as your goals and objectives change, so should your overall asset allocation. As an investor begins to need income from their portfolio, the allocation should change to contain more in fixed-income investments and less in equities. It is your goals and objectives that dictate your overall allocation, not what is happening with the market.

An investment strategy is key. The successful investor is one who has a proper game plan based on his/her individual situation.

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.

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> Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Diving Board Platforms for Salem High School Pool. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Harry Lau of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Salem High School Pool, 46181 Joy Road, Canton 48187, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids are due to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Salem Diving Platforms), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2009. A notarized familial disclosure statement and valid bid bond must accompany all bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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long time, and we'll continue to do so," said Alan Saxton, Bill's son, who represents the fourth generation of Saxtons in the family business.

### **GRAINS BY THE TON**

Bill Saxton, who still works at the downtown Plymouth store during his months in Michigan, used to help unload railroad cars that carried grain there. The cars had a capacity of 20 tons each.

"Sometimes we were unloading two cars in a week," he said. "And they're all 100-pound bags."

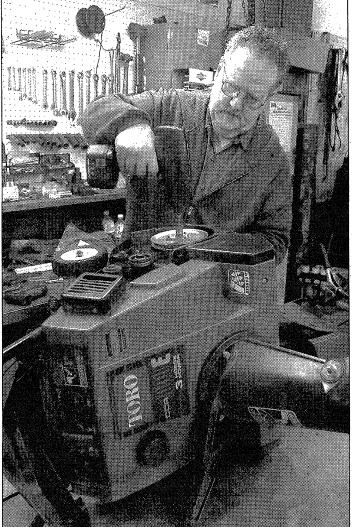
After a stint in the U.S. Navy during the war (he was studying to become a pilot) and a degree from the University of Michigan, Bill returned to Saxton's, where he boosted the feed business, then later introduced lawn mowers and small tractors.

"I could see that the trend was more suburban," he said.

Founder Dean Saxton was a Ford Motor Co. crane operator in the 1920s. He raised chickens on the family's property in what is now Southfield, and his quest for chicken feed got him interested in going into business for himself, his son said.

With the location in Northville, the nearby horse track didn't hurt, either. "It was just a shoo-in to sell oats," Bill Saxton said.

But the Depression hit just a year after the store opened,



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Larry Woosley repairs a Toro snowblower in the repair shop at Saxton's.

his father struggled and put in many hours, Bill Saxton said.

**BROADENING BUSINESS** 

Dean Saxton's own father — Bill's grandfather — was hired to work the Northville

operation, and in the 1930s, Dean Saxton opened a second store in Redford Township, a few miles from home.

As a boy, "I biked down there and worked," Bill Saxton said.

The Northville store was sold in 1942 and the Redford store closed in the late 1940s, as local farms were being replaced by subdivisions.

Dean Saxton continued to be involved at the Plymouth store; in his 90s, he would stop in to greet and chat with customers. He died in 1994 at age 102.

Like his father, Alan Saxton has been in the business since he was a boy - some 50-odd years, he said. At age 5, he said, he was dusting the equipment. His mother, Valerie, managed the bookkeeping, and is still active as the company's secretary and treasurer.

Alan Saxton said farmers kept coming to Saxton's into the 1960s, though there were fewer of them. There were a lot of serious vegetable gardeners with large plots years ago, too, buying tillers and cultivators. Though there is increasing interest in home gardening, Alan said, the scale of those gardens doesn't compare to the gardens of the mid-1950s.

'We still sell tillers, but they're small — and not very many of them," he said.

Saxton's stopped carrying live plants in the 1980s, Alan said, when competition increased and big-box stores came along. Vegetable seeds were also dropped, too, but with demand increasing in the past two years, were reintroduced this year, he said.

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High-end yard and garden machines — mowers,

riding mowers, shredders, leaf-blowers, tillers — are the mainstay at Saxton's now, Alan said, and servicing those kinds of machines makes up about a third of the business. During the winter months, Saxton's sells snowblowers.

While more consumers move toward cheaper mowers and tractors sold at big-box stores, Saxton's relies on more expensive, but longer-lasting, models, and the mechanical skills to keep them going, Alan said. That trend toward "throwaway purchases," he said, is the biggest change he's seen in the business.

"They don't consider the long-term value of the equipment. They tend to shop at the box stores," he said.

Saxton's also carries parts and supplies for the equipment it sells, lawn and garden tools, fencing materials, gasoline-powered generators, fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides, organic gardening supplies and garden

knickknacks. Bill Saxton said he's seen lots of business ups and downs, and that he's found that an economic dry spell is usually followed by two or

three good years. The store's basic philosophy, he said, has been for employees to treat customers the way they themselves would like to be treated.

"If you do that, you can never go far wrong," he said.

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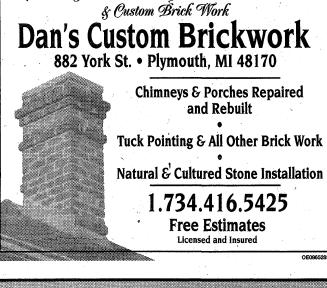
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# NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Moving Bentley and Tonda Elementary Schools.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 on or after April 12, 2009. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. and Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

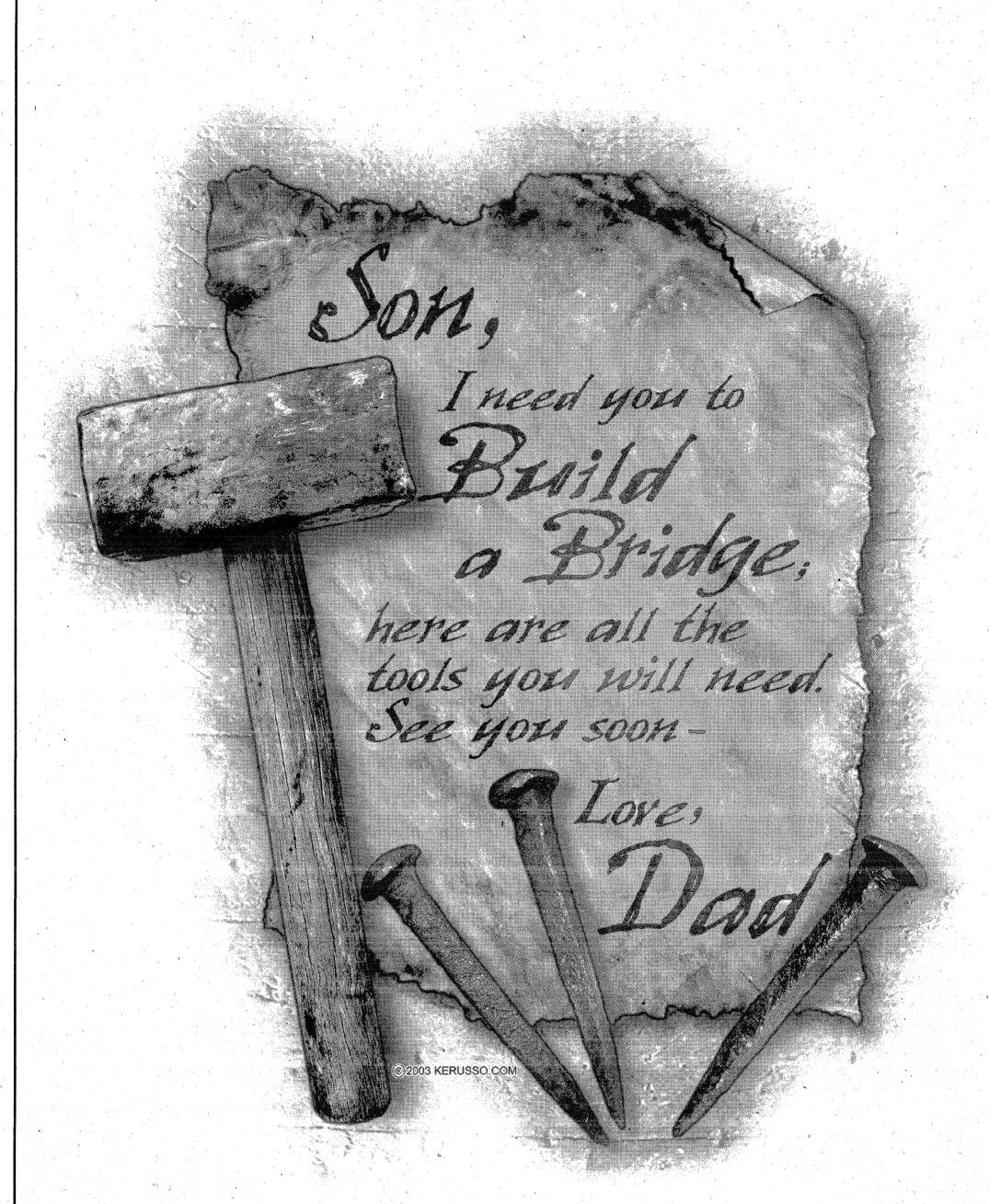
There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Walk-Through on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m. at the Tonda Elementary Cafeteria located at 46501 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Šecretary

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# Plymouth Museum to 'bury' Lincoln one more time

The 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, was assassinated 144 years ago this month.

Officials at the Plymouth Historical Museum plan on burying Lincoln again April 25, when the museum presents an all-day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) event called "Burying Lincoln."

Beginning at 10 a.m., Liz Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director, will present the lecture "Victorian Mourning Rituals." At about noon, Senator Jacob Howard, portrayed by Museum volunteer Dave Tennies, will give an abbreviated version of the speech he gave in Detroit following the announcement of Lincoln's assassination on April 15, 1865. And at 2:30 p.m., Jeff Bell, treasurer of the Plymouth Historical Society and a funeral director at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, will present the lecture "Burying Lincoln."

Throughout the day, reenactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry will act as bodyguards for Lincoln's coffin, and will be available to answer questions about their activities.

Kerstens said estimates are that one million people viewed President Lincoln's body from the time of his death on April 15, 1865, until his burial in Springfield, Ill., on May 4, 1865. Lincoln's coffin was very elaborate for that time, Kerstens said, and a nearly exact replica of his coffin is now on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum, thanks to the sponsorship and coordinating efforts of the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Lincoln's coffin was constructed of solid walnut, lined with lead, and completely covered in expensive black cloth.

It was six feet, six inches long and was decorated with sterling silver handles and studs extending the entire length of its sides. The center of the lid showcased a shield outlined in sterling silver studs and a sterling silver plate bearing the inscription:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN 16th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BORN: FEBRUARY 12, 1809 **DIED: APRIL 15, 1865** 

The Batesville Casket Company was commissioned in the 1990s to create a replica coffin for an Illinois museum. The company then made its own replicas for traveling displays; the coffin now on display is one of those replicas. Batesville's replica is authentic down to the smallest details (except for being lined with lead, and the silver plate on the center of the lid is not included).

The coffin will be on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum until Sunday, May 3, 2009. In addition to the coffin, two other events this month will help commemorate Lincoln's assassination.

No tickets are necessary for the April 25 event; normal admission charges will be collected at the door.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's major exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," runs through Nov. 4. The museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. Parking is available

across the street, behind the Plymouth District Library. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-17, and \$10 for families. Admission is free for members of the Plymouth Historical Society.



# 'Daddy's Girl' packs 'em in

PCA Players Maggie Slagenwhite, Natalie Smith, Jessica Koloian and Catherine Koloian were part of the student cast that performed 'Daddy's Girl' to packed houses April 2 through April 4 at Plymouth Christian Academy's activity center. The director, Mrs. Laura Landrum, double cast the production allowing more students an opportunity to perform the two act comedy. "During my tenure at Plymouth Christian Academy this has been by far our most successful show. The students have grown as actors and I was delighted by the overall success of the production," said Landrum, Plymouth Christian Academy's drama teacher. The PCA Players will be performing an evening of original works at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on Thursday, April 30. Tickets are available at the Village Theater box office.



When the teller asked how she could help him, the robber said, "You're being robbed. I have a gun," according to Cox.

The robber had a black and red duffel bag and told the teller to put the money in it, Cox said. He held one hand inside his coat as if he had a gun, Cox said. When the teller was finished, the robber took the bag, walked out of the bank and turned right, heading out of the sight of people in the bank.

No getaway vehicle was seen and the robber had no apparent accomplices, Cox said. Police searched the immediate area just after the holdup.

The robber was described as black, about 5-foot-6 and 150 pounds. He was wearing a brown leather coat over a dark sweat shirt with white trim around the hood, dark pants and a black bandana on his head. He had some short facial hair.

- Staff writers Brad Kadrich and Matt Jachman contributed to this





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# McCotter: Michigan hasn't 'bottomed out'

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

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asked.

"Have we bottomed out?

Have we turned a corner?" she

Martin asked about bankrupt-

cies and foreclosures, as well as

McCotter, a Republican, said

debt needs to be cut so consum-

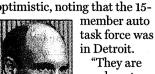
"Once they have that outstand-

ers aren't in over their heads:

enforcement of usury laws.

Financial planner Antoinette

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) couldn't be too optimistic, noting that the 15-





Rotary Thursday. "In Michigan, we have not bottomed out.'

Those comments came in response to a question from Margaret Harlow, who owns a



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family tire business. understand this is a huge prob-

> lem and it's going to intensify." McCotter said he wrote a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernancke.

"You're now paying 100 percent on the dollar to insure those bonds," he said of the AIG payout. There's an incentive to allow General Motors to go ing debt, they then sell it off. We bankrupt, he added.

"I've yet to receive an answer," McCotter said of his letter.

Kim Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor, said he was honored to serve in Vietnam.

"This thing's being gutted," said Shunkwiler, holding up a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

McCotter agreed the chaos in financial markets has led to turbulent times. He said the Wall Street bailout came "without any real control and certainly

any sense of justice."

"The U.S. bailout has to end," the congressman said during his visit to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, If credit markets are freed up, much will improve.

"It's undermining your confidence in your subservient government," he told Shunkwiler.

They turned the tax code into a penal code," McCotter added of the AIG bonuses. He said both the Republican and Democratic parties are diverse: "Where the twain meet, we try to get things done.'

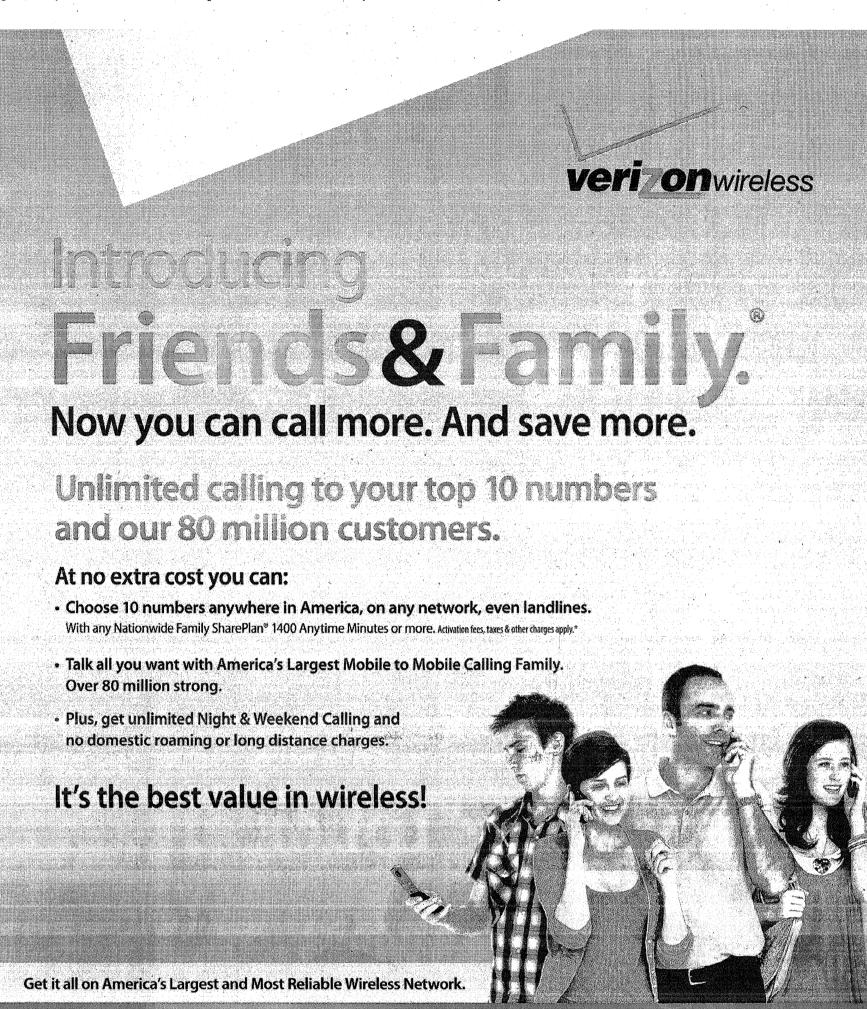
McCotter discredited an

Internet posting that President Barack Obama plans to shut the Web down.

"That would be to curtail free speech and that would be against the Constitution," he

McCotter's concerned about Michigan's future saying that "everything we've grown up with will be gone.'

He said Mississippi has had success in encouraging university students to do research and development, and set up businesses after graduation. Massachusetts has done similar work, McCotter said.



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# Chiefs 'corner' Churchill with late goal

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday afternoon, Canton's girls soccer team spent a significant amount

of time practicing corner kicks. On Wednesday night, practice made perfect.

With nothing but goose eggs on the scoreboard and just under eight minutes showing on the second-half clock, Canton's Lisa Pierce struck a perfect, curving corner kick that landed within striking distance of the right foot of teammate Lauren Peeler, who nudged the ball past Churchill goalie Stefanie

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Turner from less than five feet away.

"We've been working on corner kicks a lot at practice," Peeler revealed. "We've run that same play that we scored on so many times. It was a great corner by Lisa. The ball stopped right in front of me and I just kind of poked it in."

The one-goal decision left both teams with 1-1 overall records. More importantly, Canton rose to the head of the class in the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division.

"Both teams played a great game," said

Canton coach George Tomasso. "I was disappointed after we came up short (3-2) against Novi in our opener, but we made some minor adjustments and they worked tonight against a very good Churchill team.

"In the first half, I felt we didn't attack the end lines much. We only had one or two corners. In the second half, we focused more on attacking the end lines, which created more corners and goalscoring opportunities.

"I credit the entire team for the win tonight. All 18 girls that were here played, and they all did a great job. It was a total team effort."

Junior goal-keeper Samantha McPartlin registered the shutout for the Chiefs, turning away seven Charger

The Chiefs fired 12 shots at Turner. PLYMOUTH 8, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0: OnWednesday at the PCEP varsity stadium, the surging Wildcats dominated the Patriots to improve to 3-0.

Three Wildcats registered two goals each: Kelly Dobbs, Liz Koet and McKenzie Hengesh. Jen Babcock and Megan Peplinski tallied single goals for the winners.

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# **Spartans** give **Rocks kickers** 2nd-half blues

After playing to a scoreless draw the opening half, Livonia Stevenson began to find the range and rolled to a 5-0 KLAA Central Division girls soccer win Thursday at home over Salem.

Stevenson is now 3-3 overall and 2-0 in the Central, while Salem falls to 2-1-1 and 0-1

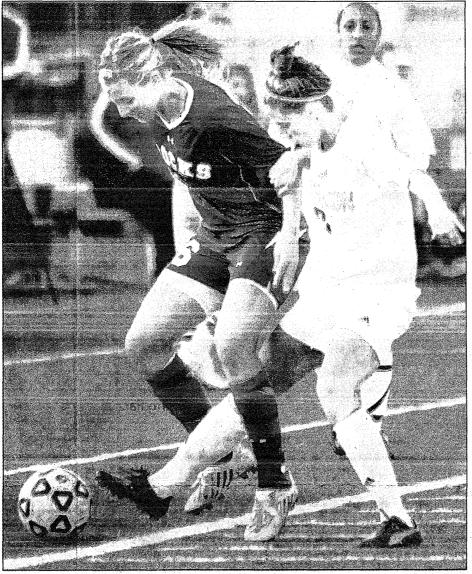
We totally broke down defensively (in the second half)," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We put late pressure on the ball allowing Stevenson to do whatever they liked against us in the second half. Their running off the ball and desire to win the loose balls frustrated us and then created unorganized defending.

"It's so early that it's not something we are worried about. We will just learn from it and work to keep improving." The story was reversed for the

Spartans during the final 40 minutes. "After struggling to get behind their back line, which was pretty organized in the first half, we played with some more urgency in the second half," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Five minutes into the second half. Renee Boudreau won a tackle at the top corner of Salem's box and dumped a

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jill Behrman battles for possession of the ball during Thursday night's KLAA Central Division match against Livonia Stevenson. The Spartans won, 5-0.

# Whalers can't withstand Spits' 61-shot barrage

Rob Kwiet and Scott Timmins scored power play goals in the second period to snap a 1-1 tie and the Windsor Spitfires went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-2, in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Thursday before 6,496 at the Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.

Windsor leads the bestof-seven OHL Western Conference playoff series, three-games-to-two. Game six was played Saturday at Compuware Arena. If necessary, game seven will be played Monday at 7 p.m. in Windsor.

Besides Kwiet and Timmins, Taylor Hall led the Windsor attack with a goal - his ninth of the playoffs and two assists while Justin Shugg and Greg Nemisz added singles.

RJ Mahalak and Matt Caria scored for Plymouth. Similar to their victories in Games 2 and 3, the Spitfires enjoyed a territorial edge in the game, going two-for-eight

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Canton's

Bianca Kubicki,

meet earlier this

season, played

a key role in the

Chiefs' title-

winning effort

at Thursday's

Bolger/Mangan

Memorial Meet.

pictured in a

# Canton earns 1st 'City' title since '03

For boys track results, see Page B4.

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls track-and-field team was running at less than full strength Thursday, but you'd have a hard time convincing that to PCEP rivals Salem and Plymouth.

Despite holes in their line-up created by heat-seeking, pre-spring break defectors, the Chiefs rolled to their first Bolger/Mangan Memorial Meet title since 2003 when they racked up 76 points, 25 more than second-place Plymouth. Salem placed third with

We had a slew of girls missing due to spring break starting, but we still had enough depth to stack our events and earn a victory over our neighboring rivals," said Canton coach Pamela Stom. "Having that trophy in our hands and knowing that we have earned every effort it took to win meant more than I could say.

"This was one of the proud-

est moments for me as a coach. Watching the excitement from the girls and seeing everyone pull together was wonderful."

The Chiefs built a hefty lead in the field events by placing first in the pole vault, high jump, Long jump and

They strengthened their grip on first place thanks to first-place efforts from Bianca Kubicki in the 1.600meter run and Beth Swanberg in the 400 dash.

"I was very proud of the way our girls performed today," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "We have a lot of freshmen running this year, so we're going to take our lumps early on. But in a couple of years, this team is going to be very good."

Among the Wildcats' standouts were Jenna Hamed, who won the 800 run; Molly Slavens, who crossed first in the 3,200; and Tyler Buchanon, who placed first in the shot put and second in the discus.

Salem's Deja Wright had an afternoon to remember, winning the 100and 200-meter dash races

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3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:21; 2. Canton, 98; 3. Salem, 10:49.39

1026.93, 3. Salent, 10.493.93, 100-meter hurdles: 1. Paruta (S), 18:68; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 19:68; 3. Singh (S), 20:40, 100 dast: 1. Deja Wright (S), 12:61; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 13:39; 3. Rebecka Knox (P), 13:65, 800 relay: 1. Salem, 1:55:59; 2. Plymouth, 1:55:66; 3. Carton, 15:708

1,600 run: 1. Bianca Kubicki (C), 53.98; 2. Julie

rster (P), 5:44.7; 3. Moore (S), 5:47.38. **400 relay:** 1. Canton, 53.98; 2. Plymouth, 54.38; 3.

400 dash: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:03.83; 2. Lindsey

hmidt (C), 1:05.51; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 1:06.25. **300 hurdles:** 1. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.61; 2. Baruta

, 55:54; 3. Yuki Krolicki (C), 56.24. **800 run:** 1. Kelly Determan (S), 2:34.32; 2. Julie

orster (P), 2:36.44; 3. Bianca Kubicki (C), 2:37.42. **200 dash:** 1. Deja Wright (S), 26.79; 2. Mirana Milad

, 28,44; 3. Christina Bradley (Ö., 28,62; 3. Aminana N.), 28,44; 3. Christina Bradley (Ö., 28,62; 3. Aminana N.), 21,216; 2. Sarah nomas (C), 12:34.42; 3. Paula Green (P), 12:36.3. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:27.28; 2. Plymouth,

Pole vault: 1. Kara Bongionvanni (C), 8 feet, 0 ches; 2. Paruta (S), 7-6; 3. Sarah Balgooyen (P), 6-6. High jump: 1. Lindsay Lipa (C), 5-0.5; 2. Kretschmer (tie) Christina Bradley (C), Rachel Hille (P) and

(S), 4-5; 3. ((te) Christina Bradiey (C), Kachei nille (P) and Kristyn Sturtz (P), 4-3. **Long jump:** 1. Michelle Lu (C), 15-1; 2. Rebecka Knox (P), 14-8; 3. Winans (C), 14-3. **Discus:** 1. Hakala (C), 87-10; 2. Tyler Buchanon (P), 83-7; 3. Nicole Douglas (C), 75-9. **Shot put:** 1. Tyler Buchanon (P), 33-2; 2. Nicole Douglas (C), 30-0; 3. Hakala (C), 26-1.



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# **GAME** WRAPS

## PCS girls lacrosse team clips Hartland

Following six consecutive . road games, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team pulled off an exciting 12-11 home win over Hartland April 2.

"It was a game that could have gone either way, but we were not going to be denied," said PCS coach Dave Medley.

The Eagles nearly deadlocked the contest with 1:23 to play, but the potential equalizing goal was waved off due to a Hartland foul.

"I'll take the win," said Medley. "We had somewhat of an offensive drought (coming into the game), but the shooters decided to show up tonight. That takes some of the pressure off the defense and goalie, all of whom have been playing outstanding the past couple of games."

Defensive standouts for the Lady Warriors included Taylor Martin, Natalie Sitko, Emily Cox, Sarah Coleman and Lauren Manner.

Offensively, the winners were paced by Lauryn Ebersole (four goals), Chelsea Olson (three), Nicole Rottell (three) and Edra Burris and Lauren Allard, who both tallied single net-finders.

Hartland outshot PCS, 30-22.

## **Canton netters** edge Plymouth

In a cross-campus showdown played Wednesday at the PCEP tennis courts, Canton out-swung Plymouth 6-3.

The contest was knotted at two-all following the singles matches before the Chiefs took command in doubles.

Plymouth's Chelsea Craig edged Janelle Burdiss, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3, at No. 1 singles while Wildcat Jessica Bracey ousted Canton's Vicki Chen, 7-6, 7-5, at No. 2.

The Chiefs won at 3 and 4 singles thanks to strong efforts from Megan Leung, who defeated Sarah Mitchell, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3,; and Rachel Youseff, who downed Gina Matar, 6-3, 7-5.

In doubles action, Canton's Paige Babala and Kayla Davis swept Prija Joshi and Katie Binger at No. 1; the Chiefs' Kaite Noetzel and Jaclyn Hollingsworth outplayed Claire Marchesano and Radhika Patel, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 2; Canton's Katelyn Montgomery and Taylor **Eppler nipped Allison** Santori and Lauren Jeong, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, at No. 3; Canton's Catherine Sanctorum and Brittany Vance netted a 6-4, 7-6 triumph over Britta Swanson and Kalya Griffey at No. 4; and the Wildcats' Julia Fratila and Lindsey Stemberger trumped Michelle Nagy and Maggie DePentu, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 5. The match was the season

opener for the Wildcats.

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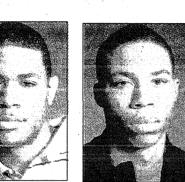
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# All-area hoops team named

FIRST TEAM JAMIE STEWART, SR. F, LIV.

CLARENCEVILLE: The 6-4 Stewart averaged 27.2 points, just under 10 rebounds and 3.4 assists per contest to lead the Trojans to another

Metro Conference championship. He collected his second straight Metro MVP award for his efforts and was named to Bankhoops.

com's Class B All-State first-team. An indication of Stewart's value to the Trojans came in the titleclinching victory over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood when he tallied 31 points including sev-

eral key buckets down the stretch. "Jamie had an outstanding year for us," said Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry. "He produced despite having a huge bull's-eye on his back every night. He really rounded his game out this year by filling up the stat columns, instead

ROBERT WOODSON, SR. PG, WAYNE: The 6-1 senior guard averaged 15

points, five assists and 2.5 steals a

The All-KLAA South Division selection was a three-year starter and a two-year captain.

"Robert is a leader on the court and in the classroom," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "He has a 3.5 grade point average. He

was our go-to guy all season."
ANTHONY WASH, SR. PG, REDFORD UNION: Just 5-8, Wash made a huge impact at the point for the Panthers, earning All-Mega White first-team honors with an average of 17.4 points, including 39 treys. Wash, RU's MVP, accounted for nearly half of the squad's overall offense (40.3 PPG) and excelled in every facet to help the Panthers to a 13-8 record. In one win over Farmington, he scored 29 of RU's

38 points. "He is one of the three best players to wear an RU uniform in my tenure," said head coach Brett Steele. "Without him on the floor, our team could not succeed. He was our leading scorer and was the focal point of every opponent's defensive game plan."

AUSTIN ANDERSON, SR. PG, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN: The 6-1 senior pointguard averaged 21 points per game en route to All-KLAA South Division honors.

"Austin had a great year and has improved in every aspect of his game over the three years he started for us," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "We have won 43 games in that span and he was a big part of it. This season has was asked to score more and had the second best single season scoring mark only behind Darin Armstrong (1980).

BOBBY NAUBERT, JR. G, LIV. STEVENSON: The junior guard averaged 17 points and 5.5 assists per game for the Class A district champions

'His work ethic in the classroom has carried over to the hardwood,' Stevenson coach Mike Allie said of the All-KLAA Central Division pick. "He is the ultimate team player and knows exactly what it takes to be a winner. He's all about basketball and improving his game. His heart and determination became contagious toward the end of the year as he guided us to a district champion-

GREG MORGAN, SR. G, RED. THURSTON:

The 6-0 shooting guard was a sparkplug for Thurston's Mega Blue co-champs, averaging 14.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and hit 53 percent of his three-point shots. Morgan, the team co-captain, earned All-Mega Blue first-team honors and received Thurston's Sportsmanship Award.

"Greg is a great shooter who has hit some huge shots for us over his career." said Eagles' head coach Brian Bates. "Greg is a very unselfish player. ... He has done great things for our program during his time here and we are going to miss him greatly."

**SECOND TEAM** DANIEL HILL, JR. C, WAYNE: The 6-3

junior center averaged 13.5 points, eight rebounds, and two blocks per game for the KLAA South Division champs.

"Daniel was a captain this year as a junior," Woodard said. "He was also an outstanding student ath-

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Jamie Stewart; Sr. F, Liv. Clarenceville
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Adam Bedell, Jr. C. Liv. Churchill
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Justin Moss, Soph. C. Plymouth
Marcus Jones, Sr. G-F. Red. Thurston
THIRD TEAM
Log Postar Sr. F. Salem

Joe Posler, Sr. F, Salem
Nathan Clark, Sr. G, Liv. Clarenceville
Ronald Pummill, Sr. F, Garden City
Jeff Poole. Sr. F, Liv. Franklin
Brennen Beyer, Soph. F, Plymouth
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Churchill: Tony Frezzell, Scott Senczyszyn, Cameron Norscia; Franklin: Mike Gadsby; **Stevenson**: Ricky Chrzasz, Jordan El-Sabeh, Mark Grisa, Brian Rowe Kendal Snow, Austin White; **John Glenn:** Dorian Prather, Jeremy Langford, Marquise Graves; **Wayne:** Derric Horton, DeLorean Holland: Clarenceville: Corey Reynolds, Jeremy Gainer, Jalen Reynolds; Lutheran Westland: Josh Kruger, Eric Shoats; Huron Valley Lutheran: Tyler Wagaman, Chad Fielek; Garden City: Michael Pack, Kevin Burek; Redford Union: Julian Rivera, Tyrone Temple, Justin Floyd, Kyle Schuett; Thurston: Cameron Mitchell, Josh Miller, Brandon Rivera: Redford Covenant: Jamonne Chester; Canton: Kiere Daniels, Kevin Weisz; Plymouth: Cliff Buttermore, Brad Lineberry; Salem: Jake Peterson, Heath Parling; Plymouth Christian: Justin Góvan; Agape: Mark Mullett.

lete with a 3.4 grade point average. Daniel was always able to get the job done without drawing attention to

DIETRICH LEVER, SOPH. G, CANTON: The sophomore turned in a scintillating season, doubling as the Chiefs' point guard and top scoring threat. He led the team in scoring (14.6), assists and steals, and could break fullcourt presses almost single-handedly with his superb dribbling skills.

"Even though he was a sophomore, Dietrich was our best player this year," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "I think he was one of the top point guards in the KLAA. He can handle the ball, shoot the ball and find the open man on the break as well as in the half-court offense. I'm looking forward to seeing his development over the next two

ADAM BEDELL, JR. C, LIV. CHURCHILL:

The 6-6, 185-pound junior forward had 15 double-doubles, while averaging 12.5 points and 12 rebounds per He shot 55 percent from the field.

"Adam's not a thick kid, but he's such a hard worker and good athlete," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "He is able to play much bigger than he is and handle guys that were much stronger physically. He was a dominant force around the basket, which allowed just to do a lot of different things offensively and defensively. What's more impressive to me is his preparation. He's always made sure he was clear on the strengths and weaknesses of our opponents. It's no surprise that he has a 3.8 GPA. Throw in his soccer skill and he could easily be one of the best true student-athletes ever to come out of the area.

CONNOR LEIDAL, SR. C, LIV. FRANKLIN: The 6-4 senior forward averaged 14 points, eight rebounds per game en route to All-KLAA South Division and Team MVP honors.

Leidal had season highs of 16 rebounds vs. Wayne and 25 points against Howell.

Connor is fearless around the rim and very creative is how he gets his scores," Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault said. "He's always active on both ends of the court, a relentless rebounds. He plays much bigger than his 6-4 size. He has solid perimeter skills, which allows him to handle the ball and pressure. He was our hardest worker who never took a play or practice off. JUSTIÑ MOSS, SOPH. C, PLYMOUTH: The

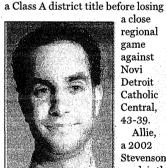
6-7 sophomore was a force in the paint for the Wildcats, averaging 14.0 per games and 8.2 rebounds. He also collected a team-high 27 blocked shots and 17 steals. "Justin had some exceptional games this year," said Plymouth

coach Tom Van Wagoner. "His top games included a 22-point effort at Walled Lake Central and a 23-point, 18-rebound game against Livonia Churchill. With a lot of hard work and consistent effort, the future is bright for Justin.' MARCUS JONES, SR. G-F, RED. THURSTON: Jones, a 6-1 small forward, was in

the mix almost constantly to help the Eagles to another winning season. The co-captain averaged 16.8 points but also contributed across-theboard (2.5 assists, 4.4 rebounds, 2.3 steals). He earned team MVP honors as well as selection to the All-Mega Blue first team.

"He had the ability to score by either a drive or jump shot, which made him a really hard player to guard," Bates noted. "He could not only score points from anywhere, but he was a great rebounder and defender. Marcus helped make us a better team and we are going to miss him very much."

**COACH OF THE YEAR** MIKE ALLIE, LIV. STEVENSON: The 24year-old second-year coach guided the Spartans to a 14-10 record and



game against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 43-39. Allie, a 2002 Stevenson grad, is the co-owner of M&M

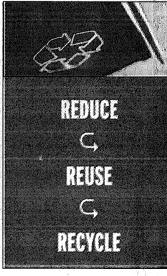
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Apparel along with assistant coach Matt Bartnick, also a former Spartan player and teammate. Allie also referees Big Ten soccer games.

"This is a great honor for our entire coaching staff and a testament to the outstanding character of the kids we coach," Allie said. "Coach Bartnick and I were fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach such self-motivated student-athletes this season. We are confident that these young men have laid a solid foundation for the continued and growing success of the Stevenson basketball program."



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# Mustangs overcome 8-day layoff to upend Chiefs, 13-1

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Spring Break started with a spring-loaded hitting attack Thursday afternoon for Northville's baseball team.

Led by senior first baseman Bobby Thomas's 4-for-4 effort and home runs from Anthony Sergi and Ryan Mullen, the Mustangs banged out a 13-1, five-inning, mercy rule-shortened triumph over host Canton.

The victory improved Northville's record to 5-1 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs slipped to 2-2.

The Mustangs are idle until April 20. Canton will host Belleville in a double-header on Tuesday (the first game is set to start at noon) before competing in the Milan Invitational on

Senior right-hander Kevin Uberti pitched a complete game for the winners, yielding the Chiefs' lone run in the fourth when Kevin Delapaz singled and eventually scored on a ground out. Junior Andrew Tidwell suffered the loss for Canton, which sent five men to the mound.

The Mustangs' top of the scoreboard looked like a fullhouse poker hand as they scored three runs in the first, second and fourth innings, with a pair of twos in the third and fifth.

### PREP BASEBALL

The convincing win was much-needed, said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team's previous game was a 19-4 setback to Salem on April 1.

"Baseball is unlike football in that you usually only have to wait a day or two to get the bad taste of a bad loss out of your mouth, but we had to wait eight days (after the Salem loss), which was challenging," Kostrzewa said. "I was proud of the way the kids played after not playing a game for so long. We did a lot of hitting indoors and our pitchers threw some bullpens, so they stayed pretty sharp."

Uberti was sharper than a needle, limiting a talented Canton line-up to just one run

"Today was typical of Dave," said Kostrzewa. "He's a control pitcher, so he's not going to strike out eight or 10 guys. He got behind a lot against Salem and it was 7-0 before we knew it. You don't to see your No. 1 guy have back-to-back bad outings, but I was certain he'd bounce back today and pitch a

solid game for us, which he did.' The Chiefs have been riding an early-season rollercoaster. After defeating Novi, 7-3, in its season opener, Canton dropped a 14-0 decision to Livonia

Franklin before bouncing back to knock off Livonia Churchill. 13-6, on Wednesday.

"They just flat out out-hit us today," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield, whose team spent Monday afternoon shoveling three inches of snow off the infield so that Thursday's game could be played. "We stung the ball a few times, but we hit it right at them. Defensively, they were way better than us.

"We have a lot of stuff to work on. We're far from where we need to be. The good news is we know what we need to work on

Mullen knocked in a teamhigh five runs for the Mustangs. Sergi's three-run blast to straight-away center came after Thomas and Dan Mills singled to start off the fourth.

Senior Dane Staples was the lone Canton hurler to shine as he struck out two of the four batters he faced in the fifth without allowing a hit.

CANTON 13, CHURCHILL 6: On Wednesday at Churchill, the Chiefs rallied behind the red-hot bat of Dan Stoney, who registered three hits and two RBI. Cody Blakita (two doubles), Seth Tschetter (two hits) and Nick Tomilenko (two hits) also spar-

kled at the plate for the winners. Staples evened his record at 1-1 with a win in relief.

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on the power play and pelting Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett with 61 shots on goal. Hackett was outstanding, stopping 55 of 60 shots.

Plymouth scored the first goal of the game at 8:16 of the first period by Mahalak. Ryan Hayes set up the play, intercepting the puck with an effective forecheck along the right-wing boards in the Windsor zone. Hayes found Mahalak at the right hash mark and made no mistake with the shot over the shoulder of Windsor goaltender Andrew Engleage.

the second period and outshot Plymouth, 29-4, in the frame. Hall tied the game on a scramble in front of Hackett at 3:27. Kwiet gave Windsor its first lead on a power play marker

Windsor had a continual

power play through much of

at 8:12, capping off prolonged pressure in the Plymouth zone with a back hand shot from the top of the left circle.

Timmins increased Windsor's lead to 3-1 at 16:06 on another power play, scoring in a scramble on the left wing side of the Plymouth goal on a shot that Hackett got a piece of, but the puck trickled over the line.

In spite of all the Windsor

pressure, Plymouth cut the Spitfires' advantage to 3-2 with 2:45 left in the third period when Plymouth captain Chris Terry held the puck in the Windsor zone at the left point and found Tyler G. Brown with a pass at the left side of the Windsor goal.

Brown fed the puck across outside the crease to Matt Caria, who one-timed the puck past Engleage. But Nemisz came right back 22 seconds later, scoring from the lower rim of the right circle, top shelf and Shugg completed the scoring at 18:28, completing a two-on-one rush by scoring from the left wing.

Windsor outshot Plymouth,

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# Ignition goalie named XSL's 'Most Valuable'

On the evening when his team claimed the first Xtreme Soccer League championship, **Detroit Ignition coach Matt** Johnson paid tribute to his team's chemistry.

But he also knew that chemistry earns a lot more mileage when the guy behind it all is standing on his head.

"There's no question in my mind, (Danny Waltman is) the league MVP," Johnson said. "He won some games for us early in the year, games we had no business winning."

On Wednesday, that belief was confirmed when the 27year-old native of Gig Harbor, Wash., was named the Xtreme Soccer League Most Valuable Player for 2008-09. He also was named "Goalkeeper of the Year" and he heads the All-XSL team, in balloting done by coaches, team public relations representatives and media members in all four league cit-

He is the first goalkeeper to win the MVP since the legendary Victor Nogueira in 1998. Nogueira was a two-time MVP and nine-time Goalkeeper of the Year.



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# Returning nucleus gives PCA reason for diamond optimism

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a strong cast of returning contributors returning, Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach Joe Bottorff has reason to be optimistic heading into the 2009 campaign.

"I am very excited about this year's team," said Bottorff. "We return All-District, All-League and All-Area players Brent Zinn, John Slater and Kevin Bottorff. Brent and Kevin will serve as team captains and John will be our No. 1 pitcher."

A four-year varsity player, Zinn will serve a dual role as the team's starting catcher and clean-up hit-

"Brent is able to stop the other team's running game in its tracks," said Bottorff. "This past Saturday, after Brent cut down three would-be base stealers in a double-header against University Liggett, they abandoned their running game for the rest of the

day."
Zinn is also off to a red-hot start at the plate, hitting .571 with nine

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total based and six RBI during the season's first week.

Slater, a sophomore, will play first base when he's not pitching and bat in the No. 5 hole in the

"John pitched extremely well as a freshman last season," said Bottorff. "He's also an exceptional first baseman with the ability to scoop anything thrown his way. He's an outstanding hitter and has a great feel for the game."

Kevin Bottorff is a jack of all trades, possessing the skills to play all four infield positions, pitcher and catcher.

"Kevin is a very versatile player and provides a solid performance no matter where I play him on the field," said Joe Bottorff. "At the plate, he hits for a high average and is an excellent base runner."

Caleb Middleton has earned the right to bat from the lead-off position for the Eagles. Defensively, he will serve as an outfielder, third baseman and pitcher.

Sophomore Matt Dodson will

anchor the No. 2 slot in the pitching rotation and bat third.

"Matt is very focused on the mound and has great command of his pitches," said Bottorff.

In addition to Zinn, Bottorff and Middleton, other key seniors include Reid Barber, Josh Lowman, Josh Kraus and Justin Govan.

The team's lone junior is David Baum, the Eagles' No. 3 pitcher

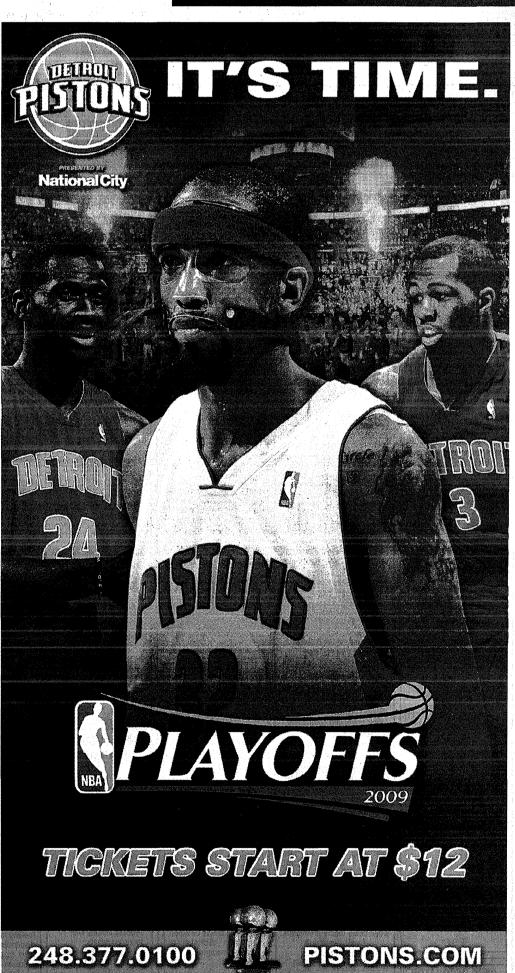
and an infielder. Freshman Daniel Slater will

start at second base. Providing essential depth will be sophomores Matt Hagelin, Austin Smith; and freshmen Josh Middleton and Kurtis McKenzie.

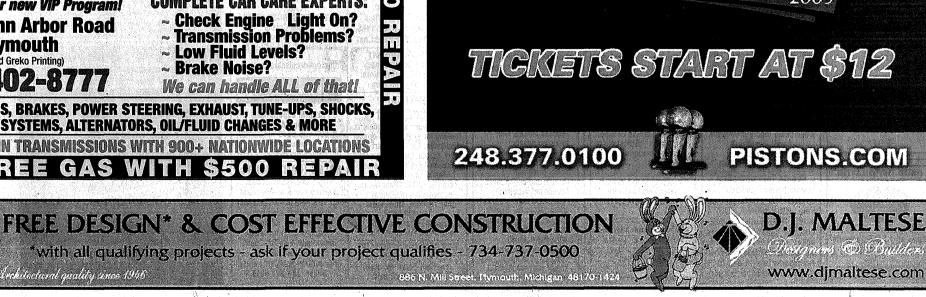
The Eagles will play a challenging schedule that includes Division 4 powers Southfield Christian, Lutheran Westland, Oakland Christian and Traverse City Christian.

"We have great experience for this year and with our top three pitchers being underclassmen, we have a bright future," Bottorff

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# **Crushing victory**

The Canton Crush hockey team claimed the Midget A state championship March 12-15 in Orchard Lake. Several of the players, who range in age from 15 to 17, attend Plymouth and Canton schools. The Crush defeated the Troy Sting, 3-2, in the title game. The triumph qualified the Crush for the National 16U Tier II Championship in St. Louis, Mo. Pictured are (back row from left) coach Sam Hoyle, Justin Bauer, Ryan Bauer, Alec Gilo, Alex Miller, Sean Gaffney, Kyle Korte, coach Mark Korte, coach Craig Manser, (middle row from left) manager Michelle Bauer, Colin Wright, Kevin Hoyle, John Hickman, Vince Rossi, Ryan Nick, Bryce Connor, Cole Shrader, Yanni Kefallinos, (front row from left) goalies Steve Manser and Stephen Zavori.

# Rocks 'field' top squad at '09 Bolger/Mangan Memorial meet

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Not even "Elmar the Extraordinary" could keep the Salem boys track-and-field team from winning its first Plymouth-Canton Educational Park "City Meet" in nearly a decade Thursday afternoon.

The Rocks claimed "Park" bragging rights for the first time since 2000 after compiling 80 points — 23 more than runner-up Plymouth, which garnered 13 points from unofficial meet "Most Valuable Runner" Elmar Engholm. Canton placed third with 38 points.

The Rocks built a strong foundation in the field events. placing first in four of the five contests and sweeping the shot put competition, and never looked back.

"It really helps us to win these dual meet and tri-meets when we can be way ahead of the competition before the running events start," said Salem coach

**Engholm** 

Kyle Meteyer, who noted the field efforts of Ed Merhi Dana Baltazar. Cortney Frazier, Zack Gaskell, Dominique

Williams and John Krutty. "Our sprinters and hurdlers are definitely doing more than their part, led by Dominique Williams, Pat Patin and Scott

O'Connor." Engholm, a Swedish exchange student, won the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs while finishing second in the 800. He also anchored the Wildcats' first-place 3,200meter relay quartet.

The brightest highlight for Canton was Sherif Hassanien's victory in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

2009 BOLGER/MANGAN MEMORIAL MEET Thursday at PCEP Stadium FINAL STANDINGS: 1, Salem, 80; 2.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 8:21.37; 2. Canton, 8:21.99; 3. Salem, 8:55.53. 100-meter high hurdles: 1. Scott O'Connor (S), 15.63; 2. Brandon Piligian (P), 16.0; 3. C. Williams (S), 17.23. 100 dash: 1. Malek Rich (P), 11.02; 2.

nique Williams (S), 11.04; 3. William Askew

(r), II.29. **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:32.99; 2. Canton, 1:35.72; 3. Salem, 1:36.42. **1,600 run:** 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 4:34.0; 2. Matt Devey (S), 4:34.3; 3. Dan Martin (S), 4:34.55

400 relay: 1. Salem, 45.41; 2. Canton,

46.25; 3. Plymouth, 51.03. 400 dash: 1. Zach Gaskell (S), 52.85; 2. Hicks (P), 53.08; 3. Kyle Breitmeyer (C), 53.94. 300 hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 40.75; 2. Scott O'Connor (S), 41.18; 3. Ali (C),

**800 run:** 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 2:00.65; Elmar Engholm (P), 2:02.98; 3. Dan Martin

**200 dash:** 1. Dominique Williams (S), 22.75; 2. Malek Rich (P), 22.75; 3. Patrick Patin **3,200 run:** 1. Elmar Engholm (P), 9:56.07;

1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 3:32.95; 2. Salem, 3:33.37; 3. Plymouth, 3:34.51.

Discus: 1. Courtney Frazier (S), 140 feet, 9 inches; 2. Dana Baltazar (S), 139-11; 3. Foster

**High jump:** 1. Zach Gaskell (P), 6-1; 2. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 5-11; 3. Ben Spreitzer (C),

Long jump: 1. Dominique Williams (S), 20-9.5; 2. Fox (P), 19-6.5; 3. Matthew Roberson

Pole vault: 1. Eddie Koelzer (C), 11-5; 2. John Krutty (S), 11-5; 3. Alaniva (C), 10-11. **Shot put:** 1. Dana Baltazar (S); 2. Ed Merhi (S), 44-6; 3. Courtney Frazier (S), 40-7.

pass inside to Shannon Merritt, who buried Stevenson's first goal while

Only a minute later, freshman Kelly Vellucci won a tackle about 25

In the 49th minute, Boudreau

juked a couple of Rock defenders in the box before locating Vellucci around the penalty mark. The ninth-grader then settled the ball before tucking it past Salem's

The fourth Spartan goal during the 13-minute span came when Krista Kane finished a header off a Merritt cross.

Salem then threatened on a couple of different occasions, including one dangerous shot coming out the midfield area where goalkeeper

Michelle Krawczyk made a nice diving save.

Stevenson's final goal came when Molly McConnell broke down the right flank past a Salem defender and whipped the ball into the box, ending up on the foot of Vellucci, who poked the ball to the far post. Salem's keeper made the initial save but couldn't hold on as the ball bounced, hitting the post and rolling across the line.

"I was really impressed with the effort tonight, particularly in the

second half, it was a really nice way to start our spring break, especially against a good Salem team," Pinta said. "This has been a tough couple weeks for us in terms of competition, I think we've learned some things, we'll be healthier after break and should be ready to battle in our division We had a very good team effort tonight."

In particular, Pinta singled out senior Taleen Mergian, junior midfielder Amanda Jenaway and Krawczyk.

And the forward attack consisting of Kimble, Shannon Merritt, McConnell, Boudreau, and Vellucci "were very dangerous for us," Pinta added.

"Katelynn Krause was a bright spot of us," Nora noted. "She was all over the field. Tracey Whalen played very well in goal. She made some great stops when the score was 0-0, and the goals that they scored were in no way her fault.

"We left her no chance on their shots from point blank range."

fending off a Salem defender.

yards away from goal and slotted a perfect pass which caught a breaking Kayla Kimble in stride for the finish to make it 2-0.

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# Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert brings back romance

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra plans to go out with a bang Saturday, April 18. More than a year ago Jack Van Assche and the rest of the music committee decided they'd like to spotlight the Romantic period that started in the late 1830s and ran through the early 1900s. The members usually start planning the season by brainstorming concert themes and then select the music. All 10 of the committee, which includes orchestra members, conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk and non musicians, then vote to finalize the program.

"We wanted to end with something really special, a program that will be interesting for the audience and keep musicians challenged at the same time while working with budget constraints too," said Van Assche, LSO music committee member. "The use of auxiliary instruments like extra winds, harp, piano add to the cost of the music as does the size of the orchestra."

The April 18, concert requires a grand piano for guest artist Anna Sorokhtei who performs Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No.

"We wanted to pick some of the best stuff written during that period like Rossini's La Cenerentola Overture," said Van Assche of Livonia. "Rossini was famous for his crescendo where the music gets louder and louder. It's a delightful little piece not performed very often and based on the Cinderella tale. The Prokofiev is an early work in the St. Petersburg conservatory, 1911 or 1912. He started in the conservatory at age 13 so he was 20 when he wrote this piece. For the third piece we chose Brahms' Number 4 symphony,

### ROMANTIC BRILLIANCE What: Livonia Symphony

Orchestra concert featuring pianist Anna Sorokhtei When: 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18 Where: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia Tickets: \$17 adults, \$5 children/ students, and available at all Livonia libraries or at the door on the night of the concert. For information, call (734) 421-1111

one of his mature works and one of his greatest."

Van Assche has been with the committee 12 years because he loves music. His extensive collection of 500 classical CDs allows members to hear any of the pieces under consideration. He played French horn in the high school band but admits he "can't even get a sound out of it anymore"

"We used to go down to hear the Detroit concert band and symphony on Belle Isle every time they played," said Van Assche, a CPA for Barazsu & Cross in Bloomfield Hills. "My mother was a real music fanatic, I started collecting LPs in high school from Bach to the Beach Boys. I have a broad musical background so if we're going to play a serious selection, we want to have a few lighter pieces to keep the audience interested and for the orchestra to reach for the highest rung."

Van Assche is especially excited about next season. The tentative dates are subject to approval by Clarenceville High School where the LSO concerts are held. The programs start at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Oct, 17 is a pops concert with classical music familiar to ear. Wait a Minute Don't Tell Me features music from TV shows, movies and the circus. The Dec. 5.

Sounds of the Season holiday program sees the return of Bunny Sanford's dancers in Nutcracker selections. Jan. 23, 2010 brings Livonia native Anthony Bonamici home from Russia for Schumann's piano concerto, March 6, LSO concertmaster Anton Shelepov plays Brahms violin concerto. April 17 concludes the season with Brahms German Requiem and the Madonna University Chorale, but first the 2008-2009 season ends with romantic music followed by the annual spring garden party fundraiser 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9 at Laurel Manor. The sit down lunch, silent floral auction and entertainment by LSO musicians costs \$30. Call Rose Kachnowski at (734) 591-0266 for tickets.

Volodymyr Shesiuk is especially looking forward to performing the Prokofiev concerto on April 18, with his daughter, Anna Sorokhtei of Rochester Hills. Like Prokofiev, Shesiuk was born in Ukraine. He and his family moved to the U.S. in

'This is very special because I will finish my 15th year with LSO," said Shesiuk of Garden City. "Prokofiev when young they called him infant terrible. Critics wrote about him that he had huge hands and said with these he can cut wood. Anna is opposite. She has smaller hands and plays this unusual double octave difficult for pianists.

"Anna started playing piano at 7 years old and was accepted to special music school for gifted kids. She started playing with Lviv symphony orchestra in third grade at 9 years old. To play with your own daughter is not easy job because you're a father. She'll always be independent. She tells me, I'm a musician not your daughter on

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### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Maintenance, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24.

■ The User-friendly Garden, 10 a.m.noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24. Register by calling (734) 432-5804 or by visiting www. madonna.edu and clicking on continu-

### ing education. Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Milihani, Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors. lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz. 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

### At English Gardens

■ Make It & Take It Workshop: Salad Bowl, 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at all stores. Session fee is \$ 24.99. Space is limited. Register online at www. ... englishgardens.com or at an English Gardens store. The store will provide all the supplies and information necessary to plant your own planter filled with vegetables to make a salad.

■ Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, shows how to add color to the garden at 3 p.m., in

the Ann Arbor store, both on Sunday,

Visit local English Gardens stores at 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

### **Water solutions**

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

### Herbs

Vicki Hicks Home and Garden Services will present "The Wonderful World of Herbs: Growing, Preserving and Using," at 7 p.m., April 22, at Rosemarie's Massage, 595 Forest, Suite 6A, Plymouth, \$3 fee includes refreshments made from herbs. (734) 591-0209 or e-mail to vlhicks@aol.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure Advanced Master Gardeners and composters Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

Kids, grades 4-6, can learn how to recycle food waste with live worms and learn how to maintain their own pet worm bin, at a free class, at 2 p.m., April 25, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Registration required, call (734) 397-0999.

# Furniture store donates trees to schools

Art Van Furniture is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and Arbor Day, April 24, by donating trees to area schools and community organizations for planting.

The company plans to buy 4,000 Norway and White Spruce trees from the Macomb Conservation District in Bruce Township, as part of its Caring For Our Home Tree Donation Program. Among the tree recipients are Livonia Public Schools, the city of Novi forestry Department, Southfield Public Schools and Royal Oak

Department of Public Service. Art Van's Caring For Our Home Program began in 2007. Since that time, the company has donated almost 8,000 trees to community groups and

Kitchen's urban garden minis-

try, Earthworks Urban Farm,

foods at a community potluck

p.m., April 22, at its Meldrum

site, 1264 Meldrum, Detroit.

The event will feature a

sustainable foods' potluck, a

low-carbon cooking demo by

Millennium Catering, and a

presentation by local urban

farmers. Greenhouse tours

include a short seed-starting

Event organizers encour-

earth-friendly dish - consist-

ing mostly of vegetables, fruits

It not only tastes great, but

age participants to bring an

and whole grains — for the

community potluck.

will be available and will

activity.

monastery and owner of

Chef Buddha of the Capuchin's

will serve "earth friendly"

in honor of Earth Day, 6-8

will increase the total donation to almost 12,000.

In addition to the tree donations, residents visiting any Art Van location, from April 16 to April 25, will receive a packet of vegetable seeds for their own garden projects, while supplies

Art Van Furniture is a family owned furniture retailer that operates 30 stores in 29 cities throughout Michigan. It recently was named a "GreenTailer" by the Michigan Retailers Association for its environmentally friendly efforts. The company has also received the FOX Energy Team eward from WJBK TV2 in recognition for its earth-friendly initiatives.

Earth Day celebration offers potluck meal

a plant-based diet consumes

fewer resources than an ani-

mal-based diet," said Patrick

Crouch, program manager of

He said Earth Day reminds

individuals of their connection

to the earth and to each other.

Franciscan ideal. Our connec-

tion to the earth is important

"At Earthworks, we try to

build community beyond race

For more information on

the Earth Day event, call Lisa

Richter at (313) 579-2100, ext.

Kitchen's Earthworks Urban

and class lines. All people

deserve healthy food."

The Capuchin Soup

Farm yields over 6,000

"This connection to the

land is what daily nourishes

our minds, our bodies, and

our spirits. It's not just a

on many levels.

Earthworks Urban Farm.

system was installed in all Art Van stores in 2007-08, followed by energy efficient motion sensor lighting.

The company also donates slightly damaged and rejected merchandise to nonprofit organizations that support the

It shreds or donates used mattresses collected from cus-

It offers environmentallyfriendly kits to the public for cleaning leather, wood and hard surfaces and donates a portion of proceeds from the sale of its "Grand Shores" furniture collection to the Water Quality Protection Fund of Michigan's Departrment of Environmental Quality.

pounds of produce each sea-

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regards to sustainable rela-

tionships between human

Founded in 1929, the

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Frequently preparing and

Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves

Metro Detroit by providing

tual counsel to those in need.

serving 2,000 meals a day, the

Capuchin Soup Kitchen also

distributes household items

and operates a shower pro-

gram, food pantry, and chil-

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EDWARD G. EDSON

Age 84. April 10, 2009. Beloved husband of Shirley Maddalena-Edson. Loving father of Susan Edson, Jane (Rick) Motta and Patricia Edson. Proud grandfather of six and greatgrandfather of four. Dear brother of Marian Fleming, brother-in-law of Jack Boland, Joseph (Jean) Middleton and Mariorie (Lyle) Hawkins, Also survived by 10 nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. and memorial service Tuesday 10 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials to William Beaumont Hospice or charity of the donor's choice. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.





FLORENCE G. RECTOR longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, April 7, 2009. Mrs. Rector was a cheerful and friendly lady with a great sense of humor and quick wit. She was an experienced gardener, cultivating beautiful flowers in her backyard. She also was a wonderful cook specializing in great cheesecakes. She loved animals particularly cats and dogs, and she was an avid reader and had a flair for decorating her home. Beloved wife of the late Harold W. Dear mother of Sandi Champe (Bill), Heather Jenkins (Bill), and the late Doris Beckwith. Grandmother of eight and greatgrandmother of seven. Private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Freeman Wilner Foundation, c/o Rose Cancer Center, 3577 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 103, Royal Oak, MI 48073. View obituary and share memories at

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com ALDESMOND SONS



**DORIS (DEE) GANSON** 

Age 81, lost her 2 year courageous battle with cancer on March 21, 2009. She died peacefully at beautiful Bay Bluff Nursing Home in Harbor Springs MI. Her best friend, daughter-in-law Deborah Carsell, son Larry Carsell, loving friend and companion Frank Stahl by her side. Mother of the late Debbie Ramsey, grandmother of (four) Jeff Moore, Amy, Scott and Andy Carsell. Survived by her 2nd son Stephen Carsell and daughter-in-law Diane of Livonia. She will be greatly missed by all.



RALPH D. YODER

Age 83, of Farmington, MI. April 4, 2009. "Mr. Farmington." Beloved husband of the late Margaret (nee Nowels), dear friend of Betty Truesdell. Father of Joel and Julia (Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain). Loving grandfather of Charlie, Billy, and Annie Rose Chamberlain. Brother of the late Annabelle Griffith, Gladys Wallace, and Clayton Yoder. Ralph was born in Pigeon, MI, on January 23, 1926, the grandson of a Mennonite Elder in the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. He moved to Farmington in his teens and served in WWII (1944-1946). He returned to Farmington to graduate from Farmington High shool in 1947. Ralph dedicated a significant part of his life to the City of Farmington. He loved the area and its residents. Ralph served on the Farmington City Council for 26 years, and served as Mayor in both the 1970s Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and as Chairman of the City Retirement system. Ralph retired as President of Tri-County Enterprises, Inc., Tri-County Trucking Co., and was a past President of the Aggregate Carriers of Michigan, Inc. He was a long standing member of the Salem Church and a member and past President of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club in Farmington. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday 11 a.m., April 18th, at Salem

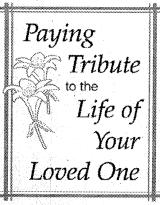
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retired from sales at New York Carpet and Clyde's Carpet, did route sales for Cook Coffee, Sanders and Awreys. Graduated from Franklin High 2006 with grandson Raymond P. Jr. Beloved husband (58 yrs) of Gayle L. Dear father of Kathleen M. (Paul) Law Linda L. Cinader (Laura Moore), Debbie A. (Gary) Fox, Mary K. Robinson (formerly Sturm), Rickie G. (Judy), Randy J., Raymond P. Sr. Robert P. (Monique Ulrych), Ronald G. (Heather) and the late Russell C. Also survived by 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one brother, four sisters and one deceased brother. Interned at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Funeral Mass was at St. Bernardine Siena Catholic Church. www.griffinfuneralhome.com



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# Master Gardeners offer scholarships

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) MGAWC is offering \$500 scholarships to college students who are residents of Wayne County or who attend college in Wayne

The group seeks students who support the mission of MGAWC and who are majoring in horticulture or a related subject such as environmental science, biology, or landscaping. Visit programs at www.mgawc.org for more information. MGAWC is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization with a mission to distribute current gardening information, increase environmental awareness, support volunteerism and promote gardening activities.

Suzana Pallaska

(left) and

Marilyn

Alimpich

stretch

dough during

a day of

making at

Alimpich's

**Plymouth** 

home.

# NEIGHBORS

# On a roll

# Friends share love of strudel

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **0&E STAFF WRITER** 

The last time Marilyn Alimpich had "real" strudel was before her grandmother died in 1977. Through the years, her mother and the rest of the family tried making the pastry without much success. It takes a certain knack to stretch the dough thinly enough over a tabletop without making holes. The entire strudel is then rolled up using the momentum of a tablecloth after spreading the surface with cheese, apple, cabbage, or a filling of the baker's choice.

Several ethnic groups in Europe enjoy the tasty delight as Alimpich found out when she mentioned the family's strudel-making attempts to her manicurist, Suzana Pallaska, at Gerald's Salon in Northville. Before long, Alimpich was organizing a daylong project to learn the skill from Pallaska. who brought her expertise from Macedonia in southeastern Europe 10 years ago. Last month, Pallaska, a Westland resident, shared her secrets during a baking extravaganza that included Alimpich's parents, Muriel and Nick Alimpich of Redford, friend Sandy Kline of Plymouth and her mother, Sonia Phillips. Alimpich's mother is of Croatian descent. Their family made strudel year-

"My grandmothers, who came from Europe, made strudel

and I mentioned it to my friend Sandy whose grandmother used to make it and would she like to make it sometime," said Alimpich of Plymouth. "I also mentioned it to Suzana and asked if she would help us along. She's of Albanian descent but grew up in Macedonia. Her foods are similar to the way we cook but Suzana had a different way of doing this so several of us of various Slavic ethnicities got together to practice making strudel. My family made huge batches. Suzana had us break the big ball into smaller balls."

Alimpich's family would try stretching the large dough ball over the table as her grandmother did. With Pallaska's method, they ended up making and then splitting about eight or nine strudel with a variety of fillings between themselves.

"She had one of those old metal tables and would hang the dough over the sides," said Alimpich. "It was always covered in an old sheet or tablecloth so you're picking up the cloth and the dough just sort of rolls."

### STRUDEL-SAVVY

Muriel remembers her mother making as many as seven batches of strudel in one morning. She tells the story of her mother, Mary Medunic, then age 14, coming over on a German ship three weeks before World War I started. She was from Yugoslavia, a Croatian



province under Austrian rule.

"She was an expert at it," said Muriel Alimpich, 86. "She could stretch it all the way down past the table, no holes ever. She had gotten it down that well. She made cottage cheese and apple strudel. My husband loves hubbard squash so she would make that. She also used to make cherries and walnuts. Nobody like the sauteed cabbage but me. I loved cabbage. I miss the strudel so maybe one day I'll buckle down and make some."

Pallaska remembers her mom making it as well when she was a

"It's our food. I make those all the time for my kids," said Pallaska. "Strudel can be made as a sweet with apples, but if we want main food like a meal we make with spinach; cabbage; cheese, eggs and yogurt, whatever you want, leeks, onions and mush-



Muriel Alimpich (left), her daughter Marilyn Alimpich, Sandy Kline, Suzana Pallaska, and Kline's mother Sonia Phillips show off their finished strudel. The day-long baking extravaganza took place in Marilyn Alimpich's Plymouth home.

rooms, and tomatoes. Everybody makes it over there all the time."

### **SLAVIC TRADITIONS**

Sandy Kline wanted to learn the skill of making strudel so the tradition doesn't die. Her father is Macedonian, her mother Sonia Phillips, Ukrainian. The Republic of Macedonia declared its independence from Yugoslavia in 1991 as did Croatia.

"Macedonians don't call it strudel but Zelnick," said Kline, who met Marilyn Alimpich through Plymouth Business & Professional Women. "Marilyn and I have been friends for years and have Slavic backgrounds and talk about different foods of our ethnicities. There are so many similarities between different countries. My grandmother, baba, used to come

to our house and make it from scratch. It's like phyllo dough and you put whatever fillings you want. Macedonians use more savory fillings, cottage cheese. My favorite is cabbage, cheese and leeks. Greeks call it spanikopita and fill it with spinach and cheese. It's all kind of similar because we're all in that

Kline was making the doughfilled creations last Friday with her mother and sister-in-law, Robin Phillips, who has a culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College. The zelnick would be a special Easter treat for the family.

"Every holiday my godparents would bring zelnick," said Kline. "My family's really excited somebody's going to carry on the tradition because everyone else is too old to make it or gone."

### BASIC STRUDEL RECIPE

Suzana Pallaska bakes by 'feel," not a written recipe. This is not an exact science. She brought the recipe with her to Michigan from Macedonia 10 years ago.

### MACEDONIAN STRUDEL

Yields: About 8-9 rolls

Approximately 4 pounds King Arthur flour

2 whole eggs

2 teaspoons salt

2 tablespoons vinegar (they used cider, could be white)

1 cup warm water 3/4 pound butter plus ½ cup canola

or olive oil, warmed together

Fillings: cottage cheese, grated apple, cherry, grated yellow squash,

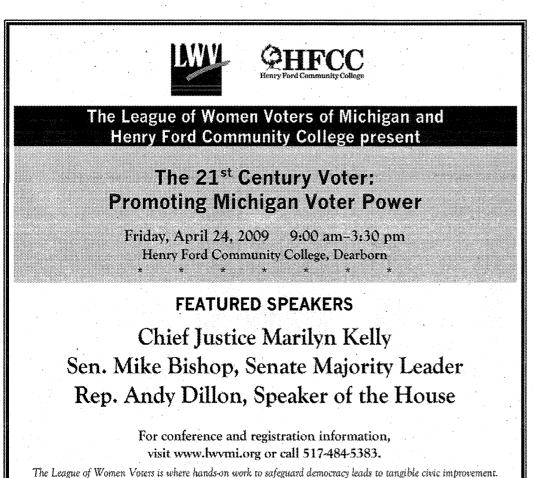
sautéed cabbage, spinach, anything

Cover table with clean cloth on which to stretch and roll dough.

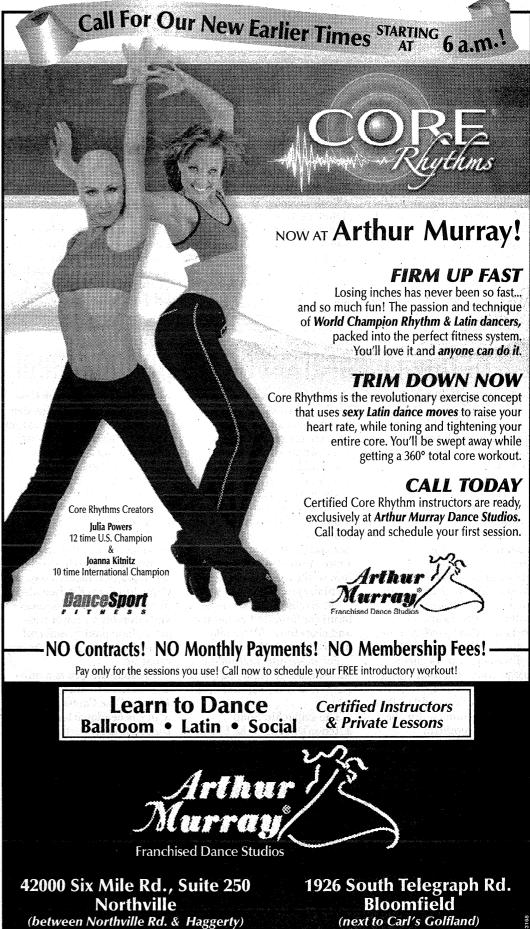
Mix together in a bowl, or on board or table, flour, eggs, salt, vinegar, ½ cup water at first, then add another 1/2 cup water as the dough firms up while you're mixing it. Mix using a spoon

and as it gets firmer, by hand. Once firm, knead the dough until dimples disappear. Since this quantity makes a lot of strudel, divide the dough into several small balls then pat with cornstarch before flattening them into approximately 8-inch rounds (using a rolling pin). Stack two to three of the flat sheets together, spreading a warmed mix of butter and oil on top of each. This keeps the dough from drying too fast.

Stretch each set of flattened dough separately until very thin. Dab small quantities of filling across about 1/2 to 1/2 of the dough. Pick up one end of the tablecloth and use it to roll the strudel over the filling until you have a single roll. Place onto a lightly greased baking pan (you may have to "snake" it around the inside of the pan) and spread more butter-oil mixture on top. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Cut, eat and enjoy!







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Sandy Mezza of Westland with Blondy, a stray dog from Detroit, and Carly, a 4-month-old

female kitten from

a kill shelter. Both

to adopt because

Blondy is 12 years

old and very shy,

and Carly tested

positive for feline

well now. Mezza is

**Angel Animal** 

Rescue.

founder of Guardian

leukemia but is doing

are considered hard

# Fund-raiser to help guardian angels

andy Mezza is a guardian angel. No, she doesn't hover around human beings. The Westland woman takes animals no one else wants and finds them forever homes. She's been doing it for 10 years, but it's not always easy. Mezza sometimes reaches a breaking point. That's

why she's grateful to Mark

Linda Chomin

Blondy who's organizing a fund-raiser for no kill shelters like hers Saturday, April 25, at Bentley's Restaurant in West

Bloomfield. Mezza started caring for strays with other groups, but eventually went on her own to found Guardian Angel Animal Rescue. Over the years, she's taken in cats, dogs, snakes, birds, and hamsters. A week ago Saturday, she was on her way to PetSmart in Commerce there every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. During the summer, she

Sunday at Specialty Pet Supplies medication or socialization," in Plymouth to raise money. By day, she works in advertising at Kroger, but her free time is devoted to the animals. She is one of the many guardian angels helping homeless animals through several rescue groups in the area.

"There are a lot of groups that call themselves no kill and aren't," said Mezza. "I was caring for a colony of feral cats behind a fast food restaurant in Canton. There were probably 100. I spent almost five years trapping them, taming them and adopting them out to good

Foster homes are Mezza's first choice for rescued animals, but when none are available the overfill of dogs and cats are kept at a kennel in Flint. Currently the group has about four dog foster homes and six cat fosters. Mezza estimates she has about 20 dogs and 50 cats ready to go

said Mezza. "We just placed a hard-to-adopt dog last week. He was 7 years old and left outside his whole life from a puppy. He's very needy. We found an older woman who saw him and fell in love with him and he follows her around everywhere."

The barking in the background doesn't seem to bother Mezza as she drives a car full of dogs to PetSmart in Commerce. Another carload is coming from the kennel in Flint. The nonprofit consists of about 25 volunteers including cat coordinator Donna Johnson of Canton.

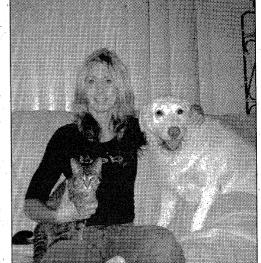
"There's probably more sadness than good stuff because of the stuff you see," said Mezza. "Sometimes I say I can't do that anymore but then you look at their cute faces.'

Mark Blondy has a soft spot for furry faces just like Mezza. Rescue groups were his first thought when coming up with ect for his Self Expression and Education development and training company in Livonia.

of family fun with a pet fashion contest and adoptable animals, and an evening for grown-ups with a Casino, Texas Hold 'em Tournament and dinner.

"I have a close friend who's

rescued dogs before my very eyes and gave me a taste of what it's like," said Blondy, who grew up with dogs and currently lives with one. "Pets & Bets (the fundraiser) allows me to be involved with what I have a passion for and I'm practicing the skills I've learned in class. The casino portion goes to Sandy's group. The other rescue groups will get the money from what's left of ticket sales, an auction, antique appraisals, a light-hearted tarot card reader. The site lists all the different vendors and rescue groups that will have ferrets, birds, dogs and cats for adoption. They're all donating time and services and making it happen. It's one person's dream but starts with us sharing with one another for this noble effort for these animals. We're getting the word out about these groups and we can make a difference for the rescue groups and the animals in need of a home.



Somebody out there can really make difference."

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and

community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at Ichomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

### NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The correct date of the public hearing for the proposed water system improvements of approximately 7,750 feet of water main construction along Thornapple Drive, Valencia Street, Seven Mile Road and Pickford Avenue, is

Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Highland Park Housing Commission is requesting proposals for Professional Architectural Services to implement the Capital Fund Program, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, Fair Housing Act and ADA Compliance Certification. A Request for Qualifications packet can be obtained by an email to general@highlandparkhc.org or by mail at the address listed below. All final proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm

Attn: Dorene Jamerson, Highland Park Housing Commission, 13725 John R. Street, Highland Park, MI 48203, (313) 868-4500 phone.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF LIENED PROPERTY Notice is hereby given that a closed bid sale will be held on April 23, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. at 40671 Joy Road, Canton Michigan 48187, County of Wayne. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE will sell to satisfy the lien on the property stored at 40671 Joy Road, Canton Michigan 48187, by the following persons. The inventories listed below were notated by the tenants at the time of rental. AMERICA'S BUDGET STORAGE makes no representation or warranty that the units contain said inventories

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Not so with the elderly. A slip and near fall down a stairs or any type of accident leading to a sudden force on an outstretched arm, can lead to a rotator cuff tear. Continuing pain in the shoulder and loss of the ability to raise the arm or put on a coat or shirt will lead to studies that reveal the presence of a rotator cuff tear At times, physical therapy strengthens the shoulder sufficiently so that motion

returns to allow usual use and pain declines to the point of being intermittent and tolerable. If not, then surgical repair of the tear is in order. However, in the elderly problems such as chronic lung disease, advanced heart disease, kidney insufficiency, or residual weakness from cancer chemotherapy, preclude operation.

The doctor then turns to the one therapy that remains: shoulder joint steroid

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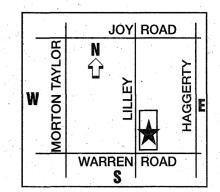


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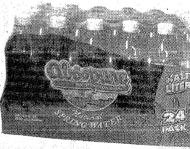
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# **MILESTONES**

### **Maxwell Lucas Quiambao**

Maxwell Lucas Quiambao was born at 11:24 p.m., Feb. 7, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 20 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

His parents are Cassie and Edmund Quiambao of Pinckney. Grandparents are Julie and Bill Skrent of Livonia and Robin Jackson and John



Maxwell Lucas Quiambao

Castro of Lake Orion. Greatgrandparents are John and Betty Schaar of Livonia.

# **Michael Donat Deschaw**

Michael Donat Deschaw was born Oct. 13, 2008, at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, to Genevieve Leclair and Ryan Deschaw of Plymouth.

Grandparents are Diane Leclair of Plymouth, Teresa Deschaw of Plymouth, Don and Barb Leclair of Canton and Larry and Wanda Deschaw of Plymouth.

Great-grandparents are June Barbara Leclair of Fairfield Lazarus of Venice, Fla., and



**Michael Donat Deschaw** 

### **Brandon Richard Gordon**

**Brandon Richard Gordon** was born on March 17, 2009, in St. John's Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces. Proud parents are to Laura and Rick Gordon, of Chesterfield Township. Brandon joins two sisters, Gillian, age 5, and Rebecca, age 1.

Grandparents are Ed Stephens, of Dallas, Ga., and Joann Stephens of Redford. Step-grandfather is Mike Cortell who lives in Redford.



**Brandon Richard Gordon** 

### Camden R. Schlaud

Camden R. Schlaud was born at 9:53 a.m., Feb. 28, 2009, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Ann Arbor, to Rick and Amy Schlaud of Canton. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 161/2 inches.

Camden joins older brother, Cole, at home. Grandparents are Rudy and Lou Cervantes of Canton, Kathy Schlaud



Camden R. Schlaud

and Lindsay Schlaud, both of

### 65th anniversary

Jane and Les Bowden will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 15 with their daughter, Darleen Sweeney; grandchildren, Debbie (Jason) Sprawka, Donald (Erica) Sweeney and two great-grandsons, David and Aidan Sweeney.

The couple resides in Ft. Worth, Fla., and Livonia.



Jane and Les Bowden

### Fry-Naylor

Carolyn LeeAnna Fry and Stuart Allen Naylor plan to marry in June 2009 in Kualoa Ranch, Oahu, Hawaii.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Mary Beth Fry of Plymouth. She graduated in 1999 from Plymouth Salem High School and from the University of Michigan in 2003. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in Japanese language and has done postgraduate work at University of Hawaii. She teaches Japanese at Aiea High School, Aiea, Hawaii.

Her fiancé, son of Greg and Gail Naylor of Jackson, graduated in 1999 from



**Carolyn Fry and Stuart Naylor** 

Marmion Academy, Aurora Ill., and from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering in 2003. He is a quality assurance engineer for Tissue Genesis, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii.



**Amanda Wilson and Robert Baker** 

# Wilson-Baker

Joe and Kathy Wilson of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Robert Baker, son of Jim and Teresa Baker of Twin Lake.

The bride-to-be will graduate in May from Eastern Michigan University with a secondary education degree. Her fiancé graduated from Concordia and works as a management trainee with Enterprise.

The couple plans to wed in June 2010 at the Baker's home on Twin Lake.

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# **NEIGHBORS MEETING**

Livonia Neighbors & Friends, a Livonia women's club, will hold its next meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Gill Road, Livonia. New members are always welcome. A surprise speaker will be make an appearance.

For more information, visit LivoniaNeighborsFriends@ hotmail.com. For questions, call Dorrie at (248) 777 3848.

# THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, in Livonia. The main speaker, following the business meeting, is Diane Oslund on The Grave Yard Shift. Oslund will include tips on finding ancestors' burial sites and will answer the questions "Why bother?" and "How important is it anyhow?" She is the current vice president of the Ford Genealogy Club. The 6:30 p.m. program will be Stephanie Smith discussing how to use jump drives and thumb drives.

The meetings are open to the public. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com/ ~miwwcgs/.

# **SPRING FLING**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite anyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance, 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. This event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. The event includes music, fun, friendship, snacks and beverages. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822, or e-mail elc-ed@arounddetroit. biz no later than Friday, May 8.





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# HEALTH & FITNESS

# VegFest promotes the benefits of a plant-based diet

**O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Dr. Joel Kahn brings up plant-based diets to most, if not all, of his patients at the Michigan Heart Group in Troy. Over the last 20 years he's seen an increase in the number of younger people seeking treatment for cardiovascular disease and it troubles him as a cardi-

That's why he's looking forward to speaking about the topic at VegFest, a plant-based tastefest and expo Sunday, April 26, at Ferndale High School. The event is presented by VegMichigan, a nonprofit organization promoting the health, environmental and ethical benefits of a plant-based diet. Kahn quit eating meat 25 years ago and went vegan (no dairy products) for the last 10.

"I'm now seeing a lot of patients in their 40s who are not necessarily smokers or diabetics. I'm concerned about the trend of people gaining weight and exercising less," said Kahn, medical director of cardiac rehabilitation at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. "I'll be speaking about the most common disease of heart attacks and strokes caused by clogging of arteries, disease that's preventable and that it's better to prevent than reverse it. Diet and lifestyle is a major component."

Kahn believes a plant-based diet is safe for everyone.

"Plants provide every nutrient even if you're an exerciser," said Kahn, a West Bloomfield resident who does a combination of swimming, yoga and exercise on machines 30 to 60 minutes a day. "Diabetics can safely use vegan diets. It's probably the healthiest diet choice. I think the key is to read. The VegFest is a great place to get started. Most doctors get little training in nutrition and it's usually funded by the milk and

### **VEGFEST**

What: VegMichigan hosts annual vegetarian tastefest featuring food from local restaurants, lectures, cooking and raw food demonstrations, exhibitors, free samples and literature

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 26

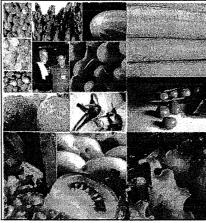
Where: Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest, south of Nine Mile, west of Woodward

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students, free for children under age 6 and VegMichigan members. For discounted tickets and memberships in advance, visit www.VegMichigan.org or call (877) 778-3464.

dairy industry. Soybean farmers don't have the funds to provide curriculum. I want to stress for people to come and learn, that they read and be willing to make small changes one day a week, breakfast as a vegetarian, try not to eat meat and fish for a week, take baby steps.'

Like Kahn, pediatrician Mary Sue Sylwestrzak suggests a vegan diet for patients, especially for certain medical problems. She'll talk about the benefits as well as safety at VegFest. An M.D., Sylwestrzak has been providing traditional and integrative care for infants, children and adolescents for 16 years and is nearing completion of a degree as a Naturopathic Medical Doctor. She practices at Watch Me Grow Pediatrics in West Bloomfield.

"I definitely recommend a vegan diet if they're interested or if they have allergies and would do better off without dairy products," said Sylwestrzak of Beverly Hills. "The benefits of a vegan diet for



children is eliminating saturated fats, cholesterol, a totally animal based product. Fat content is lower. There's a lower risk of diabetes, heart disease, obesity. All of those problems are increasing."

Sylwestrzak referred to a recent Ohio State-Temple University study as proof that even young children are overweight. The research showed one in five 4-year-olds are obese.

"I personally have seen more and more older kids with Type 2 diabetes taking medication in the last 5 or 6 years and an increase especially in overweight children due to the standard American diet of too much fast food, processed food, not enough fruits and vegetables, not enough activity. Like any diet it should be well thought out and planned, take into account requirements for B-12, vitamin D and calcium. If you make a good attempt to have a variety of foods every day you're probably going to be good."

The irony, she said, is pediatricians routinely tell parents to feed their child nothing but fruits, vegetables and grains for the first nine months.

"They're basically vegan," said Sylwestrzak. "There are benefits for kids of all ages, but different things you have to keep in

mind whether infant or adolescent. At VegFest I'm part of the ask the experts panel, an open forum, and a group of us will answer questions on anything related to a plant-based diet."

Harry Pianko went vegetarian 10 years ago and quit eating dairy products five years ago. As president of VegMichigan, he's looking forward to sharing information about healthy food choices at VegFest (formerly The

Great American Meatout). Pianko learned about vegetarian food from a college friend born in India. He quit eating meat after learning about the health benefits, cruelty perpetrated on the animals during factory farming and the resulting pollution and damage to the environment.

Before long he noticed the physical changes, which included an increase in energy and loss of weight. The 31year-old Birmingham resident hasn't taken a sick day as vice president of finance and business operations for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan chapter since 2000.

"It's a big vegetarian festival. We bring in speakers, local and national, to tell the benefits of a plant-based diet," said Pianko. "I'm especially excited about our keynote speaker John Salley who went vegetarian with the Pistons and is now vegan and going to share his story. There are people who want to quit eating meat but want to know where to get information. We have 13 or 14 restaurants confirmed like Q'doba and Inn Season who give out samples. For those who ask 'but how do I cook it,' we also have food demonstrations cooking everything from quinoa (a grain) to a smoothie. We're looking for-

ward to educating people who normally don't know about the benefits of a plant-based diet. We'd like to encourage people even if you're a meat

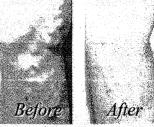
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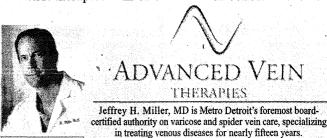


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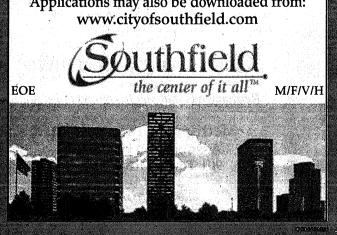
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would-be applicants are afraid to change careers because they lack that experience Some recent research points out that

related experience from one company can be detrimental in another.

"Unpacking Prior Experience" in Organization Science, a professional publication, reports that task-oriented behaviors from a previous company make it possible for a person to settle into a company quickly at least as far as completing tasks is concerned. However, the authors' research of 771 call center employees and job applicants at a major insurer returned at least one eye-opening result: Habits of doing business may not be in sync with the new culture.

Associate professor Steffanie Wilk of Ohio State

University's Fisher College of Business, a co-author of the paper, says that people with directly related experience have the skills and lingo and understand the job. However, the schemas and scripts they followed before might make them get stuck in their rut. The organization might be culpable, because when they hire (a person with) previous experience in a related

occupation, they tend not to spend time breaking old habits."  $\,$ 

Most applicants who want occupational continuity develop their resumes and personal presentation to reflect related experience. It only makes sense. Give the employer what he wants. Should you ask for training to get your habits up to speed?

Alan Lurie, author of "Five Minutes on Mondays: Finding Unexpected Purpose, Peace and Fulfillment at Work" (FT Press, \$21.99), is an ordained rabbi and former architect. Today he's a managing director at Grubb & Ellis in New York City. He comments, "It's much easier to skill-train, especially if an employee is younger. Attitude is more difficult to identify. Older people with fixed attitudes often make managers

uncomfortable." What can you do?

Lurie says that as you're considering a company, be attuned to whether it's hierarchical or egalitarian, which indicates its attitude. How does communication occur? What clues do you get from the physical environment? Do executives and others "live" the same way? Are doors open or closed? "Good companies have attitude statements about who they are and what they believe in," he notes, Ask yourself what they think works.

"You need to be conscious of what the dynamics are, he continues. "Good (companies) are conscious about what they stand for and how they view (the process of working). You must be conscious about what you want.'

When Lurie interviews candidates, he devotes some time to the person's beliefs, values, dreams and potential, which can catch younger people, especially, unaware. This tactic is conscious. "I can't train somebody to be," he explains, "just do.'

**TUNING IN** 

You know that you need to adjust if you're already there, making suggestions in your customary manner, and, Wilk says, you hear one or more of these statements:

This is not how we do this here. "That is not consistent with our policies. "It's not a part of our culture."

"Five Minutes" advocates flexibility, the cornerstone of creativity. Lurie wants you to come up with multiple suggestions, one after the other, "quickly and confidently

... regardless of existing conventional answers."
Wilk states that open-mindedness is particularly important in today's difficult climate. "Key in to social cues (to determine) what's important and valued," she says. "Be clued in, aware, listening, asking questions early on so you take a new situation as an opportunity to rethink what they're bringing, what will be valuable here and what won't." Take note of subtle cues, such as interesting assignments or assignments with other

people.

She also advises open communication with your supervisor about whether you're "tuning into the cultural norms and expectations.

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Finding Unexpected Purpose, Peace, and Fulfillment at Work

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"Five Minutes on Mondays," by Alan Lurie, was released this month by FT Press. Its author is managing director at Grubb & Ellis in New York City and a rabbi. The book brings fresh perspective on the spiritual (not religious) dimensions of work to readers at a time of market turbulence.

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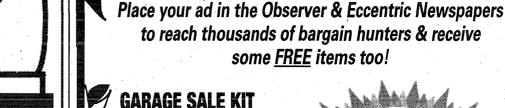


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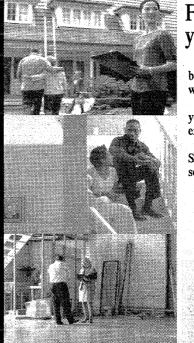
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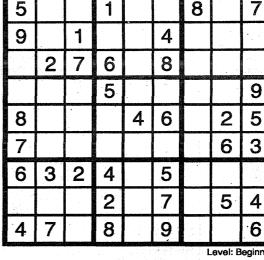
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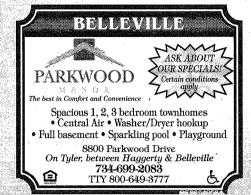
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The company is making an effort with the 2009 Chevrolet Malibu hybrid. Putting a hybrid system is a pretty decent family sedan is an example of innovative thinking. The problem is the hybrid system isn't a full hybrid system, which means you don't save as much gas (and money) as you would with a full hybrid system.

The Malibu's system can't power the vehicle with battery power alone, as a full hybrid system can. It does kill the engine when stopped and does provide an electric boost on takeoff to help with gas mileage. EPA rates the Malibu hybrid at 26 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway, and that's pretty good mileage for a family sedan. A full hybrid system, though, could add a few more miles-per-gallon. But give GM points for moving in the right direction.

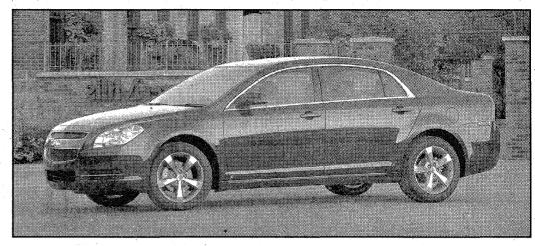
The hybrid system consists of a motor/ generator unit and a nickel hydride battery pack located in front of the trunk. The system is mated to a 2.4-liter Ecotec VVT

four-cylinder engine. The engine is rated at 164 hp and 159 lb.-ft. of torque, certainly not enough to win Daytona, but plenty enough for everyday driving. And the electric boost provided by the system makes acceleration feel quicker than the numbers would indicate. The six-cylinder engine available on the non-hybrid Malibu is not available for the hybrid version.

The last component of the powertrain is the four-speed automatic transmission. While shifts were smooth, Chevrolet might want to give some thought to using a sixspeed automatic to save a few more milesper-gallon.

On the outside, the hybrid looks the same as the standard Malibu. Family sedans aren't known for their styling, but the Malibu actually stands out in that area. The lines are clean, and the 17-inch touring tires, chrome exhaust tip, and deep-set front grille all contribute to a sporty appearance.

Inside the cabin, the Malibu is attractive and functional. The gauges are backlit in an attractive blue color and the instrument panel features a nice three-ring design. The hybrid's instrument panel also includes an AutoStop indicator in the tachometer to let you know when the engine is in AutoStop mode, and ECO (economyO indicator to let you know when you getting better mileage that EPA estimates, and a gauge that lets you know when the system is charging. Controls are logically laid out and there's storage built into the top of the dash. There's also storage in the center console and cupholders in the



The 2009 Chevrolet Malibu hybrid has clean lines contributing to a sporty appearance.

The standard cloth seats are comfortable and provide good support. The standard seats are manual adjustable; spring for the extra 200 bucks and get a six-way adjustable power driver's seat. There's plenty of room in the Malibu – you'd expect that in a family sedan. The rear seats are split/fold-down to give you more cargo room.

The Malibu hybrid comes with automatic climate control, and there are two modes you can use while using the A/C. The economy mode helps with fuel economy by limiting the draw on the powertrain, and the normal mode gives you the highest level of cooling when necessary.

Power windows, locks and trunk release are all standard. The Malibu also comes with tilt wheel, remote keyless entry, and rear window defogger. The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with satellite radio included for the first three

As with all General Motors vehicles. OnStar is standard, and it includes Bluetooth connectivity. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

The ride experience is very good. Bumps are smoothed out nicely and the Malibu

handles very well. The power rack-andpinion steering makes the Malibu easy to maneuver and cornering is very good. Stability control is standard. The four-wheel ABS disc brakes are very good, as well.

In addition to the expected dual front airbags, the Malibu comes with head curtain side airbags, and front/outboard rear, side impact airbags.

The Malibu hybrid starts at about \$24,700. Add the power driver's seat and body-color side moldings and you're at a little over \$25,000. That's a pretty good price point for a hybrid family sedan.

There's a lot going for the Malibu hybrid. Definitely worth a look if you're in the market for a family sedan that can save you a little at the gas pump, too. It may take products like this to keep the world's largest automaker in the game.

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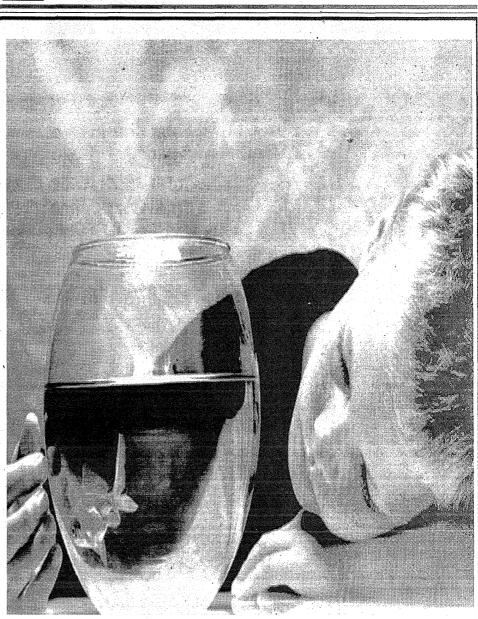
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.<sup>8</sup>29,560 \$26,911 LESS REBATE.

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PER MO. 48 MOS. \$697 Down \$1550 Total Due at Signing

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FROM JUST... PER MO. 39 MOS.

\$851 Down \$1550 Total Due at Signing

.\$20,772 \$16,522°

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Reg cab, 2wd, air, locking differential, AM/FM/CD/MP3, XM radio, OnStar, driver info center, tilt steering, airbags Stock #P2145



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\$770 Down \$1500 Total Due at Signing

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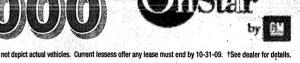
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**1009** Ford F150 Supercab 4x4 Was \$33,985

A/Z Plan **Purchase** 36 Months/

Lease

36.000 Miles



New 2009 Ford Focus 4DR SE Was \$17,690

A/Z Plan

**Purchase** 

36 Months/

36,000 Miles Lease

\$1575 Due at Signing



Sun & Sync Value PKG

**2009 Ford Edge SE FWD** Was \$26,905

A/Z Plan

**Purchase** 36 Months/ 36,000 Miles



New 2009 Ford Flex SE

Was \$29,755 A/Z Plan

**Purchase** 36 Months/ 36,000 Miles

Lease

\$1857 Due at Signing

**#91600** Sun & Sync Value PKG

**New 2009 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab 4x4** Was \$25,770 A/Z Plan

Lease

**Purchase** 36 Months/

\$1694 Due at Signing



Stock #91017

**New 2009 Ford Escape XLT FWD** Was \$25,370

A/Z Plan **Purchase** 

36 Months/ 36,000 Miles Lease

PER MO.



**2009** Ford Mustang GT CPE

Was \$32,840 A/Z Plan Purchase

*36.000 Miles* 

Lease

36 Months/ 36.000 Miles

7 am - 6 pm

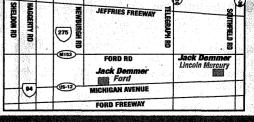
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