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The Plymouth Salvation Army could use some help "wrapping" up Christmas.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is seeking assistance with wrapping paper for their Toy Towne and Christmas programs.

Donations can come in the form of rolls of wrapping paper purchased at local retailers or dollar stores, or by dropping off \$1 to the PSA's headquarters, located on Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

To donate or for more information, call the Plymouth Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464.

Send memories

The holiday season is upon us and, through the hustle and bustle, we're asking our readers to let us be a part of their celebration.

We're asking readers to send us their favorite holiday memories and photos to the *Observer* for the special holiday edition we're planning for Thursday, Dec. 24.

Did you get a favorite gift for Christmas, or do you have a special memory of Hanukkah? Is there a special tradition your family has that makes the season merry and bright?

Share those memories with your neighbors through us. Send your items — be sure to include a photo, if you can — to *Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Santa letters

Santa Claus has started to make his list, although sources tell the *Observer* that, while he's far from check it twice, he is waiting by his mailbox for youngsters' gift lists and letters.

The *Observer* wants to make sure Santa Claus knows what children would like this Christmas and is asking youngsters to send us letters to him. We will publish the letters in the newspaper during December before sending them on to the North Pole.

The letters should be sent by e-mail and include a snapshot of the child writing the letter. They can be a list of toys, a holiday greeting for the Jolly Ol' Elf or whatever information youngsters want Santa to have.

Send Santa correspondence to bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to put "Letter to Santa" in the subject line. Letters can also be sent the old-fashioned way, via postal service, to Letter to Santa, c/o Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.



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The grave of legendary blues musician Calvin Frazier now has a headstone.

Obscure no longer

Township man's drive buys headstone for blues legend

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A legendary blues guitarist resting in obscurity in a local cemetery for nearly four decades now has a proper gravestone thanks to a Plymouth Township man and fellow supporters of the Detroit Blues Society.

Calvin Frazier, who played alongside perhaps the world's best-known bluesman, Robert Johnson, and settled in Detroit in the 1930s, was buried in an unmarked grave at United Memorial Gardens in Salem Township after his death in 1972. While he never achieved the fame of Johnson or some of his other contemporaries, those who know the music say Frazier left a distinct blues legacy.

"Unfortunately, some of these people give their soul to the music, but they don't make a lot of money," Lee Herberger of Plymouth Township said during a visit to the Frazier gravesite Tuesday.

Herberger, a bass player known in local blues circles as Wolfgang Spider, headed the Detroit Blues Society's campaign to buy Frazier a headstone. Some \$1,600 was raised, and the stone of polished granite was dedicated Nov. 21. Local blues musician the Rev. Robert Jones, an ordained minister, blessed the stone.

"The blues community is amazing, how they come together to support those in need," Herberger said.

It wasn't the first time the DBS had purchased a headstone for a blues musician's grave, Herberger said, and it's not likely to be the last, as several prominent



Wolfgang Spider of the Detroit Blues Society, at the gravesite of Calvin Frazier.

blues players are buried at area cemeteries without markers.

Veteran Detroit jazz saxophonist George Benson couldn't make the ceremony, but performed at one of the benefits for the headstone fund.

Frazier and he were in a quintet, Benson said, that had a regular gig at a Toledo club called Tate's in about 1950. "We would just play some jazz the first part of the set, and Calvin would come on and do his thing," Benson said. Frazier would sing to accompany his playing, Benson said.

Though Benson is primarily a jazz musician, he said he learned the blues from Frazier and others. And Frazier, likewise, picked up jazz, but blues was more his style.

"They loved him, I think, more than they loved us playing jazz," Benson said of the audiences at Tate's.

Benson remembered Frazier as a quiet, congenial man. "He would tell a few jokes," he said. The two lost track of each other after Benson's stint in the

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Facing shortfall, township tackles 2010 budget

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's crunch time — budget crunch, that is — in Plymouth Township.

With three weeks left in the year, the township Board of Trustees needs to finish work on a general-fund budget for next year. It won't be easy: A \$488,000 shortfall in the current \$13.9 million plan is likely widening due to reduced property tax collections and further cuts in state aid, officials say.

The board has a special meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. On the agenda is a budget review; the board is expected to formally approve a 2010 budget after a public hearing on it during its next regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The current proposal shows expenditures of just over \$13.9 million and revenues of just over \$13.4 million. The deficit is made up by a dip into the township's fund balance, the so-called rainy-day fund.

However, township Supervisor Richard Reaume said it's not realistic to balance the budget with the rainy-day fund alone. Doing so would hurt the township's cash flow, he said.

"It's there on paper, but we'd run the risk of not having the actual cash to pay the pay-

checks," Reaume said.

Plus, he said, with property values continuing to decline, the revenue situation is expected to worsen for 2011. "Then what will we have to fall back on?" he said.

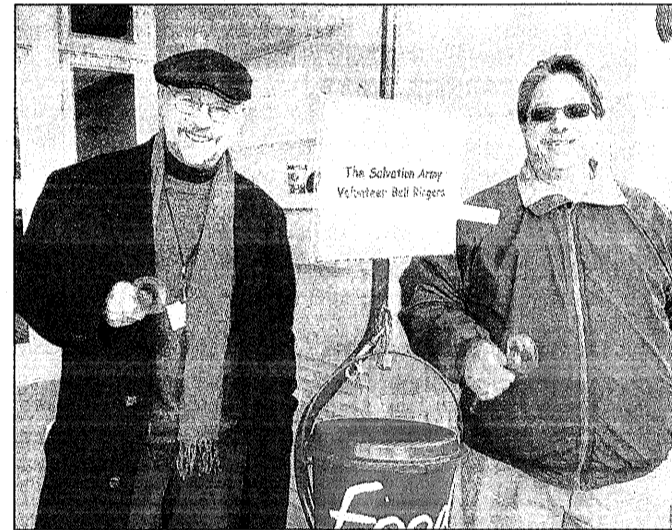
A more accurate estimate of the revenue gap for 2010, Reaume said, is \$600,000 to \$700,000. The state, in the budget for its current fiscal year, cut revenue sharing by 11 percent, which will cost the township about \$210,000. In addition, falling property values are expected to bring in at least \$200,000 less than they did for the current year.

Township officials, who have already cut more than \$1 million from the budget in just over a year, are looking for concessions from employee unions.

Reaume said the township is "very close" to an agreement on concessions with the civilian division of the Police Officers Association of Michigan, which represents about 25 township employees, most of them clerical workers. An agreement could involve concessions such as greater out-of-pocket medical expenses for the employees and days off without pay, Reaume said.

Union President Kathy Pumphrey, reached Friday,

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The bell tolls

Veteran *Observer* photographer Bill Bresler (left) and former Plymouth *Observer* reporter Tony Bruscatto, now the director of operations for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, spent two hours ringing the bell for the Plymouth Salvation Army Tuesday (check out the photo gallery on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com). To say "thank you" to the 30-plus donors kind enough to contribute during that time, the *Observer*, Emagine Theater and Buddy's Pizza have a free movie for two and a free pizza coupon. E-mail Choya Jordan at cbjordan@hometownlife.com to have your movie pass and pizza coupon mailed. And thanks again for donating.

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Rotary honors wounded officer, three others

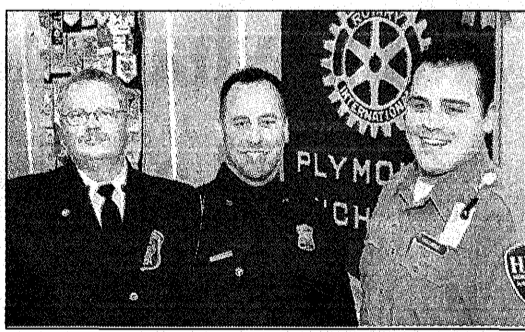
BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the day people gathered in Plymouth to honor "the best of the best" in public safety, one honoree stood out because of his sacrifice — and his absence.

Officer Mike Lego of the Plymouth Township Police Department, who was wounded in an October shooting in which police killed an armed robber, was undergoing surgery on an injured hand Friday and was unable to make it to the Rotary Club of Plymouth's annual public safety awards luncheon.

"We're all praying for a full and speedy recovery," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said in making the announcement. Lego, the chief said, will try to make a Rotary luncheon early next year to accept his award as the township's officer of the year.

Lego was part of a plain clothes detail that included officers from several agencies who had robbery suspect LeBron Bronson of Canton Township under surveillance Oct. 29. After Bronson, armed with a pistol, robbed the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Capt. James Jury, Officer Chris Voorhies and Paramedic Jeff Ellsworth were honored as the 'best of the best' by the Rotary Club Friday. Also honored was Plymouth Township Officer Mike Lego, wounded while stopping a crime in October.

Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road near Lilley, the officers confronted him and gunfire erupted, police said. Lego was wounded in a hand and a shoulder, Tiderington said.

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BUDGET

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said she couldn't comment on ongoing negotiations. Seven members of the clerical staff had their hours cut a year ago, which meant a reduction in pay and benefits.

Reaume said further reducing work hours for that union would create management difficulties, but would also likely save jobs, at least for next year.

"We don't anticipate letting any clerical people go" if an agreement is reached, Reaume said. "What we're trying to do is keep the doors open knowing that (with concessions) we've got almost every clerical position working reduced hours."

Officials have also approached

the unions representing police officers, firefighters and water department workers, though concessions by the latter would affect only the water department budget and not the general fund, Reaume said.

Beyond concessions, the supervisor said, township officials will also be looking to further cut expenses through internal streamlining, Reaume said. As an example, he said, a recently retired foreman in the Parks and Recreation Department will be replaced only with a part-time worker.

The township's 2010 budget proposal can be found on the township's Web site, www.plymouthtp.org. Tuesday's special board meeting will begin with a closed session involving union negotiations.

"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

Luminaria sale

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestras will be selling Luminaria kits for the holiday season. Each kit will consist of 10 white paper bags as well as 10 candles. The kits can be purchased for \$5 in Plymouth at Gabriela's, Saxton's, Sideways, and The Plymouth Canton Symphony office located at 774 N. Sheldon Road.

The Luminaria kits will also be for sale in between the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Plymouth Symphony "Home for the Holidays" POPS concert that will be taking place in the historic Penn Theatre located downtown Plymouth on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The Luminaria kits are available through Dec. 24. For further information contact the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society at (734)-451-2112.

Holiday concert

The Celebration Youth Orchestras of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will present their Holiday Concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. The Youth Orchestras consist of 3 levels of strings, the full youth symphony and the Celebration Flute Choir.

Students range in age from 8-18 and perform a variety of classical music under the direction of Plymouth Symphony Conductor Nan Washburn and Assistant Conductor Hektor Qyteti.

Tickets for the concert are \$6 and are available at the door the night of the concert. For information contact the PSO office at (734) 451-2112.

Chorale auditions

BeckRidge Chorale announces auditions for the second half of its 36th season.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7-9:30 p.m. at Plymouth First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

To get more information and to sign up for an audition go to: www.beckridgechorale.org. While there you may also purchase tickets to BeckRidge

AROUND PLYMOUTH



MARY HOLALY

Get to work

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education members Barry Simescu (from left), Judy Mardigan, Adrienne Davis and John Jackson are sworn in by Wayne County Circuit Judge Mark Slavens, himself a former PCCS board member. Simescu, Mardigan and Jackson were re-elected last month; Davis earned her first term.

Chorale and/or Cherry Hill Singers upcoming concerts.

Kiwanis nuts

Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth supports the agencies and organizations that provide assistance to many people in need as well as helping folks directly. To be able to fund these various projects, the club has many fund-raising activities. One of them is the Annual Gourmet Nut Fund-raiser being held now.

There are 1-pound and 3-pound cans of gourmet nuts for purchase by the can, case and pallet. They are great gifts for family, employees and clients. Please consider the Kiwanis Gourmet Nuts as your gift of choice this year and assist in allowing Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to continue serving those in need in our community and around the world.

The gourmet nuts can be purchased by the can at Papa Romano's, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 459-2930, or by the case or pallet at Fitness Things, 1160 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, (734) 455-8790. Many other Plymouth businesses will also have the Kiwanis Gourmet Nuts available for purchase at their location.

Businesses interested in participating, or anyone who needs more information, can contact Gary Walley, (734) 455-8790.

Bowl with Santa

O.U.R. Camp, Inc. (www.

ourcampinc.org), a specialized summer day camp for young children with developmental needs, will conduct their annual Bowling with Santa event 1-3 p.m. Dec. 13.

The cost is \$10 per bowler or \$35 for a group of 4 bowlers, which includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, hotdog and pop. Pre-registration is recommended. Donations are accepted and all proceeds will benefit O.U.R. Camp, Inc., a 501(c)(3) company.

The event will be held at Merribowl Lanes, located at 30950 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information, or to register your bowlers, please contact Jan Slattery at (734) 414-0231 or Claudia Pietron, board president, at (734) 459-7003.

Breakdancing class

Metro Dance Company is hosting a hip hop breakdancing class for intermediate-advanced dancers ages 12-plus Saturday, Dec. 12, 2:30-4 p.m., at their Plymouth dance studio.

The class will be taught by Lance of the dance crew "Anonymous," 2009 Grand Champions of Detroit's Best Dance Crew. Area teachers welcome. Metro Dance Company is located at 451 S Mill in Plymouth, on the corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail.

Register for classes by calling (734) 207-8970 or e-mail info@MetroDanceCompany.com

Toy drive

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club is collecting toys for the Salvation Army through Dec. 8.

Bring new unwrapped toys to Citizen's Bank at 6549 Canton Center Road or Help-U-Sell Real Estate at 7120 Haggerty Road.

The greatest need is for toys or games for 10-18 year olds. If

you have any questions, please contact Kiwanis at (734) 981-0460.

Jobs forum

This week President Obama is hosting a discussion at the White House to explore every possible avenue for job creation. Small business owners, CEOs, economists, financial experts, and nonprofit groups, as well as Americans who have felt the impact of this economic crisis firsthand, will be there to share ideas.

Similar discussions will also be taking place in communities across the country. Join the discussion by attending a local Jobs Creation Forum sponsored by the Plymouth Democratic Club 7 p.m. Dec. 10, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean on Penniman in Plymouth.

The purpose of this local forum is to provide a source of insights and ideas that will help guide the President's approach to job creation. Output from the forum will be fed back to the White House.

Anyone who is a business owner, an entrepreneur, someone impacted by the Michigan economic crisis or simply a concerned citizen, is welcome to join and share thoughts.

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions announces auditions for "Rope," a suspense/thriller by Patrick Hamilton.

Auditions take place Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-15, from 7-9 p.m. at the Walker/Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

Roles are available for six males (three from ages 19-24, one 27-30 and two 45-60) and one female (19-21 years old).

"Rope" is the 1929 suspense thriller (set in London) that inspired the classic Alfred Hitchcock film, starring Jimmy Stewart. Barefoot Productions' presentation will be performed in REAL TIME, with NO intermission. British accents will be used. Performances are Feb. 12-28.

Actors should bring headshot and one prepared monologue, if available. There will be cold readings from script. Be prepared to list any scheduling conflicts.

For more information, call (734) 582-9688 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com

DAR meets

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a Christmas tea Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. at Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, in Livonia.

The program will feature Christmas music and a sing-along. Attendees should bring a dozen of their favorite cookies (along with the recipe) to share.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE A REGULAR ELECTION DATE

Please take notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, as amended, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, Michigan, will conduct a public hearing on the issue of its consideration of the establishment of a new regular election date pursuant to law.

School districts that currently hold their regular elections on a date other than at the odd-year general election date may change their regular election date to any of the following dates:

- The odd year general election date;
- The general November election date;
- The November regular election date in both even and odd years; or
- The odd year May regular election date.

The hearing will be held in the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of December, 2009.

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools also gives public notice that the Board of Education is authorized by law to choose to vote and take action on a resolution setting the regular election date immediately subsequent to the public hearing.

If the Board of Education fails to adopt a resolution reestablishing the District's regular election date, the District's regular election will continue to be held at on the date on which it is currently being held.

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ROTARY

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Bronson was fatally wounded. Present Friday for the Rotary luncheon at the Plymouth Cultural Center were Capt. Jim Jury, the Plymouth Community Fire Department's firefighter of the year; Jeffrey Ellsworth, of Huron Valley Ambulance, the paramedic of the year; and Officer Chris Voorhies, Plymouth's officer of the year.

"Today we're honoring the best of the best," said John Warner, co-chair, with John Folino, of the Rotary's public safety awards committee. "The chiefs will tell you it's not easy" to choose the winners, Warner added. "They've got a great team of professionals."

Voorhies, Ellsworth and Jury were noted for their leadership and the respect they've earned from colleagues.

"He has been extremely dependable and has demonstrated excellent judgment and decision-making abilities in sometimes difficult situations," Lt. Al Cox, Plymouth's acting police chief, said of Voorhies.

Voorhies, who joined the department in 2005, sometimes takes a leadership role in the absence of command officers, and is a field training officer, meaning he patrols with new officers to help hone their skills, Cox said. That he became a training officer so early in his career is a testament to Voorhies' skills and judgment, Cox said.

Ellsworth, who has been with HVA for nearly three years, was praised by company Vice President Paul Hood as a worker who exemplifies the Rotary motto: Service above self.

"His work ethic and his dedication to unselfishly help others are outstanding," Hood said, adding that Ellsworth "always puts the needs of his patients above his own" and is empathetic with patients and their families.

Ellsworth even helped rescue Hood's own father, Hood said, when he suffered



Rotarian John Folino congratulates HVA's Jeff Ellsworth, the Rotary Club's paramedic of the year.



Rotarian John Folino pins Officer Chris Voorhies with the Paul Harris Fellow award.

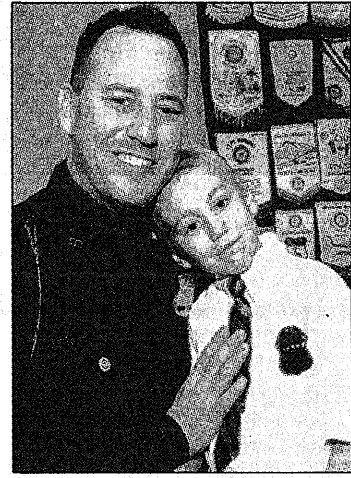
a ruptured aorta and required emergency hospitalization.

"I really enjoy going out every day and just helping people the best I can," Ellsworth said, adding that he was "appreciative" but "apprehensive" about the award.

"He didn't feel special in any way," Hood said.

Jury, a 22-year fire department veteran and a captain for four years, was praised for his management of several crises in recent months, including his participation, with one other firefighter, in the rescue of two women from an apartment building that had been severely damaged by a tornado.

Jury also managed the successful resuscitation of two cardiac arrest victims in one day, and managed rescues at three different vehicle crash sites that required the Jaws of Life, also in one day, Fire Chief Mark Wendel said.



Officer Chris Voorhies, Plymouth's Officer of the Year, was all smiles with 4-year-old son Regan.

"Captain Jury has consistently been a leader in the department," Wendel said.

Jury expressed gratitude for the award, and returned the thanks to Rotary.

"The Rotary does a tremendous job, and it's an honor," he said. "All the guys really appreciate what they do."

In addition to receiving a plaque, each winner was enrolled as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Named for one of the founders of Rotary, the honor recognizes a \$1,000 contribution to Rotary International.

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Rotarian John Folino, at right, presents awards to Capt. James Jury, the Firefighter of the Year.

MARKER

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U.S. Army in the early 1950s, he said.

Frazier was born in Arkansas in 1915 and played with Johnson in the 1930s, with the men working their way to Detroit. Though the details are murky, legend has it that Frazier killed a man in the South in a 1935 shootout in which he was wounded, causing him to head back to Detroit, where he married a cousin of fellow musician Johnny Shines and settled down.

"The story has been told different ways by different people," Herberger said.

The folklorist Alan Lomax, who was working for the Library of Congress, made a 1938 musical recording of Frazier in Detroit, Herberger said, and Frazier's work can be found on many other recordings, though not often in a prominent role.

"He was only featured on a few recordings, but he participated in many," Herberger said.

As far as he knows, Herberger said, Frazier made his living with his music after moving to Detroit.

Still, the Detroit Blues Society was unable to locate any relatives, nor any mention of him published at the time of his death.

"He passed without much notice, at least in the press," Herberger said.

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EDUCATION

Program helps girls dash into life's lessons

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Louise LeBlanc knew about the international Girls on the Run program from Runner's World magazine, and decided she'd try to buy the program to get it started in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The cost was prohibitive, and LeBlanc decided to seek out sponsors. On the day she came home from talking with one prospective sponsor, her daughter brought her good news: The program already existed locally, in partnership with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Continuing Education and the Plymouth YMCA.

"It was meant to be," said LeBlanc, who now coaches the program. "I love what it stands for. I love that it teaches life-time skills."

GOTR is a 10-week program run twice a year - once in the fall, another in the spring - that focuses on life lessons such as building teamwork, sportsmanship and being a good citizen in the community.

Lessons include things like "Being a girl of your word" and "values are valuable." The program, which started as a YMCA pilot at Central Middle School in 2007, had 16 runners this year, including 12 third-graders and four fifth-graders. The girls meet twice a week after school. The program costs \$100 per session, some \$25 cheaper than most similar programs, according to LeBlanc.

"The YMCA has been great at keeping the fees to a minimum," she said. "They help families needing assistance, thanks to generous donors in the Strong Kids Campaign."

Teamwork comes into play for community projects such



Plymouth-Canton area runners took part in the YMCA's Flurry Scurry at Kensington Metro Park, capping the 10-week Girls on the Run program.



Mackenzie Mace, 8, got well ahead of her family.

as the Soles for Souls shoe-collection project and the Cards for Soldiers program.

"It's about community," LeBlanc said. "Some of these kids don't belong to a sport. Running is an individual thing where you can set your own pace, but it also teaches the girls about teams, because we cheer each other on."

The idea is to help build self-esteem among the girls, something LeBlanc sees happening in her own home. Her 8-year-

old daughter, Natalie Gifford, suffers from Osteogenesis imperfecta, a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily, often from little or no apparent cause.

Natalie "didn't want to be an OI kid," prompting a discussion with her mother "about our bodies and what matters is on the inside, not the outside," LeBlanc recalled.

"One day she just blurted out to me, 'Mom, I'm fine just the way I am,'" LeBlanc said.

"That was great to hear."

Natalie finished the 10-week fall session, which culminated in the "Flurry Scurry" run at Kensington Park, and pronounced the program a good one.

"I had fun," she said. "I learned I'm perfect the way I am."

Leah Stevens wasn't sure she wanted to join, but enjoyed it in the end.

"Once I got into it, I really liked it," she said. "We learn teamwork, and it's fun."

The other fun part for LeBlanc is watching not only her girls, but their families, get involved. The Flurry Scurry drew 254 runners (16 Bentley Elementary School runners plus 20 of their family members), including runners from Allen, Bird, Bentley, Dodson, Eriksson and Farrand elementaries.

"It's a trickle-up effect," LeBlanc said. "It affects not only these girls, but their families. It really becomes a family affair."

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School board considers another election switch

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About a year ago, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education voted to move its election schedule to every November in what they said, at the time, was a cost-cutting move.

Apparently, they've changed their minds.

School board trustees will consider a resolution moving the school elections to odd-year Novembers when they convene for their meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the board office on Harvey in downtown Plymouth, school officials said Friday.

A public hearing on the election switch is scheduled as the first item on the agenda for Monday's meeting.

The latest switch reportedly revolves around not only costs, but political factors such as the size of the ballot, particularly during presidential and gubernatorial elections, and a fear that political parties may become more involved in a local, non-partisan election.

That was a concern for board president Steven Sneiderman a year ago.

"Holding even-year November elections will encourage political parties to influence our elections," said Sneiderman, then a trustee. "When they're the ones that are in Lansing deciding how

PUBLIC HEARING

- **What:** Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting
- **When:** 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8
- **Where:** E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 Harvey, Plymouth
- **Included:** A public hearing on a resolution to move the school elections from every November to an odd-year November schedule

much money we get every year, I think that's a recipe for disaster."

The move comes barely a year after a 6-1 vote by the board to switch to every November. Until then, Plymouth-Canton had been splitting the \$100,000 cost of an odd-year May election with Schoolcraft College. However, Schoolcraft trustees voted to move to even-year November elections to reduce their cost to zero.

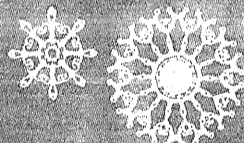
At the time, the board passed on an even-year November option that would have cost them nothing, since the election would have included other municipalities. Trustees estimated at the time odd-year elections would cost the district some \$84,000 because they would share costs with the City of Plymouth, which conducts odd-year elections for its city commission.

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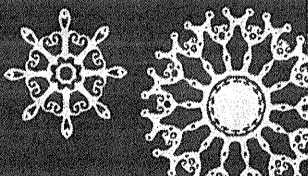
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Walker

A Livonia woman sprung into action recently after she heard the tragic story of the mother who left her newborn girl in a Dumpster in Garden City.

Cheryl Davidson believes that not enough people know about the state's Safe Delivery of Newborns law.

She has made it her priority to inform people about the law by distributing materials and contacting the media.

She contacted both the Garden City and Westland police departments after the incident to inquire whether they needed some updated publications to pass out to the public.

"I believe this is such an important and compassionate piece of legislation that it is worth my time and effort to make sure the word is spread," Davidson said.

"In light of the unfortunate incident where a 22-year-old woman abandoned her newborn in a Garden City Dumpster, I wanted to use this tragedy as an opportunity to broaden awareness about the Safe Delivery law."

Desiree A. Walker, 22, was arraigned last Wednesday afternoon in 21st District Court in Garden City on

three felony charges of attempted murder, child abandonment and second-degree child abuse. Walker is accused of leaving her newborn baby in a plastic shopping bag in a Dumpster behind several businesses along Ford Road on Nov. 20.

Davidson started her current campaign by contacting Channel 7 news because in two of its broadcasts, the law "wasn't mentioned once in reports about the incident."

Her contact with the two police departments also inquired whether they were current with their handbook and other training materials for their staff where the Safe Delivery law is concerned.

"When a woman finds herself in crisis having delivered a child she does not want, she can take the child to any hospital, fire station, police station or call 9-1-1 within the first 72 hours of birth and hand the child to an on-duty staff person or contractor," Davidson said.

"The baby must be unharmed. The parent can then walk away and remain anonymous, or may fill out a short medical

information form for the sake of the child and may also receive medical attention for herself. Again, she doesn't have to do anything, if she doesn't want to once she has put the baby in the arms of someone on duty. What she cannot do is just leave the baby on the premises, such as on a chair or on the doorstep. That is not in compliance with the law and she would be in danger of prosecution."

After the mother has surrendered the child, she still has 28 days to change her mind and petition the court to get her child back, Davidson said.

The part about calling 9-1-1 is a new addition to the law that not many people know about, Davidson said.

"As a matter of fact, not many people seem to know about this law in general, and this is where people like me come in," she said.

The state of Michigan has a very small budget for publicizing the Safe Delivery of Newborns law and "in light of this, they rely upon people like me who volunteer their time and energy to promote the law in any way possible," she said.

Media is the best way because it reaches the largest audiences. However, Davidson has also taken

printed materials to local colleges and universities, crisis pregnancy centers, homeless shelters and even posted materials in public bathrooms and coffee shops.

She tells everyone she know about this law.

"I have a car magnet on my minivan with the basic information and the hotline number on it," Davidson said. "You never know who is listening or watching."

Davidson said that if the mother in the Garden City case had followed the Safe Delivery law, she would be free of prosecution and the baby would be in an adoptive home.

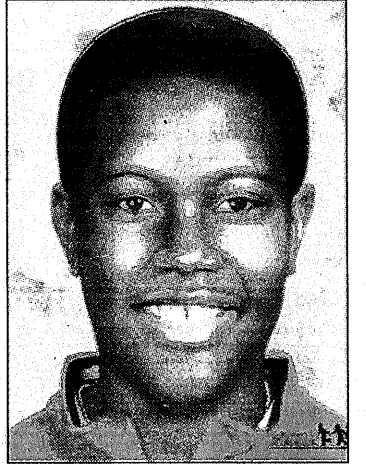
Since the inception of the Safe Delivery of Newborns law Jan. 1, 2001, there have been 74 newborns safely surrendered — 70 were in hospitals, three were at fire departments and one was at a police station — in counties throughout the Lower Peninsula. A majority occurred in southeast Michigan.

The hotline number for Safe Delivery is (800) 733-7733. More information can be found the Safe Delivery Web site for Safe Delivery at www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7124_7200---,00.html.

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Case of missing boy remains unsolved still 15 years later

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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D'Wan's photo is progressed to what he may look like at 19.

Fifteen years ago this Friday, D'Wan Sims' mother told security guards at Wonderland Mall that her 4-year-old son was missing.

Dwannna Harris told police she lost her son in a mass of Christmas shoppers at the mall. The story generated thousands of tips, several false leads and searches by police and volunteers.

His photo appeared in newspapers and on television.

But D'Wan was never found.

This week, The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children issued a press release with a photo of what D'Wan may look like today at the age of 19 and urged people to call (800) THE LOST with information.

Detective Sgt. Shelley Holloway of the Livonia Police Department said that while the case remains open, no tips have been received lately.

Livonia police remain suspicious of the story of Harris, who married and is now Dwanna Jackson.

"We're confident that he never made it to Wonderland Mall," Holloway said. "He never appeared on any video at all."

D'Wan's mother was observed on the video. "You see her walking around, not reacting or concerned, that her son is missing," Holloway said.

Holloway said Livonia police investigators spoke with eyewitnesses who saw D'Wan's mother arrive at the mall without her son. Their stories were corroborated with store receipts and surveillance video of their arrivals to shop there. Livonia Police were assist-

ed by the Michigan State Police and the Detroit Police Department during the initial investigation.

Holloway said she doesn't know for a fact that Sims is dead, but she believes "something happened to him. It could have been an accident," she added.

Holloway has not spoken to Jackson in years, she said.

But Jackson insisted at the time of the disappearance that she and her son walked from the Target store into the mall, and that shortly thereafter he was gone, according to published reports and newspaper stories from that time.

In a 2003 newspaper story, Beverly Harris, the mother of Dwanna, said her daughter was emotionally devastated by the loss of her son and by police interrogations. She remembers the sadness of Christmas without D'Wan and his enjoyment of Power Rangers and watching television.

Holloway said the case was frustrating. "We exhausted just about every resource we could use," Holloway said.

Anyone with information on the disappearance of D'Wan Sims can contact the Livonia Police Department at (734) 466-2470.

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Sixth-graders from Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth recently enjoyed a four-day stay at the YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton. The students enjoyed activities such as zip lines, challenge courses, archery, skits and more.

Public hearing set to detail Sheldon Center Road project

Wayne County's Department of Public Services, in cooperation with Canton Township, will hold a Public Hearing for the Environmental Assessment of the Sheldon Center Road Improvement Project (from Warren Road to Joy Road) 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 at the Canton Administration Building, Lower Level, Meeting Room E, located at 1150 Canton Center Road.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 requires Federal government agencies identify the environmental impact of any road project over a half-mile in length that will change the footprint of the roadway as part of their decision-making processes. The NEPA also requires that agencies receiving federal aid for a project provide information to the public and consider their

input when reaching decisions.

To view a copy of the Sheldon Center Road Improvement Project Environmental Assessment visit www.waynecounty.com/mygovt/dps/. The assessment will also be available for review during normal business hours through Jan. 15 at the Canton Township Administration Building, the Canton Public Library, and the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Engineering Permit Office, located at in the city of Wayne at 33809 Michigan Ave.

The following options can be used by the public to submit a comment on assessment:

- Comments can be made in person at the public hearing
- Mailed to Kenneth Kucel at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, Engineering Division, 415

Clifford, Detroit MI 48226
• E-mailed to SheldonCenterEA@co.wayne.mi.us

Written comments must be submitted no later than Jan. 15. Construction on the Sheldon Road Corridor, which runs from Canton Center Road to Joy Road, is anticipated to begin in 2010. This is a large scale project that may take two years to complete. Construction on this project will include; widening Canton Center Road to five lanes from 400 feet north of Warren Road to where Canton Center Road splits and turns to the northwest; reconstructing and widening Sheldon Center Road to five lanes from Canton Center Road to 200 feet south of Joy Road and; reconstructing the Sheldon Road connector to three lanes from Sheldon Road to Sheldon Center Road.

Museum event blends tea, tunes

The Plymouth Historical Museum mixes holiday tunes and afternoon tea for "Festivitea," scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 19.

Harmony 4 Fun, a barbershop-style ladies quartet, will perform holiday music at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The group's entertainment will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth.

The tea that will be served is the museum's new signature blend, "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also now available for purchase in the museum's gift shop.

Tickets for Festivitea are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members, and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html using PayPal. Ticket holders who come early that day are also invited to enjoy the museum's special exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m.

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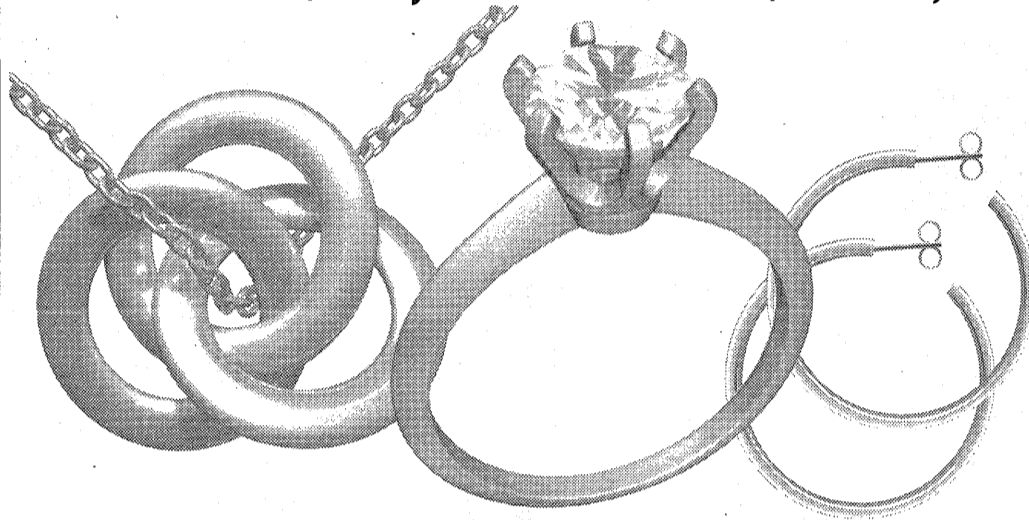
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stand how bonds, which are fixed-income obligations, work. When interest rates go up, the value of bonds go down. In addition, when interest rates go down, the value of bonds go up.

In today's world with record-low interest rates, it is highly unlikely that interest rates will go down further. More than likely, the direction of interest rates is up. Therefore, when interest rates go up, the value of a bond will go down. Of course, if you hold that bond to maturity, when you redeem the bond you will receive the full value.

However, during the life of that bond, there will be some fluctuation. One way to reduce the fluctuation is to buy short-term bonds. Short-term bonds will have less principal fluctuation than long-term bonds. The problem is short-terms that are investment grade and have a low risk of default are paying low rates of return. In addition, it is important to accept the fact that even with high-quality bonds, there is a slight risk of default.

A bond may be high quality when you purchase it, but that may change during the life of the bond. For example, at one time GM bonds were as solid as could be; unfortunately,

that changed over time.

In your situation, since you want an investment that is insured and will have no principal fluctuation, one other avenue to consider is fixed annuities.

Fixed annuities are insured up to \$100,000 and will have no principal fluctuation. Unlike CDs, where you can lock money up for as short as six months, that is not the case with fixed annuities.

Generally, the minimum time period you can commit to a fixed annuity is five years. That doesn't mean you don't have access to your money prior to the five-year period, because you do.

However, if you withdraw your entire balance prior to five years, you typically end up paying a penalty. Most good fixed annuities allow you to withdraw 10 percent of the value of your account on a year-by-year basis.

The conservative investor who wants investments without default risks and no principal fluctuation should consider CDs and fixed annuities.

The rates of return for both of these investments are relatively low. The reality of the situation is that the cost you pay for insured investments with no principle fluctuation is low returns.

Good luck!

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McCotter honored by state bankers

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, received the 2009 Economic Impact Award from the Michigan Bankers Association on Thursday.

The Economic Impact Award recognizes public officials for their leadership on matters of public policy that support and encourage a vibrant Michigan economy.

State Rep. Brian Calley, R-Portland, also received the award.

"These leaders understand the serious economic challenges faced by banks and businesses across Michigan," said Dennis Koons, president



McCotter

and CEO of the Lansing-based Michigan Bankers Association. "They support legislation and initiatives advancing Michigan's economic livelihood."

McCotter was honored for his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small businesses as well as reducing taxes and the size and scope of government.

Calley was recognized for his decade as a community banker, assisting hundreds of

small businesses and his in-depth understanding of the challenges facing small businesses in Michigan.

The awards were presented during the MBA's Bank Management and Directors Conference at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

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The Plymouth Symphony's Home for the Holiday concert Thursday, Dec. 17, will feature traditional holiday favorites such as Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Christmas on Broadway and The Polar Express.

Symphony comes 'Home for the Holiday'

The Plymouth Symphony invites all to come "home" to downtown Plymouth for a yuletide pops concert at the historic Penn Theatre Thursday, Dec. 17.

These festive, family friendly concerts will include traditional holiday favorites such as *Winter Wonderland*, *Let it Snow*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Christmas on Broadway* and *The Polar Express*.

A special spotlight in the program will be on two ensembles from the PCSS-sponsored Celebration Youth Orchestras, the Celebration Sinfonia and the Celebration Flute Choir. Rounding out the special wintry musical feast will be a classical, old-fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-along.

Following the sold-out success of the last two years the orchestra will be doubling the fun of this delightful holiday



Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn leads the orchestra in its Home for the Holiday concert Dec. 17 at the Penn Theatre.

tradition by adding a second performance. The first performance will be a Family Concert at 6 p.m. followed by the traditional holiday concert at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for

students (group rates are available).

Tickets may be purchased at the Symphony office in the Plymouth Arts Center, 774 N. Sheldon, or by calling (734) 451-2112 and also online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

LIBRARY WATCH

The following programs are available during December at the Plymouth District Library:

- **Library closings** - The Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 30-31.
- **MEDICARE D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM**, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. - CVS Pharmacy will join the Library staff in helping seniors gain a better understanding of the Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Attendees are invited to bring their specific prescriptions for comparative pricing in the various programs available. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, or online at plymouthlibrary.org
- **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.
- **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. (spouses only program) - Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration is required.
- **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Gentlemen and Players* by Joanne Harris. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org
- **VIETNAM PERSPECTIVES: OPERATION BLUE LIGHT AND COUNTERINSURGENCY**, Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.; **THE IA DRANG, LINEBACKER AND CAMBODIA: BLUEPRINT FOR AIR-LAND BATTLE**, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. - Raymond Schepansky, Military History Teacher from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park returns with another in-depth look at war, specifically U.S. strategy during the Vietnam war. Register for either or both of these programs - (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.
- **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Dec. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the

- second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Barbara Kraft, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 217, or bk@plymouthlibrary.org
- **RHAPSODY MUSIC SERIES: GRATITUDE STEEL BAND**, Sunday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. - These high-energy musical performers make a stop in Plymouth after travels throughout the U.S. and Europe, playing and singing Caribbean, Jazz, Latin American and African music. Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.
- **DIA LECTURE**, Monday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. - The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents this monthly gathering, drawing from the Detroit Institute of Art Speakers Bureau. No registration is required.
- **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Dec. 16, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Home* by Marilynne Robinson. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org
- **MIDWEEK MOVIE**, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1 p.m. - Enjoy a recent release, popcorn and pop. No registration required.
- **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. - He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. Contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@gmail.com
- **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project.
- **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** - Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext 240, to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

Canton Library offers fine amnesty

The Canton Public Library will offer amnesty for overdue materials for one day only Wednesday, Dec. 9.

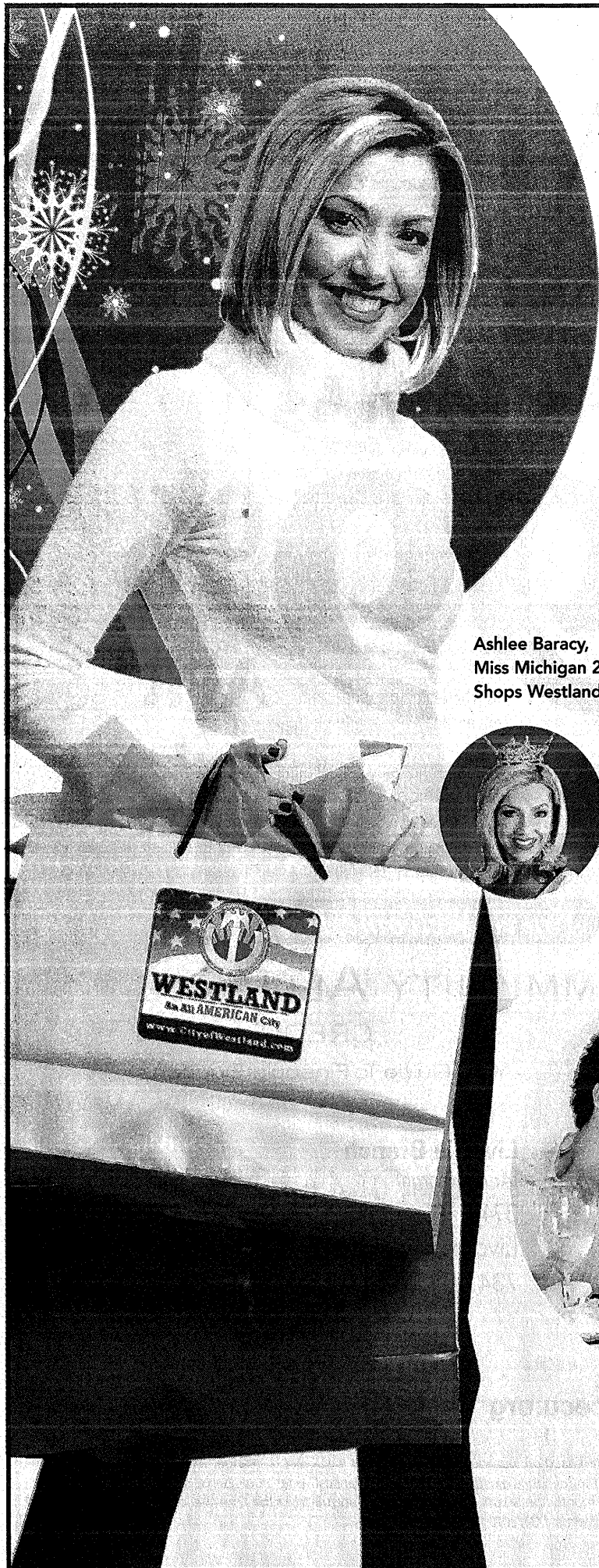
To be eligible, overdue Canton Public Library materials must be returned at

the Checkout Desk during regular business hours, or in the Book Drop from 9 a.m. to midnight. Patrons will still be liable for lost or damaged materials and collection agency fees.

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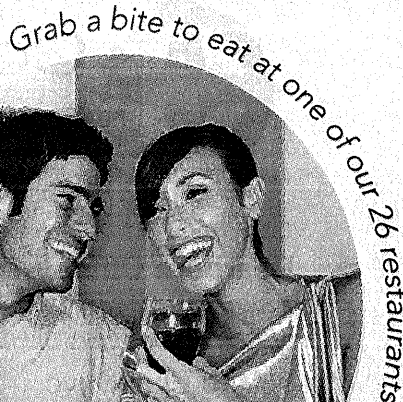
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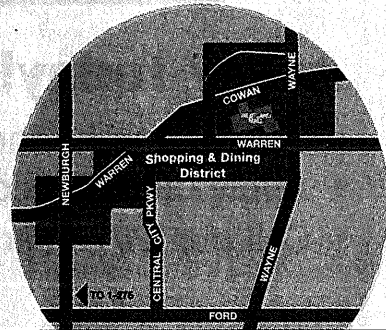


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2009-10 BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PT. 1

Wildcats welcome new era

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mike Soukup is no stranger to hard work and that's what he expects out of the Plymouth varsity boys basketball team this season.

Soukup is the Wildcats' new coach, coming over from Redford Union. At RU, he was junior varsity coach and an assistant to head coach Brett Steele, a stickler for detail and one of the best at getting the most out of his players.

That's what Soukup will try to do in Plymouth, although he conceded there will be the inevitable adjustment to a new coaching regime and approach.

"When a new coach takes over a program, they bring in a new philosophy and expectations," Soukup said. "This is a transition time for all of us, both players and coaching staff."

Soukup, meanwhile, is optimistic the new era won't take long to take root.

"With the talent we have and the work ethic that has been displayed during preseason workouts," he said, "I believe we will find success this season."

The Wildcats do have several key players back from 2008-09, when the KLAA South team finished 9-13.

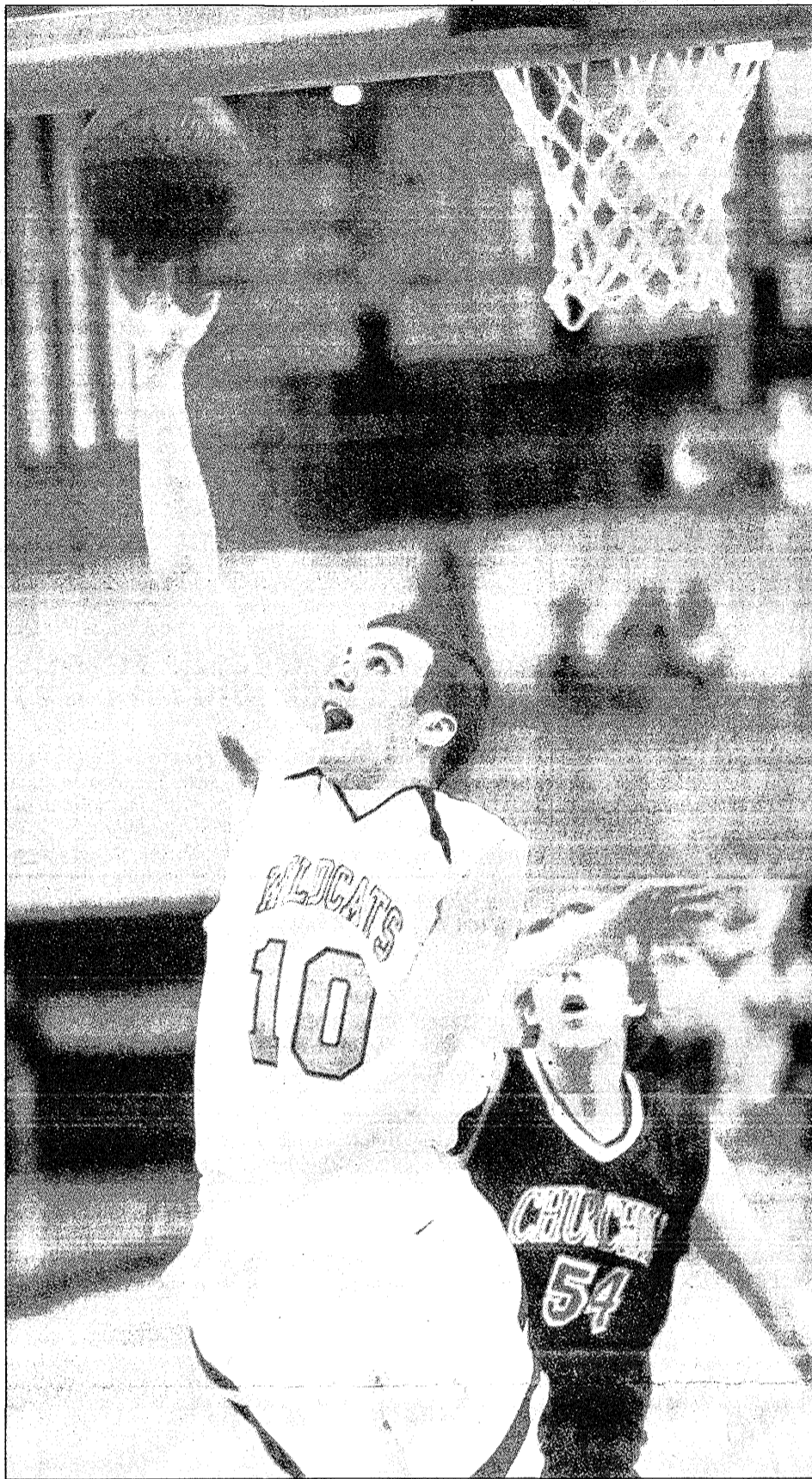
Senior forward Aaron Thompson, senior guard Dion Johnson, junior forward Brennen Beyer and junior guard Mike Nadratowski will lead the way.

Augmenting them will be seven promising varsity newcomers, all juniors.

That group includes forwards CJ Thompson, Zach Yokom and Jeff Heuer, guards Pat Salo, Stephen Jahn and Jimmy May and guard-forward Jacob Morris.

The first test for Soukup and his team is 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Walled Lake Central.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski, shown from a game last season, is one of the returning players who will be called upon to help lead the Wildcats in 2009-10.

Reddy returns, looks to inspire

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It takes one to know one. Canton's new coach is touting a handful of new players as the Chiefs varsity boys basketball team looks to take a step toward contention in the KLAA South Division in 2009-10.

The new leader on the sidelines, Jimmy Reddy, actually is no stranger to Canton. He played his high school career for the Chiefs, graduating in 2000.

Reddy is energized about helping his alma mater bounce back from an 11-10 season in 2008-09, including 5-5 in the division.

But the 27-year-old coach is even more thrilled about the debut of sophomore forward Paul Baumgart, sophomore guard Kyle Adams, junior forward Ben Spreitzer and senior guard Hayatt Ali.

"I am really excited about the potential of the newcomers," Reddy said, describing Baumgart as "an athletic big man" who will pound the glass for rebounds and putbacks.



Jimmy Reddy



Dietrich Lever

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GAME WRAPS

Prep hockey

CANTON 4, SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 3: The visiting Chiefs held off a late rally by the Titans Wednesday night, with timely goalkeeping turned in by sophomore Spencer Craig (25 saves).

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak praised Craig for how well he shut the door and closed out the non-conference boys hockey victory.

"I really like how Spencer stepped up and shut them down in the final minutes," said Majszak, whose team improved to 2-2 entering Friday's rematch with Salem.

The coach also said Jordan Smith blocked three shots at the very end of the game, helping to preserve the win.

Sparking the offense were forwards Riley Hoernschemeyer (1 goal, 2 assists), AJ Rosales (2 goals, 1 assist) and Taylor Baker (2 assists).

Tallying his first Canton varsity goal was Josh Dickson, whose low slapshot got past a screen set by Sean Murphy.

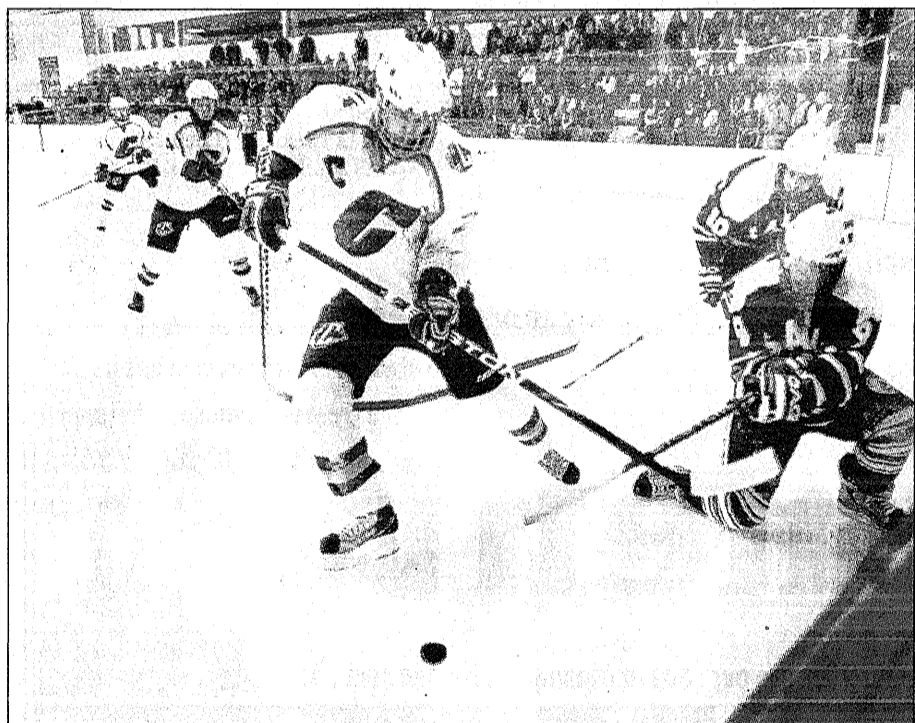
PCS PENGUINS 6, COUNTRY DAY 5 (OT): A goal by Jordyn Moore with 49 seconds to go in overtime enabled the host Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins to earn this Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League win.

It was the second goal of the game by senior defenseman Moore, with the other four goals scored by senior Shauna Siebert, who played right wing.

The Penguins led 2-0 after two frames on single tallies by Siebert and Moore and went up 2-0 after two frames but the Yellowjackets rallied with three goals in a span of 1:12 to briefly lead

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Penalty shot lifts Chiefs into tie with Rocks



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jimmy LaFontaine tries to dig the puck away from Salem forwards Mark McGee (No. 9) and Nick Hayes during Friday's 2-2 tie at Arctic Edge.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As cold as it was outside Canton's Arctic Edge Friday night, the hockey action inside was sizzling between the host Chiefs and Salem.

Fittingly, the KLAA South tilt finished in a 2-2 tie, good for one point each in the standings for both squads. On Nov. 28, in a crossover, the Rocks held on for a 4-3 victory.

"It was just as intense as the first game, except I thought both teams were prepared for each other this time and both teams brought everything they had," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak. "We played a really, really good game tonight."

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher also liked the way his team competed, on the road without a top forward (Josh Jarvela, out with the flu).

"We battled pretty well, we had our chances," Ossenmacher noted. "I think we held them to 20 shots. Any time you do that, you put yourself in a good position to win."

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Captain's CORNER

Who: Rachel Norman, Salem senior and tri-captain for the Rocks varsity girls basketball team.

Miscellany: Norman, 17, carries a 3.8 grade-point average. Her parents are James and Terri Norman.

Captain's job: "I feel that the job of a captain is to be a base for the team, to support and encourage everyone to be the best they can be.

"Captains not only help communicate to the players, but to the coaches as well. A captain leads by example."

Leadership style: "I like to encourage and demonstrate

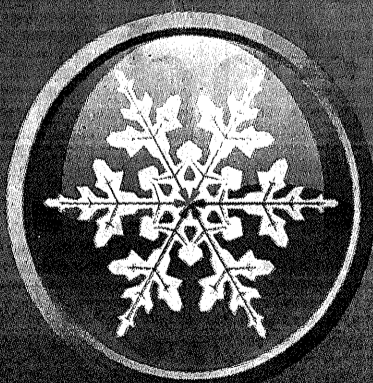
RACHEL NORMAN



communication on and off the court. Communication is vital between players, and between coaches and players."

Why her?: "Perhaps due to experience, I also get along well with everyone on the team."

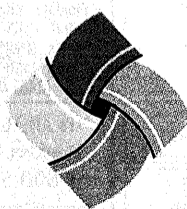
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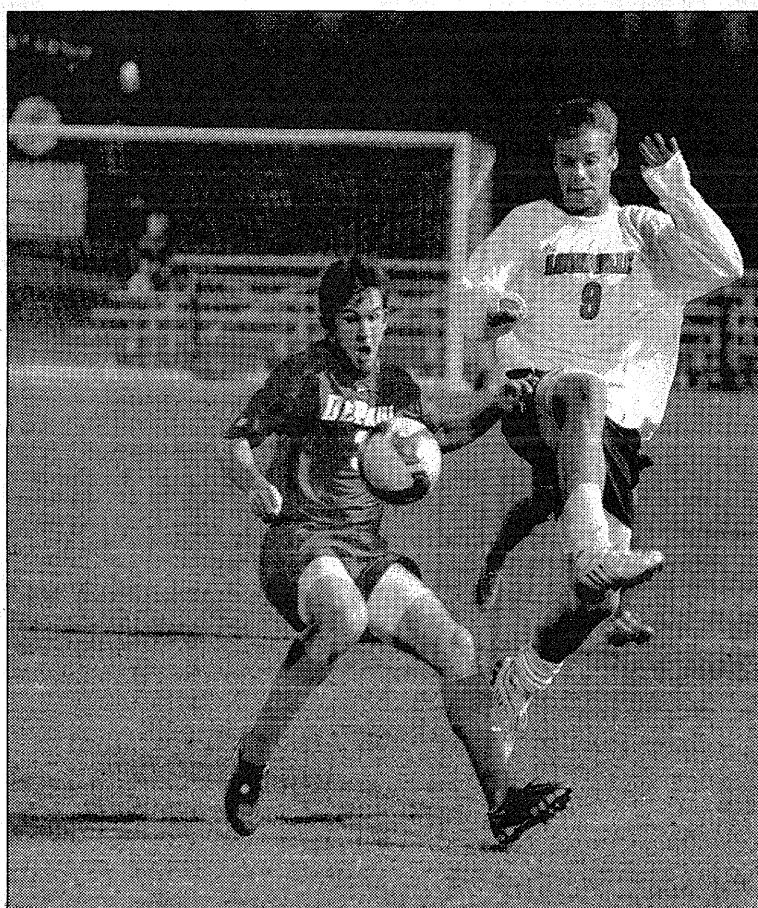


All Saints, All Smiles

The junior varsity basketball team All Saints Catholic School in Canton won the Thanksgiving Day Tournament at St. Sebastian, winning three games in a row. The team includes: (front row, from left) James Piot, Justin Savona, Robert MacLellan, Michael Millen; (middle row, from left) David Gunnis, John Pacente, Gino Persicone, Conor McElroy, Chris Wojay, Ryan Woebkenberg, Andrew Pyle; (third row, from left) coaches John Gunnis, Rob Pyle and Joe MacLellan.

'BIG' honors for Rolfe

Last month, 2008 Plymouth High School graduate Colin Rolfe (No. 9) of University of Louisville was a unanimous selection named to the 2009 All-BIG EAST Soccer Team. The awards were presented at the conference's annual men's soccer awards banquet in Morgantown, W.Va., on the eve of the 28th annual BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship. In 2008, Rolfe was named BIG EAST Rookie of the year and in the pre-season this year; he was an All BIG EAST selection.



Plymouth quickly up to speed

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PREP WRESTLING

It wasn't that bad of a start. In fact, going 1-1 at Wednesday's quad meet at Dexter had Plymouth head wrestling coach Quinn Guernsey somewhat optimistic. The Wildcats lost 48-20 to Belleville but came back with a rousing 50-18 triumph over Chelsea.

Recording wins in both bouts of the day for Plymouth were Shadi Jammoul, Alec Breckenridge, Said Youssef and Robbie Barackman. "We looked sharp for the beginning of the year," Guernsey said. "Our lineup still needs quite a bit of tweaking but it was definitely a good start to the year. "Tomorrow (Thursday) we'll go back to work and hope to keep improving."

Assistant coach Danny Jammoul said he liked the competitive fire shown by the Wildcats. "Most of the guys wrestled hard and pushed the tempo of their match, so we're pretty

proud of that," Jammoul noted. **Chiefs open strong**

Meanwhile, Canton Thursday defeated Riverview 42-27 to get the season off to a good start.

It only took Waleed Faraj 22 seconds to pin Riverview's Gage McFarland at 130 and Anthony Abro similarly took care of Blake Smith at 189 (0:45 for the fall).

Other Chiefs with pins included Donnie Watkins (145, technical fall), Brent Winekoff (160) and Ben Poirier (215). See below for meet statistics.

Barackman (P) maj. dec. Cameron McCoy, 21-8; 171: Shames Delahaye (B) maj. dec. Jackson Chalmers, 15-6; 189: Mark Tooley (B) dec. Curtis Crosier, 9-4; 215: Forest Sampson (B) by void; 285: Dustin Stalon (B) pinned Wally Eppler, 2:20.

Plymouth's dual meet record: 0-1 overall.

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103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) pinned by void; 112: Alec Breckenridge (P) pinned Taylor Cooley, 5:05; 119: double void; 125: Said Youssef won dec. over Avery Osenotski, 13-9; 130: Chase Kallil (P) tech fall over Billy Collins, 16-0; 135: Jimmy Ahearn (P) dec. Travis Preston, 7-1; 140: Ziad Tamimi (P) pinned Zack Karsuninski, 15:5; 145: Dylan Raye-Leonard (C) pinned Tate Braboy, 3:38; 152: Brandon Crowther (P) pinned Jake Remo, 0:41; 160: Robbie Barackman (P) dec. Matt Lindauer, 14-7; 171: Jackson Chalmers (P) pinned Brett Hutchen, 0:48; 189: Curtis Crosier (P) pinned Joel Bradley, 2:59; 215: Ray Zieleniski (C) by void; 285: David Slugger (C) pinned Jordan Birman, 3:46.

Plymouth's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.

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(Thursday, Dec. 3)

103 pounds: Richard DeMarois (C) won by forfeit; 112: Chris Carroll (R) dec. Keshav Patel, 8-0; 119: Brandon Hernandez (R) dec. Daniel Filippelli (C), 12-2; 125: Jeff Czjka (R) dec. Alex Eimers, 18-7; 130: Waleed Faraj (C) pinned Gage McFarland, 0:22; 135: Zach Marsh (C) dec. Matt Rossi, 9-1; 140: Robbie Luciani (R) dec. Mitch Wolksi, 6-4; 145: Donnie Watkins (C) won by tech. fall over Stephen Warrington, 20-5; 152: Mike Carnavon (R) pinned Patrick Murphy (C), 1:58; 160: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Lucas Nino, 1:12; 171: Keith Zech (C) dec. Joey Jimenez, 10-4; 189: Anthony Abro (C) pinned Blake Smith, 0:45; 215: Ben Poirier (C) pinned Jacob Martin, 3:39; 285: Ronald Dively (R) pinned Julius Maddox, 2:24.

Canton's dual meet record: 1-0.

Brett Foster joins All-Observer boys netters

The Observer belatedly adds Salem junior Brett Foster as part of the All-Observer First-Team Singles boys tennis team and it was an oversight that he wasn't included in the original story (Nov. 15). His omission was an oversight and he deserves to be so recognized.

Brett Foster finished with a record of 15-7 at No. 1 singles against some of the toughest opponents in the entire region and defeated Novi's Carson Crandall. He also is an outstanding student, carrying a 4.0 grade-point averaged and being a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

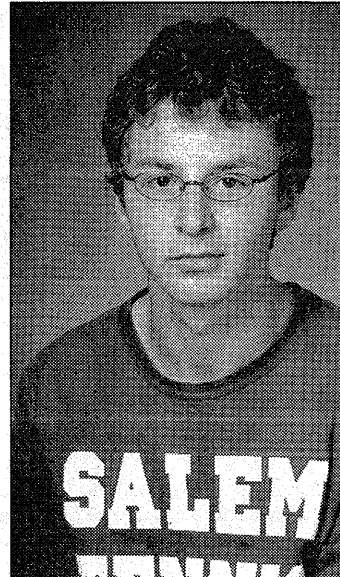
"He had a pretty good season, although he wasn't that pleased with his results," said Rocks head coach Bill Nelson.

"He's the kind of player that never gives up on a point, and will hit any number of balls to win a rally."

Nelson expects bigger and better things from him in his senior season.

Meanwhile, the addition of Foster does not bump anybody off the All-Observer team. He joins other first-team singles players Aaron Zhang (Plymouth), John McDonald (Farmington Hills Harrison), Stephen Payne (Livonia Franklin), Walter Woods (Franklin), Ryan Hansz (Canton) and Josh Famie (Harrison).

The All-Observer team was selected by tennis coaches, at a meeting facilitated by Observer sports editors.



Brett Foster Salem

Salem still in scoring rut

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the second game in a row, Salem's inability to score and penchant for turnovers cost the Rocks in the won-lost column.

Visiting Ann Arbor Huron defeated Salem 42-26 Thursday night in a non-conference varsity girls basketball matchup.

"Our effort was just as good (as the Tuesday opener)," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann. "But our recognition wasn't very good and our turnovers were disastrous. "We had 10 turnovers in the first quarter, which really put us in a bind."

On the plus side, senior forward Sara Stone tallied 18 points and chipped in with five rebounds. The

River Rats held senior forward Brett deBear scoreless.

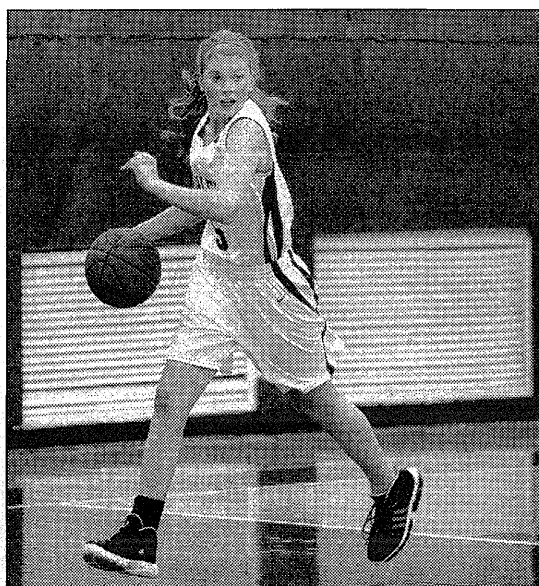
Salem's second top scorer for the night was freshman forward Breanne Beaver (4 points).

Huron got rolling with a 9-4 lead after the first quarter and never looked back.

Thomann, whose team will host Farmington Hills Mercy 7 p.m. Tuesday, said the shooting will improve with continued hard work.

"We're going to get better, it's just a matter of when it's going to kick in," Thomann emphasized. "Right now we're struggling in a lot of different areas."

"But the season is 20 games long and we've only played two of them. We just need to keep working."



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem's Katelynn Krause looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during Thursday's game against Ann Arbor Huron.

REDDY

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That group joins a solid cast of six returning players.

In the backcourt are junior point guard Dietrich Lever and senior guards Yusef Bazy and Alec Martin. Reddy said Lever, obviously, needs to excel in order for the Chiefs to contend.

"Our defense starts with him (Lever) putting great pressure on the ball," Reddy said. "Offensively, he has to run the team. He does a great job of getting into the lane, where he can finish or create for others."

Bazy brings leadership and energy and "will do anything to help us win," while Martin is a scoring threat from beyond the 3-point arc.

A trio of senior forwards returns to hopefully power the inside game for

Canton: Brandon Duffey, Kevin Weisz and Kai Walther.

"Defensively, he (Duffey) will guard the other team's best wing player," Reddy said. "Offensively, he is a good finisher around the rim."

So is Weisz, who also can drain outside shots.

Meanwhile, Walther is "a good leader, our best screener. He does a great job getting other people open."

Meanwhile, the new coach is banking on a tried-and-true recipe for success.

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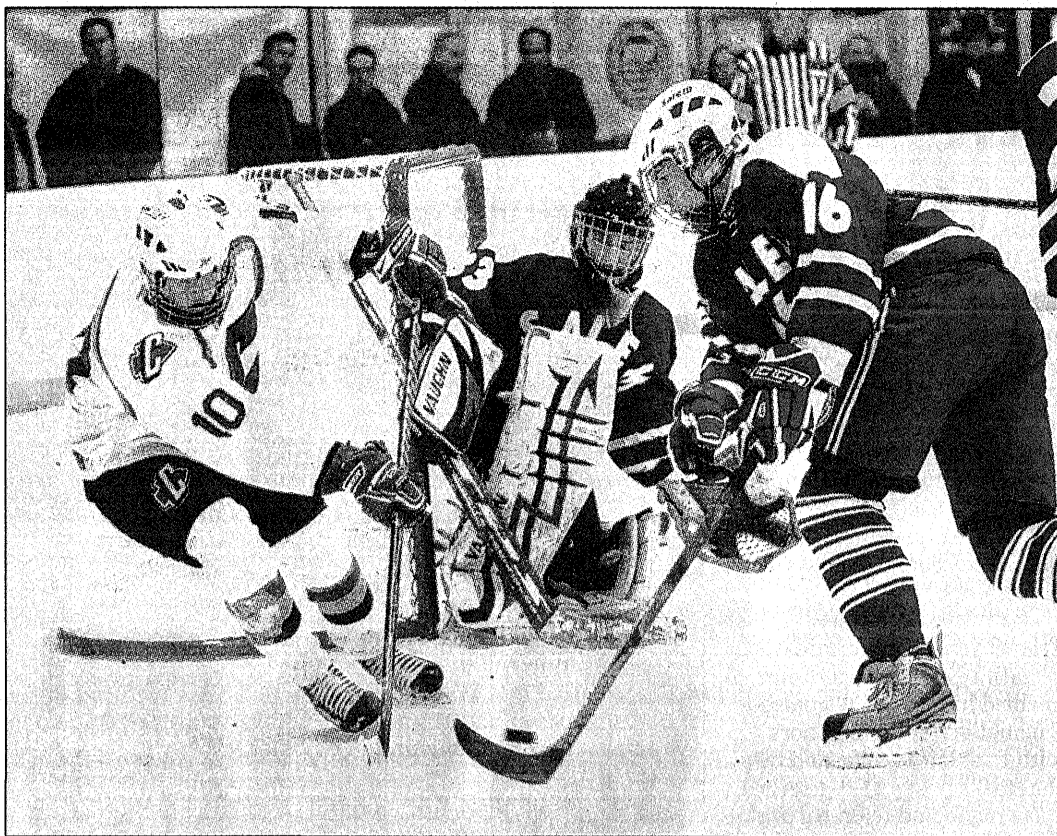
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Vying for control of the puck in front of Salem goalie Steven Manser Friday night are Rocks defenseman Matt Hull (No. 16) and Canton forward Matt Rogers.

Seguin, Whalers harpoon Saginaw

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The first portion of the 2009-10 Ontario Hockey League schedule has been a mixed bag for the Plymouth Whalers, still trying to get off the win-one, lose-one treadmill.

But with the recent acquisition of Los Angeles Kings prospect Robbie Czarnik, the Whalers finally have two solid go-to lines at the disposal of head coach Mike Vellucci.

Wednesday night at Compuware Arena, Czarnik blasted home his first OHL goal and high-scoring forward Tyler Seguin tallied a three-goal hat trick to spark Plymouth to a 6-2 victory over Saginaw.

"Early on we had a lot of jump, we got a couple quick goals on big rebounds," said Vellucci, whose team improved to 16-13-0-0 entering Friday nights rematch with the host Spirit. "That was the turning point tonight, getting up on them early."

Plymouth — with a little different look on the first couple lines — scored goals by Seguin and center AJ Jenks just 2:25 apart to go up 2-0. Assisting on both markers was Tyler G. Brown, who skated with Seguin and Jenks (1 goal, 2 assists).

Before the end of the stanza, Garrett Meurs scored for a three-goal cushion.

Seguin made it 4-0 at 3:43 of the second period, cashing in the rebound of a Michal Jordan point shot. The goal chased Saginaw starting netminder Edward Pasquale.

Saginaw finally beat Whalers goalie Matt Hackett (31 saves) with 9:49 left in the second when a long shot by Jordan Skellet hit a body and changed direction.

Getting it back, with 21 seconds left in the frame, was Czarnik, who skated well with linemates Josh Britain and Miles McCauley.

GOAL-SCORER'S GOAL

Czarnik, who left the University of Michigan hockey



Plymouth's Joe Gaynor (No. 24) tries to get open in front of Saginaw goaltender Edward Pasquale during Wednesday night's contest at Compuware Arena. Defending Gaynor is Saginaw's Joe Underwood, a Canton native.

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team to join the Whalers, skated from the left half-wall and spun around a defender into the nearby circle before snapping a shot past Saginaw goalie Anthony Peters.

"That's what we were trying to do when we picked him (Czarnik) up, we needed more offense," Vellucci said. "He's a good player and you try to spread out your goal scoring as much as you can. That gives us two good lines."

It was Czarnik's first goal after going without one in his first three Plymouth outings.

"I could tell he was pressing a little bit the first couple games, but it takes a while to get used to your linemates," Vellucci added.

Plymouth's special teams also played a key role in the win.

The Whalers killed off a one-minute, 40-second 5-on-3 Saginaw power play thanks to Hackett and some second-effort defense from blueliners Leo Jenner and Austin Levi

(Farmington Hills).

Shortly after Plymouth returned to full strength, the Whalers went on the power play and only needed six seconds to go up 6-1.

Seguin's third goal (his 23rd) came on a deflection in front of Peters. Drawing their second assists of the game were Jenks and Joe Gaynor.

Saginaw (16-10-2-0) added a meaningless goal, and the only excitement after that were two fights within a second of each other.

Levi bested Ryan O'Connor in the first matchup, but Saginaw's Garret Ross got the upper hand on Plymouth winger Tyler J. Brown (Westland) as the Spirit looked to send a message ahead of the Friday meeting.

"That wasn't from us," said Vellucci. "We play them again Friday so you expect it."

Vellucci added that his team needs to finally string a couple good games together. "This game means nothing if we don't win there."

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TIE

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The Rocks were little more than a period away from doing just that, as second-period goals by junior center Ryan Quigley and sophomore forward Austin Sartorius made it 2-1.

But then came the critical call of the night, a penalty shot awarded to Canton junior forward AJ Rosales with just 23 seconds to go in the frame.

Rosales was tripped up moving in on Salem senior goalkeeper Steven Manser (18 saves) and the penalty shot was called even though Manser had to make a stop on the initial shot.

HITTING HIS SPOT

On the penalty shot, Rosales stickhandled into the slot, veered far to the right until Manser was out of position and buried a high shot inside the left post.

"He works on that hesitation move a lot in practice and he did it," Majszak said.

The Canton coach called it "good karma" for the penalty shot to be called, because the Chiefs had an apparent goal called off earlier in the second.

Ossenmacher said he didn't have a good read on the play to question the referee's call, but he added that Rosales shouldn't have had such a glorious chance to begin with late in a period.

"We need to do a better job watching him in that situation," Ossenmacher said. "There's no reason he should get behind us to even put the ref in a position to make that call."

"We got a couple guys staring at the puck, it squirted free and that's what happens, unfortunately."

In the final 17 minutes, both goalies were called upon to keep the game deadlocked.

Canton sophomore Spencer Craig (26 saves), praised by Majszak for his play, held the fort during a power play early in the period.

At the other end, Manser had to be good to stop a point-blank try by junior forward Phil Baciak, who tried to one-time a centering pass into the cage.

With about 1:30 to go, Rosales intercepted an errant Salem pass in the Rocks zone. But he had too sharp of an angle to sneak his shot past Manser.

Canton (2-2-1, 0-1-1) took a 1-0 lead in the first period when senior D-man Kyle Korte

scored. Assisting were senior blueliner Alec Gilo and junior forward Jordan Smith.

BACK-TO-BACK

The Rocks evened things on a deflection by Quigley (with assists to junior defenseman Garrett Berg and senior forward Kurt Driscoll).

Then with 6:55 remaining, a point shot by Berg was tipped into the Canton goal by Sartorius, standing right in front of Craig. Also assisting was senior forward Mario Macari.

"As a whole, I thought our centers (freshman PJ Rogers, Quigley, Macari) played pretty well today," added Ossenmacher. "Being short one guy, we ran three centers for most of the game."

"With their responsibilities, what we expect of them defensively, we expect them to play the full sheet of ice and they did that tonight."

According to Majszak, the way his team forechecked and cycled in Salem's end late in the contest was a plus.

"Now we need to take that same nitty-gritty bearing down to the offensive zone," he said. "We had a couple opportunities we probably could have put home there in the third."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Canton at Lakeland, 7:40 p.m.
Churchill vs. Plymouth at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11
Churchill vs. Novi-Detroit CC at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12
Southgate vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.

Salem at Monroe, 5:30 p.m.
Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.

Canton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Novi-Detroit CC at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

PCS Penguins (JV) vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 9
Canton at Catholic Central, 5:30 p.m.

Quaad at W.L. Northern, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12
Salem "10" Tournament, 9 a.m.

Avondale Invitational, 9 a.m.
Garden City Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Bedford Invitational, 10 a.m.

Rochester Invitational, TBA.
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Dec. 10
Monroe at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12
Rocket Relays at John Glenn, 1 p.m.

EMU Relays, TBA.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Dec. 12
Canton at Vassar, 12 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Monday, Dec. 7
KLA Quad at Waterford Mott, 6:30 p.m.

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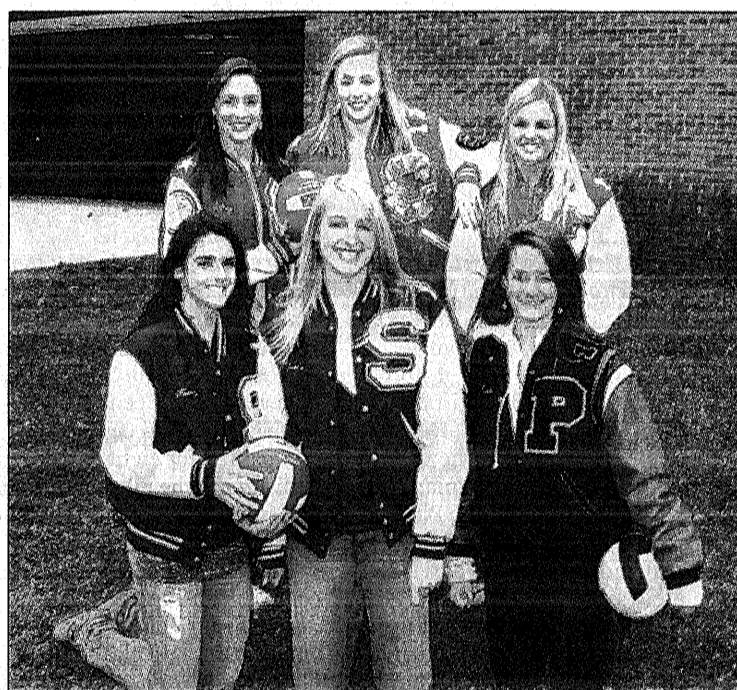
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Saturday, Dec. 12
Wyandotte Invitational, 9 a.m.

CCAM Invitational at Stoney Creek, 1 p.m.

GIRLS FIGURE SKATING
Sunday, Dec. 13
Ladywood in Team Competition at Hartland Sports Center, 8 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Dec. 10
Plymouth at Sarnia, 7 p.m.



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All-Region spikers

The 2009 Division 1 All-Region volleyball team included players from all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams. Those include: (front row, from left) Kerry MacDonald, Salem; Nicole Merget, Salem; Katie Salo, Plymouth. In the back row are (from left) Canton's Kristen Muir, Jordan Kielty and Lauren Macuga.

WRAPS

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3-2. "I ended up calling a time out after they scored their third goal," said Penguins coach Mary Beth Johnson. "I told the girls to start over and act as though (it was) a 0-0 hockey game."

The teams traded goals the rest of regulation, which ended 5-5. Siebert scored all three

PCS goals, with the final one knotting the contest at 5-5.

That set up the eventual game winner by Moore (2 goals, 2 assists).

Collecting her second victory of the season was Penguins freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo.

Drawing three assists for PCS (2-2, 2-0) was senior center Kara Bongiovanni with two helpers each for junior forward Tory Campbell and junior defenseman Sarah

Coleman. Junior winger Rebecca Majszak also picked up an assist.

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Top soccer players earn All-Observer accolades

First team

Sasa Miskovic, Sr. GK, Salem: One of the top student-athletes to represent Salem, the senior goalkeeper overcame a knee injury to be a key reason for the Rocks march to the Division 1 state semifinals.

Salem's co-MVP finished with a goals-against average of 1.05 and earned his second first team All-State berth along with All-KLAA.

Miskovic held off top-ranked Livonia Churchill, 3-2, in a memorable district final and then followed up with a clutch performance against Canton in the regional final (a 3-1 win). Against Holt in the D1 semifinal, it took a late header to defeat Miskovic and the Rocks, 1-0.

"Sasa is an intelligent organizer of our back line and dominates the 18-yard box," said Salem head coach Ed McCarthy. "He has great quickness and prevented sure goals throughout the season with a new back line from the previous year."

McCarthy called Miskovic "the best goalkeeper in the history of Salem soccer."

Adam Bedell, Sr. Def., Liv. Churchill: The first-team Division 1 All-State selection finished the year with an amazing 11 goals and 10 assists. The 6-foot-6 Bedell anchored a Churchill defense that allowed just nine goals in 21 games.

"He was instrumental in our restarts and supporting our attack as well," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said of the All-KLAA pick. "He's one of the most complete soccer players I have coached here at Churchill. He has the best touch of any defender in the game. He could play anywhere on the field."

Jon Dugan, Sr. Def., Canton: Strong defense had a lot to do with Canton going 14-8-3 and then capturing its first Division 1 district championship since 1998. The Chiefs blanked three opponents during the districts, winning the final 4-0 over Dearborn Edsel Ford and adding a fourth whitewash in the regional semifinal. Dugan was a key component of that stinginess.

"Jon was a strong defensive asset to our team," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "He was also one of our captains, and he proved his leadership all year by giving a consistently high performance. We had four shutouts in the state playoff run, and he was a huge part of those."

Dugan was selected as an All-State honorable mention and was named to the All-District and All-Region teams.

Dan Jasewicz, Sr. Def., Plymouth: Jasewicz sparked the Wildcats defense, contributing to the team's 10-7-2 overall record and excellent 7-2-1 second-place finish in the KLAA South.

"He had an outstanding season for us; he organized our defense," said Wildcats coach Jeff Neschich. "It's been our best finish in the division since the school's been open, and he's been a key part in that."

The senior co-captain, who chipped in seven goals, was recognized for his fine play, being named to the all-conference team as well as being an All-State honorable mention selection.

Zach Cooney, Jr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The junior anchored the Spartans' defense from his center back position en route

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to All-KLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State recognition.

Cooney, who scored two goals this year, earned a starting spot as a sophomore on Stevenson's Division 1 state runner-up team. He is also a member of the Derby County Wolves Under-16 national championship team.

"Zach is a very good overall soccer player who can excel both offensively and defensively," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "He is a great competitor and a strong leader by example, and he tends to rise to the challenge of the biggest game."

Eric Weberman, Jr. MF, N. Farmington: Weberman played an important role in the team's turnaround, going from 4-12-2 last year to 10-4-4 and a fourth-place finish in the OAA White Division. He was the North MVP for the second year in a row, and he made the all-state second team. Playing mostly center back, Weberman still had seven goals and six assists.

"He's our hardest-working player on the field, and he was always double teamed when he had the ball," coach Mike Horner said. "Besides being an extremely talented athlete, he's also a bright young man and understands the game very well. His first choice is not to play defense, but he was happy to do that for the good of the team. He works hard and doesn't have a big ego. Next year we'll play him in the center of the field and give him a chance to be more a part of the attack."

Lachlan Savage, Sr. MF, Salem: While Miskovic was keeping the ball out of Salem's goal, Savage was busy taking care of business at the other end of the pitch with 12 goals (sharing top team honors with Alex Tramel).

Savage — a third team All-Stater and All-KLAA choice — also led the team in assists this season, marking the second consecutive season he led or shared the lead in both offensive categories.

During his prep career, "Locke" tallied points in eight of 11 tournament games to underscore how clutch a player he was at Salem.

"(Savage is a) very creative player with a crafty ability to pass and involve other players," coach McCarthy said. "He's an excellent attacking central midfielder."

Ian Guerin, Sr. MF, Liv. Churchill: The hard-nosed and scrappy midfielder, who scored three goals and added five assists, earned All-State honorable mention accolades as well All-KLAA honors.

"Ian is the hardest working player on the field at any given time against any given team," Friedrichs said of his captain. "He's an inspiration to his teammates and can mark any 'best player' on the opposing team. He's such a positive force for our second and such a positive influence with most of the time his work going unnoticed in the stat book. He was a game-changing player because of his overall attitude and work ethic."

Phil Strachan, Sr. MF, Liv. Clarenceville: The senior midfielder and sweeper led the Trojans to their best record in school history (13-5-2) and a runner-up finish in the Metro Conference.

The three-time All-Conference selection and two-year captain capped his senior year with six goals and eight assists.

"Phil is the strongest player I have ever coached," Clarenceville coach Trevor Johnson said. "He is a great leader, on-and-off the field, has incredible soccer instincts, a very big physical presence on the field, huge leg and can play any position."

"I couldn't have asked for a better player to coach. He's extremely dedicated and hopes to play at the next level. Another coach commented to me about Phil: 'It's like he's a man out there playing amongst boys.'"

Mark Amis, Sr. MF, Farmington: Amis was the primary playmaker for the Falcons, who were 14-6-1 and one of the top three teams in the OAA White Division. As the center midfielder, he scored eight goals and passed for eight assists. Amis made the all-region team and is an all-state honorable mention.

"Mark was somebody we could depend on each and every game," coach Luke Juncaj said. "He played hard all season. We dominated the midfield in just about every game, and Mark was the main reason for it. He controlled the midfield and got us on the attack. Because of his performance in the midfield, we had a lot of offense and a lot of goals scored. He was definitely the top player on this team and somebody who will be hard to replace next year."

Max Washko, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill: The Chargers' MVP and third-team Division 1 All-Stater

racked up 25 goals and 11 assists his senior year.

"He is a goal scoring forward who developed a work ethic over his career as good as anybody I've ever coached," Friedrichs said of the All-KLAA selection. "He has passion for the game of soccer that made him improve himself into a complete soccer player. He was the best player in the air and could score from anywhere on the field."

Alex Tramel, Sr. F, Salem: Tramel's speed, determination, versatility and powerful shot enabled him to net 12 goals for Salem, tied for team honors with Lachlan Savage, and help the Rocks post a 17-5-4 record.

He made 2nd team All-State and All-KLAA for his considerable contributions to the D1 regional champions.

"Alex has the ability to be a dominating target forward with a strong ability to hold the ball waiting for midfield support," explained McCarthy. "He can take players one-versus-one with a strong shot from both his left and right foot."

Gage Flanery, Sr. F, Luth. Westland: The senior forward, who scored 23 goals and added four assists, earned Division 4 second-team All-State honors along with first-team recognition in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"Gage is one of those special players who is not only good on the ground, but also effective in the air," Warriors coach Rich Block said of his four-year varsity standout. "He's a gutsy kid who's really hard to handle off the dribble. He can finish and scored a lot of big goals for us this season."

Co-coaches of the year

Reid Friedrichs, Liv. Churchill: The 10th-year coach enjoyed his greatest season with the Chargers, who finished the regular season 17-0-1 and ranked No. 1 in Division 1.

Friedrichs, a former All-Big Ten goalkeeper at Michigan State, guided Churchill to the KLAA South Division, Kensington Conference and Association-wide titles.

Churchill allowed just nine goals all season en route to a 19-1-1 overall record.

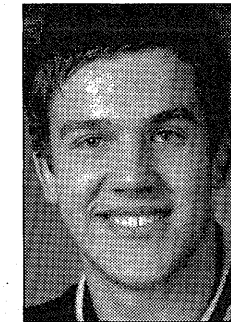
"It was a very special year and the boys made it that way by being in great shape and playing like a team," said Friedrichs, whose overall record is 122-778-20 at Churchill. "They played more as a team and more in their specific roles than any team I have coached. They squeezed every drop of potential out of themselves and I was very proud of them."

Churchill's only loss of the season came in the district final against Salem, 3-2.

"I was just sad I didn't prepare them well enough for our first and only loss," Friedrichs admitted. "We weren't ready for that first 20 minutes somehow. He never gave up more than one goal in a game and we gave up two in the first eight minutes."

"Overall though, to play the schedule we do, and go unbeaten in the regular season, was something I was so happy to be a part of and is something I will remember for a long time."

Ed McCarthy, Salem: With the ability to motivate and teach his players at the same time, McCarthy led Salem to an excellent 17-5-4 record. The Rocks did their best work in



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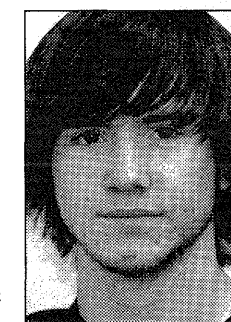
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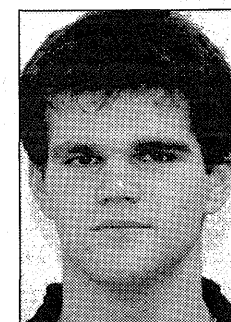
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Max Washko Churchill



Alex Tramel Salem



Gage Flanery Lutheran Westland



Jon Dugan Canton



Reid Friedrichs Churchill coach



Ed McCarthy Salem coach

the state playoffs. They mowed down Plymouth, Northville, title-favorite Livonia Churchill, Dearborn and upstart Canton — and then coming within a whisker of playing for a Division 1 state championship. Holt won the semifinal 1-0 on a header late in regulation.

McCarthy might have been more proud of what the 2009 Rocks accomplished after losing six players to college from the 2008 squad that went 22-1-4. He improved his 14-year record at Salem to 227-60-48.

"The expectations from outside the program were not high," said McCarthy, who played at Redford Union and Schoolcraft College during high school and college, respectively. "Despite losing so many high quality players, the team was very motivated and focused to improve on the (2008) regional finalist team."

With a number of scoring threats, Salem one-upped the

'08 team, which was the No. 1 squad throughout the regular season.

"The key to this year's team was our balance," McCarthy noted. "We were not dominant in any area. We had a solid back line, midfield line, and forward line. This was supported by a deep bench."

The deep and talented roster did plenty of damage, scoring 59 goals. In addition to All-Observer first-teamers Savage and Tramel (12 goals each), the Rocks' lineup included 11-goal scorer Dan Martin (who made the All-Observer second team) and Evan Antich who registered eight goals, including one against Livonia Churchill in the district final.

This year's district and regional titles were the seventh and fourth, respectively, that the Rocks have won during McCarthy's long and distinguished tenure at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU baseball camp

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger and his staff will stage a holiday baseball camp for ages 9-18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

The cost is \$150 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. MU baseball staff members Stu Rose, Ted Falkner and Mike George will assist in the camp.

For more information, e-mail Jen at Total Sports at Jen@total-sportscomplex.com.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Livonia Ladywood is seeking a varsity girls lacrosse coach for the 2010

spring season.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Track coach wanted

The University of Detroit Jesuit High is seeking a varsity boys track and field coach for the 2010 season.

Those interested should forward a resume to: Mickey Barrett, Athletic Director, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI. 48221; or fax to (313) 862-3299; or e-mail mickey.barrett@uofdetjhsuit.org.

Hoop programs set

Garden City Parks & Recreation Youth Basketball Programs are being

offered this winter for boys and girls in grades three through six.

Boys and girls freshman (third and fourth graders) basketball offers a recreational focus stressing fundamentals of the sport.

Cost is \$43 and all participants will receive a team t-shirt and medal. Games will be played Saturday mornings at Maplewood Community Center.

Registration will be conducted through Jan. 9. Play begins Jan. 9 and continues through March 6.

Boys junior varsity (fifth grade) basketball runs Jan. 26-May 4 and involves five elementary schools within the city. Practices will be held at the respective schools and games to be played at Burger School for the

Autistic.

Cost is \$48 and tryouts are required.

Registration will be held Dec. 7-Jan. 9 at Maplewood Community Center.

Boys varsity (sixth grade) basketball also involves all five elementary schools in Garden City. Practices will again be held at the respective schools with games to be held at Burger School for the Autistic.

Cost is \$48 and tryouts are required.

Registration will run Dec. 7-Jan. 9 with games being contested Jan. 28-May 6.

For more information, call (734) 793-1882 or visit online at www.gardencitymi.org/parks.

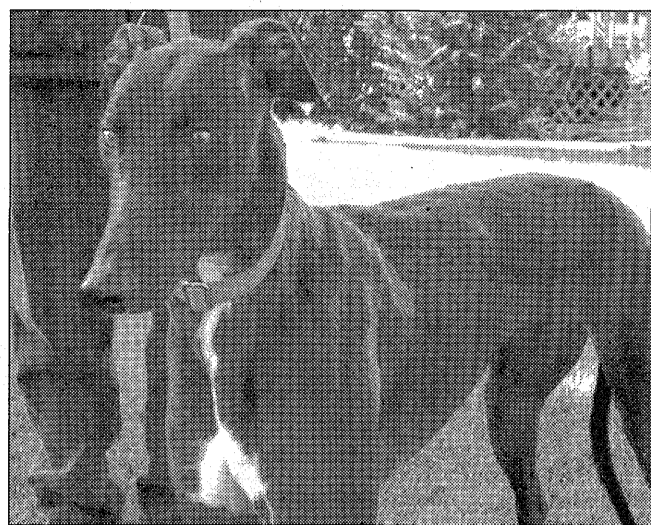
MU softball camps

Madonna University will stage three winter softball camps at the MU Activities Center featuring specialized individual instruction covering all phases of the game for girls ages 7-18.

Among the camps offered include: Hitting - 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 19-20 (cost \$30); Fundamental No. 1 - 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 (cost \$150); Fundamental No. 2 - noon-2:30 p.m. (cost \$150).

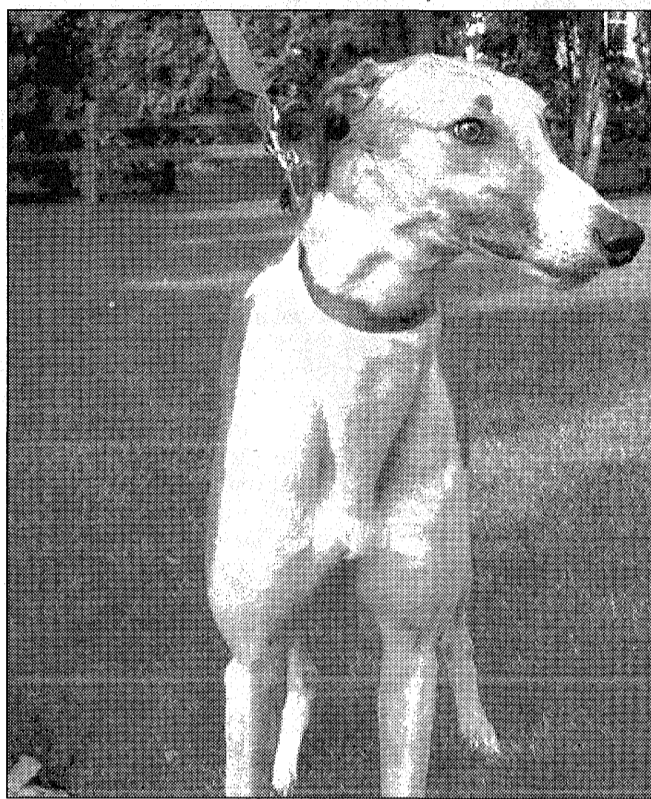
For more information, call MU head coach Al White at (734) 432-5783; or Steve Gentilia at (734) 776-1716. You can also e-mail awhite@madonna.edu.

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Jill

ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS



Oliver

Three greyhounds, Jill, Oliver and Haley, are on hand for Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption's "Santa Express Meet and Greet," noon to 4 p.m., today, Sunday, Dec. 6, at PetCo, 43435 Ford Road, at Morton Taylor, Canton.

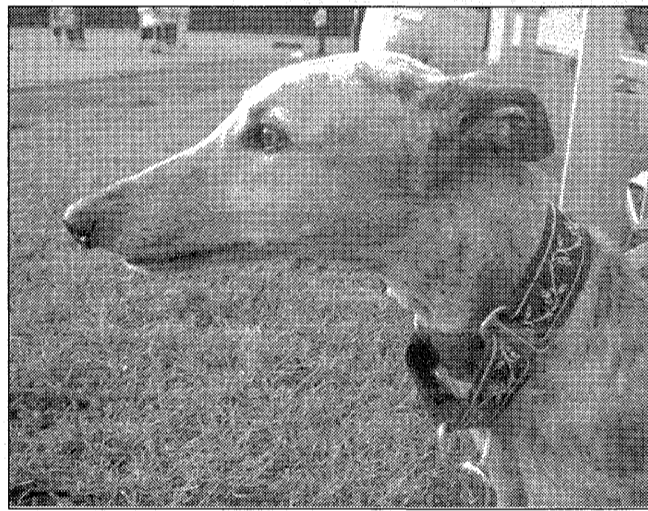
Here's what volunteers say about the three dogs:

Oliver, 2, has a white coat with red markings in it. He is the sweetest dog you could ever want to meet. Handsome and gentle. He'll be at the adoption event between noon and 1:30 p.m. Jill is a beautiful little

black girl with the sweetest eyes you could ever wish for. She is 3 and a curious little girl at that. She'll arrive at the meet and greet at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Haley is 6 1/2 years old and could melt the heart of a Grinch. She is a petite little girl with light fawn brindle coloring. She'll be on hand at around 1 p.m.

Can't make it to today's event? View the dogs online at www.greyheart.org. For more information about adoptable greyhounds, call Greyheart at (866) 438-4739.



Haley

MILESTONES

PHILLIPS-SHELTON

Amanda Phillips and Timothy L. Shelton plan to marry in December 2009. The bride-to-be, daughter of Martin Pollard and Tracey Rowedder of Acworth, Ga., graduated from Kennesaw State University and is

employed in sales.

Her fiancé, son of Terry and Brenda Shelton of Farmington Hills, graduated from the University of South Florida and St. Mary's Medical School. He is a physiatrist at Non-Surgical Orthopaedics.

The couple plans to wed in Kennesaw, Ga.

PLYMOUTH TWINS

Langston Christopher Montney and Eloise Rose Montney were born Nov. 19, 2009.

Langston weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches. His sister weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 19 inches.

Proud parents are Chris Montney and Hillary Cargio of Plymouth.

Grandparents are George and Adrienne Cargio of Marshall, and James and Jeanann Montney of Davison.



Eloise Rose Montney and Langston Christopher Montney

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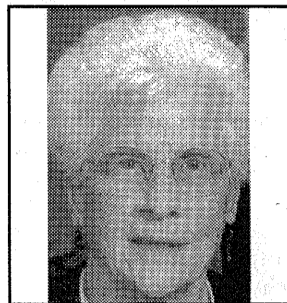
WILFRED "BILL" "BUMPY" CAMERON

Age 81, November 25, 2009 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Olga. Loving father of Reid (Mary Kay) and Marcia (Brad) Saunders. Dear brother of Ruth Frazer. Grandfather of Richard (Tracey), Kasi, Ellen and Aaron Saunders, Grace (Tony) Zaszczurynski and Audra Cameron. Great grandfather of Nicholas, Mitchell, Heston and Lilly. He was preceded in death by his son Keith Francis Cameron. Mr. Cameron worked at the YMCA for many years. He was a lifelong Rotarian, where he was past President, Paul Harris fellow recipient and Friendship Exchange Volunteer. During his life Mr. Cameron wrote two columns (Court Jester and Ski-Heil) for the Observer Newspaper. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 11AM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. The family suggests donation to Livonia Rotary Foundation. Please sign Bill's online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com



PAULA K. DUNCAN

Dec. 3, 2009 age 52, of Westland. Beloved wife of Charlie L. Dear mother of Christina (Jason) Parrillo, Samantha Duncan & Charlie Duncan III. Loving daughter of Sharon Morris & the late James Morris. Sister of Sherie Wells. Grandmother of Kaelee & Christopher Decker. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Mon. 1 PM. Family will receive friends Sun. 1-9 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Please visit and sign a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com



ILA MARSEE

December 3, 2009, age 85 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Carl. Loving mother of Barbara, David (Janet) and the late Judy(Ed) Langer. Proud grandma of Dawn Bradford, Darren (Jana) Kopetko, Scott (Anita) Langer, Todd (Kara) and the late Kevin. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews including Joan (the late Eugene) Morrison. Visitation Sunday, 2pm to 9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday, 10:00am until 11:00am. Funeral Service at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church-Youth Group or the Plymouth Historical Museum. To share a memory, please visit: Vermeulenfuneralhome.com



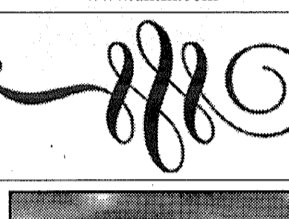
DOREEN J. STEVENS

Passed away quietly on November 20, 2009. Preceded in death by her loving husband Lee. Survived by her children Janet (Mike) Jensen, Randy (Mimi) Stevens, and Sheila (Tom) Gebhardt, grandchildren Sara, Christopher, Christine, Craig, Danny, Lea, Samantha, Callen, and great grandchildren Aiden, Kailee, Maggie, Kelsen, and Emmy. A Celebration of Life was held in Colorado. Memorial contributions may be made in Doreen's name to the Porter Hospital Cancer Center, 2525 S. Downing Street, Denver, CO 80210. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington, MI. www.thayer-rock.com



CORRINE CLARK

Age 84 of Canton, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2009. She was born May 7, 1925 to Walter and Agnes Schifle and was a life long resident of the Plymouth-Canton area. Married Wilbert (Bill) Clark on June 28, 1944 and had celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this last year. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed traveling, bowling, gardening and family functions. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Nankin Eastern Star, the VFW Auxiliary, a Charter member of the Elks Vivian Club of Plymouth and belonged to the Trailwood Garden Club. She volunteered for the American Red Cross for 15 years. Dear mother of Terry (Susan) Clark of Ft. Wayne, IN and Carol (Bill) Barringier of Canton. Loving grandmother of Kelly (Chris) Steffen, Greg (Erin) Clark and Brent Clark of Ft. Wayne, IN and Grant (Jaime) Gardner and Mike Gardner of Plymouth and five great-grandchildren. Visitation 2-5pm and 6-8pm Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Monday 1:30pm at the funeral home. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



JOANNA (Jury) GARRETT

Love, Compassion, Joyfulness
 Former Birmingham resident Joanna Garrett died on Monday, November 23, 2009. Joanna Jury was born in Jackson, MI, on August 4, 1940 to Helen and Henry Jury. She began her lifelong love of education at the University of Michigan where she earned a B.A. and M.A. in English. She was President of her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and was involved in many academic and social activities during her time in Ann Arbor. Following her graduation she taught high school English in the Birmingham School District. Joanna was a modern renaissance woman. She loved, supported, and participated in the creative arts. She was a passionate reader and was co-founder of a book club which continues to this day. She was a painter and weaver, a superb cook and gracious hostess, and above all a teacher and mentor to children, friends and family. She was an accomplished gardener who reveled in the first blossoms of spring, the last displays of fall color, and even the raking of leaves. She loved making clothes for her grandchildren on her ancient sewing machine. She enjoyed all the performing arts, especially live theatre and movies. An avid traveler along with her husband and greatest admirer, Roger, Joanna enjoyed numerous hiking, biking, and kayaking trips in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. In 2002 she completed the famous and challenging "Coast to Coast" walk across England in 15 days. She traveled to every continent except Antarctica, and always looked forward to the exciting new experiences her travels would bring. Joanna served on the boards of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the Friends of the Detroit Public Library, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, Family Life Education Council (FLEC), and the Parents League of Independent Schools. She volunteered for many worthwhile causes including Habitat for Humanity, Guyton School in Detroit, the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Greening of Detroit, Services for Older Citizens (SOC), Pewabic Pottery, and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Joanna will be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother by her family. All who knew her will remember her enthusiasm, kindness, generosity, compassion, joyfulness, beauty, and keen mind. Mrs. Garrett is survived by her husband Roger, children Jeffrey (Maria) Johnston, Hillary (Dave) Grogan, and Bevan (Steve) Gottlieb; grandchildren Katherine, Michael, Benjamin, and Madeleine Johnston, and Garrett, Sterling, and Eleanor Gottlieb, and brother William. A memorial service will be held at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on Saturday, December 5th at 11:00a.m. Memorial donations may be made to the University of Michigan Depression Center, Rachel Upjohn Building, 4250 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.



JANICE L. DIEHL (nee DEPKI)

Age 71 long time resident of Plymouth, November 18, 2009. Loving wife of Robert. Beloved mother of Cheri (Craig) Britt, Kimberly (Don) Myers, Timothy (Tara) Blomberg, Steve (Lisa) Leonard and Kenneth Diehl. Dear grandmother of Michael, Ryan, Justin, Patrick, Donnie, Kelly, Timothy, Thomas, Rachel, Jessica, Kenneth and Stephanie. The family will gather with friends Sunday December 13 from 1PM until the 2PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ILA "Punk" ROBERTS

Age 85, of Farmington. Born in Brighton, Ontario, Canada to the late John and Grace Loomis. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Cec. Dear sister of Dawn Hetherington of Canada. Punk was a longtime member of Ward Presbyterian Church. A memorial service is pending, with a spring burial planned in Brighton, Ontario, Canada. Memorials may be made in Punk's memory to the charity of your choice.



HAROLD EVERETT STEIN

Passed away December 1, 2009 at the age of 93. Hal Stein was born on May 18, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Monroe High School in Monroe, Michigan and in 1932, as a sophomore, he set the State Class A record in the pole vault with a vault of 12' 3/4". He continued to compete in track and field during his college career at Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University). Hal served in the U.S. Army during World War II and attended the University of Michigan after discharge, earning a Masters Degree in History in 1949. While at the U of M he also pursued his interest in the fine arts and it was art rather than history that occupied the rest of his life. Hal taught art at Wayne Memorial High School from 1949 to 1975. He enjoyed the friendship of former students until the end of his life, with the satisfaction of seeing several of them choose careers in art. Both before and after retirement, Hal himself created a wealth of art: large and small sculpture, paintings, graphic and photographic works. He was a member of the Three Cities Art Club and had works in exhibitions sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. He had a one man show of paintings at the Renaissance Unity Center in Warren in 2003. He also wrote poetry and extensive poetic commentaries on his visual work. Hal-married Dorothy Estelle Lovell in 1946 and her death in 2001 ended 54 years of a very happy marriage. He is survived by his daughter Kathleen F. Stein and son-in-law William A. Hunt of Canton, NY. Contributions in Hal Stein's memory may be made to Art Serve Michigan (www.artserve-michigan.org) a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization devoted to supporting the arts in Michigan and specifically to countering the effects of budget cuts on school art programs. Share your special thoughts & memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

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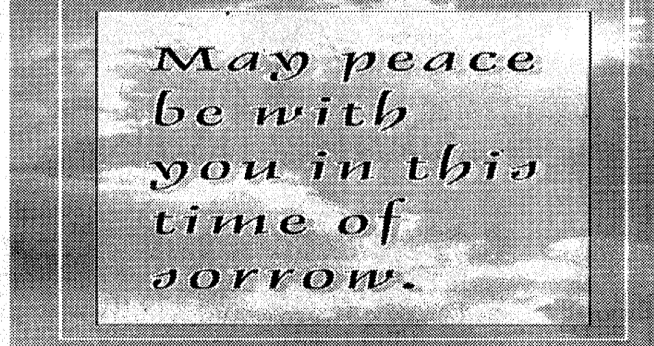
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NEIGHBORS

Fun stuff: New toy store owners discuss popular gifts

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Charles and Elle Dare were doing a brisk business on a recent Saturday at their new Genuine Toy Co. on Forest Avenue in Plymouth, but they had time to talk about this year's top sellers among the younger set.

"Calico Critters I'd say have been among our best sellers," Charles said of the small animals in a bright green box. Board games and puzzles do well at the business, which was opened Aug. 3 by the Plymouth couple.

"We hear a lot of people say they are having family game nights now," Elle said. They showed Rokenbok which combines a construction toy with a remote control vehicle.

"It's a very well-made toy," he said. Children play with it all day, his wife added.

Quality toys are the focus at the new store, opened by Elle, who has a background in psychology working with abused kids, and later Web pages. Her husband spent 16 years with Merrill Lynch and was a banker for five years before that. He has children ages 9 and 13.

They don't carry a lot of dolls, sending those customers to Muriel's on nearby Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

This holiday season, they're selling the Plasma Car in which the child puts his or her feet up and turns the steering wheel. Elle said fossils and minerals do well, "things you couldn't get unless you were in a museum store. It gets them

interested in more of a science." Science and craft kits remain popular with middle schoolers.

Retro toys also do well. A small grocery cart toy even sold out in the past.

"We love toys," Charles said. "We think there's a market for different types of things."

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"They ask for the things they see in commercials," Elle said of local kids. The Zhu Zhu pets are big but have limited play value and are hard to get, they said.

"We tried to get a good quality for a good price," she said. They carry a lot of birthday gift items around \$20, or smaller ones for children who, for example, did well at the dentist.

The couple agreed video games only go so far in terms of using a child's imagination. "There's only so much you can do with that," he said. They see renewed interest in toys that pique children's imaginations.

Kathy Petlewski of Redford's a customer, having three grown children and a granddaughter who's 21 months old. She bought a tin toy set that won't break, along with toy fruit joined together by Velcro. Children can see the inside of the "fruit."

VARIETY OF FORMATS

Petlewski, an electronic resources librarian at the Plymouth District Library, said books also make great gifts this time of year and year-round. The library in



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Zoe Barkoff, 7, shops for Mad Libs with her mom, Victoria Barkoff, and sister, Charlotte, 2.

Plymouth carries children's books in other formats, such as playaways and on CD. There are feature and educational DVDs and children's music as well.

Lauren Baker of Wixom, children's librarian at Plymouth, said the playaways are popular with kids. That's like a mini MP3 player for which children need their own headphones. The library carries titles for third grade or so through adult.

Barnes & Noble and Borders Web sites list hundreds of playaways for both children

and adults. They range in price from about \$30 through slightly more than \$100.

Genuine Toy Co. is at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth, south of Ann Arbor Trail. The phone is (734) 414-9500, the Web site GenuineToyCo.com.

Find playaways and other book formats at www.borders.com and www.barnesandnoble.com. Visit Borders stores at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Laurel Park Place, 37560 W. Six Mile, Livonia, and 43435 Ford Road, Canton; Barnes & Noble is located at 17111 Haggerty, Northville.

Avoid toy hazards with common sense tips

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Web site has common sense tips on toy safety.

Parents and others should choose toys based on the child's age, abilities, skills and interest level, according to the AAP. The physicians also recommend you read instructions carefully first, and give children under 10 battery-operated toys rather than those that use an electrical outlet.

Choking is a hazard for children under 3, for whom toy parts shouldn't measure less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches in length. The AAP urges you keep button batteries and magnets away from young children who may swallow them, along with uninflated or broken balloons, also a choking hazard for those under 8.

For pull toys, watch for strings under 12 inches, a strangulation hazard, adds the AAP.

Much toy safety is common sense, agreed Charles Dare of Plymouth, co-owner with wife Elle of Genuine Toy Co. in Plymouth. She noted parents should read labels, and be leery of products made in China.

Industry testing has improved, Elle Dare said, with new regulations and U.S. standards now better than those in Europe.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group released its

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Elle Dare stocks shelves at Genuine Toy Co. She and her husband opened the store on Forest in Plymouth in August.

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The reason he doesn't is that at this point in care, he is going to undertake a therapy that does not depend on what the x-ray shows. For example: A patient comes with a swollen knee, and after hearing what happened and examining the knee, the doctor has good reason to believe that a twist to the knee caused the problem and removing the excess knee fluid is the treatment of choice, the joint aspiration is what the physician will do. Obtaining an x-ray will not add information to change his mind.

However, if the doctor treats that knee and the patient returns not improved, then the response from the doctor will be to obtain an x-ray of the knee before undertaking any further treatment. Now the x-ray has a purpose: to uncover any unknown problem in the knee that could explain the failure to recover after reasonable therapy.

For physicians being a professional consists more than just finding the right diagnosis and undertaking the proper treatment. A professional does his work in an efficient manner, not using any more of the patient's time, money and resources than is needed for the task at hand.

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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Cody High School Classes of 1955-58

Holiday lunch, 1 p.m. Dec. 21, at Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Contact: Vera at (734) 591-1305 or Irene at (248) 489-0415.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

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Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Theater presents staged holiday reading

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Craig Hane has done the math — and it's daunting. He needs to raise \$5,000 on Dec. 11 and that means selling 96 more tickets to Barefoot Productions' holiday fund-raiser show in less than a week.

And if he doesn't? "Unfortunately if we are not able to raise the \$5,000 on Friday, we may have to cancel one or both of the remaining season shows, a fate we do not wish to happen," said Hane, founder and director of the Plymouth-based community theater.

"I'd like to get to all our creditors, everyone paid off by the end of the year. Right now this fund-raiser is going to help us pay off the remaining expenses plus give us starting money to get the next productions rolling."

The four-year-old troupe plans to stage *Rope* in February 2010, followed by *Steel Magnolias* in May 2010.

Hane said *Rope* is budgeted at about \$3,000. Ticket sales from that show will help pay for *Steel Magnolias*.

"Generally we work between \$1,000-\$2,000 a show, but if you want to give a good quality production it can be between \$3,000 and \$5,000," he said.

The cost of utility bills at the Walker-Buzenberg

Building where Barefoot stages shows, along with expenses for costumes, set building supplies, props, make up, and advertising adds up quickly — even though the troupe looks for ways to economize.

"We collect props from show to show," explained Chris Steves, a Woodhaven resident who works in Canton and sits on the Barefoot Productions board. She's also in charge of production direction and makes costumes.

"Up until now the things we've collected are things the actors have donated or found at resale shops that are super cheap. We've done shows and had board members clean out their homes."

"We did *Little Women* a few years ago, and the drawing room settee was borrowed from Wayne State and the rest was my living room," she said, with a laugh.

"When we did *Black Coffee*, (the set) that was Craig's living room."

TAKING RISKS

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth rehearses its reader's theater-style production of "A Christmas Carol." The actors voice all parts, including sound effects and narration.



The troupe has become known for its cutting edge presentations. Hane staged the 'Black Coffee' show, for example, in black and white, mirroring the color scheme of 1950s and '60s television shows.

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The Good Doctor, their most recent production, included a hidden swimming pool to make an actor's jump off "the pier" more realistic. Steves said the first row got wet at every performance.

Barefoot Productions stages its plays in an intimate setting that holds no more than 100 guests. That limits the revenue it takes in from

ticket sales. "We only made \$2,700 on the *Good Doctor* and that was the most successful run to date," Hane said. "In the theater world, ticket sales are nothing. That's why we have to do these fund-raisers."

DESSERT, WINE

Tickets for the upcoming performance are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. The holiday celebration will start with a reception from 7-8:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 11. Vinter's Cellar Winery of Canton will supply wine, including a hot mulled beverage, and Sweets 21 in Plymouth will cater desserts and pastries. Tranquiletea, also in Plymouth, will offer teas.

The audience also will get a chance to meet the board of directors.

The performance, a reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, will start at 8:30 p.m. Hane edited the book into a 95-minute script last spring.

The seven actors portray

about 40 characters, sound effects and narration.

"It's all read as the novel but in different character voices," Hane explained.

He likens the experience to telling a bedtime story to the audience.

"It's fresh, elegant and simple. The stage is bare, with podiums and the actors are outfitted in gowns and tuxedos," he said. "They're not just reading. They have to get the characters out. They're memorizing the script."

Hane pointed out that Dickens read his novel in public more than 240 times.

"My whole theory was to present it as the original form Dickens intended it to be."

He said if all goes well on Friday, he plans to edit *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* for a dramatic reading next Halloween.

The Walker-Buzenberg Building is located at 240 N. Main, Plymouth. (734) 560-14983 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com.

Radio station's collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy children

There's still time to help 96.3 WVDV stuff three buses full of new toys to brighten the holidays for needy children. The radio station is collecting toys through Monday, Dec. 7, at Borders on Ford Road, east of Sheldon in Canton, Woodward and 13 Mile in Royal Oak and at The Village

of Rochester Hills, Adams and Walton.

Toys will benefit local charities including Orchards Children's Services, Beaumont Children's Hospital, Canton Goodfellows, Ronald McDonald House, Neighborhood Service Organization, Lighthouse,

Volunteers of America, Bridgepoint, Detroit Rescue Mission Missionaries and others.

New, unwrapped toys are accepted. Donation hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 7.

HAZARDS

FROM PAGE B6

24th annual Trouble in Toyland report on Nov. 24. It noted progress in the last year with the new Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act and new Consumer Product Safety Commission leadership.

U.S. PIRG warns against choking hazards with toys, along with those excessively loud (over 85 decibels) or containing toxic chemicals lead and phthalates.

The Plymouth District Library has informa-

tion on toy safety, as do other area libraries. "We are trying to be proactive in informing parents," said Kathy Petlewski of Redford, electronic resources librarian. "Parents and grandparents, too."

The Plymouth library, 223 S. Main, has printed information on the U.S. PIRG survey and other toy-safety information. That includes PVC-free toys, such as Lego and IKEA products.

The report also is available online at www.uspirg.org

— By Julie Brown

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Holiday happiness

Rainy weather can't dampen spirits at annual tree lighting

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The weather outside was definitely frightful, but on the night Canton Township gathered to kick off the holiday season by lighting its official Christmas tree, the weather hardly mattered to the hundreds of children (and adults) indoors at the Summit on the Park.

Indoors there were still cookies to decorate, drums to bang, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* to watch and Santa to visit. Two people even braved the steady drizzle to take the free carriage rides.

"Let it rain," said Dan Thompson of Canton, who attended the tree lighting with his wife, Monica, and the couple's 6-year-old son, Nolan. "You can't dampen Christmas spirit."

Apparently scores of local residents agreed with the Thompsons, because they poured into the Summit in large enough numbers that visitors were being forced to park in the golf course parking lot and shuttled to the Summit.

The outdoor activities were somewhat curtailed, though there was a reindeer and the

carriage rides. The indoor activities, however, kept everyone hopping — and happy. Grace Notes Flute Ensemble provided some musical entertainment, in-house dancers did their Dancin' Feet Spectacular, Canton Leisure Services and "Peace, Love & Planet" made eco-kids crafts and there was cookie decorating.

Lori Fithian led the interactive "Drumcommunity" circle, sharing her knowledge of drumming traditions. And, of course, Santa took up residence in the gym, where he greeted children of all ages.

With the rain coming down, Supervisor Phil LaJoy lit the official tree from inside the building. Lights on the large "official" tree outside the Summit and on a smaller tree inside went on simultaneously.

Brooke MacDonald, 6, liked the cookie decorating — "I love cookies," she said — and her mom, Dawn MacDonald of Canton, praised the event as a whole.

"We come just about every year," Dawn MacDonald said. "(Brooke) likes all the activities. There's so much to do."

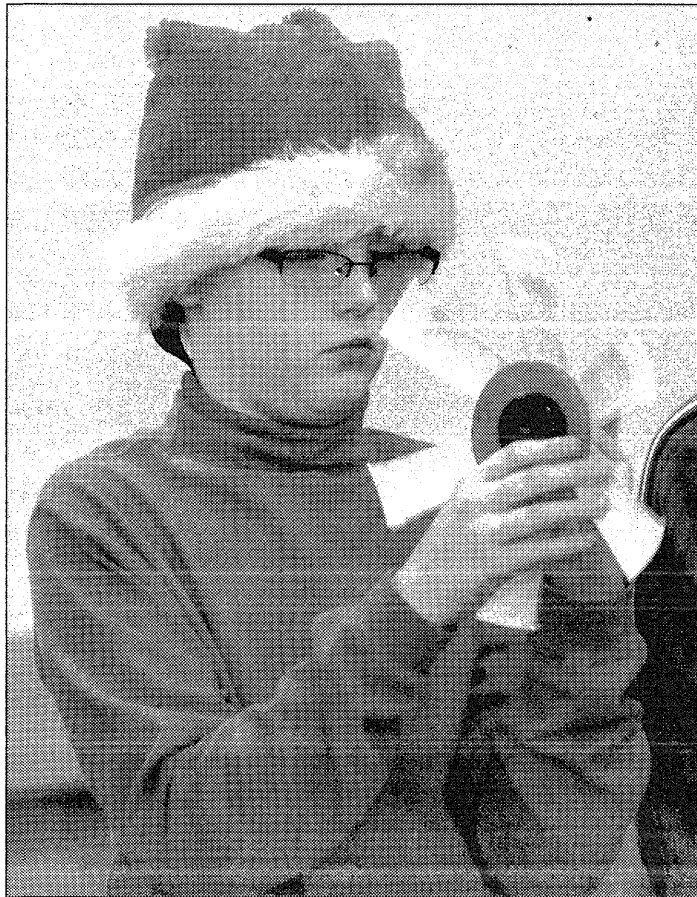
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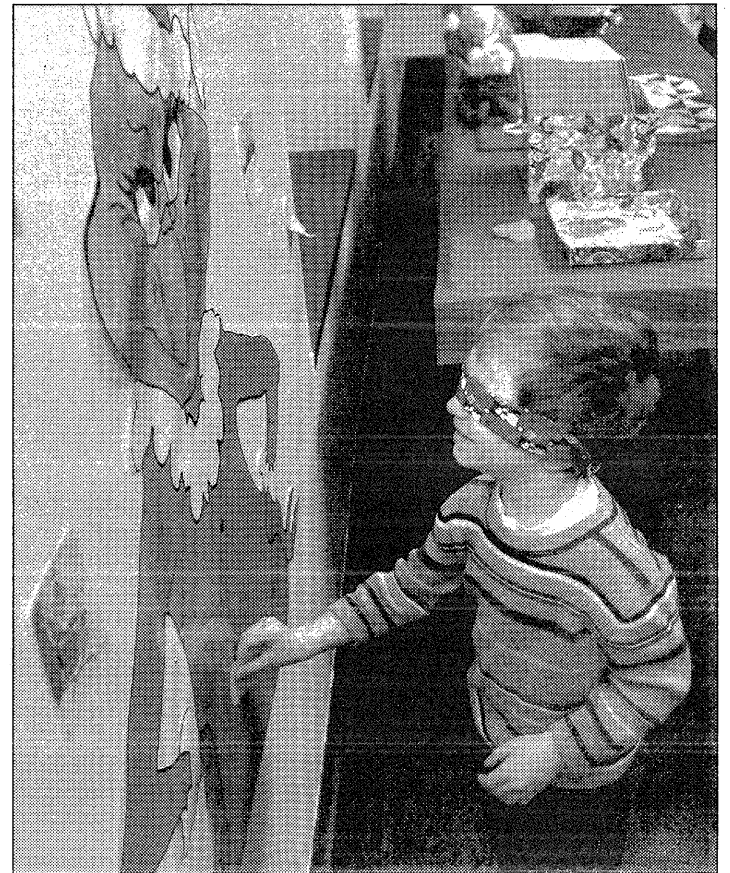
Valerie Costanza from Dancin Feet Dancers plays Frosty the Snowman.



Aubrey Patterson writes a letter to Santa.



Andrew McCarthy makes a snowflake out of a cup.



Peter Caruana plays pin the heart on the Grinch during Canton tree-lighting holiday activities at the Summit Wednesday.



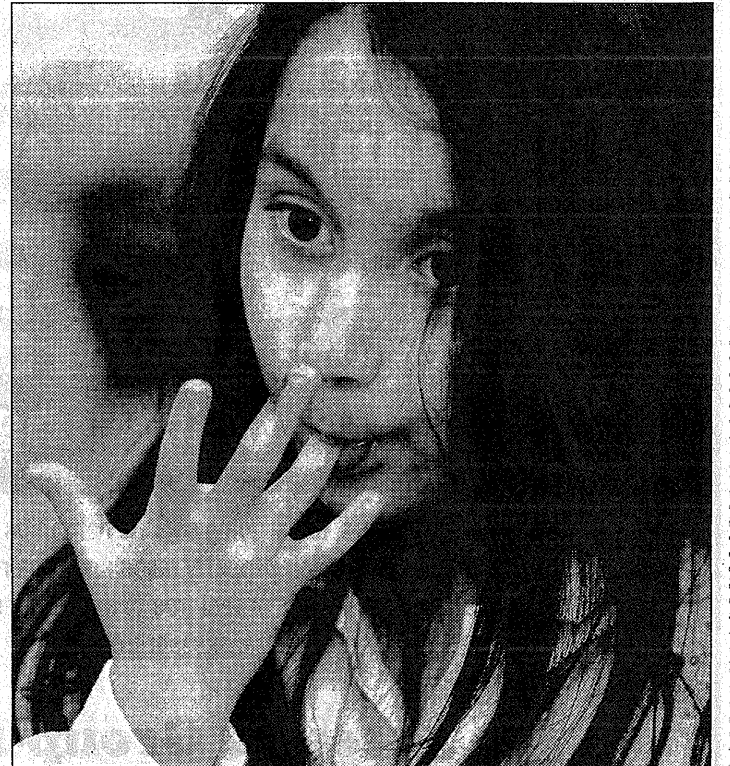
Abby Lockmondy gives the ginger man a hug.



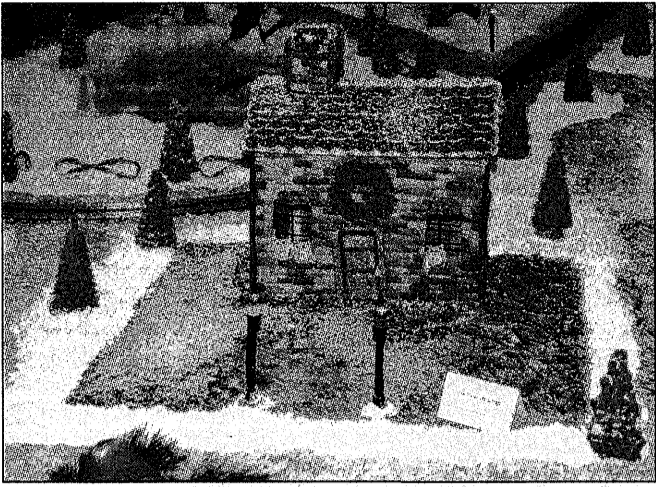
Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy throws the switch at the township's holiday tree-lighting ceremony.



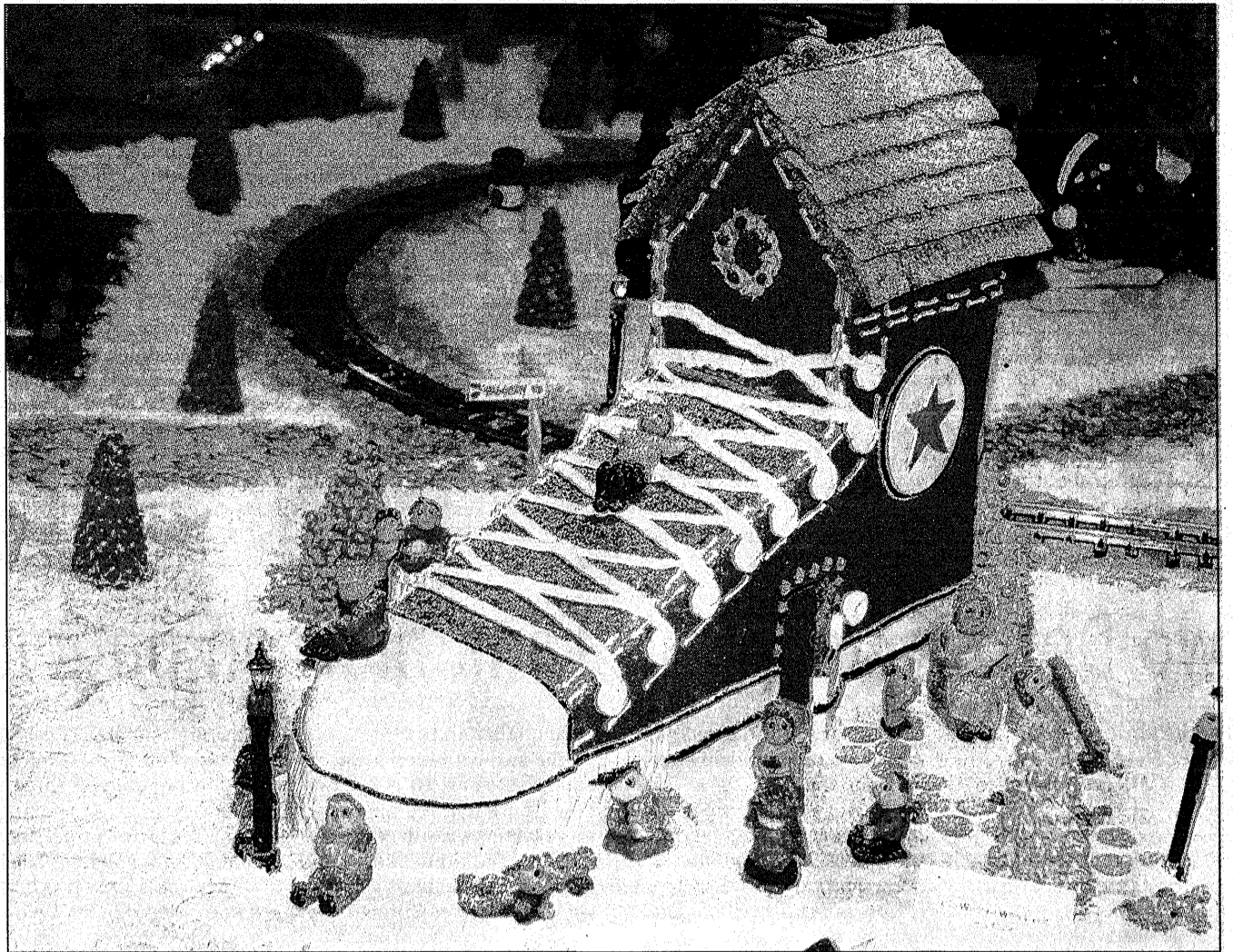
Chynna Christian from Plymouth Canton Education Park helped provide some of the musical entertainment at Canton's tree-lighting.



Aashni Patel finds the cookies finger-licking good.



The Big Bad Wolf will huff and puff and eat this gingerbread version of the "Three Little Pigs" house on display at Schoolcraft College.



The nursery rhyme, "Old Woman in the Shoe," inspired this first place winner on display in a gingerbread village at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

These houses are good enough to eat

Nursery rhymes inspired the lavishly decorated gingerbread houses you'll see on display through Friday, Dec. 10, at VisTaTech on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Culinary Arts students created the gingerbread art, which was judged and then assembled into a village.

Rachel Kaniarz of Livonia won first place for her edible rendition of "The Old Woman who Lived in the Shoe"

Second place went to the team of Katelyn Dingrave of Livonia and Gabrielle Todd of Jackson, who created the "Six Swans" in gingerbread.

Lisa Quint of Livonia took third place for "Three Little Pigs." Call (734) 462-4400 for more information.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING December 15, 2009

The Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year of 2009 at the Charter Township of Plymouth offices located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 on December 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting December 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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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CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED from Thursday, December 24, 2009 returning on Monday, January 4, 2010.

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Study: Women reluctant to take tamoxifen to prevent cancer

Even when women at high-risk of breast cancer are well-informed about the risks and benefits of using the drug tamoxifen for prevention, only 6 percent say they're likely to take it, according to a University of Michigan study.

Researchers at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center created a "decision aid" designed to inform women about the risks and benefits associated with tamoxifen, a drug that was first used to stop breast cancer from returning and has recently been shown to prevent breast cancer in the first place.

The U-M decision aid gave objective information about tamoxifen and was tailored to each woman's health history. The study targeted women

who were at high risk of developing breast cancer within the next five years; 632 women participated.

"Tailored information is critical because the risks and benefits vary across women. This is one of the most detailed tailored decision aids to address breast cancer prevention. The information about the risks and benefits of tamoxifen was tailored to each woman's health history. That means, when women read this decision aid, they learned about how the drug was likely to affect them given their age, race, breast cancer history and medical history," says lead author Angela Fagerlin, associate professor of internal medicine at the U-M Medical School and a research investigator at the VA Ann Arbor

Healthcare System.

After viewing the decision aid, 41 percent of women could correctly answer six questions about the risks and benefits of tamoxifen, while 63 percent correctly answered at least five of the six questions.

Despite this understanding, only 29 percent of women said they were likely to seek out more information about tamoxifen, and only 29 percent said they would ask their doctor about it. A scant 6 percent of women said they were likely to take tamoxifen.

Three months later, the researchers found that fewer than 1 percent of participants had started taking tamoxifen, and fewer than 6 percent had either talked to their doctor or

sought more information.

"For any given woman, there is not a right or wrong answer in regards to whether she should take tamoxifen to prevent a first diagnosis of breast cancer. The goal of decision aids is to explain the risks and benefits in a clear way so that the woman is able to weigh these factors and make an informed decision about what is best for her," Fagerlin says.

While as many as 10 million women could be eligible to take tamoxifen to prevent breast cancer, few choose to do so.

Side effects were the biggest concern about tamoxifen cited in this study. The side effects of tamoxifen include hormonal symptoms, including hot flashes, and sexual problems,

as well as rare incidences of endometrial cancer, blood clots or cataracts.

"Experts have bemoaned the dearth of women taking these pills, worried that word has not gotten out about tamoxifen's ability to prevent breast cancer in high risk women. Our study shows that even when the word does get out, most women are too concerned about the pill's side effects to want to take it," says senior author Peter Ubel, M.D., professor of internal medicine and director of the Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences in Medicine at U-M.

According to the American Cancer Society, 194,280 Americans will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and 40,610 will die from the disease.

Two Detroit hospitals rank high on patient safety survey

For the third consecutive year, two Detroit Medical Center (DMC) hospitals met the stringent standards of the Leapfrog Group and have received honors as top hospitals in the nation for patient quality and safety.

Detroit Receiving Hospital and Harper University Hospital are among only 45 hospitals (34 urban, three rural and eight pediatric) nationally to receive the rec-

ognition for 2009. They're the only hospitals in Michigan to earn the top ranking.

The Leapfrog Group is a ranking agency that conducts surveys on behalf of Fortune 500 companies, with the goal of improving overall hospital quality.

Its rankings are based on a survey conducted at 1,206 hospitals across the country and is considered a comprehensive and current assessment of hos-

pital quality and safety.

The number of top hospitals selected for 2009 is down from those selected in previous years as a result of more exacting requirements used to evaluate the facilities vying for the award across the country.

"We have been purposeful in our pursuit of superior quality and safety for the patients we serve," stated Dr. Thomas Malone, president of Harper University and Hutzel

Women's Hospital. "Receiving the Leapfrog Group's top hospital recognition for three consecutive years is a testament to the dedicated professionals here. We are honored that the work we do everyday is being acknowledged by such a distinguished group."

Dr. Iris Taylor, president of Detroit Receiving Hospital, said the facility's second consecutive Leap Frog honor "acknowledges the exemplary

commitment to quality patient care and safety our health care professionals have made."

"Each and every day, our dedicated doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists and support staff work to set a bar of excellence that is among the highest in the nation." To make Leapfrog's list, a hospital must have a top efficiency of care score for at least three of four procedures and conditions. The Leapfrog survey

collects data from hospitals on their progress and commitment toward implementing practices in the several areas, including computerized physician order entry, ICU physician staffing, and evidenced-based hospital referral.

The 2009 Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Safety ratings and methodology can be found at www.leapfroggroup.org.

H1N1 virus affects expectant moms differently, physician notes

Pregnant women already keep a close eye on their health. But this flu season, expectant mothers have an additional concern — the H1N1 virus.

Kelly M. Campbell, M.D., an OB/GYN physician at the Women's Health and Menopause Center in West Bloomfield, has a few tips for pregnant women to limit

their exposure to the virus.

With the popularity of the H1N1 vaccine, some women may find it currently unavailable, or they may have concerns about getting the vaccine altogether. Although it is generally safe, Campbell suggests pregnant women speak to their primary care physician about getting the flu vaccine and H1N1 vaccine

to be fully protected.

According to Campbell, the H1N1 virus appears to affect pregnant women differently than the rest of the population. These women seem to have more respiratory complications, which may be a result of increased oxygenation of the fetus, or a mother's altered immune response during pregnancy.

"The signs and symptoms of the flu are the same for pregnant women as for the rest of the population, they include fever, cough, muscle and joint pain, vomiting and diarrhea," she said. However, expecting mothers who catch the H1N1 virus may develop serious complications, including early labor and pneumonia. The only way a

woman can know if she's contracted the virus is to have a test performed by her primary care physician.

Campbell said treatment for pregnant women who have been exposed to the virus, is Tamiflu. She said Tamiflu should be administered regardless of testing because the illness can develop rapidly.

Campbell suggests that expectant mothers practice frequent hand washing, drink plenty of fluids, get ample rest and avoid contact with known sick people. If a woman experiences increased respiratory distress, she should visit the emergency room.



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Publications Of: Wayne County Observers/ South Oakland Eccentric/Birmingham Eccentric
Deadline for Issue of Thursday, December 24th:
Liners: Monday, December 21st at 2:30 pm
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Obituaries: Tuesday, December 22nd at 10 am

Publications Of: Wayne County Observers/ South Oakland Eccentric/Birmingham Eccentric
Deadline for Issue of Thursday, December 27th:
Liners: Wednesday, December 23rd at 3 pm
Display: Tuesday, December 22nd at 5 pm
Obituaries: Wednesday, December 23rd at 2 pm

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Deadline for Issue of Thursday, December 31st:
Liners: Monday, December 28th at 2:30 pm
Display: Friday, December 25th at 5 pm
Obituaries: Tuesday, December 29th at 10 am

Publications Of: Wayne County Observers/ South Oakland Eccentric/Birmingham Eccentric
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pita sandwich
 - 5 Beats the rap
 - 10 Crazes
 - 14 Zodiac beast
 - 15 Helen, in Spanish
 - 16 A woodwind
 - 17 Fiery gem
 - 18 — salts
 - 19 Solar plexus
 - 20 Adorns
 - 22 Simmered
 - 24 High card
 - 25 French monarch
 - 26 Moving erratically
 - 30 Quick looks
 - 34 Palm reader's opener (2 wds.)
 - 35 Tibet's — Lama
 - 37 Boat mooring
 - 38 Milwaukee hrs.
 - 39 Gym pad
 - 40 Boise's st.
 - 41 Lane's coworker
 - 43 Banister post
 - 45 Genesis spot
 - 46 Growled
 - 48 Happy outcome
 - 50 Promise to pay
 - 51 "Blen" opposite
 - 52 Hoopla
 - 56 Trucker's need (2 wds.)
 - 60 Figure-skating jump
- DOWN**
- 1 Whipped-cream serving
 - 2 Ouch!
 - 3 Pothole locale
 - 4 Away, in a way (2 wds.)
 - 5 Leisure time
 - 6 Mountains in Europe
 - 7 — Preludes"
 - 8 Drawer handle
 - 9 Shogun's warriors
 - 10 Outlaws
 - 11 Explorer — Tasman
 - 12 Lavish attention
 - 13 Burpee offering
 - 21 201, to Claudius
 - 23 — vivant
 - 26 Candle parts
 - 27 Ruhr Valley city
 - 28 Insurance giant
 - 29 Played for stakes

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

CABS	KLUTZ	GREW
ALIEE	EERIE	LURE
NARC	EVAADE	ASIA
TIGER	LILY	USHER
DUE	LPS	
ADDENDA	DECEITS	
REEDS	ZIEUS	SCAT
DNA	BURNS	ONE
OSLO	URGE	RANGE
RETRACE	SPONSOR	
GPS	IAN	
SITAR	GASTROPOD	
IVAN	ORBIT	YUMA
NERD	WILDE	EMIR
ESPY	SPEED	DATE

SUDOKU

7		4	6	5				9
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	1							
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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R	G	R	T	P	F	S	D	K	S
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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N	D	A	I	G	U	Y	B		
I	O	R	W	R	Q	E	Y		
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ARE WE A MATCH?

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LET'S CHAT!

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TAKE A CHANCE

SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. ☎306228

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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IS THAT YOU?

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LET'S TALK

SWM, 45, looking for a nice SM, 18-55, for friendship or more. Give me a call! ☎323456

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SBM, 37, 5'5", 220lbs, beard and mustache, brown eyes, likes writing poetry, listening to jazz. Looking for a nice lady, 30-42, who knows what she wants out of life, understands herself. ☎323746

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LOVELY IN DETROIT

SBM looking for a female, 35-45, for friendship first. Let's see where things lead! ☎324117

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WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me a call. ☎303066

THE ONE TO CALL

BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. ☎303275

A LOT TO OFFER

SBM, 43, 5'9", 143lbs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SB/WF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎303815

MOVING FORWARD

SWM, 39-years-old 5'8", thin and fit, NS, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring. Interests: film, music, and literature. Looking for friendship possibly leading to a more serious relationship. ☎304387

SEEKING REAL WOMAN

SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. ☎305549

SEEKING LATIN LADY

WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. ☎308681

SO WE MATCH?

SM likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. ☎308942

GENUINE NICE GUY

WM, 45, 6'1", blonde/blue, NS, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female, with similar qualities and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. ☎308313

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BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go out and have a lot of fun. ☎308637

NO DRAMA

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